

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Research

A literary work can be defined as a branch of literature dealing with words as raw material to create a picture, an idea or a story in a meaningful pattern. Yet words, being the backbone of the pattern, are not really of great importance if they aren't carefully manipulated into good syntactically structured sentences so as to convey the target idea in an artistic way. By this it is meant that the work is valued as works of art with a literary style which is of course of different from that we use in colloquy. Literature in all its forms can be seen as written records, whether the literature itself be factual or fictional (http://www.angelfire.com/mb2/abdessalami/literary_work.html). *A Tragic Kind of wonderful* is a fantasy novel by Eric Lindstrom. Before publishing this book Eric already has a lot of experience in the entertainment industry and fiction writers. He also worked in the interactive entertainment industry worked in the interactive for years as a creative director, game designer, writer, and combinations of all three As Editor and Co-Writer of Tomb Raider. Eric also writes Young Adult books, including *Not If I See You First*. He has written a Debut Novel called *A Tragic Kind Of wonderful* released in 2017. (<http://ericlindstrombooks.com/bio>)

A Tragic Kind Of wonderful tells of Mel a girl who lost her sibling and her parents divorced when she was 15 years old. At lunch, she meets Zumi, Cornor, and Annie. They had made a friendship. Mel days change more colorful. Izumi is Her closest friend and she is Mel's best friend. Mel often calls her Zumi. One day the quarrel between Mel and Annie make her get inner conflicts. She does not sleep for 4 days and every night she goes to Zumi's house just to think and make sure that Zumi will always be Mel's friend and stay away from Annie. But Zumi chose Annie instead of Mel. Since then Mel gets worst inner conflict and doctors diagnose Mel has Bipolar Disorder as happens to her brother. Mel undergoing treatment such as volunteering at the nursing home and she takes medicine daily

in the morning and she goes to the psychiatrist every month. She didn't attend school for half a year. When Mel's illness recurred she chose to be alone and away from anyone and she tried to cover up her illness with she behave like a normal girl. When she was back at school Connor asks Mel about Annie because Annie did not attend school for 2 months. Mel said she does not want to hear anything about Annie's again Annie's treated to Mel. It made her disappointed for her. (www.harpercollins.com.au/search-results/?contributor=eric-lindstrom)

The next day Annie comes to Mel's house and she gives Zumi and Connor's kinds of stuff and she says goodbye because she moved to London. Annie did not tell about her movement to Zumi and Conners. It made Zumi frustrating because Zumi loved Annie so much. Mel tried to cheer up and she wanted to become Zumi's friend again. When she was in a nursing home with David, David is Ms. Li Son, Ms. Li residence is at Silver Sand. David is Mel's close friend and Mel like him. When Mel was in Silver Sand with David she got a call from Connor. Connor said Zumi was drunk on the beach. Mel directly went to the beach carry a vodka. She started drunk with Zumi and Connor. Mel tried to cheer up Zumi. Finally, Zumi believes her and they became friends again. The next day she was ill because alcohol could not blend with her medication and She decided to do school's assignment at home with Holly and Declan. Zumi and Connor come at Mel's house and they showed Mel and Annie's video had sex like a lesbian. Zumi Felt disappoint and hates Mel. Mel feels so sad, stressed, and frustration. She had a worst Inner conflict because of this problems. Mel did not want to eat, could not sleep, and did not even have the energy to pedal a bicycle. Mel decided to tell about her illness to her friends. Mel's friends accept her illness and they supported Mel medication But her illness gets worse and it made her had a worst inner conflict because of all the problems. She went to the psychiatric hospital because she tried to suicide. In the end, Mel decided to suicide because She did not want made trouble to anyone and she was tried with her medication. She tried to jump on the roof. David founded Mel and David tried to prevent Her. He said Mel can come back to fix it all and David said when she jumped up on the roof David also jumped off the roof too. Mel does not have to live like her brother she is also different from her brother. Finally, Mel believes David because Mel feels the

sincerity and affection of David to help her. Mel also loved David very much. David also support Mel treatment and he will always keep her.

The reason why I chose this novel is clearly the problem illustrated in character Mel showed a problem psychology like conflict and love. After Reading the issues contained in the works of Eric Linstrom's novel *A Tragic Kind Of Wonderful*, I am keen to discuss these problems in that novel. Where the problem is particularly evident depicted in this novel. In researching this issue, I will present evidence about the issues to be discussed

1.2 Identification of the Problem

Based on the background of the problem above, I identify the problem about personality of Mel Haningan. She is a 16-year-old girl. She has an inner and outer conflict. Outer conflict because of problems with her friends and inner conflict because of her disease. Mel decided to commit suicide because she was tired of all the treatment and she did not want to bother her friend and her family. David's love made Mel became stronger and accepted the situation. I assume conflict and love is reflected in Eric Lindstrom's Novel *A Tragic kind of wonderful*.

1.3 Limitation of the Problem

Based on the background of the problem above. The problem is identified based on conflict and love of Mel Haningan. I assume the novel is the conflict and love of the main character Mel Haningan. Theory and concept that I used through intrinsic approach: characteristic, setting, and plot and through extrinsic approach, psychological approaches: psychoanalysis based on Sigmund Freud theory.

1.4 Formulation of the Problem

Based on the background of the problem above, the writer classify in to the form of question as follows:

1. What are the characterization of this novel through first person participant?
2. What are the setting and plot of this novel?
3. What are love and conflict concepts through characterization, setting, and plot?

4. What does the theme of this novel reinforce through the result of analysis of the intrinsic and extrinsic approaches?

1.5 Objective(s) of the Research

Based on the formulation of the problem above, the objective of this research is to prove the assumption conflict and love is reflected in Eric Lindstrom Novel *A Tragic Kind of Wonderful*. In order to achieve that objective, the steps which are supposed to be done in this research are as follows:

1. To analyze characterization through first person participant.
2. To analyze characterization, plot, setting and theme combine with the Concept Conflict and Love
3. To analyze theme through the result of analyses setting, plot, Combine with the concept Conflict and love.
4. To analyze theme through the result of analyses: first person participant, setting, and plot conflict and love.

1.6 Method of the Research

Based on the framework of the theories above, I used qualitative methods. Those are the study of literature, and interpretative character of research or analysis by collecting data which is the literature text of the novel entitled *A Tragic Kind Of Wonderful by Eric Lindstrom* as the primary source and it is supported by other literature which relates to the concepts as the secondary source.

1.7 Benefit of the Research

Based on the methods of the research above, this study is expected to be beneficial for those who are interested in getting deeper knowledge of the novel entitled *Conflict and Love Concept on Character Mel Haningan in The Novel "A Tragic Kind Of Wonderful"* by Eric Lindstrom. This study is expected to be useful because it is done through a new perspective by applying the concepts of conflict and love that included in the field of psychology literature that shown as something new and uncovered for the next study.

1.8 Systematic Organization of the Research

Chapter I This chapter contains background of the research, identification of the problem, limitation of the problem, formulation of the problem, the objectives of research, framework of theories, method of research, benefits of research, and systematic organization of the research.

Chapter II This chapter contains extrinsic element that is the concept through psychological approaches which is included psychoanalysis by Sigmund Freud.

Chapter III This chapter contains analysis and elaboration of the intrinsic elements through characterization, setting, and plot.

Chapter IV This Chapter contains the analysis and elaboration of theme, intrinsic, and extrinsic elements.

Chapter V This chapter contains the conclusion of this research.

