

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Research

Many literature works are created in this world. Every author creates different story each time. Some of them create it based on their life or people life in the environment. One of literature work is a novel. The exciting novel can makes the reader be curious with the whole of its story. There are many genre of novel. One of them is crime fiction. Margaret Yorke is one of crime fiction writer. I use her novel *Almost the Truth* as my research.

Margaret York was born in Surrey, living in Dublin until 1937 before moving to England. During the War, she worked in Woman's Royal Naval Service as a driver. Then she worked in Library of Oxford University. She became a first woman who ever worked in Christ Church's library. She also ever became a campaigner in Public Lending Rights to writers in England. She was appointed as a Chief of the Crime Writers' Association in 1979-1980. The other works of Yorke except *Almost the Truth*, such as *Dead in the Morning*, *The Point of Murder*, *Serious Intent and Act of Violent*. In 1982 she won Swedish Academy Detection's Award for the best of translation novel. She also won Golden Handcuffs as a crime writer who notable in the Nation. (Margaret Yorke, n.d)

Almost the Truth by Margaret Yorke tells about the girl who still nineteen years old named Hannah. She is a daughter of Derek and Janet. Her parents are divorced. She lives with her father when the robbery happens. The bravery of Hannah rises when she fights aback the robber. But Feeling scare and far away from the man happened because she gets raped by one of the robber outright as rapist too. Feeling hate also come to herself after the rapped. She tries a suicide attempt even though it fails. She loses her sexual desire when her boyfriends closes to her and wants to kiss and hug her.

She does not accept or care with her boyfriend when Pater becomes passionate. She pushes away his boyfriend. It is because she still remembers the bad incident at night. She is irresponsive to a man. She also feels ashamed to Peter

and Tom. Other side, she feels not safe and worthless if she keeps living in her house. So she decides not to live in the Elms for awhile and moves to Scotland.

Then she lives near the Bird Conservation and work in there. She finds the place which makes her comfortable, safely, happy and also hopeful getting better life in there. But feeling frigid to man cannot clear casually. However Janet always worries about her daughter. Feeling hate and disappoint seems in Hannah towards her father, making her father feels guilty because he does not try to help her daughter from the rape. Until her father does revenge toward the rapist. He disguises as other people. He disguises as Vic Kempt with different appearance. Derek success to avenge but Hannah still cannot forgive her father totally.

In this research I will present psychological of woman who ever raped by the robbery. I will analyze Hannah as the main character and others character who can support this analysis. In this research, I use some elements. I use intrinsic and extrinsic approaches. For intrinsic approaches I use characterization, setting and plot. While extrinsic approaches I use psychology approaches-abnormal psychology. There are trauma and frigidity.

B. Identification of the Problem

Based on the background of problem above, I identify the problem of this research is: Hannah's manner and psychological show that she is traumatic. It seems the next day, month and year after the rape. She is disappointed with her father who does not try to help her. Not only trauma but also Hannah becomes a woman who loses her lust toward a man. She is frigid to a man. Since the horrible event, she feels uncomfortable with her house, people who live in Norlington and always remember the event. So, that is making her to moves to Scotland to get a better life. Though, she recognizes if she still cannot do sexual relationship. I assume this is the theme of novel: *Trauma Leads to Frigidity in Margaret Yorke's Novel Almost the Truth*

C. Limitation of the Problem

Based on the identification of the problem above, I limit on the problem of the novel as follows:

1. Through intrinsic approaches: characterization - telling and showing methods, setting, plot and theme.
2. Through extrinsic approaches, I use abnormal psychology: trauma and frigidity.

D. Statement of the Problem

Based on the background of the problem above, I formulate the problem: whether my assumption is true that the novel *Almost the Truth* by Margaret Yorke is *Trauma Leads to Frigidity*. To answer this question I formulate the problem as follows:

1. What are the characterization of this novel through telling and showing methods?
2. What are the concepts of setting and plot this novel?
3. What are the trauma and frigidity through the characterization, setting and plot in this novel?
4. How does the theme of this novel reinforce through the result of analysis of the intrinsic and extrinsic approaches?

E. Objectives of the Research

Based on the formulation of the problem above, the purpose of research is to prove the theme of the novel *Almost The Truth* by Margareth Yorke is: *Trauma Leads to Frigidity*. I use the intrinsic elements and the concepts of trauma and frigidity. Hopefully I can prove by takes some steps as follows:

1. To analyze characterization through the methods of telling and showing.
2. To analyze setting and plot in this novel.
3. To analyze the character of Hannah by elaborating the concepts of trauma and frigidity with the characterization, setting and plot.
4. To reinforce the theme by using the result of analysis of the intrinsic and extrinsic approaches.

F. Methods of the Research

Based on the framework of the theories above, I use a variety of quantitative research method, type of literary research, interpretative/analysis research with the

method of data collection in the form of literary text form the novel titled *Almost The Truth* by Margaret Yorke as a primary source and supported by some literatures related to the theory/concepts/definition suitable as a secondary source.

G. Benefits of the Research

Based on the methods of the research above, this research is except to be useful for those who interested in deepening knowledge of the novel “*Almost The Truth*” by Margareth Yorke. This research also useful because it is done through a new perspective by applying concepts: trauma and frigidity which are covered in the field of psychological personality that show something new and appropriate enough for the next research.

H. Systematic Organization of the Research

Based on the benefit of the research above, the systematic organization is written as follows:

CHAPTER I: INTRODUCTION

It consists of: Background of the problem, identification of the problem, limitation of the problem, statement of the problem, objective of the research, methods of the research, benefits of the research, and systematic organization of the research.

CHAPTER II: FRAMEWORKS OF THEORIES

It consists of: The explanation of the concepts and theories. It includes intrinsic and extrinsic approaches. Intrinsic approach are characterization – showing and telling methods, setting, plot, and theme. Through extrinsic approach, I use theoretical framework – psychological approaches are trauma and frigidity.

CHAPTER III: THE NOVEL *ALMOST THE TRUTH* THROUGH INTRINSIC APPROACHES

It consists of: a brief of characterization through telling and showing methods, plot and setting by using the concept of plot and setting by using the concepts of setting and plot.

CHAPTER IV: TRAUMA LEADS TO FRIGIDITY IN MARGARET YORKE'S NOVEL *ALMOST THE TRUTH*

It consists of: a brief of abnormal psychology of trauma, and frigidity and elaboration between intrinsic and extrinsic approaches analysis.

CHAPTER V: CONCLUSION

It consists of: The conclusion that prove that the theme of this novel is "*Trauma Leads to Frigidity* in Margaret Yorke's novel *Almost The Truth*".It presents an overview of the research subject in the previous chapter as well as implication from studies of other variables.

Attachment: References, Scheme of the Research and Poster of the Research.

