

## CHAPTER ONE INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background of the Study

*The Martian Child* is based loosely on a story by science fiction writer David Gerrold. David was born on January 24, 1944. David is an American science fiction screenwriter and novelist. *The Martian Child* is a semi-autobiographical novel, expanded from a novelette of the same name, based on the author's own experiences as a single adoptive father. A novelette version of *The Martian Child* was first published in the September 1994. This novel is based on true story about David Gerrold and his adopting son. This novel tells the story of a young man named David who adopts an eccentric young boy. David is single and gay. David having begun the adoption process before his wife's death. Dennis is a child who suffered from schizophrenia syndrome. Dennis always thought if he comes from the planet Mars. He also always uses a belt made of iron and battery, he thinks if the planet Mars will be pulled back if he is not wearing a belt made of iron and battery. Every day, Dennis always behave strangely and cannot communicate well with others. According to Alshowkan and Curtis (2012)

Schizophrenia is a a devastating disorder which is characterized by a loss of contact with reality, false beliefs (delusions), false perception (hallucination), and irrational thinking and behavior.

Related to the explanation above, the writer accepts the point that schizophrenia is a mental disorder that affect brain of human, so people will be hard to think, control emotion and make decision. Schizophrenia also a mental disorder that interferes person's ability to think clearly, hard to determine whether it is real or not and also hard to relate with others. Hebephrenic Schizophrenia is part of schizophrenia. Accoridng to Isaac (2005)

Hebephrenic schizophrenia is a mental illness that affects of the human brain, causing an imbalance in strange behavior. Typically, the erratic behavior has no practical purpose or use. In Hebephrenic Schizophrenia there are two types of dizorganized. The first is Disorganized Speech and disorganized behavior. Disorganized Speech is inability to organize ideas in speaking so others who hear him do not understand and difficult to understand what message you want to say by that individual. While Disorganized Behavior is inability to organize behavior can take many forms of behavior. Individuals may move the body that are not appropriate, improper dressing, behaving like a child, collecting trash.

In accordance, the research anlyze the novel "*The Martian Child*", the writer use Psychological approach as the main method in doing the analysis. Psychology is a mental disorder in individual's behavior, thought, and feeling.

Psychology is the science study of the behavior and cognitive process of individual organism. Behavior is the action than can be directly observed by other. Whereas cognitive process is mental activity such as thinking, feeling, to describe, predict, and control behavior.

(Burkist and Gerbing, 1998: 2)

Based on the statement above, psychology is the study of the behavior of every individual. This research is to analyze individual psychology, concerning on individual behaviors.

The reason why the writer chooses this titled *The Martian Child* by David Gerrold as my thesis is because there are some causes of hebephrenic schizophrenia child and hebephrenic schizophrenia character which are affecting to their growth. From David's novel the writer can learn much about the condition of people who are suffering schizophrenia especially in children through characteristic as described in the novel. This novel Dennis has different experience life, he does not like any other normal children.

### **1.1. Research Question**

Related to background of study, the writer formulate the research question is: To described Hebephrenic Schizophrenia as reflected in David Gerrold *The Martian Child*?

### **1.2. Objective of Study**

The objective of this study is to reveal Hebephrenic Schizophrenia as reflected in David Gerrold *The Martian Child*.

### **1.3. The Uses of Study**

This research denotes two uses of the study, theoretical and practical uses.

#### **1.3.1. Theoretical Uses**

Theoretically, this research is made to deepen knowledge both research and readers who want conduct further research related to *Hebephrenic Schizophrenia*.

This research also hope that can give new understanding and knowledge that will be usefull and advantageous for the readers , but also helps next researcher who are insterested in analyzing *Hebephrenic Schizophrenia as reflected in David Gerrold The Martian Child*.

### **1.3.2. Practical Uses**

Practically, this research would be useful for other student who also discussed about Hebephrenic Schizophrenia in novel in their research as a reference.

### **1.4. The Scope of Study**

Scope of study is compulsory in the process of writing and analyzing to avoid the extensive of topic that discussed as the focus. The writer on anlyzing about Hebephrenic Shizophrenia character in *The Martian Child*. Those are disorganized speech and disorganized behavior.