

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Psychology is the study of human being behavior inside and outside both individuals and in groups, in relation to the environment. Psychology is a science that aims to provide a better understanding and control of the behavior of organisms as a whole (Mangal, 2011). A person can be said to be healthy if physically and mentally are equally healthy. If only the physic is healthy and the soul is not, it cannot be said to be perfectly healthy, it means there is a psychological disorder. One of psychological disorders is psychopath.

Psychopath is another term for antisocial personality disorder, which is a personality disorder that usually continuously performs antisocial behavior, ignores and violates the rights of others (Castillo, 1997). Psychopath is different from insanity, because a psychopath is aware of everything they do. According to Freud in (Sarwono, 2009) a psychopath is a person whose *ego* is too controlled by the *id* and the *superego* has no authority or influence at all on the *ego*. So, the *ego* only listens to what the *id* says, which means that all the actions of a psychopath are based on the *id's* desire, regardless of the merits of the action. The psychopath as a predator who uses charm, manipulation, intimidation and violence to control a person to fulfill their selfish needs (Hare, 1993). A psychopath has a lack of guilt, empathy and strong emotional bonds with other people. In addition, psychopaths also tend to be dishonest do not think about the consequences of

their actions and they tend to be careless in making decisions or are in a hurry. Furthermore, psychopaths are generally more cunning and behave in a charming manner to make a good impression on their victims. Psychopaths seem to have two personalities, sometimes they appear aggressive and quarrelsome and sometimes as weak, passive, selfish, stubborn and egocentric individuals. They are always at odds, hate discipline and refuse to comply with any ethical or moral standard. Their emotional response is generally childish, cold-hearted, heartless and cruel. They tend not to be able to control their emotions and their reactions are unpredictable. Psychopaths are great liars, they have the extraordinary ability to convince their victims and turn themselves into wolves in sheep's clothing. They mingle with society but with the aim of deceiving and harming others. They are very good at hide everything, they appear friendly, easygoing and sincere. They are also good at talking, inviting the target to discuss their personal interests. They speak up and behave well before committing terrible crimes against their victims. They usually talk in a way that shows common sense and good judgment (Cleckley, 1988, p. 339).

Meanwhile, in psychology fields, the behavior done by psychopath could be called to have *psychopathic personality*. There are for types of psychopathic personality categorizes by Hervey Cleckley there are *Primary Psychopath*, *Secondary Psychopath*, *Distempered Psychopath* and *Charismatic Psychopath*.

In the *primary psychopath* type Cleckley mention the term "semantic aphasia", this is a condition in which those of this type do not really understand their own words. They only focus on their goals at that moment they don't think that words

were important. They have no fear, no stress and don't even respond to punishment and disapproval. They seem not to follow the real life program. Then, *secondary psychopath* are a risk-taking condition, those who categorizes into this type usually tend to be anxious, prone to guilt and tend to be tense. They will make themselves look more tension than other people in general. *Distempered psychopath* type it tends to have a fairly high level of insanity than the other subtypes. They look like god people who get angry easily. Their madness came like an addiction. They also usually have a very strong sex drives, they also tend to be addicted to drugs, pedophilia, kleptomania and other illegal things. They are among those who have high desires and are in hurry because they want to achieve joy. This is usually a serial murderer and rapist. The last type is *charismatic psychopath*, they are good liars and very attractive. They have abilities that are used to manipulate other people. They are good at talking and shaking someone out of what they have, even their life.

Psychopathic behavior that occurs in society either directly or in the mass media indirectly has become a motivation to be discussed in the form of literary works. This happens because of literary works cannot be separated from the authors who created them. The author describes the phenomenon of psychopathic behavior based on their experiences related to the psychopath or the author's imagination that is able to describe the character of psychopath itself. According to (Nugraha, S., Suhendra, J. S., & San Fauziya, D. , 2019) "literary work is a real life experienced by the author and is used as a tool to express the soul and mind of the author about social life and society". Literary works, or in this research is movie or film has been growing to be an interesting industry.

Through movie someone can express their ideas and creations about a phenomenon. Movie can also contain information and thoughts that have a positive influence on the audience. Films not only have a positive influence on society, but they also communicate ideas, thoughts and information, and they show places and way of life that we might know about (Bordwell & Thompson, 2008). Thus, film is able to illustrate the idea from someone such as the idea of the object, setting, or events.

Nowadays movie contain many topics, such as politics, social issues, culture, business even psychological issues. There are many movies that discuss about psychological issues, talk about psychological issues, especially psychopaths, there are thousands of movies that discuss this topic. One of them is the *Orphan* movie, which tells the story of a little girl whose adopted by a husband and wife who has lost a baby. The little girl named Esther, she has a strange character unlike children in general. She likes to hurt even kill the people around her. Esther seemed to be the source of trouble in the house ever since she was adopted. If we look closely into many movies on this topic, the same pattern is seen in *The Bad Seed* movie (2018). *The Bad Seed* is American television horror drama movie directed by Rob Lowe. This movie was released on September 9, 2018, based on the drama show of the same title, *The Bad Seed* written by Maxwell Anderson, and also the novel *The Bad Seed* written by William March in 1954. What makes this movie interesting is the main character, which was played by Mackenna Grace as Emma. In the movie, Emma is a 9 year old girl who lives with her father, while her mother has died. Emma has a strange behavior, different from children in her age. She is a girl who is smart,

perfectionist, does not want to be defeated, ambitious and has no fear. From the outside Emma looks like a beautiful and sweet little girl, but if she feels defeated and threatened her position will turn into a cruel little girl. This is described in the movie, where Emma is defeated by her friend Milo in an award ceremony. In a school event awarding medals for Achievement awards, Emma, who finds herself defeated by Milo, immediately has a bad intention to harm Milo, until Milo dies. Apart from that, she would also harm anyone who knew what she had done to Milo. Like what happened to her teacher, Mrs. Ellis, her baby sitter Chloe, even she intended to harm her father because she felt threatened. Emma is a very smart and clever little girl she is good at manipulating circumstances and can distract people from knowing what she was done. After doing the evil deed she remained calm and was not fear at all. This is what makes people around her do not believe that she has done something bad. From the story, it can show that Emma's behavior and traits can be related to the types of psychopaths by Cleckley, therefore the writer choose this movie to be analyzed.

The discussion of this research will focus on how characteristics of Emma's psychopathic portrayed in the movie and what are the impacts of the psychopathic itself for Emma and people around her. The significance and the urgency of this research are as a tool for building knowledge, give information and for facilitating learning. This research can help the future writers in conducting the same theory and the same cases.

1.2 Research Questions

According the background which has written by the writer, the writer formulates the writer questions into:

What are the symptoms and its impact of Emma's psychopathic portrayed in the *The Bad Seed* movies?

1.3 Research Objectives

From the research questions above, the research objectives of this research are to reveal the symptoms of Emma's psychopathic portrayed in the *The Bad Seed* and give the clear prove of its impact of psychopathic towards main character in the story line of the movie.

1.4 Use of the Study

Every research will give new information and knowledge that can give a contribution to the academic world and society and this research will have two uses of study which are practical use and theoretical use.

1.4.1 Practical Use

This research will give an understanding and became a warning to society as a human being about psychopath. Also it can be a reference for the other writers who bring the same topic about psychopath issue from *The Bad Seed* movie.

1.4.2 Theoretical Use

This research will be useful for the future writer dealing with psychopath especially the theory about psychopath by Robert Hare, and in this research also can be uses as references for those who want to conduct psychology criticism.

1.5 Scope of the Study

This research will focus on the symptoms of psychopath that seen in the main character and the impacts of psychopathic towards the environment that portrayed in *The Bad Seed* movie that will be analyzed and discussed in this research. The writer will analyze the main character Emma. The writer chose Emma because she shows the characteristics of psychopath through the scenes and dialogues in the movie.

