

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Literature is part of society and society is a very integrated issue of life that cannot be separated because literature teaches many good things such as empathy, courage and various other lessons about life. Public. Literature describes various conflicts or problems faced by humans. All are packaged in the form of works of fiction that can be enjoyed especially by literary connoisseurs. Literature in a narrow sense is all writing that expresses ideas, emotions, feelings, and behaviors in life. Henry Van Dyke (2016) states that Literature consists of those writing which interpret the meanings of nature and life, in words of charm and power, touched with the personality of the author, in artistic forms of permanent interest.

Amir (2013) revealed that several functions of literature, namely the functions of entertainment, education, beauty, morals, and religion. Literature contains moral values, it is not only entertaining but also gives benefit to the reader. This work is now not only entertaining the readers or target market, but also educating them through the extrinsic values it contains. In films, fairy tales can be explained more easily than other literary works such as novels, prose, and many others (Ally and Kasih, 2021). Literature showing some kind of meaning or idea through content, message and purpose within its text (Afrianto, 2018). This work not only gives pleasure to the reader, but also provides education through the extrinsic values contained in it. Therefore, in a definition of literary works there are many different

statements, because experts have their own thoughts about literature. The phrase "literature" is well known to people and experts, it refers to works of fiction, such as dramas, novels, and poems, as well as non-fiction, such as autobiographies, biographies, and memoirs. The type of writing is influenced from recent issues. Drama is type of literary story that originates as just a creative text but matures something of a show containing conversations which is presented on stages. The hidden meaning also can be seen in the form of character and characterization, theme, settings and plot that created (Wirawan & Samanik, 2018).

A literary work according to Pradopo (1994:26) literary works as a description of the world and human life, the main criterion placed on literary works is 'truth', or everything the author wants to describe. Examples of literary works: Fiction, nonfiction, manuscripts, poetry.contributions to collective work, compilation of data or other literary subject matter,dissertation, theses, films and others. At this writing the author only focuses on the novel, namely a novel written by Jack Ketchum's *The Girl Next Door* or better known by the author Jack Ketchum's *Evil* from the United States every literary work has intrinsic and extrinsic elements to support the story. Extrinsic elements come from outside the story. This relates to social and psychological in society which can affect the story itself and its characters. The connection between these things makes many researchers try to analyze all the problems that have an impact or influence on human life by looking at society, politics, or even psychology. Children are the successors of the nation's next generation, children are a gift from God Almighty that must be maintained and maintained properly both from environmental factors, schools and homes. But what

if the child who should be cared for but actually experiences things that are not supposed to be. It is the responsibility of both parents to protect their children from the negative things out there. Not only adults, children also have rights. Not only children's rights, they are also entitled to special protection from parents, the state, other communities. There are many cases of physical violence and sexual harassment. According to Ricard J. Gelles (Hurairah, 2012: 47), " violence against children is a deliberate act that causes harm or harm to children (both physically and emotionally)". This has become a boomerang for the nation's successors who must be guarded by both parents and other adults. Many factors cause violence, one of which is bad environmental factors which are still often found in this day and age, most cases of revealing perpetrators of violence stem from looking at the legal site. Want to channel their desires but the absence of a partner and so on so that children become victims of their prey, not only do sexual violence, they often do physical violence. As in Meg's story in the novel *The Girl Next Door*, Meg is one of the victims of many cases in the world about violence against children.

Meg in the novel *The Girl Next Door* by Jack Ketchum's this is real experienced Sylvia Linkens. The most horrifying thing about Jack Ketchum's *The Girl Next Door* is that it is based on true events - the horrific abuse, torture, and eventual murder of 16-year-old Sylvia Likens in 1965. Sylvia's parents, carnival workers who moved frequently, left. he and his sister were in Indianapolis under the care of their acquaintance, Gertrude Baniszewski. Baniszewski was paid to take care of the girls, but because his payments were late, he began to annoy the young girls, focusing his anger on Sylvia.

The details of this abuse are too gruesome to tell, but what's horrifying is that Baniszewski openly encouraged his own children and his neighbors to torture Sylvia herself, imprisoning her in a cellar. Even though Baniszewski's daughter, Paula, would not only brag about it in public but also beat up Sylvia in front of the neighbors, no one did anything to stop her or help her in any way - Sylvia eventually died from her severe injuries.

Meg is the 16 year old daughter of two siblings, Meg and Susan, who are currently orphaned because their parents had an accident while they were away on a weekend getaway. While Meg and Adinya survived, now they have to live without their parents. Police in America suggested that they stay with his aunt Ruth. Ruth is a single parent who has 3 sons who are the same age as Meg, namely Donie, Willie, and Ralphie. Ruth's three children are boys who have bad traits who are very ignorant and naughty, Ruth's three children have a friend named Edhie who often plays at Ruth's aunt's house. Aunt Ruth is a very antagonistic person whereas Meg and Susan are good kids who are definitely protagonists.

The protagonist is the main role that is the center of the story, the antagonist is the character who acts as the opponent, often the enemy. who causes conflict, while the tritagonist is an intermediary character, functioning as a liaison between the protagonist and the antagonist (Harymawan, 1993:22). David is Aunt Ruth's neighbor who is also the same age as Meg and Aunt Ruth's son, David and Meg met on the river bank then David asked about the wound on his hand Meg replied it was an accident wound. After a few days Meg lived at Aunt Ruth's house, Meg began to

be enslaved by always cleaning the house and other work without being fed. Meg is getting more and more brutal day by day, Meg's hands are tied and hanged in the cellar. Meg was tortured stripped naked, raped, slashed, burned with cigarettes and her vagina burned. All of this was witnessed by Meg's sister as well as David, they were powerless to help Meg. The author finds the main causal factors that appear in the novel *The Girl Next Door* is the bitter past that Ruth goes through as an antagonist, in where he told Meg what he had witnessed when he was young. What her mother did to her is a painful thing even more than what did he do to Meg. He even sought help by going to various houses of worship in the hope of feeling safe, but nothing the help he got.

Psychology and literature have a deep relationship in life humans why because these two terms have an impact on people's lives, psychology and literature are very synchronous in the life of each individual as well as in the social field. The relationship between the two is with behavior, expression, thinking, and motivation. Men. Kartono describes psychology as the science of human behavior (Kartono, 1980:94). Psychology, broadly defined, is the scientific study of behavior, whether it be action. Observable external and internal thinking (Wortman, et.al., 1999: 4). Meg as the main character is physically, emotionally, sexually, and emotionally abused by the person entrusted to look after and care for those who become her family as well. While they have the right to live like children their age, receive the protection they deserve. Instead they have to experience acts of violence that they should not experience. Several acts that threaten them are shown in this novel, even causing one of them to die. Meg's story in the novel *The Girl Next Door* is a warning for parents

and the community to be careful in leaving their children and in placing school in the school environment, family and friends.

1.2 Research Question

Based on the data and background above within the foundation over, to limit novel's discussion, the writer specific the questions into the formulation:

1. How is violence delineated in Jack Ketchums's *The Girl Next Door*?
2. What are the causes and impacts of violence in the novel *The Girl Next Door*?

1.3 Research Objective

1. To describe of violence behavior experienced by Meg as reflected in *The Girl Next Door*.
2. To reveal the causes and effects of violence in the novel *The Girl Next Door*

1.4 Use of the Study

1.4.1 Theoretical Use

The analysis of this research is expected to provide meaning and understanding of how bad the impact of violence on minors is for readers, both critically and theoretically. From theoretical point of view its significance is to enrich the reader knowledge related to the study of violence against children in further understanding through a novel written by a victim of child abuse to open public awareness and insight. In addition it is also expected to provide an overview of how the synchronization of psychology and literature can be involved in analyzing types and impacts of violence against children as reflected *The Girl Next Door*. In practical terms research is made as a means to become something that can be used for the

community to conduct analysis for the sake of interest in the problem of child violence and also to provide information on how bad impacts occur on children who experience physical and sexual violence that can damage their mental and mind. It is hoped that readers can gain wisdom in order to always protect children from this because it is children who will later become the successors of the nation itself.

1.4.2 Practical Use

This study is intended to provide further information about the importance of knowing a person's personality background before entrusting child custody. It is hoped that this information can provide new insights on how parenting can influence and shape children's development.

1.5 Scope of Study

To avoid broader discussion on the study, the writer needs to limit the analysis. The study's focus on describe violence and reveal causes and effects reflected in *The Girl Next Door*. To analyze how to describe violence and reveal causes and effects, the writer applies theory social fact by Emile Durkheim. These theories are also applied reveal the types of violence against children in *The Girl Next Door*.