

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Study

Human is God's creature. Nothing better compares to the authority of God to create human. The grateful thing is that human is given some highest natures that other creature cannot have. Human has a brain, feeling and ability to enlarge the number of them by having reproduction. By having brain, human is able to think logically and decide life's path. By having feeling, human can appreciate each other and realize that they are not alone in this universe. By having ability of reproduction, human can keep their heredity. Human keep their heredity by having reproduction. Having reproduction refers to the idea of sexual sense and relationship. It cannot be separated from human's life because by those thing, human prolong their heredity and it is a nature of life.

As time goes by, the preference of sex also developed into some terms. There are heterosexual and homosexual preferences. Just like on gender preference, the process of sexual conduct also has their own variety, one of them is called as sadomasochism. Marquis De Sade and Sacher-Masoch (3:2001) state that the term of sadomasochism is the combination of two different words : sadism and masochism, was taken from name of two different prominent writers. In 18^U century, Sade was controversialist writer for his book covering forms of sadistic sexuality that were considered as an unacceptable at that time. Besides, Sacher-Masoch published his book entitled *Venus in Furs*. It is a book compiled from many domination and submission of sadomasochism (Ehrman 2005 : 99).

Richard Kraft Ebing (1:2003) defined the term of sadism and masochism in his book *Psychopathia Sexualis*. He frames sadomasochism as:

Sadomasochism is a perversion and inherited deviant of sexual traits. The discourse used around these two terms contributed to the negative framework in which they emerged, and consequentially the constant stigmatization of sadomasochism as sexual practices to this day. Nevertheless, sadomasochism came to be known as someone who enjoys inflicting pain while the masochist is someone who enjoys receiving pain. (Ebing,1 :2003)

The writer sees that sadomasochism belongs to mutualism symbiosis in term of sexual exploration. In order to get sexual satisfaction, sadism and masochism will create pain during their sexual activity. This may seems as something wrong for most people, but we cannot merely claim that this is wrong just because we are not as a part of sadomasochism people. Sexual conduct and its preference are basic right of human being that cannot be interfered by other people as long as it is not creating harm for other people. For example is smoking, some people will thing that smoking is harmful, but some others may also think that smoking is a way to get happiness. As long as the smoker does not disturb the non-smoker in their process, they cannot be forbidden to do it based on their right. Similar to it, sadomasochism also belongs to human right on a matter of sexual preference as an effort to maximize happiness. Based on human right, sadomasochism is legitimate to be conducted regardless on people perspective and it consequences.

It is urgent to bring up this idea of sadomasochism because in major community in society still argue that sadomasochism is a negative term and break human's right. Here, the writer would like to engage the readers by viewing the SM as one of sexual preference in society and it is people's right. As far, SM idea is a justifiable phenomenon in society. Other people may not disturb people's right to do sadomasochism. Furthermore, by having this analysis, hopefully society can open their vista about the sadomasochism issue and decide this term as a positive issue. To support writer's intention to gain people's perspective toward SM, the writer would like to choose one of literary work entitled *Secretary* by Steven Shainberg.

1.2 Formulation of Problem

Regarding to the notions have been discussed in background of study, the writer finally formulates the problem into: How is the existence of sadomasochism as an alternative of sexual preference as seen in Steven Shainberg's *Secretary Movie*?

1.3 Objective of Study

By considering the formulation of the problem, the writer decides that the objective of study is as follow: to acknowledge the existence of sadomasochism as an alternative of sexual preference as seen in Steven Shainberg's *Secretary Movie*.

1.4 Uses of the Study

Hopefully, this research will give benefits as follow:

1. Theoretical Use

Theoretically, the writer hopes that this research will give contribution for research conduct in literary study of movie analysis especially about sadomasochism. Later, this research hopefully can provide a good reference for other researcher.

2. Practical Use

Practically, the writer hopes that this research will be useful for the reader to give the knowledge about sadomasochism. In real life, the writer also hopes that society will open their mind through the idea of sadomasochism.

1.5 Scope of the Study

In preventing wider discussion, the writer would like to limit analysis. The writer scopes this research into the existence of sadomasochism as alternative of sexual preference as seen through some characters in Steven Shainberg's *Secretary Movie* in order to avoid a broadening analysis of the issue.