

# CHAPTER ONE

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background of the Study

As part of literature, *Love For a Deaf Rebel* novel has something interesting to discuss. Literature conveys meaning or ideas through its text's content, message, and purpose (Afrianto, 2018). All of the hidden meanings in literature can be used to develop a literary work. It can be seen in the creation of a literary work by the elements contained within literary works, such as characters and characterizations, themes, settings, and plots (Wirawan & Samanik, 2018). Nowadays, psychological issues appear in literary works such as novels. Novel is a literary work that serves as an object for analyzing the topic or issue contained within the literary work (Kardiansyah & Salam, 2021). Novels can provide a realistic depiction of reality. They reflect the image of real characters, characters who deviate from social reality and can convey dialogues and conversations that can stir and move the readers' hearts (Amelia & Dintasi, 2017). Psychology studies human thought and behavior (Amelia & Dintasi, 2017) So, it is also influenced by literary works. Among psychological problems, schizophrenia is one of the issues that can be discussed in literary works as described in *Love For a Deaf Rebel* Novel by Derrick King.

The main character in *Love For a Deaf Rebel* novel suffers from a psychological disorder called schizophrenia, which is described in the level of paranoid schizophrenia. However, there are several types of schizophrenia with each different symptoms that may be shown by the main character. According to

American Psychiatric Association (2000), the types of schizophrenia are paranoid schizophrenia, disorganized schizophrenia, catatonic schizophrenia, undifferentiated schizophrenia, and residual schizophrenia.

Schizophrenia is a chronic psychiatric disorder with a diverse genetic and neurobiological foundation that affects early brain development (Rasool et al., 2018). According to Nurmalisyah et al. (2014), this illness is classified as a chronic mental illness because it interferes with brain functions such as cognition, emotion, perception, and mental behavior. These disturbances impair the sufferer's ability to assess reality precisely, especially when hallucinations and delusions occur. As a result, they have some difficulties to distinguish between reality and fantasy.

*Love for a Deaf Rebel* is a true story of the author himself that telling about his tumultuous romance story. He had a relationship with a woman who is deaf and mute from birth. The conflict begins when Derrick and Pearl start to buy a house in Bowen Island but got fraud by an irresponsible man. It makes Derrick tries to do revenge by learning to shot with guns. But, the act that Derrick performed seems to be interpreted differently by Pearl which makes her think Derrick is going to hurt her. So Pearl embarks on actions to prove that Derrick is out to kill her and then accused Derrick. Thus, this has a relation with schizophrenia symptoms.

According to the novel (p. 257), symptoms of schizophrenia are described as hallucinations, delusions, hypersensitivity, anxiety, suspicion, incoherent speech, easy trembling, strange movements, stiff and limp. In addition, the cause of

schizophrenia experienced by the main character is described by three things, namely family silence, environmental factors, and communication gap. The causes described in the novel can give changes in their personalities, ability reduction, and shorten lifespan. The author of this novel describes the behavior of schizophrenia mostly through speech, thought, effect, action, and looks from Pearl. Those techniques are the method of indirect characterization. Which means, the portrayal of schizophrenia is depicted through Pearl's indirect characterization. It is clear that based on the symptoms, causes, and effects described in the novel, Pearl suffers from schizophrenia.

To learn more about schizophrenia, several previous studies concerning about schizophrenia have been conducted. First, the research was conducted by Kurnianto (2020). This study addresses paranoid schizophrenia in the main character in the novel *Ugly Ways*. From this study, it helps the writer to find out about paranoid schizophrenia based on the cause, effect, and symptoms. Second, the research was conducted by Sofyanti (2021). This study discusses the effects of schizophrenia disorder which can help the writer to get a better understanding on the effects of schizophrenia. Third, the research was conducted by Setyaningrum (2015). This study helps the writer to discover the symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. And the last is a research conducted by Yunus (2015). This research can give the writer a deeper knowledge about the symptoms and causes of schizophrenia.

Based on what the writer learns from the previous studies, this study has similarities with the previous studies because this study is concerning on identifying the schizophrenia on the main character in *Love For a Deaf Rebel*

novel. However, this study provides the different findings compared to previous studies that have been previously discussed. The writer tries to identify the schizophrenia by looking at dialogues and narrations in the novel that show the symptoms of schizophrenia experienced by the main character, which may show one or more types of schizophrenia. Even so, the writer learns how the previous studies identify schizophrenia in order to provide more insight for this study. Therefore, this analysis can help readers of literature to understand about schizophrenia, and can also provide knowledge about schizophrenia in *Love For a Deaf Rebel* novel.

## **1.2 Research Question**

Based on the study background above, the researcher has formulated the problem as follows:

1. What type of schizophrenia is suffered by the main character in *Love For a Deaf Rebel* novel?
2. How is the type of schizophrenia described through indirect characterization in the novel?

## **1.3 Research Objective**

According to the research questions, the research objectives are:

1. In the novel, the type of schizophrenia is described in the paranoid type. However, there are symptoms of other types of schizophrenia that can be appeared in the novel.

2. To find out how the methods of indirect characterization are applied by the author.

#### **1.4 Uses of the Study**

Two functional aspects are being considered in the research. Because of its theoretical and practical use, this study is significant: theoretically, the purpose of the study is to broaden the theoretical foundations of literary studies, particularly those concerned with Pearl's psychological problems, namely schizophrenia. So that the writer can adequately research the specified goals: It can explain how symptoms can reveal the schizophrenia, as well as the cause and effect of schizophrenia itself with indirect characterization. This study can give more information about schizophrenia in literary work, and the symptoms of schizophrenia in the main character. Practically, this study can help the writer to expand the knowledge about schizophrenia, especially how to distinguish the types of schizophrenia based on the symptoms of schizophrenia. And also, this study can be the guidance for the future researchers to analyze the same topic and novel.

#### **1.5 Scope of the Study**

To narrow the scope of the study, the researcher concentrated primarily on main character in *Love for a Deaf Rebel* novel by Derrick King, which is focused on indirect characterization of Pearl as the major character in this novel. According to Ellis (2022), there are 5 methods to analyze indirect characterization, namely speech, thoughts, effects, actions, and looks of a character in a story. The writer will use all of these methods to determine whether the type of schizophrenia experienced by the main character in this novel is paranoid schizophrenia or other

types of schizophrenia. With the methods of indirect characterization analysis, the writer intends to analyze the symptoms of schizophrenia whether the main character suffered paranoid schizophrenia or other types of schizophrenia by seeing the symptoms of schizophrenia using schizophrenic theory.