

# **CHAPTER I**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Background of the Research**

As technology has advanced, human living standards become higher. Most people want to have a better life such as getting more money, having a prestigious job, having a new car, luxury home, or branded clothes and also getting the best service and respect. The desire for goods and services seems to never be satisfied. Therefore money and wealth will influence changes in lifestyle, habits, and behavior. Habits and behavior in the society also widely adopted into literary work. The lifestyle of upper class people is generally more glamorous and modern while lower class people are generally found in the countryside. Social class differences also affect the minds of people who live in urban and city center. The upper class thinks that they are more cultured and more educated while the lower class thinks that the upper class is luxurious because they like to spend money. They also think that the rich people like to force the poor with their wealth.

Literature has been recognizing by experts and many people. The word literature itself comes from the Latin word 'litter' which means letter (Klarer, 2004). It is referring the words that printed or written. Literary work associated with society

that is as affirmation or innovation and has an important role, which is the effort to become a pioneer of regeneration, as well as to give the appreciation to society's symptoms, but it does not omit the relationship with another branch of society such history, sociology, culture, psychology, and anthropology. Literature as the reflection of human's action oftentimes presenting a picture about what that is said, thinks, and does by people in a society. Literature consists of two forms, those are poetry, and prose. According to Klarer (2004) poetry is one of the oldest genres in literary history. Therefore, the clarity of a poem depends very much on the accuracy of the use of words and the cohesion that shapes them. Poetry is a literary variety that is bound by its elements, such as rhythm, mantra, rhyme, line and verse. Poetry can also be said to be an expression of emotions, imagination, ideas, thoughts, rhythm, tone, word order, figurative words, sensory impressions, and feelings. Poetry is an expression that takes into account the aspects of the sound in it, as well as in the form of the poet's imaginative, emotional, and intellectual experience from his individual and social life. Poetry is expressed with certain techniques so that it can evoke certain experiences in the reader or listener. The prose is the form of language which has an informal rhythmic structure. Prose divided into novels, short stories and novella. The novel is a long narrative in literary prose and the subsequent development of romanticism. A novel is a prose essay that is storytelling, which tells of an extraordinary event from the lives of people (characters). It was said to be an extraordinary event because of this incident a conflict emerged, a dispute, which shifted the direction of the fate of the leaders. The novel only tells one aspect of the

life of the character that is truly special, which results in a change of fate. Novels are defined as long and complex fictional narrative prose that describes characters and normally presenting a sequential organization of actions and scenes as well as a tool to present and express the ideas and feelings of a writer to describe the certain aspects of human like characters. Each story contains of moral value, message which actualize in the life of reader. Researcher uses novel as the object of research and analysis based on the sociological perspective and the point of view.

Real life is the author's capital and also an element that can build the content of the literary work. Literary work is art, where many elements of humanity are included in it, especially feelings so that it is difficult to apply to scientific methods. Literary works are expressions of human personality in the form of experiences, thoughts, feelings, ideas, enthusiasm, beliefs in a form of a picture of life, which can evoke enchantment with the tools of language and be described in written form. Literary works are very beneficial for life because literary works can give the reader awareness about the truths of life, even though they are described in the form of fiction. Literary works can provide inner joy and satisfaction. This entertainment is a type of intellectual and spiritual entertainment. Literary works can also be used as an experience to work because anyone can pour the contents of the heart and mind in an article of artistic value. There are many literary works that discuss about human bad habits. These bad habits are played by characters who reflect the behavior of people in a society. One of the literary works that show the connection between reality and

literary work or literary work that reflect the reality is the novel *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes. The main character of this novel is Louisa Clark usually called as Lou. Novel *Me Before You* describes human life in society. Another character in this novel are named William Traynor usually called Will. Lou and Will are a pair of employers and personal nurse. William is suffering from a spinal disease known as quadriplegia. The life of the two before meeting was not much different from after meeting. William from a family of businessmen and usually lives with free sex, and Louisa comes from a poor family who was trapped in promiscuity. William previously had a girlfriend and they had slept in a hotel together and had a husband and wife relationship, also Louisa with her boyfriend did the same as William and his girlfriend. The novel also mentions that Lou's neighbors had a big fight, also when Lou and Will went to watch a horse show, they met a man who was drunk.

After reading *Me Before You* novel, the researcher found the phenomena which can be analyzed by using sociological. The researcher was interested in examining individual deviation as the research title. The researcher decided to choose the description of the problem of types of individual deviation and factors that cause free sex, drunk, and quarrel as a problem in the novel *Me Before You* because the novel clearly describes a social situation or situation in a society and why it caused in common. Researchers describe a novel as a reflection to reveal the condition of society at that time. The novel *Me Before You* was chosen as the object of research because it has never been used before by examining from the point of view of social deviation, especially regarding individual deviation.

Individual deviation is a view done by someone in the form of a violation of the norms of an established culture. This deviation is caused due to evil behavior / crime. There are some differences in individual deviation which is done in several places also in several times. One example is the following, whereas in Stortford in 2012 the deviation that occurred was one of them being free sex. In one morning William Traynor and his girlfriend were in an apartment. William and his girlfriend have been in the apartment since the night.

"When he emerges from the bathroom she is awake, propped up against the pillow and flicking through the travel brochures that were beside her bed. She is wearing one of his T-Shirt, and her long hair is tousled in a way that prompts reflexive thoughts of the previous night" (Moyes.1)

The quote above shows that it had been a full night the two of them were in one room and had sex. As we know that having sex before marriage is an unusual thing to do.

A quote that shows the factors of individual deviation, especially quarrels are because they have different opinions. This is evidenced when Georgina yells at her mother expressing her disapproval of her mother's decision.

"You can't let him do this mom. You have to stop him" (Moyes, 116)

Georgina's words indicate that it was the protests due to differences of opinion between her and her mother that made her angry. It can be concluded that one of the factors that cause quarrels is disagreement or difference of opinion

Many researcher make the novel *Me Before You* as the object of the research, some of them are Dekika (2018) made a research entitle *A Description of Conflict in*

*Jojo Moyes' Novel Me Before You*. In this research the researcher focus on the description of the types of conflicts found in the two figures in the novel written by *Jojo Moyes*. The researcher uses the conflict theory of Robert and Jacobs so that she can found conflicts like what is experienced by the main characters in the novel.

Another researcher the existence of the main character in *Me Before You* novel has been written by Daromes (2019) from SAM Ratulangi University under the title *Ungkapan Pujian Dalam Film Me Before You Karya Jojo Moyes : Suatu Analisis Pragmatik*. The researcher uses New Criticism theory to analyze Will Traynor's character. So based on the relationship between literary works and reality and the existence of issues or phenomena that reflect individual deviation and the research that people have done on the novel *me before you*, the researcher is interested in conducting research by focusing on the types of individual deviation and the factors that cause free sex, drunk, and quarrel aspect.

## **1.2 Identification of the Problem**

Based on the background of the research, the identification of the problem is about:

1. The types of individual deviation shown in *Me Before You* novel.
2. Social conflict in *Me Before You* novel.
3. The factor that cause free sex, drunk, and quarrel shown in *Me Before You* novel.

### **1.3 Limitation of the Problem**

The purpose of this research is to specifically analyze the story from Jojo Moyes entitle *Me Before You*. In order to be able to arrange this research neatly and so that the writer does not get lost in the middle of the research, the writer promptly narrows down the scope of problem for this research is:

1. There are the types of individual deviation shown in *Me Before You* novel.
2. There are the factors that cause free sex, drunk, and quarrel shown in *Me Before You* novel.

### **1.4 Formulation of the Problem**

Based on the stated above in limitation of the problem, the writer notice one main problem which will be the focal point of this research. The main problem is:

1. What are the types of individual deviation shown in *Me Before You* novel?
2. What are the factors that cause free sex, drunk, and quarrel shown in *Me Before You* novel?

### **1.5 Objective of the Research**

Related to the formulation of the problem above, the objective of the problem in this research formulated as:

1. To describe the types of individual deviation shown in *Me Before You* novel.

2. To describe the factors that cause free sex, drunk, and quarrel shown in *Me Before You* novel.

### 1.6 Significance of the Research

The results of this study are expected to provide the following benefits:

**Theoretical Significance**, the researcher argues that this study can contribute to the development of literature and increase students' knowledge of literature, especially in prose learning and research.

**Practical Significance**, the researcher believes this research can stimulate readers' critical thinking about the impact of social class differences in social life. Readers are expected to gain an understanding that literature, especially through *North and South*, is a work that can provide views, social truths, even the limitations of society and how it can actualize the dimensions of time, age, and generation.

### 1.7 Definition of Key Terms

Individual Deviation:	A view done by someone in the form of a violation of the norms of an established culture.
Novel:	A story related to real or fictional events imagined by the author through his observation of reality.
Sociological Approach:	An approach is used to study human behavior.