

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1. Background of the Research

Nowadays, social inequality is not hard to be found in big cities in Indonesia. The inequality between the rich and the poor becomes greater. One family lives in such big and luxury house, meanwhile the other family has to live under the bridge. Such real life experience is found in the novel also. "*A Christmas Carol*" Novel is the example of it. This novel was written in 1843. Charles Dickens wrote it to show his concern to the poor people, especially children who are affected by industrial revolution era. In this novel, Scrooge plays as the main character. He is old, stingy and mean man. He is rich man who does not care at all about poor people.

Characters play an important role in story of novel. Main character influences all aspects of intrinsic elements. For example, main character's actions affect the plot of story. Different action causes different resolution of the story in novel. There are some types of characters such as a protagonist, an antagonist, a major character, a minor character, a static character, a dynamic character, a round character, and a flat character. The characterizations help the readers understand more about the characters themselves.

Besides from intrinsic aspect, novel is analyzed using extrinsic aspect also. This research uses Abraham Maslow's Theory of Motivation to analyze the Novel. In the Theory of Motivation, Maslow (as cited in Turabik & Baskan, 2015) explained that there are five needs. Human beings is motivated to fulfil these needs.

After having fulfilled the lower needs, they want to achieve higher needs. This research focuses on the second needs, safety needs. It is the need of people to feel safe and secure from any harms. When people need to be secure from the harm of their body, then it is security of body (types of safety needs).

According to Maslow (as cited in Saeednia & Nor, 2013), gratified or fulfilled needs affects five aspects in human beings. They are conative-affective, cognitive, character traits, interpersonal and miscellaneous. Character traits is how the personality of the character. In the other hand, interpersonal is about the relationship between human beings. For example, Guynn (2014) in USA TODAY said that Mark Zuckerberg has donated twenty five million US Dollar to fight Ebola disease. This is a proof that he has fulfilled his safety needs (security of resources). He has healthy generosity and bigness as in the indicator of safety needs fulfilment (character traits). If Mark Zuckerberg sees all people who need help as a threat, then he keeps all money by himself. It is failure in safety needs fulfilment. He does not have healthy generosity and bigness inside himself (Maslow as cited in Saeednia & Nor, 2013).

The phenomena of failure in safety needs fulfilment in "*A Christmas Carol*" Novel can be seen in the quotation below:

"What right have you to be dismal? What reason have you to be morose? **You're rich enough.**" (Dickens, 2017, p. 9)

It is the utterance from Scrooge's nephew. He wants to invite Scrooge for having a dinner at Christmas night. Instead of accepting it, he insults his nephew by asking why he has to be merry because he is poor. His nephew replies by saying the quotation above. The marked quotation above proves that Scrooge is rich. His

richness should give him safe and secure feeling (the effect of gratified needs in character traits). Instead, he is dismal and morose all the time. His dismal and morose all the time are form of fear which is opposite of safe and secure. It is the effect of failure in safety needs fulfilment of Scrooge.

There are factors of failure in safety needs fulfilment. After physiological needs is fulfilled, then emerges new needs (safety needs, the second needs). He will be obsessed to fulfil safety needs. This is normal mechanism until the people becomes extreme and chronic. They only live for this safety needs until they die. Another factor is philosophy. Philosophy or value holds major key to needs fulfilment. If they have wrong philosophy in fulfilling safety needs, it also causes failure in safety needs fulfilment.

Another phenomena of failure in safety needs fulfilment can be seen from the quotation below:

**“If they would rather die,” said Scrooge,** “they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population.” (Dickens, 2017, p. 14)

This quotation comes when Scrooge denies to give charity to two portly gentlemen. Scrooge said that poor people would rather die to decrease the surplus of population. In this quotation, it can be seen that Scrooge does not care anything else including human beings’ lives. He has gone extreme ways to fulfil his safety needs. He lives in his safety needs alone.

For the references of this research, the researcher takes five journals. The first is Journal which has the same source of data, “*A Christmas Carol*” Novel. The journal is from Global Journal of Human-Social Science: Linguistics & Education. It is entitled Capitalism with a Conscience: A Marxist Echo Found

Voice in Charles Dickens's "*A Christmas Carol*". Chakraborty (2014) finds out that in the end Scrooge must acknowledge his responsibility in shaping the future of all those neglected children "Ignorance" and "Want". In the other hand, this research finds out the factors and effects of the failure in safety needs fulfilment. It uses a psychological approach to analyze the novel.

Since this research has never been done before, it is interesting to be conducted into a research. The phenomena found in "*A Christmas Carol*" Novel is failure in safety needs fulfilment of Scrooge. This research focuses on the main character which determines its characterizations and failure in fulfilling his safety needs. The purpose of this research is to find out the characterizations of the main character, the factors of failure of the main character in safety needs fulfilment, and the effects of failure of the main character in safety needs fulfilment in "*A Christmas Carol*" Novel by Charles Dickens. Having done the research, hopefully the readers could understand more about the factors and effects of failure in safety needs fulfilment.

## **1.2. Identification of the Problem**

According to the background of the research, the researcher found some problems, such as:

1. The kinds of safety needs found in the main character in "*A Christmas Carol*" Novel by Charles Dickens
2. The factors of failure in safety needs fulfilment of the main character in "*A Christmas Carol*" Novel by Charles Dickens

3. The effects of safety needs fulfilment of the main character in A “*A Christmas Carol*” Novel by Charles Dickens
4. The effects of failure in safety needs fulfilment of the main character in “*A Christmas Carol*” Novel by Charles Dickens
5. Characterizations of the main character in “*A Christmas Carol*” Novel by Charles Dickens

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

The limitation of the research is important so that the problems are not wider.

The limitation of the research are:

1. Characterizations of the main character in “*A Christmas Carol*” Novel by Charles Dickens
2. The factors of failure in safety needs fulfilment of the main character in “*A Christmas Carol*” Novel by Charles Dickens
3. The effects of failure in safety needs fulfilment of the main character in “*A Christmas Carol*” Novel by Charles Dickens

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

The problems are found in Failure of Safety Needs of The Main Character in “*A Christmas Carol*” Novel by Charles Dickens as follow:

1. What are the characterizations of the main character in “*A Christmas Carol*” Novel by Charles Dickens?

2. What are the factors of failure in safety needs fulfilment of the main character in "*A Christmas Carol*" by Charles Dickens?
3. What are the effects of failure in safety needs fulfilment of the main character in "*A Christmas Carol*" Novel by Charles Dickens?

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

The researcher finds the objective of research as follows:

1. To find out the characterizations of the main character in "*A Christmas Carol*" Novel by Charles Dickens
2. To find out the factors of failure in safety needs fulfilment of the main character in "*A Christmas Carol*" Novel by Charles Dickens
3. To find out the effects of failure in safety needs fulfilment of the main character in "*A Christmas Carol*" Novel by Charles Dickens

### **1.6. Significance of the Research**

The significance of this research consists of theoretical and practical significances. Theoretically, the aim of this research is to be reference of other similar research in future. It is hoped that the finding of research can be guidance for the next researchers. In the other hand, there is practical significance. Practically, this research is used as final thesis which is the condition of bachelor degree. It is also hoped that this research provides knowledge for society in practice the right safety needs fulfilment.

### 1.7. Definition of Key Terms

Based on the background of the research, there are some representative key terms that commonly encountered by readers are as following:

- Failure** : is the state or condition of not meeting a desirable or intended objective, and may be viewed as the opposite of success (Oxford Dictionaries, 2017).
- Safety Needs Fulfilment** : is the desire or act to fulfil the needs of human beings to feel safe or secure from any harms (Maslow as cited in Turabik & Baskan, 2015).
- Main Character** : is a character who has important role in the story. It is the vital character that helps the development and resolution of the conflicts (Aminuddin as cited in Hartati, 2017).
- A Psychological Approach** : is used when the novel has specific aspect in psychology which influence the character to do an act (Guerin, Labor, Morgan, Reesman, & Willingham, 2005)