

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of the Study

Language is very important in our life, because language is used to express our inner thoughts and emotion, to learn to communicate with others, to fulfill our wants and needs, etc. In general, Languages can be exposed into two ways, namely written language and spoken language. Written language can be found in novel, newspaper, poetry, comic, etc, while spoken language can be found in speech, dialogue, song, etc.

Nowadays, novel becomes very popular in society. People enjoy novel not only as an entertainment, but also as a media in transferring information and culture. Novel itself is a visual medium used to express ideas. The text in novel indicates the dialogue, narration and other information. The characterization of the main character in the novel cannot be separated from the novel because most of the people read the novel because they want to know how the characterization of the main character is.

A novel has an intrinsic element, however not all of the readers know about it. Sometime the reader read the novel because they just want to know how the story is, just because they want to refresh their mind by reading the novel.

In terms of studying literature on the reflection of human experience, the writer deals with intrinsic elements of the work. Nurgiyantoro (2003:23) states that intrinsic element such as theme, character and characterization, setting, plot, style and point of view.

The characterization of the character is very often drives the readers to be interested to read the novel. However, sometime the readers find it difficult to appreciate the technique of the characterizations in literary works especially in the novel. Minderop (2005:6) says that there are two methods in developing a characterization in a novel, they are: a) telling or direct method; and b) showing or indirect method. She explains that telling method is when the author tells about the characterization of a character directly but in showing method the author tells it indirectly. So in showing method, we have to try to know it hardly.

With those explanations above, the writer is interested in analyzing the characterization of *The Land of Five Towers* novel by Faudy based on intrinsic element of the novel. The writer does this study because the writer is interested to know more about the intrinsic element of this novel especially with the method that is used by the author of the novel to develop the characterization of the main character. It is interested because the writer realizes in our daily life, sometime when we read a novel we do not know about how the author develops the characterization of the main character because the author of the novel does not describe the intrinsic novel and the characterization clearly.

The writer chose *The Land of Five Towers* novel as source data because this novel is the one of the best seller novel in Indonesian, it also has won several awards, including the 2010 Khatulistiwa Literary Award and the 2010 favorite fiction and book from the Indonesian Readers Awards. The author of the novel also was awarded The Liputan 6 Award SCTV for the education and motivation category. So, this novel is interesting to be analyzed.

B. The Problems of the Study

1. What methods were used by the author to develop the characterization of the main character?
2. Which was the dominant method that used the author to develop the characterization of the main character in novel?
3. Why was it dominantly used in the novel?

C. The Scope of the Study

There were many things to be discussed in the Ahmad Faudi's novel the land of five towers, such as analyzing the moral lesson of the novel, the intrinsic and extrinsic value of the novel, the insanity of the main character, the presupposition of the main character, etc. But the discussion will be focused on the telling and showing method in novel. The source of data will be taken from all the pages of novel entitle The Land of Five Towers.

D. The Objectives of the Study

Related to the problems of the study formulated above, the objectives of the study were:

1. find out the methods found to develop the characterization of the main character in Faudi's novel The Land Of Five Towers
2. find out the dominantly method that used the author to develop the characterization of the main character in Faudy's Novel The Land of Five Towers

3. describe the dominant method that was used by the author to develop the characterization of the main character in the Faudy's novel *The Land of Five Towers*

E. The Significance of the Study

The findings of the study were expected to:

1. help the readers especially to literature student in order to increase the quality of mastery appreciation of the literary works.
2. arouse reader's interest in this novel and continue to find pleasure in reading literary work.
3. this study also useful to understand the human characterizations in facing and solving the problem in the real life.