

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of The Study

All people have a story in their life, it could be a romantic, tragic, comedy story, and everything related to their experience could be a nice one. Eventhough, the writer should understand about some steps in making them to be an interesting story such as in novel. Story in novel interested the reader wants to read another story because novel allure us. A novel is about the world, novels are social: they are about people. Gill (2006 : 59) they are not about people in the way in which, say a television documentary or an article in a magazine is about people. People in novels are people, but they are not same the ones we meet everyday. They are fictional; they have been made up.

Writing a good novel is not as easy as read it. Creating a novel is not as easy making a notebook because the writer of the novel must be able to cover a beautiful story and wonderful language in their work. Wonderful language relates to create appropriate sentences, interesting and understandable. Language is able to influence the way of people think, to speak about anything in their daily life, that is why language can not separate from human's life. In expressing something like information, an opinion, suggestion, and to express anything, whether feeling of angry, happy, nerveous, sorrow or many things could be expressed by using language. Language present in human's life it just like pin and yarn, related each others.

Not only writing novel, all literature students also must read novel to increase their insight in how creating beautiful language. Because its involving words to build the content, and arrange them into sentences to express what writer ideas or opinions.

The reason why choosing *At First Sight* novel as the object of this research, caused this novel is one of Nicholas's novel which had already translated into fifty languages. This novel is able to influence the readers feeling the story is vivid or looks like truly happened beside the readers. In fact, this case happened because Nicholas could cover beautiful story in *At First Sight's* novel by playing all words used. There are opinions about this novel, first based on BestsellerWorld.com says "highly recommended. Nicholas sparks can take a simple plot and turn it into an excellent of art. The authors does an excellent job of making the characters looks so real, and will keep you interpret what's going to happen." Second is based on New Bern Sun-Journal (NC) says that "sheds light on the quirks couples discover in each other, and the frustation can ensue. *At First Sight* delves deeper still- into the more serious realities of life and love." Other reasons of choosing *At First Sight* novel, it caused the writer is one of world's bestselling author of love stories and one of the world's most beloved storytellers. He is also the one of a lot of writer who has sales figure over eighty five million copies of his books.

Other reasons of choosing this novel is because the content telling about love story happened nowadays. The novel have a lesson for us specially for younger generations. About the culture, it should ponder and it looks

unappropriate for Indonesian culture. Knowing their culture could have free sex without married, it's not our culture. Directly, the contents gave us an understanding about wrong relationship in love. All deeds in the novel describe about life in New York. They need to struggle their love, because there a lot of affliction from their parents and also friends. The end of the story telling us that Lexie was died and the baby was born without a nice mother, it's so tragic. Adding by Jeremy utterance, he did want the baby born. But, for long time finally he accepted and keep the baby. It means the novel could be a lesson for us in loving story and took the positive things and apply in daily life. The story love of this novel reminds us about how to preserve our nature, culture. The important one is Western's culture different with Indonesian's culture, their culture should not imitate. Nowadays young generation accepted them and collide our culture. These events broke our life and it must be improved to keep the fellow generations.

Simile investigated in *At First Sight* novel because the novel has a beautiful story through sentences, and the writer able to cover all the words seems like vivid. Schulze (2010) says that similes enhance a novel by adding effecting portrayal and originality. Means simile has influence and role in *At First Sight's* novel. Simile needs to learn because simile will help us to explain things, to express emotion, and to make your writing more vivid and entertaining. Discovering fresh similes uses in our own writing also means discovering new ways to look at our subjects. Similes can not only make our writing more interesting but also help us to think more carefully about our subjects. Put another way, similes are not just pretty ornaments; this is ways of thinking.

Investigating simile in *At First Sight* novel's need previous study as the reference to encourage insight about simile wherever they were applied, there are three journals found related to this study.

First "Symbol, Metaphor, and Similes in Literature: A Case Study of *Animal Farm*." The aims of this study is to find out the effect of using figures of speech on the writer style and addressee's understanding. For this aim, these three figures of speech were founded in the novel and their types were determined according to Newmark's (1988b).

Second, "Simile in English : From Description to Translation." This study aims to provide account of similes in English, which serves as the starting point for an exploration of the problems they can pose when translated into Italian. This study expressed some similes are complex and posing various types of problem. To solve them needs translator to take into account factors, such as genre and readership, as well as micro factors, such as type, structure, and function of the simile, it is relevance to the message, and lastly the resources available in the target language. In other case may be signed "systemic" in nature: English compressed similes, not found in Italian, are rendered by adapting them to the target language system. A further problem is of a cultural nature: idiomatic similes, after all are reaching we can translate it literally.

Third, "Like In Simile- A Relevance –Theoritic View." Simile would be metaphors were it not for the word *like*. Simile describing as an explicit comparison between two things or actions. This papers examines the meaning of like as used in similes in the light of relevance theory.

All the previous studies above have different goal, thus this study also has a proper purpose exactly investigating types of simile used and explain the reason why Nicholas used simile into his novel. This research is different, every simile applied in sentence try to express the character even from their emotion, their ideas and else. So, understanding simile will help us to know what the character means, did they feel angry or else.

B. The Problem of The Study

Research is done to know all imperfection of text or any else. All research have different problems definitely, and need investigation to find out the answer. Based on the background of study, the problems are:

1. what types of similes are used in *At First Sight*, Nicholas Sparks's novel?
2. what does Nicholas's reasons to use similes in *At First Sight* novel?

C. The Scope of The Study

This study was limited on the use of simile in *At First Sight* novel based on Hassan and Halliday in Sabiha (2013: 18) state that simile consist of: as, as...as, like, as if, and as though.

D. The Objective of The Study

Related to the problem of the study above, the objectives of this study were:

1. to find out types of simile used in *At First Sight* Novel.
2. to describe the reasons of using simile in *At First Sight* novel.

E. The Significant of The Study

This research is expected to be useful for:

1. For readers to compare two entities unlike, and this research will give information and enrich their knowledge about simile and how is the simile itself will apply in daily communication.
2. For further researcher, this research can be used as a reference for further research about analysis of simile.

