

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. The Background of the Study

Literature is any written work formed with letters, although some definition include spoken texts or songs (Sandra, 2015:1). Literature can be classified according to whether it is fiction or non-fiction and whether it is poetry or prose. It can be further distinguished according to major forms such as the novel, short story or drama. In addition, literature is also the result of someone's work which is expressed through beautiful writing, so that the work enjoyed has aesthetic value and can attract readers to enjoy it. Writers and their works are also different, because their development is marked by periods, generations, and literary sciences that also develop where literature can be made with real and imaginary fiction that is fantastic (Greedharry, 2021). One of the developed literatures is literary criticism.

Literary criticism is a contribution that can be given by literary researchers for the development and development of literature. In short, literary criticism can be defined as the result of the reader's efforts to find and determine the intrinsic value of literary works through systematic understanding and interpretation expressed in written form (Amelin, 2016). In literature, feminism is related to the concept of feminist literature, namely the study of literature that focuses its analysis on women. If all this time it is considered by itself that the representative of readers and creators in western literature is men, feminist literary criticism shows that female readers bring perceptions and hopes into their literary

experience. Analysis in the study of feminism should be able to reveal aspects of women's oppression over men. Women are also still vulnerable to being victims of violence. Especially violence in the personal realm, namely domestic violence experienced by women (Cau, 2017). The form of violence against women is the impact of gender inequality so that some feel discriminated against, dominate and be dominated. An understanding of subject-object, dominant-non-dominant, and the unequal division of roles between male and female family members often positions men more to get special rights, while women are the second class (Alexander, Eschele, Morrison & Tulbure, 2019). Many views seem to judge that the position of women is always lower than that of men. Men have more authority than women in everything, including in a family. Literature is growing in today's era, such as writing in online media, especially digital libraries.

Digital library is a performing as online resources encompassing text, audio, still images, recorded video and other documents in electronic formats (Rajkumar, 2024). The term digital library or digital library itself contains the same meaning as electronic libraries and virtual libraries where users can access information sources through electronic means and information. Digital Library can be seen from various disciplines (multi-dimensional) comprehensively towards a knowledge society. Knowledge society is one of the basic foundations for the development of a nation and state, where the digital library is one of the instruments for the exchange of knowledge or information in a country and nation, between countries/nations for the public. One of the current developments

in digital library technology is the presence of an online reading application, namely Wattpad.

Wattpad is a website and also an application where we can read or write our own stories and can be read by various people around the world. Social writing and reading platforms like Wattpad can change the way writers and readers interact with each other through messages and comments available on the Wattpad application. Wattpad replaces professional editing, design, and marketing with crowd-sourced feedback and social and viral word-of-mouth marketing and allows users to either choose a compelling story or determine the latest hit story (Bold, 2016). Wattpad provides features such as; Home, a homepage that can be used to view recommendations for writings from various domestic and foreign writers. Through Wattpad we can read various written works for free anywhere and anytime. There are so many short stories that we can read, we can find what kind of stories we want to read. Wattpad offers more than a thousand stories about The Holocaust, including historical fiction, essays, poetry, fantasy stories, fake diaries, and fan fiction. Authors at Wattpad have to take into account the conventions of romantic and genre also a good romance is a romance that ends well (Gautier, 2018).

In this research, the researcher wants to analyze gender resistance feminisim in short story in Wattpad. Short story *Light and Shadow* is one of the top stories in online reading applications that is in wattpad application. In this short story there are fifteen chapters in total. This story tells about the struggles and movements of a women who wants to be freedom from the rules of society where she wants to

get out and proves that a women can also do whatever work is usually done by men and liberates that a women is also an individual who can identify herself, how their behavior in public, and their social position is not determined by the prevailing gender conception in society. The object of the study is taken from a short story by Chihrophie with the title Light & Shadow.

A women who lives in Velaris, the city of starlight. As the daughter, she had never been able to go see the city it self, not even freedom. All the activities she does are arranged and determined by her father. By emphasizing that a girl's place is only at home to do work and take care of the house and serve the family. When her parents set a date for her clipping, she couldn't take it anymore. She run away to seek freedom outside and was convinced that women could also do everything men could do.

When my dad had pushed me this far just needed another push and I was about to fall, he whispered: "You ask why you have to go through this? It's because this is your place. The only good things for a women are children and sex."

The paragraph is the data from part 14 : No, the oppression of women by men within a patriarchal framework it was manifested in control over women's bodies, included sexuality and haved children. This strengthens men's control over women's bodies, especially women reproductive rights. We can see that women are used as objects and taken away from their bodies and their sexuality. That's why feminism reflected the desire of women to reclaim controlled over

their bodies that have been usurped by patriarchal society. Because whoever controlled a person's body controls her life and thereby regains power.

Short story from Chihirophie was chosen as the object of research because the story made is very interesting and inspires women so that they are not always under the pressure of men, a woman can be free to do whatever they want to do without being tied to gender. Chihirophie is one of the short story writers in the Wattpad application, the researcher believe that her short stories can inspire all women and can be used as objects of research.

Based on this description, the researcher chose literary analysis based on a feminist approach to find out the equality and boundaries between women and men based on the theory proposed by J. Lorber. Women have an existence as subjects who have the right to determine their own destiny and future and determine their role in the public so that they are not always discriminated against. So the researcher formulated the title of the research, namely Gender Resistance Feminism in Wattpad "Light and Shadow" by Chihirophie.

B. The Problem of the Study

Based on the background and problem identification above, the researcher proposes a research problem formulation with the aim that the problems in the research become clear. The formulation in question is as follows:

1. What are the types gender resistance feminism described in wattpad "Light & Shadow" by Chihirophie?

2. How are the gender resistance feminism realized in watsapp “Light & Shadow” by Chihirophie?

C. The Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the formulation of the problem above are as follows:

1. To describe the types gender resistance feminism in the watsapp “Light and Shadow” by Chihirophie.
2. To analyze how the gender resistance feminism realized in the watsapp “Light and Shadow” by Chihirophie.

D. The Scope of the Study

The scope of this study is to analyze the types gender resistance feminism and how realized in watsapp “*Light & Shadow*” by Chihirophie using theory feminism based on J. Lorber theory.

E. Significances of the Study

Practically, the results of this study expected to increase scientific knowledge in University, to give knowledge about develop studies on Feminism in the character of a story and provide a new point of view with the gender resistance feminism.

Theoretically, the results of this study should be helpful for to readers can be used as a reference in the preparation of the thesis, especially those related to feminism theories and can add insight. This study also can be used as motivation and increase knowledge about feminism, especially in the literature.