

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background Of Study

Every person in this world can easily change their nature to be good or bad. It depends on the environment in which they grow, how parenting and their past experience. A person who experiences sexual disability is very difficult to socialize on the environment, especially the environment dominated by the children. They are difficult to socialize because not only their diseases are always looking for a child as are bound, but also the society that does not less accept their presence in making the children as the victims. They by this nature look for not only one child, but also more children to be their victims. The sexual disability is commonly called pedophilia, a man who has sexual interest to the children. *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition* states that:

“a pedophile is an individual who fantasizes about, is sexually aroused by, or experiences sexual urges toward prepubescent children (generally <13 years) for a period of at least 6 months.”

Pedophilia has become a popular topic recently and so many people pay attention for this case because it involves the children and can be a dangerous problem if this happens. This problem has become the increasing world's attention. Mayo Clin Proc ( 2007 : 82 ) states that Pedophilia has become a topic of increased interest, awareness, and concern for both the medical community and

the public at large. Increased media exposure, new sexual offender disclosure laws, Web sites that list the names and addresses of convicted sexual offenders, and increased investigations of sexual acts with children have increased public awareness about pedophilia. Because of this increased awareness, it is important for the people to understand, such as its rate of occurrence, and the characteristics of pedophiles, and sexually abused children. One of the writer who has interest, concern and awareness of pedophilia is Vladimir Nabokov who exposes his idea on his novel *Lolita*.

In the novel, Nabokov tells about the main character, Humbert. a middle aged European man who is a serious college professor influenced by his past life. He was born in Paris in 1910, in his childhood he lives with his father and is treated by his aunt. His father is a respectable man but unfortunately he has less attention to his son because of his work. His mother is died of freak accident, she is struck by lightening while picnic. In his childhood he falls in love with Annabel Leigh. She is his first love, they have the most romantic story and love each other. Annabel dies of typhus. He feels so hurt over the death of Annabel because. She leaves a million happy memories. The story with Annabel, makes him become a man who is obsessed toward children. Since then, he always looks for a child who has the same figure with Annabel. So he looks for true love on the other little girls.

Due to the above reason, the writer will analyze Humbert's pedophile in Vladimir Nabokov's *Lolita*. It becomes the thesis writer interest as it is a current and hot issue in our country, so the writer wants to analyze it as a thesis topic .

Because it also happens in the past in America society, the thesis writer wants to know deep by about Humbert's pedophile.

### **1.2 Statement Of The Problem**

This study is intended to study Humbert's pedophile. In reference to the background of the study, the writer has formulated the statement of the problem as follow :

1. How is Humbert's life before having a pedophile?
2. How is Humbert's life afterhaving a pedophile?

### **1.3 Objective Of The Study**

Based on the problem statement above, the objective of the study are to analyze Humbert's life before having a pedophile and Humbert's life after having a pedophile.

### **1.4 Significance Of The Study**

By analyzing Humbert's pedophile in Vladimir Nabokov's *Lolita*, the writer expects this study to be worth contribution to the study of literature. The writer also expects that this research will give beneficial study especially to the students of English Department of University of 17 Agustus 1945 Surabaya to their problem concering about pedophile .

### 1.5 Scope and Limitation

The writer would like to limit the analysis on the Humbert's pedophile in Vladimir Nabokov's *Lolita*. Therefore, the writer feels necessary to analyze the Humbert's life before having a pedophile and Humbert's life after having a pedophile in Vladimir Nabokov's *Lolita*.

### 1.6 Research Methode

In conducting this study, the thesis writer uses qualitative research. Dawson in his book, *Practical Research Methods* ( 2002 : 14 ) elaborate the qualitative research design as :

“ Qualitative research explores attitude, behaviour and experience through such methode as interviews or focus groups.”

The writer result of the research contains the quotation from the data to illustrate and substantiate the presentation. The primary data are mainly taken from the novel itself and the references are taken from some books about the paedophilia from many sourcessuch as *Pedophilia : Assessment and Treatment* by Joseph A. Camelleri and Vernon L. Quinsey and *Pedophilia and sexual offending against children: Theory, assessmentand intervention*by Michael C. Seto that are,related to the problem in the study.

As the study focuses on the character of Humbert that is paedophilia, the approaches used in this study are intrinsic and extrinsic

approaches. The intrinsic approach is used to analyze the novel's intrinsic elements. Abram in his book *The Mirror and The Lamp : Romantic Theory and The Critical Tradition* states that intrinsic approach is focused on the elements of the novel such as setting, character, point of view, plot style and theme. ( Abram, 1979 : 26 )

Beside that, this study also uses extrinsic approach. Eaglestone (2008:42) states that Extrinsic method of interpretation takes it for granted that the literary text is part of the world and rooted in its context

As it deals with pedophilia, the study uses psychology approach. According to Siswantoro (2004:31-35) Psychological refers to scientific study about human's behavior and mental process. In this thesis, Humbert's pedophile is discussed with psychological approach. With psychological approach, the thesis writer can explain about Humbert's attitude and feeling.

## **1.7 Organization**

The study consists of four chapters. Chapter one is the introduction dealing with background of the study, statement of the problem, objective of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation, research method and the last organization. Chapter two contains review of related literature describing the definition of character, setting and pedophilia. Chapter three presents the analysis of Humbert's pedophile. Chapter four is the conclusion of the whole report of the study which is followed by bibliography, biography of the author and last synopsis of the novel, Lolita.