

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Life is always about choice, whatever we do we always face a choice. Sometimes to make a choice is not easy and this can make someone confused, and doubtful. If someone must make a choice between two balanced choices, it can be said that he or she faces a dilemma.

All of human being ever experience dilemma in their life. Dilemma can make someone in the difficult situation because he or she has to choose one of the choices which are the best for his or her life, therefore someone must think twice or more about his or her choices that he or she has

Everyone in the world has problems especially dilemma when they face the problems and they are trying to solve it, when people decide to do or choose something, a dilemma come to confuse people. Dilemma is a situation in which a choice must be made between alternative course of action or argument. In dilemma, it's a situation that requires a choice between option. (Houghton Mifflin Company, 2000).

Each person may ever be in difficult situation in which he or she has to choose between two things. Generally, he or she faces a difficulty in deciding the right things for them because the two things are probably almost equal or the same in quality or quantity. Therefore, the person must choose objectively in order to be able to decide one of choices wisely so that the person can end dilemma.

People can get dilemma from time to time in their life and it is a normal state. They feel dilemma when things seems to be wrong, but they cannot do anything as they want to do even when they desire it. Their problems sometimes can be really big and people need help from other people too. Dilemma can also be frustrating when people cannot solve all of their problems themselves. We can assume that dilemma is a problem since it seems incapable in a solution. People cannot stay calm and focus to overcome the dilemma in their life.

It is not so easy for a person who has a dilemma in their life to live in comfort because they must think over and over again about two or more choices that need to be decided correctly, whether it would bring the best for their life or not because sometimes they need to compare the two choices independently without nobody interrupting their decision. The final decision that they choose should make them relieved.

Based on the description above, a person who has dilemma must be able to think clearly in making his or her final decision. The main character in Erin Kaye's *Second Time Around*, Jennifer is actually a successful interior design business, educated woman. She has everything related to her life such as having a modern home, successful career and two loving children. Eventually she feels unhappy and lonely in her forty fifth birthday, therefore she decides to look for the meaning of happiness, then she meets the handsome and self-assured, Ben Crawford who although sixteen years younger than her. She is falling in love with Ben but they hide their affair. All of those problems put her in terrible a way because she gets confused to choose between her family or her boyfriend. In this

novel the writer sees that Jennifer tries to show that she is an independent women and professional, especially when it comes toward her family. She tries to make everything balance between family and her personal life

The problem of dilemma also found in *Second Time Around* by Erin Kaye which the writer used as data source for this thesis. The writer would analyze the problem found in *Second Time Around* by Erin Kaye because the phenomenon of dilemma is very interesting to be known and be understood further.

The writer is interested in analyzing dilemma as the title of her thesis because dilemma is one of human problems in this which can occur frequently in their life.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

Based on background of the study the problem statement is formulated in the following questions :

- 1). What are the sequences of event that leads to Jennifer's dilemma?
- 2). How is Jennifer's dilemma?
- 3). How does Jennifer face the dilemma?

1.3 Objective of the Study

Based on the problem statement mentioned above the writer purpose mainly to find out the sequence of events that related to Jennifer's dilemma, and the solution of Jennifer's dilemma where the writer would try to figure out Jennifer's way to solve her dilemma.

1.4 Significance of the Study

The writer hopes that this study would give more contribution to the study of literature especially related to the study of dilemma and the writer hopes that the result of this study is able to give contribution to the study of literature in the faculty of letters at the Universitas 17 Agustus 1945 Surabaya. The writer also hopes that the readers can have an interesting lesson and moreover they can take the precise decision when they are in between two difficult choices so that they can get a satisfied result from their own decision when they face dilemma as seen in the novel *Second Time Around*.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

There are several elements of literary works that can be analyzed in Erin Kaye's *Second Time Around*, but in this study the writer wants to focus the discussion only on sequence of events that related to Jennifer's dilemma, and the way she solves her dilemma.

1.6 Organization of the Study

This thesis is divided into five chapters, the first chapter deals with the introduction which consists of background of the study, statement of the problem, objective of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation, and organization of the study.

The second chapter consists of review of related literature which consists of the discussion on the dilemma, the meaning of character according to literary work, types of character, the meaning of plot, the elements of plot according to literary work.

The third chapter consist of research design which explains the method used in the research, source of the data which explains the source where the data are taken, data collective procedure which explains how the writer collect the data from data source, and data analysis which explains how the data would be analyzed.

The fourth chapter is analysis of the study where the writer solves the problem based on problems statement in chapter 1.

The fifth chapter is the conclusion. In this chapter the writer give the result of the problems solved in chapter IV then write conclusion of the result.