

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of the study

Literature is a product of creative thinking of an author being with aesthetic and artistic aspect. It is also as an expression of society. It means in literature, it is not only fictional work which is pure of imagination but it might also be inspired from reality which shows the real condition of the society where the literary work is written (Wellek and Warren, 1993:110).

In reality every individual has certain problem which is different such as social life, family, economy and job. There are some problems which are very important in our life, especially in household life namely marriage and career problems. Divorce is one of the marriage problems that is often found in our real life. The problem can come from individual himself, from both people or from groups. So it emerges selfish, vengeful, jealous character that that all emerge new problem.

There is a documented correlation between family conflict and health compromising and risky behaviors in children and adult children who have experienced family conflicts (Fish, Pavkov, Wetchler, & Bercik, 2012). Health compromising and risky behaviors include a multitude of behaviors and interactions that may be excessive drinking, smoking, using illegal drugs, and engaging in risky sexual behaviors, such as having unprotected sex or sex with multiple partners. Research has shown that adult children who came from

divorced families tend to have higher unemployment, lower educational achievement, and higher likelihood of being diagnosed with depression and anxiety (Bachman, 2008).

Divorce is a conflict that occurs in family member such as husband and wife, parents and child, child and child in the family caused by differences of personality, opinion, the limited ability of families in communication and resolving problems or loosening of emotional ties in the family. These problems can go in turn, but certainly they need solution for their problems especially to create a harmonious family life that keep maintaining the values of good family life.

In the novel of Johanna Lindsey's *Brave the Wild Wind*. The conflict of marriage happens to Thomas Blair main character Thomas and his wife, Rachel has one child Jessica. In their long time of marriage relation, there is only small conflict. But they love each other. Until the moment when Thomas guests come, they are Jacob, Will Phengle, Lanton Bowdre and Kate. Kate is the daughter of old Frenchy and a Shoshone Squaw and happens Frenchy has asked Thomas to look out for her if anything happens, to her. Then something, Kate makes lovewith Will Phengle in Rachel's bed room, but Thomas misunderstands. He supposes that hiswife makes love with WillPhengle. Furthermore Lanton Bowdre is Thomas friend an playing card game, Thomas has debt problem with him, when they play card game, they fight and Thomas is killed. In this novel Thomas Blair has conflicts with his wife, daughter, and Lanton Bowdre, the writer wants to analyze it.

1.2 Statement of problems

There are three problems that can be discussed in Johanna Lindsey's *Brave The Wild Wind*, and the problems are as follows.

1. What is Thomas Blair's internal conflict in Johanna Lindsey's *Brave The Wild Wind*?
2. What is Thomas Blair's external conflict in Johanna Lindsey's *Brave The Wild Wind*?
3. What are the cause and effect of Thomas Blair's conflict effect to his family?.

3.2 Objective of the study

The thesis writer's goals are to find Thomas Blair's internal and external conflicts and also to find the effect of Thomas Blair's conflict to his family.

3.3 Significance of the study

In general, the thesis writer hopes that this study will be useful for the readers specially for herself, to enlarge the knowledge on literary work deeper in Johanna Lindsey's *Brave the Wild Wind* works. For students especially faculty of letters in University of 17 Agustus 1945 Surabaya, the thesis writer hopes that this thesis can give contribution as a reference to do future research. And for the readers, by reading this thesis they can take the benefits applied for their real life, how to handle and manage the conflict, and how to resolve it, so that they do not become anxious or helpless.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

Johanna Lindsey's *Brave the Wild Wind* can be analyzed from several issues. The thesis writer limits the scope of this study and concentrates on discussing the Thomas Blair's conflict and the effect of Thomas Blair's to his family in order to make this thesis specific and clear.

1.6 Organization of the study

This thesis is divided into four chapters. The first chapter is introduction that consists of the background of study, statement of the problem, objective of the study, significance of the study, scope and limitation of the study, and organization of the study. The second chapter is review of related literature. This chapter is about theories that the thesis writer. The third chapter is research method that explains the steps of method in doing the research of the thesis. The fourth chapter is analysis, this chapter focuses in analyzing Thomas Blair's conflict and the effect of the conflicts to his family. The last chapter is conclusion that summarizes the analysis.