

## **CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Background of the Study**

Literature is a work that relates to all written forms that have an artistic value. It can be arguments, perspectives, expressions and ideas decorated by some artistic sparks. Klarer state (Klarer, 2004: 1) that, the term “literature” is derived from the word “littera” which means letter. Letter becomes the smallest aspect on writing session.

It means that all of works dealing with literature are called literary works was began by letters. There are four kinds of literary works commonly consumed by the society; fictions (novel, novella, and prose), poetry, drama and film (Klarer, 2004: 9). Nowadays, those literary works are becoming an amusement or even becoming a life style from them. Literature is an-interesting-to-learn thing because a lot of aspects occupy in such are aspects of sociology, psychology, history and a particular culture. Some of them discuss about a reality life problem like trauma.

Life is divided into three periods of times which are past, present and future. These three periods of times have domino effect. Something that happened in the past will affect events happening in the present and will happen in the future. This term is just like some disease called trauma. Trauma is an illness caused by unfortunate incident which happened in the past and can bring changes in the future. It can be a good or bad change. It is a good change when the person can take the result from the unfortunate incident and make it as a lesson. While in another point, it is a bad change when the person cannot accept the result of the reality from unfortunate incident that happened in the past and leaves some wound about it in their mind. According to <http://www.apa.org/topics/trauma/>, trauma is a response composed by emotions which derive from some tragic events that extremely threatened his or her life. Experienced accident, rape, crash, or witnessing some homicide and

natural disaster could be the trigger of this disease. The example is when someone had seen or experienced a terrible incident in the past, he or she could not strong enough accept the result from the incident and they behaved differently after that so they had a trauma about it. Usually, person suffers from trauma has to treat in some mental hospital to receive medical treatments. It is said that there is no cure for trauma but its impact can be reduced by the intention of the person who suffers trauma to recover. People believe that if there is no intention to recover or to forget the event that caused trauma it will be hard to be recovered.

Trauma usually deals with emotional and psychological condition of somebody. The emotional and psychological conditions such are fear, hesitation, anxiety, anger, possessiveness, curiosity and suspicion. Some literary works use trauma as topic to develop. One of them is *Shutter Island* novel by Dennis Lehane.

*Shutter Island* is one of the famous mystery fiction novels written by Dennis Lehane. It was first released in 2003 in Great Britain. *Shutter Island* novel is a best-selling novel set in Boston during 1954's, more precisely after WWII. This 414 pages novel described trauma as the main issue of the main character. Trauma becomes the controller of the story from the novel. Andrew Laeddis as the main character is suffering trauma because the horrible incident that he experienced in his past. The horrible incident was his witnessed on his beloved wife, Dolores' action of killing their own children. After the incident, Andrew Laeddis knows Dolores had mental disorder and make her always wants to kill her own children without any hesitation. In the end, Dolores killed their own three children by drowning them in the lake back of their house.

The writer uses novel as the object because novel is included as a literary work that is always interested to be analyzed. Since a long time ago, novel became an entertainment or even became such a lifestyle from some society. Literature aspects are aspects that build this stack of inscribed papers become a beautifully book to read. The writer chooses *Shutter Island* novel as the object because it is one of some famous novels that has place in the societies' heart. It

means the story of the novel is understandable. Because of the enthusiasm from the readers, this novel has been filmed with the same title as "*Shutter Island*" released in 2010 to answer all the imaginations of the readers about the novel. Directed by Martin Scorsese and Starring by actors and actresses, *Shutter Island* movie is worth-to-watch movie.

### **1.2 Statement of the Problem:**

In line with the topic of the study, the problems are follows :

1. What are the specific descriptions of Andrew Laeddis in Dennis Lehane's *Shutter Island*?
2. What are the conflicts experienced by Andrew Laeddis in Dennis Lehane's *Shutter Island*?
3. What are the settings described in Dennis Lehane's *Shutter Island*?
4. What are the causes and effect of trauma experienced by Andrew Laeddis in Dennis Lehane's *Shutter Island*?

### **1.3 Objectives of the Study:**

From the statements of the problems above, the objective of the study can be derived as follows :

1. To describe the specific descriptions of Andrew Laeddis in Dennis Lehane's *Shutter Island*.
2. To describe the conflicts experienced by Andrew Laeddis in Dennis Lehane's *Shutter Island*.
3. To describe the settings of Dennis Lehane's *Shutter Island*.
4. To describe the causes and effect of trauma that experienced By Andrew Laeddis in Dennis Lehane's *Shutter Island*.

### **1.4 Scope of the Study**

The writer focuses on the specific descriptions, conflicts, settings and the causes and effect of trauma experienced by Andrew Laeddis.

### **1.5 Significance of the Study**

The writer hopes that the result of this research will be valuable contribution to the Faculty of Humanities, Dian Nuswantoro University, and also to everybody who reads this thesis at future. In detail it is hoped that the result can be:

#### **1. For the writer :**

As an additional knowledge for the writer especially about trauma which happened because psychological condition.

#### **2. For the reader :**

As an additional reference for students who are studying literature particularly in psychology term, like trauma.

#### **3. For the university :**

As an additional reference for the library or Self Access Center in Faculty of Humanities Dian Nuswantoro University.

### **1.6 Thesis Organization**

This thesis is composed by several chapters to make systematic and easy to be understood for the readers. There are five chapters, those are: Chapter 1, Chapter 2, Chapter 3, Chapter 4 and Chapter 5.

Chapter 1 is Introduction. It consists of Background of the Study, Statement of the Problem, Objectives of the Study, Scope of the Study, Significance of the Study and Thesis Organization.

Chapter 2 is Review of Related Literature. It consists of previous research and theories of approaches in Literature.

Chapter 3 is Research Method. It consists of Research Design, Unit of Analysis, Source of Data, Technique of Data Collection, and Technique of Data Analysis.

Chapter 4 is Data Analysis. It composes in Andrew's denial towards reality that caused by past trauma described in Dennis Lehane's *Shutter Island*. It discuss about General Description, Conflicts, Settings and Causes and Effect of trauma by the writer in finding and discussion.

Chapter 5 is Conclusion and Suggestion.