

## CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. Background of the Study

Literature represents a language or a people, culture and tradition. Literary means not only what is written, what is expressed, what is voiced, what is discovered, in whatever form. Kenneth stated that literature may be classified according to a variety of systems, including language, national origin, historical period, genre, and subject matter. In which case novels, dramas, stories, plays, and films are part of literature itself. In literature, culture, people and historical period relate to the tragedies of stories, the plays and the film. Klaler (2004:57) stated that films, and particularly video tapes, are like novels, which in theory can be repeatedly read, or viewed.

Although film has its own specific characteristics and terminology, it is possible to analyze film by drawing on methods of literary criticism, as film criticism is closely related to the traditional approaches of textual studies. Methodologies which are informed by reception aesthetics focus on the effect on the spectator, and approaches such as psychoanalytical theory or feminist film theory regard film within a larger contextual framework. The major developments of literary theory have therefore also been borrowed or adapted by film studies. (Klarer, 2004, p.56).

*The Falls* is a drama romance movie released in 2012 and directed by Jon Garcia and the actors are Nick Ferrucci, Benjamin Farmer. The screenplay tells about a member of the Church of Latter Day Saints, going on his mission. Ricky John is relocated from Salt Lake City to Oregon, Portland. Ricky John meets his

mission companion name Chris as a mission companion they Living together and sharing their experienced that help each other discover their strengths. One day RJ said that he in falling love with Chris, first Chris cannot accept him, because he knows the risk for their love, but Ricky John makes Chris believe that their love nothing wrong. In the next day Elder Harris came in room's Ricky John and Chris, he shocked to see Ricky John and Chris because they are having sex. Then Elder Harris report that incident to the President Pierce (person that sent them in this mission), President Pierce provides two options to them that if they want to continue to serve the church they have to resolve their relationship or they are not allowed to become a missionary again, but Ricky John refused to remove his feelings for Chris and he picked out as a missionary.

According to <http://www.storyboardthat.com/articles/e/dilemma> moral dilemma is a situation in which a person is torn between right and wrong. A moral dilemma involves a conflict with the very core of a person's principles and values. The choice the person makes may leave them feeling burdened, guilty, relieved, or questioning their values. A moral dilemma often forces the individual to decide which option he or she can live with, but any outcomes are extremely unpleasant no matter what. Moral dilemmas are often used to help people think through the reasoning for their beliefs and actions, and are common in psychology and philosophy classes.

Based on the explanation above, the researcher decided to discuss how Elder Smith confused and the researcher use psychological approach and structural approach as a supporting theory to help answering the research questions. Finally the researcher decides "Ricky John's Dilemma in Jon Garcia *the falls*" as the tittle of the thesis.

## **1.2 Statement of the Problems :**

1. What is the general description of Ricky John as the main character in Jon Garcia's *The Falls*?
2. What conflicts are experienced by Ricky John in Jon Garcia's *The Falls*?
3. What setting is described in Jon Garcia's *The Falls*?
4. What dilemmas are experienced by Ricky John as the main character in Jon Garcia's *The Falls*?

## **1.3 Scope of the Study**

The writer focuses on analyzing the general description of the main character, conflict experienced, setting and dilemma described in Jon Garcia's *The Falls*.

## **1.4 Objective of the Study**

1. To describe the general description of Ricky John as the main character in Jon Garcia's *The Falls*.
2. To describe conflict experienced by Ricky John in Jon Garcia's *The Falls*.
3. To describe setting in Jon Garcia's *The Falls*.
4. To describe dilemma experienced by Ricky John in John Garcia's *The Falls*.

## **1.5 Significance of the Study**

1. For the researcher

The researcher finds out general description of Ricky John as the main character. This is to relate to psychological approach.

2. For the reader  
It gives more knowledge about the character, conflict and setting.  
This is related to the psychological aspect.
3. For the University  
To be an additional reference for Universitas Dian Nuswantoro,  
particularly Self Access Center, Faculty of Humanity.

### **1.6 Thesis Organization**

This thesis are organized into five chapters, they are:

CHAPTER 1: Introduction which consist of the Background of the Study, Statements of the Problems, Scope of the Study, Objective of the Study, Significance of the Study, and Thesis Organization

CHAPTER 2: Review of Related Literature which discusses the preview related literature, such as, Intrinsic Element; Character, Conflict and Setting, Extrinsic Elements which are relate to Structural Approach and psychological especially on Literature and film.

CHAPTER 3: Research Method which describes of Research Design, Unit of Analysis, Source Data, Technique of Data Collection, and Technique of Data Analysis.

CHAPTER 4: Present Data Analysis to mention the result of the research and the explanation as well.

CHAPTER 5: Conclusion and Suggestion describes about the conclusion of the research and suggestion for the process of the further research.