CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Study

David Carter, in his book *Literary Theory* defines literature as every written text includes history and philosophy (17). This definition appears before about 1800. Moreover, Arnold says that literature is separating from its beauty qualities and could become educational source in our live (qtd in Carter 21). Basically, there are two things that become the core of literature arrangement. One of them is psychological that mostly inside the thought of the author which is relate with imagination and creativity process (Ratna 192). So that, literature could be called as kind of art. There are many forms of art, like the composition of music notation, harmonious color arrangement in a picture, material configuration in architecture, and also characterization composition inside drama, novel, and so on.... (Ratna 192).

Novel as fiction story means something that specially made, formed, created, and imagined (Tarigan 120). The same thing also explained by Gill in his book *Mastering English Literature*, if novel as a work of art is specially made and formed by the author (130). He also thinks if a novel exists because the author has been determined to take its elements inside a certain way (77). As a kind of prose, novel is written in a particular length (Eagleton 1), such as *Chosen to Die* by Lisa Jackson which consists of 470 pages.

According to her official web site www.lisajackson.com, Lisa Jackson is number one bestselling author of New York Time with more than 85 novels. Until 2016, she has already written for about 168 books, with more than 30 of it become best seller to her name. There are for about 20 million copies of her book around the world that are translated into 20 different languages (2010). Lisa Jackson not only has a lot of fans around the world that bring her up to become number one New York Time bestselling author, but she also has a gift in describing the setting of her novel and make it looks like real (Boling 1). Jackson novels is mostly has a genre which called romantic suspense. Though most her novels are included into romantic suspense genre, a theme like serial murder is also raised. Serial murder is the subdivision of murder

This subdivision is done by the same offender with many victims but in different time. Serial murder also has its own characteristic. Such as it is doing in different chance, there is cooling off period, and emotional cooling off period (Morton et al 8-9). There is interesting fact about serial murder which is related to psychopath. The reality is not all of psychopath becomes serial murder while many of serial murder are psychopath (Morton et al 14). In order to understand why someone becomes serial murder, we should look back at the childhood of the offender and also comprehend how his environments interact with him before finally shaped the behavior.

The behavior a person displays is influenced by life experiences, as well as certain biological factors. Serial murderers, like all human beings, are the product of their heredity, their upbringing, and the choices they make throughout development (Morton et al 11).

However, if we talk about behavior of someone that also could be influenced by the environment around him, we could differentiate the environment into primer and secondary.

The primer environment is relating to people whom we have tight relationship with while secondary environment has more loose relationship. Primer environment has stronger effect in influencing someone behavior than secondary environment (Ahmadi 201). Furthermore, the influence of environment is not too significant if we compare with education. Generally, environment affected the behavior of someone passively. It just served some options that should be chosen by himself while education effected actively by conducting someone into certain way (Ahmadi 200). Just in case with serial murder, an offender did his action motivated by various things. According to *Serial Murder* book by Norton el al , there are seven motives of serial murder. One of them is anger and power/thrill.

Anger is a motivation in which an offender displays rage or hostility towards a certain subgroup of the population or with society as a whole. On the other hand, Power/thrill is a motivation in which the offender feels empowered and/or excited when he kills his victims (18).

A serial offender could be motivated by his anger when he decides to kill somebody. This feeling is an expression of his rage toward particular group or even the whole society in general. However, for some serial offender, they did it because they enjoy it. The offender feels he has a power to be able to kill somebody and feel entertained with it.

In United State, there are several cases about serial murder. Based on Beasley report about serial murder case in America, there is serial murder that the offender enjoys looking at someone dead. The offender is white male, 30 years old. His victims are female between 21 until 41 years old. He finds deep interest watching them died. He did it for about four years (400-401).

The next serial murder is done by a white male that has angry feeling to female. His live was started as drug abuse. He ever had a stable job. He has a wife, but his marriage is unhappy. At the age of 25 he killed three white females during two weeks period. His motive is seems to be factored by his difficulties of his last marriage (401-402).

However, a novel by Lisa Jackson under the title *Chosen to Die* is reflecting the case of serial murder in a form of literary work. Based on the previous explanation, the motive of serial murder which relates to psychological illness, this novel also delivers the same story. Bill Hicks as the serial offender is suspected to experience psychological illness that motivates him for killing many people.

Moreover, Johnson believes for someone who love mystery story and never read Lisa Jackson's book before, to start with this book is a good one. It will not make the reader feel sorry (1). Although the novel is 470 thick pages, the thesis writer get amazing experience in reading. The plot, character, and setting are working together in this novel well. It is so much entertaining for someone who loved mystery and thriller

Richard also stated if the reader stop to read the story although just for a while because of something, the reader will cannot stop to think about it (1). The pieces of clues that served in the story makes the reader fell curious with the answer about who the murderer is. The ways Jackson deliver the conflict in this novel creates never stop feeling to read over and over for knowing what happen

The describing of the setting is just amazing; it makes the reader could feel the cold of Bitteroot Mountain in a snow storm (Boling 1). Lisa Jackson not only has a good skill in creating the plot, but also in how she describes the setting of her novel. She describes the setting in every single place of the novel well. It will make the reader imagine how it looks like and feel like we are inside that place. Even the writer got an experience of watch movie than read a book. However, this novel is talking about serial murder that is done by Billy Hicks.

Based on the previous explanation, this thesis is going to analyze the serial murderer, Billy Hicks in the novel *Chosen to Die* by Lisa Jackson the main purpose of the analysis is to figure out the motive of Billy Hicks doing his murder with many victims. The novel would be analyzed based on the motive of Billy Hicks doing the crime. In order to solve the problem, it is necessary to know first how Billy Hicks is described in the novel and how his environment interacts with him, when finally is expected to shaped his behavior. However, this study would like to use psychoanalysis from Sigmund Freud as the approach.

1.2 Statements of Problem

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From the background of the study above, the statement of the problems are formulated as:

- 1. How is Billy Hicks described in Lisa Jackson's *Chosen to Die* novel?
- 2. How does Billy Hicks's characteristic motivate him to be a serial killer?

1.3 Purpose of Study

- 1. To understand how Billy Hicks is described in the novel.
- 2. To find out the motive of Billy Hicks's for becoming serial killer that motivate with his characteristic

1.4 Significance of The Study

This research is significance for not only the reader but also the thesis writer itself. Through this research the thesis writer could increase the understanding about the story of novel, especially the characterization of Billy Hicks and his reason for doing the crime which relates to the statements of problems. Furthermore, by this research the reader will more comprehend about psychoanalysis theory and how to use it in order to analyze a literary work

Practically, through this research, the thesis writer hope it could be used by the reader as on of reference in order to find out the motive of someone behavior based on the psychological condition of the person, so that the right solution could be found to solve the problem. Additionally, the thesis writer would like to introduce the other genre of novel called mystery. Mystery novel here is absolutely different with imagery mystery which relate to ghost, alien, or myth.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

To make this research more focused, it will be limited to *Chosen to Die* novel. In order to answer the statements of problems, The thesis writer will focus in the characterization of Billy Hicks in the novel and his motive for doing the crime based on Billy Hicks's point of view, that could be find in the novel *Chosen to Die*. The scope of this research is Billy Hicks's background for doing the crime through Freud's psychoanalysis point of view in the novel.

1.6 Method of The Study

This research is library based. Therefore the thesis writer used some references to support the research, such as, the novels as the primary source, books, journals, articles and online sources. The research is written mainly used descriptive method with following steps:

- 1. Reading the novel for a few times, in order to understand the story and choose the interesting part to be analyzed.
- 2. Selecting and collecting the data either in form of dialogue or narration that relate with the statement of the problems.
- 3. Analyzing the data by dividing the data into two groups. The first groups relates to characterization and the second group relates to psychoanalysis point of view which refers to the objective of the study.
- 4. Making conclusion based on the result of the analysis.

1.7 Definition of Key Terms

- 1. Novel : is fiction story means something that is specially made, formed, created, and imagined (Tarigan 120). The same thing also explained by Gill in his book, if novel as a work of art is specially made and formed by the author (130). He also thinks if a novel exists because the author has been determined to take its elements inside a certain way (77).
- Murder : is an unlawful action in order to make someone lost his life in the context of power, individual trouble, miserly, and even sexuality (qtd in Douglas 94)
- 3. Serial Murder : is subdivision of murder done by the same offender with many victims but in different time. Serial murder also has its own characteristic. Such as it is done in different chance, there is cooling off period, and emotional cooling off period (Morton et al 8-9).
- 4. Psychology : is the study of both biological and social science which concerned in the root of someone behavior and also social and environment that influence it (Warren and Wellek 7)