

## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Background of the Study

Al-Qur'an literally means a "perfect book". This name is the most appropriate book because there are no other books that are perfect like Al-Qur'an in this world. It is read by hundreds of millions of people. It is learned not only the composition of the editorial and the selection of vocabulary, but also implies the explicit and implicit (Shihab 3). Al-Qur'an is universal. It is created for all human being. It is an inspiration for all people especially Muslim. The content of Al-Qur'an is very special, so that it is the greatest miracle of all the time (Mustafid 151).

Al-Qur'an is the basic guidelines for human life. It is the word delivered by Jibril to the Prophet Muhammad, *Peace be upon Him*, and then accepted by Muslim gradually or *Mutawattir* (Shihab 43). Al-Qur'an is the primary source of Islamic law. Every Muslim is obliged to adhere to the laws contained in it in order to become an obedient human being to God, to follow all the commandments of God and stay away from all prohibitions.

Al-Qur'an consists of *aqidah akhlak*/ moral, worship, laws, *takdzir*/ warns commands, prohibitions and also histories/ stories. Stories in the Qur'an are drawn from actual historical events and put in an eloquent, beautiful style



and then they have to marry her twin sister, but Adam wants his sons and daughters marry in a cross. Qabil cannot accept it because his twin sister is more beautiful than Habil's twin sister. Then, Adam ordered both, Habil and Qabil to offer a sacrifice to Allah Almighty. Habil offered a fat she-goat, while Qabil offered a bundle of bad plants. Later, a fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice offered by Habil and left untouched that of Qabil. Qabil became livid with rage. Qabil feels unfair because Habil marry his sister. Then, he killed Habil by throws a rock at his head while he was asleep (Katheer 8).

All accident that happened there must be something that people can learn, as well as the story of *Habil and Qabil*. Al-Qur'an is a way of life, so that people must do the positive things and avoid the negative things (Shihab 9). One of the lessons the writer can take from the story of *Habil and Qabil* is that everyone wants to be treated fairly. As a result of jealousy and feeling unfair, Qabil can kill his own brother, Habil. This story could happen anywhere and anytime as long as human roams the Earth.

The kind of story like *Habil and Qabil* also happens nowadays. It can be found in literary works. It contains about human's life, what is the good and bad for people to gain happiness. That means, the story of *Habil and Qabil* can be experienced by people in the past and nowadays. This is similar with literature that also expression of human experience or people's life.

Literature is the vital records of what people have seen in life, what they have experienced of it, what they have thought and felt about these aspects of it

which have the most immediate and enduring interest for all of us. It is thus fundamentally an expression of life through the medium of language (Hudson 10). Literature can be defined as writing having excellence of form or expression and expressing ideas of permanent or universal interest. In other words, literature is language that portrays certain qualities including textual features and value judgments. These qualities frequently will have an impact on the readers and will also shape or change their views on areas of human life by a good use of language and the style used by author, which should be appear to the readers. It is in literature that the readers will be able to find a full outlook of man, the life, and the ideal values of a society.

Literature is also an expression of society (Wellek and Warren 95). In addition, it opens up much wider possibility for the direct communication of experience. Literature can be said as a media of communication between writer and reader for in literature the readers will be able to find out what moral values that the writer wants to say through his works. The moral values that are included inside the literary works might help the readers develop their maturity. People are intensely interested in lives, motives, passions, relationships; hence the literature which deals with the great drama of human life and action (Hudson 11). People are fond of telling others about the things they have seen or imagined.

Literature can be equated with a collection of stories, poems and plays that revolve around a particular topic. However, those three genres do have different characteristics. A poem is a composition usually written in verse.

Poems rely heavily on imagery, figure of speech and rhythm. A play or drama offers another classical literary form that generally comprises chiefly dialogue between characters. Prose includes novel, short stories, myth, parable, romance and epic. In these works there are always some characters that usually will be raised and developed in certain circumstances through conflict that usually will involve the reader's emotion.

A novel, as one of the literary genres, is an account of life in the narrative forms. Novels are different from stories, poems, and narratives in a number of key respects (Ellis 2). All novels are books, but not all books are novels. A novel is an exploration of human action and reaction. In these works there are always some characters that will be developed in certain circumstances through conflict that usually will involve the reader's emotion.

One of the elements of novel is character. Every character has its own characterization with describe to understand the character as human. People can see it from the psychological point of view. Psychology is endlessly fascinating science of human mind and behavior, and it can be rewarding tool for enhancing our understanding and appreciation of literature and of ourselves (Gillespie 43). The author has freedom to create something that is interesting to discuss and put conflict then see what happens. Thus, there will be no limitation for its length for the content is able to attract the reader into curiosity. Moreover, a novel represents the fictional narrative of life and experience. Compared to the other literary works, novel can be based on a true story that everybody might have experienced. It is proved with the novel that

written by Robert Galbraith that has similar story with the story of *Habil and Qabil*.

Robert Galbraith wrote a novel titled *The Cuckoo's Calling*. Robert Galbraith is another name of J.K. Rowling. She is known as a fantasy novelist. Her famous writing is Harry Potter series. J.K. Rowling was born on July 1965 in England and grew up in Chepstow, Gwent where she went to Wyedean Comprehensive. She started writing the Harry Potter series during a delayed Manchester to London King's Cross train journey, and during the next five years, outlined the plots for each book and began writing the first novel. J.K. Rowling has also written two small volumes, which appear as the titles of Harry's school books within the novels.

The reason why the writer is interested in analyze J.K. Rowling's writing is because it is her first crime novel and the writer also interested in the plot. As the writer mentioned before, J.K. Rowling is already known as a fantasy novelist. So the writer wants to know about the plot that she created. This novel also reflects the story of *Habil and Qabil* in the Al-Qur'an.

The story of *The Cuckoo's Calling* is appealing because the story and conflict of the characters, particularly John Bristow is unusual. The writer would like to analyze minor character, John Bristow than the main character, Cormoran Strike. The minor character, John Bristow is depicted as an ordinary lawyer. He struggles doing good to his parent, so that he can be accepted by them. At this point, John Bristow grows in fear and jealousy and he feels that

their parent love his brother and sister more than him. Although he does all the good things, his parent still loves his brother and sister. John Bristow and his brother and sister are all adopted by his foster parent, but he feels he is treated differently. He feels unfair that his parent hate him all the time, do not care about him at all and he does not exist in their eyes. Because of that, he kills his brother, Charlie when he was in his childhood. John Bristow did it so that his parent recognize him more, but he is wrong because his parent think about his brother and grief-stricken over the death. Then, his sister, Lula Landry comes adopted by his parent and he kills her too.

Based on the discussion above, the writer wants to study about John Bristow's psychological problem and its connection with story in the Al-Qur'an. The minor character, John Bristow is feeling unfair just like Qabil in the story of *Habil and Qabil*. Besides, there is no study has been done on this topic yet.

## **1.2 Statement of the Problems**

Based on the background of the study explained above, the writer is interested in analyzing the problems, which are formulated as follows:

1. How is John Bristow characterized in the novel *The Cuckoo's Calling*?
2. What is the motif of John Bristow's killing his brother and sister?
3. Does John Bristow reflect the character of Qabil?





the Al- Qur'an. So, this thesis can broaden the reader's knowledge that Al-Qu'ran is universal and very human and inspires all people, not only Muslims.

Also, the writer wants to inform that there are so many modern writers whose works we should be proud of, like Robert Galbraith or known as J.K. Rowling. Therefore, the writer would like to convince other students that those new writers deserve to be taken consideration. The writer hopes that this study will invite other students and encourage them to study novels written by modern writers for it is a commendable work and certainly as good as the classic novel.

Finally, the writer hopes this analysis will be useful for readers to enrich their knowledge psychology also to understand the problems occur in the character.

## **1.6 Method of Study**

This research is library based. Therefore the writer makes good use of some books including the novel itself as the primary source, articles, journals, and online resources. In presenting the analysis, the writer mainly uses descriptive analytical method. The research follows the following steps:

1. Reading the novel to get the complete and well understanding on the whole story.
2. Selecting and collecting the data in form of narration and conversation from the novel related to the problem

3. Analyzing the data collected by firstly categorizing them into two points, dealing with the statement of problems. Then, each point is analyzed using Psychology theory, which refers to the objectives of the study.
4. Making conclusion based on the result of data analysis.

### **1.7 Definition of Key Terms**

To avoid any different perceptions between the writer and the readers in understanding the study, it is essential to give some definition of key terms used in this study. Here are the key terms explained:

1. Reflection : Reflection is an active process whereby the professional can gain an understanding of how historical, social, cultural and personal experiences have contributed to professional knowledge and practice (Wilkinson 1996).
2. Psychological problem: a syndrome characterized by clinically significant disturbance in an individual's cognition, emotion regulation, or behavior that reflects a dysfunction in the psychological, biological, or developmental processes underlying mental functioning (Eric 2013).
3. Anxiety : Anxiety is an emotion and overwhelming sense of apprehension and fear often marked by psychological signs such as sweating, tension, and increased pulse by doubt concerning the reality and nature of the threat and by self-doubt about one's capacity to cope with it (Hall 62).

