

Chapter I

Introduction

Basic consideration

A novel is one of the literary works delivered in the written form. There are some factors that influence a story of a novel. One of the factors is a character. The character in the literary works can be a human, an animal or a character of the author's imagination. In a novel, mostly the author prefers to use the human as the character of a story. According to Abrams (1999, p.32), a character is a person who is presented by the authors of literary works whether in dramatic or narrative. In a novel, the author presents the personality of the characters through the dialog and action, each character has its own personality and own role in a story. That makes the personality of character becomes one of the interesting objects to be analyzed in a novel. One of the interesting characters to be analyzed is Kate Blackwell of the novel *Master of the Game* by Sidney Sheldon.

Kate is a beautiful woman who is struggling with her company inheritance into an international conglomerate. Kate is a daughter of a Scottish named Jamie McGroger. Jamie is a diamond thief who is successful becoming a rich man and builds his own company called Kruger-Brent Ltd. Moreover, her mother is Margaret. Margaret is a daughter of a rich cheater in Klipdrif, South Africa. Kate lost her father when Kate was a baby while Margaret had to take care of Kate and her company assisted by David. David Blackwell is Jamie's trusted partner at his company. Since her childhood, Kate is known as a stubborn

and wild child. Margaret had been invited by the school stakeholder to expel Kate from her School. At the moment, the only one that could soften the hardest of Kate was David.

When Kate was seven years old, Kate and Margaret became prisoners of war because at the time England declared war with South Africa. While David became a soldier for

African troops. It saved in Kate's memory that power can save someone's life. After the war ended, Kate went to school. Before Kate finished her school her mother was died

because of cancer. Kate continued her life and kept her company assisted by David until Kate fell in love with her company. One day, David told to resign from Kruger-Brent

because he was going to be married Josephine and he would be moved to Francisco.

Josephine is the daughter of the O-neils company owner from Francisco. It hurt Kate

because from childhood Kate had believed one day she would marry David although

David is 22 years older than Kate. It made Kate secretly ruining David's wedding plan until

Kate married David. They had a son named Tony but David died before Tony was born.

Kate wanted to make Tony become her successor in leading the company but Tony wanted

to become a painter. It made Kate manipulate the situation until Tony stopped his dream

and married Marianne. Then, Kate persuaded Tony's wife to keep her pregnancy until

Tony's wife died and Tony became depressed.

Based on the story of the novel, it can be seen that Kate had unpleasant experiences. She

had been a prisoner of war so Kate thought that power could save her and her family. In

addition Kate also knows his father is a diamond thief who succeeds in building his own

diamond company. All that unconsciously saved in Kate's mind that causes the disorder personality in Kate. It can be seen how Kate prioritizes her desire and ignores the rights of others even her own family to get what she wants. Therefore, this research analyzes deeply about personality disorder of Kate Blackwell that is used the theory of personality disorder by the American Psychiatric Association. The American Psychiatric Association explains about the criteria of personality disorder, which is an eternal pattern of someone's behavior that deviates from its culture. Moreover, the American Psychiatric Association (1994, p.629) in DMS-IV (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorder) divides personality disorder into ten types. *"They are Paranoid Personality Disorder, Schizoid Personality Disorder, Schizotypal personality Disorder, Antisocial Personality Disorder, Borderline Personality Disorder, Histrionic Personality Disorder, Narcissistic Personality Disorder, Avoidant Personality Disorder, Dependent Personality Disorder, and Obsessive-personality Disorder"*. Nevertheless, this current research only focuses on using two types of personality disorder. They are Narcissistic Personality Disorder and Antisocial Personality Disorder. It is because the narcissistic and antisocial personality disorder is closed in human activity, so it becomes interested to be known.

American Psychiatric Association (1994, p.629) defines narcissistic personality disorder as an excessively self-centered personality disorder, lack of empathy from others and always requires excessive admiration. The human that has this personality disorder will be the focus on her self-interest and they do not care about others' interest. Whereas, an

antisocial personality disorder is a does not care or not responsible personality and violates the rules and right of other. The character that has this personality disorder often violates the social norms and does not care about the mistakes of what /he did.

One example which would be mention of personality disorder is from a character in the novel master of the game. This character indicates as disorder because of several pre-readings that raise presumption based on the theory on limitation which mentioned above. Marianne as Kate's daughter-in-law told Kate about her visited in Dr. Haley. She told Dr. Haley diagnosed her has a disease that made her could not have a baby from their own because pregnancy would increase her blood and made her in a danger or the worse was, it might kill her. So, Dr. Harley advised to do abortion and adopt a baby if they wanted a baby. But when Marianne told Kate about that, Kate did not care about Dr. Harley said, she was persuaded Marianne to keep her pregnancy and alarm Dr. Harley to stop suggest Marianne do abortion. It is shown in the data below:

*"I'll arrange for an immediate abortion," he told Marianne.
"No, Dr. Harley. I feel fine. I'm going to have a baby."
When Marianne told Kate about her visit, Kate Stormed into John Harley's Office.
"how dare you suggest my daughter-in-law have an abortion?"
"Kate, I told her that if she carries that baby to term, there's a chance it might kill her."
"You don't know that. She's going to be fine. Stop alarming her."
(Master of the Game, P. 236)*

The dialog above shows Kate does not care about the health of her daughter-in-law and her son's feeling. Kate just thinking about how she keeps the baby. It is because the baby will be her successor in her company. Kate knows keeping the pregnancy will make her

daughter-in-law die and her son mad at her. But Kate persuades Marianne to keep the pregnancy even though Dr. Harley alarmed them about the consequence. Regarding the theory of personality disorder by the American Psychiatric Association (1994), Kate indicated has a narcissistic personality disorder. It is because Kate only thinks about her important that is to get her successor and to get that she exploited her daughter-in-law. In accordance, this analysis is infrequently analyses by many researchers. Therefore, considering the amount of researcher and personality disorder is really crucial to be known, thus analyses are important to be conducted. Thus, this research will be *Personality Disorder by Kate Character in Novel "Master of the Game" by Sidney Sheldon*.

Research Question

How is personality disorder through Kate's character in novel *Master of the Game*?

Objective of research

The objective of this research is to identify Kate's personality disorder specifically in narcissistic personality disorder and antisocial personality disorder.

Scope of Research

In the theory of personality disorder, there are ten types that can be used to analyze the personality of a character, such as narcissistic personality disorder, paranoid personality disorder, and antisocial personality disorder and etc. Nevertheless, this research limited in analyzing Kate's character in novel *Master of the Game* using narcissistic personality disorder and antisocial personality disorder.

Significant of research

This research is expected to be useful for the reader and future researcher. Moreover, there are theoretical and practical significances of the analysis that can be taken from research.

Theoretically, this research can be used for readers, especially the students of the English Department to expand their knowledge about personality disorder especially narcissistic personality disorder and antisocial personality disorder in their self or others.

Practically, this research can be used for the future researcher who will analyze about personality disorder in literary works. It also can be used for lecturer to know the students personality and it would help lecturer in control the class.