

Chapter 1

Introduction

This chapter attempts to present the basic consideration of this research regarding to the gay lives of the characters in *Hustling* Novel by John Preston through sociology of literature. This chapter also present the question in this research is followed by research objective, scope of the study, and the significance of the study of this research.

Background

Sexual disorientation becomes a spectre in our society which frighten for most of human race on earth. They believe that sexual disorientation can deprave of human structure on human life. Based on Haas (2011) on his article which titled *Sexual Disorientation*, sexual disorientation is the same-sex sexual attraction as sexual preference. The explanation above shows that sexual disorientation contradicts with providence of human race.

There are some cases which is consequence from sexual disorientation itself. First, Case of Józef Demjan as a child was sexually abused by adult man and in his view; this was the cause why he become gay. It is happened on September 8, 2012. Second, Case of Bob Dixon said “I have put the childhood abuse and the teenage confusion behind me. What others intended for harm has resulted in untold good. I have overcome, and will not allow evil to win”. It is happened on July 28, 2015. Third, “when I was five years old an adult male confronted me in a sexual manner, as a child I was very emotionally sensitive,

artistic, and musical". It is case of Dennis Jernigan on July 2, 2016 and many more. All of this case causes of sexual disorientation.

Base on Abdul Hamid El-Qudah (2015), Specialist doctor of AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases from Federation of Islamic Medical Associations (FIMA), on his book which titled *Luth Community in This Era*, there are several impacts of Sexual disorientation. It is Healthy aspect, Social aspect, Education aspect, Safety aspect. From the explanation above, the researcher concludes the impact from sexual disorientation itself. First, sexual disorientation depraved proliferate of human race. Second, break the rule from religion, society, healthy. Moreover, sexual disorientations community unionizing and that community named LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender) for demanding their human right.

LGBT become an issue in our society. It is like a virus that infected person one by one, by several aspects. One of the biggest aspects is Social life. Based on Gates (2015) there are 901.997 homosexual couples in US, and 99 percent of them living on US, it is the 35 percent population homosexual in the world. That is the evidence LGBT increasing every day.

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender are one of the problems of gender identity in world. According to Scoot (2016) on the article which titled *The LGBT and Genders identity*, the truth about the LGBT coalition is that all of its members hold one thing in common is gender-identity disorder. The heterosexual physiology of human beings is self-evident. The very concept of gender

necessarily derives from our male/female complimentary design. The masculinity of normal men and femininity of normal woman is also self-evident. As the fact that each gender shares some of the personality traits of it is opposite in a roughly balanced proportion that slightly favours the characteristics associated with one's male or female design.

In this case, the researcher will talk about Gay in briefly. Gay is the couple of homosexual between gentlemen, they are community which love each other with gentlemen as a couple of life, indeed in the several countries, gay can get married easily like in US, England, Belgium, Russia, and Etc.

Gay also has a prostitution which uses a gentleman as a player. Gay can pay the player to do everything with them, like hang out, come to bar together, furthermore to fulfil their desire about every single thing that they want.

Sexual disorientation is one of the social orders that cannot be eliminated from disorder, considering that since ancient times there have been many histories of gays, ranging from the prophet Luth, the Azande tribe in the Kongo African in the early 20th century, Khnumhoptep and Niankhkhnum who were partners the first homosexuals recorded in ancient Egyptian history 2400 BC and many more strings of history that contain stories from such gays.

Talking about the existing social order, cannot be separated from social interaction that occurs between social actors who are in it, therefore researcher will explore the relationship between the social side that exists in the community with sexual disorientation that occurs in it, but in this case researcher will explore

the social side in a story that will become the main issues in this study, considering this research is in the field of literature.

First of all sociology is the study of companionship, meaning social interaction and its resultant relationship that exists between companions or groups of human beings. Based on H. K. Rawat (2010) on his journal *Sociology Basic Concepts*. Because seeing the existence of social symptoms that occur in a story, so that created a branch of sociology which is engaged in the field of literature that is engaged in the field of literature, namely sociology of literature.

This is a brief explanation about sociology of literature. It is for helping the reader about sociology of literature itself. On 1828-1893, Hippolyte Taine is person who for the first time tried to provide a systematic formula of 'race, milieu and moment' to comprehend and analyse literature in the context of sociology of literature, is regarded as the father of the sociology of literature.

The sociology of literature is special study about relationship a literary work between the social structures in which it is created. According to Wellek and Warren (1949) Listed on Damono (1984), they make a brief classification as follows: First, the sociology of the author who defeats social status, social ideology, and others concerning the author as a producer of literature. Secondly, the sociology of literature works that defines the literary work itself; the subject of the study is what is implied in the literary work and what is its purpose. The third is the sociology of literature that defines the reader and the social influence of literary works. In short, the researcher argues that sociology of literature is

perspective of literature which is find out the value by use story itself, history, and authors background.

Furthermore, literature is work which several experts said a work that reflected human society. Whitehead (1997) on his book titled *Science and The Modern World* said that "It is in literature that the concrete outlook of humanity receives its expression". Moreover, Wellek and Warren (1963) stated that "Literature is not just a document of facts; it is not just the collection of real events though it may happen in the real life". It is means that he believed that literature is happened in the real life. That statement makes the researcher curious about relevancy between the social life and the literature itself.

Hustling is a one of novel written by John Preston on 1994, this novel reflected human society in United States on that era like the setting of the story because literature itself is a reflection of human society based on Wellek and Warren stated before. This novel talk about Gay's life to fine art Homosexual prostitution. The basic problem of this novel is being a male prostitute as a job, and people's perception of the occupation. As Jeffery Weeks acknowledges (1985), for example, "Lesbians and gay men are not two genders within one sexual category". They have different histories, which are differentiated because of the complex organization of male and female identities, precisely along lines of gender.' In this case they do sexual disorientation by themselves because everybody has different main, characters and the idea. Thus, the researcher will focus to analyse gay lives of the characters in

Hustling novel by John Preston was described if it will be observed through sociology of literature.

Research question

This study focuses on the following one research question:

How does gay lives of the main character “I” in *Hustling* novel by John Preston through sociology of literature?

Objective of the study

Based on the problem statement, the aim of this study is to analyse gay lives of the characters in *Hustling* novel by John Preston through sociology of literature, moreover the description and explanation of the finding in that novel.

Scope of the study

This research focuses on analysing gay lives of the main character “I” in *Hustling* novel by John Preston through sociology of literature. Furthermore, to analyse the novel the researcher will use sociology of literature. The researcher will see three aspects. First, the social life on literary works; second, the history around literary works itself to prove is there any relation between them; third, the background of the author, because the researcher has to know about the relation between author life and their works.

Significance of study

In terms of theoretical contribution, this study is expected to conduct for some aspects. For the researcher, this study can help researcher to develop his

knowledge about literature, particularly to analyse sociology in a novel.

Therefore, to give some references how to conduct the research related to literature field especially sociology of literature.

This study will give information to other researchers which want to conduct research using *Hustling* novel by John Preston in the future. This study also can be as a consideration to conduct other research on literature field. The novel can be criticizes because not all of culture in the world can accept the life of gay. Here I as a researcher only want to see the lives of gay like on research question. That's why when the researcher sees by sociology of literature, the researcher can reveal how they live, how someone becomes a gay etc. that will describe in this research.