CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the researcher discusses the initial part of the research. The chapter consists of the research background, identification of the problem, research questions, objectives of the study, limitation of the problem, and significance of the study.

1.1 Research Background

A literary work is a thought, idea, feeling, and even creativity that someone pours into writing. A literary work is a result of human imagination, which takes the life of another human or even their personal life to serve as a source of inspiration and imagination. According to Wicaksono (2017) literature work in the form of writing is an expression of human problems and humanity, about the meaning of life and existence, and the sufferings of human beings. In human life, literary works significantly influence daily life, but many people are unaware of this and ignore it.

A literary work is also a form of art that is still developing and is in great demand by many generations, both the younger and older generations, in this ever-developing era. Even though literary works are being battered by increasingly sophisticated technology, literary works can adapt and develop quite well. Literary work also means imaginative work, which is the result of human creation that is creative and aesthetic (Sanjaya, 2021).

Literary works generally consist of only two genres, fiction and non-fiction. According to Wicaksono (2017) "Based on whether a story is real or not, novels are divided into two types. The first is fiction and the second one is non-fiction. Fiction novels are novels that tell stories about things that are fictitious and never happened, the characters, plot, and background are just the author's invention. Non-fiction is the opposite of a fiction novel, which tells about real things that have happened. This type of novel is based on someone's experience, a true story, or based on history".

In a literary work, one of the other is a novel and there are so many things that can be analyzed in the novel. One of the many examples is examining the characteristics of the characters in the novel. Because, basically a character has many characteristics in it. This character allows the author to research what the characters in the novel are like. Characteristics are the traits or manners of a person (Arifudin, 2022).

As in real life, if someone wants to know someone's characteristics, the thing needs to do is analyze and study of what kind person is in social life. Apart from that, a character also has a relationship with psychology. For instance, in this millennial era, there is so much news about someone having mental health problems, especially from young people whom we can call "Gen Z Millennials". This happens because of their jobs, social environment, toxic relationships, social media, and so on. Many problems occur in this world regarding the characteristics and mental health that attack the younger generation. There is quite a lot of news circulating about the suicides of middle school, high school,

and even college students and the mental health of these young people triggers these things. Because of these issues, the researcher is interested in using the mental health issue in the research. To avoid mental health issues, people have to know and have a deep understanding of a good and bad character example of a human being. So in this research, the researcher analyzes the characteristics of one of the characters in the Overlord novel by Maruyama, namely the main character using Hippocrates Theory.

There have been many cases where the younger generation underestimates mental health problems, to the detriment of other people. Quite a few young people today dare to abuse their parents. This is certainly not justified, so mental health affects everyone's life. In this research, the researcher analyses the mental state of the main character using APA (American Psychology Association) theory. This analysis was carried out of course based on the mental state problems that occur quite a lot these days. In examining the characteristics of the main character in this research, the researcher uses Hippocrates theory to strengthen and support the explanations and answers needs.

1.2 Identification of the Problem

In this life, everyone has problems in their life. One of the problems that is currently circulating is mental state. In real life, mental state is very influential. If someone has a strong mentality, he can face the trials of his experiences. However, even so, it does not rule out the possibility that someone

who has mental health problems cannot manage their condition well. Because of this, researchers have interest and interest in researching this research. The main reason the researcher wants to analyze this topic is because the researcher wants to analyze the characterization of the main character in the novel Overlord by Maruyama. The researcher also intended to evaluate the mental state of the main character from the novel Overlord by Maruyama.

1.3 Research Questions

In this study, some problems will be discussed, those are:

1. What are the characteristics of the main character in the novel Overlord by Maruyama analyzed by using Hippocrates' theory?

2. What are the main character's mental state in Maruyama's Overlord novel as analyzed by using APA theory?

1.4 Objectives of the Study

The objectives of this study are:

1. To analyze the characteristics of the main character in the novel Overlord by Maruyama using the theory proposed by Hippocrates.

2. To analyze the mental state of the main character in Maruyama's Overlord novel based on APA theory.

1.5 Limitation of the Study

In this research, the study focuses on and is limited to analyzing the characterization and the mental state of the main character. This is based on real incidents where many people have problems with their characteristics and mental health which has attacked many people, especially the millennial generation in this day. In the novel Overlord, the researcher focuses on the characteristics and mental state of the main character. The novel studied is also the first volume of Overlord, the contents of the novel are narration and dialogue from the characters in the novel. Apart from that, the use of theory focuses on individual characteristics from Hippocrates and psychological theory from APA, the researcher tries to analyze the answers to existing problems.

1.6 Significances of the Study

There are some significance of the study:

a. Theoretical benefits:

In theoretical, this research is expected to have benefits for:

1. Readers, this study is expected to increase readers' knowledge about novels, especially novels related to the characterization of the main character in the novel Overlord by Maruyama, and also about psychological research in a literary work.

2. Further Researcher, in theoretical it is hoped from this research that future researchers can use this study as their reference regarding the

characteristics of the main characters and also research on mental states in literary works.

b. Practical benefits:

For the practical benefits,

1. Readers, this study is hoped can help the readers understand and know what good leadership should be.

2. Further Researcher, it is hoped that this study help to make it easier for literary practitioners to find the answers they are looking for regarding the characteristics and psychology of literary works.