CHAPTER I
INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of The Study

People live in the society as social creatures. They interact and communicate with one another every single day. The medium of communication is language. The using of language involves psychological element when people use language to express their opinion and idea. Psychology is one of the crucial aspects of human being. Psychology is the study of mental processes, behavior, and the relationship between them. Mental processes include skills like learning, reasoning, emotion, and motivation. There is also deviation of norms in psychology of human being and it is generally speaking as abnormal psychology. Barlow (1995: 315) explained that abnormal psychology is the branch of psychology that deals with studying, explaining and treating mental disorders and also what effect they have on people’s lives. There are some kinds of abnormal psychology, they are neurosis, psychosis, schizophrenia, mental retardation, stress, and also psychopath.

As Robert D. Hare quotes, psychopath can be considered one of the prototypical disorders associated with empathic dysfunction. It is characterized partly by antisocial behavior, a lack capacity for remorse, and poor behavioral controls. Psychopaths are born with temperamental differences such as impulsivity and fearlessness that lead them to risk-seeking behavior and an inability to internalize social norms. Cleckley (1941: 385) describes the psychopathic person as outwardly a perfect mimic of a normally functioning person, able to mask or disguise the
fundamental lack of internal personality structure, an internal chaos that results in repeatedly purposeful destructive behavior, often more self-destructive than destructive to others. Despite the seemingly sincere, intelligent, even charming external presentation, internally the psychopathic person does not have the ability to experience genuine emotions. Psychopaths tend to make a good first impression on others and often strike observers as remarkably normal. Yet they are self-centered, dishonest and undependable, and at times they engage in irresponsible behavior for no apparent reason. Psychopath as mental disorder is often adopted becomes theme of literary works as is in novel Hannibal Rising by Thomas Harris which adopts psychopathic personality as its motif of novel.

_Hannibal Rising_ novel is Thomas Harris’ fifth novel after his four former novels such Black Sunday (1975), Red Dragon (1981), The Silence of the Lambs (1988), and Hannibal (1999). This story was taken place in Lithuanian countryside in 1944. Hannibal Lecter was eight years old and he lived with his family in Lecter castle built by Hannibal the Grim, his paternal ancestor. Lecter, his younger sister, Mischa, and his parents escaped to the family’s hunting lodge in the woods on the second day of Operation Barbarossa when Hitler swept across Eastern Europe into Russia. When his parents died in the invasion of Germans, there was still Lecter and his younger sister, Mischa remained. One night, six Lithuanian militiamen lead by Vladis Grutas hide at the Lecter’s lodge in the woods. Finding no food in cold Baltic winter, they ate Mishe who was sick in front of Hannibal Lecter himself. Hannibal Lecter, thirteen years old was bought by his uncle, Robert Lecter out of the orphanage to live in France with him and his wife Lady Murasaki. He grew as supreme intelligent man. He also the youngest person admitted to medical school in France but he still
reminded about his revenge to the killers of Mischa. He turned into serial killer and haunted the killers of his younger sister.

After read this novel, the writer found that behaviors of the leading character of Hannibal Rising novel were far from normal behaviors. He avoided children in the orphanage and he treated them unwell. He pretended to be friendly to new people but actually he did not like that. He was destructive and killed many people. All the abnormal behaviors referred to the characteristics of psychopathic personality. His behaviors were far from what normal people did so he could be classified as a man with abnormal psychology called psychopath.

Novel as one kind of literary work can apply psychological theory. Novel is fictional narratives representing a way of life or an experience so characters in novel are adopted from people in real life. An author applies psychological laws in creating characters in his novel. So, psychology can enter into literature by the study of creative process, the study of psychological types and laws present within work of literature, and also the study of effects of literature upon its reader that can be analyzed by using extrinsic approach.

One of the most psychology of literature theories to approach novel as literary work is psychoanalytic theory by Sigmund Freud. According to Sigmund Freud, personality is composed of three elements: id, ego, and superego. Id includes instinctive and primitive behavior as the source of all psychic energy. It is based on pleasure principle which strives for immediate gratification of all desires, wants, and need. Ego is based on the reality principle and it understands that desires and needs are not always can be fulfilled. Ego controls Id to aware about the real world. While superego is the aspect of personality that holds entire moral standards and ideals that people acquire from families and society. When ego and superego cannot control
influence of a bad childhood memory and denied desire, id will take control of entire mental and behavior to be impulsive and cruel as happens on the leading character of novel *Hannibal Rising* who cannot control his id because of the influence of his bad childhood memory so he kills the killer’s of his sister inhumanly.

In this study, the writer wants to explain the literature, in this case novel, can show the abnormal psychology phenomena that happen in the society. The author of *Hannibal Rising* applies the principles of psychology in creating the leading character of his novel, Hannibal Lecter. Thomas Harris can depict the process when a very bad experience in life makes the personality of someone changes into psychopathic personality and adopts it as the motif of novel and becomes the part of literature.

**1.2 Problems of the Study**

In relation to the background of the analysis, there are some problems will be analyzed, they are:

a) Does the leading character of *Hannibal Rising* novel suffer from psychopath? What are the characteristics of psychopath which reflected in leading character of *Hannibal Rising* novel?

b) Why does the leading character of novel *Hannibal Rising* become psychopath?
1.3 Objective of the Study

Every analysis should have purposes to be reached out and related to those problems above, the purposes of this analysis are:

a) To prove that the leading character of novel *Hannibal Rising* suffers from psychopathic personality by finding the characteristics of psychopath based on the theory by Hervey Cleckley.

b) To depict the reason why the leading character of novel *Hannibal Rising* becomes psychopath.

1.4 Scope of the Study

An analysis should have limitation in order to make the analysis focused on the topic of the discussion. The analysis is focused on the characteristics of psychopath based on the theory by Hervey Cleckley which are depicted through the leading character of novel *Hannibal Rising*. The characteristics of psychopath are such as superficial charm and good "intelligence; unreliability; untruthfulness and insincerity; lack of remorse or shame; and inadequately motivated antisocial behavior.

The analysis is also concerned on the reason why the leading character of the novel *Hannibal Rising* becomes psychopath based on the theory by Derek Russel Davis. The writer would like to analyze the process of the leading character of the novel *Hannibal Rising* becomes psychopath which is related to the past of the leading character itself.
1.5 Significance of the Study

The study gives some advantages to the reader about the novel *Hannibal Rising*. Firstly, the significance of this study is to give more understanding about the relationship between novel and psychology. Novel *Hannibal Rising* adapts the psychological phenomenon as the theme of its novel and this study is expected to enrich reader’s knowledge about psychological phenomenon found in a novel. Secondly, through this research the reader is expected to understand about abnormal psychology because psychological disorder which is called psychopath can be found through the leading character of novel *Hannibal Rising*. Hannibal Lecter as the leading character in that novel shows us the characteristics of psychopath which is an abnormal psychology that is influenced by his past.