

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

“Literature is a form of human expression” (Rexroth). It can be in the form of stories, poems, and plays that revolve around a particular topic. Most of them are concerned with the realities in life, for example love, happiness, death, and many more. According to Perrine, literature can give us a picture of life, which can enlarge our understanding about this world. “Interpretive literature takes us, through the imagination, deeper into the real world: it enables us to understand our trouble” (Perrine 4). It means a literary work can teach us about what life really is and give some deep moral advice.

Every literary genre, namely prose, poetry, and drama are very interesting to read but I decide to analyze novel instead of other literary genres because novel is very refreshing to read. “The novel deals with human character in a social situation” (Taormina). Novel gives us complete details about the characters, the situation, and the problem in the story, which makes it easier for me as a reader to understand the main point of the story.

There are many types of novel such as thriller, romance, or science fictions and many more. Each type of novel has a unique story which expresses the writers' idea. "The interpretive writer is a discoverer: he takes us to the midst of life and says, look here the world!" (Perrine 4). One of the interpretive writers who give us a meaningful story is Paulo Coelho.

I choose Paulo Coelho because he is one of the authors who writes a lot of great novels and I choose his novel to be analyzed because most of his novels become bestselling books. Paulo Coelho is a famous Brazilian author. Since he published The Alchemist, many readers admire his works. Coelho has sold over 100 million books in over 150 countries ("Biography").

Among all his works, I choose The Devil and Miss Prym. It is a story about a young woman who has to struggle between good and evil to achieve her happiness. This story is full of conflicts and also the characters try to find the answer about what is the essence of human being. As a result, I become very interested to analyze this novel.

In this thesis, I want to analyze theme through inner conflicts which has been experienced by the characters in the story. According to Perrine's Story and Structure, "conflict is a clash of actions, ideas, desires, or wills" (Perrine 42). "The central conflict and its outcome" (Perrine 110) create an excitement for readers. In my opinion, the inner conflicts in this novel are important issues to analyze because it can reveal the main idea of the story. According to Perrine's Story and Structure, inner conflict is "conflict with some element in his own nature (man against himself)" (Perrine 42). From the inner conflicts which are experienced by the characters, I can see how the characters must struggle between

good and evil and how they solve their inner conflicts in order to reach their true happiness.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

The problems are stated as follows:

1. What is the theme of the work entitled The Devil and Miss Prym?
2. How do the inner conflicts help in revealing the theme?

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

Based on the statement of the problem above, this study is done:

1. To show the theme of the work in The Devil and Miss Prym.
2. To show how do the inner conflicts help in revealing the theme.

METHOD OF RESEARCH

The method of research used in this study is library research. I start my research by reading The Devil and Miss Prym as the primary text. Secondary reading such as Story and Structure, How to Analyze Fiction and Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary of Current English are also included in my research. I also read and compile some texts that are taken from the internet.

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE THESIS

This thesis consists of four chapters. The thesis starts with Acknowledgement, Table of Contents and Abstract. The first chapter is the Introduction, which consists of the Background of the Study, the Statement of the

Problems, the Purpose of the Study, the Method of Research, and the Organization of the Thesis. Chapter Two is the Analysis of Theme through Inner Conflicts in Paulo's Coelho The Devil and Miss Prym. The last chapter is the Conclusion. The thesis ends with the Bibliography and the Appendices, which contain the Synopsis of The Devil and Miss Prym and the Biography of the Paulo Coelho.