

# **CHAPTER I**

## **INTRODUCTION**

In chapter one contains the background of the study, statement of the problem, objective of the study, scope of the study, significance of the study, approach to the study, organization of the paper.

### **1.1 Background of the Study**

Every human being has their own differences, some are born as rich and poor people. Karl Marx has a theory that discusses economic conditions, namely social conflict. According to him the conflict in society was caused by the existence of human rights regarding power. Karl Marx divided social conflict into three parts according to his economic class, namely lower class, middle class, and upper class. He revealed that there was exploitation carried out by capitalists or landlords called the bourgeoisie against the workers or called the proletariat. According to conflict theory, the ruling or bourgeois group will maintain its wealth and continue to exploit groups that do not have power, whereas groups that do not have power or their proletariat have the principle of struggle or struggle because they think that being a bourgeoisie is very interesting in society.

The Necklace by Guy de Maupassant discusses a woman named Madame Mathilde Loisel and her husband named Mr. Loisel. They would attend a lavish party but Madame Loisel did not have any jewelry in the form of a necklace to decorate her neck. Then Mr. Loisel told his wife to borrow a necklace from his friend named Madame Forestier. After returning from the party, the necklace is

gone. They both tried to replace the necklace in a jewelry store, when Madame Loisel met with Madame Forestier it was revealed that Madame Forestier's jewelry that was borrowed at that time turned out to be just imitation jewelry. So it can be concluded that the working class (Madame Loisel) longs for wealth and thinks that Madam

Forestier must have a luxurious lifestyle, but the bourgeois class (Madame Forestier) instead likes imitation goods and his life is not as luxurious as Madame Loisel thought .

In this research, I apply the theory of Karl Marx. The approach is the social conflict. I chose this story because I am interested in discussing Mrs. Loisel and Mr. Loisel who worked hard for ten years and went into debt only to replace Mrs. Forestier's fake necklaces. It all happened because Mrs. Loisel looked like a woman who was never grateful for what she had today. All she thought about was how to make her look like a rich girl. In fact, she has no problem borrowing other people's necklace to make her look charming. because the necklace is actually a symbol of wealth and high status.

## **1.2 Statement of the Problem**

This research is conducted to answer these following problems:

1. What Marxism theory applied in the short story of The Necklace by Guy de Maupassant?
2. What are the causes of social conflict occurred in the short story?

3. What are the conditions of Mr. and Madame Mathilde Loisel in Guy de Maupassant's The Necklace?

### **1.3 Objective of the Study**

This study has several objectives as follows:

1. To find out the theory reflected to the short story.
2. To explain the causes of social conflict happen in the short story.
3. To explain the condition about Loisel's couple after returning the necklace.

### **1.4 Scope of the Study**

This study is aimed at women, ranging from the age of 13 years and over. The purpose of this study is to discuss a woman who is dissatisfied with her lifestyle that is less wealthy. This study focuses on social conflicts in social life in the short story The Necklace written by Guy de Maupassant. It only discusses the causes of social conflicts that lead to social life, the actions of a husband and wife who struggle to pay off debts so that they can return their friend's necklace which turns out to be just an imitation necklace, and the impact of social conflict.

### **1.5 Significance of the Study**

As I pointed out above, the title of this research is "Social Conflict Experienced By The Working Class Found In Guy De Maupassant The Necklace As A Marxism Study".

Social conflict is struggle for power in society. This research can be a lesson for the whole society even though they are in the bourgeois class or in the proletariat class that in fact all classes are creatures of the same degree and there should be no difference. This can be a reference for conducting literary research for those discussing social conflict.

## **1.6 Approach to the Study**

The short story *The Necklace* uses a Marxist approach to apply Karl Marx's theory and the approach is social conflict.

The data collection that I use to conduct research is a collection using literature study. The first step I took was to find a short story in the watt-pad. I read more than three short stories that I thought were interesting, but the last short story I read was *The Necklace* and I was interested in the storyline. Then I found a theme and began looking for literary theories that were suitable for the short story. Then I analyzed the data in the short story *The Necklace* from several sources and using certain theory. The theory I use is Karl Marx's theory of social conflict.

In accordance with what Marx said, the origin of man came from the class struggle that gave birth to the bourgeoisie and the proletariat. At that time, a group that was aware that its position was in the proletarian category, had already carried out various forms of protest against the bourgeoisie. It is this inter-class problem that makes changes to society. According to Karl Marx, one day the

proletariat will win this class struggle which will then give birth to a classless society.

## **1.7 Organization of the Paper**

Chapter I is the introduction that consists of background to the study, statements of the problem, objectives of the study, scope of the study, significance of the study, approach to the study and organization of the paper.

Chapter II discusses on synopsis of the work and biography of the author.

Chapter III is a review of related literature. Chapter IV is analysis and discussion.

Chapter V is conclusion and suggestion.