

# **CHAPTER I**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Background of the study**

In society, there are people activity and who live inside it. Human being is known as a social creatures, who can not live alone without other. The development of social life interaction happens in an everyday activity. The society develops their social life with specific own goals and interests. The social relationships that have different goals or interests lead to the domination of one class to another class. However, a very strong aspect happens in the economic sector. Groups or individuals who are in the upper level in the economic sector have greater properties than people who are in the low level of economic sector.

In Society, wealth is the most powerful part to get power in life. One simple fact that is clearly seen is increasingly boundaries between a rich and poor, which were then called social class. It is known that just a few of people are capable to pass the limits reflects the boundary that is difficult to pass, in fact almost hard. But of course this social boundary will always exist while there is social class.

Economic sector in social class is a part of difference. This is also the main concern of social class. It is the reason of a form of social class that happened in the system. This economical class mostly happened in society and becomes the main interest of Karl Marx to social class case. Economy of social class could happen in the whole world during the economic situation in the society, from the

common society interaction even into school environment, they have similar problem.

The issues of social class become the main topic of discussion of this study. Social class happens because of the injustice like class distinction that exists in a society. It gives the negative impacts for survivability in society especially the lower or the subordinate class and it provide big chances for the dominant class to do whatever they want to oppress or exploit the lower class. Social class makes the proletariat become more dominant. This fact results to the constitution of the upper class as the ruler of class. This condition is reflected by many authors through their works. One of short story which depicts the social phenomenon is *The Doll's House*. It is a 1922 short story by Katherine Mansfield. It was first published in *The Nation* and *Atheneum* on 4 February 1922. The issue of social class became the main topic of discussion of this study, taking the story of the main character of the lowest grade in the short story. I am going to analyzed literary work that reflected in short story entitle *The Doll's House* by using Marxism approach.

Karl Marx was curious in knowing that how human are shaped and how relationships formed in the society. The upper class is getting benefits and enjoying all the facilities of life and is getting richer day by day while the bottom class is deprived of all the basic needs and have to face continuous exploitation of the controllers.

*The Doll's House* contains social problem. Short story *The Doll's House* depicts a social condition in which lower society is oppressed by upper society. The

lower society is the people who have to live and have to work to survive in society. They do everything for their need even work without getting salary. The upper society is the institution that has production tool, much money, and they have power to exploit the workers.

There are many parts of the short story that can be analyzing using Marxism theory that put in the short story. It encourages the writer to make a decision to take this short story as an object of the research. Things that have similarity with Marxism theory are: the social condition in the short story that separate rich and poor classes; and *The Doll's House* as a main problem from social class.

The topic is intriguing to discuss because social class still happens around societies. The writer chooses this short story because it reflects the social condition about social conflict. Reading this short story, then motivated the writer to examine more deeply about social class through the short story *The Doll's House*. The writer used Karl Marx's theory to know about the social condition in the short story. Furthermore, the writer used Karl Marx's theory to find social class in capitalist society.

## **1.2 Statement of the problem**

In this project, I will discuss this short story by focusing the following problem:

(1) What social class in capitalist society is portrayed in Katherine Mansfield's short story *The Doll's House*?

(2) What is the act of class discrimination found in Katherine Mansfield's The Doll's House?

### **1.3 Objective of the study**

The objectives of the study can be stated as follow:

(1) This research is aimed to analyze social discrimination that can be found in the story.

(2) To describe the social class in capitalist society portrayed in Katherine Mansfield short story's The Doll's House

### **1.4 Scope of the study**

This research focuses to find out social class and social discrimination represented by the characters in the short story by using Karl Marx's theory. In this short story, social class and class distinction are described as the same as social issues in society where upper class people are capable to control everything. This final project tries to understand more about social class and class discrimination through this short story.

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

The result of this research is expected to be useful reference about social discrimination in capitalist society and to increase reader social awareness that is

portrayed in *The Doll's House*. Another contribution of this research is to help readers to know more about Marxist theory. This research is expected to motivate other writers to do other research that related with the struggle for human development in literary work. This study can help us to understand more about the short story *The Doll's House* by Katherine Mansfield. This study is expected can be useful and gives contribution and information to the larger knowledge, especially in the literature study.

### **1.6 Approach to the study**

This approach is by using the Marxist theory by Karl Marx. The data of this research is the short story's *The Doll's House* by Katherine Mansfield, which is published in *The Nation and Atheneum* on 4 February 1922. It consists of 6 pages. The data in this research will be in sentences and paragraphs in the short story or other sources. In this study, the data collection technique used is close reading. First, the writer reads the short story to understand the story of it. Then, the writer re-reads and marks the parts of the short story which show the discrimination and the social class.

After collecting and studying the data, the writer will identify and analyze all the data in the short story. After that, the writer will classify the data based on the social class and the social discrimination. The writer will analyze the data dealing with theory that is used. Descriptive analysis is the way taken by writer to analyze the

data. Descriptive analyses means giving the interpretation of the short story related with the social discrimination and social class. Finally, the whole analysis will create the conclusion, which covers all aspects discussed in this research

### **1.7 Organization of the paper**

In Chapter One, the writer of the study will explain the introduction of the study. This includes background of the Study, statement of the problem, objectives of the study, scope of the study, significance of the study and approach of the study and organization of the paper.

In Chapter two, consists of two subchapters which explain the synopsis of the short story and its writer's biographies. Synopsis is a short summary of a work created to help the writer to find out the contents of the story from beginning to end. Biography is a person's life story that contains information about the person that is written in the form of a narrative text.

In Chapter Three, the writer will explain Review of The Related Literature, which contains previous Studies, literature, short story, character, setting, Marxism, and social discrimination.

In Chapter Four, there is Findings and Discussion. It contains the discussion of the study or the analysis of the object of study. All the statement of problems from chapter one will be answered.

Chapter Five, the writer will explain about Conclusion and Suggestion. The Conclusion contains the result of the study or the summary from the whole content, while the Suggestion contains the suggestion for the reader and other writers.