

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of the study

Human intelligence is different from inanimate objects, plants, and animals, Human intelligence is expected to make humans the only creatures that can be aware if they are being exploited. Therefore, exploitation of humans becomes interesting attention to be investigated since the issue of exploitation continues to occur while humans can become aware of exploitation and fight it. Exploitation occurs because of an imbalance power relations. This power imbalance encourages the formation of community relations based on social class hierarchies. This social class is described as the separation of community groups based on their social and economic status. Therefore, human exploitation continues to occur even though humans can realize it because of differences in power relations. Elysium movie by Neill Blomkamp is suitable for discussion using the theory of labour exploitation by Karl Marx theory.

According to Marxist theory, in a capitalist society, the exploited are the proletariat, and the exploiters would typically be the bourgeoisie. Likewise, what is experienced by the main character in the Elysium movie that cause rebellion because of suffer from injustice. The bourgeoisie created a habitable place in space that they called "Elysium", where healthy air, a decent place and sophisticated health technology was in it. In Elysium people will never get sick, even people who die can be revived with a medical device called Med-Pods. Poverty and war will never be felt by humans who live in Elysium, while those who are poor and unable, who live on earth with excessive pollution and widespread disease. The bourgeoisie exploits the proletariat in the process of production, this exploitation will continue as long as there is awareness within the proletariat, namely self-surrender, accepting what it is and so forth. Elysium provides a point of view when status and wealth are everything, and those who do not have it do not have the right to be able to get what they want. As a result, the situation becomes divided into social castes which tend to be unjust and full of conflict. The disparity makes a conflict between the bourgeoisie and the proletarian because of the inequality. Therefore the proletarians struggle against the bourgeoisie to reach the equality. Elysium is the movie which portrays the struggle of proletarians to reach the equality.

1.2 Statements of the problems

Based on the statements mentioned in the background of the study the author formulates two problems:

1. What are the factors causing the labour exploitation according to the Karl Marx theory in the *Elysium* movie?
2. What are the factors causing the emergence of a rebellion in the *Elysium* movie?

1.3 Objective of the Study

Based on the research problem above, the author finds the objective study as follows:

1. To find out the factors causing the labour exploitation according to the Karl Marx theory in the *Elysium* movie
2. To find out the factors causing the emergence of a rebellion in the *Elysium* movie.

1.4 Scope of the Study

This research is based on the Marxist theory and only focuses on the problem of why the exploitation of labour occurs and what are the factors causing the rebellion in the *Elysium* movie.

1.5 Approach of the Study

The writer uses Karl Marx theory to analyse the data. It is based on the factual data in the *Elysium* movie. First, the author presents the data which are categorized on the proper data in this research such as the events, objects, happenings, and the

actions of the characters. For instance, when Max gets accident in the factory because of coercion by his superiors to do dangerous work and how he and his friends try to oppose the government by stealing the data. Then, I analyse it based on the theories used such as the theory of exploitation to the uprising to get conclusions about the exploitation that occurred to cause rebellion. Finally, in the process of analysing data, supporting data is used to support the analysis which ends with a conclusion.

1.6 Organization of the research paper

The author organizes this research paper into five chapters to make this research easier to understand. The research paper organization as follows: Chapter I is introduction. Chapter 1 consists of background of the study which explains the reason why exploitation and rebellion occurred in the Elysium movie. Chapter II discusses the synopsis of the work in this research that is Elysium movie, and the discussion about the biography of the author of the Elysium movie named Neill Blomkamp. Chapter III is a review of related literature that is a detailed review of existing literature related to the topic. It discusses existing literature relevant to topic as well as theoretical frameworks. Then chapter IV, that is analysis and discussion, which contains the answer of what the problem is, this chapter answers descriptively the research questions formulated in Chapter I and shows each research objective that has been achieved. The results of this analysis will be used as a basis for conclusions to explicitly answer the research questions. The last is chapter V which contains conclusions and suggestions, the conclusions must

contain general research conclusions that answer the research question, which discusses what has been obtained from the discussion in chapter IV and provides suggestions for this research.