

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the writer explains seven parts of introduction which are background of the study, the statement of the problem, the objectives of the study, scope and limitation of the study, the significance of the study, method of research, and definition of key.

1.1 Background of the Study

A dream is one of a kind of human willing and emotion. It makes someone will thought about a picture in they dream. Ellmann said that the dream-thoughts are immediately comprehensible, as soon as we have learnt them. The dream-content, on the other hand, is expressed as it were in a pictographic script, the characters of which have to be transposed individually into the language of the dream-thoughts (Ellmann 109). It makes there is a picture in brain when there is someone who awake or sleeping.

In Jung's journal that in Samuels's views, "dreams are the direct, natural expression of the current condition of the dreamer's mental world (1985)". Dream or imagination appears in two ways in human life. Those are active and passive. The active dream is when there is someone who asleep, he or she will get an imagination. In imagination, people will get all of their willing which is does not happen in real life (Glover 23). This imagination will make people fell calm and perhaps they are trapped with their imagination itself. People will think that life in

imagination is better than in real life. Imagination itself also makes a difficult situation to differentiate between real life and imagination. It shows when someone awakes from his sleep; he or she will confuse to decide the real one. He or she will decide more than one to make sure if he had a dream in his sleep. The passive of dream is when someone awakes and he or she gets some imagination. It means someone who opens his eyes and gets some imagination through his brain. It will happen on someone who gets a bad situation or bad condition and he does not focus in his life. Someone who gets some imagination through his brain will create some story based on his imagination and his willing. So that is why if there is someone has a dream, he will be able to catch it fully and makes his dream be his desire in his life.

Imagination is the action of forming mental images (Glover 23).

Imagination of dream itself will be a simple good story on someone who falls in his dream. By this imagination people will have a power to make their own story and they will catch it. It primary happens in someone who does not have any goal in his life and he has not any abilities to do it. It may happen in someone who always fears with his real life. So, he will do nothing and only builds his imagination. This situation is different with a person who has great desire and power. This imagination will be something important to change his life. He will build his power to catch his willing such as their dream. He also will grow up his emotion. People will build up their emotion to make a way to get their dream based on people's way and spirit. One of the ways to catch up a dream is build their strong attitude in their life and grow up their attitude such as ambition.

An ambition is the persistent and generalized striving for success, attainment, and accomplishment (Mueller 06). An ambition itself is one kind of human attitude. It will grow up automatically when there is a desire in human. Ambition involves persistence and generality in that we do not expect that ambition ceases to exist once a certain level of attainment is achieved, nor do we believe that ambition is compartmentalized toward success in only a single sphere (Muller 06). It will make a right and wrong way to achieve a dream. People will do all things without think twice when they want to catch up their dream. It primary happens on all of human in the world when there they are growing up their ambition. For example there is someone who has a desire to be a rich man. In fact, when someone wants to be a rich man, he or she should do hard work to catch his willing. Someone only does hard work way to get it, but also he or she will do another way to catch up his desire such as stealing and so on. Based on that example above, there are many ways to build people's ambition based on their willing and desire (Heathwood 539).

An ambition itself does not only happen in real life, but also happens in literary works. One of the literary works which tells about ambition is *A Tragedy of Two Ambition* by Thomas Hardy. It tells about the ambition of two brothers named Joshua and Cornelius Halborough which is acquiesce in their sister, named Rosa. Both of them have a great ambition for Rosa's sake. It happened when they have a bad situation after their mother died. Joshua and Cornelius Halborough want to continue their study at college but they could not continue it because of financial problem. There was some legacy from their mother but all of

legacy from their mother had been used by their father who was an alcoholic. By having that background, both of them had a great ambition to make their sister happy.

Apart from his novels Hardy also wrote many short stories that were published in various magazines and literary reviews of the time. *A Tragedy of Two Ambitions* was one such, published in the magazine *The Universal Review* in 1888. It was later incorporated into Hardy's third volume of short stories, *Life's Little Ironies*, published in 1894 (<http://archiveshub.ac.uk/data/gb133-engms.124>).

Related to the study, the writer attracts to make a study of ambition in the main characters to reveal the actions of the main characters did in order to bring successful reaching ambition. It also intends to find out what kind of effect that the characters got after did the action. This short story is chosen because it carries much of meaningful life knowledge. It show's that the character's life is really reflecting in the real life.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

Related to the background of the study, the writer likes to focus in the character of Joshua and Cornelius Halborough. In this case, the writer formulates the research question as follows:

1.2.1 What are the ambitions of Joshua and Cornelius Halborough?

1.2.2 What are Joshua and Cornelius Halborough effort to reach their ambition?

1.3 Object of the Study

Based on the statement of the problem above, the writer will collect and find out the characters, ambition, motive, and their effort through out from *A Tragedy of Two Ambition* Story. After that, the writer also explains the purpose of study as follows:

1.3.1 Describe the ambitions of Joshua and Cornelius Halborough.

1.3.2 Collect and find out Joshua and Cornelius Halborough's effort to reach their ambition.

1.4 Scope and Limitation

Although there are many characters in *A Tragedy of Two Ambition* short story, the writer concerns in the character who reveals the element of ambition. Therefore, the writer limits his discussion to Joshua and Cornelius Halborough's characters only. The characters can be seen from their ambition to Rosa's sake.

The writer will be discuss on Joshua and Cornelius Halborough role as long as their action that shows their ambition.

1.5 Significance of Conducting the Study

Through this study, the writer hopes to help people, who have strong power to catch their willing and high ambition to decide what kind of action that they may do to catch it. The writer also hopes on the readers of this study will choose the best way when they get an ambition to do something and consider

about the risk of their ambition. The last, the writer expects this study is helpful to the other researchers or students who are interested in doing further studies on related topics.

1.6 Method of Research

This research has method that is used to analyze the data. In this case the writer uses qualitative research. Qualitative research is concerned with upward explanations of social phenomena. It shows in Hancock book that:

Qualitative research is concerned with developing explanations of social phenomena. That is to say, it aims to help us to understand the world in which we live and why things are the way they are. Qualitative research is concerned with finding the answers to questions which begin with: why? how? in what way? (Hancock 02).

Based on that statement it explains of qualitative research is concerned with the opinions, experiences and feelings of individuals producing subjective data. Qualitative research also describes about social phenomena as occur of naturally. Qualitative research is especially effective in obtaining culturally specific information about the values, opinions, behaviors, and social contexts of particular populations.

The data observation is library based. The writer collects the data based on the library and e-book also. Therefore from library data the writer has opportunities to have good data from books, journal, magazines, periodical, CD ROM, and online resources. In presenting the analysis, the writer follows steps:

1. Collecting data related on Joshua and Cornelius Halborough which is showing in their ambition.
2. Deciding what kind of characters based on the data and what are the causes of ambition in Joshua and Cornelius Halborough.
3. Providing the ambition itself in Joshua and Cornelius Halborough.

1.7 Definition of Key

These are some definitions of key terms from Collins Cobuild English

Dictionary related to this study:

- Ambition : The desire to be successful, rich, or powerful (P. 51).
- Character : The character of person or a place consists of all the qualities they have that make them distinct from other people or place (P. 263).
- Imagination : The ability that you have to form pictures or ideas in your mind of things that are new and exciting, or things that you have not experienced (P. 838).