

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of the Study

Novel can explain any sentence that would happen with the way imagination itself. That sentence is based on humans with some characters that bring from that novel. Some kind of Novel would be shared by genre and style. For example, picaresque, epistolary, gothic, romantic, realistic, and historical. This Novel often meaning is fiction because the author always makes imagination as art through words that would be developed (Olawale et al., 2019).

Joyce Carol Oates makes a sentence that explores structural aspects of linguistics. The Author used words with way nature essay for more side reality in nature and also cannot bring about human because it is not give intellectual inside mehanisms (Soares, 2022). However, the works of Joyce Carol Oates add effects in each story that can explain from the contents about sexuality, masculinity, hierarchy, and racial discrimination that rule the space in different stories. (Chen et al., 2022).

This novel brings the name's character Norma Jeane in *Blonde* because that name was the reality before Marilyn Monroe became a good actress. Norma Jeane feels life is complicated with her mother, Gladys some problems with feeling anxiety about Jeane, like Mental Health that brings by Gladys. Still, Norma Jeane assumes her mother's circumstances are just fine. But, that matter mentioned has an impact long-term is a child's concern for her mother. So Gladys decides to give her

daughter Monroe a name as shape positive aura. Another character we can see look a name sample from her grandmother, named "Marilyn," based on a discussion between Norma Jeane selected any name from the industry film Hollywood. The Author create this novel because take a sample from biography about "Marilyn Monroe" that would be one character from the most popular poems, novel, and also biographical facts like *Legend: The Life and Death of Marilyn Monroe* (1985) by Fred Guiles, *The Secret Lives of Marilyn Monroe* (1986) by Anthony Summer, *Marilyn Monroe: A Life of the Actress* (1986) by Carl E. Rollyson, Jr. More subjective books on Monroe as a mythic figure are *Marilyn Monroe* (1987) by Graham McCann, and also *Marilyn* (1973) by Norman Mailer. Joyce Carol Oates created a novel *Blonde*, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize (2001) and the National Book Award (2000).

Norma Jeane in *Blonde* has been given a name by her mother, Gladys, with a giving name Norma Jeane Mortenson. But the last name before is Norma Jeane Baker from her daddy. As you can see, around the neighbor of Gladys's, Della hates name Baker because she gives an only one her crazy daughter "hated less." But, since her childhood, Norma Jeane has liked music and reading a book, as you can see, like her mother, Gladys. As you know, Norma Jeane created some poems with rhymes that make sentences feel complicated between Gladys and her daughter. Norma Jeane felt anxious when Gladys finished the poem that her daughter had already read. Gladys bathed her child by force. Norma Jeane felt her body so hot with way kicking and trashing by her mother. Norma Jeane's faith is not powerful because the behavior from her mother harms her daughter and also gives an

argument that God is fire without there is no her father, which provides an impact hallucination itself. Some problems since Jeane's childhood because of her parent's issues caused that problem is mental health. Norma Jeane only has a mother and no father since her mother gave birth to a child named Norma Jeane. Her mother has a schizophrenia disorder that could impact Norma Jeane. One of the problems between her mother and Norma Jeane is a disharmonious family that does more like her mother washing Norma Jeane's body by way of drowning in a bathtub. After Norma Jeane grows up, she always finds her father as she is. For example, she wants to be a good actress because her father returned to Norma Jeane. After getting out of their comfort zone, Norma Jeane always cooped up in her bedroom because she is introverted even though she is famous as an actress in public. Norma Jeane's neighbor, Della, brings Norma Jeane to an orphanage. Meanwhile, her mother, Gladys brought to in psychiatric hospital because she was shocked that Gladys treated her daughter very badly.

Anxiety Disorders can have an impact on the characteristics in humans every problem cannot be solved by itself. so this disorder will be solved by a psychiatrist from several problems such as the aging process is a socio-vital, multifaceted, irreversible process and is the destiny of everyone who experiences and completes adulthood (Alves et al., 2023). A psychiatrist must solve this disorder because that matter can give motivation or a solution to any problem itself. But psychiatrist give an instruction mental very great for human. Not only that, actually can help with believing to God for the more establishment as religion for human.

Weirdly, Norma Jeane has miscarried several times after having sex with Cass, her friend Gemini's zodiac. We know that the mindset in the brain cannot control itself because of the tragedy that has ever been since childhood by Norma Jeane, but Anxious make Norma Jeane cannot keep herself because she is nervous and can't find her father which make losing her womb. The other matter, Norma Jeane find her father, the playwright getting marriage, and also happened tragedy that dropped by Norma Jeane after the marriage there was a second miscarriage, but Norm Jeane insisted she wanted a child. Then her husband, the playwright accepted all happen tragedies by Norma Jeane. The impact of Norma Jeane was depressed by losing her womb and also divorced by her father, the playwright, until it was caused by death.

There are many kinds of several studies about Anxiety Disorder. First, Sunil Sagar and Maysoun Shehadah (2021) had analyses Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in the *Yellow Birds: A Case-Study in the Light of Psychoanalytical Theories*. Second, Oleksandr Avramchuk (2022) had analyses *The Role of Introversion, Behavioral Inhibition, and Shyness in the Pathogenesis of Social Anxiety Disorder: a Review of the Literature*. Third, Armyati Siregar, Dahlia D. Moelier, and Asyrafunnisa (2022) had analyses *Axiety and Depressive Disorder Toward The Main Character in Paula Hawkins' Novel *The Girl On The Train**. Fourth, Chun Yin (2019) had analyses *Marilyn Monroe's Star Canon: American Consumerism and the Semiotics of Stardom*. Finally, Barbara Miceli (2020) had analyses is *Black Water And Mudwomanby Joyce Carol Oates: Twodrownings In Comparison*. The reason chose this study is about parents who have experienced mental illness to the

point of being deeply traumatized by Norma Jeane until her death. Nevertheless, The researcher has not found a study about Analysis of Norma Jeane's Anxiety Disorder in *Blonde* by Joyce Carol Oates. So the writer is interested to analyze about that.

1.2. Statement of the Problem

Based on background of the study above, the study would be focused on answered the following question:

- a. What are the causes of Anxiety Disorder suffered by Norma Jeane in *Blonde* by Joyce Carol Oates?
- b. What are the impacts of Anxiety Disorder suffered by Norma Jeane in *Blonde* by Joyce Carol Oates?

1.3. Objective of the Study

After explain background of the study and also statement of the problem, the purpose of this study are stated below:

- a. To find the causes about Anxiety Disorder suffered by Norma Jeane in *Blonde* by Joyce Carol Oates.
- b. To find the impacts about Anxiety Disorder suffered by Norma Jeane in *Blonde* by Joyce Carol Oates.

1.4. Significance of the Study

The result of this study gives theoretical contributions to the literature study, especially giving more information about psychological literature based on the Anxiety disorder theory influence of *Blonde* by Joyce Carol Oates for the

subsequent study. It would be a reference to elaborate and explain anxiety by Norma Jeane's character in *Blonde*.

1.5. Scope and Limitation of the Study

The scope of this study is to analyze *Blonde* novel by Joyce Carol Oates. The Limitation of this study is to analyze Norma Jeane's Anxiety Disorder in *Blonde* novel by Joyce Carol Oates.

1.6. Definition of Key Terms

a. Anxiety Disorder

Anxiety Disorder is suffered by Norma Jeane's which is showed by her personality such as fear and other physical symptom.