AN ANALYSIS OF ELAINE MORTON’S PSYCHOLOGICAL CONFLICT IN TALIA LYON’S NOVEL “GIRLS ON THE RUN”

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Reading is one of the most exciting parts in human activity. By reading, reader will get information, lesson, and knowledge. Reader can find some resources for reading, one of which is through reading literary works. Literature is a kind of art, usually in written form that offers information and pleasures. The writer of this thesis chooses literature because it is able to arise the human feeling about actual life. Novel is one kind of literary works in which we can use it to share experience about the real life.

The writer is interested in Talia Lyon’s novel “Girls on the Run” because it is interesting and easy to be understood. The writer discusses about the psychological conflicts faced by the main character and the causes of them. The study applies descriptive method. Descriptive method is used to review literary research to provide research data. This thesis is also conducted by using document analysis technique that implies the analysis of the written or visual contents of document. The writer does not need observation and interviewing in collecting data. Dealing with this study, the writer uses objective approach. It is based on studying in literary itself that is only on the main character’s psychological conflicts in Talia Lyon’s novel “Girls on the Run”.

The result of this study shows that Elaine Morton faced many kinds of psychological conflict, they are: anger, sadness, joy, fear, and love. The causes of Elaine’ anger are: Philip doubted Marcus, Philip wanted to stop Elaine go to Marbella, and jealous with Cathy. The causes of Elaine’s sadness are: regret with her decision, regret had said rough word to Cathy, unable to handle her business, Philip didn’t want to help Elaine, and Marcus didn’t believe Sophie is his daughter. The causes of Elaine’s joy are: accepted as a Friend, Lisa wanted to help Elaine, Philip found a place to stay for Elaine in Marbella, Philip decided to accompany Elaine go to Marbella, Elaine Pride with All of her Friends, Elaine would meet with her Lover, and Marcus came to meet Elaine. The causes of Elaine’s fear are: worried about her father and worried to meet Lisa and Cathy. The cause of Elaine’s love is Marcus was a Kind Person.

Elaine Morton is able to cope all of her psychological conflicts well. After facing so many conflicts she was changed be a tough girl. Elaine Morton finally has enough bravery to make her own decision and she gets what she wanted.