

# **CHAPTER I**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **A. Background of the Study**

In this era, many people know about the theory of domination which is proposed by Jim Sidanius and Felicia Pratto, in this theory a special human being is formed to make hierarchy or be measured in society. Every member of society has a different position in the hierarchy. Hierarchies can be either social or individual groups. Social Domination Theory explains that in social groups a hierarchical structure or social level will be formed. This indicates that there are different groups, which are social groups or individuals who are at the top of the hierarchy (dominant) as well as social groups or individuals at the bottom of the hierarchy (subordinate). In a recent blog post called Social Dominance is not a Myth, Marc Beoff makes two points researcher fully agree with: dominance is real and it has often been misunderstood.

There is nothing slippery about the concept of dominance, nothing simplistic or misleading about unitary explanations of this phenomenon, and no need to be cautious about it. Dominance is a characteristic of highly social creature like animals and humans. Human is an individuals of the same species compete intensely with one another for food, mates, territory, or any other resource, including money. In highly social species, individuals establish social relationships with their family members, sexual partners, friends and enemies, and co-workers and competitors (Maestriperri,2012: 95).

Clan is social sphere that is clumped. There are grouped based on something they consider equal or equivalent. From the past to the present is still found some societies which socialize with their environment based on their group. In fact, it resulted in the social disparities that could lead to the oppression of the weak and braced for the powerful. As for the problems caused by a single clan in among others, it will create competition and inter-clan hating, that is considered strong, and have a lot of allies who will dominate a social sphere of the clan. There are many things that we should know anyway, that are not always the clan that dominate will

have forever strength and power lasting. Even a weak clan also has the possibility to dominate the social life. The author raised topic the dominance of clan because she wanted to show that the people who are considered weak it cannot will be a weak forever. They are considered some trivial, sometimes low minority could turn into dominating(Fikalnasir, 2010:57).

There are some authors who discuss about social disparities based on social or clan as well. One of the conflict in it any natural variety, but still negative consequence of a way in life using almost the same clan. In some novels before this Victoria Aveyard's, there are also discussing about the different of clans such as The Hunger Games by Suzzance Collins, The Divergent by Veronica Roth. Than Game of Thrones by George R.R.Martin's that discuss about the conflict that arose due to the way of life in group or clan. In some novels, the clan that dominates will oppress a minority or the weak of clan. Then appeared the Knight who comes from minority clan could change the position of the dominance of their clan become stronger. In addition, there is also a difference of that some novels. That is course starting from the storyline, the character up to the setting or the era which used the author.

In this novel by Victoria tells the story of a girl named Mare who lived and grew up from family with low economic limitations and a slum environments. The people live in the region are differentiated into two types of clans. The first clan is a group of red-blooded humans who are considered weak, poor, have no cane in life. The average young male population of the red clan who has no permanent job is required to make soldiers on the battlefield. While the women, they can follow sewing and trading courses in the royal city. Then the second clan is a group of silver-blooded men. They have a power that the red clans do not have. The silver clan loves luxuries, studying, partying; even governmental, sovereigns are also under the control of silver-blooded men. They are silver clans belonging to the descendants of the kingdom and upper classes.

In Mare's family, all of her brothers became a soldiers and her younger sister became the girl of luxury fabrics to be sold to the silver that is mare unemployed and have a hobby pickpocket. She has a male friend whom she loves very much. Mare hated the silver and their lives. Until one day she met with a young man that

handsome and tall looking neat. She had never met a man like that. The man asked her why she looked sad and grumblng. After Mare told about her hatred for the silver, the man offered her a job serving as a maid in the silver kingdom. Mare's family was very happy, but not with her. She was forced to go through. At the time Mare was a servant, and there was an election of the queen candidate of the royal princes. The princesses of the silver clan in other kingdoms also show the ability of their own power and even they fight each other with the power they have. As we know, without being deliberately turned out to be detected Mare has a very extraordinary power and has never been in the blood of silver. It was from this point that Mare's life became changed and she was appointed the queen of the second princes in the kingdom and silver.(Red Queen, 2015:64)

The readers have a positive assessment of the work by Victoria Aveyard. Red queen has its own place among fans of fantasy stories that imply messages like this. The author makes an interesting story for the readers especially for young adult. There are some readers who feel less satisfied with the plot, and fewer characters involved in the story. (Epic Read Team, 2016:33)

According to the author, Victoria Aveyard is an American writer of young adult and fantasy fiction. Certainly, a lot of her work in waiting for fans of fantasy novels. From the beginning of this novel in the release, in 2015 already print hundreds of copies and also has been translated into several languages. One of which is Indonesian language. In review of the interest of readers and enthusiasts of film fantasy, Victoria Aveyard finally got an offer to make the story of her novel introduction into a movie. The offer came from Gennifer Hutchison, a writer and producer on Better Call Saul and Breaking Bad, was hired in 2015 by Universal Pictures to adapt the novel into a feature film. Than Pitch Perfect 2 director Elizabeth Banks was in talks with the studio to direct and produce the project. (White Caitlin, 2015:124)

As a good writer,Victoria has an appeal in the story her writes. A young adult fantasy stories is choose because she wrote it following the times, and so unforgettable as well as writers to ignore the message through the story in telling

through characters used of modern novels. There some reason why the author raises the dominance of clan issue. For the first, this novel is written by Victoria Aveyard in 2015 in New York.

From the discussion above, the researcher will analyse *Red Queen* novel on the issue dominance of clan by using Sociological Approach. The title composed is **THE DOMINANCE OF CLAN REFLECTED IN VICTORIA AVEYARD'S RED QUEEN (2015): A SOCIOLOGICAL APPROACH.**

### **B. Problem Statement**

1. What is the indicator of dominance in clan reflected at Victoria Aveyard's *Red Queen*?
2. How is the depicted of dominance in clan reflected at Victoria Aveyard's *Red Queen*?
3. Why the dominance of clan specifically addressed by the author at the Victoria Aveyard's *Red Queen*?

### **C. Objectives of the study**

1. To identify the indicators of the dominance of clan reflected in Victoria Aveyard's *Red Queen*.
2. To describe how is depicted the dominance of clan reflected in Victoria Aveyard's *Red Queen*.
3. To reveal the underlying reasons why the dominance of clan specifically addressed by author in Victoria Aveyard's *Red Queen*.

### **D. Benefit of the Research**

This study is expected giving some special practical and theoretical study benefits.

#### **1. Theoretical Benefit**

This study is purposed to give a contribution to the large body of knowledge, particularly in sociological approach in literary work.

#### **2. Practical Benefit**

The result of the study is expected to broaden the researcher's knowledge in literary work practical in understanding of the novel related to the aspect of sociological approach. This study is also expected to contribute to the

development of the larger body of knowledge, particularly literary studies on Victoria Aveyard's *Red Queen*. And it also can be used as a reference for other researchers who want to conduct research about dominance of clan in novel.

#### **E. Limitation of The Study**

The researcher emphasis in analyse in analysing the dominance of clan as mean character in Victoria Aveyard's *Red Queen* novel on sociological approach.

#### **F. Research Paper Organization**

The research paper organizations from "The Dominance of Clan Reflected In Victoria Aveyard's *Red Queen* (2015): A Sociological Approach" are as follows: Chapter I is Introduction, which consists of the background of the study, problem statement, limitation of the study, objective of the study, significance of the study and research paper organization. Chapter II concerns with the previous studies and the underlying theory, which elaborates the notion of sociology of literature, kinds of sociology of literature, principles of sociology of literature, and the custom of matchmaking. Chapter III deals with the research methodology. Chapter IV deals with historical background. Chapter V focuses on data analysis and discussion. Lastly, Chapter VI provides the conclusion of the study.