

## CHAPTER 1

### 1.1. Background

Literary works are the result of beautiful human imagination and can create a beautiful impression on the reader's soul. Images are the power of the mind to imagine or draw pictures of events based on one's reality or experience. According to the genre of literary works can be divided into three, namely: prose fiction, poetry and drama. Our understanding in a more systematic manner will first be explained by the notion of fiction in the opinion of some figures. Prose in literary terms is also called fiction, narrative text, or narrative discourse. (Mursal Esten, 1978: 9) Literature or Literature is the expression of artistic and imaginative facts as manifestations of human life through language as a medium and has a positive effect on human life. One example of fiction prose is a novel

The novel is a long prose, containing a series of stories of a person's life with those around him by highlighting the character and nature of each actor. Prose fiction (novels) that was built by two people is there is no systematic and extrinsic elements. The intrinsic element is that no one builds prose fiction (novels) from within the plot, themes, plots, mandates, etc. While extrinsic elements are nothing that builds from outside such as education, religion, economics, philosophy, psychology and others. From several intrinsic elements that have been revealed, the author will only focus on his research on characterization in literary works, especially in novels. Analyzing people's personalities based on a certain theory of feminism has been carried out by students specialized in English Language and Literature study programs, to further add references to the literature of feminism, discoveries that conduct research of the main characters in the novel "SHIVER" by Karen Robards.

The flow of the story addresses the struggle of a 23-year-old young woman. Life as a young single mother without sufficient education and also without relatives who can ask for

help in living in a big city is a challenge for Samantha Jones to support herself and her only son Taylor who is aged 4 years . Samantha was willing to put her life down the darkest part of the city to tow confiscated cars using her old wrecker, road prostitutes, drug dealers and street gangs not to make her flinch. Samantha tried to arrange everything so that he and Taylor could spend as much time as possible because children at the age of Taylor still needed a lot of attention and affection for a mother during the day when Taylor went to kindergarten, Samantha was a course to become an emergency medical technician known as EMT, as an EMT, he will have enough income to one day maybe be able to buy a small house, and be able to buy toy cars and bicycles for Taylor like the boys in general. And at night, when Taylor sleeps, he works as a car confiscator he is very tired and depressed. But he tried to hide it so that it would not be seen by Taylor he remained strong and had to work he did not become rich, not even in the middle class, but he was able to provide a roof for herself and Taylor and eat on the table and not eat in overhangs or on the edge like a beggar

Considering that this research emphasizes more on women's issues, analyzing using feminist theory and socio-cultural studies is more appropriate because the text in the novel "SHIVER" tells more about the struggles and social problems faced by women as the main characters in the novel. In this view the word "woman" does not refer to the biological aspect but rather the strategy. A person who is biologically a woman does not necessarily have an awareness of social construction. Awareness of the role of gender and socio-cultural construction is a strategy socialized by feminists in their struggle. So the researcher took a title from the shiver novel, namely the struggle of a single parent.

No ideal woman wants to be singleparent. Because it is not an option but a condition that is not easy to deal with. However, in the end that status can affect anyone. Whether it's a young woman, an ordinary housewife or a career woman who is in the top position because of the result of the birth of a child out of wedlock, divorce or her husband dies. resulting in

women being the most responsible role in family life both in the domestic and social aspects. as we have seen many women who have a gentle nature women need love and protection from men.if a mother is not strong and strong then her child will suffer and be depressed ready or not ready, being a single mother must be lived in order to be able to continue this life. Everything regarding the household is borne alone. Starting to clean up the house, make a living for the family, do it themselves. In this position, a woman is required to play a dual role, being a mother and father to her children.there are many writers and poets who speak out about women's struggles to make people pay attention to the situation directly or indirectly and is no exception to Karen Robards.

Karen Robards (born August 24 in Louisville, Kentucky) is the best-selling author of more than fifty novels. After first gaining recognition for his historical romance, Robards became one of the first historical romantic novelists to successfully turn to contemporary romantic tensions. One of his works he wrote the story of the struggle of a single woman (SINGLE PARENTS) in his novel entitled "SHIVER" It is proof that a woman or a mother is a person who is strong giving sincerely her love flows indefinitely to the family especially for her children.

The reason researchers chose this title is, Because researchers are very interested in struggling young women with a single parent, and giving moral messages to readers so how to be able to protect themselves especially women so that they are not young to be encouraged by men when dating not until pregnancy outside marriage happens to us as women in particular, talking about women is inexhaustible in everyday life, for example in Indonesia we find a lot of single parent lives that need to be noticed where they are with economic constraints but they still try to survive live, find a living and take care of a child alone with the demands of education for their children who have so much cost for the future must be achieved whatever the situation is without assistance from the family. Making

researchers feel interested in raising women's issues or women's struggle in his shiver novel  
Karen Robards

## **1.2. Statments of problem**

1.2.1. How does Karen Robards Present the social life of Samantha Jones as single parent in the novel "SHIVER" ?

1.2.2. How does of Samantha Jones struggle as a single parent to survive her domestic as well as public life in the novel ?

## **1.3. Scope of Study**

The scope of research is more focused on the way the writer discusses the social conditions of single parent women in America seen from the character of Samantha Jones in the novel "SHIVER" which is seen from the approach of feminism.

## **1.4. Objective of the study**

1.3.1. To investigate how the author presents the social life of single parents in the novel "SHIVER"

1.3.2. To find out how Samantha Jones's struggle as a single parent in terms of domestic needs and public life is found in the novel "SHIVER" by Karen Robards

## **1.5. Significance of the Study**

1.5.1. Theoretical Significance

1.5.1.1. Increase research on women's social issues as seen in the novel "SHIVER" by Karen Robards with the form of approach methods and other theories

1.5.2. Practical Significance

1.5.2.1. To help other research in the future as a reference for developing and increasing knowledge in English literature.

## **1.6. Review of related literature**

To reach the research and as a reference, the researcher got several related or previous studies of literature as objects. This study can be used as a comparison and to conduct relevant studies beforehand. The result, the researcher about the single parent.

Nur Fadillah, a student at Semarang State University in 2015, with the title "Mother's Role" Single Parent "In Growing Children's Independence In BojongTimurMagelang Village "This thesis explains about phenomena in character life is very important in the condition of the child where character is a character found in humans. however, in fact, there are currently parents who are lacking in caring for their children because of various problems, because parents experience broken home and because they die, the child has a different character with children who have a complete family in general. Therefore parents are obliged to shape the character of the child with parenting which is applied by parents so that the child has more good and same character in the child in general. data collection, where researchers make observations directly to the object of research to look closely at the activities carried out

Andre Deo Pratama, student of the State Islamic University of SunanKalijaga Yogyakarta, in 2017 with the title "Women's single parent recency as head of the family" This thesis explains In the family ideally the role of the head of a family is usually a man or father, but different from single parent women where to play two roles as a housewife and family head. being a single parent is definitely a risk and a heavy burden when compared to complete parents. The focus of this study is the resilience of single parent women in carrying out their roles as family heads. The theory used in this study is the Theory of Resilience. data

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Wiwi Pratiwi, Faculty of Language and Literature Makassar public university, in 2016 with title "The Existence Of Women In The Tabu Land Novel "KaryaAnindita S. Thayf. The thesis explain the conditions experienced by women whose position is always seen as not absolute. There are three forms of marginalization as the first others, differences in the views of the position of women and men which shows how women are marginalized in terms of work. Second, violence from women in terms of service in marriage, and third, sexual harassment experienced by women. These three things show how women are truly marginalized and underestimated. Women have no rights over themselves, marginalized by tribal traditions, resigned to accepting violence which makes them even more helpless.

Rany Mandrastuty, Faculty Of Teacher Training And Education Sebelas Maret University Surakarta, In 2010 with title "Earth dance novel by Oka Rusmini study: feminism" The thesis explain about Balinese women's struggle to achieve happiness andfacing the socio-cultural reality around him describe the state of societyBali with various social problems and customary rules that must be obeyed. Novel this examines the lives of Balinese women who incidentally are rarely encountered existing literary works. This novel also tells about rebellion towards adat which is seen as a system of injustice by female leaders inside it. The female leaders try to fight for their destiny by opposing customs. The opposition arises from various forms, one of which is a different caste marriage conducted by Ida Ayu Lake Pidada originating from the Brahmin caste with Wayan Sasmita came from the caste sudra.

And for this , opportunity, the researchers tried to analyze the novel "SHIVER" by Karen Robards This story line discusses the struggle of a young woman aged 23 years. Life as a single mother without adequate education and also without relatives who can ask for help

to live in a big city is a challenge for Samantha Jones to struggle to support herself and Taylor's only 4-year-old son. Samantha was willing to give up her life to the darkest parts of the city to tow confiscated cars using old destroyers, street prostitutes, drug dealers and street gangs did not make her flinch. about with the title The Struggle of Parent Parent by using the theory of feminism.

## **1.7.Theoretical Base**

### **1.7.1. Single Parent**

In this story Samantha Jones is a single parent, the single parent is a single parent who nurtures and raises their own children without the help of spouses, both husband and wife Single parents have a very big obligation in managing their families. Single parent families have the most complicated problems compared to families that have a single mother and father Single parents can occur due to death or divorce. Parents as single parents must play a dual role for the survival of their family. Single parents must be able to combine well with domestic work and public work they must find money to meet the needs of their families and

also meet the needs of their family love, they must make careful planning in carrying out various roles.

According to Hurlock, E. B. (1999). in his book *Developmental Psychology: An Approach Throughout Space Life*. stated that the understanding of a single parent is a parent who has been widowed or widowed either father or mother, by taking responsibility for caring for children after the death of their spouse, divorce or liquidity of children outside of marriage. Single parents themselves are caused by two things, desirable (intentional) and undesirable (tragedy). For this reason, researchers use the concept of a single parent because it departs from the story in the novel, Samantha Jones is a single parent she is a widow by having one child without the responsibility of her husband, he must fight alone to care for and raise their children and work to earn a living in order to survive. Then the concept which states that single parents are parents who have been widowed or widowed either father or mother, by taking responsibility for caring for children after the death of their spouse, divorce or liquidity of children outside of marriage. It is seen in the character of Samantha Jones for this concept that researchers use to discuss Samantha. And when discussing single parent, don't forget we also have to discuss about the social condition of single parent with their environment.

### **1.7.2. Social Environment**

The social environment is one of the factors that can influence a person or group to be able to take action and change the behavior of each individual. The social environment that we know includes the family environment, the environment of peers, and the neighborhood. Family is a social environment that is first known by individuals from birth. Fathers, mothers, and family members are social environments that are directly related to individuals, while



society is an environment that is known socially and which influences the formation of a child's personality.

Conditions as a single parent are not all able to deal well, especially if added to the oblique views and comments of some people. Recognition and acceptance of the family structure that adheres to the pattern of single parents from the community are also factors that help the mentality of single parent actors. Adequate respect for respecting single parents as human beings for all the struggles faced and accepting the family structure adopted by a single parent woman including mother and child. The main role of a single parent is as a mother and keeps the child in a comfortable condition even though the family structure is different from the surrounding environment. It would be better if the environment also supports to make this condition positive. Support from people around you who refer to family or social means a lot. Social support can be emotional or instrumental support, as stated by Sarason (1990). Emotional support is characterized by more tangible or tangible assistance, for example, advice to help truly stressed individuals change a stressful environment.

By seeing the social conditions of Samantha's that are so heavy because she has to carry the burden herself without the support of the family. and she is always in the bullying of society especially men if he sees her working as a towing car crane which is supposed to be a man's job. This kind of thinking is a thought born from a patriarchal culture that measures the ability to work, viewed from the sex factor, where women only work in the domestic arena because women are considered weak, while men can work in the public arena because men have the nature who is brave and strong. And to break the cultural views or thoughts of society that seem masculine researchers use the theory of feminism to explore the struggle of Samantha Jones as a single parent.

### **1.7.3. Feminism**

Feminism is a series of social movements, political movements, and ideologies that have the same goal: to define, develop, and achieve political, economic, personal, and social equality of both sexes. Feminism combines the position that society prioritizes men's perspectives, and women are treated unfairly in society. And Efforts to change that include combating gender stereotypes and trying to build educational and professional opportunities for women that are equal to men. Based on some of the definitions above, it can be said that feminism is not only dealing with movement but feminism is also about dealing with women's enthusiasm to oppose, change social construction to get equality and to get their rights as human beings, to stop sexism, and stop making gender an object sexual matters which are inappropriate in the view of feminism. Furthermore, to support the previous definition, Hooks (2000: 1) also states that:

"Feminism is a movement to end sexism, sexist exploitation, and oppression, clearly stating that this movement is not about being anti-male, but it is clear that the problem is sexism. To end sexism, we change our minds and hearts, until we give up sexist thoughts and actions and replace them with actions and feminists. "So, feminism is an intellectual commitment and political movement that seeks justice for women and ends sexism in all forms. Feminists disagree with what is contained in sexism, and what should be done about it; they disagree what it means to be a woman or man and what social and political implications gender has or should have. Therefore, feminism rejects injustice as a result of patriarchal society, especially in the case of sexism. Feminists also reject the notion that women are negative constructions, women are weak, submissive, and women are entangled in a marginal dichotomy (Ratna, 2008).

In addition, researchers concluded that feminism is needed in societies that view women as inferior to men naturally, feminism needs to be studied by society so that it stops making women as objects that make society view women as inferior and helpless which

consequently creates a new culture called and in feminism we know that there are various kinds of streams but here researchers use only one flow of feminism namely liberal feminism to discuss more clearly the understandings that marginalize of women

### **1.7.3.1 Liberal feminism**

Liberal Feminism is that there is a view to placing women who have full and individual freedom. This flow states that freedom and equality are rooted in rationality and separation between the private and public world. Every human being, according to them, has the capacity to think and act rationally, as well as women.

The character of this genre is (Naomi Wolf, 1992) in his book entitled *Feminist Fatale*, as "The Power of Feminism" which is the solution that women have power in terms of education and income, and women must continue to demand the same rights and now it is time for women to free to want without relying on men. Liberal feminism seeks to make women aware that they are an oppressed group. Work carried out by women in the domestic sector was campaigned as unproductive and placed women in subordinate positions. The culture of American society is materialistic, measures everything from matter, and individualism strongly supports the success of feminism. Women are evicted from home, careers are free and no longer depend on men.

Moreover also in discussing the story of a single parent do not forget we must examine the roles of a single parent for this opportunity the researcher will explain there are some roles of a single parent to be clearer and examine the life of a single parent seen in the character Samantha Jones.

### **1.7.4. The role of a single parent**

The role of care for women is an overlapping dimension, both in paid and unpaid work, as a nurse, social work, first teacher of childhood and the work of caring for children. To talk about being a single parent, it doesn't just happen to women, it can also happen to men, but when a man who is a single father will look normal in society, they are free to do whatever they want. In contrast, when a woman becomes a widow it is something that will be made a public mockery, especially women who are pregnant out of wedlock with economic limitations usually experience social inequality. Thus, as mothers as daughters, women assume the responsibility of caring for the emotional and physical well-being of others. Qualitative researchers have described the lives of women who moved from caregivers in their caregiver's home from labor or voluntary work. In (Etzioni, 1969 Ollenburger, et al., 1996: 113) says that teaching, caring, and working socially is not a true profession.

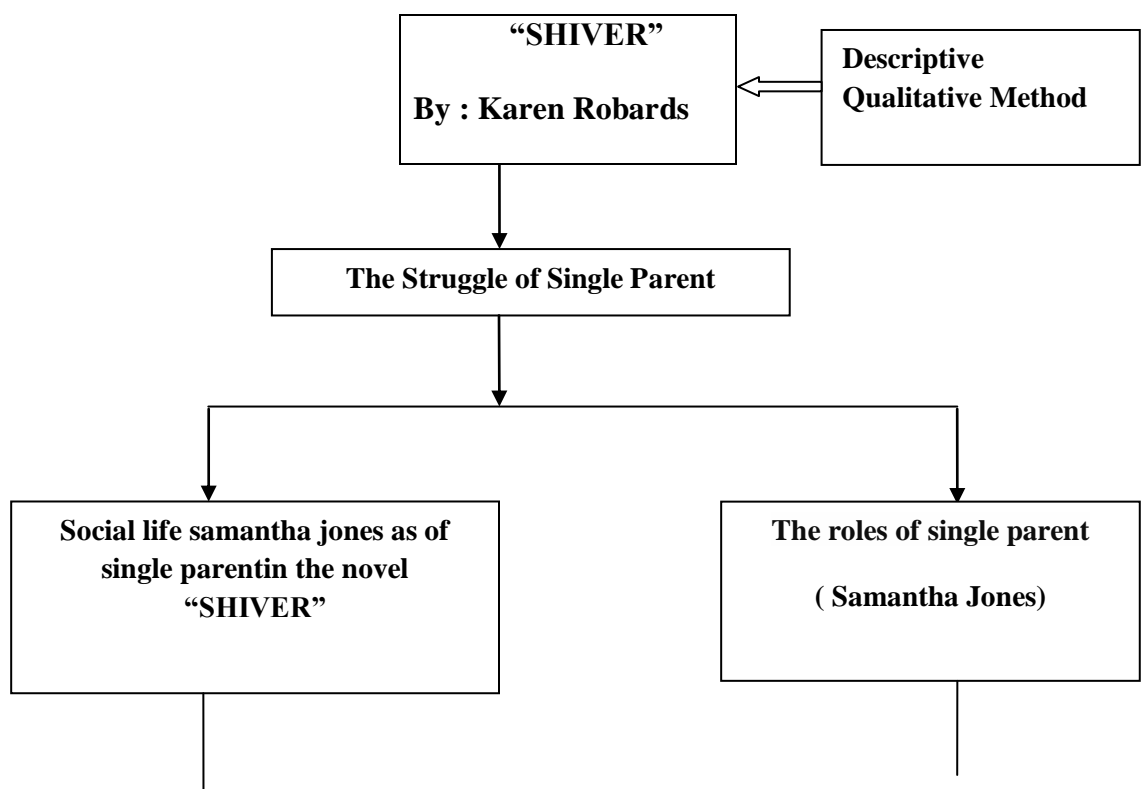
#### **1.7.4.1 Domestic Roles**

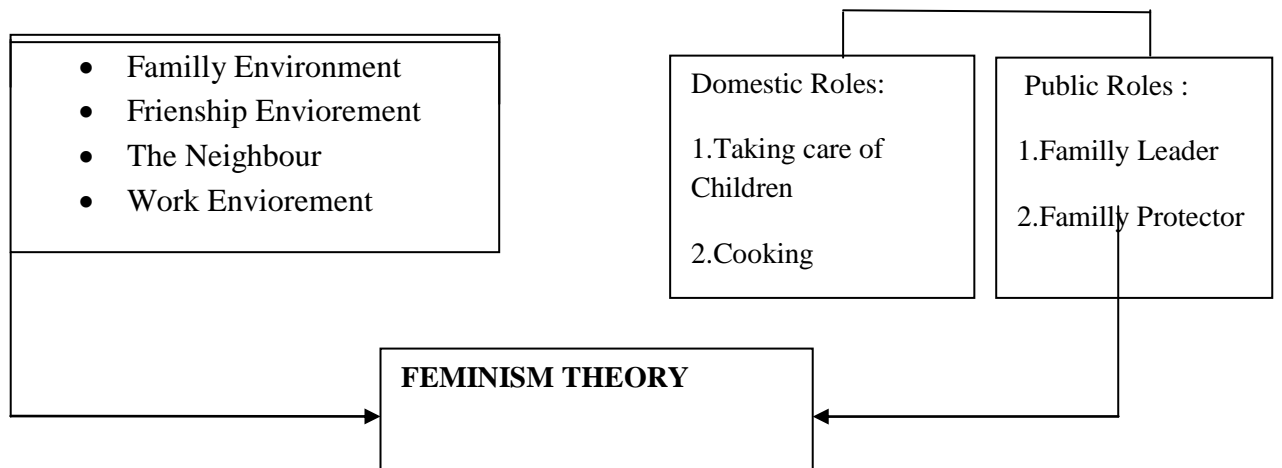
Her role as a mother is to carry out her nature as a woman, including caring for and raising her child, as well as things that are at home even when working, still have to monitor what is happening at home, provide food or cook, maintain the cleanliness of the house and mentally prepare children also very necessary. Compassion is the key to giving children understanding slowly and adjusting to their age, fostering their confidence and increasing their comfort is the main task. This work is most often done by women generally low in terms of social and economic.

#### **1.7.4.2. Public Roles**

The public role is the leader in the family of policy makers in family matters and is responsible for the family and also workers outside the home to make money so they can provide for the family. In addition to talking about the public world, someone who works in the public sector generally has a high education or experience in working, because working is an achievement to be able to improve the standard of human.

### 1.8. Conceptual Scheme





In this study, researchers tried to analyze the novel "SHIVER" by the main character Samantha Jones in the novel using the Feminism Theory.

### **1.9. Method of The Research**

This research method uses descriptive qualitative method with a feminism approach collected in the form of vocabulary, and sentences. The main data in this study are data taken from the novel "SHIVER" by Karen Robards. Data is collected by library techniques, see, and note with steps as following: (1) reading intensively, meticulously, and thoroughly the novel "SHIVER", (2) marking data in accordance with the research, (3) sorting data according to focus, and (4) grouping data according to the focus of the study.

### **1.10. Technique of Collecting Data**

#### **1.10.1.1. Library research**

The researcher used library research to collect primary and secondary data which also completed the study. The data that the researcher uses is previous research in the form of

bachelor and master theses, related reviews, dictionaries, and literary works, as well as references to achieve appropriate research arguments and data.

#### 1.10.2 Reading comprehension

In this study, reading comprehension is used to understand the main ideas of topics that can be analyzed.

#### 1.10.3 Internet Search

Internet search is used to supplement library research in terms of data limitations in the library.

### **1.11. Techniques Analysis Data**

The researcher divide technique of analyzing data in three types, those are:

#### 1.11.1. Classification

The researcher is using the classification in order to analyze the data. The researcher organize and classify the data that apporiate with the topic or based on the statement of the problem namely The struggle of single parent yhe novel “ Shiver” by using the Feminism Theory

#### 1.11.2. Interpretation

After classified, the researcher continues to interpreting the data. The interpretation technique itself is by read the story comprehensively and carefully in order to get a good and rational interpretation which are related with the problems, so that the researcher is capable of the point and the message of the story to get the answer of the problem.

### 1.11.3. Explanation

The researcher describes the problem statement. How Karen Robards makes representations of Samantha Jones life social as single parents in the "SHIVER" novel and what causes it to become single parents with the emergence of the character Samantha Jones in the whole story of the novel.