**CHAPTER I**

**INTRODUCTION**

* 1. **Background of The Research**

As proposed by Anderson (1991:16), the concept of today's family can also be formed based on the imagination and bonds of feelings that are built between members in the family without requiring their physical presence at the same place and time. A family is a collection of two or more people who live together with legal, emotional, and individual ties to each other that are an important part of relating to the family. According to Benton (1997:122) states that a dysfunctional family is any condition that interferes with the healthy functioning of a family. Every family must have experienced a difficult condition, whether it was illness, death, or economic problems, but what distinguishes whether a family is healthy or not is in how to respond to problems. If healthy families return to normal functioning after the crisis has passed, problems in dysfunctional families tend to become chronic so that children do not get the care and needs they deserve.

According to Goode (2003:91) does not give a definition of divorce Specific. Instead, he raises issues that are more general and he thinks are more important from just a matter of divorce, namely chaos in the household. According to Goode, family chaos can be interpreted as the breakup of a unit family, breaking or breaking the structure of social roles if one or more members fail to fulfill their role obligations fully. Like marriage, divorce is a process in which involves many aspects such as emotions, economic, social and social recognition official by the community through law what happens is part of the door emergency that doesn't need to be used unless in a state of dysfunctional family divorce gives many adverse effects; long-term from dysfunctional families, such as: resilience ability, height level of intelligence/intelligence, locus internal control, ability to recognize opportunities for change, awareness of ability have more life/future Good.

Because of the many problems in the family that occur such as a lack of harmony, increasing divorce rates, problems that occur in marriage greatly affect the couple's relationship and optimal development of children, social problems are also the cause of dysfunctional family problems, dysfunctional can reduce life patterns, so this social problem become an ongoing problem. In Rich People Problem, the author wants to examine family problems that occur, in fact not only poor people who have problems, many rich people have problems, one of the problems that the author wants to discuss in the Rich People Problem novel is about Rachel and Eleanor's family, and Rachel's problem. with Kerry's mother. The problem will be discussed both internally and externally in the family. Then the thesis will be entitled Family Conflict Reflected in Kevin Kwan’s Novel “Rich People Problem”; A Sociological Approach.

**1.2 Identification of Problem**

The analysis of Family Conflict reflected in Kevin Kwan’s Novel “Rich People Problem”; A Sociological Approach. There are some many interesting problems appears in this novel.

1. Socioeconomic Status.
2. Family Status
3. Temperament
4. Language difference
5. Tradition
6. Heritage.

**1.3 Limitation of The Problem**

Based on identification above, this study focus on the analysis of Family Conflict Reflected in Kevin Kwan’s Novel “Rich People Problem”; A Sociological Approach. The analysis is limited on the types and causes family conflict reflected in Kevin Kwan’s Novel “Rich People Problem”. Other subject matters which are not related to this study wil not be discussed.

**1.4 Formulation of The Problem.**

The formulation of the analysis in this study are followed:

1. What are the Types of the Family Conflict Reflected In Kevin Kwan's Novel "Rich People Problem"?
2. What are the causes of family conflict in Kevin Kwan’s Novel ?
   1. **Objectives of The Research**

There are some objectives by writing this thesis. They are as find out;

* 1. Types of family conflict reflected in Kevin Kwan’s Novel “Rich People Problem”
  2. The causes of family conflict in Kevin Kwan’s novel?
  3. **Significances of The Research**

This research is significant to give a contribution to the literature area. There are two benefits consideration for conducting the research. This study is conducted due to both the theoretical and practical functions. Theoretically, it is hoped that is related to one of the elements of fiction namely conflict, and also will be able to explain how the sociological applied in literary work. Then practically, this study can give a contribution to the readers in understanding the content of Rich People Problem. The finding of this research can be used to help the people who have conflict in the main character of Rachel Chu. Also, the writer hopes that this research can be a helpful reference for other researchers who are interested in conducting further research.