

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background Of Study

Man is a social creature, he can not live by himself. According to Hossain, F.M.A. and Ali, man has to live in society for his existence and welfare. In almost all aspect of his life he feels the need of society. Biologically and psychologically he is compelled to live in society. Because a complete isolated life is unbearable for him and he can not develop into a normal individual in isolation. The essence of the fact is that man has always belonged to a society of some sort, without which he can not exist at all. Society fulfills all his needs and provides security to him. He took birth, grows, live and die in society. Without society his life is just like fish out of water (131). Elements of a community. Smaller communities of human is friends and friendship .

De Vries in *Definitions Of Friendship In The Third Age: Age, Gender, And Study Location Effects*, a person said to be the best friend appreciating someone with loyalty, trust, and have the same pleasure (qtd in Fauziah Nurul 84). Meanwhile, De Vito in *The Interpersonal Communication Book* (97). interpreted the friendship as the interpersonal relationship between two people mutually generating positive characteristics and having mutual respect. Based on a number of the definitions, it can be concluded that friendship is the close

One of literary works that will analyze the researcher is *The Scorch Trials* by James Dashner. Because the theme of *The Scorch Trials* is friendship. *The Scorch Trials* is novel by James Dashner and the second book in the *Maze Runner Saga*. It is preceded by *The Maze Runner*, and followed by *The Death Cure*, then by *The Kill Order*, and finally *The Fever Code*.

Based on the explanation above the researcher would discuss about how characteristic of prophet's companions reflected by Thomas as main character in *The Scorch Trials*.

1.2 Research Question

1. How is Thomas described in *The Scorch Trials* by James Dashner ?
2. How is Thomas relationship with his companions in *The Scorch Trials* by James Dashner ?

1.3 Objective Of The Study

1. To describe Thomas characterization in *The Scorch Trials* by James Dashner.
2. To describe Thomas relationship with his companions in *The Scorch Trials* by James Dashner.

1.4 Scope and Limitation of the Study

In order to keep the study straight in the expected field, a limitation of the analysis is required. Focus in this research is characteristic of main character, Thomas. Researcher will analyze characteristic of Thomas in *The Scorch Trials* seen in the relation of friendship. Researcher chooses Thomas to analyze, because according to writer character of Thomas is main character that become example to many people in caring to friends. In this research writer will use new criticism theory to analyze.

