CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Nowadays, people are busy with their activities. The job pressure could make people getting stress. If they are not in a good mood to work, they couldn't concentrate and the work couldn't finish well. So having a hobby for releasing the stress is important. There are many activities to choose as a hobby. Watching movie, hiking, fishing or having a short trip is some examples of activities for spending the leisure time. But for the people who do not like to go out for spending their free time, reading novel could be a fun way also. Like the Roman poet Horace claimed that literature is "sweet and useful" (http://mockingbird.creighton.edu/english/fajardo/teaching/Miscellan/understand.htm), it gives pleasure and knowledge. Since then literature has been understood as having dual purpose of entertaining and educating its audience. So, novel as the form of literature work has the entertaining and educating function. In addition William Harmon and C. Hugh Holmon stated that, "novel is used in its broadest to designate any extended fictional narrative almost always in prose" (350).

As a long narrative prose, novel is divided into several genres. Today many novels with different genres and various target readers appear to enrich our literature. There are several genres of novel, among others campus, comic, crime fiction, fantasy, gothic, horror, magic realism, romance, science fiction,

speculative, spy, thriller and western (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Novel). Several of those genres are the popular genres lately, for instances: fantasy, romance, science fiction, and thriller. Whatever the genres, novel has the same elements, such as plot, character, setting, point of view, and theme.

The writer interested in fantasy genre because this genre is different. Brian Stableford stated:

> Geoffrey Chaucer, the first writer known to us who worked in a language recognizably akin to a modern English, uses the word *fantasye* to refer to strange and bizarre notions that have no basis in everyday experience, and this is the sense in which it is usually used today when one speaks of "fantasy literature" (xxxv).

Fantasy offers the escape for people's complex routine activities that other genres couldn't (www.helium.com/knowledge141023-characteristics-of-fantasy-literature). With fantasy people could free their mind while reading without thinking because all they need is only imagination. Besides the reason above, fantasy genre also has its own structure in the story which related to plot which called fantasy structure.

One of fantasy novel is *New Moon* novel. *New Moon* novel was a fantasy-romance novel. The story of this novel continues the first novel, *Twilight*. According to Meyer, this novel is about losing true love. *New Moon* became one of the most anticipated books of 2009. It peaked a #1 on both the New York Times Best Seller list and USA Today's Top 150 best sellers. The novel was the biggest selling children's paperback of 2008 with over 5.3 million copies sold.

The commercial success of this novel is because the readers are curious about the continuation of the story. The interesting plot, about the protagonist

main female character Isabella Swan struggle for her life in a deep depression after her boyfriend left, is one thing that attracts the readers. Therefore, the writer is interested to study this novel based on fantasy structure theories.

1.2 Problem Identification

- What are the fantasy characteristics in New Moon novel?
- What fantasy structure describe in each stage of plot?
- How does *New Moon* novel portray fantasy structure?

1.3 Research Question

- How does *New Moon* novel portray fantasy structure?

1.4 Purpose of the Study

This research will examine and analyze the fantasy structure in *New Moon* novel and find out the relation between plot and the structure.

1.5 Limitation of the Study

The scope of this study is the analysis of the fantasy characteristics and structure in *New Moon* novel. How the fantasy structure is portrayed in the novel through characters and plot. The theory of fantasy characteristics, structure and plot and are being used in the analysis.

1.6 Significance of the study

Hopefully this research will give a contribution about fantasy literature analysis as an input for English Department, Universitas Negeri Jakarta. This

study will be significant for the writer and the reader to have a better understanding about fantasy literature.