CHAPTER III

RESEARCH OBJECT AND METHOD

This chapter illustrates the object of the research under discussion that becomes the focus of the study. In addition to that, it also explains the description of the research method and technique, data collection, and data analysis taken from the data resources.

3.1 Research Object

In this research has already discussion about character's role that that found in a novel A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens. Based on the novel, this research focused in one character, he is Sydney Carton, as a minor character that has an important role for major character. This research focused on his roles as subject and object, helper and opponent, and power and receiver and some factors that encourage him to gets his roles. In order to analyze the data, it will be used narratology theory by Mieke Bal as a grand theory, narratology theory by Manfred Jahn and aspect of story by Rimmon-Kenan as a supporting theories.

3.2 Research Method

This research is intended to present an overview on the character's role in novel and to explain the relationship between the characters to others. In analyzing and collecting data, this research uses qualitative descriptive method. According

DBogman dan Taylor dalam Moleong (2007:6), qualitative descriptive is *metode penelitian deskriptif kualitatif merupakan prosedur penelitian yang menghasilkan data-data deskriptif yang berupa kata-kata tertulis maupun lisan dari orang-orang dan perilaku yang dapat diamati*. Based on the statement, means that method will find the data through narrative text. Narrative text produces a story through a text and inside it can be found the words that representation of characters.

3.2.1 Data Collection

In collecting data several steps are taken. For the first, choosing the data source and A Tale of Two Cities novel by Charles Dickens is chosen as the data source. It occurs because in this novel has an interesting issues about characters. After the resources has already choose, second, finding the issues that will be focuses for this research. Third, collecting the data that relate to characters role and classifying into the category of subject and object, helper and opponent, and power and receiver and analyze the data that encourage the characters act the roles. Fourth, selecting the data and analyzing it into the category.

3.2.2 Data Analysis

In analyzing the data, the data analyzed based on the data that has already classified in a novel. The analyses uses outline of narratology theory by Bal, which divided into actor elements. first, the analyzed data is the data that relates with Sydney Carton in his position as a subject and makes another characters become an object. Afterwards, the data analyzed that relates with him as helper and he has an

opponent in the text. And the data analyzed that relates with him as a character has a power and becomes a receiver from effect the power. When the classification about his role has finished, the analysis will be continue to analysis factors that encourage him to act his roles. The data will be described in detail and will be combined with the narratology by Jahn and aspect of story by Rimmon-Kenan. Those ideas are applied in selected data as can be seen below:

> *"Don't be afraid to hear me. Don't shrink from anything I say. I am like one who died young. All my life might have been." (Dickens, 2004:166)*

The data above occurs in Lucie's home when Carton visits her. At that time, he tries to tell about his felling for Lucie and gives a little information about himself. He humiliates himself towards her, it can be seen in his statement, ”*don't shrink from anything I say. I am like one who died young”.* Towards her, he says that he is like died human, his words are useless and unbelievable. In their conversation, Carton becomes a subject and Lucie as an object, because he gives any information about him and Lucie just accept it. Beside it, Carton becomes a character that has a power and becomes a receiver when he says it, it can be seen in Lucie's statement when she answer it *"No, Mr. Carton. I am sure that the best part of it might still be; I am sure that you might be much, much worthier of yourself."* (Dickens, 2004:166). From her statement, she tries to say that she believe in him and she knows that he has a man that will be useful for other or himself.

3.2.3 Synopsis

A Tale of Two Cities is one of masterpiece novel by Charles Dickens. This novel tells about a Frenchman named Charles Evremonde Darnay, who travel to London. He is going to London for leaving his aristocracy, because his family as an aristocrat is evillike for people in Paris. It is not easily for him to achieve his aims because he gets resitance from proletarian who want to revenge and catch him for executed. Even though, he is a good man, but the proletarian no wants to know about it, they want every member of Everemonde family killed. In his journey, he meets with a woman named Lucie Menette who becomes his wife. Lucie is a good woman, every man wants to make her becomes their wife.

Besides Lucie and her family, he meets with Sydney Carton, an Englishman who is careless, drunkard, and hopeless, but both of them have same physical appearances. Carton also has a feeling for Lucie and she makes Carton leaves his life that always drunk and gives him a hope for life. However, Lucie chose Darnay for her husband, but it does not make Carton surrender for his affection. He tells all of his felling to Lucie and will do anything her. It occurs because only Lucie that person who kind and believe in him. Knowing about Carton's affection, Darnay hates to him, but Lucie makes Darnay sure that Carton is a good person and accept him as her friend.

Darnay and Lucie live happily until is he arrested by Parisian proletarian when he wants to go back to Paris for visiting Evremonde. He gets death sentence

and will be executed by them, while Lucie very sad when knows about her husband condition. Carton does not want looking Lucie in sadness and he helps her to makes Darnay release from the prison. With his colleagues, Carton makes a plan for switching his position with Darnay as prisoner without Lucie knowledge. Plan is running when Darnay; with a letter from Carton for him and Lucie, out from prison and Carton has already in Darnay's position as a prisoner. Carton as a subject occurs when he wants to help Darnay in trial and in that time, Darnay's position becomes an object because Carton take in charge to him. Carton's position is a helper when he helps Darnay in trial. He does it because he wants to make Lucie happy.

However, Darnay will be executed by French people make Carton gets an important role and it can help him to receive his aims. Carton's physical appearance resembles Darnay and it gives him a power to make his position as a subject and Darnay's position as an object. Thus, his position can help Darnay for achieving the aims. Therefore, Carton replaces his position with Darnay as a prisoner and Darnay reunite again with Lucie. From his action, Carton is a receiver from his action, feels he has already doing a better things in his life and some people care and believe in him.