

CHAPTER 1

1.1 BACKGROUND OF STUDY

War is a fatal condition where the winner and the loser get nothing but casualties. From the last centuries, mankind has suffered countless bloodshed on the warfare just to protect ideology, land and wealth of their country. Many poets and writers have captured the roaring swords on the dessert of Kashmir, magnified flying bullets at Omaha Beach and massive mushroom cloud at Nagasaki and Hiroshima. All these historical events recorded in history books, film, novel, poetry, such as *GHOST FLEET* written by Peter Waren Singer.

Ghost Fleet is a novel about World War III that happens in 2145 where the constellation of world economy, resource and power are the main interest between USA and China. This novel also includes a marvelous story of different individuals who tried to survive the world war and fight for their side. This research focuses on the USA and China war strategy which is a main side that Peter Waren Singer showed on *Ghost Fleet*.

The researcher choose Sun Tzu's *Art of War* as the main theory in analyzing this novel since it is an ancient military method originate from China and it is still use by many countries such as China. *The Art of War* is very essential since it can apply into every aspects in our life such as medical, politic, education even the writer of *Ghost Fleet* wrote Sun Tzu's quotes in every chapters such as "All war are based on decision (2015:1).

Ghost Fleet has a unique pattern in putting the constellation of power between USA and China. History records that US Army always display the same pattern in war that is using the brand-new technology to destroy enemy. USA is well known for the extensive technology in military combat. It is different from China because normally they use soldier as the main weapon to march on war and rely on their surroundings to execute guerilla warfare.

In *Ghost Fleet*, the pattern changes into a contrary of reality where USA used the guerilla warfare and China used modernization of weapon. It is why the researcher then choose *Ghost Fleet* as the object of this research. Besides, this novel is the reflection of the previous war and conflict that happened in the real universe and *Ghost Fleet* universe.

Sun Tzu is the tactician who invent the art of war on the kingdom era in China and it is still related to this day. In fact, Peter Warren Singer write the opening of *Ghost Fleet* with Sun Tzu's Quotes from Art of War such as "Attack your enemy when he is unprepared, appear where you are not expected" (2015:38).

The next point is the writer of *Ghost Fleet* called Peter Warren Singer. Peter Warren Singer is Strategist at New America. He has been named by the Smithsonian as one of the nation's 100 leading innovators, by Defense News as one of the 100 most influential people in defense issues, by Foreign Policy to their Top 100 Global Thinkers List, as an official "Mad Scientist" for the U.S. Army's Training and Doctrine Command, and by Analytica social media data analysis as one of the ten most influential voices in the world on cybersecurity and 25th most influential in the field of robotics (Singer,2015:1).

With this enormous achievement, the researcher concludes that Peter Warren Singer is the essential writer who mixed the Art of War and poetic scenery into novel so the reader of his novel experience the true horror of war which is the main aspect why the researcher chooses Peter Warren Singer's Novel as the material of this research.

By using the Art of War from Sun Tzu the researcher will unfold the strategy and aspects that needed by both US and China to win the war. Also, the researcher will input other's perception about war strategy and mixed it into explanation of the Essen of war. Talking about the Art of War is popular among generals all over the world who seek the truth and essential way of killing enemy in warfare. as time goes by, the strategy from Sun Tzu transform into not only how to survive war but also all aspects in life such as economy. One of the essential by Sun Tzu is "all war are based on perception"(Giles,2001:20) which reefer to how we manipulate our enemy and strike them while they are not realise we exist in front of their

eyes. Therefore, a general command in war comes from the sovereign (Giles,2001:25), and while fighting with a few armies is no more different than fighting with numerous army (Giles,2001:15). These points are an example of how the general should be in war, if the general can't fight with a few numbers, then the ability of his supremacy and intelligence would be questionable.

The gist of Sun Tzu's Art of War can be lethal in army but it would be the best and fast way to end the war. By generating the amount number of elements in war and executing plan like a night fall upon the earth (Giles,2001:27), Sun Tzu method is suitable in analyzing the war strategy in *Ghost Fleet* novel.

At last, the writer would adress this research for the anonymous outside who appears to be the seeker of the truth and hopefully there will be a lot of research in Universitas Muhammadiyah Surabaya about master of deception Sun Tzu that bring us the light of damnation and true horror of war inside our mind and outside our houses even thought a research on Sun Tzu's method is well known among researcher all over the world.

However, many of the research are about interpretation of his Art of War, furthermore the researcher would like to give you a fresh air in Sun Tzu by using his Art of War to analyze the war tactic in *Ghost Fleet* Novel by Peter Waren Singer. In addition, *Ghost Fleet* is a new Novel that was published in 2015 which the war between USA and China inspired by true events in society (Singer,2015:4). It is why this novel is truly an important subject for the researcher to know what inside this book and how both USA and China use Sun Tzu's art of war.

This research is aimed to give you an information about how you should be and how you shouldn't be. Because war is a fight between individuals and they use people to destroy each other. Hopefully, there will be further research about this research because there are view researcher out there choose this novel.

1.2 SCOPE AND LIMITATION

This research is aimed to determine the strategy used by both sides (America and Directorate China) which both of them have their true colour in strategy and mostly the strategy is about taking down the enemy in single blow. Both sides have their character behind all strategy that used by both sides. The researcher choosed Simmon the commander US NAVY during the war between USA and China as a representation of America because mainly, the story of America fought the battle in Pacific is based on his strategy.

However, Simmon didn't act alone. There are many characters who gave their idea in order to defend their homeland. On the other side, Vice Admiral Wang Xiaoqian commander of China NAVAL army took a role on directorate army in giving them a strategy to strike America at Pacific War. Admiral Wang is an outstanding strategist. All the Directorate comission and party has given him a name "*The Next Tsun Zu*" which is an honor for him because The Legendary Tsun Zu is the legend among all the strategist in China Hitory.

1.3 STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEMS

The researcher created 2 questions that lead into the explanation :

- 1.3.1 What forces used in *Ghost Fleet* by USA and Directorate China based on Sun Tzu's and developers Art of War?
- 1.3.2 How do USA and China side implicate The Art of War to their strategy to win the war.

1.4 SIGNIFICANT OF THE STUDY

This research is dedicated for those who interested in war and politic especially in UM Surabaya and the researcher hope there will be more research in English Department about Literature and politic

because it's possible for novel, poetry, song, etc to possessed political background and it's worth to dig in. And as a teacher, students should have a critical thinking based on Sun Tzu Art of War. Imagine if students know what to do on their life and manage to success their way throughout chaos. As life is another version of war and those who fight the war with nobility and good intention shall find peace in their life. Inspire students with critical concept than rounded shape that must fit into square.

1.5 OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

- 1.5.1 To know the forces used in *Ghost Fleet* by USA and Directorate China based on Sun Tzu's and developers Art of War?
- 1.5.2 To see how USA and China implicate The Art of War to their strategy to win the war.

1.6 DEFINITION OF KEYTERMS

1.6.1 GHOST FLEET

GHOST FLEET is a novel about war erupted between USA and CHINA to look upon resources in Pacific Ocean. Apart from the struggle of resources in Pacific Ocean, the war itself occurred in several places such as Hawaii Island and space, was fought by the commanders from both USA and China which they used a proper strategy and war machine to win the war. *GHOST FLEET* is also a reflection of numerous events in world such as economics and politics affecting the story of the novel.

1.6.2 Sun Tzu Art of War

The Art of War by Sun Tzu is an ancient strategy guidance still used by many especially by China. *The Art of War* also used in many aspects of life such as medic, politics, psychology. Sun Tzu's *Art of War* is consider as the source of philosophy and it is an essential guidance to look into something in our life.

