

## **Chapter 1: Introduction**

This chapter explains research background in general. It divides into some parts; research problem, research questions, research significances, and the limitation of research.

### **Basic consideration**

Woman's discrimination seems to be a common issue and never ending to be discussed in this world. The various problems that related to the discrimination of woman are not resolved properly.

The problem of woman's discrimination is not only about a problem of North-South or East-West country, but it is also a global phenomenon. Many occurrences toward, sexual harassment, and gender discrimination always take place and increase every day. Until now, there is no evidence that men's behaviour toward to the women has shifted, specifically in the countries, where men considered to have more power for example in the household.

The problem of woman and household are inseparable. In a household, women are the objects that have to be submissive and obedient to the rules made by men, whereas women should have the same right and obligations. Although they work, their income and position should not be higher than their husbands, and even they already worked outside of the house, they

must also handle all activities at home, such as cooking and taking care of the children.

Further woman's discrimination in a household is repeatedly occur. The discrimination which experienced by the woman is an act that violates the limits of decency "husbands hit their wives because they felt they were insulted, or the wives found their husbands have a relationship with the other women".

Depart from the phenomenon about the discrimination in social life, literary has already alarming this case. Essentially, literary work is a crystallization of the values of a society. Literature in public life cannot be separated with peoples' lives due to literature tends to reflect the socio-culture. People polemical lives that occur in this time are possible to be represented in the literary work. It becomes a reflection of society.

To elaborate the case, there are many phenomena of woman's discrimination in literary work. That is why many approaches rised and used in addressing the discrimination. For example, in a study of literature, there is a feminist on literary criticism that comes to clarify the discrimination.

Regarding the problems of discrimination toward women in literature, this study would like to see how the discrimination happens and how women struggle to obtain their rights back. Some studies have proved that in literature, women often experience discrimination than men. As examples

of research which undertaken by Nur Nikmawati Kuka, Her research is analyzing the struggle of a woman to fight in getting their right of freedom that contained in the Color Purple novel and used radical feminist approach.

In her research, it is explained that in the Color Purple novel there are various discrimination doing by men against women, which is why many women try to regain their rights as human beings. Kuka (2015)

Moreover, another example of discrimination against women in literature is a thesis entitled Discrimination Against Women In Lintang Kemukus Dini Hari novel by Ahmad Tohari which is written by Satia (2014). In his research, it is explained that the discrimination against women is still exist in literature.

One of the novels in which there is discrimination against women is Lintang Kemukus Dini Hari novel by Ahmad Tohari, Lintang Kemukus Dini Hari is the second novel of the Dukuh Paruk trilogy by Ahmad Tohari which consists of Ronggeng Dukuh Paruk novel, Lintang Kemukus Dini Hari, and Jantera Bianglala. In Lintang Kemukus Dini Hari novel, it is described that there are many events relating to discrimination experienced by female characters. Satia (2014).

It can be concluded that the discrimination still happening that virtually reflect in literary work.

Moreover, the problem of discrimination in literature is similar to the problem that occurs in real life, thus it makes this becomes a crucial issue to be discussed. As those previous studies, this study also would like to see how the discrimination of women in literature occurs. There are similarities and differences among this study and previous studies. The similarity is this study uses the feminist approach to analyze the data and the difference is the object of this study is different from the previous studies. This study analyzes Danielle Steel's novels. They are Accident ( 1994 ) and Journey ( 2000 ). Those are chosen because Accident and Journey are novels that describe the life of wife's in household take place and mostly or generally experienced by woman. The reason for choosing the Danielle steel's novels is because these novels present a variety source that is required in this study.

Danielle Steel tries to tell the reader that in domestic life, discrimination often occurs in women. Women have always been the object that is repressed, and women always in the second position. In the Accident and Journey, it clearly illustrates about discrimination which committed by a husband to his wife, where they treat their wives with inappropriate acts, such said the bad words to their wives, etc.

One of the examples of discrimination in Danielle Steel's novels ( Journey) is

"You are whore, mad, a cheap slut. You must have been out fucking around when you were twelve, for chrissake. It makes me wonder who you are now. I feel like i don't even know you". (Journey, p. 169)

Another discrimination in Danielle Steel novels ( Accident ) is

"She stared at him, unbelieving. It was all too incredible and too awful. Her worst nightmare had come true. Allyson was nearly dead, and Brad was in love another woman" ( Accident, p. 308 ).

From those example, above we can see a portrait of woman's life. How the woman must be strong with the polemics of life. They should accept the discrimination from their husbands.

Based on the aspects that described above, this study will analyze.

Domestic Discrimination Against Woman In Novel Accident And Journey

By Danielle Steel.

### **Research Questions**

Based on the background problems that exist in this study, the authors want to find out some of the issues to be studied. First, this study looks for what is the discriminations against woman in both novels Accident and Journey by Danielle Steel. Second, this research find out when and where discrimination occurs in those novels. Then, this study looks at how discrimination occurs in both novels Accdent and Journey by Danielle Steel.

## **Research Objectives**

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## **Limitation of Research**

This research focuses on several aspects.

- The types of discrimination that provide in this study are based on theory of United Nation Human Rights. Types of discrimination are divided into 3 types: Physical Discrimination, Psychological discrimination, and Sexual discrimination.

The reason for choosing this theory is because from the whole theory of women's discrimination in the household, these three types are often occur in domestic areas namely Physical Discrimination, Psychological discrimination, and Sexual discrimination.

- The objects of this research are two Novels by Danielle Steel (Accident and Journey ).

The reason for choosing these two novels by Danielle Steel is because this novel presents all data that is required in this research.

- This research focuses on analyzing the main character, not all the characters. Only analyzing the character of Maddy in Journey and analyzing the character of Page in Accident.

The reason for choosing the main character as an object to be studied in this research is because, the character that often experience the discrimination is the main character.

- The approach that is used in reviewing this study is feminist approach. The reason for choosing this approach is because this study tries to find out the discrimination against women in these novels, therefore this research applies the feminist approach.

Feminist is an approach that focuses on problems of women.

### **Research Significances**

This study can increase our knowledge in analyzing the study using feminist criticism and analyzing the literature study broadly and also, this study will be the references for the next researcher on how the reader to critique the novels like in this research using feminist criticism.