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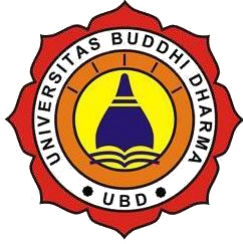
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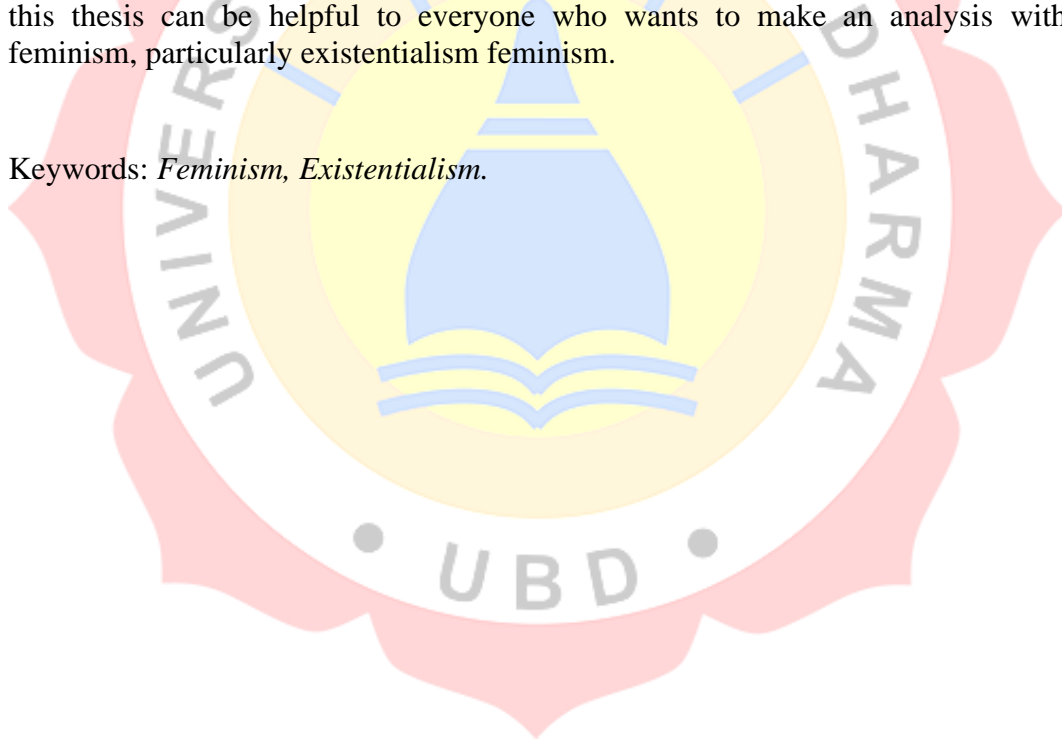
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ABSTRACT

The writer conducted this analysis with the aim of examining the character of Tracy Whitney and how Tracy Whitney's character is incorporated into existential feminist theory. The data of the main character and characterization are collected by finding the evidences from the dialogue in the novel. The writer used existentialism feminism as theory and explained about the characteristic of Tracy Whitney and made summary through that theory. This struggle is not achieved easily, but through her relentless efforts, she manages to attain what was once difficult for her to accomplish. Facing four men who have falsely accused her and sent her to prison, she is able to confront them all without resorting to killing or inflicting harm with sharp weapons. Finding herself unable to secure employment due to her status as a former convict, she eventually manages to collect great wealth. Tracy Whitney proves that a woman is capable of achieving what is commonly attributed to men, both in terms of career accomplishments and astute thinking. In conclusion, the writer concludes that the character of Tracy Whitney aligns with feminist theory, particularly existentialism feminism. The writer hopes this thesis can be helpful to everyone who wants to make an analysis with feminism, particularly existentialism feminism.

Keywords: *Feminism, Existentialism.*



CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

Literature are characteristic or essential features, as poetry, novel, history, biography, music, film, essay etc. Literature can be in the form of things, or various other writing that is an esthetical, creative, and important in give offering to our life. Literary work is one of culture that's to introduce literary work and can spread throughout the world like the daily assumptions of society.

Literature is that someone can feel it and sometimes some creation of literature can be and ideas. Must arts having seen is the one of literary works, and realizes that have meaning of literature and enjoy when learn about it. According Klarer (2004:1) literature is referred to as the entirety of written expression, with the restriction that not every written document can be categorized as literature in the more exact sense of the word. Literature is also produced by imagination of the author. Literature is not just a document of fact. it is not just the collection of real events though it may happen in the real life.

Furthermore, the writer chooses one the popular literary work that is novel. Novel is a long prose essay containing a series of stories from a person's life with the people around him by highlighting the character and nature of the actor. Reported by Encyclopaedia Britannica (2015), the novel is a prose narrative that is created with sufficient length and a certain complexity. which deals with

human experience imaginatively. Usually through a series of related events and involves a group of people in a certain setting. Within the broad framework of the novel genre has covered various types of styles, such as romantic, or historical. The writer chooses novel by Sidney Sheldon and the title is “If Tomorrow Comes” is a 1985 crime fiction.

To analyzed this novel the writer used a feminism theory. Feminism literary It is the belief in social, economic, and political equality of the sexes. Although largely originating in the West, feminism is manifested worldwide and is represented by various institutions committed to activity on behalf of women’s rights and interests. According to (Freedman, 2003), Professor of History and a founder of the Program in Feminist Studies at Stanford University, feminism is not only clearly alive and well, but is being reinvigorated and reassessed with a new urgency, vibrancy, and promise for the future unprecedented in its history. Throughout most of Western history, women were confined to the domestic sphere, while public life was reserved for men. As we know feminism is closely related to gender equality between men and women politically. Feminism is a movement that is used for the purpose of getting things that were not previously obtained by women.

The main problem in this novel is according Tracy Whitney side that she is don’t know what happen in her life. Tracy Whitney lost her mother, fiancé, and everything. They send her to prison for 15 years in the Louisiana Penitentiary for the crime that she never committed. They had closed all her opportunities to get a job, and made her desperate, hopeless, and submissive position

The writer is interested in analysed it because the point of view of Tracy Whitney is tough girl and explain about the power of women. Tracy Whitney was a strong women and she was brave life without family for long time. Tracy Whitney was independent woman that made the writer proud of her. Without family Tracy Whitney could do anything like men for her life.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

The object of research is Tracy Whitney on “If Tomorrow Comes” novel. This novel released in 1985 written by Sidney Sheldon. This novel story about independent woman, stand firm in the face of problem and also woman story portraying an ordinary woman who is framed by the Mafia, her subsequent quest for vengeance towards them and her later life as a thief. The writer analyzed of Tracy Whitney with a feminism theory that had been shown in this novel.

Tracy Whitney was orphan. Tracy Whiney struggling alone facing her problem in prison and after she came out from it. How she does the revenge by herself to the people who betray her and make her stay in the prison. And after she came out from the prison, she also have a lot obstacles to face.

1.3 Research Question

The general problem of this study is to fine the answer of the question:

How does the feminism reveral on Tracy Whitney’s character on the novel “If Tomorrow Comes” by Sidney Sheldon?

1.4 Goal and Function

The goal of the study is to share the information of the feminism in the main character to a life in the novel “If Tomorrow Comes”. Tracy Whitney is a woman who is untruthful implicated and sent to jail. Upon her release, after a number of unsuccessful attempts to procure a job, she reluctantly becomes a con artist. Soon enough, she becomes one of the best in the world. And then talk about the struggle of Tracy Whitney. And to provide general information relate to feminism and also deal with benefit of the following research for reader. The function of the study is hopefully the readers can easily understand about the information of the feminism and explained the positively characteristic of women with the evidences.

1.5 Scope and limitation

The scope of this research encompasses the characterization of the novel “If Tomorrow Comes” by Sidney Sheldon. The novel was initially published in 1985 and received recognition as a New York Times bestseller. The title of this novel was also adapted into a television miniseries. This research focuses on the main character of the novel, namely Tracy Whitney. The author utilizes feminist theory to demonstrate and present the embodiment of feminism within the character of Tracy Whitney, as portrayed in the novel.

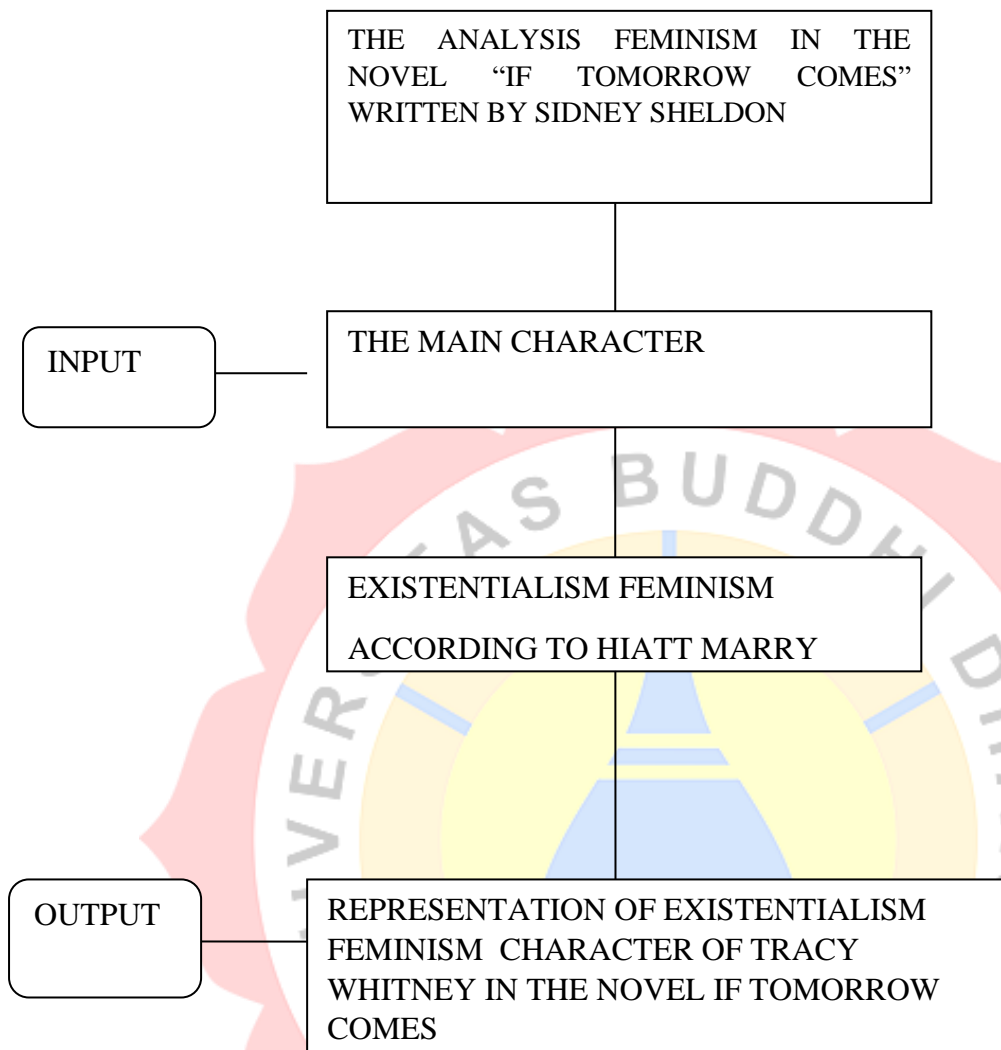
The limitation of this research lies in the exploration of the strength and struggles of a woman facing various challenges and obstacles throughout her life. The purpose of this writing is not only to narrate the story of the novel but also to

depict the life journey of Tracy Whitney and her determination in facing the challenges of life. The author employs the feminist theory of existentialism feminism.

1.6 Conceptual Framework

At this point, the author will explain how this research was conducted. The author utilizes feminist theory to examine the strength and struggles of the main character in this novel, specifically focusing on Tracy Whitney's struggle to rebuild her life after facing unjust challenges that led to her imprisonment. Within this framework, the author will provide a detailed explanation covering the introduction to the conclusion of this research. The author will also explain the research object and other relevant aspects related to this study. The author will also expound on the theory employed, which is feminism, particularly existentialism feminism.

After that the writer found the research question and how to get the answer for this question, next is the goal and the function of this research, how many goals and function that the writer find. The writer will explain the analysis use graphic 1.1



Picture Graphic 1.1

CHAPTER II

THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

2.1 Previous Study

In addition to learning from the source, during the research the writer also search for research who using feminism theory. The first is thesis by Meigan Gates Goodyer (2018) her thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree in 2018. She wrote about Literature Theory, The Novel and Science Media in Montana State University. She told about the theory of novel so that the writer learned about the novel and how about the history about the novel. through history, the term novel has been applied to writings that cover a plethora of topics, that employ numerous and varied styles, and that have achieved divergent results - critically, publicly, aesthetically, and economically.

The second analysis is written by Martina Halirova (2016) bachelor thesis with the title The Development of Feminism in English Literature of the 19th and 20thcenturies at Palacky University in 2016. From her thesis the writer knew about kind of feminism and the definition. Feminism have long story about historical and variant about women. How women can survive and how women could made a group to struggle or fight to equality. This research contains main character has a strong to fight to equality.

The third analysis is written by Sella Aprilia (2019), in this study, we examine the main character in Novel entitled Everything, Everything through the feminism theory by Hiatt Marry. This research shows that the main character has

a strong woman. Based on her analysis it can be concluded that the main character has struggle to her life.

From the three studies that the authors have obtained, the authors conclude similarity with the mentioned related studies above, especially in bringing up the the feminism theory in a literary work, yet still uses different object. What makes this study different from the studies above, instead of different object, this study use novel and existentialism feminism.

2.2 Theory of Literature

Literature represents the culture and tradition of a language or a people. Nowadays people love anything related to literature. Such as novel, drama, song, film. As Greil Marcus and Werner Sollor, 2009 says that “literary means not only what is written but what is voiced, what is expressed, what is invented, in whatever form”. Literature has become part of our lives and reflects society, makes us think about ourselves and our society. Literature also makes us enjoy languages and culture.

Novel is a long printed story about imaginay. In the novel have many topic that the writer wrote with different style. According to Isabelle Daunais (2010) novel is an art form without rules. Notwithstanding this wisdom, novelists regularly discuss the inner workings of the novel in essays, prefaces, manifestos, interviews, reviews, questionnaires, cahiers, and treatises. Every author has different style to make novel interesting to read and get achievement. To read

novel without author realized had a meaning and can be include in kind of literature. And can be analysis with theory of literature.

2.3 Feminism

Feminism is a theory about men and woman, should be equal politically, economically and socially. This the point of all feminism theories. Sometimes this definition is also referred to as emancipation or the struggle women. According to (Hoffman, 2001) Feminism is sometimes seen either as multiple or singular as though we have to make a choice along ideological as well as philosophical lines. Feminism is the person who believes in that women and man must be equal in economically. Feminism theory has developed from year to year, for example feminism movement striving to challenge priorities in all aspects of life. That call emancipation.

Feminism also is movement of women who fight against discrimination, or stereotypes that describe women as a taught individual. Feminism is discourse that involves various movements, philosophies which are concerned with issue of gender equality and campaign for women right. As though by Cheri Kramarae (1986) feminism is the radical notion that women are human beings. In addition, feminism is as a movement ideology that is focused with women status society for reaching equality of rights between women and men.

Many of the human behavior review of feminism theory that comprehensive understanding and many perspectives. According to Andermahr, Lovell, & Wolkowitz (1997) Feminism theory is most often associated with the

rights of women. This is both simplistic and comprehensive. There are encompassing concerns inclusive of the discipline's particular epistemological, ontological, and methodological assumptions, however, there is no one monolithic feminism perspective, there are many perspectives, with various theoretical groundings. As the oppressions of women is not simply related to some other social relationship such as a class system. Oppression is seen as a part of the way the world is structured and not looked like a traditional culture.

The main purpose of feminism theory is a commitment to change pressure make connected abstract ideas with problems for political action. Women will get the choice what she need every day like human experiences. This reason that some women do not name pressure as a concern. Also associated specific goals with feminism theory. These goal include understanding power different between men, women, and power in relationship to evolution of oppression as well to bring about social change to end pressure.

Another purpose is to improve seat feminism and women to the same status with men. Including struggle feminism efforts to gone this goal with her.

2.4 Conceptualizations of Feminism

There are variations of feminism. Some of feminism has they own perspectives and that related, bound and build on each other. Feminism has developed every area. Feminism is no longer a variation that can be put together. According to Valerie Miller on the official website We Rise Toolkit (2002) the most commonly used are eight separate feminist theories there is: black feminism, radical

feminism, liberal feminism, Marxist feminism, cultural Feminism, and eco Feminism, also global Feminism and Visionary Feminism. As though by Andermahr, Lovell, & Wolkowitz (1997) and Evans (1995) Some theories can be grouped due to similarities, but distinctions offer a broader critical lens of a myriad of political, social, economic, ethnic, and culture.

2.5 Existentialism Feminism

For this research the writer would like to use Existential Feminism. The writer choose the theory by Hiatt Mary. P. She was born 16 Nov 1920 to 13 Nov 2005. She was very humane and has a kind-hearted. Hiatt Mary selected being a professor Emerita and pension in 1988. Hiatt Mary moved to teach at the Fieldston School in Riverdale New York, and started graduating her studies in English at Columbia University. In 1960, she was an instructor branch of Rutgers University and completed her doctorate at Columbia University in 1971. According to Hiatt, Marry P (1978: 12) the theory of existentialism that the writer use is a woman who makes a choice in her life, and considers her:

A. Lifestyle

Lifestyle is the interests, opinions, behaviours, and behavioural orientations of an individual, group, or culture. Alfred Adler claimed that our lifestyles are linked but our personalities and also our families. He suggested that the way we were raised and the relationships we had with our attachment figures shape, in part, the way we feel, relate to, and process reality.

B. Anxiety

is your body's natural response to stress. It's a feeling of fear or apprehension about what's to come. For example, going to a job interview or giving a speech on the first day of school may cause some people to feel fearful and nervous

C. Freedom

Freedom is the state of being free, or the condition, right of being able or allowed to do, say, and think. Whatever want to do without being controlled or limited. In this part explained about. The long-awaited opportunity had finally arrived.

D. Inequality

especially considering that the examination involved his genitalia. The medical officers conducted the examination rudely, lacking any sense of empathy,

E. Still free to demonstrate the tenets of existentialism.

Existentialism within feminism finds its essence in the idea that women are free to make their own choices and are accountable for those choices.

According to Hiatt Mary P in ERIC publisher in 1978 existentialism is a broader term that characterizes an individual's awareness of life's choices and an eventual definition of one's life according to a meaningful context.

Feminism is an existentialism perspective we must realize how feminism is important in life and the society. According to Arun Prakash in his paper on philosopher community (2005) The path of feminism has not been smooth, but rough and stormy. The journey has revealed that feminism influences every sphere of human existence. This detailed study is conducive in understanding the feminist process in the world in a deeper way, with an emphasis on Simone de Beauvoir's existential feminism and a special reference to Indian feminism, which is generally identified as women's movement. Existentialism signifies a person being her own subject to see how important she is. Also knew about someone does an action and controls her feeling to understand others and overcome differences. This is the most popular existentialism. It also is a way to resolve a concrete individual action and mood.

2.6 Division of Character

Character is the part of the novel. Character is very important to show the vision and role of novel. Without character everyone will confused to make conclusion the content of this novel. Character also the part of intrinsic element. In the novel maybe have a lot character to build up the emotion or story. Character also have the variant starts from the main character, protagonist and many more. According to Ryan and Bohlin (2020) though character can be seen from one's personality both in terms of moral points and ethical objections. For example, honesty. Character have a important part to make the novel interesting and worth it to buy it.

2.6.1 Main Character

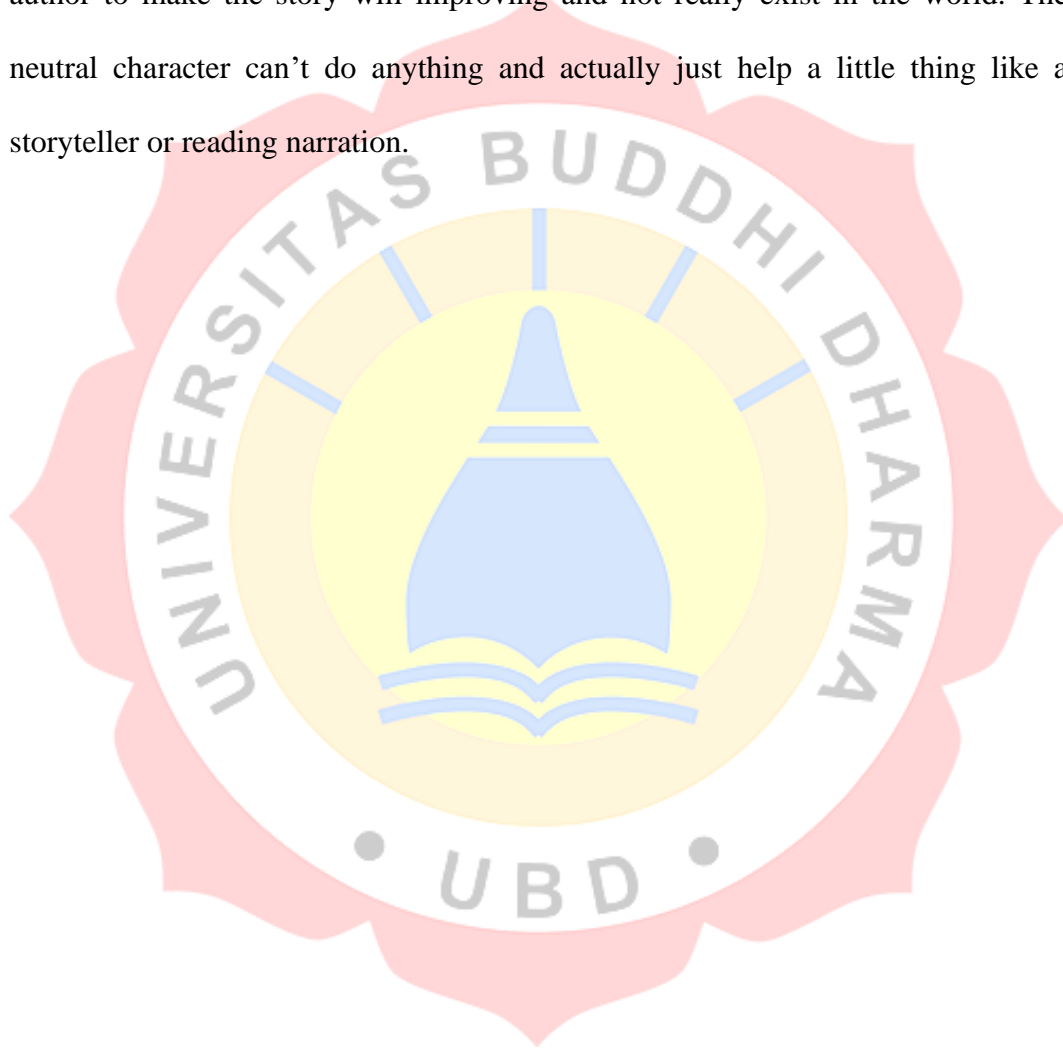
Main character is any character who has a major purpose or role in the plot and interacts regularly with main characters. The main character must show in chapter in the novel. Some novels have two or more main characters to build up the story and connected. According to Ryan and Bohlin (2020) Character is a pattern of behavior, so that good characters will understand about goodness, please goodness, and do something good too. Character is related to one's tendencies. Main character must be present in the beginning and the end of story because all problems in the novel are about that main character. The main character in the novel or film or drama is very important to build and key of the success. If the main character successfully fulfills that role, it means the success of this novel or film is around half percent.

2.6.2 Protagonist Character and Antagonist Character

The protagonist character can be identified with her behavior, attitude or manner. The best behavior and maybe the reader will support, it called protagonist character. Like the character be a hero in the story or helping anyone who need the help. Always do right things. Giving empathy and make the readers like that character. In the other side, the novel also have the negative side, the novel will story about the character that made the problem is starting. The character made conflict everywhere and complicated. This character has a different vision with protagonist character. It called Antagonist Character.

2.6.3 Typical Character and Neutral Character

The typical character is example from kind of people in real life. Like group people, or institute. In the novel typical character not really need but in real life kind of this character is available. Netral character is by the imagination the author to make the story will improving and not really exist in the world. The neutral character can't do anything and actually just help a little thing like a storyteller or reading narration.



CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The writer discusses the subject matter, the material, the approach and the procedure of the research.

3.1 Subject Matter

The writer analyzed the character of Tracy Whitney in *If Tomorrow Comes* novel written by Sidney Sheldon. This novel told story about the main character. But Tracy Whitney's character is the source problem of this story. This story is a crime and mystery. Tracy Whitney was change everything about her mother because the mother suddenly died. Tracy Whitney was the tough girl, she always kept fight in the prison, she lived with vengeance, to avenge his mother. The writer applied existentialism feminism theory because the story and theory has connected. This research is from the dialogue and content story from *If Tomorrow comes* novel.

3.2 Material

In this section, the research material are Tracy Witney in *If Tomorrow Comes* novel written by Sidney Sheldon. Realesed in 1985 and publisher on Warner book. The writer also used the electronic book, also article from internet, magazine and the official website of Sidney Sheldon. This story is a unique because the main character never went out of home. This novel got instant #1 New York Times Best Seller. For more information the writer also learned

feminism from the slide by Penny A. Pasque, PhD - Associate Professor, Adult & Higher Education, Educational Leadership & Policy Studies, Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education, Women's & Gender Studies / Center for Social Justice University of Oklahoma and Brenton Wimmer, MEd – PhD Graduate Student Educational Leadership & Policy Studies, Jeannine Rainbolt College of Education University of Oklahoma from their slide, the writer get more information about history of feminism and the explanation.

3.3 Approach

In this research, the writer applies qualitative method of research. According to Fraenkel and Wallen (1993), the qualitative is referred to research studies that investigate the quality of relationship, situation, activities, or material. Based on the said definition, the writer applies qualitative approach in analyzing the character of Tracy Whitney to answers the research question formulated in Chapter I. The writer also takes relevant information from internet, e-book, magazine, official website by author.

3.4 Procedure

The writer selected some novels that are interesting and easy to understand. In addition have a unique character If Tomorrow Comes a novel that the writer interested in. The writer read and researched the official website or fan pages of the novel. Not only did go to library to find sources, but she also did internet browsing or read jurnal, to find other relevant sources. Finally the writer choose Tracy Whitney as the subject because her character was very interesting. After the

writer had enough data of theory and the information needed, the writer applied the *feminism* and *existentialism theory* to make the analysis.

