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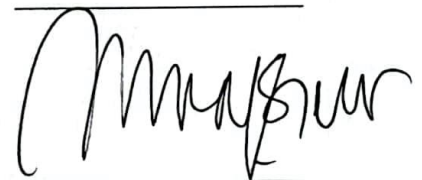
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ABSTRACT

This research analyses a film by Lake Bell entitled *In a World...* and focuses on the female protagonist who gets treated unfairly in a male-dominated industry. The aims of this study are to analyze the portrayal of gender discrimination faced by the female protagonist and her struggles against gender discrimination. To support the analysis, the writer uses the theory of gender discrimination, patriarchy, and liberal feminism. This thesis uses a contextual method, which combines extrinsic elements and intrinsic elements, such as character and conflict. The result shows that being a woman in a male-dominated field is challenging. The female protagonist faces kinds of gender discrimination resulting from the patriarchal structure. In her efforts to struggle against discrimination, she shows her abilities, rejects all degrading treatment, and empowers other women to end gender discrimination.

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