

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

This research thesis “Gender Discrimination in Domestic Sphere as Reflected in Corie Adjmi’s *Life and Other Shortcomings*” discusses the underlying causes, types, and effects of gender discrimination experienced by the female characters of the narrative. The theories used in this research are the concept of gender discrimination; patriarchal society, stereotypes against women, and violence against women by Simone de Beauvoir. The female characters in the narrative experienced gender discrimination from their closest people, such as Callie, a protagonist who married Dylan because he insisted that Callie maintain her appearance.

The intrinsic elements discussed in this research thesis cover character, characterization, conflict, and setting with a focus on one of the protagonists, Callie. Callie’s characterization is categorized into two forms: direct and indirect characterization. Through direct characterization, Callie is portrayed as a secretive person who hides her true feelings from her friends, while the indirect characterization, she is depicted as a wife who is willing to sacrifice for those she loves, and Callie is not true to herself. Callie deals with internal conflict regarding her perception of her parents, where she tries to always assume that their relationship is always in good terms, while external conflicts arise from Callie against Dylan, her husband, where Callie struggles to gain Dylan’s attention to manage their household as a partner.

The extrinsic elements discussed in this thesis revolve around the causes, types, and effects of gender discrimination experienced by the female characters. The primary causes of gender discrimination occur due to the presence of a patriarchal society within the female character's lives. The types of gender discrimination depicted in this narrative include the stereotypes against women and the existence of violence against women in the domestic and public sphere, where violence can occur because men feel entitled to power and dominance. The effects of gender discrimination on female characters are categorized into sociological impacts where women experience disparities within the workplace. As for psychological impacts, women gradually suffer from depression.