

CHAPTER III

ANALYSIS

A novel regularly aims to work as an instrument to describe the object that occurs in the actual world. *The Danish Girl* which is authored by David Ebershoff attempts to describe the object which is another person might not be aware of the life of a person who confuses with his identity in the actual world today. In this novel, the main character is dominantly visualized as a desperate character who has a sense miserable on his identity. This is a story of person who was born and grewed as a man, but eventually realize his new identity. The confusion of Einar's identity as the main character in this novel is illustrated by Einar's performance. Since the novel shows Einar's confusion of his identity through Einar's action, this present study examines it by utilizing the framework of queer literary criticism about gender performativity, thus the study also explains the description of the factors that cause Einar to change his identity. Therefore in the first sub-chapter, this study examines Einar's confusion of his identity which can be described through Einar's performance. Einar's confusion of his identity is depicted by action that contrast with his sex until he confesses his new identity. Moreover in the second sub chapter, the this present study analyzes the reason of Einar's decision to change his identity. Additionally, in this chapter also explains about Islamic perspective in gender. How Islam see and arrange human's identity.

3.1 The process of Einar experience the confusion of his identity.

This part describes the process of Einar's life that experience the confusion in his identity. Therefore, since Einar's confusion can be seen through Einar's performance, queer theory suits to analyze this problem. Einar's confusion that makes the alteration in his gender and his sex. Thus, this first sub chapter is divided into two explanations. First, the discussion starts about gender representation. Gender representation based on society perception before the alteration. Then, the second chapter describes the confusion in his identity and the alteration of gender. Second chapter is divided into the act of cross-dressing, changing gender, repetition of gender and the revelation.

3.1.1 Gender representation

Gender representation is a gender that describes a person's life, whether gender is suitable or not with society. Society decide that being normal in sexuality is the right choice. Heterosexual is one of correct choices based on society. Judith Butler argues that relationship between sex, gender and sexuality with the word 'heterosexual matrix' (194). The idea about heterosexual matrix includes the idea about sex and gender.

Sex is the biological characteristic of human. There are a differences between male and female biological characteristic. The biological characteristic of men and women have been given birth by god. The male's reproductive organs is testes and the women's reproductive organs is ovaries. Testes in man is a tool that holds on the base of the penis that produces sperm. This conception is also explained by Saptari

In this novel, the changing of gender also is done through replacing woman's behavior. In replacing process, we also enter in the process of observation. We observe, we like and replace it. Woodhouse argues that gender in society is categorized based on observable in seven types; fashion, hairstyle, facial appearances, body language, gesture, voice and mannerism (Pradipta 32). The observation creates the feature of gender.

Einar and Greta decide to move to France. Continuously, the alteration of Einar's gender occurs. Einar constantly wants to be Lili. Lili has a routine to go to madame Jasmin-Carton. Madame Jasmin-Carton is a favorite place for men. In there, Lili observes woman's physique and woman's behavior. In chapter 13 in *The Danish Girl*;

For almost six months Einar had been visiting Madame Jasmin-Carton'... He only wanted to watch the girls strip and dance, to study the curve and heft of their breasts, to watch the thighs, eerily white and tremulous like the skin on a bowl of steamed milk, flap open and closed.... He visited Madame Jasmin-Carton's to examine women, to see how their bodies attached limb to trunk and produced a female. How the girl with the electric black hair would hold her chin down as she distractedly cupped each custardy breast. How the girl after her, a blonde with a wiry body, walked around the half-circle black room with her fists on her hips, which were all bone. Or how the girl from last Tuesday, whom Einar had never seen before, parted her freckled thighs and flashed her genitalia. (130).

It quotation above explains about Lili's observation in woman's physique and woman's action in Madame Jasmin-Carton. Woodhouse says that gender in society

Start from the painting, the presence of Lili emerges. Gender is the action which is repeated. Einar becomes the model of Greta everyday. Einar repeats to wears dress. Habitually, Einar being pretty in each afternoon. Now Greta wants to paint more often, not only in the afternoon but also in morning. Sometimes, Einar wants to defy his wife. However Einar does not defy Greta. Einar still loyal helps his wife being Lili in the painting.

The repetition of gender also happens in the library. Einar is more comfortable of being Lili. Einar wants more. Einar not only wears dress and being pretty, but also Einar wants to change his sex. Einar confuses with her wishes. Therefore, Einar go to library to read the information about gender.

Books called *The Sexes; The Normal and Abnormal Man; A Scientific Study of Sexual Immorality; and Die sexuelle Krise*, published in Dresden twenty years earlier... In one Einar read about a man, a Bavarian aristocrat, who was born with both a penis and a vagina. There was something about his plight-the confusion as a child... Somehow Einar knew he was reading about himself. He recognized the duality, the lack of complete identification with either sex...(168).

He imagined a uterus shoved up behind his testicles. He imagined breasts somehow trapped by his ribcage...Einar spent a week in the reading room, and there was a point each day (169).

Einar studies about gender for a week. Einar wants to comprehend about gender issues. Butler mentions that gender is action that is required the repetition of

transplantation. Einar wants to be mother. The second operation fails. Einar feels severe pain in all of his body due to surgery. Lili should be given a shot of morphine continuously. Lili should drink cocaine, pain relief pills to reduce the pain. Lili receives unpleasant consequences from her choice. Einar accepts the sanction of his sex change. In other words, gender is formed from a choice that creates a punishment that must be borne by the man himself.

3.2 The factors that cause Einar decides to change his identity

This part describes about the factors that cause Einar decides to change his identity. Identity is features that human does. When a human is born, society determines his sex. A human grows and develops accordance to his sex. In this novel, the growth and development of human beings contrary to when the human is born. Einar as the main character takes dissimilar identity. Einar is a person who is born and grow as a man, but eventually realizes his new identity. Einar senses miserable on his identity. Einar realizes that he is actually female. The action of Einar also changes. The gender of Einar become feminine. Einar continuously perform actions that deviate from sex. The alteration Einar's gender that contrast with his sex is called transgender. Einar constantly wants to be Lily. Not only in appearance, but also in the physical. Then Einar wants to change his sex. Einar changes his physique through operation. The process of changing sex is called as transsexuality. Einar's decision is caused by internal and external factors. Biological and environment factors supports transgender and transsexual.

his sex as well. The first operation is success. A second operation aims to make Einar being a mother. As Oemar's idea that a great desire that is not accepted by society, its desire must be strengthened by him self. Einar goes to Dresden. Einar is very confident that he can be a mother. A strong push from Einar within Einar. A strong desire to be a perfect woman.

The Danish Girl takes the identity issues. The issues that become the important issues for person are sexuality and gender. Sexuality and gender are parts of the natural identity of human beings. EH. Lake mentions that sex in biology's knowledge and anatomy's knowledge divides person into male and female. In contrast, gender is behavior of each sex in public formation (1). Gender divides person into masculine and feminine. By the time, humans tend to oppose. Humans oppose the prevailing rules including with gender and sex. Distortion of gender identity and same-sex relationships has often been discussed in scriptures and historical narratives. In the holy of the Qur'an, once mentioned about a homosexual precisely at the time of the prophet Luth. Al Quran Al 'Ankabuut: Verse 28.

“And [mention] Lot, when he said to his people, "Indeed, you commit such immorality as no one has preceded you with from among the worlds.”
(Surah 9:28).

This surah tells about the deviation of sex and gender in ancient times. It means that the deviation of gender and sex is not a new action for humans. Men like men who are mighty and so are women.

Performativity must be understood not as a singular or intentional 'act' but, rather, as the repeated and citational practice by which discourse produces the effects that it names (Buttler 1993, 2).

Gender is the performativity is formed by repetition. Gender is something we often do. If we repeat gender deviations, then our deviation become routines. Doing a good action will establish a better gender also. In hadith also is explained about the habit in doing good action, "*Our deeds that Allah loves are continuous deeds (done) though little*" (HR.Muslim)

The hadith that comes from the prophet Muhammad explains that we must make good deeds as a continuous repetition. In this novel, Einar is used to repeat gender deviation. Einar feels comfortable with his new identity. Einar wants to change his sex too. Therefore as a man who obeys religion, does not opposite gender and makes as habit.

A habit of deviation of gender and sex are forbidden explicitly by religion. The action that make deviation In the quran is explained *And I will mislead them, and I will arouse in them [sinful] desires, and I will command them so they will slit the ears of cattle, and I will command them so they will change the creation of Allah ." And whoever takes Satan as an ally instead of Allah has certainly sustained a clear loss "* (Quran 4:119).

