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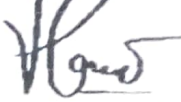
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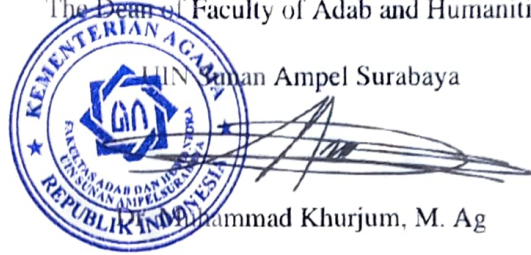
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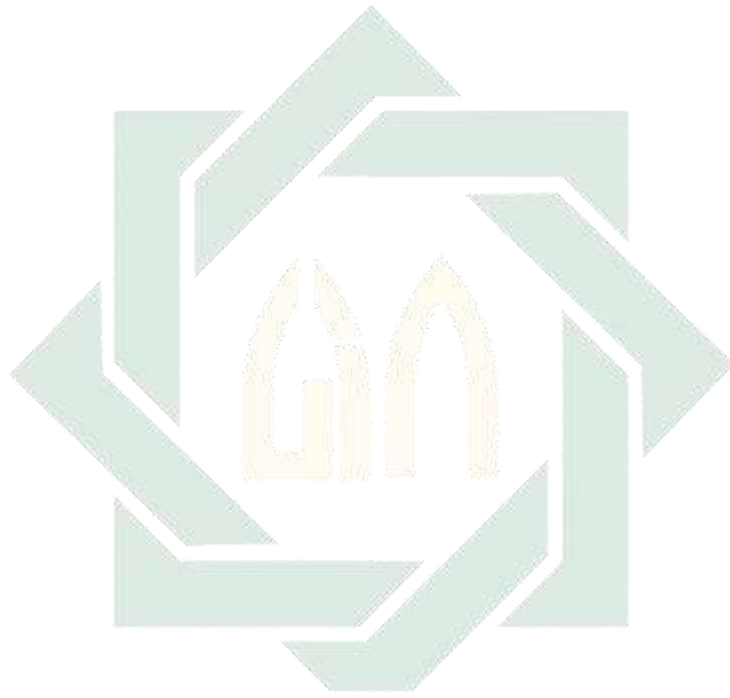
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This study aims to determine the infidelity in the novel *The Silent Wife*. This novel tells the story of the home life of Jodi Brett and her husband, Todd Gilbert, which has been running for 20 years, which at first was fine and lived lovingly, but all that changed when Todd got to know Natasha Kovacs, the child of his own best friend Dean Kovacs because since Todd got to know Natasha who was young, beautiful, good, and had the same goal of wanting to have children. Because Todd's affair with Natasha was caused by Jodi's reluctance to have children. Because the affair that Todd had with Natasha was caused by Jodi's reluctance to have children. Since then, Todd and Jodi's home life has been destroyed because the impact of Todd's affair negatively influences all the characters in the novel *The Silent Wife*.

This research uses a qualitative descriptive approach in analyzing narrative sentences and conversations in the novel to explain the issue under study systematically. Data were collected through a close reading of the novel. The researcher then made a data table to facilitate the detailed and in-depth interpretation process. All data that has been collected is then classified and analyzed.

The study results show that Todd Gilbert had an affair with Natasha Kovacs in various ways/activities. This study also proves that the cause of infidelity is Todd's unfulfilled desires. The results of this study also prove that infidelity can hurt everyone involved both physically and psychologically/mentally. Even the impact of infidelity can cause the loss of another person's life even though it is his best friend. As in this novel, Jodi experiences loneliness, an unsettled life due to anxiety and has to make denials because she does not admit that the cause of the affair is because she does not want to have children and because she is involved in premeditated murder with Alisson, her own best friend and does not want to leave Todd's condominium because she feels she has done her best for Todd as a wife. Likewise, Todd experienced anxiety, and nightmares, was evicted from his own home, developed an autoimmune disease, and was even killed by his friend who was disappointed to be betrayed for impregnating his child. In the end, all the characters realize the bad impact of infidelity on their lives.

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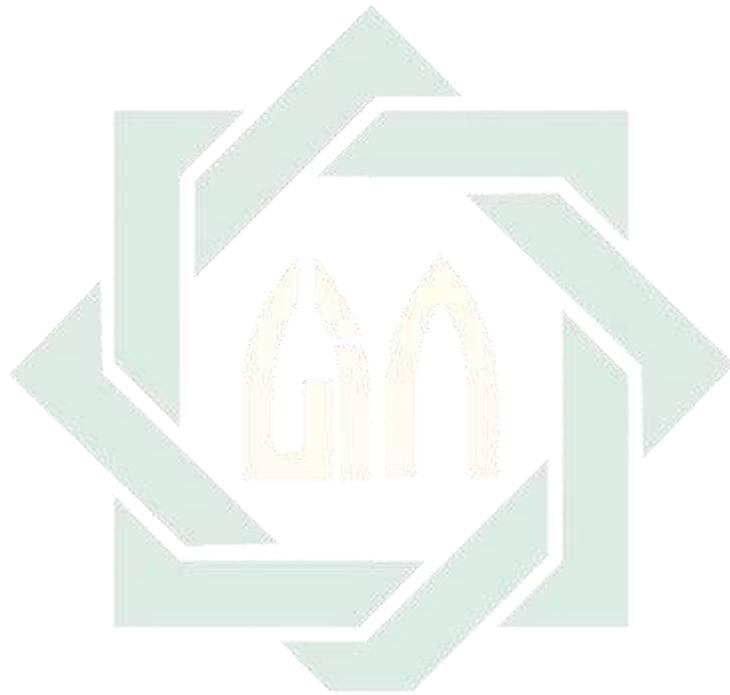
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Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengetahui perselingkuhan yang terjadi dalam novel *The Silent Wife*. Novel ini menceritakan tentang kehidupan rumah tangga Jodi Brett, dan suaminya Todd Gilbert, yang telah berjalan selama 20 tahun, yang pada awalnya baik-baik saja dan dijalani dengan penuh kasih sayang, namun semua itu berubah sejak Todd mengenal Natasha Kovacs anak dari sahabatnya sendiri Dean Kovacs karena semenjak Todd mengenal Natasha yang masih muda, cantik, baik, dan memiliki tujuan yang sama yaitu ingin memiliki anak. Karena perselingkuhan yang dilakukan oleh Todd terhadap Natasha disebabkan oleh keengganan Jodi untuk memiliki anak. Karena perselingkuhan yang dilakukan Todd dengan Natasha disebabkan oleh keengganan Jodi untuk memiliki anak. Sejak saat itu, kehidupan rumah tangga Todd dan Jodi menjadi hancur karena dampak dari perselingkuhan yang dilakukan Todd memberikan pengaruh negatif kepada semua tokoh dalam novel *The Silent Wife*.

Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan deskriptif kualitatif dalam menganalisis kalimat-kalimat naratif dan percakapan dalam novel untuk memberikan penjelasan yang sistematis mengenai masalah yang diteliti. Data dikumpulkan melalui pembacaan novel secara cermat. Peneliti kemudian membuat tabel data untuk memudahkan proses interpretasi secara detail dan mendalam. Semua data yang telah dikumpulkan kemudian diklasifikasikan dan dianalisis.

Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa Todd Gilbert berselingkuh dengan Natasha Kovacs dengan berbagai cara/kegiatan. Penelitian ini juga membuktikan bahwa penyebab perselingkuhan adalah keinginan Todd yang tidak terpenuhi. Hasil penelitian ini juga membuktikan bahwa perselingkuhan dapat menyakiti semua orang yang terlibat baik secara fisik maupun psikis/mental. Bahkan dampak dari perselingkuhan dapat menyebabkan hilangnya nyawa orang lain meskipun itu adalah sahabatnya sendiri. Seperti dalam novel ini, Jodi mengalami kesepian, hidup yang tidak tenang karena kecemasan dan harus melakukan penyangkalan-penyangkalan karena tidak mengakui bahwa penyebab perselingkuhannya adalah karena tidak ingin memiliki anak dan karena terlibat pembunuhan berencana dengan Alisson, sahabatnya sendiri dan tidak ingin meninggalkan kondominium Todd karena merasa sudah melakukan yang terbaik untuk Todd sebagai istri. Begitu juga dengan Todd yang mengalami kegelisahan, mimpi buruk, diusir dari rumahnya sendiri, mengidap penyakit autoimun, dan bahkan dibunuh oleh sahabatnya yang kecewa karena dikhianati karena menghamili anaknya. Pada akhirnya, semua karakter menyadari dampak buruk perselingkuhan terhadap kehidupan mereka.

Kata Kunci:perselingkuhan tanpa anak,pengkhianatan.



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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

In this chapter, the researcher will discuss the study's background, the problem statement, the significance of the research, the scope and limitations, and the definition of key terms.

1.1 Background of the Study

The family is the fundamental unit of human society. Marriage or the marital relationship is the cornerstone of the family institution. Marriage is the public formalization of a woman and man's relationship as a couple. People get married for several reasons, including love, obligation, career development, financial gain, and a sense of fulfillment. Marriage has undergone some important changes over time, especially in the way couples interact with each other. However, some events can affect a couple's bond. One of them is marital infidelity, which jeopardizes high-investment marital partnerships. (Buss, 2018, p. 155). Marital infidelity, according to Whisman (2016), can lead to high rates of divorce, homicide, mental health disorders such as depression, and adjustment difficulties. These negative impacts affect children's current and future personal and social development. Academics and members of the helping professions have been discussing marital infidelity for many years. Marital infidelity, they say, will continue to be a concern for the institution of marriage and couple relationships. It is a difficult topic, and every couple should prepare themselves to deal with potential threats to their relationship. New variables or elements that impact

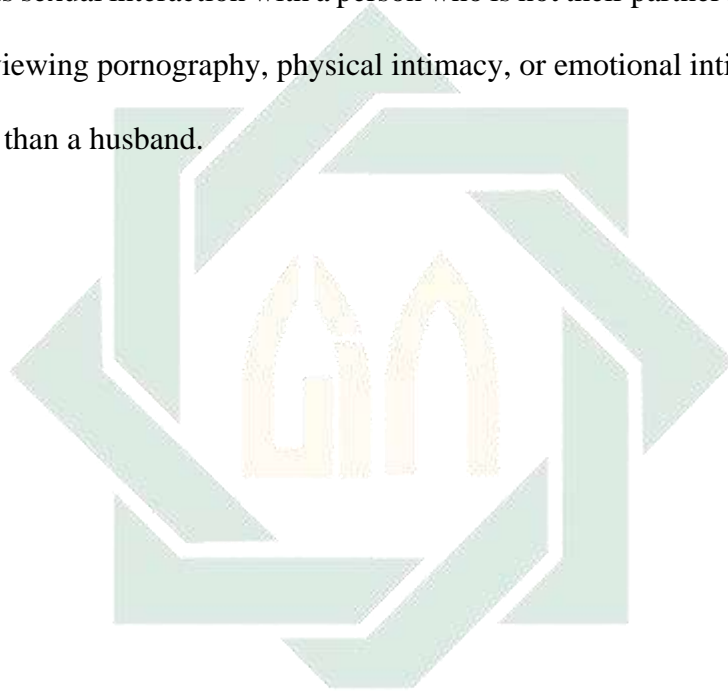
infidelity behavior that were previously overlooked, can now pose serious risks without our knowledge. Infidelity is the joining of two people in a relationship that is meant to last until death, but usually ends in divorce. To provide a new perspective on marital infidelity, researchers may need to give new attention to social media, new technologies, new perceptions of gender roles, and family activities. The main focus of this review is on the factors that contribute to marital infidelity. The authors aim to highlight various key components, including predictors and consequences of marital infidelity, that are important for couples, parents, and professional practitioners dealing with marital difficulties. As a result, scientific and academic groups, legislators, and governments around the world should investigate and evaluate this issue more thoroughly. According to Fife et al. (2008, p.116), infidelity is defined as an explicit or implicit commitment to closeness, which includes sexual and emotional loyalty to one's relationship. Infidelity is a violation of an implicit or explicit commitment to intimate exclusivity. Infidelity occurs when emotional and/or sexual intimacy is exchanged with someone outside of the primary partnership without the other partner's consent. (Fife & Gambescia, 2008, p. 116) A breach of commitment and exclusivity has ramifications on many levels in a relationship, frequently resulting in great anguish, confusion, and loss of trust. The researcher chose this topic since infidelity is a major cause of divorce nowadays. According to research published in *The Journal of Sex Research*, there is one aspect that most individuals cheat on. Hestianingsih (2018) reports that 77 percent of adult participants admit to having an affair owing to a lack of love. Then, 70% of other respondents say they cheat

those who commit their family affairs, especially for those who are cheated on. Some of them are wives who choose to keep their households and will feel depressed. For the party who commits the affair, the man will feel anxious if his infidelity is known to the family of the woman who is cheating on him, especially if he is pregnant out of wedlock, and also his wife who is severely related to the impact of the affair on the wife is if until the wife loses patience and finally decides to kill her husband.

In addition, I chose this work because it raises the issue of infidelity in a good way. Because the main characters, Jodi and Todd, are prominent in their work. Jodi is a renowned psychologist and Todd is a successful businessman. In addition, related to her work as a psychologist who always meets with many patients with various psychological disorders every day, including divorce cases caused by infidelity experienced by one of her patients and Jodi can provide the best solution. However, when the problem of infidelity befalls her, Jodi cannot apply her psychological knowledge to find the best solution for herself. In addition, the storyline of this novel is also interesting because it is not like other infidelity cases where usually the wife begs even to the point of crying for her husband to come back but still does not want to because her boyfriend is more beautiful, younger, or richer. Although in the end someone kills their husband because they can't take it anymore, in this novel, Jodi Brett knows that her husband is having an affair, but she seems to let it happen until her husband confesses on purpose, and it is when he confesses that Jodi kills Todd.

Eviction letter is a letter containing the act of forcing a tenant, or sometimes a squatter, to vacate a property (often used attributively): The act of forcing someone to leave.

Infidelity is sexual interaction with a person who is not their partner in the form of "cybersex, viewing pornography, physical intimacy, or emotional intimacy with someone other than a husband.



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CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

In this chapter, the researcher explains the research theory: psychoanalysis, infidelity (definition, types, reason/cause, characteristic of infidelity, and effect or consequences), and killing or murder (definition, motive, or reason of killing).

2.1 Infidelity

2.1 Psychology and Literature

Psychoanalysis is a literary approach that considers literary production as a psychological activity. To address mental problems, psychoanalysis is a therapy that focuses on the interaction of the conscious and unconscious aspects of the mind. This shows that literature and psychology are closely related because literature is the result of psychological processes and the author's ideas and imagination, both of which are influenced by psychological activity, and psychoanalysis is used to understand literature. Furthermore, understanding human behavior requires an understanding of the interaction between conscious and unconscious factors in the mind (Wiyatmi, 2011, p.1). The relationship between literature and psychology is bilateral (Dastmard, 2012, p. 9420). The human psyche produces literature, and the human psyche feeds it. Human psychic receptions explain the viewpoints of human life and nature and their similarities to literary works. On the other hand, literature explores the reality of life to clarify the viewpoint of the human psyche. The human psyche is investigated in two scientific fields: literature and psychology.

Psychoanalysis is a modern theory used in English literature. It is the theory of psychoanalysis that is considered the theory of personality organization and personality dynamics. Literary criticism and theory have long exploited the hidden relationship between literature and psychoanalysis. Between 1890 and 1939, Freud introduced the main components of psychoanalytic theory. He is considered the first to map the human subconscious. This statement suggests that the unconscious mind unconsciously influences all human behavior. In Sigmund Freud's psychoanalysis, which includes personality structure and personality dynamics, he considered the mind as an energy system. In other systems of the human body, there is a separate mental system. Its purposes also vary, for example, to fulfill bodily needs, represent social standards and rules, and find ways to balance biological drives and social pressures. The functioning and evolution of the human mind is the focus of psychoanalysis. This branch of psychology has contributed greatly to literary research. Childhood circumstances, according to Freud (1954), have a tremendous impact on our adult lives, shaping our personalities. For example, anxiety caused by traumatic experiences in one's past is hidden from consciousness and can cause problems in adulthood.

According to psychologist Anna Surti Ariani, infidelity is described as unfaithfulness to one's relationship and attraction to others that can manifest in several ways ranging from moderate to severe. "Having an affair," "cheating," "emotional bonding beyond friendship," "online contact," and "pornography use" are symptoms of infidelity,

Infidelity is a betrayal of trust, a breach of agreement, and a violation of trust (Pittman, 1989). Furthermore, in some literature, infidelity is referred to as cheating, adultery (adultery while married), unfaithfulness, or unfaithfulness. All of these are fundamental violations of the couple's contract or agreement relating to the exclusivity of the emotional and sexual relationship. (Weeks, Gambescia, and Jenkins, 2003). According to other experts, infidelity is an offense based on the subjective belief that one's partner has violated a set of rules or standards in a relationship. This offense triggers jealousy and sexual competition. (Leeker and Carlozzi, 2012).

According to Pittman (1989), infidelity is a breach of trust, betrayal in a relationship, and termination of a contract. Betrayal in a relationship violates the trust that has been built. Finally, if the betrayal is exposed, a decision is made to continue or end the relationship. Infidelity can occur due to several factors, including an unhappy family life, religious and moral motivations, low sexual activity with a partner, a chaotic or difficult personal life, and bad behavior. (Syamsuri & Yitnamurti, 2017 p. 50)

Syamsuri & Yitnamurti (2017) define happiness as something that cannot be bought. We feel happy with people we care about, such as family members. We can avoid infidelity by making our partner happy. Appreciating one's partner, supporting each other, increasing sexual activity, and discussing current and future life issues can all lead to happiness.

Hertlein, Wetchler, and Piercy (2005) define infidelity as any activity that violates the contract between partners. Infidelity also includes sexual relationships

with others, cybersex behavior, viewing pornography, physical intimacy such as kissing and holding hands, and emotional intimacy with someone other than a partner.

According to Johnson (2005), infidelity is defined as an act that is regarded and experienced as a painful breach of trust and a threat in a relationship; this act undermines the couple's ties of affection and love.

2.1.1 Different Types of Infidelity

Boom (2022), Brown (2022), Garbinsky et al. (2020), Graff (2018), and McBain (2022) provide the following examples of infidelity:

Physical infidelity is a sexually motivated affair that involves physical contact with someone other than a partner. Kissing, holding hands, and having sexual intercourse are all examples of physical infidelity. Emotional infidelity is an emotional attachment - often known as attraction and love - to someone other than your partner. Emotional adultery, unlike physical infidelity, can exist even when a partner is not in direct contact with their mistress. In an emotional affair, actions may include confiding in, discussing dreams, or engaging in what is commonly referred to as "deep discussion." Cyber infidelity is the attempt to get sexual favors from someone other than one's spouse through online activities such as participating in pornographic online conversations and generating or watching pornographic content. Micro-infidelity refers to minor activities taken to offend, disturb, or ignore a partner's feelings. Examples of micro-infidelity are Flirting with others, over-praising your ex-partner, and reacquainting yourself with your ex-partner. Financial infidelity occurs when a partner is secretive about the

household's finances, including how the partner earns a living, monthly costs and income, and the family's debts.

Subotnik and Harris (2005) state that fraudsters frequently fall back in love and discover that Infidelity offers them a more physically and emotionally rewarding relationship. The relationships that are developed have a significant impact on marriage. These connections are quite significant. The cheater often considers divorce and marriage to his mistress. The affair usually occurs behind closed doors if the divorce does not occur. (Ginanjari, 2009, p. The fourth form is long-term infidelity, when he does not find comfort or sexual fulfillment with his legal spouse. Long-term infidelity is defined as a relationship with the most profound emotional engagement. This kind of relationship can persist for years, even during marriage. Subotnik and Harris (2005) state that the consequences are severe if the spouse's legal partner discovers the Infidelity. Infidelity may be classified into four sorts, which are as follows:

1 Serial affair: This type of betrayal comprises essentially close-to-home proximity, yet it occurs frequently. The formed partnership might be a short-term project or a few difficulties that last a long time. There is no personal input in the Sequential Affair, an association created just for ephemeral delight or experience. Sex and energy are the embodiments of this treachery. Although it does not feature significant close-to-home contributions from the couple and their darlings, it does not indicate that this situation is not deeply distressing. The lack of duty with perplexing life partners demonstrates a lack of accountability in marriage.

frequent encounters with unfaithful partners of the opposite sex, a distant relationship between spouses and the absence of correspondence to maintain the relationship, being used to seeing betrayal in the family as a child, failing to fulfill sexual needs. Other professional viewpoints on what causes a person to have an affair are as follows: According to the deficit model of infidelity (Thompson, 1983), the main variables that cause a person to have an affair are dissatisfaction in the relationship, conflict, and lack of communication. One of the factors that drives a person to have another relationship outside the relationship with the initial partner is the lack of commitment to continue the relationship with each other (Selterman, Garcia, & Tsapelas, 2020, p. 10). However, according to some of these opinions, dissatisfaction in the relationship is a component that can generally encourage someone to have an affair (e.g. feeling that their partner is aromatically inclined).

2.1.3 Negative Effects of Infidelity

A terrible disaster for any marriage is a two-faced enterprise in which one or both life partners believe they have finally discovered their perfect companion. Infidelity is a sexual connection a man or woman has with someone other than his or her life spouse. Infidelity is regarded as a particularly heinous sin in the public eye. Infidelity sabotages marriage relationships and, in some situations, leads to divorce. Infidelity is, without a doubt, totally anticipated. Infidelity appears to be more rampant than at any previous moment in history. Society has devised terms to justify or soften the perception of infidelity. For example, squandering time, dozing off, indulging, or having a problem. These idioms seek to justify Infidelity

as virtuous and as though it damages no one but it harms everyone involved. Infidelity destroys trust, intimacy, and confidence; it divides families, destroys careers, and leaves a path of pain and obliteration in its wake (Updike, 2011: 87). Infidelity will only bring anguish to the previously stable partnership, but the persons involved have a distinct vision of opportunity. Infidelity will have an impact on both the couple's physical and spiritual connection. People commit or are committing infidelity for a variety of reasons. Many people who have illegal relationships have good sexual cohabitation but come from unions with little connection. When a life partner's needs are not addressed, countless partnerships frequently become more vulnerable to an extramarital affair. People are frequently disappointed when they cannot satisfy each other's demands due to a lack of information rather than a childish refusal to be nice. The next part explains the negative repercussions of infidelity.

2.1.3.1 Divorce

Divorce may be harmful to both the offender and the victim. The worst thing that can happen to a marriage. Divorce is "the legal separation of spouses accomplished by a court decision or decree, either entirely dissolving the marriage connection or suspending its consequences so far as the parties' cohabitation is concerned" (Solis & Gasteazoro, 1992, p. 112). According to Solis and Gasteazoro, divorce is the legal termination of a marriage. During a divorce, the doer can separate from the other person or cohabit with them.

According to Ethics and Values (1999, p.. 25), legally ending a marriage is "getting divorced." In the United States today, more than half of all first-time

marriages result in divorce." According to Hurlock (1994), divorce is the climax of a terrible marriage's resolution and what occurs if the pair cannot find answers.

According to an article in *The Signal*, Divorce cases typically include physical and emotional betrayal or infidelity. According to the American Psychological Association (APA), infidelity is responsible for anywhere from 20% to 40% of divorces, with males betraying more frequently than women.

2.1.3.2 Sexually Transmitted Infections

According to UNESCO (2012), Sexually transmitted diseases are diseases that anybody may contract. Sexually transmitted diseases include HIV, syphilis, chlamydia, and other sexually transmitted disorders such as gonorrhea and chlamydia. The bacteria that cause gonorrhea is *Neisseria gonorrhoea*, yet the sickness is sometimes known as gonorrhea in men. It causes vaginal discharge that is yellowish and thick, as well as lower abdominal pain. Females are almost always asymptomatic. Pelvic discomfort in women, the possibility of infertility in both men and women, baby eye infections that might blind them, ectopic pregnancy (pregnancy outside the womb), and making HIV transmission easier are all possible complications. (Dailli, 2009). Sexually transmitted illnesses, as the name implies, are diseases transferred by sexual behavior, such as promiscuous sex and Infidelity.

2.1.3.3 Insomnia

Insomnia is a disorder characterized by disruptions in the number, quality, or duration of one's sleep. Sleep difficulties can impede adults' physical, emotional, cognitive, and social growth. This illustrates the great possibility of adult academic, emotional, health, and behavioral disorders being considerably avoided or remedied with intervention to improve the quantity and quality of sleep. (LeBourgeois, MK., Giannotti, F., Cortesi, F., Wolfson, AR., Harsh, J , 2005, p. 257.) According to the National Sleep Foundation (NSF), sleep difficulties can cause many problems. A person who doesn't get enough sleep will think and work more slowly, make many mistakes, and have trouble remembering things. According to a 2012 survey done by the American Psychological Association, up to 40% of persons upset and disturbed due to adultery have sleep difficulties. Infidelity can also create sleeplessness in both the victim and the offender of the victim's infidelity. (Saputro, 2022).

Insomnia can develop if the victim is still unhappy and upset about the reason he was cheated on or cannot accept other bad repercussions of the affair, such as the possibility of losing possessions. These problems include insomnia and difficulty getting asleep. As a result, a person's daily attention will suffer, they will be unable to concentrate on their tasks, and their body will feel exhausted and depleted of energy.

2.1.3.4 Depression

Depression, according to Gerald C. Davison (2004), is an emotional condition marked by severe sadness, thoughts of meaninglessness, and guilt (withdrawal,

lack of sleep, loss of taste, and interest in daily activities). According to Rice PL (1992), depression is a mood disease characterized by a chronic emotional state that affects the entire mental process—thinking, feeling, and behaving. The primary feelings are usually powerlessness and hopelessness.

Depression, according to some of the descriptions above, is an emotional disorder or bad mood characterized by persistent grief, despair, guilt, and meaninglessness. As a result, the entire mental process—thinking, feeling, and acting—can influence motivation to engage in everyday work and interpersonal relationships.

According to Makarim, depression, also known as a major depressive disorder in medical terms, is a mental ailment affecting a person's moods, thinking, and behavior. Depressed people frequently feel gloomy and lose interest in their normal pastimes. This condition can lead to various mental and physical issues, making the individual less productive. According to some definitions, depression is a mental illness characterized by emotions of grief, loneliness, and melancholy induced by terrible sentiments of anguish over a scenario he is suffering.

2.1.3.5 Defense Mechanism

If there is a reasonable solution to the potential conflict. Others will pose a threat at some point throughout the meeting. This process, which Freud called the defense mechanism, requires us to be intellectually and emotionally prepared. Many people have adopted this strategy to prevent unfavorable emotions from affecting the person they are conversing with. Psychologists and psychological

theorists pay close attention to this phenomenon to identify various Defense mechanisms. Repression, projection compromise, attribution of ideas, regression, denial, rationalization, and sublimation are examples of this defense mechanism, which can be conscious or unconscious. As advocated by Sigmund Freud and mentioned by Harry Munsinger, we must prepare our psychological and mental states to deal with the risk of confrontation if there is a clash with another individual. Other Others will eventually warn of danger on the peak. This procedure, referred to by Freud as the protective mechanism, necessitates that we are intellectually and emotionally prepared to carry it out. Many individuals employ this method to prevent bad consequences that might harm the person being confronter's mental health. Psychologists and psychological theorists study this phenomenon to understand the many forms of protective mechanisms better. This protection mechanism includes repression, projection compromise, idea attribution, regression, denial, rationalization, and sublimation.

Denial is a protective technique that refuses to accept an event's presence. People act as if nothing is happening; he acts to prevent difficult situations from developing. This is the subconscious, and those with it may be perplexed by how others behave around them.

Displacement. Displacement is moving or changing one's sentiments to another target when it is not permitted or available. Switching might imply continuing the action but changing the planned action. Phobias can also employ displacement to eliminate energy created in other ways.

Intellectualization To avoid being troubled by others, a person employs intellectualization as protection.

Rationalization. Rationalization is a defensive technique that includes justifying feelings or acts that cannot be accepted logically or rationally to avoid providing an acceptable explanation for the conduct. Furthermore, anything acquires acceptance when linked to more noble purposes (427). Munsinger, 1975, p. 428)

A person who urges another person to do or say anything will frequently do or say something contrary to their encouragement. It also evolved into a protective bulwark against the threat of societal disintegration. When someone is terrified of criticism for any reason, they behave in a way that keeps them away from the threatening situation (427). (Munsinger, 1975, p. 428)

Regression. Regressive behavior is self-defense in which a person acts more like himself, removes himself from his true age, or exhibits infantile characteristics such as sobbing and pouting regularly. This defense strategy is generally employed when someone cannot cope with a stressful event.

Repression. Repression is a defensive tactic that entails forgetting one's challenges or those he is trying to memorize, either temporarily or permanently.

Sublimation The act of transforming toxic impulses into more benign ones. It might be a painful discharge or beneficial and fruitful labor. He employed psychic energy to resolve difficult mental difficulties. Sublimation transforms toxic energy into something that is both socially acceptable and beneficial (428).(Munsinger, 1975,p. 428)

2.1.3.6 Anxiety

Almost all personality theories include some element of anxiety. Anxiety caused by conflict is a normal aspect of life. Anxiety develops when people are ill-prepared to face a threat. According to Nevid, Anxiety is an "emotional signal" that indicates concerns about approaching emotional events and emphasizes their unpredictability (Emanuel, 2000, p. 6).

Anxiety might also manifest itself in three different ways: There are three types of anxiety: moral anxiety, neurotic anxiety, and realistic anxiety.

In truth, anxiety, and ego rely on the outside environment. Reality anxiety is a perplexing, terrifying state or sensation associated with a potential threat (Feist, Feist, Roberts, 2018).

Realistic anxiety is anxiety caused by fear about an unavoidable unpleasant event. As a result, people are concerned about true risks in the real world. Freud, 2018, p. 34).

This anxiety is ego-related and stems from the id. Fear of "hostility and punishment" (Feist et al., 2018) characterizes neurotic anxiety. The pleasure principle, which is the id, is the root of the danger (Hall, 1954). I want to work with anything that provides me great satisfaction. However, the ego continues to govern the id because it fears that id may become uncontrollable and damage individuals.

Moral Concern Moral anxiety emerges when a criminal or other deviant is terrified of the repercussions of their conduct because they go against the principles society regards as true. Such is violating local community rules,

customs, and culture. This type of anxiety is characterized by shame and guilt against society and the threat of social marginalization. When group members violate the organization's rules, their terror intensifies. Morally uncomfortable people will completely develop their superego. If you don't have it, it's just another reason to feel guilty and humiliated. We feel this when there are no external physical risks.

2.1.3.7 Murder

In the novel *The Silent Wife*, Jodi transforms her character into a wicked person and even plots the murder after discovering that her husband was cheating on her with Natasha to ease her pain and ruin her husband and Natasha's marriage plan. However, in a superego-related social setting, Murders have been more common in recent years, and there are more and more causes behind this. One of these reasons is that they have tried to keep their marriage intact. This is possible since Jodi plotted Todd's murder. All of Jodi's preparations appeared to be going well at first, but when she promised that Jodi's life would grow worse, she got filled with shame and fear, and Jodi was ignorant that Natasha's father was the true killer. That demonstrates how Infidelity may lead to murder. Before delving deeper into the novel's murder case and its implications, the researcher will define the crime and its reasons.

According to Hamzah (as quoted in Muh Ikhsan et al. (2021)) in the Criminal Code article 338, Murder is the act of deliberately taking someone's life.

According to Ali (2006), killing is an act that a person does to kill another person

with a tool and wait for the right moment to kill. According to Muh Ikhsan (2021), Based on interviews with members of the Maros city police, the causes of the husband's murder of the wife are revenge, economy, infidelity, and the wife's environment.

2.2 Previous Studies

In this thesis research, the author takes the theme of the causes of the form of infidelity and the consequences of Todd Gilbert's infidelity against Jodi Brett and its impact on Jodi Todd and Natasha. To conduct this study, researchers will set up some previous research, such as the following in the first investigation conducted by Nandita Sulistyani in 2019 view of marriage that A.S.A. Harrison tried to emphasize in *The Silent Wife*. Love is tested without marriage, marriage is tested with love, and marriage is tested without love. By investigating the author's biographical history, particularly the situation of marriage in his area, and his link to the portrayal of marriage in *The Silent Wife*, the findings imply that *The Silent Wife* portrays marriage in the United States, particularly in Illinois. The author's home country of Canada has a different marriage law than Illinois. As a result, the findings of this study suggest that *The Silent Wife* was created to attack Illinois' existing marriage statute.

Putri Hesti Wulandari conducted additional research in 2018 entitled A Shifting Character Depicted By Jodi In The Novel *The Silent Wife*. This study employs the notion of fresh criticism and psychoanalysis to create findings about character changes experienced by Jodi as a result of life's hardships. Wulandari (2018) conducted additional research titled A changing character is shown by Jodi

in the novel *The Silent Wife*. This research uses the theory of new criticism and psychoanalysis. The result of this study is that the character change experienced by Jodi as the main character in the novel *The Silent Wife* is true, Jodi's good character is kind, friendly, patient, tolerant, not easily angered, and so on. It is due to suspicion and betrayal, and she understands her error that she is transforming into a terrible character, such as impatience, introversion, egoism, cunning, and so on.

The next study in this novel is by Isdiwati (2018), and it is named *Acceptance As A Power, An Analysis Of A.S.A Harrison In The Silent Wife Novel* (Isdiwati, 2018). This study employs qualitative descriptive methods and intrinsic theory and extrinsic elements for intrinsic elements such as character, characterization, and plot using a theory from Pickering and Hooper for characterization using a theory from DI Yani and extrinsic elements, which focuses on author-oriented Mario Klarer's theory. The researcher's goal in employing all of the theories mentioned above is to determine the outline of the story in the conflict novel, as well as the characterization of the main character, namely Jodi Brett, and compare it to the character and other things that are similar between the author of this novel and the main character. The author of this novel, ASA Harisson, and the main character in this novel, Jodi Brett, have the same characterization as a friendly, kind, patient, perfectionist, loves animals, so also with ASA Harrison, who is kind, friendly, patient, loves animals, perfectionist, and smart/intelligent. In other words, through this novel, the author wants to reflect on her life and traits in the form/character of other important things.

Harrison wishes to convey through her novel that acceptance is the key to maintaining the continuity of the marriage. The author of this thesis demonstrates this by equating the state of Jodi's household capable of lasting 20 years by accepting that the deficiencies and advantages of Todd's nature are the same as her home life with her husband.

The further research carried out (Nasir, 2016) entitled *Desire In The Silent Wife* By A. S. A. Harrison: A Lacanian Psychological Analysis using qualitative descriptive methods and psychoanalytic theory from Jean Jacques Lacan / called Lacanian psychoanalysis this concept of the theory of Lacanian psychoanalyst is the significance of Language in psychology besides that Language is also seen as a sign / through Language we can symbolize something related to psychological conditions we in this case what is meant by the language and dialogue spoken by the characters in this novel describe the desires that the characters in the novel want to achieve or in other words, Lacan emphasizes the importance of Language as a sign or in linguistics we know the science of Language as a sign is called semiotics. The result of this research is that every character in this novel has the desire to be achieved When doing something/ each character symbolizes something.

However, previous research in this field has concentrated on intrinsic elements. The difference with current research is that no one has examined the depiction of Todd and Natasha's infidelity and its impact on Natasha, Todd, and Jodi. Therefore, researchers will fill the research gap from previous studies.

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHOD

In this chapter, the researcher will discuss the method used by the researcher in conducting the research the discussion of this chapter is divided into some parts, namely research design, Data and Data source, Data collection technique, and data analysis technique.

3.1 Research Design

The researcher employed a qualitative descriptive, which is descriptive qualitative. According to Bogdan and Taylor (in Nugrahani,2014:8), a qualitative approach is gathering data by watching individuals and their behavior and then writing or phrasing it down. This research use qualitative descriptive methods to focus on the details of what happened, the problems that appear, and the conflict in the novel. Then, how these conflicts can occur through data analysis and process. According to Wray & Bloomer (2006), this approach involves description and analysis rather than data computation"Following the above definition, this research aims to present a clear analysis in the form of description and analysis of the tale so that the reader may know and comprehend. The result of the study. In addition, the research and the results are in the form of words, sentences, and phrases that need to be explained/described in depth and comprehensively to obtain in-depth and comprehensive results. Therefore researchers choose qualitative descriptive.

3.2. Data and Data sources

In this study, Researcher used a novel entitled *The Silent Wife* written by A.S.A Harisson as a source of data for the study, in addition, Researcher also used several books and journals that are related to the study.

3.3 Data Collection

In collecting the data, the researcher will perform the following steps:

1. The researcher applies the data table to understand the character and interpret the short stories to gain meaningful issues.
2. Through the table above, the researcher tries to comprehend the character and interpretation to gain meaningful issues.
3. After obtaining the issue, the researcher compiles all of the data by highlighting based on the words, sentences, dialogue, and quotations that indicate the portrayal of infidelity in the silent wife novel, the cause of infidelity in the silent wifeb, and the impact of infidelity
4. After compiling the data, the researcher categorizes the data based on the issues that fit the theory as the study focus.
5. To achieve data validation, the writer gains additional information from books, journals, articles, and websites.

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3.4 data analysis

The research will focus on the cause and effect of infidelity and murder in the novel *The Silent Wife*.

After collecting data, the Researcher will analyze the data as follows:

1. The Researcher divided the data into three parts: the cause of infidelity, the descriptions/depictions of infidelity in the novel, and the impact of infidelity on Todd, Jodi, and Natasha.
2. The Researcher analyzed the data completely.
3. Researcher concluded the result of the study to answer research questions.



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ANALYSIS

In this chapter, the researcher will discuss the findings of this study regarding infidelity, including the types/forms of infidelity between Todd and Natasha the causes of Todd cheating with Natasha, and the impact of infidelity on Todd, Jodi, and Natasha.

The novel *The Silent Wife* portrays the narrative of Jodi, a 45-year-old woman. Who works as a psychotherapist/counselor and treats patients with various disorders / psychiatric diseases daily, such as depression, low self-esteem, lack of confidence, eating disorders, and others. Jodi shared a home with Todd for 20 years. Even with love and affection, most of her home life went smoothly. Jodi always makes dishes for Todd when she gets home to serve her husband nicely. Jodi is also a loving patient and has nice attributes in everything good home life turns terrible full of rage and stifling threats to the initially good, and turns crafty, full of evil plans until he finally plots the murder of Todd along with her friend Alisson.

Furthermore, Todd and Natasha felt the consequences of the affair. Todd and Natasha's affair is to blame for everything. Natasha is a 21-year-old who studies in the art department and is already in her last year. Natasha is unique because she is the daughter of her best friend, Dean. What causes Todd to have an affair with Natasha? So, what are the consequences of the affair? All of these questions will be addressed in the next analytical section.

Todd's parents' domestic problems, which were full of domestic violence committed by Todd's father to his family due to drinking and his father's death.

Todd saw the adult Natasha at the bar, and he was immediately captivated by the attractiveness of her body. Natasha approaches and kisses him while introducing herself, making matters worse. Todd immediately hopes, and even imagines, that as a result, she will become his girlfriend. This is because Todd thinks Natasha has a high sex drive. Therefore, it would be interesting if they continued to make love. Todd expects Natasha to do something like this.

Todd expects Natasha to make love all the time because, during his 20-year marriage to Jodi, he rarely had sex with Jodi/ his biological needs were not met. Although Jodi is a near-perfect wife because her other needs are met, such as genuine care when Todd is sick and always making Todd's favorite meals when he comes home from work, she is a kind and friendly. She does not get angry easily and always communicates well with Todd. In addition, Todd's desire for Natasha makes Todd consider marrying Natasha and whether her service to Todd can be as beautiful as Jodi's.

4.3.2 Todd Calls Natasha Regularly

Because Todd was still tormented by the occurrence of kissing at the pub, Todd and Natasha's friendship became closer following the incident. Todd, who had a strong sexual drive, was readily attracted to women and did not have a strong sense of loyalty/commitment to staying in a married relationship. Todd instantly requested her mobile number and called her. The manner of the phone

type of long-term affair. Based on the quote above, there is a continuation of the unexpected meeting at the bar that night, especially Natasha who is young, beautiful, has a good body shape, and has a high sexual desire. Especially after Todd and Natasha kissed from then on, Todd's liking, love, and desire to make Natasha his girlfriend and even his wife grew. Because Natasha also has a high sexual desire and indeed wants to get married immediately after college. Their relationship became more serious after that, as evidenced by exchanging cell phone numbers and frequent phone conversations. Especially for Todd, who calls Natasha every day, there is a special pleasure that Todd feels every time he hears Natasha's voice which arouses Todd's sexual arousal. In general, people who are dating in the early stages usually call each other first, although it is not important to be able to joke with each other, and knowing how each other is doing is enough.

As quoted above, Todd called Natasha to find out how she was doing and ask about today's activities. After being told that today Natasha's activity is a lecture but wearing clothes like those used for birthdays, Todd becomes worried and shows his concern by asking Natasha's dress code on campus if it is okay to wear such clothes Todd and Natasha make out over the phone, and Todd deliberately calls Natasha because hearing Natasha's spoiled voice especially after just waking up triggers Todd's sexual desire, but because they have not met in person, this affair is still an emotional affair because there is no physical closeness. Todd is seen on the phone, asking trivial questions like what Natasha is wearing. Todd also enjoys calling Natasha because it allows him to hear Natasha's voice, which

husband and wife while still doing romantic activities both n and s such as helping each other and filling each other's work.

This comment also demonstrates Todd's desire to change to be a good husband and father to Natasha and her child later on, with Todd not consuming alcohol excessively for the sake of his own and his child's health, as the next quote demonstrates. Todd helps with Natasha's dishes and laundry if she has schoolwork. Natasha goes to the bar with Todd, albeit considering she's pregnant and so not drinking, she typically takes him away before he can get started. For this, he gets some jabs from the lads, shows their relationships to the closest person they know, and starts doing it all around the time they both started doing it. Starting from used to help complete Natasha's work, such as cooking and other jobs that women usually do if Natasha is on college assignments. Besides that, Natasha also always comes along and reminds Todd not to drink too much alcohol if going to the bar to maintain the health of the two of them, also the baby in Natasha's womb. Finally, they also show their intimacy in front of Todd's coworkers, as Evidenced by Many of Todd's coworkers already knowing Todd and Natasha's relationship because Natasha often comes to Todd's office. Therefore Todd's coworkers have a nickname for Natasha. In addition, evidence that their relationship is getting more romantic and closer is the increasing number of meetings, such as spending the night with dinner together, walking the shopping, and making love. As well as their weekends getting more intimate by eating pizza, watching movies, and even becoming a babysitter for the neighbors in their new apartment.

indicated Todd was willing to sacrifice to indicate his love for Natasha by participating in making a tattoo that had never been done before because it was very painful for Todd. However, he still followed happily because, according to Natasha, making tattoos with the same image, therefore inner and outer. Furthermore, Natasha believes that the same tattoo represents something lasting in the expectation that the marriage will be as well. Furthermore, in this Quotation, we can see Todd's patient and relenting nature while still agreeing to Natasha's wedding date being moved to December to be close to Christmas. She can wear her dream dress, which shows Natasha is independent but selfish.

Furthermore, Todd agreed to it, most likely because it was close to Christmas, as in the previous story. Todd also agreed to the existence of religious ceremonies/rituals in the wedding schedule, But Todd didn't get it when he was with Jodi because Todd wanted to be a better husband and also according to his wishes, namely the existence of ceremonies/celebrations in the church that he did not obtain while married to Jodi. In addition, this quote also describes Natasha's selfish nature likes to decide her affairs, and all her wishes must be fulfilled, as evidenced by arriving to move the wedding date near Christmas day without any discussion first just because her wedding is close to Christmas day and will perfectly match the dress Natasha dreamed of if worn on Christmas day.

4.4 The Cause of Infidelity Todd Cheating with Natasha

children, which Jodi could not provide. Furthermore, Todd was disappointed that, although Harry, who had his bruise and disagreed with his wedding plans with Natasha and did not congratulate him/was happy to see that his friend would be getting married and having children, Harry still blamed Todd and Natasha for not accepting Todd cheating on Jodi just for the sake of being a destroyer of the household like Natasha and wanting to have children. Harry said this because he had the experience of marrying a younger woman and having a horrible marriage. To express his dissatisfaction and a solid reason why he is so thrilled to be dating Natasha and even wants to marry her, Todd says that the difference in hooking/dating Natasha and Jodi with the words Natasha and me is something you'll never comprehend. It's as if I was dead and then came back to life. Todd uses the phrase "my relationship with Natasha" to characterize his relationship with her. "It's like I was dead and now I'm alive." The premise is that Todd feels useless and needs to hide his urge to have children while married to Jodi, yet when he dates Natasha, passion/passion reigns supreme. Because he and his wife both wanted children, he resumed his life as a true man.

4.5 Impact of Infidelity on the Life of the Characters

4.5.1 Impact of Infidelity on Todd

4.5.1.1 Todd Is Anxious

Todd originally acted astonished, unprepared, and irritated when he learned Natasha was pregnant because Todd was scared Natasha would disclose this to her father, which would be much more significant if Natasha notified Jodi about

of his panic episode, Todd attempted to avert the worst possibility that Dean was already aware of it, and after telling Jodi to do so, Todd attempted to contact Dean. Todd believed that if he told Dean, Dean would not be too furious, even though, as Todd's best friend, he already knew Dean's nature would be emotional and didn't even want to invite Todd to fight if he knew the news was as huge and horrible as this occurred to his daughter. This Quotation also expresses Todd's dread and concern over the worst-case scenario if Todd ultimately dared to tell Dean the news or even knew in advance before seeing Dean in person. Dean would be enraged, even cursing, protesting the dissolution of friendly connections, and filing a police report. This quotation also discusses Dean's rage when he discovers Natasha is pregnant by Todd. Who, unable to control his emotions, immediately berates and threatens Dean to report Todd to the police, as well as Todd's regret for doing very embarrassing and harassing things that caused Natasha to become pregnant. This quotation also illustrates Todd's concern, as Todd's expectation that Dean will not bring up such a huge and embarrassing matter with Jodi because if Dean does, it will substantially influence Todd's relationship with Jodi.

Furthermore, anxiety can occur when the party who commits the affair finally realizes the impact of the affair in the form of contracting a sexually transmitted disease, as Quotations below describe Todd's anxiety when traveling to the doctor to do HIV tests and other sexually transmitted diseases to determine the cause of the disease he currently suffers from, namely oral lesion. Todd did this based on the recommendation/advice of the doctor who examined him, who stated that HIV

apartment all angry, Jodi advises Natasha that Jodi regrets Natasha's decision and is still obese but already willing to marry especially married to her husband.

Natasha to focuses finished college first, after that, she is only allowed to go out dating another man those who haven't married are even better they're the same age. This indicates that Jodi is a person who is good at regulating emotions. Instead of venting emotions, she preferred to advise Natasha. After that, she suppressed her emotions, showed indifference, and asked Natasha not to contact her again.

After that came the day of Todd's move to his new apartment with Natasha. In the morning on the day of his move, Todd looked heavy and did not want to move to the new apartment by doing things that showed intimacy with Jodi. However, even though with all the reluctance and heavy heart, Todd had solidified his determination to still move to a new apartment with Natasha as a form of responsibility for the deeds that Natasha had done even though Todd still did not dare to talk about this to Jodi who evidenced by Todd being terrified every time he will talk about this because Todd is afraid of the reaction that Jodi will show after knowing this information to prepare himself and overcome his fear. When going to talk Todd always postpones the conversation about it when meeting Jodi until finally after getting off the elevator and going out towards the yard the feeling of fear and anxiety and guilt that Todd is experiencing is increasingly becoming so because of Jodi's serious gaze can't wait for Todd What Todd would say. The feeling of dismay and guilt was evidenced by Todd repeatedly apologizing before delivering the information, which is information

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they continue to reproduce for lengthy periods that are not immediately treated and are even left neglected by the person. This can occur because the victim of infidelity, particularly one that leads to divorce, must experience shock and stress and cannot accept the fact that he has been cheated on, which leads to depression such as not being enthusiastic about doing anything else, especially activities that are frequently done with the couple because HI it Kn evokes good memories together and others. Heart disease, headaches, insomnia/insomnia, high blood pressure, and even sexually transmitted infections are all common physical disorders. Among the diseases faced by one of the novel's main characters in *The Silent Wife*, Todd Jeremy Gilbert, is a sexually transmitted disease. Oral Lesion / oral lesion is a condition characterized by abnormal damage or changes in oral tissue. Types depend on the underlying cause.

ns of the mouth can be recognized by damage to the skin or mucous membranes of the mouth. The condition occurs due to the loss of surface tissue. These changes include the oral tissue's color, shape, size, or texture. Generally, we recognize oral lesions as canker sores. However, oral lesions have various epithelial tissue that is injured or destroyed.

One of the causes of oral lesions is autoimmune diseases such as lupus and OLP / oral lichen planus. Lichen planus is a medical condition characterized by swelling and irritation of the skin, hair, nails, and mucous membranes.

Lichen planus develops on the skin as purplish pimples with an uncomfortable flat surface and appears within a few weeks. Lichen planus causes a yellowish rash inside the mouth, vagina, and other body regions with mucous

membranes to appear, which is occasionally accompanied by painful ulcers.

Lichen planus is caused by an immune system response or can arise concurrently with an autoimmune disease (a condition in which the body's defense cells attack the body's cells because the body's cells are perceived as foreign bodies). Patients above the age of 30 are more likely to have this illness.

The preceding data are supported by the findings of a study conducted by Wahyuni et al. (2016) on the profile of oral lesions in patients with autoimmune diseases, which was conducted at Hasan Sadikin Hospital Bandung and cited the discovery that oral lesion disease / oral lichen planus is a side effect of autoimmune disease treatment. Oral lesions are prevalent in persons with autoimmune illnesses, either as a symptom of the disease or as a side effect of treatment. Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE), Lichen Planus, Pem Gus, and Pem good are all autoimmune disorders that can develop in the oral cavity. Oral lesions caused by autoimmune illnesses can present clinically as ulcers, erosion, vesicobulosas, plaques or papules, and other symptoms. Her findings suggest that women between the ages of 18 and 60 are more likely to suffer from autoimmune illnesses. More information about the disorders induced by the therapy of these autoimmune diseases, SLE and OLP. SLE disease is more common in women aged 18-60, but OLP affects men and women equally. (2016) (Wahyuni et al, 2016.).

As in *The Silent Wife* novel, initially, Todd only wanted to have his dental health checked regularly even though he was used to checking his teeth, but Todd

was still afraid. When Todd met with the doctor until the doctor confirmed that Todd had oral lesions.

As the following quotation, Harisson (2018):

It's a *lesion*," she said. "Looks like *a thrush*." She prodded the spot with her gloved finger. "Have you been tested for HIV recently?" It came out of nowhere, so much so that he laughed out loud, but with her finger in his mouth, it came out more like a protest. (p. 212)

Todd was astonished not to believe sad and even wanted to complain about why he could be vulnerable to Oral Lesions based on this Quotation. Todd did this because he was aware of the effects of this sickness, which includes sexually transmitted infections, on his life, particularly his sexual life with Natasha. Todd was concerned that if this condition were passed on to Natasha, it would negatively influence Natasha and the baby in her womb. Because lesions are an immune system sickness, this condition can be induced by Todd, who has the propensity to have promiscuous sex by changing partners or girlfriends, including hooking up/cheating with Natasha as with HIV, which affects the immune system and is caused by a variety of factors, one of which being promiscuous sex / frequently changing partners, the doctor requests and advises Todd to have an HIV test to determine whether or not Todd has AIDS.

Todd became emotional, upset, and angry because he was surprised, afraid, and worried about how he could get oral lesions, and he wanted to protest against the doctor who examined him. However, the doctor patiently explained that several reasons could cause oral lesion disease, including a decreased immune system caused by sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV / AIDS. To be sure,

has a hot head, and tends to be stubborn and willful like her father.
(p. 143)

This reveals Natasha's jealousy and her need to know about other people's business. Natasha asked Todd to leave Jodi and stay in the hotel while Todd is still looking for a new apartment. Since Natasha doesn't want her to have a headache caring for her pregnancy while Todd regularly visits Jodi's house, this is caused by the fact that Todd is still frequently visiting Jodi's house during Todd and Natasha's courtship, which makes Natasha interested in Todd's interactions with Jodi, particularly infidelity. Natasha inquired about what they discussed, what they ate for supper, and what they wore to bed. He tells her that he and Jodi are friends who haven't slept together in years. The romance represents how close the connection is and how frequently they make love while discussing what and what. Todd did that because of some of the reasons, i.e., Todd missed Jodi because of the many things he had done for her. They had been married for 20 years and had many ups and downs. Todd did this because he had previously noticed a difference in the personalities of Jodi and Natasha. Natasha is bossy and manages casually, jealous, angry, impatient, and others, but Jodi does not. The statement above also mentions Natasha's envious attitude and keen interest in other people's affairs. Natasha's jealousy of Jodi stems from her knowledge that, although she has lived/moved to a new apartment, Todd still frequently visits Jodi at her house, which makes Natasha jealous and curious as to why Todd still wants to see Jodi and what two of them do while in the apartment/condo for the duration of various things, Natasha wants to know about his and Jodi's life together. She is

curious about what they discuss, what they eat for dinner, and what they wear to bed. Todd's rationale for continuously seeing Jodi is that he can't forget all the beautiful delights and sufferings of their 20-year romance with each other and others.

Another reason is that Todd doesn't like and can't stand it any longer of Natasha's negative characteristics during their courtship; we can also see from this comment that Todd is upset and irritated with Natasha because of Natasha. Todd's vices demonstrate this by contrasting his marital life with Jodi to his current relationship with Natasha, even equating Natasha's relationship with her father with the line "If only she would get a grip and calm down." He's known Jodi for quite some time. Natasha is young, and she is unaware of the tug of time. She is impatient, lacks perspective, has a fiery head, and, like her father, is stubborn and willful. Especially now that Natasha is pregnant and the wedding preparations are underway. This quotation also describes Todd's changing attitude as he loses patience with greetings while facing all her vices, even connecting her vices with Natasha's father's vices.

Another piece of evidence demonstrates that Natasha's vices are selfish and dictatorial and that her desires must be fulfilled regardless of Todd's ability to do so because he has already spent a lot of money on wedding preparations. Natasha is required to spend her honeymoon in Rio, as specified below. According to Harisson (2018), "The wedding is costing him a fortune, and on top of everything else, she's pushing for a honeymoon in Rio. This is not a good time for him to be throwing money around" (P. 209)

Todd did not want to give in to Natasha's wish for a honeymoon in Rio, not because he was stingy, but because there were many more pressing requirements. Because Todd had already spent a lot of money on the wedding, so it was not a good time to spend more money. This is also evidence that Natasha's nature of being manageable, forcing someone, and selfish, does not want to discuss the wedding plan in advance and what is done according to the ability and agreement Together. Because despite she is young, as a student, Natasha is used to discussing with her peers in class and does not require emotions. Natasha's nature can also be influenced by how her parents nurtured/educated Natasha as a child, such as always spoiling Natasha as a child so that this trait carries over to adulthood who wants all her wishes to be fulfilled until it is also carried over to the level of marriage which forces Todd to agree to the wishes of the honeymoon in Rio.

Natasha will be joyful, eager, and enthusiastic in planning all of her wedding necessities as a young woman who will enter the marriage. Natasha's parenting and association style is always spoiled by her parents and associated with high-class individuals, such as wedding party clothes, location, food, souvenir, invitations, and people who will serve as bridesmaids and others. But Natasha's enjoyment in preparing for her wedding was hampered by Todd's disapproval because Todd assumed that if the more luxurious and many were invited, the costs for food, clothes, souvenirs, and other links for the guests and bridesmaids would be more expensive coupled with the fact that Natasha's Naka Todd became enraged as a result of his girlfriend's behavior. As the quotation below shows,

reasons/causes. One of them is the husband's biological demands, which are overlooked because the wife does not wish to have children. This resulted in Todd's affair with Natasha. Of course, learning of the affair has a terrible physical and psychological impact on Jodi. Jodi's interactions with others, such as friends, coworkers, and even her attorneys. Jodi is a character who is described as having many positive characteristics. Such as being nice, kind, smart, and courteous; not being easily irritated; and always serving the spouse well, such as making meals for him, assisting Todd when he is in difficulty, and caring for Todd when he is ill, among other things.

If it abruptly changes, it will surely be unpleasant and sad. When she realizes her husband is cheating on her, even though the reason is Jodi's desire not to have children. As previously stated, one of the effects felt by Jodi as a result of the occurrence of this affair is a shift in Jodi's attitude toward other people around her or the inner turmoil, she is experiencing so that when someone else learns about or attempts to investigate this case from a different angle/science and eventually realizes that the /root of the problem is Jodi's mistake, namely not wanting to have children, Jodi still believes that what she is doing is correct. Sigmund Freud referred to this as the Defense Mechanism or denial. This denial also occurred when Jodi refused to accept people's explanations of her obligation to leave Todd's house. After all, Jodi believed Todd had no right to push Jodi out because Jodi had previously treated him well as a wife.

As evidenced by the following quotation, Harisson (2018):

this Quotation is that she feels this divorce is Todd's fault who cannot be faithful and holds the marriage commitment because she feels she has tried to be a good wife unlike women in general at this time the meaning of this Quotation is she feels not wrong and unlike other Women even according to love experts Dr. Phil and other marriage counselors set unrealistic expectations for women, which breeds unhappiness We live alone in our crowded psyches, obsessed by our entrenched ideas, fatuous wants, and countless contradictions—and whether we like it or not, we must put up with this in one another. Jodi believes she is already better than other women in terms of how she treats her spouse. Because most women like demanding are like imposing a will on their husband, like having to follow all her wills, having to acquire rich quickly to purchase what wife wants to order her husband to perform all the home tasks while her husband is merely lazy to be violent towards her husband and others. While Jodi is not like that, Jodi has never stopped Todd's activities if he wants to go anyplace, unemotional, always keeping contact with Todd well, always preparing Todd's favorite foods, taking care of Todd with a real heart, full of and loving if he is sick. Jodi was patient, understanding, and kind. She was neither possessive nor grasping. Todd, though, is still cheating, according to Jodi. Todd is to blame for failing to keep the promise and commitment of a partnership. In addition, she has tried to be a good wife in serving Todd's needs and has given her the freedom to do whatever Todd wants as long as she maintains her commitment to marriage. According to Jodi, she never does wrong during her home life with Todd and causes quarrels.

repeatedly, which caused Jodi to lose interest in her hobbies, such as cooking. To overcome insomnia, Jodi usually fills her time with doing activities she enjoys, such as reading books, watching her favorite shows, playing with her dog, or eating with her buddy. However, because of Jodi's problems, which is her lawyer, Barbara, refused to support her appeal not to be evicted from her home. All of these circumstances add to Jodi's difficulty sleeping. And necessitate a doctor's participation; additionally, Jodi purchases sleeping pills over the Internet. Furthermore, we can see from the Quotation that the impact of Jodi's frequent spells of sleeplessness is already being felt by her body / that her body's health is deteriorating, such as her eye health being disrupted because she sees objects such as doubles and others.

Since her home troubles with Todd have become more complicated due to Todd's romance with Natasha, Jodi's health has deteriorated physically and mentally. In addition, Jodi also faced something she had never encountered in her life, namely difficulties sleeping, even to sleep, she had to take her sleeping pills. However, her health is failing, and it is becoming increasingly harder to sleep, so Jodi engages in some of her favorite activities to pass the time, and she also tries to engage in all of the things that can help Jodi sleep quickly but cannot be done due to her worsening health.

As stated below, Harisson (2018):

There are times when she dozes off, but then she starts to dream and it's all turmoil and confusion. When she wakes up, she feels worse than before. Without a good sleeping pill to knock her out, it's better not to sleep at all. More and more she's taken to sitting at her

other apartment residents. And also, his neighbor's different treatment/attitude towards Jodi since Todd no longer lives with Jodi, i.e., the cynical look of scorn is ostracized and insulted. It becomes the subject of This was done by Jodi's neighbors because they were surprised and asked what was going on with Jodi and Todd's household so lately, Todd and Jodi didn't look together anymore and didn't even live in the same house with Jodi because according to the culture and views of society, it was very bad for women who already had husbands out on their own/ traveling without their permission.

Other evidence of Jodi experiencing depression can be found in this novel when Jodi seems stressed and severely depressed, as evidenced by her drinking so much vodka that she has never even drunk that much vodka and has also never drunk vodka alone. In addition, she has also turned into someone who is getting worse by the day because of problems with Todd that never ends. The cause that started Jodi experiencing depression like this is her disappointment with her lawyer, who does not support her desire to stay in Todd's apartment/condo. The reason her lawyer does not support her is that according to the law in force in the state of Illinois regarding home ownership, the house remained Todd's property because marriage by common law marriage did not apply in Illinois but because Jodi feared for the continuation of her life and would lose all the property and comfort she felt so far. Jodi still denied her guilt. Therefore Jodi became depressed because of this problem, Because of this, Jodi became depressed and to vent her depression, anger, disappointment, and sadness over all the things that happened in her home life with Todd, Jodi did by drinking as much alcohol as

she is unwell and performs household tasks properly, which she has been doing for 20 years, and Jodi believes that by doing so, she will live in a safe home without difficulties, which turns out to be incorrect since Jodi does not want to fulfill Todd's dream to have children. It describes Jodi's character change as desperation, upset, and anger with Todd. After all, Jodi thought that by staying with Todd for 20 years with all her kindness, she could live comfortably and safely without any problems that turned out to be ruined because of Todd's affair because she did not want to have children.

According to the Quotation, the adverse consequence of a person who feels depressed because his wish cannot be met and is allowed to stay in his apartment even by his lawyer is to convert the character of the person who normally lives clean, friendly, and other good characteristics into bad ones. Anxiety. Depression, despair, and even drinking were all proof of the bad consequences of infidelity.

Another proof of her depression is that she becomes more shy, reticent, and aloof in public. Jodi does this because she is unhappy and upset, and she cannot control her sorrow and desire for Todd, even though Jodi loves Todd, as seen by the many beautiful moments they have enjoyed. Jodi alleviated her misery, sadness, and disappointment by isolating herself in her study before ordering wine from her workplace's cleaning service. Jodi did not ask her coworkers or friends to buy it since she knew doing so would require an explanation, jeopardizing and humiliating her. After all, her household secrets were known to people. Therefore, Jodi decides to tell Klara her problem and tells Klara to buy as many Stolichnaya

evolved from a friendly, easygoing person with many friends to a hesitant person taking calls from anyone. Different Todd refers to Todd. Jodi, on the other hand, is still listening to his message. This quotation indicates that the emotional distress created by Todd's infidelity problem resulted in her experiencing social loneliness because Jodi was lying to the outer world. so that no one knew Jodi was at the lowest point of her life because of Todd's problems.

4.5.2.4 The News of Todd's Death and Police Investigation Of Todd's Murder

Jodi, who has been angry, irritated, and disappointed with Todd for a long time as a result of his affair with Natasha, finally decided to tell all her stories to one of her friends, Alisson, because Jodi stated that Alisson is her best friend and is expected to calm him down and find a solution to his problem. Todd cheated on Jodi with Natasha, impregnating her until Todd and Natasha's wedding preparations fell through. Jodi also informed Alisson one day that Todd and Natasha had already finalized their wedding preparations and set a date, thus Jodi felt helpless to stop Todd from marrying Natasha. But Alisson encouraged her and pushed her that there was still an occurrence that may derail Todd and Natasha's marriage. Jodi, who has been angry, irritated, and disappointed with Todd for a long time because of his affair with Natasha, finally decided to tell all her stories to one of her friends, Alisson, because Jodi stated that Alisson is her best friend and is expected to calm him down and find a solution to his problem. Todd cheated on Jodi with Natasha, impregnating her until Todd and Natasha's wedding preparations fell through. Jodi also informed Alisson one day that Todd and

and returned to her home, and the next day Jodi read a newspaper piece on the circumstances leading up to Todd's death. Jodi was taken aback when she read the newspaper since she had not expected Todd's murder and death to make headlines in her city's print and electronic media. Even beating other major stories like drug trafficking. Another thing that startled Jodi was the level of discussion about the cause of death and who was responsible for the gunshot...Because according to the information listed in the newspaper, no one knows who the perpetrator of the shooting is, and it has given birth to a lot of speculation. This means that Jodi is even happier because the plan to kill Todd that she compiled with Alisson is still unknown to anyone.

Because Jodi was surprised that Todd's death case made headlines, Jodi became curious and read the newspaper in detail and found news that discussed the name of the place and the incident of Todd's murder and death as well as the causal factors and chronology of the case according to eyewitnesses, although it was still speculation.

like the following quote, Harisson (2018):

A man was gunned down in his car yesterday afternoon as he waited at a stoplight in Chicago's South Loop. They have identified the victim as Todd Jeremy Gilbert, 46, a local entrepreneur. The actor of the murder shot him in the head at approximately 12:45 PM at the corner of Michigan and Roosevelt. According to eyewitnesses, a vehicle pulled up beside him and one or more gunmen opened fire. Police are seeking a description of the vehicle in question. After the shooting occurred, the victim's car rolled into the intersection, bumped against a curb, and came to a cease. They found the driver slumped over the wheel. No bystanders were harmed. (p. .312)

This Quotation illustrates Jodi's assurance and shock that the murder victim had been murdered by Alisson and his hitman, Todd. The quotation also explains the location and time of the murder, as well as the testimony of witnesses who are still speculating about the number of perpetrators of the murder, which is confusing perhaps because the witness did not see the exact sequence of events. Furthermore, the witness explained the condition of the car, which was destroyed due to the curb, and the driver/Todd was killed, with no other casualties as a result of the incident. This quote talks about the happiness that Jodi felt because at first, Jodi thought the perpetrators of the murder were initially Alisson and her hitmen who matched the premeditated ones. In addition, this quote also explains the place, time, and chronology of the shooting/murder incident according to eyewitnesses, namely the stoplight in Chicago's South Loop. They have identified the victim as Todd Jeremy Gilbert, 46, a local entrepreneur. The actor of the murder shot him in the head at approximately 12:45 PM at the corner of Michigan and Roosevelt.

Detective Skinner convinces Jodi that Jodi's role is very important to bring up this case because Jodi is Todd's ex-wife. And also the person who is being suspected and arrested is Todd's friend and also the father of Natasha who most likely must also be known by Jodi. The way detective skinner to Jodi still wants to provide information related to Todd's death by showing his sympathy for Jodi for Todd's death. In addition, a detective who handles cases like this murder must be complete quickly. However, in this investigation process, Detective Skinner and his team experienced difficulties because this murder case was a premeditated

alone is very surprising that Dean Kovacs detective knows that this news is shocking and unbelievable because Jodi already knows and knows that Dean cannot be the murderer. The significance of this quote is that the detective does not want to make Jodi even more shocked by reading it in the newspaper since being told directly by the investigator alone is quite shocking that Dean Kovacs Jodi is very surprised When he heard Dean's name is referred to as the perpetrator. This is the point at which detectives inform Dean that she is a suspect who has been detained by the police because she heard this thing. Jodi was taken aback and refused to believe it. Jodi wanted to protect Dean since she believed Dean had nothing to do with the incident. Jodi couldn't believe it when she discovered that the hitman had been hired by Dean, not Alisson. Detectives claim it's because they stole Dean, who hired a hitman to kill Todd. Jodi is not surprised that Dean is engaged in Todd's murder after hearing the detective's explanation that Dean is suspected of being the murderer.ca and both appease herself and indicate her hospitality. Jodi prepares drinks for investigators to remain cool and even to calm herself. The investigator turned to offer Jodi something to drink. Detectives can provide Jodi with a more complete explanation of why Dean was designated as a suspect. According to the quotation, Jodi was taken aback and couldn't believe the substance of doing a defense mechanism in the form of denial. For some of the first reasons, Jodi felt Dean couldn't possibly do that because Dean was a best friend of Todd's, even though Todd was dating Natasha, his daughter, but Todd must have tried to explain that Dean's best buddy would not be very furious, let alone kill his own best friend. Both Jodi and Alisson believed Todd's death was

true because her plot with Alisson had nothing to do with Dean, so Dean could not have killed Todd because Dean didn't know Jodi and Alisson planned the murder. In addition, the purpose of the detective saying this is not and also the previous investigation/ interview is not to make Jodi afraid, anxious, worried, shocked, and distrustful of what the detective notarized but to tell the latest developments about the investigation of this case and the real purpose of the interview between Jodi and the detective was to obtain information to find out the reason/cause of Todd's death and chronology the events before Todd's death to substantiate the evidence and eyewitness accounts found at the scene. Therefore, the police arrested Dean and needed information from Jodi not to accuse Jodi of being involved in the case. In addition, this quote describes Jodi's feelings of shock, and, disbelief when she heard detectives say that the suspect in the murder case is Dean. Therefore, Jodi denied and defended Dean that Dean was impossibly involved in this case because according to Jodi, Dean was not aware of the assassination plot that Jodi carried out with Alison. Besides, Dean is impossible to do that because Dean was Todd's best friend. In addition, this quote describes the nature of a good detective, and caring for Jodi which is shown by the detective trying to calm Jodi down and offering to fetch water for Jodi.

Another quotation that suggests Dean and the hitman he hired were responsible for Todd's death was made by Harry le Groot, Todd's old lawyer when visiting Jodi in the hospital. Harry informed her of the most recent developments in Todd's murder investigation: Harry was able to find the hitman/shooter who

killed Todd, and during questioning, the killer disclosed that Dean had instructed them to kill Todd.

As stated below, Harisson (2018):

They corroborated what we already knew," Harry said. "That Dean Kovacs hired them and paid them to do this thing." What was he saying? And why was he smiling? He appeared to be enjoying her confusion. Maybe he wanted to trick her into confessing. Of course. That's why he'd come to the hospital when he could have waited a day or two and seen her at his office (p. 359)

As previously mentioned by Detective Skinner, Dean authorized the hitman to kill Todd, and this time Harry heard straight from the perpetrator. This Quotation also recalls Harry's explanation of the new information indicating that the major suspect in the Todd murder case was Dean, but Jodi was even more puzzled and suspicious because of her worry that this deed was an act of Alisson and Jodi was complicit in it. Jodi didn't believe it and felt that the word was just Harry's way of getting Jodi to confess and feel awful about her actions. According to this Quotation, a person who has recently committed a crime will feel uneasy, full of concern, anxiety, and even distrust of others.

Because Jodi still believed that the murder was her plan with Alisson and Jodi was afraid and anxious about the consequences of her actions if Jodi admitted her mistake then Jodi was suspicious and not easy to believe the words of others even Harry. even though Jodi assumed it was just Harry's way for Jodi to confess. but Harry tried to convince Jodi how to tell the chronology of the meeting and conversation with the murderer and evidence of evidence because Jodi still

believed that the murder was and Jodi was terrified of the implications of her actions; if she revealed her mistake as well as the proof.

As stated below, Harisson (2018):

But Harry was on a roll now, warming to his subject, speaking with gusto as he told her that the men were local hoods with rap sheets as long as her arm who had identified Dean as the one who had hired them, but that nobody needed to take their word for it because there was plenty of evidence to back them up Phone calls. Bank transactions. Kovacs was a fool. He left a paper trail a mile long. Harry went on to say that they were stubbornly pleading their innocence, these two saps, maintaining loudly and energetically that they hadn't followed through. Had they been hired by Dean to do the job? Yes. Had they done it? No. When he told her this he laughed and slapped his knee. (p 360.)

Harry tries to convince Jodi by telling her that he didn't cheat/lie and the perpetrator himself said that Dean was the one who ordered it. In addition to the direct perpetrator's comments, the police found that Dean ordered and paid the hitman. He left a mile-long paper trail. This "tells me about the shooting perpetrator's attempt to deny that the perpetrator was only ordered by the Dean," but apparently not. However, since Harry was used to dealing with situations of lawlessness, even murder, he knew they were lying.

Another quote that shows that Dean is behind this murder case is Jodi's memory of trying to recall receiving a call and talking to Dean about Todd and Natasha's affair, even about Todd impregnating Natasha if Natasha didn't push back the wedding date. Dean's shock and anger at learning the news can be heard in his tone of voice when talking to Jodi. Dean encourages Jodi to be strong in

4.5.2.5 Jodi Conducts Defense Mechanisms to Hide the Truth or Deny It When Suspected of Being the Perpetrator of The Murder

As we know, people who engage in defence mechanisms, particularly denial, are people who know what they are doing is wrong but do not want to be blamed. This could be because they are not at fault but are blamed for an event related to them, or they feel guilty and want to protect themselves and the people involved in the event. In this novel, it is clear that Jodi was initially afraid of the police/detectives handling Todd's murder case coming to her house, because she knew that as Todd's wife, she would be the first person to be questioned about Todd's death. If the police investigation found evidence that the killer was indeed a substitute hired by Alisson, Jodi would be arrested for being involved in Todd's murder plan because Jodi believed that the plan she had executed with Alisson was successful or in other words she was involved. Jodi was afraid of the consequences as she had never previously been involved in the act of planning a murder and killing people. As a result, when asked, she uses a defence mechanism as Jodi does not want her plan/reason for killing Todd to be known. implication as Jodi has never been involved in the act of planning a murder and killing people. As a result, when questioned, she uses a defence mechanism because Jodi does not want Jodi's plans/reasons for killing Todd to be known.

After the arrival of detective John Skinner at her house for the first time, he met in person and investigated Todd's death every time Jodi waited anxiously, but it turned out that after waiting long enough, the person who came to her house was not detective John Skinner but detective somebody or other. After that, Jodi

let the detective in and explained that his purpose in coming to Jodi's house was to find things related to the Todd murder case because the detective believed that someone or something is responsible based on the evidence that was on site and the information/report from detective Skinner. Something was awkward and still hidden by Jodi, notably the eviction letter and the document proved that Todd was the rightful/legal owner of the property in which Jodi lived. After that, Jodi let the detective in and explained that his purpose in coming to Jodi's house was to find things related to the Todd murder case because the detective believes that someone or something is responsible based on the evidence that was on site and the information/report from detective Skinner. Something was awkward and was still hidden by Jodi, notably the eviction letter and the document proving that Todd was the rightful/legal owner of the property in which Jodi lived. When investigators asked about the letter, Jodi said that it was true that she had been kicked out by Todd, but when the detective asked why she was still staying at Todd's residence and if it was true that she had been kicked out, Jodi did not respond. Because Jodi did not respond to the question, the investigator became suspicious and wanted to ensure that Jodi was Todd's murderer because if Todd died before marrying Natasha, all of Todd's property would not be handed to Natasha, meaning it would stay Jodi's. After the detective's quotation that Jodi panics and becomes silent, not uttering anything The reason Jodi did not answer the detective's question about the truth that the house Jodi currently lives in belongs to Todd and the truth is that Jodi was involved in the murder and even planned it with Alisson and Todd has indeed been sent the Eviction Letter is that

ownership of the condominium occupied by Jodi currently belongs to Todd, but because Jodi was silent and did not say the real things, including the two letters sought by detective somebody or something are an eviction letter and a letter proving the ownership of the condominium is Todd, which was indeed given by Todd's lawyer and is currently hidden by Jodi. Jodi's reason for hiding the letter was that she didn't want to leave Todd's condominium because she was content with all of Todd's stuff. That's why Jodi intended to murder Todd alongside Alisson. As a result, when asked by a detective somebody or other where the letter is, Jodi chooses to remain silent since she does not want Todd's murder plan with Alisson to be revealed if she discloses where the letter is, Jodi will face severe penalties, including imprisonment. Because Detective Somebody or Other is used to investigating silent crime suspects, detectives are increasingly intrigued and accuse Jodi of being complicit in Todd's murder. Furthermore, this quote demonstrates how smart and experienced detective Somebody or Other is in dealing with murder suspects who do not admit their actions by issuing words that can make the suspect feel guilty and not too happy / do not believe that what she planned worked.

As evidenced in the following passage, Harisson (2018):

He continues. "And not only would there be. No eviction. You would stand to inherit. As long as he was out of the way before his marriage to Miz Kovacs. Before he got around to. Changing his will. The timing was everything. Before he could evict you. Before he could marry the other. Woman."

He's awaiting her to speak, but she says nothing. Her default mode when bullied or badgered is silence. The second you open your mouth to defend yourself, they've got you. Got you on the run. She

knows this intuitively and has always known it. "Let me tell you something," he says. "You can't inherit from the man you. Murdered. Maybe you didn't know that. Miz Brett. Jodi." (p. 344-345)

This quote's objective is to establish that Jodi still inherited the house.

Natasha and possibly cops could have concluded Jodi plotted Todd's death to keep him from moving if Todd hadn't been married. Another reason she won't depart until Todd marries Natasha is that she adores Todd. As a result, she planned to murder Todd to escape marriage and keep the house for herself. Jodi was under pressure to keep the facts hidden. Jodi's determination to constantly deny or cover up the truth had the unforeseen consequence of making her increasingly anxious as she was chased by the police. The investigator attempted to prevent Jodi from receiving the house from the person she murdered by stating that it was for Jodi's benefit. revealed that Jodi plotted and may have committed Todd's murder to target his property and prevent it from being inherited/becoming someone else's if Todd married Natasha, another reason why detective somebody or other said so is to prevent Jodi's happiness so Jodi wasn't too happy and believed her plan worked, as well as preventing the option of Jodi denying or defending herself. Based on this Quotation, it is clear that the investigator is looking for a letter certifying that the apartment Jodi is presently living in is legally Todd's property. It worked, as did preventing Jodi from denying or defending herself. Based on this Quotation, it is clear that the investigator is looking for a letter certifying that the apartment Jodi is presently living in is legally Todd's property.

communication in women, the worst effect of infidelity for special victims is the occurrence of extramarital pregnancies. However, if a perpetrator is a man and the victim is a woman, then after the perpetrator is satisfied that he has met his biological needs or the occurrence of pregnancy too soon. This can occur due to a variety of factors, including the perpetrator of the affair simply wanting to be happy, the perpetrator of the affair being unprepared for the consequences of his actions, such as the wife being angry at being kicked out of the house and refusing to have any further contact, and in some cases, the wife who knows her husband cheated on her with another woman will kill her husband despite her cheating. Furthermore, the influence of the perpetrator's conduct may emanate through the perpetrator's family. As a result, men/perpetrators of infidelity frequently want the partner's pregnancy to happen after first divorcing an old wife.

As in this novel, Natasha's initial story of knowing she was pregnant was that Natasha suddenly invited Todd to lunch at a restaurant near her campus, but Natasha also asked Todd to contact his lawyers about his divorce from Jodi. Long story short when she got to the restaurant, Natasha behaved strangely starting from her face looked gloomy, her agitated attitude disappointed surprised and endured anger to eating that was not encouraging even Natasha who was being ignorant and didn't even say hello or chat with Todd at all because Natasha's strange attitude made Todd full of questions confused, afraid, also feeling upset and anger because Todd was out of the office. The worst effect of infidelity for special victims is the occurrence of extramarital pregnancies even though the basis of cheating in general is the non-fulfillment of the needs/ desires of one party such

life and Natasha blames Todd. If Todd had told Jodi about his relationship with Natasha from the beginning, Natasha thinks it wouldn't have happened like this because he was honest, and Natasha hopes Jodi will accept it. In addition, Natasha also told how and when she found out she was pregnant because she checked the pregnancy checker this morning before leaving for college after knowing this, Todd was immediately shocked, not expecting Natasha to do it this morning. Because Todd did not know the pregnancy checker and wanted to make sure that Natasha was pregnant, Todd advised Natasha to see a doctor.



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CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

In this chapter, the researcher will summarize the research findings. Some of the study's findings confirmed the origin, description, and repercussions of men's infidelity toward their spouses. The researchers discovered the following.

4.6 Conclusions

First, define Natasha and Todd's form of Infidelity based on various sources identified by a researcher on infidelity. According to specialists such as Pour et al., her type can be aware of various sorts of infidelity, including emotional connections, sexual relationships, and the internet. Subotnik and Harris 2005, in addition, Sukmasari 2018, classify infidelity into four categories: serial, fling, romantic love affair, and long-term affair. Even by aiding one another outside of their respective tasks, they are becoming closer together in this new depiction of Infidelity. Based on the result of this study, the depiction of infidelity in this novel starts from meeting and introducing each other until staying in a hotel on the weekend and doing much romantic activity together. Todd cheated on Jodi with Natasha because Jodi did not want to have children, as indicated by her unwillingness to have sexual relations with Todd when the chance presented, which was the reason for Todd's affair with Jodi. Todd also told his attorney, Harold le Groot, that although he planned to marry Natasha, he wanted to cheat on Jodi and obtain a divorce from her because Jodi does not want to have children in 20 years.

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The third question is whether infidelity generally has a beneficial or negative initial influence on all parties. The three primary characters in this story are Todd, Natasha, and Jodi, defined as the culprit, the cheater, and the victim. Todd, who has been through a lot, The negative consequences of his infidelity include the emergence of anxiety when he meets Jodi after a vacation with Natasha and learns she is pregnant, as well as the possibility that Natasha will tell her father and Jodi, who are both anxious to learn she has oral lesions that her infidelity may cause. Todd must leave his home since Jodi evicted him after learning from Natasha that he was moving in with her to a new apartment. Todd must also address Natasha's genuine personality, such as her jealousy, which motivates him to spend money and be selfish, and her relentless desire for all her wishes. The ultimate and most terrible blow was Todd's death at the hands of Natasha's father, who was also his best friend.

The drop affected Jodi, who arrived later. Jodi feels lonely, as evidenced by a quotation in which she attempts to contact a friend to meet for dinner. Todd visits Natasha on Saturday and Sunday. Jodi only discovered Natasha's actual identity when Todd returned home since Todd had previously stated that Todd would have another detrimental influence, so she used this as a protective strategy. This is consistent with Sigmund Freud's understanding of defensive mechanisms like denial. According to his view, individuals develop defense mechanisms to respond to interlocutor attacks, particularly when confronted with the negative impacts of external events that might damage their life. Jodi is done by Jodi in this story when her lawyer tells her that Jodi's conduct by not marrying Todd Developers is legal, that it is lawful not just with common law marriage, and that constantly controlling Todd's property is improper. As a result, Todd wishes to divorce Jodi and marry Natasha., but Jodi still doesn't want to be blamed because she believes that Todd's infidelity caused the divorce. This is due to Todd being unfaithful/ unable to maintain commitment in marriage.

Insomnia is next. Jodi suffers from insomnia more and more due to her problems with Todd reaching their peak, particularly due to her refusal to accept the advice of her lawyer, who is defending Todd. Jodi's depression is the next effect, according to the reference's source. Depression has set in. It is possible to conclude that depression—also known as a major depressive disorder in medical terms—is a mental illness that impacts a person's emotions, way of thinking, and behavior. People with depression typically experience sadness and lose interest in their usual activities. This condition can lead to various emotional and physical

issues that make the sufferer less productive. Jodi claims that she kicked Todd out of the house because she couldn't or wouldn't do what she wanted with him, this triggered her sadness. Another clue that she is sad is that she was unhappy with the results of her session with Barbara. She then demonstrated her depression by consuming alcohol regularly, regardless of her health or the setting. Again, Jodi's character deteriorated.

Another bad result and arguably of the most life-altering Jodi is turning her pleasant disposition, such as ease of emotional control, friendliness, compassion, and other excellent attributes, into cunning and participation in a conspiracy to murder her husband. It all started with Jodi, who couldn't endure the sorrow and despair of the affair. Todd's buddy, Alisson, had finally learned about her troubles. Alisson looked to Jodi to be extremely kind and supportive when she told her the story. However, shortly after, Alisson got the bright notion to prevent Todd and Natasha from marrying. Jodi must follow Alisson's strategy of illegally raising as much money as possible to pay the hitman. Jodi must then travel as far away from town as she possibly can.

Natasha's unanticipated pregnancy and her father's rejection of her marriage to Todd were the ultimate blows; she had to feel unhappy and disappointed in Todd because he was regarded as unprepared for marriage and not anticipating children. However, shortly after, Alisson got the bright notion to prevent Todd and Natasha from marrying. Jodi must follow Alisson's strategy of illegally raising as much money as possible to pay the hitman. Jodi must then travel as far away from town as she possibly can.

The author would like to say that, based on everything the researcher has explained as a result of this research, infidelity has numerous negative effects on everyone involved; Therefore, to avoid all of the negative effects of infidelity that have been discussed in this study, maintaining a marriage necessitates both commitment and willpower. To be able to do that, both the husband and wife must accept the advantages and disadvantages of each option, and if a problem arises, it must be resolved collaboratively in a responsible manner.

Based on the study findings, it is feasible to make some inferences regarding the infidelity that occurs in this novel. Furthermore, I offer the following advice for married individuals, including newlyweds and those who have been married for a long time: Jodi is the source of Infidelity since she does not want to have children and is overworked. As a result, she is fatigued and refuses to engage in sexual interactions or satisfy her husband's biological demands. Sort of Infidelity is a long-term affair, and the narrative shows how infidelity affects people. It is so severe and dangerous that it is beneficial—physically and emotionally not only for the perpetrator, his cheating partner, and the victim. As a result, the researcher concluded that The affair that occurred between Todd and Jodi was the fault of both parties/Jodi and Todd. As a husband, Todd should know better than to easily cheat on other women because every household issue should be solved properly and not in a way involving other women. After all, not all cheating women are better people than our wives, that are much evidence proves this statement from this novel that Natasha has bad qualities such as being spoiled, liking to tell people without seeing Todd's ability, and Natasha's jealous nature, easily angry,

wastes money, etc. it makes Todd upset and angry and regrets dating Natasha. Therefore Todd thought and couldn't stand Natasha's nature anymore, proving that we must be loyal to our wives regardless of their shortcomings. The researcher advises other married couples, especially those with an affair, that we should not confuse our friend's feelings alone by betraying them because they can avenge the more painful one that their friend kills. Also, Jodi's belief in formal marriage and her desire to have children is decreasing because of her parents' infidelity. Jodi ought to be able to gain knowledge of the doubts and inequality that led to her father's infidelity and use it as a lesson to avoid making the same mistakes in her own home life and the mistakes and shortcomings of her parents in raising a family.

My advice to couples about to get married is to ensure that both men and women are ready for physical, psychological, and mental maturity before they get married. Other couples, especially men, should also have a strong commitment to living the marriage and not be easily tempted by other women because their partner has flaws. Every problem in a marriage should be solved wisely to find or learn from the mistakes of their parents or other people who have been through a divorce so that divorce doesn't happen again. The Detective also stated, "Someone suspected Jodi of being involved in the plot to assassinate Todd because she wanted to prevent Todd's marriage when they inquired about the location of the Eviction Letter and the letter proving Todd's home ownership." After all, Jodi would have occupied the house if Todd and Natasha's marriage failed, and the detective claims that Jodi cannot legally inherit the house and all of the property

of the person she killed. Jodi's only motivation for all of her infidelity is that she does not want to have children. However, Jodi was only targeted at Todd's estate because of an affair that Todd and Natasha did. However, Todd has a problem in this case because he should be especially considering that they have been together for 20 years. He should not be able to easily cheat on other women by asking Jodi why she does not have children and inviting Jodi to want to have a child through artificial insemination or a surrogate mother.

Last but not least, if you're about to get married, the researcher advises you to marry someone who did not grow up in a damaged household/broken home family. According to psychological studies and the research for this novel, people who grow up in broken homes tend to act the same way as their parents and cannot respond to and learn from their experiences. Alternatively, if she loses confidence in other people and marriage, she may refuse to marry out of concern that what occurred to her as a kid may happen again. Even if we do not have an encounter as exhilarating as the one in this narrative, this research suggests that we should be cautious in how we approach or think about things. Todd was convinced as a youngster that males could not be faithful and monogamous.

As a consequence, until Todd is an adult, he should be able to learn from his father's mistakes in the way stated by the study. Todd's father used to do domestic violence against his mother when he was a youngster. He didn't care about his family since he was always too preoccupied with little things like drinking.

Through the research of this novel, we can find out the description of marriage in Western culture, which is only based on love and lust alone without

being prepared based on physical, psychological/mental preparation and also knowledge of the rights and obligations of each other as a husband and wife and commitment in maintaining the household and the most important thing is that each must have a strong religious basis so that the purpose of marriage is achieved properly. All the things that should be done so that marriage becomes durable and not prone to infidelity, as I mentioned earlier, infidelity exists not only in the depiction of marriage in novels and Western countries today. However, the fact is that such a picture of marriage today does not only occur in Western countries where freedom is highly valued and the level of religiosity of the people is low. But also eastern/Islamic countries that have a high level of religiosity but the divorce rate due to infidelity is high, especially in the current era of globalization because Indonesian society, in particular, or Islam in general, is also easily influenced by Western culture. Therefore, to prevent this phenomenon from happening more and more, we must prepare ourselves well if we want to get married physically, mentally / psychologically, financially, knowledge, and most importantly, we must have a strong religious foundation. I hope that through this thesis, the reader can understand that the impact of infidelity is very bad and that we can avoid it.

4.7 Suggestions

We can learn a lot about the infidelity that occurs in *The Silent Wife* from the description of infidelity in the novel, the causes of infidelity, and the negative impact of infidelity on the characters, such as anxiety, defense mechanism, depression, insomnia, and even murder, from the research above. That is the

novel's negative influence, given that this research tackles infidelity completely and in-depth, including its negative consequence, especially the defensive mechanism and anxiety felt by Jodi and Todd. According to the researcher, additional study into this novel's defensive mechanism and anxiety would be quite intriguing. Furthermore, future researchers can study by contrasting two books from different nations. It is hoped that by conducting these two studies, we will be able to determine the differences in the occurrence of infidelity between two different countries, as well as the negative impact of infidelity and the description of infidelity that occurs today, which is becoming increasingly common so that we can protect ourselves from infidelity.



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