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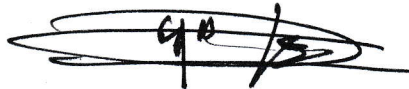
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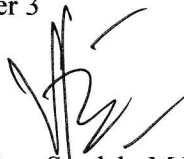
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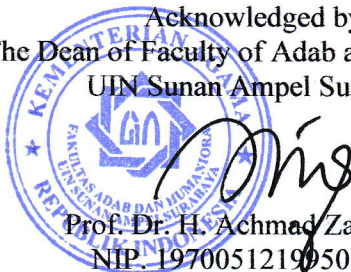
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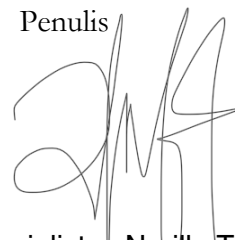
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The study aims to explore the characterization and character development that occurs in the character of Helen in the novel *Still Life with Tornado*. This novel tells the story of a wife who survives a marriage with an abusive man for several years until she finally decides to file for divorce. Therefore, the researcher answers two problems of the study, namely (1) how is Helen characterized in the novel (2) what factors make Helen's character change in the novel.

This study uses a qualitative approach to obtain deeper results about the issue being studied. The researcher also uses a descriptive method to explain data about Helen's characterization and the differences in character that occur in Helen. The data collection process is carried out by grouping narratives in the novel that show the characterization and character development of Helen's character.

The results of this study show that Helen's characterization in the novel *Still Life with Tornado* can be divided into two, namely, as a mother and as a working woman and wife. Helen's characterization as a mother is described as someone who always prioritizes the needs of her children. Helen is also a wife who always tries to do anything to maintain her marriage to her husband. In addition, Helen is a responsible type of woman and always keeps the agreements and promises she makes. This study also found that the character changes that occurred in Helen were driven by her family circumstances and Helen's desire to protect herself and her children.

Keywords: New Criticism, Characterization, Character Development

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Penelitian bertujuan untuk mengeksplorasi karakterisasi dan character development yang terjadi pada karakter Helen dalam novel *Still Life with Tornado*. Novel ini menceritakan tentang seorang istri yang bertahan di pernikahan bersama laki-laki abusive selama beberapa tahun hingga akhirnya memutuskan untuk mengajukan perceraian. Oleh karena itu, peneliti menjawab dua rumusan masalah yaitu (1) bagaimana Helen dikarakterisasikan di dalam novel (2) faktor apa yang membuat karakter Helen berubah di dalam novel.

Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan kualitatif untuk mendapatkan hasil yang lebih dalam tentang isu yang sedang diteliti. Peneliti juga menggunakan metode deskriptif untuk menjelaskan data tentang karakterisasi Helen dan juga perbedaan character yang terjadi pada Helen. Proses pengumpulan data dilakukan dengan mengelompokkan narasi didalam novel yang menunjukkan karakterisasi dan Karakter Development karakter Helen.

Hasil dari penelitian ini menunjukkan karakterisasi Helen di dalam novel *Still Life with Tornado* dapat dibagi menjadi dua yaitu, sebagai seorang ibu dan sebagai seorang wanita pekerja dan istri. Karakterisasi Helen sebagai seorang ibu digambarkan sebagai seseorang yang selalu mengutamakan kebutuhan anak-anaknya. Helen juga merupakan seorang istri yang selalu berusaha melakukan apapun untuk mempertahankan pernikahannya dengan suami. Selain itu Helen merupakan tipe wanita bertanggung jawab dan selalu menepati kesepakatan maupun janji yang dia buat. Dalam penelitian ini juga menemukan jika perubahan karakter yang terjadi pada Helen didorong oleh keadaan keluarganya dan keinginan Helen untuk melindungi dirinya sendiri beserta anak-anaknya.

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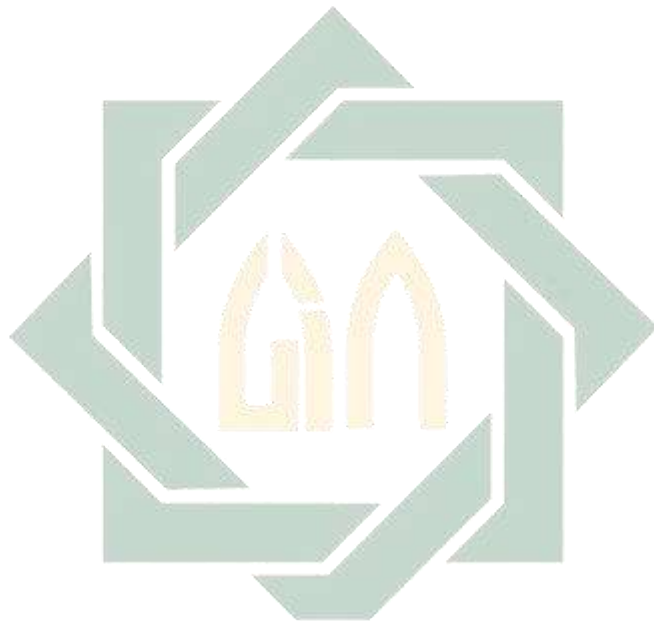
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