

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

This chapter presents the conclusions from the discussion given in the previous chapter. Some suggestions are also given regarded to the future studies.

5.1 Conclusion

After analyzing the roles between husband and wife in establishing spousal authority in a novel entitled *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, the conclusion can be drawn from two research questions.

The findings show the role of husband and wife can be revealed from daily chores in private domain. In the husband and wife roles, husband has role as authority and breadwinner. The husband directed activities is portrayed as instructing wife to do something, prohibiting wife to go out, and leaving house for wife to keep. It means husband is superior to control his wife. In the novel, the husband's stereotype is portrayed as assertive, dominant, and powerful person. Meanwhile, in the husband and wife roles, wife has role as subordinate and housekeeper. Wife's daily activities are portrayed as submissive to do husband's directed activities, staying at home, wearing *Burqa*, and doing household chores. It shows that wife is inferior in the family. In the novel, the wife's stereotype is portrayed as submissive, subordinate,

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and powerless person. This situation makes women are seen as “the other”. Thus, it shows that men get major roles while women get minor roles in the family.

In addition, the way of establishing spousal authority in the family can be revealed from abuses. There are three types of abuses of husband to his wife in the family, i.e. physical abuse, verbal abuse, and psychological abuse. It indicates that husband has power and authority to oppress and abuse his wife in the family. In Afghanistan, abuses of men are affected by cultural values such as culture, tradition, and class stratification where these cultural values justify women to obey their father or spouse’s rules which eventually limits women to express themselves in Afghanistan.

This kind of novel can help people to be aware that there are cases of oppression and abuse towards wives which are done by their husbands in society, such as domestic abuse. Domestic abuse has become problems in life where men want to control women. Thus, this condition has to be eliminated and ended not only in Afghanistan but also all over the world.

5.2 Suggestion

There are some suggestions given for further studies which are willing to analyze the role of husband and wife in establishing spousal authority. The first,

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related further studies should be intended to analyze the phenomena about spousal authority which is shown in the role of husband and wife in more detail topics such as the issue of establishing family authority in the family. Second, the further studies can focus the analysis by using others theoretical framework such as feminist literary approach to get deeper investigation about the roles of husband and wife in establishing spousal authority in the family. This study also suggests that future studies to use other literary works such as: short stories or poems. In addition, in academic setting, learning literature is expected to provide guidance, especially for women in society. Women characters in literary works can reflect the image of women in reality where they are more likely to be oppressed and abused by men. As a result, this situation makes a gap between men and women.

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