

CHAPTER III

METHODOLOGY

This chapter deals with the discussion of the research method, stages of the research, subject of the research, technique of data collection, and technique of data analysis.

3.1 Research Method

The study uses a descriptive qualitative approach. The study investigates and describes how power manifestation exercised by men and the resistance performed by women represented in the novel. In specific, the study investigates ways men manifest their power upon women and how do women resist the power exercised on them as evidence on the *Ayat-Ayat Cinta* in order to answer the research question.

3.2 Subject of the Research

Novel *Ayat-Ayat Cinta* by Habiburrahman El-Shirazy has been chosen as the subject of the research. *Ayat-Ayat Cinta* was published in 2004 and became the bestseller in Indonesia. It consists of 31 chapters and 419 pages.

3.3 Data Collection

The data are collected from the novel. Close reading strategy is the main data collection technique in this study in which the text was read repeatedly and carefully. The secondary sources for the study are other literatures providing related information.

3.4 Data Analysis

The collected data are in the form of words, phrases, and sentences, which are purposively selected to answer research questions. The collected data are categorized into the manifestation of men's power manifestation upon women, and women's resistance against men's power exercised on them. The collected data are analyzed using the framework of theory of power proposed by Bailie and Arendt.

In conducting the study, the following steps have been taken:

1. Selected the subject of the study
2. Formulated the statement of the problems
3. Read the novel carefully and thoroughly in order to get better understanding
4. Investigated the data appropriately with the appropriate device and certain framework that ha been determined
5. Analyzed and interpreted findings
6. Concluded the findings

3.5 Data Presentation

The analyzed data are presented in tables such as the following:

Table 3.1: The manifestation of men power upon women and women's resistance toward men's power in novel *Ayat-Ayat Cinta*

No	How Men Manifest Their Power upon Women	Women's Resistance toward Men's Power
1	Memang, kalau sedang jengkel orang Mesir bisa	Sang isteri juga tak mau

<p>mengatakan apa saja. Di pasar Sayyeda Zainab aku pernah melihat seorang penjual ikan marah-marah pada isterinya. Entah karena apa. Ia menghujani isterinya dengan sumpah serapah yang sangat kasar dan tidak nyaman di dengar telinga. Di antara kata-kata kasar yang kudengar adalah: <i>Ya bintal haram, ya syarmuthah, ya bintal khinzir...!</i>²⁶</p>	<p>kalah. Ia membalas dengan caci maki dan serapah yang tak kalah keras dan kotornya. Dan sumpah serapah yang mengandung laknat adalah termasuk paling kasar.</p>
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Further discussion of the data will be discussed on the next chapter.

