

## CHAPTER III

### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1 Research Procedure

The object of this research is a novel written by Maria Ardelia entitled “Me versus High Heels”. The research was designed to construct the representation of the idealized boy and the meanings can be derived from the idealized representation. As a textual analysis, this study is a qualitative study in orientation with the novel as primary data.

In conducting the research, the researcher undertook the following stages:

1. Identifying characters. The researcher sort out who the main characters are.
2. Classifying the characters. The researcher listed all the characteristic of main characters and provided some evidences that support characteristic.
3. Representing an idealized boy from a girl’s perspective, representing an idealized girl and representing a girl who adores an idealized boy.

4. Representing the meanings of idealized representation based on the novel.

### 3.2 Data Presentation

In this part, the writer will present the data which represent an idealized boy from a girl's perspective, the description of an idealized girl and the description of a girl who adores an idealized boy.

#### 3.1.1 Representations of Arnold as the idealized boy

##### Arnold's Profile

Arnold is the idealized boy in the text because he is handsome, rich, caring, romantic and a good basketball player.

##### Descriptions of Arnold based on Textual Evidence

NO	Textual Evidences	Meanings
1	<i>Wajah cowok itu membuat Sasha terpana. Belum pernah ia merasa seperti ini.wajah cowok itu mirip banget sama dua bintang pujaannya. Wajah itu merupakan perpaduan antara Michael Owen, pemain bola favoritnya dan Yao Ming, pemain basket super jangkung asal Asia yang membuat Sasha kagum karena berhasil menembus NBA. Dahi dan dagunya yang tegas, hidungnya yang mancung,</i>	Handsome in this text means having similar face to Michael Owen and Yao Ming. From the textual evidence, it can be seen that the handsomeness of the idealized boy is being light-skinned because Owen and Yao Ming have brighter complexion than the majority people in Indonesia.

	<p><i>rambutnya yang cepak kecokelatan, benar-benar menyiratkan wajah Owen. Namun tinggi badannya, posturnya, matanya yang agak sipit, bibirnya yang tipis, membuatnya mirip Yao Ming (p.37)</i></p> <p>(The guy's face made Sasha astonished. She had never seen a face like that. He was like her favorite stars. That face was a combination between Michael Owen, her favorite football player and Yao Ming, a very tall basketball player from Asia that Sasha admired because of his reputation of beating NBA. His straight forehead and chin, his pointed nose, his tidy-short-brown hair, just like Owen's face. But his figure, he had rather slanted eyes, and his thin lips, made him like Yao Ming.) (p.37)</p>	
2	<p><i>Sasha menghabiskan makanannya sambil memandangi Arnold berusaha meyakinkan diri, apapun yang ia korbankan balasannya setimpal. Punya cowok keren, ganteng, jago basket, nggak pelit lagi... (p.198)</i></p> <p>(Sasha ate her food and stared at Arnold, she tried to convince herself, that what she sacrificed for is while worthy. Having a cool, handsome, good at basket, and not stingy...) (p.198)</p>	<p>The text shows that Arnold is generous. It means he has a lot of money to spend for his pleasure.</p>
3	<p><i>Sasha menoleh ke lapangan basket. Arnold sedang menguasai bola, dengan lincah membawanya, lalu men-shoot dan..masuk! sasha bersorak. Oh betapa kerennya cowok itu.(P.269)</i></p>	<p>This text emphasizes Arnold's characteristic as a boy who is good at playing basketball. He is idealized because he is not only handsome but also good</p>

	(Sasha watched Arnold who was at the basketball court. Arnold controlled the ball, he dribbled the ball actively, then he shot the ball, and the ball got into the basket. Oh how cute he was). (p.269)	at playing basketball.
4	<p><i>Kali ini Sasha dan Arnold akan pergi ke kafe yang berlokasi di kebun yang luas dengan iringan piano. Sasha sudah membayangkan tempat yang digambarkan Arnold itu, betapa romantisnya. Makan malam di kebun, beratapkan langit, diiringi piano pula. (P.207)</i></p> <p>(This time Sasha and Arnold would go to a café which was located in vast garden. There would be piano recital accompanying them. Sasha had dreamt the place that Arnold described, how romantic it was. Dinner in the garden accompanied by a piano recital, covered by sky,) (p.207)</p>	The statement that Arnold often takes Sasha to a romantic restaurant shows Arnold as a romantic boy.
5	<p><i>Tapi ia tak pernah merasa bersalah dengan nafsu makan atau bentuk tubuhnya, kenapa justru Arnold yang merhatiin ya? Eh, tapi itu kan berarti Arnold perhatian juga...Sasha jadi berbunga. (p.214)</i></p> <p>(But she did not feel guilty with her appetite or her body, then why did Arnold feel bothered about that? Well I guessed Arnold really cared about me...Sasha feels so elated.) (p.214)</p>	Another Arnold's character is attentive because he likes to pay attention to his partner's body. It shows that he has some criteria of girls to be his girlfriend.

6	<p><i>"Tapi, Sha, kok kamu nggak pernah pake high heels sih? Kan cewek jadi tambah anggun kalau pakai high heels...aku suka banget deh ngelihat cewek pake high heels, kakinya jadi kelihatan indah, seksi, keren aja,.."</i>Arnold memberitahu. (p.215)</p> <p><i>("But, Sha, why don't you wear high heels? It makes girl look more elegant...I like to see girl who wears high heels, it makes girl's legs look sexy, beautiful and look cool..."</i>said Arnold.(p.215)</p>	This statement shows Arnold attentiveness toward his girl's (Sasha) appearance.
7	<p><i>Sasha semakin melayang. Arnold cuma mau denger kabar dia?Wah perhatian banget...! Senyum lebar menghiasi wajah Sasha. Dengan cepat ia membalas sms Arnold. (p.204)</i></p> <p>(Sasha was getting flattered. Arnold wanted to know how she was. Wow how attentive he was..! She smiled widely. She replied Arnold's sms fastly. (p.204)</p>	The text shows Arnold as attentive boy since he cares about Sasha.
8	<p><i>"Eh Sha...sori ya...tapi..."</i>Arnold memutuskan omongannya". <i>"Eng..memangnya kamu ngga diet?Badan kamu pasti tambah bagus kalau kamu mau diet.."</i>usul Arnold. (p. 195)</p> <p><i>"Mm Sha..i'm sorry..but.."</i>Arnold stops his words. <i>"Mm...are you on diet? Your body will be more beautiful if you lose some weight"</i> Arnold suggests. (p.195)</p>	The statement has a function to emphasize Arnold's attentiveness toward Sasha
9	<p><i>Jeng jeng! Jaguar hitam menanti, Sasha melongo. Arnold membukakan pintu untuk Sasha. Sasha masih syok.</i></p>	Arnold is a very rich boy because he has a Jaguar which



	<p><i>Ia tahu kalau Dondon itu orang kaya, yang berarti Arnold juga sama berduitnya tapi dia nggak pernah nyangka keluarga mereka semakmur ini. (p.199)</i></p> <p>(Tara! Black Jaguar was waiting. Sasha looked surprised. Arnold opened the door for Sasha. Sasha was still shocked. She knew that Dondon was a rich guy, that meant Arnold was also rich, but she never thought their family was this rich.) (p.199)</p>	<p>is very expensive and only very rich people can buy the car.</p>
10	<p><i>Wah...sasha hanya bisa menganga melihat apartemen Arnold. Apartemen itu luas, interiornya mewah, lampu gantung kristal menghiasi ruang tengah. Arnold mengajak Sasha ke dapur dan disana Sasha kembali terpesona. (p.294)</i></p> <p>(Wow...Sasha astonished when she saw Arnold's apartment. The apartment was very large, chandelier decorated the living room. Arnold took Sasha to the kitchen and once again she was astonished). (p.294)</p>	<p>This statement emphasizes Arnold characteristic as a rich boy. His luxurious apartment shows his richness.</p>

### 3.1.2 Representation of Dina as the idealized girl

#### Dina's Profile

Dina is the ideal girl in the text because she is beautiful, light-skinned and has a proportional body.

### Descriptions of Dina based on Textual Evidence

NO	Textual Evidence	Meanings
1	<p><i>Dina semakin cantik saja, pikir Sasha. Kulitnya putih, rambut sebahunya hitam tergerai, bulu matanya lentik, tubuhnya juga proporsional. Tipe-tipe cewek sempurna deh pokoknya. (p.48)</i></p> <p>(Dina's bright complexion, long black hair, curly and thick eyelashes and proportional body made her looks more beautiful. She was the type of perfect girl. Sasha thought). (p.48)</p>	It can be seen clearly that an idealized girl is a girl who has long black hair and is slim.

### 3.1.3 Representation of Sasha as a girl who looked for an idealized boy

#### Sasha's Profile

Sasha, the girl who looked for an idealized boy, is not an ideal girl because she is not beautiful and tomboy.

#### Descriptions of Sasha based on Textual Evidences

No	Textual Evidences	Meanings
1	<p><i>Tubuh Sasha tinggi menjulang, agak kekar karena banyak olahraga dan latihan bela diri. Sasha memang tomboy, nggak pernah pake rok kecuali kesekolah. Yang mengisyaratkan bahwa dia cewek</i></p>	The textual evidence shows that the main character, Sasha, in this novel is tomboy. The author gave Sasha characteristics which are usually applied to boys, for

	<p><i>cuma rambut panjangnya. (p.24-25)</i>          (Sasha's body was tall and well-built since she did a lot of exercises and martial practices. Sasha was tomboy; she wore skirt only when she went to school. Her long hair was the only thing that showed that she was a girl. (P.24-25)</p>	<p>example, tall and well-built body. Meanwhile her long hair is the only thing which shows that she is a girl.</p>
2	<p><i>Pukul 15.00 Sasha sudah siap dilapangan. Tak lama Dondon datang, dan mereka pun main basket bersama beberapa teman sasha yang ada disitu. (P.76)</i>          (At 3 pm, Sasha was ready in the basket court. Not long after that, Dondon came, and they played basket together with sasha's friends.) (p.76)</p>	<p>Sasha likes to play or watch basketball or football. These games are usually boys' hobbies. This textual evidence implies Sasha's characterization as a tomboy.</p>
3	<p><i>Hari minggu dihabiskan Sasha dengan berlatih karate dan tinju. (p.38)</i>          (Sasha spent her Sunday by doing karate and boxing exercises) (p.38)</p>	<p>Sasha's activities like doing karate and boxing exercises are usually boys' activities. This textual evidence emphasizes Sasha's characterization as a tomboy.</p>
4	<p><i>Sasha menatap wajahnya, alisnya yang cukup tebal tak pernah dirapikan, wajahnya tampak kotor setelah satu jam lebih main basket. Tak pernah sekalipun ia memakai bedak, bibirnya pun polos. Selama ini ia tak pernah memedulikan penampilannya. (p.76)</i>          (Sasha looked at the mirror, looking at her untidy and thick eyebrow; her face looked</p>	<p>This textual evidence mentions several things that girls do, for example putting some powder and applying lipstick, cleaning the face and tidying eyebrows. Those things are not done by Sasha. That is why this text has a function to emphasize Sasha's characterization as a tomboy.</p>



	dirty after playing basketball for one hour. She never put some make up, even only powder. All this time she didn't care about her appearance). (p.76)	
5	<i>Sasha melihat jam dinding, sudah pukul 16.30 rupanya. Ia memakai jins bebel favoritnya, kaus hitam, gelang, dan kalung army.</i> (p.36) ("Sasha looks at the clock, it's already 16.30. She wears her favorite bell-bottom jeans, black t-shirt, bracelet and army necklace.) (p.36)	Bell-bottom jeans, black t-shirt, bracelet and army necklace usually are clothes and accessories for boys but Sasha likes to wear those stuff. This text implies Sasha's characterization as a tomboy.
6	<i>Memang benar, walau bandel dan sering terlambat, Sasha termasuk anak pintar, nilai ulangannya selalu bagus. Ia selalu masuk sepuluh besar dikelasnya. Mengherankan, memang. Ini pula yang membuat orangtuanya tak pernah marah meskipun Sasha begadang nonton bola, pulang sore karena main basket, atau jalan-jalan sama teman-temannya. Ia selalu bisa menjaga kestabilan nilainya.</i> (P.14) (That was true, although Sasha was a bad girl and often late to school but Sasha was a smart girl. Her rank was always in top ten in her class. Surprising, indeed. That was why her parents were never mad at her although Sasha liked to watch football until midnight, came home late after playing basket, or hang out with her friends. She could keep her scores.(p.14)	This textual evidence shows that Sasha is a smart and active girl. Despite the fact that she is busy with her activities, she can keep good goals.

7	<p><i>"Sasha..Sasha.." Roland tak habis pikir, bagaimana mungkin cewek berotak cerdas bisa secuek dan semalas itu. (p.18)</i>  <i>("Sasha..Sasha.." Roland couldn't think, how could a smart girl be lazy and slack.) (p.18)</i></p>	<p>The statement emphasizes that Sasha is a smart girl but she is also slack and lazy.</p>
8	<p><i>Sasha adalah anak tunggal. Walaupun bukan datang dari keluarga kaya tetapi semua kebutuhannya dapat dipenuhi oleh orang tuanya. (p.75)</i>  <i>( Sasha was a single daughter. Although she did not come from rich family but her parents could fulfil all her needs) (p.75)</i></p>	<p>The textual evidence implies Sasha as a girl who comes from middle-class family.</p>
9	<p><i>Ah tapi nggak ada orang yang sempurna kok, pikir Sasha. Gue juga punya kelebihan walau nggak cantik, nggak putih, bulu mata nggak lentik. (p.48)</i>  <i>(Well nobody is perfect, Sasha thought. "I also have some strengths although I'm not pretty, I don't have bright-complexion and I don't have curly and thick eyelashes.)(p.48)</i></p>	<p>The textual evidence shows that Sasha thinks she is not a pretty girl since she does not have bright complexion and curly eyelashes.</p>

**From the textual evidences above it can be concluded that an idealized boy is represented by a boy with the following features:**

**A. Tall**

Arnold, in this novel is described as a boy who has a tall body. His tall is similar to Yao Ming, a basketball player from China, which is 185 cm tall. With this posture, it can be said that Arnold as an idealized boy is taller than the average Indonesian teenage boys.

**B. Light-skinned**

Arnold is a handsome boy because he has combination face between Michael Owen and Yao Ming. Besides Arnold also has light-skin similar to Owen and Yao Ming. Then, it can be inferred Arnold as idealized boy has lighter-skin than the average Indonesian teenage boys.

**C. Well-built**

Arnold as a boy likes to do sport; in this case he likes to play basketball. As the result, he gets well-built body.

**D. Romantic**

Arnold as the idealized boy often brings his girl to an expensive and romantic restaurant to have a candle light dinner. He treats his girl politely and nicely. Arnold is a romantic boy.

#### E. Rich

Arnold comes from rich family. He lives in a luxurious apartment and he drives on a Jaguar. He spends a lot of money in order to get what he wants. Then, it can be said that an idealized boy should be a rich boy.

#### F. Attentive

Attentive is the next feature which represents idealized boy. Arnold, as the idealized boy, has a deep attention toward his girl's body and appearance. He asks the girl, in this case Sasha, to have a diet in order to get beautiful body and wear high heels to get sexy legs.

#### G. A Good basketball player

Arnold is a good basketball player in his school. He often makes score for his team. His capability in playing basketball makes girls crazy about him. Then, it can be inferred an idealized boy should be a good basketball player.

#### **Where an idealized girl has the following features:**

#### H. Beautiful, Light-skinned and Rich

An idealized girl in this novel is a beautiful girl. It means she has a long black hair, curve eyelashes and slim. Dina has a lighter skin than the average Indonesian teenage girls. The thing that makes her

completely ideal is not only because she is beautiful and light-skinned but also because she is rich.

**Sasha as the main character in this novel and as a girl who adores Arnold is described as:**

I. Not pretty

Sasha is not a pretty girl because she never cares for her appearance. She often lets her face dirty by dust after playing basketball and she never use any make up. She does not have light-skin and her hair is not beautiful because she seldom combs her hair.

J. Tomboy

In this novel Sasha is mentioned as a tomboy girl because of her hobbies and her appearance. She likes to play basket ball with her boy friends and on Sunday she practices karate and boxing. She likes to wear bell-bottom jeans, black t-shirt and boys' accessories.

K. Smart

Sasha is described as a smart girl because she always gets good scores for her exam although she likes to watch football until midnight. She is also in big ten in her class.



L. A middle-class girl

Unlike Dina and Arnold, who comes from rich family, Sasha comes from middle-class family.

M. Well-built

Sasha's hobbies to play basketball and do a lot of exercises, like karate and boxing, makes her body tall and well-built.

The data above showed that Sasha shared the same criteria with Dina in choosing an ideal boy. The descriptions of an ideal boy are constructed from the girl's explicit utterances, perspectives and actions.

The data of the characteristic of an idealized boy in this chapter and the meanings derived from idealization representation are discussed in chapter 4 and will be examined from the idealization perspective.

