

## CHAPTER V

### CONCLUSION

The research purposed to discuss woman struggle in Timothy Shay Arthur's *An Angel in Disguise*, *Little Lizzie*, and *Coffee vs. Brandy*. There are two objectives of this study. The first is to describe woman struggles in the main characters. The second is to figure out the influences of the main characters toward other characters. Moreover, this research is said to be descriptive because it shows the struggle and influences of the main characters in the form of dialogues and narratives. Further, the technique of data collecting is library research as all of the data are written or documented. There are three theories applied. They are character, characterization, and woman struggle. The psychological and social approaches are also used in the research.

Maggie is the main character in *An Angel in Disguise*. She suffers from paralyze to find family that loves her unconditionally. She faces some struggles including the fate that she has to live her own life without any loves from her family since her mother dies and siblings leave her. She then experiences bad thing in her place where she is alone there that is no one intends to truly care to her. Eventually, she meets Mr. Joe Thompson who gives her place in his house and becomes her foster father later.

On the other hand, the story entitled *Little Lizzie* displays similar struggle to the previous story. The character of Lizzie is the focus. She also desires to have her family united. She is mad at her father but eager to get him back in the family. As a little girl, Lizzie has to face the dangerous situation to find her father and confront the owner of tavern to stop letting her father being drunk in that place. She has super power to prove her mother that crying and regretting are not worth it to overcome problems.

Another story is *Coffee vs. Brandy* where the main character of Mrs. Eldridge exists there. It talks more about family. She is a wife and mother who wants to change the family's party tradition with the hard effort she should convince her husband to approve her idea. Finally after she does the struggles she can keep away the old tradition of serving liquors into coffee instead and gain the approval from her husband as well.

The second problem is the influences of the main characters towards other characters in each story. The main characters of Maggie in *An Angel in Disguise*, Lizzie in *Little Lizzie*, and Mrs. Eldridge in *Coffee vs. Brandy* become the most significant influence in their lives especially for those who are closed to them. In the story of *An Angel in Disguise*, Maggie tries to get family who loves her forever. Maggie's hard struggles affect the spouse of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thompson who are in the end of the story accept Maggie to be the member of theirs. As similar to the first story Lizzie in *Little Lizzie* shares the same woman struggle as Lizzie successfully bring her father back to the family and gets her mother know

that family is everything. At last, Mrs. Eldridge in *Coffee vs. Brandy* leads her husband to be open-minded and care person. She also tries to be a good example for her son someday when he gets older.

In conclusion, women sometimes do not get their rights in life, furthermore, they need to get their existence of being unequal to men, disrespected, and oppressed by society to be changed. The three stories chosen in this study are all about women who struggle for family. Therefore, the lesson from those stories is never underestimate women's power even how hard their conditions are. The story of Maggie in *An Angel in Disguise* portrays the most dominant woman struggle in the research that shows the experience of being left behind and alone by the society because of her illness but she proves them wrong at the end of the story. Meanwhile, the less dominant woman struggle is said to be Mrs. Eldridge in *Coffee vs. Brandy* since she only has to deal with the oppression from her husband but she is so lucky to have a son who truly cares to the family.

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