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KITTY'S ADULTERY AS THE FAILURE IN HER LIFE
IN WILLIAM SOMERSET MAUGHAM'S *THE PAINTED VEIL***



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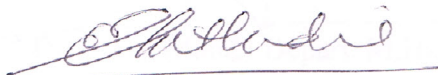
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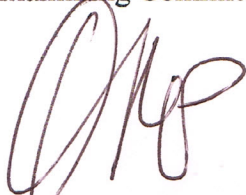
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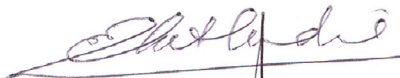
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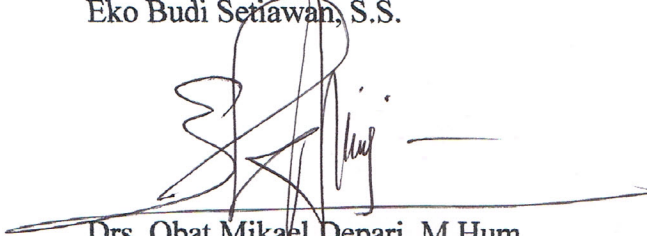
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ABSTRACT

This study talks about a married woman, namely Kitty who has violated God's commandment by doing adultery. In accordance with the problem, the objectives of this study are to describe Kitty's reasons for doing adultery, Kitty's advantages and disadvantages of doing adultery, and Kitty's failure of life by doing adultery. Further, the writer uses library research and Internet browsing to formulate the conceptual data and then use them to find the relevant data in this novel. Beside that, this research uses psychological approach to analyze the psychological data descriptively.

Kitty's reasons for doing adultery are the absence of her love, Walter's unproved love, and her mother's ambition. Mrs. Garstin ambition to be a rich woman has influenced Kitty to be a bitchy girl who often plays man against the other. Consequently, Kitty is difficult to get a husband. Then, her sister's engagement comes, and it enforces Kitty to marry Walter Fane without love. In her marriage, she is lack of love and attention, as her husband never cares of her. Finally, Kitty commits adultery to heal her loneliness.

Kitty's advantages of doing adultery are getting love, affection and attention. In her secretive affair, Kitty can get everything she never finds in her husband, namely love, attention and passionate man. Beside that, she gets a light that has succeeded to open her mind. She has realized every mistake she has ever done to her husband and wants to change her bad behavior by treating him well as his friend. On the other hand, Kitty's disadvantages of doing adultery are getting anxiety and getting suffered. Although she can get love, attention and a passionate man in her adultery, Kitty is never able to stop her anxiety from feeling worried that her husband will know her betrayal and then kill her as the punishment. Kitty also has to face a bitter fact that her dream to marry Charles will never come true, as he has chosen to defend his career that depends on his wife than marry Kitty.

Kitty's adultery is called as her failure of life. The reason is her inability to function normally as a wife for her husband, Walter Fane. As a good wife who must be loyal, Kitty has betrayed her husband by committing adultery, a bad action that has given her a new name as an adulterous woman.

ABSTRAK

Thesis ini membahas tentang seorang wanita yang sudah menikah tetapi melanggar perintah Tuhan dengan melakukan perselingkuhan. Sehubungan dengan masalah tersebut, tujuan-tujuan yang ingin dicapai adalah mengetahui alasan-alasan Kitty melakukan perselingkuhan, menggambarkan keuntungan dan kerugian Kitty dalam melakukan perselingkuhan, dan menggambarkan kegagalan hidup Kitty dengan melakukan perselingkuhan. Dalam mengkoleksi data, penulis menggunakan metode kepustakaan dan akses Internet untuk mendapatkan data konsep dan kemudian menggunakannya untuk mendapatkan data yang relevan dalam novel. Disamping itu, penulis juga menggunakan pendekatan psikologi untuk menganalisis data secara deskriptif.

Alasan-alasan Kitty melakukan perselingkuhan adalah ketidakhadiran cinta dalam hati Kitty untuk suaminya, cinta suaminya yang tidak terbukti, dan juga ambisi ibunya. Ambisi ibunya Garstin telah mempengaruhi Kitty menjadi seorang gadis nakal yang suka mempermainkan laki-laki. Akibatnya, Kitty sulit mendapatkan calon suami. Kemudian, adiknya pulang membawa berita tentang pertunangannya, akhirnya Kitty terpaksa menikahi Walter tanpa cinta. Sayangnya, Kitty merasakan kehampaan dalam pernikahannya, dia tidak mendapatkan cinta dan perhatian dari suaminya. Akhirnya, Kitty berselingkuh.

Keuntungan Kitty melakukan perselingkuhan adalah mendapatkan cinta, kasih sayang, perhatian dan perubahan sikapnya yang buruk. Dalam perselingkuhannya, Kitty bisa mendapatkan apa yang selama ini dia impikan yaitu cinta, kasih sayang dan perhatian. Selain itu, dia juga mendapatkan pengalaman-pengalaman yang telah membuatnya sadar akan kesalahan-kesalahannya pada suaminya. Sehingga Kitty memutuskan untuk bersikap baik dan membina persahabatan dengan suaminya. Sedangkan kerugian Kitty melakukan perselingkuhan adalah mengalami kegelisahan dan penderitaan. Meskipun Kitty telah berhasil mendapatkan cinta dan perhatian dari Charlie, tetapi dia tetap tidak bisa menghilangkan rasa khawatirnya yang takut kalau suaminya akan tahu tentang perselingkuhannya lalu membunuhnya sebagai hukuman. Selain itu, Kitty juga harus menghadapi kenyataan pahit bahwa mimpinya untuk menikahi Charlie tak mungkin terlaksana, karena ternyata Charlie lebih memilih untuk mempertahankan karirnya yang sangat tergantung pada istrinya daripada menikahi Kitty.

Perselingkuhan yang telah Kitty lakukan membuatnya gagal karena satu alasan, yaitu ketidakmampuannya untuk berperan secara normal sebagai seorang istri bagi suaminya, Walter Fane. Sebagai seorang istri yang seharusnya setia pada suaminya, Kitty malah mengkhianati pernikahannya dengan melakukan perselingkuhan, perbuatan yang memberinya nama baru sebagai seorang pezina.

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