

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

The purpose of this study is to; (1) analyze the general characteristics of Linda Loman in Arthur Miller's *Death of A Salesman*; (2) know the gender discrimination experienced by Linda Loman; and (3) elaborate the factor causing the gender discrimination experienced by Linda Loman. In collecting the data, the writer employs library research and Internet. The data corpus in the drama entitled *Death of A Salesman* consists of words, phrases, clauses and dialogs that have relationship with the problem of the analysis. The writer uses gender approach, which is focused on the gender discrimination experienced by Linda Loman. The writer also applies some theories, which have relationship with the problems, such as: gender, discrimination including the causes and the manifestations of gender discrimination, and also the theories of the character and characterization.

Linda Loman is a good and wise wife. She accepts the condition and never makes protest. She loves Willy and keeps their marriage although she knows exactly that Willy suffers from disorder. She is protective wife she protects Willy from the unfair treatments conducted by other people. She is also a supportive wife for Willy, she always supports what Willy wants and does. She also encourages him and makes him think highest of himself. Linda always supports Willy in time of trouble. Linda is described as a loyal wife and mother, she devotes her whole life for Willy and her two sons. Linda is a peace-keeper in the family, she performs herself as an ideal housewife who always keeps the harmony

in the family. She tries to create the good situation so that her husband and sons wants to stay at home. Her idealism is to create peaceful and harmonious atmosphere in the family.

As a mother and wife, Linda faces gender discrimination conducted by Willy and also Biff and Happy. Linda experiences limited access to larger social sphere. She just performs some duties, which are generally considered as domestic work such as mending, washing, cleaning, cooking, and sewing. Linda never conducts the duties out side the house. Linda is just an inferior woman who accepts all the treatments that Willy does including the harsh treatments. Linda experiences the infidelity of Willy, but Linda develops fidelity to Willy. She is very loyal and faithful to Willy. The infidelity suggests the unfair treatment that Linda experiences. However, she devotes her whole life to keep the harmony of their husband-wife relationship.

The inferiority of Linda is caused by the poor condition of the family, which is suggested by the simplicity of the house. It is also caused by the superiority of Willy. Those condition combine in creating the inferiority of Linda, which causes the gender discrimination, and as the result Linda accepts bad treatments from Willy.

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