# CHAPTER IV

# FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

This chapter discusses the analysis on the data collected from the object of this research; the factors that describe Angie's existence and the influences of those factors for Angie's existence in marriage which will analyze using the Beauvoir's idea (1949) on woman existence and Julie Mitchell (2008) on woman's revolution.

## 4.1 Factors describing Angie's existence in marriage

Women and men want a marriage in his life. But marriage seemed very different for women, because women will never be able to be in the same condition as when he was not married. An unmarried woman can do many things for herself, such as working outside the house, or simply pamper herself by going to the beauty shop. Married women will lose the freedom to do that, because married woman will be bound by the construction of the society attached long ago, that married women should take care of their children at home, and serve her husband. While man, would still experience a similar condition as when he is not married, where man would be considered a major, independent, and powerful. Related to that, some factors that influence in marriage is economic, social life and offspring. Economic problem becomes very important because the marriage would need a cost.

### 4.1.1 Economy

As Mentioned above, marriage cost money to live. Then the economic problems become important in marriage to show the existence. The married couple and financially stable will be considered able to live a good household. This happens because there is no problem in fulfilling the needs which consist of primary needs, secondary and tertiary needs. The primary needs are the basic needs that must be fulfilled to survive. The needs that must be fulfilled such as food, drinks, clothes, also house, and secondary needs are the needs fulfilled after the primary needs are fulfilled. For example, television, radio, and motorcycles. Whereas the tertiary needs are the needs that can be fulfilled after the primary and secondary needs can be fulfilled properly. Several things that classified as tertiary needs are often of luxury items as the complementary appearance and everyday life. The conditions that indicate fulfillment of primary needs can be seen on Angies's husband, Conlan, who having a black BMW. Conlan is considered to fulfill primary needs by having BMW. BMW is known as a luxury item by a very high price that can only be owned by people who have incomes above the average.

> "It sure is hot," Conlan said from the driver's seat
> of the sleek **black BMW convertible**. (2004: 3)

The quotation above describes the Angie's condition with her husband, Conlan, when they went to the West End where the Angie's family lives. They went from Seattle using black BMW belonging to Conlan that makes Angie comfortable even with the weather being very hot and sunny. As a wife, Angie

gets a good treatment from Conlan, who fulfill the needs and made Angie feel comfortable to be with Conlan.

The above quotation also describes Angie and Conlan household that its economic needs are fulfilled properly. It made Angie feels comfortable to stay with Conlan. Angie economic fulfillment by Conlan, can make Angie not to be independent so that it can lead to existentialism problems as an individual. However, this can be avoided by Angie because she has a permanent job in the field of advertising so that she can be aligned with her husband, Conlan. Nevertheless, other problems arise as a result of Angie economic fulfillment by herself.

Angie is accustomed to live well with Conlan, and live in a big city like Seattle made her reluctant to return to the West End. The place was much different compared to Seattle, because West End is a densely populated, with the mother standing in the doorway watching their children who are playing. According to Angie, West End is the place that is not appropriate for women like her: workers, and metropolitan. This reluctance is proof that Angie has had reliability by having a career and generates her own income.

However, slowly Angie is having existence problems. As women who are considered to be successful in a career by working and living in Seattle, a large city, and easy to get anything, Angie lost her existence because she's went not use her own vehicles. She went to her family in the West End rides a vehicle belong to Conlan. Conlan drive a BMW a luxury vehicle. Angie is known as a successful

woman in career, works in the advertising field and has incomes above the average should ultimately depend on Conlan. Angie existence Problem can be triggered by this, because Angie was not driving her own vehicle. This makes Angie's existence as women who considered successful in career is questioned. When a woman defines success in her career, at least she would be an independent woman who has everything by herself despite her status as a wife.

> It was the first time she'd been back in months. Although **West End** was only one hundred twenty miles from Seattle, that distance had seemed to swell lately in her mind. (2004: 4)

West End is where Angie comes. The place is densely populated, it is also a surrounding filled with trees. The atmosphere is away from the hustle bustle of the city. Angie lived and grew up there with her sisters. Angie had just returned to the West End after so long married to Conlan. The distance from Seattle to West End only 120 miles, but Angie felt the distance was very far because of her work. Angie assumes her career is much more important, although for her family, especially for Angie's father, Angie is a favorite daughter. The existence problem on Angie is also seen in the above quotation. Angie lost its existence as a woman. According to the society, woman, especially married women is required to be able to cook. In this problem, Angie as a married woman could not cook because as a favorite child Angie always given the freedom to do things she loves since childhood. However, Angie was never interested in learning to cook. As a career woman who is already familiar with many duties at the office, for Angie returned to the West End is not a pleasant thing. This is caused, and then she had to help her

mother and sister in the kitchen for cooking. For Angie, a woman does not always have to be adept at cooking or doing housework. The conditions in West End were never in accordance with Angie's conditions. Therefore, Angie is more concerned with her career than to visit her family in the West End.

> As **the youngest daughter-"the princess"-she'd been allowed to color or talk on the phone or watch TV while her sisters worked in the kitchen.** None of her sisters ever let her forget that Papa had spoiled her mercilessly**.** (2004: 6)

Angie is the youngest of three sisters. Angie has two older sisters namely Mira and Livvy. Since childhood, Angie becomes a favorite child, especially to his father because she always authorized to do all the things that she likes such as coloring, chatting on the phone or watching television. Meanwhile two sisters Mira and Livvy must be busy in the kitchen to help her mother. Angie has a family restaurant, run by her father. After Angie's father passed away, the restaurant management is taken over by the Mother, and aided by his two older sisters.

Mira and Livvy who only work to help her mother maintain the family restaurant the heritage of his father. They feel envy of Angie because in addition to a children's favorite, Angie always more fortunate of the two sister. Thus, Angie reluctance to do housework has been gained since she was a kid. The envy of the two sister Angie, is proof, that figure of Angie is a figure that is considered more. Angie Presence in the middle of his family are always seen higher makes her feel confident to not continue or be involved in the family business. She feels with her

ability, she could get a chance to work outside the home, and do not have to work at his father restaurant.

> As adult, her sisters still worked in the family restaurant. That was real work, they always said, unlike Angie's career in advertising. (2004: 6)

As a woman and a wife, Angie was able to show the existence in economic terms because Angie successfully working in advertising. The field of advertising is one area in which very promising, because working in this field do not require a lot of capital but can earn more profit by relying on creativity. Advertising is known as a very promising job with above-average income. Thus Angie is considered capable of independent though she did has a husband who has been able to fulfill their needs.

In addition to successfully become a career woman, Angie was also lucky because as the youngest Angie was very pampered by her father since childhood. She always gets the attention and more opportunities by his father than the two sisters. Till Angie grew up, and she could get a chance to work outside the house. This further makes Mira and Livvy envy Angie. Angie could work outside the home in accordance with what he wants, while Mira and Livvy can only accept if they just work to manage the restaurant legacy of their late father.

In the above quotation can be seen Angie always be a queen, and pampered by her father. The presumption that appears in a person who always come first and always pampered is that the person will be dependent on others and can not solve their own problems. However, with Angie condition that can work outside the

house, Angie was able to prove to her family that Angie is able to fulfill their own needs. But on the other hand, it does not apply in Angie and Conlan the relationship. Individually Angie was able to feed herself. But as a wife Angie also can not deny that Angie definitely riding on Conlan, her husband. As already described above, the economy becomes one factor affecting the existence Angie in marriage and made her has confidence. Nevertheless, Angie's social life affects her existence as a woman, wife and mother in marriage.

### 4.1.2 Social life

Social life is where humans as social beings interact each other, communicate and need each other. Our daily life definitely more influenced by people around us like family, friends and people around. Thought patterns or habits of those around us influence the attitudes and our behavior.

Discusses the influence of the people around, in this study, social life is also a big influence on the existence of women in marriage. Society views on the function of women in marriage that is a woman able to function properly as a wife. The duties of a wife is able to take care of the household-capable of doing all the housework, take care of and serve the husband-well also presents children in the middle of their household.

For society, when women could not comply with one of the many duties as a wife, the presence of women in marriage would be questionable or even disappear. In connection with this problem in this regard Angie, as the wife is having problems of existence, because of her miscarriage.

On one night, Angie held a big family dinner with family at home Angie. Angie who had just lost her child due to miscarriage, was heartening to remain present in the dinner.

> After dinner, as Angie washed the dishes, **no one spoke to her but everyone who walked past the sink squeezed her shoulder or kissed her cheek.** Everyone knew there were no more words to say. Hopes and prayers had been offered so many times over the years, they'd lost their sheen. Mama had kept a candle burning at St. Cecilia alone in the car tonight, a couple who'd never multiplied into a family. (2004: 10)

The dinner was a routine event that usually done by Angie's big family. At that time Angie remain present along with Conlan though her heart was still very sad, Angie had to lose her unborn child due to miscarriage. The dinner took place smoothly. After dinner is complete, Angie tidying up the dirty dishes and wash the supper in the kitchen. While Angie washing dishes in the kitchen, one by one family said goodbye Angie to go home. They went to Angie in the kitchen, but none said they made to Angie. They just went to Angie, squeezing her shoulder or kiss her forehead.

The above quotation illustrates Angie is having problems of existence because of the influence of the closest people. Their treatment of Angie made Angie feel guiltier of herself as Angie felt she could not keep her pregnancy that resulted in his well miscarriage. Unlike other women, or her families who able to defend their pregnancy till give birth. Angie felt she had failed as a wife and mother, she was disappointing her husband and also her big family. Angie sat

silently in the room, looking at her husband's face. Angie was very sorry for the incident had happened and felt very guilty at her husband, not only to herself.

> She turned to look up at him. There were tears in her eyes, blurring her vision, but she hadn't noticed until now. **She wanted to tell him how sorry she was; it had all gone wrong between them. She picked up a small pink stack of sheets, stroking the fabric. "It made me crazy"** was all she could say. (2004: 14)

The husband who should be a back rest when Angie face failure, but instead shows the changes that are increasingly making Angie really feel guilty and feels its existence as a woman, wife and mother is also lost. The problems occur because of the family, relatives and even her husband showed the attitude that makes Angie lose her confidence. Encouragement and support are supposed Angie get from family, friends and her husband did not get that Angie feels its existence is lost, not only of herself but the influence of the people around her.

> **"Conlan." She said his name quietly, as if maybe he wasn't really there and she was imagining him. She moved toward him…An awkward pause settled between them, and suddenly Angie wished she'd never walked over here, never said hello.** (2004: 167)

On one night Angie saw Conlan at a party. For Angie, met Conlan like opening old wounds that had almost dried up. Angie struggles to survive after their divorce makes Angie reluctant to recall his past with Conlan. However, Angie walked over Conlan while bracing herself. Angie wished she had never met Conlan that night. The man who has been married for fourteen years and also had left her.

As illustrated in above quotation, Angie as women has lost their existence. Conlan's decision to leave Angie, make a big hit for Angie. The guilt comes not only from

herself, but also from the treatment of the people around Angie. Therefore, social life became one of the factors that affect the existence of Angie in her marriage. In addition to social life that influences women existence in marriage, considered the most important presence in a marriage according to the society especially the family is the presence of children in marriage.

Offspringt or child is something that is expected in a marriage. Women in her role as wife, one of them is, conceive and bear children. The presence of a child in a marriage is highly expected, because the presence of children complements the happiness between husband and wife. As women and men get married and have children then they will be real family.

Phenomena that exist in society are, they assume that real family is a family consisting of father, mother, and children. The thought patterns embedded within them, because for them, one of the purposes of marriage is to get offspring. Therefore, when the couple married but is not blessed with children, the couple is considered not to have real family. The above problems occur at Angie and Conlan marriage. Fourteen years they were married, but have not been blessed with children. A lot of efforts that they have done for the sake of the presence of a child in the middle of their marriage. One of them intends to adopt a child. But their goodwill did not go well, because the parents of the children they will adopt cancel his intention to submit the adoption of her son on Angie and Conlan.

> As much as she [Angie] loved her family she'd found it difficult to leave her own house. **Out in the world, there were babies everywhere.** (2004: 4)

The above quotation illustrates that the absence of children in Angie and Conlan marriage influence on both of them, especially Angie as women. Angie lost her existence as a wife because of deficiencies she had regarding her weak womb. Such conditions greatly affect Angie's attitude. Angie is known as an energetic woman, and a hard worker. However, after the miscarriage suffered by her, Angie became taciturn figure, and spend more time at home.

Angie reluctant to go out of the house even to go visit her own family. Angie was worried when she will be hard to forget the incident that she had experienced as going out of the house. Society and the people, or things that are dreamed of. The environment around ostensibly care about and understand the calamity experience, Angie even make increasingly feel lost existence. As the last nights, Angie continues to lament his failure. Failure to maintain the potential of children is something she wants. The children who will complete her happiness and her husband. That night Conlan saw Angie were silent in the room of their baby. Conlan went to Angie, intending to comfort her. But not much he can do to make Angie forget the incident soon.

> "I'm here, aren't I ?" she turned to look at him finally. **He was exhausted; she saw the glint of it in his blue eyes but knew he wouldn't say more, wouldn't say anything that might remind her of the baby they'd lost a few months ago.** (2004: 5)

The above quotation illustrates, Angie and Conlan were equally worse for the calamity that befell them. Yet it looks more difficult for Angie received. For Angie, as women and wives, the problem affects her existence as women, due to

the shortage that Angie has, can eliminate her existence as a woman, wife also mother.

As a husband, Conlan was also very disappointed with what happened to them. Conlan as men wanted presence of children in their household. Yet Conlan did not say much. He did not want to make Angie always remember and grieve over the loss. All those problems above, have explained the factors that describe Angie existence in marriage. Thus, this study will also describe the influence of these factors on Angie existence as a woman in marriage.

**4.2 Factor's influences on Angie's existence**

In Angie and Conlan marriage, economic factors, social life, especially offspring greatly affect the survival of their marriage. Factors that have been described in the above discussion also affect the existence of Angie as women, wives, and mother. Offspring is one factor that really makes Angie lose her existence especially in her function as a woman. One function of the existence of women as wives in marriage is to bear children. Yet, in the case of Angie has failed. Angie had problems with her weak womb. Angie always fails with the pregnancy because of the condition of her womb.

At that time Angie was with sadness that she could not control. Angie continued late into grief, without knowing that Conlan who also feels the same as her. Angie almost forgets that Conlan also always dreamed to become a father as well as she is so eager to become a mother. After the miscarriage incident, there was only Angie's sadness that always Conlan see every day.

> She swallowed hard, trying to keep her tears under control. She'd forgotten that in the last few years; Conlan had dream of fatherhood just as she wanted motherhood. **Somewhere along the way, it had all become about her.** (2004: 14)

The above quotation explains that factor in the absence of offspring marriages Angie and Conlan very influential on Angie's existence as a woman. Angie was so devastated and regretted the incident, because the problem of the absence of children in marriage comes from her. Angie is a woman but Angie can not give birth to her husband.

Angie reasons which always dissolve in grief because of the miscarriage she experienced were the husband and her family. Angie felt very guilty for her husband and family. Angie is expected to give happiness by giving birth to a child appeared to have failed. All this time, Angie always judged as women who are successful in all things. Angie is a woman who is successful in career, she had a husband who loved her and fulfill all her needs. One more thing that Angie should do, to poof her as a woman that is giving birth to a child. But it could never be done because Angie's conditions which has a weak womb.

> She'd focused so much on her own grief that his had become incidental. It was one of those realizations that would haunt her, she knew. **She had always been dedicated to success in her life-her family called her obsessive-and becoming a mother had been one more goal to attain.** She should have remembered that it was a team sport. (2004: 14)

In the above quotation explains Angie regarded as a woman who is ambitious and always gets what she wants. However, in terms of offspring, Angie must accept the fact that she can not be like other women. Angie can not be like the two sisters that Mira and Livvy. Although Mira and Livvy are not like Angie who is success in career and financial problems. However, they both have to have real family. Their happiness was complete with their children in their marriage.

Angie assessed as obsessive woman, who always get what she aspired. Angie then is confronted with the fact that she has a weakness in her womb and it is difficult for her to maintain the pregnancy. For Angie can give birth to a child is another destination that will complement the success that has been acquired. Therefore miscarriage experienced by Angie, Angie is very difficult to accept.

Angie and Mira were both in the kitchen. Angie was standing near his sister who was making pasta. They both are talking about a divorce Angie and Conlan. According to Angie mira deny the circumstances he was facing. After losing her child, Angie also have to accept that he had divorced her husband. Angie divorce with her husband, after a long losing her unborn child.

> **“Denial”** was Mira’s one word answer to Angie’s long ", drawn out explanation of how she’d handled her emotions after the divorce. (2004: 170)

The above quotation describes Mira assessment against his sister, Angie. trying hard to deny her condition at the time. Angie tried laboriously from day to day control of his emotions to be able to continue his own life. Angie still has to continue his life without a husband or children who had been his desire.