CHAPTER III

RESEARCH OBJECT AND METHOD

This chapter describes the research object which is the focus of attention. The research method, the data collection and analysis of data that is used in this research to analyze the problem was presented in this chapter.

3.1 Research Object

This research examined the object is data obtained from a novel entitled The Things We Do for Love by Kristin Hannah. In the novel there are symptoms that indicate the existence of women's issues in a marriage. Thus, focus of this research is about Angie, as a woman also the main character on the novel who feels oppressed by her family and her husband. Angie is a main character in the story, so that it is also important to discuss the character and characterization to describe the issue.

3.2 Research Method

The method used in this research is descriptive method, in which the author presents data related to the topic, and then explain it in detail. "*Penelitian deskriptif adalah penelitian yang berusaha mendeskripsikan suatu gejala, peristiwa, kejadian yang terjadi pada saat sekarang* (Sudjana dan Ibrahim, 1989: 65). Through this descriptive method, factors that describe the existence of

women in marriage and the influences of these factors on the existence of women will be exposed.

3.2.1 Data Collection

There are several steps to collect the data. First, choosing the source to be used as research source. Second, reading a novel titled *The Things We Do for Love* by Kristen Hannah. Third, collecting data from the novel which relate with woman's existence in marriage. Fourth, classifying data according to its category: factors that describe Angie's existence and the influences of its factor for Angie's existence in her marriage. Fifth, analyzing the data according to its category by using Beauvoir, Tong and Mitchel's ideas on woman's existence..

3.2.2 Data Analysis

In analysing data, the theory of feminist existentialist by Simone de Beauvoir, Rosemarrie Putnam Tong, and Julliete Mitchel is used. The data analyses by its category. First, the data analyse relating to the factors that describe Angie's existence in her marriage. As a woman Angie lost her existence because of her weaknesses. She cannot keep her pregnancy. Second, the data analyse relating to the influences of its factor for Angie's existence. Simone de Beauvoir, Rosemarrie Putnam Tong, and Julliete Mitchel idea's theory are applied in this selected data below.

> *"The door opened and Conlan walked in. Her big, black-haired Irishman husband looked ridiculously out of place in her little girl's room."I'm fine", she said."Yeah, right.""She heard the bitterness in his voice, felt stung by it.*

> *There was nothing she could do, though. He couldn't comfort her; God knew that had been proven often enough.* (2004:10)

In the conversation above can be seen that Conlan no longer loves Angie as his wife. Conlan change his attitude because the absence of a child in their marriage, which made Angie feel lost her existence as women also wife. The Conlan's attitude that changed towards Angie also confirmed that Conlan as men, defines Angie only as an objects, regardless of its status as a husband, who should be able to at least make Angie comfortable.

3.2.3 Synopsis

The novel *The Things We Do for Love* by Kristin Hannah tells about a woman names Angela DeSaria Malone who is married with a man named Conlan. Angie and Conlan had been married for fourteen years. In the early of their marriage life feel so happy. However, during their marriage, Angie and Conlan are not blessed with a child, not because Angie could not get pregnant, Angie once gets pregnant, but she cannot defend her womb because she gets miscarriage.

Differ with her two sisters, because they have a complete happy family; husband, wife, and children. These things that make Conlan decide to divorce with Angie and also make Angie lose her existence as a woman, wife and mother. After the divorce, Angie decided to move back to her family house in West End. In West End, Angie enjoys her life with her mother and her two sisters, Mira and

Livvy. Angie helps her mother and the two sisters to run the family's restaurant, legacy of her late father.

After a long time Angie and Conlan divorcing, they met at a party. Angie and Conlan looked each other and finally they talked. They were expressing their regret for the divorce that happened between them. Just because the absence of a child's in their marriage, and they should be divorced. In the end, after some considerations they have talked about. They decided to reconcile and will adopt a child from a girl. The girl who never met Angie, who lives in a nearby apartment house Angie, named Lauren Libido.