

## CHAPTER IV

### CONCLUSION

In the novel *The Danish Girl*, this research concludes that Ebershoff tries to explain how hard Einar Wegener struggles to become a transgender woman. I conclude that Ebershoff implicitly presents the readers with the changes in habits and behaviors of Einar Wegener after his transition as a woman, Lily Elbe.

Ebershoff illustrates the changes in habits and behaviors of the main character in various aspects. In this research, I claim four aspects are most highlighted. The four aspects are habits at work, habits at home, behavior with society, and behavior with family.

In the habits at work, I found differences in habits from Einar Wegener and Lily Elbe. At work, Einar is very detailed, calm, and full of imagination. Meanwhile, Lily is a figure who is careless and has a passionate passion. Followed by habits at home, Ebershoff shows that Einar is an elegant person and cares about his house. Contrary to Lily, who does not care about the house. The author implicitly describes these differences in the habits in his novel.

Ebershoff displays a significant difference between Einar and Lily in behavior with society. I assume Einar as someone who does not really like crowds and does not like being the center of attention. Whereas the character Lily, Ebershoff portrays her as a woman who likes interacting with other people and really likes to be the center of attention.

In behavior with family, Ebershoff describes changes that were also quite different. I argue that the character Einar Wegener portrays as a man who places great importance on his family. As for the character Lily Elbe, I think Ebershoff sees Lily as a woman who did not really care about her family and seemed more ignorant.

After experiencing changes in habits and behaviors in these aspects, I also see changes in the main character's mindset in responding to the environment's patriarchal values. Ebershoff shows these changes starting before the transition and after the gender transition.

At the beginning of the transition, Ebershoff describes Einar as a person who did not really think about patriarchal values in his society. I argue that Ebershoff represents Einar as someone who does not want to interfere with his environmental conditions. Meanwhile, Ebershoff describes Lily as a woman who firmly rejects the patriarchal values of her society. In my opinion, Ebershoff tries to represent the male's passive response to patriarchal values because many of the patriarchal values are beneficial to men. In contrast, women are more demanding that these values can be more equalized between men and women.

In this novel, I conclude that Ebershoff also promotes feminist and queer issues. The term transgender itself is under the umbrella of queer theory, and rejection in a patriarchal system is part of the radical feminist movement. Ebershoff tries to show readers that transgender people also have the same rights

as humans in general. The author describes the struggles of the main character who lives in patriarchal values vividly.

Through *The Danish Girl*, Ebershoff represents to the readers that changes in the habits and behaviors of transgender people are expected. Some of these changes were not really well accepted in the beginning. This shows that people in Copenhagen that are thick with patriarchal values still discriminate against transgender women. This form of rejection and discrimination makes transgender people hide their identity. The continuous hiding of identity has resulted in changes in the behaviors and habits of transgender people.

Ebershoff also explicitly shows the readers that discrimination experienced by the transgender does not make her and him weak and afraid. Through his novel Ebershoff wanted the readers to understand how hard the transgender struggles to obtain his or her rights and the struggles are finally paying off. Denmark society, especially Copenhagen, can finally accept the transgender community to get a decent life. At the ending of the novel transgender is equally treated. The author also makes us feel that we, as fellow human beings, should respect each other.