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#### 4.1. Conclusion

The analysis of the three short stories, namely: "I'm a Fool"; "The Egg"; "Death in the Woods" is presented in the following tables.

The causes of characters' failure  
Table 4.1.1

STORY	PROBLEMS		
	SETTING	PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS	SOCIAL PROBLEMS
I'M A FOOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it takes place in a small town</li> <li>- the condition of life is bad</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- he is not a bright boy</li> <li>- he has bad characteristic</li> <li>- he is inferiority complex</li> <li>- he is a liar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the influenced of environment is big enough</li> <li>- the gaps among people make social jealousy</li> </ul>
THE EGG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it is only in small town</li> <li>- the condition of life is not good</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- he has less knowledge and skills</li> <li>- he has no talent in business</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the wife is more dominant</li> </ul>
DEATH IN THE WOODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it is in a small town</li> <li>- the weather is snowy</li> <li>- the condition of life is really hard.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- she is an orphan</li> <li>- she is too weak to refuse all abusement</li> <li>- she has a bad luck</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- her parents leave her alone.</li> <li>- her family does not take care of her.</li> <li>- people never care of the old woman's life.</li> </ul>

The Differences and the similarities of  
the three main characters in the three  
selected short stories  
Table 4.1.2

	STORIES		
	I'M A FOOL	THE EGG	DEATH IN THE WOODS
DIFFERENCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- he is a young boy</li> <li>- his failure is in getting close relationship with Miss Lucy Kssen</li> <li>- the cause of his failure is covering his real identity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- he is a married man who has a son</li> <li>- his failure is in doing business</li> <li>- the cause of his failure is that he has no talent in business</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- she is a married woman who has a son</li> <li>- her failure is in passing her life from she was young until she has married</li> <li>- the cause of her failure is that she always accepts all treatment without refusing</li> </ul>
SIMILARITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- he never accepts his existences that actually he is not a bright boy</li> <li>- he should be honest and diligent</li> <li>- he should work well so people can see that he is actuality a good boy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- he never accepts the reality that actually he has no talent in doing business</li> <li>- he should realize his ability whether he can have own business or not</li> <li>- he should refuse his wife's advice to quit from his job because he has talent in doing own business from his job because he has talent in doing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- she never accepts his existence as an orphan that really needs more sacrifice to change her life</li> <li>- she should be brave to refuse all abusement</li> <li>- she should change her life so her husband and son and other people will take respect to her</li> </ul>

The analysis in the previous chapter clearly shows that the main characters in the three selected short stories have the same problems; failures. Eventhough they fail in different ways, the stories are still interesting to be discussed. For one thing, the stories tell many common things that are usually found in daily life.

In "I'm a Fool", the main character fails because he cannot accept his existence. He should not do the foolish thing that finally makes him lose everything. Eventhough he is not a bright boy and only a swipe, he can work very hard and honestly. So, he can feel the good result and people will see him as a good boy. They may give him a better job because he is good and he can be trusted. But what happens to him is the opposite. The narrator cannot accept his condition. He runs from his problems by covering his real identity. He does not solve his problems, more ones, he tries to be another person. But all of it does not make him relieved. It results very deep dissapoinment.

In the second story, "The Egg", the main character always fails in business because he does not have talent in doing business. He does not have any knowledge and skills so he cannot develop his business in a professional way. According to the writer, when someone is going to have a business, he has to have enough

knowledge and skills. Knowledge and skill are important factors when someone starts to have business. Without them, business cannot succeed. So when someone is going to have his or her own business, he or she should think well whether it is appropriate or not. Not all people are as businessmen.

The last story, "Death in the Woods", is about a woman who passes her life in vain. Her failure in filling her life is influenced by her gloomy background. Her background as an orphan influences her life. She never feels her parents' love, attention and protection. So she becomes a person who always accepts everything without considering the good and the bad sides. Here is her weakness. It always influences whatever she does. She really suffers. If she changes, her life will be different. She should be brave to refuse bad treatment and try to decide something by herself. Her family will take respect to her so she does not feel purged. The past should be a good lesson to do the right things in the future.

The three selected short stories above are about failure. Failure in life is a common thing so everyone has to learn something from failures and try to do the best. So life will change and happiness will be in our hands.

#### 4.2 Suggestions

Firstly, the writer hopes that this study will arouse the students' interest in developing themselves further with more literary elements such as: theme and plot.

Secondly, reading short stories is useful for the students because they can learn many new words so that they can increase their vocabularies.

Finally, the writer wishes that the results of the study can be beneficial to students in studying literature at the English Department of Widya Mandala Catholic University.

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