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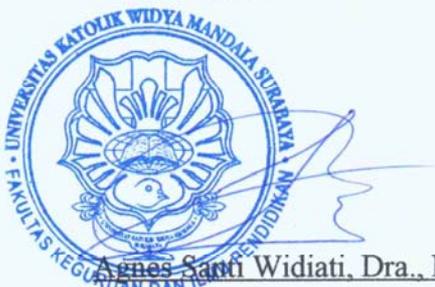
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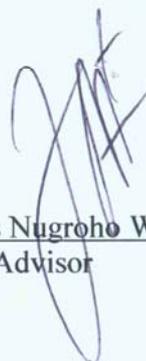
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## ABSTRACT

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Literature is a reflection of human life because literature contains many information, customs and beliefs that eventually happen in human's life. Literary works contain truth and facts which always can be applied in real life because the authors take their story from daily life. W. Somerset Maugham's short story *The Colonel Lady* is chosen because he is considered as the true writer by the literature world. He always presents his writings in the three qualities of his style: lucidity, simplicity and euphony. The problem statement presented in this study is why the Colonel was too proud to admit his wife's affair.

The theories used in this study are theories which related to the intrinsic part of the story, which are mainly about the nature of short story and the elements of short story (character, plot, setting and theme). The writer also uses the textual approach where the writer gets the information from the text itself.

The first reason for the problem statement is because the Colonel did not want to lose his high social status which he had been built for long time. He never wanted to admit his wife's affair because he was a popular among his friends. He did not want to lose his popularity by admitting that his wife had been unfaithful to him. The second reason which is drawn from the analysis is because the Colonel's self-respect hurt so much by his wife's affair. He himself had had affairs with other women but he could not take the idea that his wife had had an affair also. He thought that men's having an affair was very common but for women it was a shame. That's why the Colonel could not admit his wife's affair with younger man, which his wife herself had admitted implicitly by writing a poetry book.

The conclusion for the analysis in this study is, loyalty is the main element in a marriage life. Husband and wife's relationship should be built on strong basics so that whatever problem comes they can stand still facing the problem.