

## ABSTRACT

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This thesis discusses *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, a play by Edward Albee. I am interested in the play because it depicts marital problems that can be found in real life.

This thesis attempts to solve two problems. The first problem is "what is the character of Martha in this play?". The second problem is "what type of abnormal behavior does Martha suffer from?". Based on these problems, this thesis has two aims. The first aim is to analyze the character of Martha and the second aim is to find out the types of abnormal behavior that Martha suffers from. After knowing the character of Martha and her abnormal behavior, I want to show that someone's personality at the present moment can not be separated from the conditions, situations, and moments in the past.

I apply the psychological approach and confirm to the theory of abnormal behavior according to Kartono and Supratiknya.

The result of the thesis shows that Martha is a rude, aggressive woman. She dominates her husband. She cannot control her sexual desire. From the psychological point of view, I conclude that Martha suffers from histrionic, narcissistic, antisocial and paranoiac behavior. She also suffers from addicted disorder, namely alcoholism. She causes suffering to other people from her seduction, obscenity, and promiscuity.

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Skripsi ini membahas drama *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* karya *Edward Albee*. Saya tertarik dengan karya ini karena karakter *Martha* yang sangat dominan di dalam perkawinannya dan penyimpangan tingkah laku yang ada dalam diri *Martha*.

Skripsi ini memuat dua permasalahan. Permasalahan yang pertama adalah “Apa karakter *Martha* dalam drama ini?”. Permasalahan yang kedua adalah “Apa jenis tingkah laku abnormal yang diderita *Martha*?” Berdasarkan dua permasalahan ini, skripsi ini mempunyai dua tujuan. Tujuan pertama adalah menganalisa karakter *Martha* dan tujuan kedua adalah menemukan jenis tingkah laku abnormal yang diderita *Martha*.

Dari keseluruhan analisa dapat disimpulkan bahwa *Martha* adalah wanita yang kasar, agresif dan mendominasi pernikahannya. Ia juga sulit mengontrol hasrat birahnya. Dan dari sisi psikologi ia termasuk abnormal. Ia menderita histrionik, narsistik, antisosial dan paranoid. Ia pecandu alkohol dan juga menderita kelainan seksual.