

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

The focus on this research is the struggle against racial discrimination experienced by the characters in the novel *We Cast A Shadow* by Maurice Carlos Ruffin. There are two forms of discrimination that make the character have to struggle against discrimination and to protect his son, Nigel from racial discrimination. In this study, the writer conducted research on figures who experienced racial discrimination, namely Nigel and his father. Nigel is an African-American biracial son while his father is a black lawyer and Penny is his mother, a human rights activist and American descent. Penny is white people. Nigel's family live in New Orleans which is a small town in the South America. Nigel and his father experienced racial discrimination and their struggle against racial discrimination.

In this study the writer found data, the types on discrimination that made these characters to struggle against. The types of discrimination experienced by the characters are direct discrimination and indirect discrimination. Discrimination experienced by the characters is an unpleasant treatment, whether intentionally or unintentionally, even often experienced by the characters in their daily life. Discrimination experienced by the characters in the form of direct discrimination is the restriction of rights in education for black people, restrictions on housing and actions the separate white people with black people. The writer found data in the form of indirect discrimination, in the form of Nigel being seen as strange because it was black, Nigel's father was often attacked on the streets because he lived not in a black environment, Nigel's father got bad treatment

when he visited his friend's house, the differentiation of salary payments to black people, Nigel referred to as cow, and black people are considered the fact enemies of the state. Indirect discrimination is often experienced by the characters. The factors that causes indirect discrimination are they live in white neighborhood and working in white dominated society

After the character experiences discrimination, the writer find that the characters is struggling against racial discrimination. The struggle that writer finds are the form of economic, politic, education, and motivation struggles. The struggle stems from direct discrimination and indirect discrimination. The form of struggle that is often carried out are economic and motivation struggle.

It can be concluded that the discrimination experienced by the characters is bad treatment, unpleasant treatment done by the perpetrator, whether intentionally or unintentionally and has a bad impact on the victim who has experienced it, until finally the victim who experiences it becomes strong in struggle against racial discrimination. This is evidenced by research conducted by the writer by citing novels as data and evidence that there is racial discrimination and struggle against racial discrimination. Thus, readers can understand that these characters experiences unpleasant and unfair treatment that makes them struggle to get an equal life.