

CHAPTER III

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This chapter discusses the methods, the data and source of data, data collection procedure, and data analysis technique of this study.

3.1 Research Method

This study uses qualitative descriptive as the method of the study. Creswell (2003:18) describes qualitative as a research approach that uses research's strategies such as narratives, phenomenologist, ethnographies, grounded theory studies, or case studies. According to Ratna (2004:3), descriptive analytical study is a study where the facts of the data are described then analyzed.

The writer chooses descriptive analysis because this study attempts to identify, classify, and describe the representation of gay relationship in fanfiction *Out of My system*.

3.2 Source of the Data

Data source of this study is the fanfiction on archiveofourown.org (AO3) that represents homosexuals titled 'Out of My System' written by xxdevilishxx that was posted in 2015.

3.3 Data

The data are the words, phrases, sentences that represent homosexuality from the selected fanfiction *Out of My System*.

3.4 Data Collecting Procedures

1. Reading the *Out of My System* fanfiction thoroughly and meaningfully.
2. Identifying the characters in the novel.
3. Identifying the narrations and dialogues that contain sexual identity by using DeCecco and Shively's theory of sexual identity.
4. Categorizing the sexual identities that are found by using DeCecco and Shively's theory of sexual identity.

3.5 Data Analysis Procedures

1. Analyzing the narrations and dialogues that contain the homosexuality with Stuart Hall's representation theory.
2. Interpreting the result.
3. Drawing a conclusion