

				Women's	Oppression	
No.	Character	Narrations, dialogues, and quotations	Page	Traditional Traits	Beauty and Body Construction	Analysis
1.	Audio Guide to the Rules for Proper female Behaviour, the Original Father	'In the beginning, Man created the new women, the eves.'	1	√	√	All girls were genetically engineered. They were cloned; each of them represented the ideal beauty that was constructed by patriarchy. They were created to accommodate the men's needs. The society only created three roles for every eve and they had to play any role that was assigned to them perfectly.
2.	Freida	Night after night I lie awake, nothing but the Messages to	4	V		The patriarchy system in <i>Only</i> Ever Yours made rules for women

distract me from my		to obey and one those were
clamoring thoughts. chastity-		forbidding women to think or be
ruth says thinking too much		intelligent. The traditional traits
robs you of your beauty. No		which is constructed by patriarchy
man will ever want a		prohibits women to be intelligent;
companion who thinks too		therefore, women could be
much. I do try to be more		persuaded to only accept a given
controlled. I try to shape my		place and order of things that has
mind into nothingness. But		been made by the society without
when night falls in the dorms		questioning or criticizing it.
the demons stir, their eyes		Patriarchy has made women
flashing white in the dark,		internalize the idea of herself in
looking for something to feed		inferiority and irrationality, so that
on.		men can successfully affirm their
		position within the system without
		threats.

		I watch in the mirrored				Almost all surfaces of the school,
		ceiling as I spread my body				including ceilings, walls, and even
		out like a starfish, bending				floors were made of mirror. These
		my knees away from the				mirrored surfaces were purposely
		sticky sheets. My hands hit				made to internalize the idea about
		the clammy mirrored wall				traditional traits and beauty and
		behind my head, the black		√		body construction that had been
3.	Freida	silk nightdress gathering	5		$\sqrt{}$	made by the patriarchal system.
3.	Pielda	around my waist. I turn on to			V	The eves were always presented
		my right side, my forehead				with their own images and other
		pressed against another				eves' images; therefore, the
		mirrored wall, a heavy sigh				society could control the eves'
		misting the glass. I etch my				traits and appearances by forcing
		fingertips over my high				them to look at their selves and
		cheekbones, watching as I				other's as well.
		trace circles around my				

		almond-shaped eyes. My skin feels crepe thin, as if it's slowly dissolving into my bones.			
4.	Freida	Fat women are ugly. Old women are ugly. But gisele? Honey-hued gisele, with her honey-blonde hair, honey- flecked eyes, honey-coloured skin? Ugly?	7	√	This situation shows that patriarchy made women internalized the idea of women who are fat, old, and flawed as ugly. Gisele is described as a perfectly beautiful woman, but she is considered ugly because she has flaws. Her skin is flawed because she has hives.
5.	Freida and Isabel	'My skin is so tired looking. What is my ranking is affected?'	8	√	Female characters in the novel, especially the eves were ranked by their appearances. For example

		'Better tired-looking than			their look, their skin, their weight
		fat.'			were constantly ranked. Their
					lives depended on that rank
					because only higher ranking eves
					were chosen as companions and
					the rests were assigned as
					concubine or chastity. For woman,
					physical appearance is a major
					influence to marry a higher status
					man, whereas, man is valued
					based on his intelligence,
					accomplishment, and wealth.
					Patriarchy classified the eves
					based on their appearance and
					body performance.
6.	Freida	I turn to face her, our noses	8	V	Isabel was #1 eve for twelve years

almost touching. I breathe in before Megan took her place. deeply, as if I could suck in Isabel represents the ideal beauty her mesmerizing beauty and which is constructed by steal it from her. I looked up patriarchy. She has a metallic her chart online once, hoping blonde hair, green eyes, perfect skin tone with flawless skin, and to find an easy formula to copy. PO1 Metallic Silver perfect nose shape. She has a perfect face with a perfect body. hair, #76 Folly Green eyes. Muted gold-coloured skin, Freida and all eves were always frosted-pink lips, a few small jealous of #1 eve but they tried freckles over a neat nose. I everything to make friends with #1 eve and secured their position wish I looked like you. Everything would be easier if within the hierarchy. Their I looked like you. I've been jealousy is the result of thinking that since I was four internalization of beauty years old. construction that has been done by

					patriarchy.
7.	Freida	I get out of bed, tossing my hair back to scan my face in the mirrored wall. I do this every morning, a part of me hoping that I'll have been magically transplanted into a different body during the night-isabel's or megan's maybe. That I'll wake up and be paler, thinner, different. Better.	11	V	Internalized beauty and body construction has an impact on Freida's mental and psychological condition. The result of that internalization is jealousy towards other eves, feelings of inadequacy, and hatred of her own body.
8.	Freida	S41 Delicate Iced Choco hair. #66 ChindiaYellow eyes. That's me. That's what people see when when they	13	V	This shows that everyone in that society only looked at a woman's look, not her personality. Patriarchy makes woman's

		look at me.			appearance as a form of currency.
					Female beauty assesses her quality
					as a woman and her beauty
					determines her role within the
					society.
		'You have gained weight.'			All female in that society had to
		The voice fills the room.			maintain the regulation and
		'You are now 118.8 pounds. I			acceptable weights. If their
	Personal	will recommend in your			weights were more than the
	Stylist	weekly report that you are to			regulation, they were put on
9.	Program (Psp)	take extra kcal blockers until	13	$\sqrt{}$	probation. They had to diet, starve
	and	your weight stabilizes			themselves, throw up the digested
	Freida	between 115 pounds and 118			food, and go to the gym to cut the
		pounds.'			excessive weight. They are
		'Do I have to take more?' I			oppressed; their bodies are
		hate the kcal blockers, which			constructed to follow the idea of

		always leave me doubled			ideal beauty and body.
		over with stomach cramps. I			
		guess I should be grateful			
		they've improved since the			
		early days when exploding			
		colons were reported. 'It's			
		embarrassing.'			
		'Beautiful,' I mutter, wishing			This shows the ideal beauty which
		I was lying. A thin sheath of			was preferred by male, such as
		sea-green silk clings to her			pale flawless skin, lighter eye
		perfect body, a one-			color, silky hair, and thin and
10.	Freida	shouldered full-length	19	\checkmark	toned body. Freida was describing
		toga.3.0 Brown Black hair is			about Megan, who was the current
		styled in coiled plaits at the			#1 eve after she took over Isabel's
		crown of her head, #214			position. It was stated first that
		Arsenic Green eyes seared			blonde-haired eves tended to place

		into her luminously pale skin.			first in the Euro-Zone rankings
		She's perfect.			that caused the disappointment
					and anger to Megan, who spent
					her entire life in School trying to
					beat isabel and take the first place.
		'I've been instructed to up			From this dialogue, it is known
		your dosage of BeautyTabs.			that the eves were constantly
		Hopefully the extra collagen			oppressed and forced to consume
		will repair some of the			medicine in order to improve their
		damage caused by your			appearances. The eves and even
11.	Chastity-Anne	continuing resistance to	28	$\sqrt{}$	chastities knew that the
		SleepSound.' She glares at			medication can be dangerous to
		me, as if I'm deliberately			the eves' bodies but the eves had
		metabolizing my meds			no other option but to take the
		incorrectly. 'The usual VitC,			medication constantly and the
		Zinc, Mag, Aloe, Flax,			chastities had to play their role in

		Chlorophyll, Q10, Multi-			producing the perfect outer
		Omegas, Lipoic, Carnosine,			appearance for the eves while
		Acetyl-L-Carnitine Arginate,			neglecting the health of the eves.
		COX-2 and 5-LOX and			Patriarchy constructs, as well
		DHEA.' She lowers her			limits the eves' body function by
		voice. 'And your anti-			giving them a medication to stop
		womenstruation meds are			their menstrual period. The word
		included, of course.'			menstruation is even changed with
					'womenstruation' to show that the
					word 'men' is too sacred to put
					together with women's natural
					condition.
		The image develops onto my			The eves were constantly
12	Encido	desk as well, cara's dark	24	ا	comparing themselves with other
12.	Freida	blond hair and thick	34	$\sqrt{}$	eves because the society told them
		eyebrows complimenting my			to do so to identify their

		tanned skin and delicate			imperfections and to improve
		features nicely. Moving my			themselves. Freida said that
		thumb and forefinger apart on			blonde-haired eves tended to rank
		the screen, I zoom in, making			higher than darker hair eves; this
		the dark circles around my			is the result of ideal beauty that is
		eyes even more obvious. Is			applied in the society. Beauty is
		she prettier than me? Blondes			socially and culturally
		tend to rank higher, megan			constructed; it constantly changes.
		being the exception of course.			The Euro-Zone prefered blonde-
					haired eves than darker hair eves,
					thus, the blondes were ranked
					higher in the society.
	Chastite Dest	'Attention, all 16th years.			Fat women are considered as
10	Chastity-Ruth	Please note that two of your	25	.1	having no self-control over
13.	and	classmates are on probation.	35	V	themselves. They are resented and
	Freida	#727 has gained five pounds			considered not feminine because

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		she was awarded her own TV			and follows the beauty and body
		show, What kate Did Next.			constructions that have been made
		Her hair is wet, slicked back			by the society, she will be loved
		from that delicate face,			and awarded. Patriarchy oppresses
		cheekbones popping.			and stereotypes women, but also
					shows them some kindness;
					therefore, women in Only Ever
					Yours can be brainwashed and
					will never realize that they are
					oppressed by the society to accept
					and obey all rules that have been
					given to them.
		A trumpet sounds, drawing			The eves were always taught to
1.5	F	our attention back to the main	27	.1	behave femininely They were like
15.	Freida	screen, and like puppets we	37	V	puppets; their traits were
		move in unison, crossing our			constructed and controlled. They

		feet at the ankles, hands			had to be polite, patient and
		resting gently in our laps.			always had to wait for the
					instructions which were given to
					them. The way they talked, sat,
					behaved, walked, and ate were
					always constructed. The eves were
					forced to pursue the classic female
					roles and traditional traits to
					accommodate the Inheritants
					(eligible men).
		'This is the decisive moment,			This dialogue shows the eves'
		the moment you have spent			functions in the society where
16	The Eathern	the last sixteen years	20		their roles were limited to
16.	The Father	preparing for. It is time for	38	V	advantage the dominant group of
		you to make a contribution to			male. There were only three roles
		the society that has created			for them in the society: a

you, whether it be as		companion or pro	ducer of sons, a
anion or a concubine.		concubine or sex	slave, or a
astity of course. You		chastity or teache	r who taught the
l play your equal part.		next generations of	of eves. The roles
nber, you may be		were divided base	ed on the eves'
y designed, but there		physical performa	ance. Men
ys room for		limited the eves'	functions,
ement.'		whether it was a c	companion or a
		concubine, solely	as a sex object.
		For companion ar	nd concubine,
		sexual act was ma	andatory, and for
		chastity, making s	sure that the eves
		were perfectly pro	epared for their
		future roles was h	er number one
		job. They had to p	play those three
		roles equally and	perfectly.
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a death penalty.
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n the system, yet they
ost important part that
system itself. They

		have their uses, of course—			were unwanted but they are
		the School could not run			needed. This is against their rights
		without them—but they are			as women and human.
		not wanted like the			
		concubines are. They are not			
		necessary like the			
		companions.			
		'I heard. You can't keep			One of the most important tasks
		eating at the Fatgirl buffet.			for the eves was to maintain the
		It's making things worse.'			regulation weight and control their
		My voice is rising. 'If you			body. If their weights were more
18.	Freida	keep gaining weight, you'll	40	$\sqrt{}$	than the acceptable weight, they
		never become a companion.			were hated and unwanted by men
		You won't even be good			because men did not find fat
		enough to be a concubine. No			women attractive. The society has
		man likes a fat girl. We have			successfully instilled the idea that

		been told this since design.'			fat was ugly and disgusting.
					The eves were housed in the
					School to be designed and trained
					for twelve years to have qualities
					of becoming a good passive wife
					and a sexually attractive willing
		This is what we have wanted			concubine. The first priority of the
		since we were in 4th year,			school was to create a companion
19.	Freida	learning how to change	40	$\sqrt{}$	and a good mother. Women are
		diapers on our training dolls			expected to marry, to become a
		in Little mama classes.			passive companions of men, and
					to give birth to as many sons as
					possible. Being a companion
					meant that they had to be a
					completely submissive and
					devoted wife and mother.

						All female in Only Ever Yours
						were genetically engineered, not
						naturally born. Their position
						within the society was as an
						object, a man's possession, an
		We are wound up and wound				"Other" to men. They were treated
		down, like mechanical dolls.				as objects, not as subjects that had
20.	Freida	They turn the lamps on, they	46		$\sqrt{}$	the power to control their own
		turn the lamps off. And				lives. To men, women are
		another day is done.				considered as reproductive and
						sexual object. Men will never
						recognize women as subjects
						because they do not want to lose
						their position and power as the
						dominant.
21.	Freida	The others think it's weird	47	V		This narration shows the

that I love watching to	he	diff	Ference between Freida and
Nature Channel to see	e what	oth	er eves. This shows what
the world was like be	fore us.	Fre	ida and other eves feel about
They don't understan	d why I	kno	wledge and education. The
would want to know a	about	soc	iety forbade the eves to be
the life cycle of frogs	or	inte	elligent and only provided very
watch the sea roaring	,	lim	ited information about
throwing its spittle or	nto	kno	wledge. The society
thousands of grains o	f sand.	con	structed them to be uneducated
Fields of corn waving	g in the	and	unintelligent. Women are not
breeze, mountains cap	pped in	allo	owed to know many things
glittering ice, million	s and	eve	n though they deserve and
millions of people liv	ing in	cap	able of it because men do not
the big cities, all perfe	orming	wai	nt to lose their complete control
their part in an intrica	ite	ove	er women.
dance, weaving in and	d around		

22.	Audio Guide to the Rules for Proper female Behaviour, the Original Father	'All eves are created to be perfect but, over time, they seem to develop flaws. Comparing yourself to your sisters is a useful way of identifying these flaws, but you must then take the necessary steps to improve yourself. There is always room for improvement.'	53	V	The Original Father had created guidance called the Rule for Proper female Behavior. The eves had to follow and obey the guidance because they were designed to do it. This was one of five rules for proper female behavior that had been constructed by the society. They expected the eves to constantly improve themselves in terms of visual, physical, and behavioral. The reasons why women have to always mind their appearances are
					always mind their appearances are to avoid the women to become too

					intelligent and because men want
					women to fit into their
					requirement. Patriarchy
					stereotypes woman to fit into the
					beauty myth by making the
					feminine into beauty-without-
					intelligence or intelligence-
					without-beauty. Because the eves
					were far too busy improving
					themselves and competing
					between each other, they never
					realized that they were oppressed
					and constructed.
		I would never say this aloud,			This is one of many examples of
23.	Freida	but I sometimes think the	58	$\sqrt{}$	beauty and body construction that
		modifications have left liu's			have been made by patriarchy. As

		features almost bland, so			the result of ideal and standard of
		diluted that they are almost			beauty which is constructed by
		interchangeable with mine, or			patriarchy that considers lighter-
		megan's, or naomi's. All that			skinned women are way more
		is different is our skin tone			beautiful and desirable than the
		and hair color. But at least we			darker-skinned women, women
		still have some diversity,			who are not blonde, white, and
		however marginal. It's			have blue eyes are constructed and
		rumored that nowadays only			modified to match the ideal and
		blond, blue-eyed girls are			standard of beauty in patriarchy.
		designed in the Afrika- and			
		Chindia-Zones, their past			
		literally whitewashed.			
		An ad for vaginal bleaching			These ads show two beauty
24.	Freida	cream. One for a new laser	63	\checkmark	practices that every woman had to
		treatment that promises to			practice in patriarchal society.

		remove any unsightly body				Women are expected to have a
		hair.				clean and clear vagina and a body
						without a single thread of hair.
						Women are constructed to have
						'hairless' body. The society shows
						resentment towards women's
						body hair and finds women with
						body hair as distasteful. The
						reason why women must wax and
						shave their body hair is solely for
						men's satisfaction.
		Breakfast, Gym, Organized				By limiting, controlling, and
		Recreation, Lunch, Gym,				restricting the eves activities, the
25.	Freida	Organized Recreation,	69	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	eves' traits, behavior, and
		Dinner, ePad, Bed.				appearances were constructed.
						They had to force the eves to do

Breakfast, Gym, Organized	activities that had been arranged
Recreation, Lunch, Gym,	by the society to make the eves fit
Organized Recreation,	into the patriarchy's requirement
Dinner, ePad, Bed.	of traditional traits and ideal
	beauty. The eves were not allowed
	to go outside the School and do
	other activities. They were
	isolated from the outside world.
	The only world they knew was the
	School and the only way for them
	to know about what was
	happening outside the School was
	through the TV shows. Their
	understanding was also shaped
	and constructed by that TV shows.
	The result of this restriction and

					limitation was boredom and self- absorption. The eves were getting tired of seeing and interacting with each other and doing the same activities for almost twelve years. Being in the same jail did not create empathy and solidarity among them; it created an urge to
					compete and beat each other in terms of visual instead.
26.	Freida	I am a good girl. I am appealing to others. I am always happy and easygoing.	76	V	This is a repetitive nighttime messages that Freida received every single night. She repeated this mantra over and over throughout the novel. Her mind and traits were constructed by this

						repetitive message. As the result of this message, Freida becomes a girl who is always willing to please others and who begs for others' approvals.
27.	Freida	Anger is ugly. Nice girls don't get angry. I picture my irritation as a big red balloon bursting through my stomach, leaving a gaping hole behind.	77	V		Women in <i>Only Ever Yours</i> were oppressed in expressing their emotions. The society had created Organized Recreation to control the eves' emotion. The eves were not allowed to get angry, because anger is considered ugly and no men like ugly women.
28.	Megan and Agyness	'Who cares about <i>nice</i> ?' 'I do. I think personality matters.'	84	V	V	The eves had always been taught that personality and inner beauty did not matter, all that matters was

'Are you brain dead?		the outer appearance. Their
Personality does NOT matter.		mandatory task was to be pretty
All that matters is being		all the time. In patriarchy, being
pretty, you' she stammers		intelligent and having
with rage, 'you feminist.'		distinguishing personalities and
There's a horrified gasp.		characteristics are the worst sin for
'Well, it's true,' she says		a woman than being fat, old, and
defiantly. 'Being pretty is all		flawed. In Only Ever Yours,
that matters.'		feminist and feminism have
		become "the f-word" and was
		used as the worst insult that
		someone could get. The feminist
		word in here was used to describe
		someone who did not fit with
		traditional traits and ideal beauty
		which were constructed by

						patriarchy.
29.	Freida	Crying is ugly. No man wants a girl who cries.	91	√		This is another example that the eves were oppressed in expressing and showing their emotions. They were not allowed to cry. Crying is natural for human being but the eves were not allowed to cry or to have emotion at all. They were treated merely as objects and not as human who had feelings.
30.	Freida	I can imagine all the Inheritants looking at the foto, at my greasy hair and my uneven skin, thinking how tired I look. I will be unwanted by any man, utterly	94		√	The first role for the eves was to attract men (the Inheritants) and to make men considered them attractive and appealing. The way to attract men was to meet the requirement of ideal beauty in

		failing in my one role as an				patriarchy. If men did not find
		eve.				them attractive, they were going to
						be assigned as the third of
						chastities. The society had
						successfully internalized the idea
						that the eves' quality could only
						be assessed from her appearance.
		'He thought she was being				Domestic abuse and victim
		Inheritant at his birthday Isabel party. He broke her nose and two of her ribs.' Freida 'He's yummy. I'd let him beat me any day.' I repeat				blaming are common phenomenon
			108			which happen in patriarchy
	Isabel					system, especially misogyny
31.	and			$\sqrt{}$	society. Women are seen	society. Women are seen and
	Freida					treated like an object; they must
						be passive and accept all kind of
						treatment handed to them. It is
		megan's words.				constructed that men can treat

					women as objects, including doing
					physical abuse on her and put all
					the blame on her. Women have no
					right to defend for themselves
					because patriarchy has
					internalized the idea of domestic
					abuse as the consequence that
					women deserve to get for her
					wrongdoings. The society tends to
					put the blame on the victim, which
					is women and supports the abuser
					instead.
		a companion caring for her			This shows the difference between
20	F '1	husband and sons—she is	124-	.1	companion and concubine.
32.	Freida	warm, loving, nourishing	125	$\sqrt{}$	Patriarchy divides traditional roles
		them with her beauty; then a			according to women's role within

		concubine, her head thrown			the system. Traditional traits that a
		back in ecstasy, her lips and			companion or a wife has to
		legs parted, ready to be			possess are caring, nurturing,
		ravished.			kind, loving, domestic, and tender.
					While concubine or prostitute just
					needs some traditional traits, such
					as passive and willing.
					Isabel's statement emphasizes the
					discrimination and the hatred
22	T 1 1	'They don't make a lot of	120	 .1	towards fat women. The society
33.	Isabel	girls' clothes in my size.'	138	has constructed all me	has constructed all men and
					women to value women based on
					their size and their look.
		Seven sons? That must be			This narration shows that women
34.	Freida	some kind of record. As a	142	$\sqrt{}$	are treated as something invisible;
		reward for her good behavior,			they will always be seen as objects

		her husband has been offered			and placed as secondary status in
		a free "companion vaginal			patriarchy. The one who had done
		redesign".			the good deed was the companion
					but the one who was given a
					reward was the husband. The wife
					had gone through so much by
					giving birth to seven sons, and
					once again, she had to go through
					a life risking surgery, in this case,
					a "vaginal redesign" to please her
					husband. Patriarchy only
					considers women as two-leg
					wombs whose functions as
					breeding machine and mothering.
35.	Audio Guide to	'However many Inheritants	149-	2	This statement from audio guide
33.	the Rules for	are born in any given year,	150	V	strengthens the idea that female

	Proper female	it shall be necessary to			are created for male satisfaction.
	Behaviour,	design three times as many			Women are destined to be owned
	The Original	eves to satisfy demand.			by men and they have no right to
	Father	Once of age, the Inheritants			make decisions for their life and
		will choose the most			have to accept any decisions that
		suitable eves as their			have been made for them. Women
		companions. The remaining			are oppressed to have no identity,
		girls shall become			to be dependent on men and
		concubines. In the			inferior to men. Men are the
		uncommon event of an eve			subjects and decision makers.
		failing to prove attractive to			
		the Inheritants, said eve will			
		be inducted into the third of			
		the chastities.'3			
36.	Freida	Euro-Zone sends in a medical	169	√	This is a form of sexual and
30.	raciua	expert to examine us. He	109	V	medical control over women's

		spreads my legs apart,			bodies. Women are controlled and
		shoving a rod-like instrument			oppressed to have no rights with
		deep inside me, ignoring my			their own bodies. Women's bodies
		gasp of pain. 'Better get used			are treated as objects, tools, and
		to it, sweetheart.' He winks at			commodities. Their sexual and
		me, marks me as satisfactory,			reproduction organs are examined
		and issues me my fertility			and their results will decide their
		certificate.			quality as women. The purpose of
					this medical examination in <i>Only</i>
					Ever Yours is to see if the eves are
					fertile and qualified to produce
					sons. If not, the men will never
					choose them to be a companion.
		The Inheritants sit during our			From this, we can tell that only
37.	Freida	PE classes as we grind our	169	V	men who had the rights to choose
		hips, gripping a steel pole			their partners, whether it was a

		with our thighs. They watch			companion or a concubine, while
		as we cook dinner and as we			the eves had no right to refuse the
		sew a loose button back on a			decisions that had been made for
		shirt, all pointless tasks as we			them, let alone choosing a partner.
		have machines to do them			Men are the subjects and decision
		now, but apparently it will			makers for women and women are
		give them clues to 'our			objects who cannot make any
		nature', which third we are			decision for their own lives, even
		best suited to.			though they are able to do it.
		Within a week isabel has			Stomach shrunk is one form of so
		begun to look as if she's			many beauty practices which is
	Freida	folding in on herself, her			invented by patriarchy to construct
38.	and	bones eating her flesh from	181	$\sqrt{}$	woman's body. The female
	Megan	the inside. 'I'm not hungry,'			characters in Only Ever Yours did
		she says, turning away from			various beauty practices because
		yet another untouched tray of			patriarchy expected them to do it.

foo	od. 'I'm never hungry		Patriarchy considers thin women
any	ymore.' isabel is the skinny		are pretty; therefore, fat women
eve	e in the class now, the one		have to do various beauty
frej	ja keeps tempting with		practices to meet the demands of
slic	ces of chocco-cake, the one		thin ideal. Women are suffered
that	at the other eves are urging		while trying to maintain the ideal
to	gain weight in case she's		weight and unnatural body shape.
taki	cing all of the available		
thir	nness for herself, stealing it		
froi	om the rest of us.		
'Ar	nyway, she looks terrible,'		
meg	egan says dismissively.		
'Th	he procedure worked too		
wel	211.'		
'W	hat procedure?'		
'fre	eida, freida, freida. How is		

		it possible you know so little? She got her stomach shrunk.' 'What? But I thought only companions were allowed to get that done?' 'Whatever. It's ridiculous that she needed to get it done in the first place. They did it to control her. It's so weak.'			
39.	Megan and Freida	'No man is going to want his companion to have had sex with someone else.' 'But we're not allowed to say no to them. chastity-ruth said that we were to accommodate their every need. How did	185	√	This statement is a form of sexual control over women. Their sexual desire is repressed and oppressed. Men are free to have sex before marriage, but women cannot. A woman must give her sexual fidelity to one man, but men are

you say no to him?'			allowed to have more than one
			partner to satisfy his sexual desire.
			The eve who had sex before
			marriage were likely to be chosen
			as concubine and not companion.
			The eves were created to
			accommodate the men's needs,
			thus, if a man asked the eve to
			have sex with him, the eve had to
			do it. In patriarchal society as in
			Only Ever Yours, marriage and
			prostitution or being a companion
			and concubine are the form of
			sexual oppressions towards
			women. The society controls and
			manipulates women's sexuality.

40.	Freida	The food arrived. I ate it. We were not designed to ask questions.	199			The eves were designed to satisfy men and follow the rules that had been made by patriarchy. They were not allowed to ask question or be academic. In oatriarchy, women are oppressed not to express their ideas; they have no voice in representing anything.
41.	Freida	The companion is wearing a primrose-yellow prom dress with a sweetheart neckline and a calf-length skirt. Her dark blond hair is cut into a neat bob, just grazing her shoulders. She's sitting on an antique rocking chair, her	213	V	V	The society oppresses and constructs women to look and dress according to the ideal beauty and their assigned role. This is the description of how a companion should look and behave. They have to be elegant, feminine, and appropriate. Those traits can be

		legs crossed gracefully at the			seen from the way she dresses and
		ankles, white T-bar shoes on			presents herself.
		her feet.			
					The description of companion's
					role is very clear that she must be
		'The role of the companion is			obedient, willing, passive, and
		simple. She must follow her			most important, fertile. Women
		husband's lead at all times.			are oppressed to be in an inferior
		You must always be willing.			position and as followers. They
42.	A companion	The more often you lie with	214	$\sqrt{}$	are destined to live under men's
		your husband, the greater the			authority. A function of a
		possibility of conceiving a			companion was to provide a
		son to carry on the proud			womb or a breeding machine. If a
		legacy of the Zone.'			companion was failed to do her
					job, she was sent to
					'Underground' as a punishment

						and her husband was free to
						choose a younger companion.
		'It is important to remember				In Only Ever Yours, menstrual
		that if you are chosen to				period is a hideous shameful thing
		become a companion your				that must be hidden; it is taboo.
		.' she lowers her voice—				The woman who is having a
12	A companion	'womenstruation will return.	215			period is stigmatized, set apart,
43.		You must monitor your cycle			V	and excluded from the life of the
		carefully. Whenever you are				society. She is considered unclean,
		indisposed, you must retire to				distasteful, and sexually
		another bedroom until you				incapable.
		are clean again.'				
		The red triangle of the				This is the description of how a
4.4	Freida	concubines blasts through her	215	$\sqrt{}$		concubine should look and
44.	rreiua	fading face, a very different	215	V	V	behave. The society stereotypes
		blonde appearing on-screen				and constructs concubine's

		this time, stomping forward			appearances and behaviors. They
		on long legs clad in fishnet			have to be sexy, vulgar, and
		stockings. She blows a kiss at			erotic. The role as concubine can
		the camera, glossy redesigned			be seen clearly from the way she
		lips almost falling off her			dresses and adorns herself.
		face. She flips back her			
		ironed-straight hair to show			
		off massive breasts, smashed			
		together in a red satin corset.			
		'Those of you who are chosen			These dialogues are the
		for this third are joining an			descriptions of concubine's role
		age-old tradition. Concubines			and behavior according to that
45.	A concubine	have always been a part of	215	V	role. She must be willing,
		society, an important part.			seductive, and sexually attractive.
		You just have to make sure			A primary function of a concubine
		that the guy you're with is			is to please men. She is a sex and

		having a good time. Easy! It's			erotic object for men to unleash
		nice to make eye contact.			his sexual desire. Concubine must
		Always be willing. Make			perform sexual service willingly.
		noise. Make sure that you			
		look like you're really			
		enjoying it.'			
46.	Megan	'Don't be academic, freida. It's not attractive.'	220	√	Female characters in the novel do not need to be intelligent and educated; they just need to be pretty. School is supposed to give academic knowledge, but the school in <i>Only Ever Yours</i> only trained its student to be pretty, to
					please men and to accommodate men's needs.

47.	Freida	'I wish I could read too.'	229	V		All female characters in the novel were incapable to read or calculate because they had never given a proper academic knowledge. Women are oppressed to be uneducated; therefore, they will never question or criticize the patriarchy system.
48.	Audio Guide to Tthe Rules for Proper female Behaviour, the Original Father	'All eves must manage their behavior and conduct themselves in a manner that is ladylike at all times. Emotional behavior can be off-putting to men and must be controlled.'4	275	~		Women's traits and looks are constructed by the society. All eves were constantly told about how to look, behave, act, and feel. They had to control themselves all the time and at any cost.
49.	Freida	I open my eyes and I am	283		V	This is the result of psychological

		confronted by my reflection				oppression that is caused by the
		in the ceiling mirror. My				construction of beauty and body.
		thighs are too big, my hair is				Freida never felt herself as worthy
		too messy, I hate myself, I				and pretty. Her mental and
		hate myself, I hate myself.				psychological was affected
						because she was always told to
						compare herself with other eves.
		They have told us that in				The School told the eves to always
		order to succeed we need to				follow the rules and to meet with
		be good girls, we need to				the requirements of ideal beauty
		follow the rules, we need to				that had been made by the society.
50.	Freida	look pretty and speak nicely	283	\checkmark	$\sqrt{}$	They wanted the eves to behave
		and be pleasant. I've tried.				according to traditional traits and
		I've waxed every last hair on				to look according to the beauty
		my body. I have taken my				and body construction. The eves
		pills. I have gone to bed				had to be feminine, kind, patient

		hungry every night since I			and tender. And they had to be
		was four years old. I've done			pretty, thin, toned, hairless, and
		everything they have told me			flawless. Women must want to
		to do and here I am, ten days			embody the quality called beauty
		left, and I don't know if it's			and men want to possess women
		enough. I have no idea if			who embody it. Women want to
		Darwin will forgive me or if			be chosen, and men are
		he will choose me. He has to			programmed to only choose
		choose me.			beautiful women.
		What would you do if you			There was a session when the eves
		failed to produce sons?			were given questions about what
		Throw myself on the pyre			they were going to do in
51.	Freida	before my Termination Date	284	$\sqrt{}$	unfortunate and uncomfortable
		so my husband can marry			circumstances. Their answers of
		someone better. What would			those questions were judged by
		you do if a man asked you for			the Inheritants. They answered the

		sex when you were feeling unwell? Always be willing. What would you do if a man asked you to perform a sexual act you felt uncomfortable with? Always be willing.				question based on what they had learnt and been told at the School. They had to always sacrifice themselves for men because it was what the society expected them to do.
52.	Freida	Pair after pair of eves go into the translucent boxes, magnified fotos of their bodies projected onto the main board, side by side for easier comparison. We must be inspected for flaws before purchase.	285		√	Since the day the eves were hatched from artificial womb, they have been constantly constructed, oppressed, controlled, and compared. Women's bodies are treated as objects, tools, and commodities that can be changed or thrown out easily once they are no longer useful.
53.	Grace	'Love before marriage is	335	V		The eves were oppressed in

and	forbidden.' grace frowns.		expression their emotions. Love is
Georgia	'How dare this eve assume		a natural emotion for human
	that an Inheritant would love		being, but the eves were not
	her before he had formally		allowed to love anyone but the
	chosen her? It's the height of		men who chose them in the
	presumptuousness.'		Ceremony day.
	'Yeah, but come on,' georgia		
	says. 'It's not like it hasn't		
	happened before. Every few		
	years or so, some eve always		
	gets a bit soppy and forgets		
	her place.'		
	'It's still unacceptable. The		
	eves have extensive training		
	in the correct behavioral		
	procedures.'		

54.	Grace	'She is an eve. She was designed to meet a purpose and she has been trained for the last sixteen years to perform in a way that meets that purpose. Any deviation from that is unacceptable. This freida has failed in her duty. She has no defense.'	336		Female characters in <i>Only Ever</i> Yours were not considered as human beings because they had no rights to defend for themselves and give opinions about something. They accepted any kind of decisions and punishments which were made by men even though they were capable of making their own decisions.
55.	Judge Goldsmith	'Obviously we don't want the eves to be too intelligent, ruth, but the ability to follow simple directions would be helpful.'	345	V	Once again it was mentioned that the eves were not designed to be intelligent, they were only designed to satisfy men and follow the rules that had been made by the society. Patriarchy

56.	Judge Goldsmith	'#630, an eve may only love a man that has chosen her to be his companion. This is because men have the necessary experience and intelligence to choose better for you than you could choose for yourself.'	348	\	has constructed women to be obedient and passive. This statement from Judge Goldsmith emphasize the previous statement about love before marriage. Love is a natural thing for human being, but the eves were not allowed to love anyone but the men who chose them. Men believe that they are the most intelligent and capable creature. They think women have no ability
					They think women have no ability to choose for herself; therefore, women must accept all decisions which are made by men.
57.	Freida	heidi doesn't look very happy	363	V	Heide wanted to become a

		as she shuffles onstage to			concubine but the Inheritant chose
		accept her ivory cloak from			her to be his companion. Although
		the Father, taking her place			she did not like it, she had to
		beneath the white triangle of			willingly play any role that was
		the companions.			assigned to her.
		As a chastity, I must be silent.			Patriarchy has constructed women
		As a chastity, I must be			to have no voice and men do not
		humble. As a chastity, I must			recognized women's identity. A
		be selfless. As a chastity, I			role as a chastity was the worst
		must be modest. As a			role for the eves because they had
58.	Freida	chastity, I must be obedient.	371	\checkmark	to live servicing and teaching the
		As a chastity, I must be pure.			future eves for the rest of their
		As a chastity, I must be			lives. They had to watch beautiful
		dutiful. As a chastity, I must			young eves grew up while they
		be constant. As a chastity, I			were getting old day by day. They
		must be devoted. As a			had no privileges like companion

	chastity, I must be ordinary. As a chastity, I must be faultless. As a chastity, I must integrate. As a chastity, I must sacrifice. As a chastity, I must surrender.			and concubine had. They had to sacrifice herself once again and over again. They were extremely oppressed and subordinated but they had no power to refuse the choice and fight against it.
59. Freida	Today they shaved my head. Today they ripped my useless womb out and I am empty, so empty. I am chastity-felicity now. They have even taken my name from me.	380- 381	V	Women are oppressed to have no existence. Chastity was not even considered a woman because men had labeled her unfit to be companion or concubine; therefore, the society took her most precious possessions, which were name, hair, and womb. Name is the most basic element of someone's individual and a womb

			is a part that differentiates man
			and woman. A chastity was not
			even considered human and or
			woman because the society took
			her name from her live and her
			womb from her body.