

## CHAPTER IV

### FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

In this chapter, the writer elaborates the analysis of sexual identity to see the homosexuality in *fanfiction Out of My System* by xxdevilishxx by using components of sexual identity theory by DeCecco and Shively and Stuart Hall's representation theory, the circuit of culture.

#### 4.1 Findings

The writer discovers that both Yoongi and Jimin sexual orientation is homosexual, as they like boys and do not like girls. More, they also have done sexual intercourse between males. This kind of behavior can be explained in three components that are found of components of sexual identity theory by DeCecco and Shively. There are 79 narrations and dialogues that imply the sexual identity components. From four components, the writer found 4 narrations and dialogues that implies biological sex, 48 narrations and dialogues that implies social sex-role and 27 narrations and dialogues that implies sexual orientation. The writer found no narrations and dialogues that implies about gender identity because gender identity talks about how someone see his self as an individual. For example when someone does not like his biological sex, they will try to do a surgery. They will become a trans-sexual. That kind of situation is not found in the fanfiction.

## 4.2 Discussion

Here the researcher put the example data that are found and elaborate it. The components that are found comprise:

### A. Biological Sex

Biological sex is usually the physical criterion is on the genitals. This is about a classified sex when an individual was born. The fanfiction describes Yoongi and Jimin as men. It can be seen by the pronouns that the writer uses. More, biological sex talks about physical appearance of individuals such as face-line, breast, genitals, shoulders, mustache and beard (DeCecco, 1977).

“Oh god,” Taehyung complains as the breath gets knocked out of him, “Get off! You might not weight a lot, but your muscles do!” (Chapter 1)

This shows that even though Jimin thinks crying about a person that you love is reasonable, he is actually well-built with muscles. This shows the physical appearance of Jimin. This shows that he is man with well-built body. To have a well-built body, a person has to plan how many days a week you're going to *workout*, what exercises that will be included in your program, how long the rest periods will be, how many reps that should be performed for each exercise, and many more. Having a well-built body will not be easy. Many individuals do tend to feel slightly overwhelmed with the amount of information available out there as to what works 'best', and therefore take more time than they should to even

get going. This can imply that Jimin takes time to *workout* in order to have a well-built body and is trying to be health conscious.

Briefly, Yoongi wonders exactly how young the boy with the flushed cheeks, disheveled hair, and gloriously-hard abs is. (Chapter 2)

This shows what Yoongi thinks about Jimin's physical appearance. He thinks that Jimin's abs looks nice. Yoongi loves seeing abs and likes men who have them. He thinks it is glorious. Yoongi seems to have a particular penchant with abs and sleeping with or dating a guy who also has them because when Yoongi sees Jimin's abs, he thinks about sleeping with him. When Yoongi first feels attracted to Jimin, is when he sees Jimin's physical appearance but he does not expect Jimin to have abs because of his cute appearance. Despite that, Yoongi likes the idea that Jimin has abs even more. It is attractive to him.

The stomach is the focal point for questions about health and wellness, not only in terms of fat (it's the part of the body that often shows it the most, certainly in men), but also in terms of actual food consumption. Just as importantly, however, to have a stomach that is soft rather than hard speaks to one's inability to control one's appetite, and the ability to control one's bodily appetites has long been associated with the masculine, as opposed to the feminine, which is characterized, as much as by anything else, by an inability to bring those desires under control, to regulate them and channel them appropriately.

Jimin watches the elder tug at the hem of his sweater, pulling it up until all of Jimin's abs was exposed. (Chapter 3)

This also shows that Yoongi likes seeing man with abs. Based on this, it can be said that Yoongi cares about visual and care a lot about the physicality of a man's body. Having a hard and chiseled body then becomes a way of proving oneself to the wider world, a means of proving that you have escaped from the chains of those old stereotypes and reached into a new day, when gay men can have all of the attributes and privileges of their straight friends and to top it all, by having that body gay men also become the commodity that everyone is after, and that brings with it its own particular form of power.

With that, it can be concluded that Yoongi and Jimin's biological sex are defined as men. This shows that Jimin is having a well-built body and Yoongi likes men with good body or abs. Also, it can be seen that this represents Jimin tries hard to archive his body and Yoongi cares about visual the person that he dates.

## **B. Social Sex-role**

Social sex-role refers to characteristics that are culturally associated with men or women. It is connected to characteristics of appearance, behavior and personality. It is based on cultural norms. That can be concluded individuals are expected to behave in socially stereotypical ways that are associated with their biological sex. Behaviors that deviate

from this stereotype are viewed as inappropriate. So, as men, Yoongi and Jimin are expected to behave like men; masculine that mostly includes courage, independence and assertiveness (Shively, 1977).

A sex-role concept is a set of shared expectations that people hold about the characteristics suitable for individuals on the basis of their gender. There is no direct relationship between biological sex and the various social aspects of sex roles. Accordingly, some psychologists have recommended that the term sex be used to designate biological maleness/femaleness as opposed to the term gender role, which refers to basic notions of masculinity and femininity. Much of what society considers masculine and feminine is learned as a result of socialization experiences. It is not a biological necessity that women tend to be the ones who remember birthdays and send greeting cards. Rather it is simply a cultural expectation that gets passed on from generation to generation and seen as masculinity and femininity traits (DeCecco and Shively, 1962).

As your best friend, I believe that it is my duty to inform you that you are acting like a 15-year old girl who just had her heart broken. (Chapter 1)

Taehyung, Jimin's friend, points out that crying because of broken heart is a weak behavior. It shows when Taehyung says 'a 15-year old girl'. This shows how Taehyung thinks that crying and sulking over someone who does not love you back is a girly thing. This shows that Taehyung thinks Jimin is not acting like how men usually act.

Jimin laughs as Taehyung turns towards him and shoots Jimin his most adorable look. (Chapter 1)

This shows that Jimin likes to act cute despite having a well-built body. Not like other men with muscles who do not do cute behavior. This can be seen as the personality traits categories, where it differs masculinity as assertive and confident and femininity as soft discreet and sociable. Acting cute or adorable can be seen as feminine traits. From that it can be seen that the writer of the fanfiction tells Jimin as a person with soft traits, unlike what people usually think about men. Thus, the fanfiction shows that Jimin has feminine traits on him.

Moreover, there are 11 narrations and dialogues that found that imply Jimin is a person who is easily gets shy and blushed over simple compliments that are addressed to him.

It's the most Jimin has heard the man say the entire evening, and he finds himself craving more of the deep, hypnotic voice. He smiles, regardless, feeling proud of the reaction he's been able to extract from the stranger. (Chapter 2)

The first example shows how Jimin likes to be praised. He feels proud about himself because Yoongi praise him. This shows how Jimin blushes and gets shy at compliments. Jimin feels anxious in social situations and he feels particularly anxious around people, especially the ones he finds attractive. He feels proud when the person he likes gives good reaction towards his action. Mostly, he feels that he has done something great.

Jimin looks down to the floor, cheeks flushing, and Yoongi takes a moment to press a firm, chaste kiss against his lips.

Jimin blushes harder as he turns to look straight ahead, and watches Yoongi fix his leather jacket from the corner of his eye. (Chapter 2)

This shows how easily Jimin gets shy. He likes the way Yoongi treats him. It is known that society sees shyness is somewhat more common for girls than for guys. Here, it can be seen that despite being a male, Jimin acts shy over compliments and any simple caring behavior that Yoongi gives to him.

Yoongi merely raises an eyebrow, his head turned towards Jimin, eyes incredulous. "Excuse me?" Jimin blushes at Yoongi's look, and looks back down at his hands in his lap. (Chapter 3)

This shows how easily Jimin gets shy at the way Yoongi acts. This shows that Yoongi only raises an eyebrow to make Jimin blushes, because Jimin is described as a person who is very shy to act and speak up.

"You kept praising me..." Jimin's cheeks flush a little, and Yoongi grins at him through the glass. (Chapter 7)

Moreover, this shows how Jimin likes when Yoongi praises him. He continuously shows that he always gets shy at Yoongi's compliment or caring. Compliments derive from taking notice of praiseworthy situations and efforts. So they are a mark of awareness and consciousness. It implies Yoongi and Jimin's awareness of each other. This shows that Yoongi is aware of Jimin and Jimin likes it. They both pay attention of each other.

"So, are we walking home, *hyung*?" Jimin leans against the wall, regarding the person in front of him with a lazy look, trying to look as relaxed as possible. (Chapter 2)

This shows that Jimin does not like to be seen as someone who gets nervous easily. So he pretends to not caring. Jimin's past boyfriend hurt him. Here, Jimin acts to now care because he does not want to show his emotion. This is only his first meeting with Yoongi, so he still wants to figure out what kind of person Yoongi is. Jimin's act here is a form of self-protection; to keep those who he has feelings for from taking advantage, especially because he has been taken before. As well, it could be that he does not feel comfortable expressing that concern, so he hides it behind an indifferent mask. Sometimes, someone who expresses concern for things outside their influence or control is mistreated, so he learns not to express that concern.

The fanfiction continues to show the different traits of Jimin and Yoongi. When Jimin is described as someone who is soft and shy, Yoongi is described as someone who is confident and straight-forward.

Taking Jimin's wrists in his hands, Yoongi flips them over, pinning Jimin's wrists over his head. He breaks their kiss to take a short breath before diving back in. (Chapter 3)

This shows how Yoongi actually leads the relationship and seen as the leader of the relationship. He leads Jimin when they have sex. Holding your partner wrist during sex is a form of dominating. Some guys are turned on by a submissive lover. Pinning Jimin wrist on the bed conjures an image of female submission, which is a turn on to Yoongi. When Yoongi pins down Jimin's wrists in throughout sex, he is turned on female



submission or male control. This adds more to the masculinity traits of Yoongi and Jimin's femininity. Also, it's described that Jimin does not know how to have sex between men.

“If he...what?” Jimin asks, eyes reflecting uncertainty all of a sudden. “We just, kind of...did it.” It takes Yoongi almost a minute to piece together exactly what the younger is saying. (Chapter 3)

Here, it can be seen that Jimin is lacking experience of having sex with men. Some gay men use these labels to identify themselves or to find partners that match their preferences. Others prefer a more loose interpretation of their sexual roles. In intercourse between men, one of the partners typically assumes the role of an insertive partner (*top*) while the other assumes a receptive role (*bottom*). The fanfiction describes Yoongi as a top and Jimin as a bottom. Shively (1977) describes a person's sexual role has effect of how masculine or feminine they are or may appear. Because the shyness of Jimin, it can be seen that the fanfiction describes Jimin as the bottom paired with his soft behavior and feminine traits.

“Carry me!” Jimin demands raising his arms like a child, and Yoongi silently screams. “Carry me!” Jimin screams again, before falling back asleep. (Chapter 5)

This shows that Jimin acts like a child. He wants to be carried by Yoongi. After that Yoongi carries Jimin bridal style. The bridal carry is usually a form when man carries a woman in his arms: one arm under her legs and the other supporting her back like a groom carrying his bride. Usually denotes or foreshadows a romantic relationship between the couples or a major difference in their physical strength. Once more, this

shows the role of masculinity and femininity traits between Yoongi and Jimin. Yoongi is the one who is carrying Jimin, it means Yoongi is viewed as the groom and Jimin is view as the bride.

His body seems to have a mind of his own, however, as he finds his fingers moving to tug at the pinky finger of Yoongi's right hand. The hand's curled into a fist, but uncurls as Jimin touches it. Yoongi turns to Jimin as the younger boy holds just Yoongi's pinky finger in his entire hand. He raises an eyebrow at the younger, who stares back, but doesn't let go. (Chapter 2)

This shows how Jimin acts. He acts shy and nervous and also he acts unconsciously when he is nervous. He likes to hold something when he is nervous. When Jimin is nervous, he unconsciously expresses his discomfort through a series of behaviors that is holding on something. It makes Jimin feel more secured.

But when Yoongi goes as far as to give him a shower, dry his hair, dress him in fresh clothes, and pull Jimin close when they're both ready to fall asleep tucked underneath a soft comforter, Jimin can't help but feel a little differently. (Chapter 7)

Jimin feels better when Yoongi takes care of him. Yoongi helps him taking a bath, putting his clothes, and hugging him when they go to sleep. Jimin feels better when Yoongi shows him love. Jimin likes to be taken care of and supported,

Jimin wakes up in bed, securely wrapped up in Yoongi's arms, the warm comforter pulled over both of their exposed bodies. (Chapter 9)

Jimin likes to be hugged by Yoongi while sleeping. He likes it when Yoongi wrapped his arms around his body. This shows how Jimin likes how he feels secured around Yoongi's arms. It shows that he prefers to feel protected.

“Thank you,” Jimin mumbles into Yoongi’s shoulder as he finishes the slice, “for being so nice, hyung.”

Yoongi sits awkwardly with his hands to his sides, unsure of how to respond to the younger. (Chapter 3)

When Jimin gives Yoongi compliments, Yoongi does not know how to respond to it. Stereotypes for femininity include expectations to be domestic, warm, pretty, emotional, dependent, physically weak, and passive. By contrast, men are thought of as being more competitive and less emotional than women. Masculinity stereotypes can be described by words such as unemotional, physically strong, independent, active, and aggressive. Here the fanfiction describes Yoongi as an unemotional person, he does not know how to respond to compliments, that means he does not get compliments easily or gives them easily. Thus, the fanfiction describes Yoongi as a person with masculine traits.

The affection in Yoongi’s face, and the gentleness with which he goes to caressing Jimin’s cheek takes Jimin by surprise. (Chapter 4)

This shows that Yoongi cares about Jimin and does not want him to get hurt. He checks out Jimin’s bruise. Yoongi does not like it when Jimin is hurt. He shows his affection and caring to Jimin.

Knowing that Jimin wouldn’t move until he made him, Yoongi hoists him off the bed. He’s surprised by how willingly and easily Jimin wraps himself around Yoongi, legs wrapping around his waist, hands around Yoongi’s neck, and head resting on Jimin’s shoulder. (Chapter 3)

This shows how Jimin likes being pampered by Yoongi. Jimin wants Yoongi to take care of him. He trusts Yoongi. Trust is the foundation of

all human connections, from chance encounters to friendships and intimate relationships. Simpson (2007) writes:

“Trust involves the juxtaposition of people’s loftiest hopes and aspirations with their deepest worries and fears.”

This description makes it clear why so many people have trouble trusting: for them, the benefits of closeness and intimacy are overshadowed by the possibility of pain and betrayal. At the beginning Jimin does not trust Yoongi. That is when he pretends like he does not care, then Jimin trusts Yoongi. It shows that he is comfortable to Yoongi. Trust is a form of approval, and when someone else feels the approval, they will generally respond in a very positive way. If they view you as a source of approval, they will feel drawn to you without even realizing why (Simpsons, 2007).

From all the discussion above, it can be concluded that despite their social role as men, Yoongi and Jimin act different. Jimin is much softer and gets shy easily when Yoongi is more confident about himself. The fanfiction shows that Yoongi is described more masculine and Jimin is described more feminine.

### **C. Sexual orientation**

Sexual Orientation is about someone’s sexual selection. In this conception we can see how Yoongi and Jimin express their orientation at the expense of others. Sexual orientation has two aspects. One is physical

preferences and the other is affection preference. Physical preference refers to how Yoongi and Jimin think of their partner physical appearance. Affection preference refers to how they see emotional side of their partners. The physical preference in this fanfiction can be viewed as homosexuality.

He's gorgeous, Yoongi notes, with big eyes, full lips, a tall, lean frame, and hair that falls just the right way. (Chapter 1)

This shows the sexual orientation that Yoongi has. He likes the way the bartender he meets at the bar looks. He likes the bartender's physical appearance. It shows his sexual orientation, that he likes men who have big eyes, full lips and others. Yoongi thinks that the boy gorgeous. This also shows Yoongi's sexual orientation that he likes men.

You're gorgeous. (Chapter 2)

This shows that Yoongi likes Jimin's physical appearance. Gorgeous means very beautiful or pleasant. Gorgeous is often used to describe jaw-droopingly beautiful, magnificent people or things. Gorgeous is for the kind of looks that take your breath away. Some synonyms include resplendent, dazzling, spectacular, and splendid (Oxford Dictionary). This indicates that by saying that Jimin is gorgeous, Yoongi thinks Jimin is more than simply beautiful, that means he really likes the way Jimin looks.

He can feel himself getting hard as warm hands trail up stomach slowly, teasingly, and he whimpers into the kiss again, cheeks flushing slightly at his own noises. (Chapter 2)

This shows sexual orientation in the physical side, where Jimin's body reacts to Yoongi's touch. 'Getting hard' means erection. For men, a sexual response occurs when there is some form of sexual stimulation, which can include touch, smell, looking at someone or something, a thought or fantasy that provokes certain physical changes to start happening. With sexual stimulation, the penis will become larger and begin to get hard. This shows how Yoongi get aroused towards Jimin. He is kissing Jimin and he likes it. It shows his sexual orientation.

"Have you ever done this before? It's different with guys, you know."

Jimin rolls his eyes, "Yes, hyung, I know. I've done it before."

"How many times?" Yoongi asks casually sitting up on his knees and unzipping his leather jacket completely.

"Thrice," Jimin answers truthfully and watches as Yoongi tosses his jacket over to a nearby chair, "it hurts a lot. But you...er, earlier, it felt really good. So, I wanted to try it once more." (Chapter 3)

Here, it is shown that both are experienced in having sexual intercourse relationship with male. This shows their sexual orientation that both are gay.

"You don't have to hide it from us, you know. We don't mind you dating another guy." One of the guys speaks up. "He's cute and full of energy. Exactly the kind of guy needed to break you out of your little shell, I guess." (Chapter 4)

Moreover, this shows how Yoongi's friends are open to Yoongi dating a boy and think that the boy is suitable for Yoongi. That also shows that Yoongi has already done 'coming-out' that people around him already know that he is not interested in girls. Even though, it can be seen how Yoongi's friends still see gay relationship as something that is not normal

by saying “We do not mind.” It implies that they should have been objecting it.

Jimin nods, pulls his shirt off swiftly, and watches in amusement as Yoongi glances down at his chest, the elder’s tongue coming out to lick at his own lips.

“Like what you see?” Jimin asks, flexing slightly as he watches as Yoongi’s eyes shift back to his face.

“Bed.Now.” Yoongi’s voice is rough, and Jimin wastes no time in reaching up and meeting the elder’s eager lips. (Chapter 4)

Yoongi likes the way Jimin acts sexy to seduce him. Jimin teases Yoongi by opening his shirt and showing his chest. Yoongi likes it so, he tells Jimin to go to the bed that indicates Yoongi wanting to have a sexual intercourse with Jimin.

Wrapping his legs around Yoongi’s waist, Jimin has half a mind to reach out and grab his hoodie in his hand, before Yoongi turns to carry him to the bedroom. (Chapter 4)

This shows that Jimin likes being carried to the bed just like a girl. This shows Jimin’s sexual orientation of the physical side, he likes a man who carries him to bed. A strong man is a man of great physical strength. This indicates how strong Yoongi, despite not having abs or doing *workout* daily, he is capable of carrying Jimin who has a stronger body appearance. This shows that Jimin who has a well-built body with muscles and abs also likes being carried by his partner, not the way around.

Yoongi rolls his eyes, but a small smile rests on his lips as he watches the rest of the performances with less than a critical eye. (Chapter 5)

This shows that Yoongi likes seeing Jimin dance. This shows Yoongi likes Jimin’s physical appearance. Yoongi likes seeing Jimin perform on the stage.

“Jimin,” Yoongi sighs, running a hand through his hair, before standing up to his full height. “Do you like me?”  
Jimin nods quickly and takes a step forward, “I do, hyung. I can show you...”  
(Chapter 8)

Jimin admits his feeling. He tries to make Yoongi also admit it. He wants Yoongi to admit his feeling towards him. He wants to show his love to Yoongi. This shows Jimin’s love to Yoongi.

“I like you,” Yoongi breathes out softly, and Jimin can’t help the smile that blooms on his face. (Chapter 8)

Yoongi finally admits his feeling towards Jimin. This emphasizes Yoongi’s interest towards Jimin. He falls in love with Jimin. The love is mutual. Jimin likes it. He likes the fact that Yoongi admits his love to him.

He watches the boy’s eyes widen as he does before the boy hesitantly smiles back at him, cheeks puffing out and eyes curving into crescents. (Chapter 1)

This shows sexual orientation in the affection side where Yoongi likes the way the boy that he stares at, is looking at him. Yoongi likes the way the boy reacts to his stare. This shows that Yoongi likes seeing Jimin’s cute behavior.

Jimin looks up when he hears Yoongi chuckle, and something snaps inside of him when he sees the adoring look on Yoongi’s face, heart beat accelerating as Yoongi gazes down. (Chapter 7)

Jimin stares at Yoongi. He likes the way Yoongi laughs and his expressions. His heart beats faster when he sees Yoongi.

Yeah, that and the fact that I told them I wasn’t interested in girls. (Chapter 7)



Even more, Yoongi states that he does not like girls. Yoongi tells Jimin that he does not like girls at all. He does not have any interest on girls. This clearly shows Yoongi's sexual orientation that is he is gay.

He thinks of the wonderful smile the younger had given him, and how pleasant he feels every time he's on the receiving end of it. (Chapter 7)

Yoongi thinks Jimin's smile is wonderful. He likes the pleasant feeling when he sees Jimin smiling. This shows that Yoongi likes how Jimin's smile looks.

The examples above show that Yoongi and Jimin's sexual orientation is gay. It can be seen by the facts listed that by both physical appearance and affectional appearance they both prefer having men as their partners.

Yoongi snorts as a thought hits him, "Do your parents even know you're into guys?" Jimin stiffens immediately, and Yoongi's about to apologize when the younger shakes his head, "No." (Chapter 3)

This shows how Jimin is afraid on telling his family that he is gay. The fanfiction describes that Jimin does not tell his parents his sexuality because he is afraid that they will disown him. Because same-sex relationships are not accepted by the public, so people usually see that they are not normal. Here, it can be seen that the fanfiction shows that homosexuals are seen as something not normal and as a deviant behavior. Being gay is seen deviant according to the social norms in the fanfiction.