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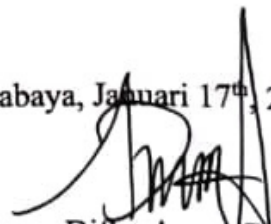
And to my brethren, allies of the heart and soul, your unwavering faith and steadfast presence amidst the storms of uncertainty are the armor that shields me from the arrows of doubt. Together, we soar on the wings of victory, a symphony of triumph that resonates throughout eternity's expanse.

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For victory is ours, and the echoes of our triumph shall resound throughout the annals of time.

With the valor of a dragon's heart,

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ABSTRACT

This study elaborates disloyalty of Nick Dunne in Gillian Flynn's *Gone Girl*. It aims to understand the portrayal, causes, and effects of Nick Dunne's disloyalty within the novel. Research data are taken from the novel *Gone Girl*. The data were interpreted using disloyalty theory. This study uses descriptive qualitative method. The research findings show that the type of disloyalty committed by the main character, Nick, is romantic love affair. The causes of Nick's disloyalty are desire of novelty, poor communication, insecurity, and lack of intimacy. The effects of Nick's disloyalty affect his own life and his wife, Amy. The effects of Nick's disloyalty on himself include suffering from guilt and shame, inner conflict, identity crisis, self doubt, fear of repercussion, desire of personal growth and change, and lack of intimacy with his wife. The effects of Nick's disloyalty on Amy include anguish from betrayal and emotional trauma, loss of self-esteem, trust issues, emotional roller coaster, self blame, fear of repeating betrayal, and lack of intimacy.

Keywords: *Disloyalty, romantic love affair, betrayal, intimacy.*