

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

5.1 Conclusion

The Host presented an astonishing story involving two souls within a body. These two souls contested with each other anytime merely to decide the best thing to survive their complicated lives. Each soul had different desires, objectives and also clung to different moral values. The human soul, Melanie wanted to save her family, on the other hand, Wanda, the alien soul, wanted to hunt them down. They did everything to reach their own goals and fulfill their different desires. Their differences led to disagreements. These disagreements caused them to contest with each other in order to gain a control and therefore fulfill their goals. The only agreement they reached was a decision to save Jamie's life (Melanie's brother) by cooperating to find cure for his infection.

Melanie, the repressed soul, succeeded a few times in gaining a full control of her body. The energies from her id pushed her to fulfill her desires to Jared, her love for Jamie and transfer her aggression toward Kyle and the Seeker. Despite of her successful attempts in gaining a full control, her desires were also several times turned down by Wanda's impulses, rationality and morality. Although Melanie just a few times took control of her body but most of the decisions they made were involving her persuasion. Her memories of her loved ones pushed its way to consciousness to convince Wanda to join her in a search for her family members.

Wanda, as the main controller of the body, did not always surrender and followed Melanie's demands. Her strong impulses also pushed her to release her sexual desire toward Ian and Melanie's boyfriend, Jared. This event caused her id to contest with Melanie's id in the form of aggression. Wanda's ego often used defense mechanisms such as displacement and rationalization in coping with Melanie's demands that were considered threatening. Her superego was dominant than her ego because she constantly felt guilty every time her ego did not meet with her morality. Her superego also kept her out off a fight and made her refused Melanie's demand to leave Kyle's body and let him fall. Most of the time, the decisions they made were affected by whether Wanda's ego or superego. As much as she wanted to live as a human, her rationality told her that she could not longer live in one body together with Melanie. So she decided to leave Melanie's body and go to the other planet.

Despite of Melanie's powerfulness in affecting Wanda's several decisions, Melanie's mind (id, ego and superego) was not strong enough compared to Wanda's demand to leave the body and end her repression. At the end, Wanda's consideration to protect Melanie from the Seeker by sacrificing her life conquered Melanie's demand not to leave the body. It even conquered her own desires to live and be with Ian. This act had proven that Wanda's ego was, after all, the strongest of its other contestants. Thus, Wanda's ego took the final victory in the contestation between her id, ego, superego and Melanie's id, ego, and superego.

5.2 Suggestions

Beside its psychological aspects, there are several aspects in *The Host* which are possible to be analyzed using other literary theories. The aliens' power to invade the earth and take over human bodies can be investigated using Michel Foucault's power relation theory. Despite its power relation aspects, the aliens imitation's of human ways of life can also be investigated using Homi K. Bhabha's theory of mimicry. Furthermore, the readers are suggested to analyze the other aspects in order to gain deeper understanding about literary theories and the novel itself.