

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

After reading, watching and analyzing the play *Equus*, it is concluded that this play does not only tell about the story of a boy who has false believes to a horse, as he considers horse as his God, but other issues are found about the freedom through the roles of the archetypal images that are involved in the storyline and the internal and external conflict that appears throughout the play. By utilizing the concept of archetypal criticism, this research is divided into two parts: the analysis of the archetypal symbols and the conflicts that appear in the story.

Fisrt, there are five important symbols Shaffer uses in his play. The first is color. The five colors that involved in the story are red, black, brown, green and white. The color red symbolizes blood, sacrifice and violent passion, the symbol brown symbolizes comfortable home, the color green symbolizes loyal companionship, the color black symbolizes mystery, while the color white symbolizes terror. The second symbol is horse which argued as the symbol of freedom and sexual desire. The third symbol is the archetypal woman: The Great Mother. The role of this represented by main character's mother and the second one is The Demon Lover. This role is symbolize by main character's co-worker; Jill. The fourth symbol is The Wise Old Man that is represented by Hester Solomon. The last symbol is Numbe: Six. Number six symbolize main character's unconditional love to horses.

Secondly, it is concluded that the conflict that appear in the story is not all about Alan Strang itself, but also appear to the other characters which affect the journey of Alan. Internal conflict that appears are about Dr. Dysart who questioning his own identity and about Alan Strang who just accept everything that he got and told by his parrents. The external conflict that

appears is the different point of views of Alan's parents about religion. The second external conflict is how society sees Alan as a weirdo. Shaffer links both of the internal and external conflicts that appear in the story through Alan, he is the reason why the conflicts appear throughout the story.

