

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

5.1 Conclusion

Gone Girl describes how marriage has a dark side between spouses. Nick and Amy are two examples of how humans try hard to reach their goals in life. Especially, Amy Dunne was very obsessed with mate-keeping and she even sacrificed other people to get what she wanted. Behind mate-keeping strategies, Amy deceived, killed, and lied to the public. Similar to Amy, Nick did terrible things such as cheating and being not responsible for his own marriage. Gillian Flynn shows perspective in *Gone Girl* that relationship especially in marriage has their own characteristic depending on the partner/spouse that lives in it.

Nick and Amy Dunne show the effectiveness of mate-keeping strategies in keeping spouses. The effectiveness gives an advantage and outcome to their marriage relationship. Furthermore, this research show to readers that keeping spouses is very crucial in human mating. Moreover, keeping a mate also occurs in animal mating. As for in the animal world, creatures such as beetles have mate-keeping tactics which cover their partner by spreading scents (Buss 160). Through mate-keeping tactics by Nick and Amy Dunne have pointed out how cruel actions sometimes being effective strategies in maintaining relationship. Amy is very persistence that she also inspires Nick together having mate-keeping strategies in their marriage relationship.

Through the analysis, it is concluded that marriage is hard work which requires teamwork. It means both partners are supposed to work together to make the relationship goes on. Similar to Nick and Amy Dunne. They used to be a teamwork however when Nick chose another girl while still being with Amy, their relationship was broken. Thus, the relationship must work by two partners and without one it will

not work out. Even though Amy was the only one who'd like to continue the relationship, she needed Nick to participate. When Amy came home, she led and taught Nick to try hard to participate in their marriage relationship. Amy became the dominant one in their relationship. Amy kept pushing and convincing Nick to be with her. Through extreme mate-keeping strategies by Amy, Nick finally sensed he was supposed to be with her and she inspired him to keep a mate together as teamwork as they used to.

5.2 Suggestion

This research examined the mate-keeping strategies in *Gone Girl* between spouses Nick and Amy Dunne based on David Buss's theory discusses Strategies of Human Mating. The writer feels amazed at the discovery of mate-keeping strategies applied by these spouses with their own versions. Therefore, the writer hopes this research will be a reference, especially in human mating. However, the writer has another interest in analysing the love between Nick and Amy Dunne. The curiosity of love's existence between Nick and Amy after revenge and punishment. Therefore, the reader's response research about the existence of love between Nick and Amy would be interesting after the incidents. Moreover, future research in analysing love in *Gone Girl* after Amy's disappearance will be expected to reveal the issues.