

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

4.1. Conclusion

After analyzing Edward Morgan Forster's *Where Angels Fear to Tread* (1905), I found that the novel contains Forster's opinion as a British toward intercultural marriage. Forster represents the story about the marriage of two different countries people, England and Italy. I think it is based on his journey, because Forster has abroad to Italy with his mother. It is same as the story in his novel *Where Angels Fear to Tread*. In the beginning of the story he writes about a British widow that abroad to Italy with her friend. It is same as his mother who a widow that abroad to Italy with him. In this novel Forster presents the effect of intercultural marriage, they are; social rejection and the family conflict. As known, in England it was following Victorian era or in Edwardian era when Forster wrote the novel, at early 19th century. People in this era tend to ignore human feeling toward materialism and social classes.

4.1.1. Conclusion of Social Rejection as the Effect on Society of Intercultural Marriage in Forster's *Where Angels Fear to Tread*

This conflict related to the setting of the place that Forster writes in his novel. If someone marry in different cultural background, they will not released from the cultural conflict. In the novel the conflict is just get by the British widow that lived in Italy. A middle class woman will be suffer when lived Italy moreover in 19th century.

She as a British will get social rejection by Italian people. Because they know that British has a high prestige. Also British people will can not doing anything that they always done in England, such as tea party, which is Italian people did not do this such thing in Italy. Italian people also will not want to socialize with British people in 19th century, because they think that British style different with them and they think that British will not want to socialize with them.

4.1.2. Conclusion of Family Conflict as the Effect on Family of Intercultural Marriage in Forster's *Where Angels Fear to Tread*

a. Extended Family Conflict

In the novel Forster just talking about the British family and does not talk much about Italian family. Family conflict that found in the novel is the reaction of British family toward intercultural marriage between British and Italian. I found that British has a pride that always do something that will not ashamed the family, it means that marrying an Italian man is ashamed. But, in *Where Angels Fear to Tread* Forster breaks it. He shows that it is okay not to follow family rule or ashamed family and do anything you want without hesitant, but in the end he tell that if you did not follow your family you will get a bad luck. So, listen to your family.

b. Husband-Wife Conflict

The conflict is between intercultural marriage couple, British and Italian. It is only because they are different in country, they are also different in age and

wealth. This story talking about a rich widow that marrying a poor young man. When they marry, the power of the household will monopolize by the woman. The man will not work because they are rich. The woman will say whatever she want to say and the man pride as a husband will disappeared. This is the problem that founded in the novel. When the man found that his wife did not respect him, their marriages life will broke. They pretend to do what they think right, they will not want to discuss anything because each of them think that themselves are right. Their marriage life will not as happy as they think at the beginning.

Overall, *Where Angels Fear to Tread* by Forster is a social critique about how Italian people seeing British people and how British people seeing Italian people in 19th century through the disadvantages of intercultural marriage that Forster shows in the novel. Here Forster showing two perspective, British views toward Italian and Italian views toward British, from his views as a critics. At last, this novel tell me as an Indonesian that intercultural marriage is not as nice as I thought. I thought that the difference in culture is a good think, we can explore our knowledge and learn something new. But, Forster shows that difference in culture will make somebody force somebody else to do the same think that they usually done in their culture. He shows that not everyone thinks that different in culture is a good thing.

4.2. Suggestions

I would like to suggest other researchers to conduct further studies on this topic. Future research may investigate the same topic, but with different data or different novel. Future researcher might investigate about other type of intermarriage since

I analyze about intercultural marriage or the same topic with me but the result will be more valid. In addition, it will be interesting to compare the undergraduate students thesis conclusions and the graduate students thesis conclusions in terms of the structures and the analysis. Moreover, further investigation of discussion is strongly recommended.

