

## CHAPTER 3

### ANALYSIS

In this chapter the writer tries to analyze *Mean Spirit* based on the statement of the problem. Based on the statement of the problem, it will start from analyze the novel through Conflict theories by Roy Eidelson and Judith Eidelson to find five factors which happen between White Men and Indian people. There Superiority, Injustice, Vulnerability, Distrust, and Helplessness. Besides that, the writer also uses Postcolonial Theory to find kind of conflicts which happen between White Men and Indian people. Postcolonial which is suitable with this thesis is Orientalism by Edward Said. The last one, the writer tries to find the impact of that conflict for Indian's life in Watona. The last one, the writer tries to find the impact of that conflict for Indian's life in Watona.

#### **3.1 The Factors of Conflict which between White Men and Indians.**

Conflict cannot happen if there is no factor or cause of conflict especially if it is happening in two groups. In *Mean Spirit*, conflict happens between White men and Indian. As Roy and Judith Eidelson (182) stated that there are five factors which make conflict happen. The five factors are Superiority, Injustice, Vulnerability, Distrust, and Helplessness. Those factors also can be found in *Mean Spirit*.

Now, the writer begins to analyze the reason of conflict in superiority point of view and it becomes the first and the main reason.

### 3.1.1 Superiority

All of people must have moral superiority. It is because they feel that they are better than the other. So, they will be considered that they can rule or authorize a lot of things. In *Mean Spirit* it can be seen that moral superiority is adhered to white men. White men feel superiority because they feel that they can control all of things in Watona.

Moral superiority which is owned by White men, make them becomes arbitrarily with Indian people. They are able to change the rules in Watona which is appropriate with their private interest. Although, Indian people are in the right side, White men can make them in wrong side. It happens to some of Indian people who are usually getting money from government because of their works. The Indian people who like that is considered as competent people. One of Indian people named Moses. Moses tries to protest about the new policy of law which will give Indian people is only a part of their money, but Moses is only get bad effect from that act.

The clerk become alarmed and when he spoke to moses, it was hard to tell if he was offering advice out of fear or if his words were a threat but he again told the truth when he said to moses, "if you carry on that way, Mr, Graycloud , the judge will declare you an incompetent(Hogan 62)

Moses is one of Indian rancher; he tries to look for about the explanation of the law about her salary or her money to the clerk which manage about that and only competent person who can get that. Because of Moses' statement that is considered wrong by white men, therefore he will

change to be incompetent person. White men threat Moses like that because they want to protect their law which will give a profit to white men.

Not enough for White men to make another policy which will give them profit and it will be difficult to Indian people to protest about that policy. It happens when Sara passed away and her money is claimed by someone and it is surely by White men because the clerk does not ask about the claimer. However, if the families of Sara named Lettie wants to know about the claimer, she must come to the clerk with lawyer. White men realize that it is impossible to Indian people come with lawyer and protest in order to get that claim because they are not considered as Citizens.

Lettie said,"we heard that someone put in a claim for Sara's money

"I tried to to find out who it was, she said but the clerk left me standing at the counter,went away and came back with a lawyer (Hogan 84)

After Sara passed away there is white man who takes all of Sara's money, but there is no information mentioned who the person that takes that money is. If there are Indian people who want to know about that, it will be difficult. Indian must come with the lawyer. Although the Indian people named Letti is Sara's cousin.

The shape of policy of White men is not only in order to get profit directly from Indian people actually. They also try to annoy Indian people with changing the tradition of Indian people. They change that tradition with the reason which is correct in White men eyes. Even, that reason cannot

protest also by Indian people. The tradition which is changed by white men is about the burial of Indian people.

By 1922 that tradition was forbidden by Americans were afraid of the invisible lives of germs and bacteria that claimed human flesh as their territory (Hogan 101)

In 1922, white men try to erase the tradition of Indian to do burial. White men give a reason to the Indian that their way to do burial is wrong because white men consider that the burial will make a disease to the other and it will damage the other people also. Indian people cannot refute the argument of white men because that argument is logic. Besides that, white men are seen more educated than Indian until they know about some things which Indians do not know.

From some cases of moral superiority, white men who are influential in the government make a policy in order to protect each other White men and it damages Indian people. This is proven when there is white man who is wrong and breaks the law but the government does not arrest him.

*The Oklahoma state governor had sent in special investigator in response to several request that the investigator had been arrested for taking bribe and than had been pardon by governor( Hogan 85)*

The government can forgive the white man who is done a mistake and it should be arrest him but it is different the government can permit her without get his prisoner. It will be different if Indians who make mistake. Indian must accept their punishment based on white men's law.

So, it can be concluded that moral superiority of white men because they have knowledge and ability to authorize that territory. Besides that, it also uses as a weapon in order to Indians follow their rule until white men can take all of places and may evict Indians from that place.

### 3.1.2 Injustice

When one of groups to be superior, it will make the other groups feels that there is different treatment especially for the groups who is minority and left behind in the district. *Mean Spirit* is one of the portraits injustices which happen to Indian's life. White men treat Indian with unfair. It is because Indians is considered different with them. Injustice makes Indian's life feels oppressed. It also damages them. There are so many injustices which happen to Indians almost in all aspects especially if it is related with law.

There are two kinds of Indians. Full blood Indian and Mixed blood Indian. Injustice happens to Full Indian people because of the new law which is made by White men. The law arranges that the full blood Indian is only get a part of money from the government as salary.

You're a full blood Indian, Graycloud. According to the rolls here." He pointed at the pieces of paper." Full Bloods only get part of their money. you're getting ten per today (Hogan 61)

Full blood Indian is only gets a part of their salary and it has became the law from white men. It also cannot change although Indians want to ask why it can happen and try to ask about the truth. It is only useless.

In fact, it is not only government who gives a part of money for salary to Indian people. It is also obtain to the other White men who want to buy some livestock to White men. It happens to Walker. He is full blood Indian too. He is only getting a part of money from Hale after he sells their livestock.

Walker owed Hale for three breeding horses and some cattle, But because Walker was a full blood Indian and did not receive the full amount of his annuity, he couldn't pay off the debt. (Hogan 65)

Walker sells their breed and cattle to the Hale. But, because of Walker is a full blood Indian make Hale cannot give full money to the walker, Hale is only give Walker part of his money. Although that money is not enough for pay his debt. Even, it will make Indian feels lacked because they cannot get enough money from the government as salary.

Because of the new law from White men about Indian's money, Indian people think that it is correct and they must talk about it to the government in order to delete that new law. However, it does not help them. In fact, the government does not delete the law but the government deletes some Indian people who try to protest in order to loses their money.

The courts had already named at least twenty competent Indian people as incompetent and had already withheld all their money until they were assigned legal guardians (Hogan 62)

All of people Indians who want to get their money must have the certificate competency. If the Indians are considered that they are incompetent, they cannot take their money. The new law of white men is

announced that there are twenty Indians who have got black list from the court. It means that the Indians who get competent certificate will be changed into incompetent people so then they cannot take their money. The money can be gotten again if there are legal guardians from that people.

Not only Indians' money which want to be carried away by white men through the American law in Watona. White men is also try to carry away a freedom of Indian people and hid the truth. It can be known from some of cases in Watona about arresting of Innocent Indian men in order to protect the act of White men. This case happens to Benoit. Benoit is considered as a murderer of Sara without enough evidence. He is arrested by the sheriff at that time because he stands in the outside of Sara's home when the event happens. Besides that, the sheriff says that there are witnesses who is seen that.

“There is witnesses, Benoit Said.” How could someone see what didn't happen?

“Lettie whispered to Benoit, who are the witnesses? did they say?”

Benoit shook his head (Hogan 83).

Benoit accused that he has murdered her wife Sara Blanket. Even, the sheriff who arrests him says that there is a witness. The witness means that someone who know that Benoit to do that. In fact, Benoit does not know about the causes of his house in fire until make his wife is passed away. He is arrested by the sheriff when he sees that event. It is seen more unusual when the sheriff never say who are the witness and no explanation about the witness. Even, the sheriff does not do investigation again. Besides

that, Benoit is also considered that he is the murder of Grace Blanket too. The death of Sara is made like a mistake of Benoit with intentional.

The case that happens to Benoit, it also happen to Indian named Michael Horse. He is also accused by sheriff that he murders the other Indian named John Thomas. It is also seen strange things because there is not enough evidence that Michael Horse is the Murderer.

“say, what’s going on?” she walked up to him, the sheriff close behind her.

“I foresaw the death of John Thomas. Now they think I’m the one who did it (Hogan 111)

Belle suddenly meet Michael Horse walks across in the jail, so belle want to know why Michael Horse in that place. Surprisingly, when Horse says that sheriff arrests him. It is because he is considered as he is a murderer of John Thomas. That accusation is accused by him because Horse wants to see the death of John Thomas in TKP and it is done by him some times after the event happen.

The last injustice which is done by white men is the protection of White men who want to hunt the eagles. The eagles in that time are protected by law and that animal is considered as a holy animal for Indian people.

What she was telling them, they were livid with rage and with fear. Moses looked at her a good long time, his jaw tightening. “where are those hunters?” he sounded so calm that belle was afraid. I’m warning you Moses, don’t interfere. The law’s on their side.” (Hogan 113)



Belle asks to Moses about the hunters, and Moses seem angry and want to search the hunters, but Belle prevent him to do that because Belle know that the Hunters have been protected by the sheriff, even they get a protection from American Law. The Hunters here means that the people who try to hunt eagle in Watona. Belle and Moses are angry and cannot accept the hunters because they are Indian people and Eagle is one of the holy animals for Indian people in Watona.

From all of injustices' cases, it can be strengthened by Indians assumption that White men or government have not been known yet about the exact settlement of Indians.

She realized that white people rarely concerned themselves with Indian Matters that Indians were the shadows people living almost invisibly on the fringes around them and that this shadowy world allowed for strange kinds of freedom. (Hogan 81)

Belle tries to assume the fact that Indian people is not seen by white men although Indian people live around the white men's live. So, she thinks that it is impossible for white men to think and know with their arrival there. Belle also considers that it is unusual freedom because Indians is invisible there. In fact, white men actually always give attention to them. It is because Indians land is really potential to exploit. It is only trick from white men to make Indian feels disappear. So, Indian will not be suspicious to the white men. Besides that, white men also can do anything and authorize Watona like they want.

### 3.1.3 Vulnerability

In this case, it usually happen is caused by one of groups has bad experience such as injury or violence until they will feels angry, worries, fear and unsecure. Indian people as the marginal group in Watona always get oppression from white men with some ways. Of course it hurts them. Although the fact likes that, Indians only try to accept that injury and live in pain. Most of Indian people must restrain their pain because they cannot do anything to fight White men. Because of there is not care with Indian people, it makes White men feels easy to hurt Indian people. So, Indian people will be east to get bad feeling such as angry, disappointed, and oppressed. It can be found from the attitude of Benoit which will be angry to White men because they make a new law which will make life of Indians are difficult. That new law is Indian people cannot take full of their money because of bloods. So, Benoit thinks that the law is almost the same with looting. Benoit cannot accept White men's act.

Benoit was close the tears."They're stealing our lives.we've got to fight them.Why do you just take it?"(Hogan 62)

Benoit is still save his pain in tears. Benoit thinks that White men's law has taken Indian's life and Indian should fight that law and Indians should not only accept that.

Pain of Indian people is not only felt by Benoit, it is felt by all of Indian people in Watona. Indian people feel a lot of pain in their life until each sadness can be mirrored by their appearance.

We have so much pain it's on our faces and our eyes. It's in the clothes we wear (Hogan 75)

There are so many pains which have been received by Indian people because of white men's act. Indians must watch their life will be destroyed by white men with all of tricks. They must watch their house will be carried away by white men, they must watch their families will be murdered by white men, even they must give white men their lands, which the places of Indians try to survive in their life. All of pains which are felt by Indian can be looked from their faces, eyes, and Indians clothes. It is mirrored that Indians must follow the games of white men and they also must lose their identity

Although, Indian people must get the pain from White men, live in the silent life is one of the best way for Indian people in order to still survive and live with peaceful in Watona. Indians must receive all of the sadness in their life because they realize the government never cares with them or try to protect them from the wrong treatment.

They might be cheated, but they still had life, and until only recently, even that was not guaranteed under the American laws, so they remained trapped, silent, and wary (Hogan 63)

The word *They* is indicated to Indian people. Indian people choose safe their pain because they want to have a life in Watona. If they live in motionless, they will be secure. It is not because they cannot fight them, but they know that they will be defeated. White men will be winning if Indians

try to fight white men because American law (government) is in the white men sides. American law will be considered that they are in wrong sides with some reason which is suitable with their legal rules.

#### **3.1.4 Distrust**

As marginal group in Watona, government and the American laws have overridden Indian people's Importance. Government is seldom to hear Indian people voice, even they never been heard. That is why, Indian don not want to ask about their feeling or their experience about white men's act to make their life like live in hell. Indian people do not trust that their rights will be struggled by government who most of them are white men. Besides that Indian people know that all of thongs which is done by White men to Indian people is not true. Moreover, the law which is made is only for destroying Indian people in Watona.

In this case, Indian people are not trust to White men since there are so many Indian people suddenly pass away without clarity and some of White men try to close that cases because it will be considered as suicide or disease although it is not seen like that . It is included the death of Grace Blanket. Actually, the sheriff is considered that Grace is suicide but in fact, there are witnesses when Grace Blanket is murdered. The witnesses are Nola and Rena. Both of girls know that Grace is murdered by someone who drive black car. However, although Belle knows that there are witnesses which are seen Grace's murder, she does not talk to the sheriff at that time.

It is because Belle realizes that the sheriff will not protect them. Moreover, the girls do not safe if the murderer know about that.

Belle was alarmed, what are you doing?"  
 He answered slowly, "I'd better go talk the sheriff.  
 She put up her hand to stop him. "I don't think you should."  
 He was puzzled. "why not?"  
 She hesitated. She was weary and hoped she wasn't making mistake. "because Moses the killers didn't see the girls. I'm afraid that if they knew there were witnesses, they might come looking for them." (Hogan 28)

Moses wants to talk about the witnesses to the Sheriff but Belle prevents him. It is because Belle feels afraid that the confession of Moses to sheriff will be heard by the murder and the murder will look for Nola and Rena. Actually, it does not problem if the American Law in the Indians sides and the law will protect Nola and Rena. In fact, almost the sheriff at that place comes from white men and they will not make the girls in secure. So that Belle does not believe that ask to the sheriff is the best way.

The other murder is also happen to Indian people named Walker. Walker is the rancher. He is also suddenly died. Indian people think that the death of Walker is unusual. So, they come to Doctor Black to get the answer. Doctor Black is White men. He is one of White men who are believed by Indian People. Unluckily, since the death of Walker, Indian people do not believe again because Doctor Black has lied about the causes of Walker's dead. He says that Walker pass away because of disease which is the effect of drink although the fact is Walker is not drinker.

And most of the Indian people lost trust in the whites, so they stopped seeing Doctor Black for their illness and pains” the death of walker didn’t rest well with any of them. They believed the brandy drinking Doc black was involved, or at least had lied about the cause of death, and that he was in with those who conspired against them (Hogan 170)

Indian people distrust Doctor Black when he talks about the cause of Walker’s dead. It is because he has lied about the causes of walker’s death. It is such as conspiracy between White men to fight Indian people. The death of Walker is made because of drinking although in fact Walker is not drinker.

White men not only try to hid the motive and change the causes of the Indian people’s murder. White men also accuse innocent man as the murder. Of course, the man comes from Indians too in order to shift the true murder comes from White men. Even, the sheriff who arrests that man will say that there is witness although there is not enough evidence. This case happens to Benoit. Benoit is considered as the murderer of his wife named Sara Blanket. The sheriffs who arrest him say that there is a witness. Although, the sheriff does not mention who is the witness.

Lettie whispered to Benoit, “who are the witnesses?Did they say?”

Benoit shook his head.

“Benoit, no one believes you did it.” (Hogan 83)

Although, the sheriff declares that Benoit is a murder of Sara Blanket, Lettie convince to Benoit that the people do not believe that especially Indian people. It is because the sheriff does not have evidence.

The sheriff declares Benoit as the murderer is only because he meets Benoit in outside of house when the fire depletes his house. Besides that, the other reason is because of Benoit has affair with Lettie. It cannot be permitted in Legal law of white men. Actually, it is like tricks of White men to remove Benoit because if Sara passed away, he will take all of Sara's money and White men are still difficult to claim Sara's land.

Besides reasoning above, the Indian people do not trust to White men because they have the other law which is used by Indian people in territory although this law is illegal because it does not come from White men's rule and policy.

Indian people believed an Innocent man was being held for the murder of two women and that the man had few rights, at least by interpretation of the law in Indian Territory (Hogan 95)

It is shown that Indian people is not believe or distrust to the sheriff who arrest Benoit as the Murderer of two Indians women. Indian people with their law believe that Benoit does not get his rights to assist his self. Indian people trust that Benoit is not wrong.

### **3.1.5 Helplessness**

Indian helplessness happens because there is no power for fight White men in order to survive in Watona. Fight here does not define that Indian must be war, it defines that Indian can fight all of tricks which is done by white men. The main factor of helplessness in this story is there is no law which will help them to solve their problem in Watona. The law

here is American law. In this case, Indian people have tried to talk the truth to the sheriff or government about the problems which happen to them but there is no result from that. It can be seen when Benoit come to the jail and meet the sheriff to talk about the death of Grace. Benoit suggests to the sheriff in order to investigate again because may be there is witness.

However, the sheriff refuse to do that and Benoit go home without result.

“What about witnesses?” Benoid said, trying to remain calm. Did you wonder about that?”

“No one’s come forward. If there were witnesses, they haven’t talked as of yet.”

Benoit eyed him suspiciously. He sensed that if he breathed a word about the black buick, he’d be in over his own head. So he turned, still red faced, and walked away from the jail in frustration (Hogan 41)

In this case, Benoit tries to talk with sheriff about the witnesses of Grace murdered. Benoit does it in order to make sheriff does the deep investigation and disbelieve that Grace is suicide. However, the sheriff refuses to do that, because if there is no one talks about the witnesses. Benoit just silent after hearing the statement from the sheriff and he goes away from the jail. Benoit thinks that it can be useless to continue his conversation with the sheriff because he realizes that the sheriff never want to do investigation for Indian people. The sheriff just gives priority to white men.

From the cases of Benoit, it can be seen that Indian people want to get a help from American law, but it looks like meaningless. It is because there is no response from the government although Indian people try to meet



the president in Washington D C. So that Indian people feels tired to look for a help, and they choose do nothing.

Many of them taken up their needs and losses with the government. Some of them had even gone to washington D.C to talk with the president who refused a hearing with them( Hogan 61)

Indian people want to protest to the government especially the president in Washington D.C. It is because they do not get their money and their needs. In fact, the president refuses to hear Indian's voice.

How can the president refuse the voice of Indian. Again and again, it can happen because Indian is only a group of people which is not seen by government. Indian people also are not considered as citizen. So, they cannot do anything except receive all of things. They cannot protest, they cannot complain and they cannot demand anything. Indian people also realize that it is still fortune to them scan alive there.

### **3.2 Kind of Conflicts between White Men and Indians.**

There are five factors which have discussed above; it can be determined kind of conflicts which happen between white men and Indians in Watona. Kind of conflicts here are caused by hegemony domination by white men. It is referred to Postcolonial theory especially Orientalism. Orientalism is usually defined as all of assumption about colonization which is related with western. Said (3) stated that Orientalism is how the orientalist representation function to reimpose colonial domination.

Orientalism in Linda Hogan's *Mean Spirit* is seen by the domination of White men as colonizer in Watona. Indirectly, all of things is authorized and arranged by them. Indian do not realize about that. It is because the colonial domination is not war shape. The colonization is done by white men through some intrigues in some aspect such as economy, law, or culture. It happens because life of white men is more modernistic than Indian. Besides that, the way of white men thought is really different with Indian.

Because of the hegemony domination which have been done by White Men in Watona to Indian people, so some conflict happen there. Some of Conflicts can cover as follow:

### **3.2.1 Economical Conflict**

Economical Conflict happens because of the self interest by white men to dominate Watona in Economical aspect. Surely, it will be related with finance or to get money. It is because White men know that there are so many natural resources which will give them a lot of benefits. White men can do it easily because they can act on behalf of America Policy. Directly, Indian people cannot protest or oppose that.

In order to dominate in Economical Aspect in Watona, White Men have done some acts. The first act of White men is they have claimed some lands in Watona which have a lot of benefits and potentials for their life.

In early 1900s each Indian had been given their choice of any parcel of land not already claimed by the white Americans. Those pieces of land were called Allotments (Hogan 08).

From statement above it can be shown that White men have been claimed some lands and Indian only get the residue land which is considered by white men as useless land or there is just a little potential thing to get there.

Besides claiming some lands in Watona and give Indian people only residue land, white men also appropriate to take back or reclaim the land which have attracted to them. It is usually the potential land.

The thing about D.C , Stace thought was that it was a swampland if it had not been for persistence of American Government and the constant cutting back of the land, their world marble and stone would be overgrown by all the green life that want to reclaim this place.(Hogan 85)

It means that, white men can reclaim the land because they have American government in their sides. So, they feel so easy to get that potential land again from Indian people.

Furthermore, to reclaim the land of Indian people, White men have murdered some of Indian people who are called Oilman. Oilman here means that the Indian is having a land which is really potential to business and produce high financial. It is because, White men will difficult to reclaim Indian's land if the owner still alive. One of the murdered happens to Indians women named Grace Blanket. She is one of the Oilmen in Watona. Even, she is Indian people who can find and know about Oil lands in that territory for the first time.

She wanted to read the deep night and decipher the story of what had happened to Grace Blanket. She believed it was a plot since Grace's land was worth so much in oil (Hogan 29).

The murdered of Grace Blanket is believed that because of her land which has so much oil. So, White Men who know about that land want to reclaim Grace's land in Watona.

After Grace Blanket has passed away, white men cannot reclaim Grace's land directly. It is because Grace has two daughters named Nola and Sara. As the oldest, Sara can take their inheritance and to be oilman like her mother. Unluckily, the fate of Sara is the same with her mom also. She is murdered by White men and her land can claim by white men because she does not have children as legatee.

Mrs Inman, "we heard a noise around midnight. Sara wheeled her chair over to look outside the window (Hogan 79)

"It's funny," she said but when I opened the window a little wider, the black summer moth and insect flew inside. They floated toward the lamplight. I thought, how lovely they are. How beautiful. They were large as bird. They looked like they were swimming. And then, just as I saw them, there was the loud blast (Hogan 80)

Here, it can be imagined that before the blast or fire happen, Sara and Mrs Inman hear crowded sounds in the outside and when they see from the window, they feel that there is unique things which is flying with beautiful and not longer it change to be loud of blast. It may be such as kinds of boom. It also can be known that Sara Blanket is murdered expressly. Of course it is because Sara's land and Sara's wealth

Because of there are a lot of Indians' land which have potential, it make Indian women is rich and they have so much money. So, White men must have alternative way to dominate economical aspect in Watona. It is because not enough for White men to claim a part of land in Watona or it is also impossible if they must murder all of Indian Women. The alternative way is marry with Indians' Women who is rich in territory. The target of white men is usually mixed blood. Again and again, Grace is the first target for White men because she is the richest ones and she is mixed blood.

She finally said and that was true enough since Grace was beautiful. But even more than that, marriages with Indian women benefited white men financially. An Indian agent in Watona, Oklahoma, frequently received letter (Hogan 34).

She has met some white men who want to marry with her. Of course the white men feel interested to her not only because of her beautiful face. The main reason of white men interested because they want to take the wealthy of Grace and it will be the benefit for white men life.

Not only Grace Blanket who is target for white men, the daughter of Grace Blanket named Nola is the target also. It is because Nola has a part of Grace's wealth. So, although Nola is still under sixteenth, there are so many white men who look for her and want to be her husband.

“she needs protection now. With Grace gone, Nola is one of the richest. If not the richest, Indian in territory.”

“we're going to keep her here,” Belle said, without giving louise a chance to argue over the girl.

“But every fortune-seeker in the country will come around here wanting to rub elbows with a rich Indian girls, Louise said. (Hogan 35)

Nola is a richest girl too because of her mother is rich. So that, it will make her life is not safe because there are so many white men will come to look for Nola in order to get married with her. Of course, it makes white men feel so lucky if they can marry with Nola. Besides that, the white men who will marry Nola can use all of the Nola’s wealthy and make their life happy.

Marry with Grace Blanket, Nola or the other Indian woman who is rich is only self interest from white men in order to make their life are better especially in finance. They also think than Indian women is only business for them. The word *Business* here means will give them so many profits.

The women were business investments. Another white man, when asked what he did for living, said by way of an answer that he’d married an Osage Women, and everyone who listened understood what that meant, that he didn’t work. He lived off her money (Hogan 34)

The Indian woman is only considered as business for white men. So, being married with Indian women is only in order to have good life and they can fulfill what they needs from his wife, Indian women. So, white men can live without hard working and comfortable.

### **3.2.2 Political Conflict**

Political conflict happens because White men want to introduce their culture to Indian people. Even, they want to change and erase Indian’s

culture. So, White men's culture will be dominant in Watona. White men try to do that through the law which is made by them and make their planning to be easy.

Introducing of White men's culture (westernization) must be learned by Indian people since they are still childhood. The children are about sixteen who must go to White men's boarding school. Indian people cannot oppose this one's because the effect will be bad.

All the Hill children under sixteen have to go to boarding school down in Custer, Oklahoma.”

But according to this recent law, if the families resisted, the children would be made wards of the state and removed permanently from their home (Hogan 35).

It is like obligation for Indian to go to boarding school. Besides that, it also can be motive of white men to evict the young generation of Indian indirectly if the families disagree. According that law which is made by white men, it must be done by Hill Indian in order to learn about white men's life such as culture and law.

Not only in Watona, must Indian people learn about White men's culture, in the other tribes, it happens too. Even, the policy will force Indian people to do that.

In the other tribes, Belle knew the authorities had hunted down hidden children and taken them, lifted them up, screaming, from the ground, and carried them away from their families so that they would learn the cultured, civilized ways of the Americans (Hogan 36).

In the other tribes, their children have been sent to the far place in order to learn culture and the way of white men life. Even, the children will be taken and carry away directly.

As the result of the policy from American Law in which the Indian children must learn culture and civilize of white man make Indian woman named Louise is prefer to White men's culture than Indian culture.

Although, Louise is a full blood Indian.

Louise still didn't understand, but Belle was tired of her daughter's arguments and of how she rejected everything Indian, and as she herself had said ,” I love Everything European.” (Hogan 35)

Louise is an Indian woman who likes to white men's life. She loves all of things which are related with European. Even, she has rejected all about Indians because it cannot be suitable with their life. The way she thought almost like white men.

Furthermore, it is not only happens to Louise. It almost happens to all of Indian people. They have been contaminated by White men. This contamination is not only in mindset shape. It also can be seen from Indian Women styles which imitate White Woman.

Some of them wore make up that was paler than their faces, imitating the white women's pictures in magazines, but Michael Horse wasn't fooled, they were Indians (Hogan 12)

Here, it shows that Indian people especially women try to be white women. It start to make their appearance is not natural like Indian Women



generally. They use a lot of make up in order to her face skin is not red but white.

The successful of White men to influence most of Indian people in Watona through culture aspect and civilize aspect. It makes White men declare that the Legal Law comes from white men although it is not suitable with Indian's rules.

The term "legal" only meant it was a marriage recognized in the name of white law and not necessarily recognized by Indians( Hogan 47)

A marriage in Watona must follow the law of white men rules. If it does not, the marriage is considered as illegal and it will be forbidden and it will emerge a problem.

### **3.2.3 Racial Conflict**

Racial conflict is usually related with discrimination race. It is because there are distinguishes between one race with the other race. Furthermore, when the discrimination happens, there will get injury or pain. So, in this thesis racial conflict happen because White Men want to dominate all of lands in Watona. So, White men hurt Indian people in order to make all of Indian people go away from their territory. The white men's way to do that is murdered most of Indian people.

Then, another man, an Indian railroad worker, was found beaten to death near the oil workers' makeshift housing settlement right after oil had been found on his land. There were no suspect (Hogan 39).

Here, it can be shown that Indian people who know that their land has potential oil will be died suddenly. It must because of a murder actually because the death of Indian oilman is not natural when he is found. However, it is considered as usual thing in Watona. There is no one feels suspicious even the sheriff also. It looks like covered with intentional by someone.

In other sides, a murder of Indian People will be considered as their mistake because the corpse is seen suicide. So, the sheriff at that place will believe about that directly. The sheriff is coming from White men. This case happens to Grace Blanket. Although, the reality is impossible for Indian people is suicide because that is banned in Indian law.

Whoever shot Grace in the heart want it to look like suicide, even though suicide had never been a way out of life for Watona's Indian People (Hogan 41)

It will be seen that Indian people will not be suicide because it does not their belief in Watona. So, there is something wrong in Grace Blanket's death.

Although, the death of some Indian people is unusual, the government especially the Sheriff does not investigate that case because they are not care with Indian people. It is also because there is discrimination between White men and Indian. So, the cases about Indian people will be ignored. It can be known when Benoit (Indian people) tries to convince the sheriff in Watona in order to do Investigation about Grace Blanket's death.

I know she wasn't drunk. Someone drenched her with whiskey."

"what's the point, Benoit?"

"I think we should have an Investigation."

"Benoit, " Sheriff Gold said." She had a fight just Saturday night. I saw it with my own eyes (Hogan 41)

The sheriff at that time only believes with what he looks. The sheriff does not investigate again to look for the truth and evidence about the death of Grace Blanket. The sheriff judge that the reason because of suicide although the fact is not because of that.

Furthermore, Stace who is like detective in Washington D.C feels suspicious because the law does not do anything about this case. Besides that Stace thinks that there is crime conspiracy.

*"There was a special investigation," Stace said.*

*"If there was, I haven't heard it. Where do you get these things?" He sat down." Besides, you can't every hint of a crime conspiracy.(86)*

Each murder in Watona is seen orderly until it will be difficult to guess the motive of the murder even that is the murder. The murder and the government is look like partner to close these cases.

### **3.3 The Impact of Conflicts for Indians' Life**

From the discussion above, it is impossible that colonization can give good effect for the colony. It is because the motif of colonizer itself wants to claim lands of the other and to be ruler in that place. Surely, the colony usually wants to survive and the colonizer wants to evict the colony.

So that there will be so many conflicts which happen in that place between the colony and colonizer. The impact of conflict itself can be shown by feeling of the colony. It also can be seen from the act of colony to confront the problems. Colony will survive at that place and appropriate to drive out the colonizer or the colony must move on the other place.

In *Mean Spirit*, some conflicts happen between Indian and white men. It is because white men use some tricks to ruin Indian's life and evict them from territory. Conflicts which happen between white men and Indians, make Indian people feels worry, fear, oppressed, and annoyed. One of conflict which is done by white men give the deep injury for Indian people is some Indian People who are murdered and the law does not want to investigate that cases. Moreover, Indian people also who is accused as the murderer without clear evident.

“That’s what I thought. What happen this time?  
Grace Blanket’s been killed,”he told her  
“Everyone’s always getting killed,”ona Said (Hogan 33)

After one of Indian women is passed away because of murder but it looks like suicide and the sheriff do not agree to do a deep Investigation about that, the older Indian says that all of Indian people will be killed like Grace. Of course it makes the other Indian people feel oppressed.

As it was, they felt helpless and depressed. Moses slept with a rifle beside the bed. Belle argued with Moses to leave the territory.  
“Listen to reason,” she told him. “We’re in danger here.” (Hogan 241)

Belle feels depressed and feels in danger and she want to leave territory. It is because Belle cannot restrain the suffering after she sees some tricks from the white men and she know that it will be more conflict after that and it does not make Indian's life in peace. White men also will always attack Indian's life.

The Indian people wanted, with all their hearts, nothing more than to be left alone and in peace. They wanted it so much they turned their minds away from the truth and looked in the other direction (Hogan40)

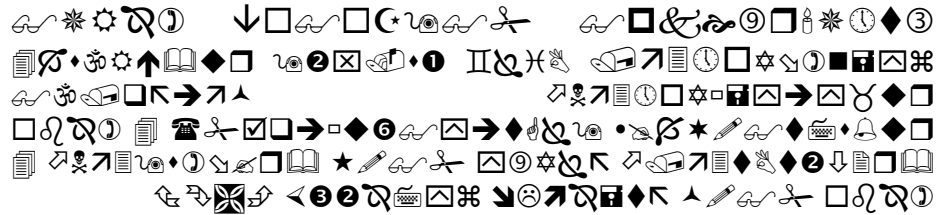
Indian people feel that they are in the bad condition and situation. They want that they can live back only with their group without white men in order that they can live with peaceful. They feel so bad until they want to leave the truth. It happens because they feel that it may help them to go off from the problems which happen.

At the end, Indian people feel that they cannot live in their territory again because they feel tired with white men treatment. They also feel tired with the conflicts which happen to them. They only want to live in simple way and in peace like before.

There was nothing to do. The world had turned under and over, and now they were left, let go on, to survive (Hogan 344)

It means that Indian people think that there is no the other choice for them except selling their land and living in the other place. Those are the only ways to make them survive.

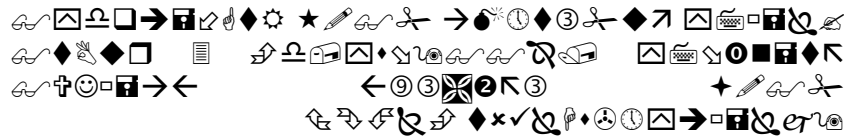
In Muslim point of view, the cases like in *Mean Spirit* should not happen because all human in the world is families. So that, there is no distinguish between race and between people. It is written in the Qur'an, AL Hujurat 13:



O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted.

It can be shown that Allah create human (woman and man), and they live in the other place, the other race and the other country in order to recognize and know each other not to hurt each other. So, it is better if white men come to Watona to introduce each other and becomes partnerships.

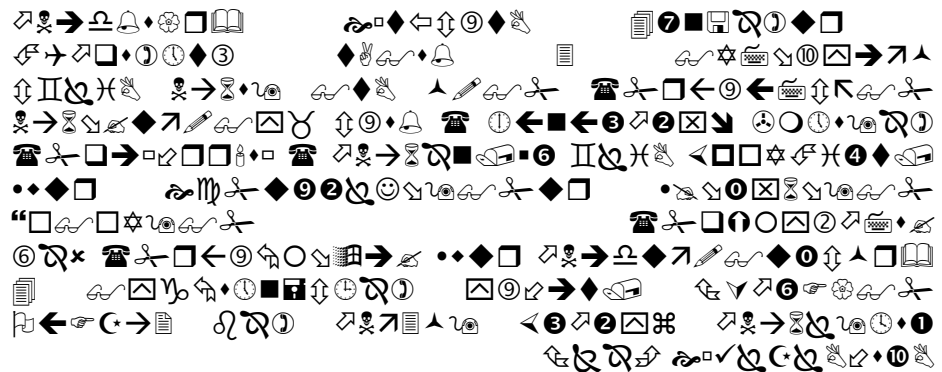
Besides that, it must be ignorant if there is injustice in a place and it happens to the people. It is not good if one of people must feel weak because there is no justice for them until they feel unsecure.



These are the verses of Allah . We recite them to you, [Muhammad], in truth; and Allah wants no injustice to the worlds.(Al imron 108)

Here, it can explain that Muslim teach us that injustice must be erased from the world because it is only give disadvantages. Besides that all of people should be have the same right. So, white men treatments to Indian are incorrect because they are the same. They are human and they are having the same right to get a justice.

In the last one, it is importance that there is equality in the world. Besides that, all of things must be appropriate with the fact. It should be not take something from the other directly or try to give a part of possession of someone such as white men do. White men only give part of money of Indian people salary because of blood.



And to [the people of] Madyan [We sent] their brother Shu'ayb. He said, "O my people, worship Allah ; you have no deity other than Him. There has come to you clear evidence from your Lord. So fulfill the measure and weight and do not deprive people of their due and cause not corruption upon the earth after its reformation. That is better for you, if you should be believers.(Al A'raf 85)

It is shown that it is better if we give all of things such as money to the other with appropriate. Do not alleviate that because there is punishment for people who take the right of the other