

## CHAPTER IV

### CONCLUSION

The result of this study is based on the discussion in the previous chapter shows that the researcher chooses *A Thousand Splendid Suns* with Mariam as the main character as the subject for the thesis entitled *A Study of Mariam's Sacrifice in Khaled Hosseini's A Thousand Splendid Suns*. The researcher selects this theme because he finds that there are Mariam's sacrifice to Laila and Laila's children. When Mariam is child, she lives with her mother named Nana in the Kolba and her father named Jalil lives in the Herat. Mariam loved Jalil very much because she never really has a whole figure of a father. Finally she leaved her mother and go to Jalil's house. Her mother who previously did not give permission, she is disappointed to Mariam and she decides to commit suicide. Mariam was forced by Jalil to marry with Rasheed after Nana dies.

Mariam was not pretty yet she was pleasant. She is Jalil's illegitimate child with Nana. Mariam has great respect for her mother. She was a thoughtful child because she does not want to interrupt Nana's hatred against Jalil, and she will keep it to herself because Mariam is a reclusive child. She will devote her heart only to the nearest person. Mariam is also a child who has great expectations; she wants to get the same life as her father's other children. Mariam was a good girl; she does not want to say the words that offend everyone. Mariam actually possesses compassion to

everyone. She is a woman who cares about other people around her. She even will do everything she can to help people whom she loves no matter what the consequences will be. But Mariam will be silent and only shed tears if she gets disappointed.

Mariam decides to sacrifice her marriage with Rasheed. Mariam is willing if Laila will be married to her husband, Rasheed. She cannot let Laila live alone in a city full of bombs because Laila will die. According to human basic structures of psychoanalysis theory by Freud, Mariam's sacrifice is in the middle human basic structures, the ego. Actually Mariam disagrees if Rasheed marries Laila but Mariam cannot bear to see Laila is being expelled from Rasheed's house. The condition puts her in difficult decision. Eventually, her ego guides her to provide a solution or a middle way that Mariam sacrifices her marital life by letting her husband marry Laila.

Meanwhile, Mariam also sacrifices her life to help Aziza and Zalmi, they are Laila's children. She has to do the sacrifice because her husband, Rasheed, will hit them if he is angry. Mariam becomes very close to Laila. Mariam regards Laila as her own sister and Laila's children as her children too. So, Mariam feels pity and she does not want to see the person whom she loves is always being hurt by Rasheed. Even Mariam was willing to kill her husband with a shovel because the last way for her to stop Rasheed because he will kill them. Just like the previous case, Mariam's decision to kill Rasheed represents her ego. Mariam kills Rasheed with the awareness that she will be condemned to death.

Finally, it is concluded that Mariam will help her beloved persons and sacrifice her life for them. She never expects that her life will be like this. Mariam regrets knowing that what she does is wrong. But she more regretful because she will no longer be able to meet the people she loves again. Mariam feels happy with all happening in her life because she got love from people who are not suspected by her, she does not regret to be living in the world as a Harami.

