

CHAPTER THREE

CONCLUSION

Having analyzed the novel, I am of the opinion that Griffin's ambition in achieving the greatest scientific invention in order to get people's appraisal is the most essential part of the story. It is a story about man's strange desire to be "something" and it has driven him completely insane. It is all because of his "invisibility". As a person, Griffin has always been ignored by other people. Being an albino is definitely unfortunate for Griffin, or at least he thought it was. He is an albino scientist who describes himself as "invisible" to most people even when he is a normal man. Growing up as an outcast is the thing Griffin has to deal with regularly in his daily life because he thinks that no one ever notices him. That is why he feels that he should be "someone" to make himself "visible" to other people. Griffin's intention is to get people's attention as well as recognition by having the appearance of a man who looks to gain notoriety and fame as the first scientist to figure out how to discover invisibility scientifically. His ego needs to be fulfilled and he would do it in his way, whether it is right or wrong.

It is quite understandable, although Griffin is an unattractive weird albino, that he still has some ability. He is a genius and is really passionate for science. It is really naïve of him to think that being a genius, he could be admired by others. Things do not go his way: as soon as he has found the invention of the ability to be invisible, he suddenly wants more. It is his human nature, and Griffin is a man who is never satisfied. Being invisible literally is the way to make him “visible” and he is as if being seen on the map, next ruling the world of science later on fame and fortune and at last ruling the world.

As I read the novel I feel really connected to Griffin’s character and feel his pain. In our day and age, a man like this would be labeled a threat to society such as a terrorist. Being invisible, Griffin finds power in his invention. Yet, he does not find that power comes at a great cost which is the inability to live his life with any sense of normalcy. Everyday activities such as eating and dressing in clothes become immediate markers of his existence, for these items are visible to everyone and they cause panic among people seeing unassimilated food floating in air. I find the protagonist, Griffin as the invisible man, to be a selfish individual for he does not think of the effects of his great ambition as being a disadvantage for people around him.

Unfortunately, Griffin is unable to find the remedy to his new physical condition. The longer Griffin remains invisible, the more lonely and isolated he becomes and the more violent and enraged he becomes too. From mischief to murder, the irony that follows the Invisible Man is how in his attempts to match his invention with his life personally. He becomes more “visible” to the outside world even though they can no longer see him, making it impossible for him to

exist quietly and comfortably. People's fear of his invisibility eventually drives him mad and makes him embark on a new mission to use his invisibility to seek revenge through a reign of terror over those who would try to stop or deceive him. Griffin confides all of this to a former schoolmate, whose deception ultimately ends in Griffin's end. He is not a victim or handicapped by an accident. Still, he is a self-made monster, not only in appearance or shadow, but also in speech and deed.

Having analyzed the novel, I have learned so much especially from the theme and also from the protagonist. As far as I know, being an ambitious person and having an ambition can be good because it means we think a few steps ahead. But if we become excessively ambitious, it will be no good for us because we may cause disadvantage to people around us and sooner or later it will be to our own disadvantage. In studying the protagonist himself, I find that Griffin is an interesting character. He is not only described as a genius scientist, but he is also an outcast. Besides, I believe that in the real world, we can find other "Griffins" who sacrifice their life for their ambition.