

CHAPTER THREE

CONCLUSION

After I finished reading and analyzing the novel, I conclude that Tom Clancy is very skillful in creating such a good story. He creates a story that is full of actions and investigations. In addition to that, he is very good at raising the readers' tension and curiosity. This makes the story have a good element of plot.

After analyzing the elements of plot, I am of the opinion that one of the important parts in this book is the suspense, especially the second and third suspense. The second suspense is how Op-Center will solve the Father Bradbury's abduction by sending a small team, Striker, whose mission is to investigate the case secretly by infiltrating the abductors to rescue Father Bradbury. The team only consists of three people and none of them has military background, except a female member named Maria Corneja, who has had an experience with an abduction case before. This situation raises a question in the readers' mind on whether the team will manage to accomplish the mission to rescue the priest successfully or if they will fail their mission, because it is mentioned in the story that the abductors is a professional group of soldiers in Botswana named Brush

Viper. This suspense is the core of the story, because after the readers learn the fact that the rescuer, Striker team, only consists of three members, the readers will be eager to know what will happen afterward. As both the quality and the quantity of the Striker team make the readers wonder how they can manage to succeed their mission, this also raises the readers' curiosity.

The third suspense is about the murder of Bishop Max by an unknown killer and the murder of the killer himself by an unknown person who waits in a small plane. One of Striker team members, Maria Corneja, witnesses the incident and sees Leon Seronga and his partner try to catch the killer. It creates question to the readers about the identity of Bishop Max's killer and their motive. This suspense will raise tension and curiosity. The reader will read further to reveal the mystery.

Another important part in this book is the surprise. In my opinion, the second surprise is good, because it answers the readers' question on the second suspense. The Striker team finally manages to infiltrate Brush Viper. They succeed in making an agreement with Leon. Maria from Striker team agrees to help Leon and his team to prove that Brush viper is not the one who is responsible for Bishop Max's death. In return, Brush Viper must release Father Bradbury. The readers will not expect that Striker team will use that way to infiltrate the Brush Viper and create such an agreement. The fourth surprise also answers the readers' question on the third suspense. The readers finally learn about the existence of a third party, which turns out to be Japanese agents. They want to frame Dhamballa, Leon Seronga and Brush Viper by killing Bishop Max.

As for the artistic unity, I find that all suspense is answered by the surprises. Each of them has plausibility that can be accepted by the readers. One example of artistic unity which has good plausibility is the second suspense and third surprise. The Striker team has a lot of information that others do not have, which makes them able to know every situation which happens in Botswana and use it to their advantage. One of Striker team members, Maria, makes an agreement with Leon, whose team is framed for Bishop Max's murder. Because of the agreement, the Striker team can finally rescue Father Bradbury. The readers will find it plausible as even though it seems impossible at first to infiltrate the group of professional soldiers with only three people without military background, as the story goes the readers will find a lot of incidents in the story which enable Striker team to use them as a tool to infiltrate and offer such an agreement.

In my opinion, Tom Clancy's success in writing this novel has come from the interesting subject of the novel and the good development of the plot, especially the suspense. Tom Clancy can write such a story in which the solution is held back in order to raise the readers' tension. He can lead the readers to a point where they will always wonder what will happen next to the story.

Based on my analysis above, I can say that *Mission of Honor* is a good novel. It tells about an effort to save a missionary who is abducted by a group of African Militiamen. Op-Center, which sends its special team, Striker, investigates and finds that the real purpose of the abduction. The actions and investigations in the storyline give the readers the feeling of suspense and surprise. As a result, the readers will find that the suspense and surprises in the artistic unity are acceptable and believable. It makes the novel worth reading.