

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

As a kid, Simon's needs in aspects of personality development are not met. Simon's parents do not raise him well from a young age because of his mother's passing and his father's excessive workload, so he lacks adequate parental attention as a child. His feeling of being neglected is also supported by his birth order in the family as the oldest child. He feels pressure as the oldest brother who must serve as an example and a leader for his younger siblings. Because of this, Simon lacks social interest; he tries to control the situation around him, and he consequently also harms others, such as the nannies who he does not feel comfortable working with. All of Simon's mischievous behavior is purely an act of self-preservation against feelings of inferiority brought on by unrealized potential for mental growth during childhood.

Along with, the influence of Nanny McPhee's presence also indirectly helps Simon meet his psychological needs. This can be seen from McPhee's steps in making Simon aware of the importance of socializing positively. Simon's rebellious behavior, such as messing up the kitchen, arguing, and bothering other people, illustrates Simon's form of inferiority caused by the death of his mother and the lack of care and attention from his father. He makes a fortress of fear by acting rebellious so that no one else can acquire him. This of course disrupts the course of Simon's moral development, which is still at the stage of emotional growth.

Simon's character evolves throughout the story with the help of five lessons by Nanny McPhee. The lessons assist Simon to grow and change character in a good way. At the first lesson, symptom of his inferiority and superiority complex still dominate Simon's character. He always thinks that he is the controller and protector of his siblings, and deep down he also feels unsure of himself. Throughout the five lessons, Simon realizes that his negative and rebellious attitude sometimes exacerbates problems in the family. The conflicts in Simon's life also teaches him that in order to live his life, there are moments when he can rely on himself and does not have to always depend on someone else. Simon lets herself grow after everything he has been going through. His personality evolves in positive ways. Being more mature at the end of the story, the rebellious boy becomes a responsible and dependable teenager with the support of his family and Nanny McPhee.