

## CHAPTER IV

### CONCLUSION

This research thesis is entitled “Pippa Fitz-Amobi’s Journey to be a Detective Hero in Holly Jackson’s *A Good Girl’s Guide to Murder* (2019)”. It discusses Pip’s journey from just being a curiosity-driven high school student who is trying to investigate a closed murder case for her project to a courageous and resilient investigator through the lens of Vogler’s Hero’s Journey theory.

Pip’s character growth throughout the story can be analyzed by both intrinsic and extrinsic elements. As the main character of the novel, Pip is a character who possesses a multifaceted and driven personality. This drives her to uncover the truth behind the murder case. Externally, her determination is fueled by a strong desire for justice, a need to honour a friend's memory, and a personal drive to prove herself right. These motivations propel her forward despite significant challenges.

Pip grapples with both internal and external conflicts. Deep down she struggles with self-doubt and questions the morality of her actions, constantly weighing the risks and benefits of her investigation. Apart from that, she also faces opposition from her parents, who fear for her safety and disapprove of her involvement in a dangerous investigation.

The setting in the novel intricately supports Pip’s investigation and character development. Little Kilton provides a vivid backdrop, anchoring the narrative with specific locations like Andie Bell’s disappearance. The temporal

setting of April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012, indicates the emergence of the case and Pip's determined pursuit of justice, while societal tensions, especially around the stigmatized Singh family, highlight themes of prejudice and resilience as Pip challenges community norms.

Throughout her journey, Pip transitions into a detective hero, facing numerous challenges that test her physical, emotional, and mental limits. According to Vogler's Hero's Journey theory, Pip's path mirrors this classic narrative structure. She starts in her Ordinary World, receives a Call to Adventure, and initially refuses the call due to fear and uncertainty. With the help of mentors and allies, she crosses the threshold into the unknown, faces tests, allies, and enemies, and approaches the innermost cave of her investigation. The ordeal she confronts pushes her to her limits, but through resilience and determination, she emerges with the reward of truth and justice.

The impacts of Pip's heroic transformation are profound. She earns validation for her investigative efforts, gaining recognition and respect from those around her. Her resilience is strengthened as she learns to confront and overcome significant obstacles. Additionally, Pip undergoes significant personal growth and self-discovery, acknowledging her vulnerabilities and limitations while gaining a deeper understanding of herself and her capabilities.