# CHAPTER III

# RESEARCH OBJECT AND METHOD

This chapter explains about the research object and method that are used in this research. Research object tells about object which is being observed in this research. And research method discuss about data collecting technique and data analysis technique.

## 3.1 Research Object

This research object is discussed about the identity changing that experienced by Maqil, a main character in "The Flying Man" novel. The changing can be seen from his name and his performance. His identity changing is happened because he is adapting to cultural identity in the visited places.

## 3.2 Research Method

The research method that use in this research is descriptive method. According to the research object which is a novel, descriptive method is a correct method. It is used to give description and explanation about an issue that happens in the novel.

It is mentioned in Kothari (2004: 33) Descriptive research concerned with the describing the characteristic of particular individual, or a group. This method is including surveys and fact finding enquiries of different kinds. The major purpose of descriptive research is describing of the state or affairs as it exists at present.

This research is concerned to a character which becomes the main character in the story. The character has experienced changing in his identity. Such condition which happens in the main character becomes the main concerned of this research.

### 3.2.1 Data Collection

The data collecting technique in this research do by read the whole novel, with read the novel the writer is purposed to comprehend the issue that happens in the novel and be understood about the issue. After read the novel, and observes about issue that happened in the novel, in this research is observed about identity changing and its factors. Then the next step is classifying the data based identity changing which appear in the novel. Therefore the data will collect according to it classification.

### 3.2.2 Data Analysis

After collects and choose the data, then the data will be analyzed about the identity changed which is occurred in the data. The data will be analyzed using the character and identity theory. For the analysis example can be seen in this quotation below:

> *He let everyone he'd been for the last twenty years melts away in stifling heat of the car, and let MSK, Mike, Mehmet, and Michel to drift behind him like confetti on the wind like dollars blowing off the back seat from an open case.*(2012:72)

After spent long time in Egypt, Maqil leaves Egypt for France. He felt that his job as the correspondent is enough. Then he moves to France to fulfill his gambling desire. He spends his night in fancy casinos and places his bet as much

as he wanted and chose to live in a small apartment. One day Maqil is shocked when he see his uncle in the front of his door. His uncle know that Maqil is in Paris because he ever him on local news. For long time his uncle is searching for Maqil, and says that Maqil's family sent his uncle to find him. Maqil's uncle tells that his father already dead because of heart attack. Now his family wants him to back to Pakistan, because now he is the head of his family. Suddenly Maqil is feeling burdened, he decides to visit his family in Pakistan.

Maqil thought that it is hard when he should come back to Pakistan once again to see his family. Once he back to his hometown, he thinks that he should put back his old identity. He is just a son and a middle class landowner in Pakistan. Maqil seems that he is forgetting how to become Sunny because he has experienced become other person. He ever becomes an American, Middle East, and French. Maqil seems hard to back to his family, it happens because he does not want to bind by his family tradition. The tradition which made him feels burdened because he should substitute his father as family leader. But he has no other choice because his uncle is coming to pick he up. Maqil decides to back even it was not for a long visit.

Maqil left behind his identities that he uses for many years, he left his other names like, MSK, Mike, Mehmet and Michel. He once again uses his old name, Maqil Sunny Karam which his father gives that name to him. The name that his father gives to him is the first identity to Maqil because it is gained from his first environment which is his family. It means that name is becoming his identity in his family. The name that given by Maqil's family had a history which there is an

event happens to Maqil in the past and has an effect to him in present time. Some factors make Maqil hides his real identity and change his name to other names based on the placed that he visited.

### 3.3 Synopsis

The novel tells about Maqil comes from Pakistan and get used to Pakistani tradition in his childhood. When Maqil became a teenager he decides to study abroad out of Pakistan. Maqil choose New York for his education. During his education in New York, he seems assembly himself because of cultural intersections. After that Maqil's identity changed in several times.

Maqil begins to gamble when he is in New York. He spends a lot of money for gamble; this made Maqil involves in some criminal cases. Then Maqil became a fugitive. Because of being a criminal he moved from one place to another place. During his movement, Maqil changed his true identity through his name and performance. He was known as MSK, Michael, Michel, Mehmet, Miguel. He used many name in different countries. He also played gambling when he came to a country, so he had to borrow money to others. He did not pay his debt and always runaway.

Maqil lived his life in as a fugitive and he had changed his identity. Although he has to do identity changing, he still had a family. Because of his identity changing, Maqil feel confused with himself. He is leaving his family and finding a place to die, but in the end he is dying in his hometown and surrounded by his family.