

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter contains a brief explanation from the writer regarding his final project. This chapter is going to depict the background and objective of this project

1.1 Background

Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) is a rare condition in which two or more distinct identities, or personality states, are present in and alternately take control of an individual. Some people describe this as an experience of possession. The person also experiences memory loss that is too extensive to be explained by ordinary forgetfulness. Even though the cases of DID is unusual there has been many.

In most countries the probability of people who suffer from DID is one-half percent to two percent of the population. With this little probability, not many people would pay much attention to this rare disorder. However, it is important to at least know about DID rather than not knowing at all. In this case the writer decides to use creative writing as a medium to inform people about DID even though the project that the writer works on will be considered as a fiction.

Creative writing is an art of creating things up. It is a piece of writing done in a way that is not academic or technical but still attracts an audience. Though the definition is rather loose, creative writing can for the most part be considered any

writing that is original and self-expressive. The purpose of creative writing is to both entertain and share human experience, like love or loss. Writers attempt to get at a truth about humanity through poetics and storytelling.

At Ma Chung University, specifically in English Letters department, creative writing is one of the choices for non-thesis project. The writer takes this non-thesis project as replacement for the thesis he needs to do. In this non-thesis creative writing project that the writer takes, the writer decides to create a novella using Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) as its main theme. The novella itself will be a thriller mystery. The story will tell about a medical surgeon that suffer from DID, in which during that time there are several mysterious murder cases happening around him.

The main purpose of the writer is to entertain people with this project. Another reason is to introduce about Dissociative Identity Disorder in which people have two or more personalities. This can also be used as a means to pour the writer's imagination into a literary work.

1.2 Objective

The objective of this project is to create a literary work that can entertain the readers. Other purpose of this project is to use the literary works as a means to introduce the Dissociative Identity Disorder. Since this project is fiction, Dissociative Identity Disorder used in this project is an extreme example of people dealing with this particular. However, it not necessarily represents general issues of this condition. But it will give a certain insight about the Dissociative Identity Disorder issues.