DECEPTION TOWARD BRITISH MUSLIMS IN NOVEL *HOME FIRE* (2017) BY KAMILA SHAMSIE

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**Abstract**

This thesis is an analysis of a novel written by Kamila Shamsie, entitled *Home Fire* (2017). It explored the issue about strategies carried out by the British Government and ISIS (Islamic States of Iraq and Syria) in an effort to deceive British Muslims and to what extent the implied author contributed to identify the issue. This novel analysis related to the concept of Orientalism and Islamophobia by Edward Said. The uses of the theory is based on the interpretation of the text and context of the novel. The result of this analysis showed deceptions have done by two groups with different strategies. First, deception by British Government by manipulation and limited rights. Meanwhile, ISIS create propaganda.

**Key words**: Deception; British Muslims; manipulation; rights; propaganda

1. INTRODUCTION

*Home Fire* (2017) a novel written by Kamila Shamsie, portrays the issue of deception toward British Muslims. Deception toward British Muslims in this analysis refers to the efforts of the British government and the [Islamic State in Iraq and the Syria (ISIS)](https://www.lowyinstitute.org/issues/islamic-state) recruiters to deceive, betray, and limit British Muslims’ rights. Home Fire can be symbolize as a place that full of insecurity and destruction. Home, can be represented by UK (United Kingdom) as a state and ISIS (the [Islamic State in Iraq and the Syria)](https://www.lowyinstitute.org/issues/islamic-state) as a dystopia. Fire, can be symbolized as a form or attempt of destruction, whether from the inside or outside. Home should be a place that full of security and comfort, however “home” in this novel is full of chaos caused by deception. Main characters did not get security from their own country, however ISIS lured them a security. The protagonists, Isma, Aneeka, and Parvaiz are the representation of British Muslims. They are siblings who were born and raised up in Britain. Their parents are Pakistani. Their father known as a terrorist who died in Guantánamo.

Implied author applied in analyzing this novel. Deception toward British Muslims has done by two groups or organization. Deceptions have done by different strategies. First, deception by British Government by manipulation and limited rights to integrate British Muslims. Second is deception by ISIS by propaganda strategy in order to gather more troops for their terrorism action.

Deception done by British government showed in two strategies. Firstly, in the way doing manipulation. British Home Secretary is one of the representation of British government. He hide his identity as a Muslim, meanwhile considered himself as an atheist in public. Since Muslim is a minority in Britain, he did this strategy to get his position in politic. Secondly, by limiting Muslims’ rights. He betrayed his own people by made some injustice rules for Muslims. For instance, banes all Muslims symbol such as hijab to be wear in public. British government also stereotyped Muslims as terrorist. Thus, this state claim Muslims as their enemy.

Deception done by ISIS recruiters depicted from their strategy of making propaganda. They brainwashed British Muslims, especially teenagers. It has done in order to recruit them to the organization. They send some recruiters to Great Britain. They promised the security for British Muslims, since it is hard to get justice in their own state. They guarantee the future of British Muslims as if they wanted to provide them. In fact, after join the organization, British Muslims got tortured. They forced British Muslim to train themselves for the battle. Moreover, they took the passport of British Muslims, thus, they cannot come back to Britain. For instance, when Parvaiz, a character that represent British Muslim tried to go to British Consulate to get his passport back for he can return to Britain, however he killed by ISIS recruiters.

1. RESEARCH METHOD

The analysis of novel Home Fire (2017) by Kamila Shamsie has done through text and context-based interpretation. Implied author is a strategy that used to reveal the meaning of the novel. It reflects deception toward British Muslims by examining narrator’s statements as the observer in this story. Implied author can be understand in two ways. They are reading between the lines by reconstructing the story of the text and interpreting the meaning of the text. This analysis deals with the concept of Orientalism and Islamophobia by Edward Said.

1. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

This chapter discusses the issue of deception toward British Muslims in novel *Home Fire* (2017) by Kamila Shamsie. Deception toward British Muslims in this analysis refers to the strategies of the British government and the [Islamic State in Iraq and the Syria (ISIS)](https://www.lowyinstitute.org/issues/islamic-state) recruiters to deceive, betray, and limit British Muslims’ rights. The protagonists, Isma, Aneeka, and Parvaiz are the representation of British Muslims. They are siblings who were born and raised up in Britain. Their parents are Pakistani. Their father known as a terrorist who died in Guantánamo. Implied author applied in revealing the issue. Deception toward British Muslims has done by two groups with different strategies. First, deception by British Government and second is deception by ISIS.

1. Deception by British Government

British Home Secretary is the representation of British government. Deception done by British government toward British Muslims showed in two strategies, manipulation and limited rights.

* 1. Manipulation

Manipulation is a strategy done by British Home Secretary (Karamat Lone) in order to get political benefits by manipulating his identity. Karamat Lone is a Home Secretary who has Muslim background. He is a British-Pakistani. However, he betrayed his own fellas (British Muslims) by claiming himself as an atheist in public. British Muslims’ struggle is harder, not because of they controlled by Non-Muslim, however it is because their enemies instead the Muslim itself. The home secretary who has Muslim background integrates between British Muslims and other British citizens. Lone chooses to not showing his Islam-ness in front of public. This condition depicted from the following quotation:

You know I grew up a believing Muslim. Didn’t harm anyone but myself with it.” “I didn’t know that, actually. I mean, I knew your parents made you go to the mosque and fast and stuff, but I didn’t know you really believed.” “No? Well, I did. That’s how I was raised. There are still moments of stress when I’ll recite Ayat al-Kursi as a kind of reflex.” “Is that a prayer?” “Yes. Ask your girlfriend about it. Actually, no, I’d prefer it if you didn’t mention it to anyone.” “You shouldn’t have to hide that kind of thing.” “I’d be nervous about a home secretary who’s spoken openly about his atheism but secretly recites Muslim prayers. Wouldn’t you?” (p.78)

From the quotations above can be picture how Karamat Lone asked his son (Eammon) to hide his identity. He chooses to avoid things that relate to Islam-ness. In utterance “*I’d be nervous about a home secretary who’s spoken openly about his atheism but secretly recites Muslim prayers”* showing how Karamat’s has adopted Western’s negative perception about Muslims. Muslims are minority in Britain and it is also claimed as “otherness” in Western country. Lone as a representation of British Government shows how he has adopted West ideology inside himself. He has fear to show his identity as a Muslims in public. Lone deceive his own people in order to get political position as a Home Secretary.

Moreover, the home secretary who has Pakistani background can be said as an internalized person whom his mind has been controlled by the colonies (Britain). Through implied author can be understood how he manipulate himself by living under the control of West perception about East people as the otherness. This strategy done by Lone for the sake of getting British citizens’ attention and voice. He used to try to separate himself from things related to Islam. This condition supported by following quotation:

“There he was—the man whom she had thought Eamonn looked just like before she’d spent enough mornings noticing the particulars of his face, his mannerisms. The accompanying article described the newly elevated minister as a man “from a Muslim background,” which is what they always said about him, as though Muslim-ness was something he had boldly stridden away from. Inevitably, the sentence went on to use the phrase “strong on security.”” (p.35)

Implicitly, through implied author it can be examine how home secretary deceive his own people by avoiding himself from Muslim-ness in public in order to keep his reputation. It can be implied how good reputation is something that he got from betray his own people. Lone choose to stay away from any Muslims’ things by doing manipulation strategy. Ironically, before achieved a position as a "home secretary", Karamat Lone had used his identity as a Muslim, even he promised British Muslims to have better life and given security. However, in fact he actually betrayed British Muslims when he was in office. This condition can be seen in the following quote:

He was nearing a mosque, crossed the street to avoid it, then crossed back so as not to be seen trying to avoid a mosque. Everyone always went on about the racism his father had had to face when a section of the press tried to brand him an extremist, but it was London’s Muslim population who had turned their back on Karamat Lone and voted him out, despite all the good he’d done for his constituents. (p.46)

From the quotation above, through implied author shows how the attitude of home secretaries in manipulating his identities is only for his individual interests. In front of British Muslims through his speeches and statements, he often acts as if he wants to help them rise from the dark. Meanwhile, on the other hand he tried to manipulate his identity as a Muslim in front of the wider community. The sentence "*He was nearing a mosque, crossed the street to avoid it, then crossed back so as not to be seen trying to avoid a mosque.*" shows that Lone tried to avoid the mosque where it is a Muslim place of worship. It can be mean that he have fears that his reputation would be turn into negative in front of British Citizens. On the other hand, he also tried to pretend as if he did not avoid the mosque because he also afraid that British Muslims would gave him negative perceptions.

Ironically, the negative view of the East not only given by West people, but also by some of East people themselves. These East people are proud to adopt Western culture and ideology. They tried to be part of West because for them, West were more educated and powerful. Karamat Lone is a representation of East who adheres to West ideology and is more proud of Western culture. He did this tactic as if to be more easily to be accept in West Society to be part of them. In addition, he manipulate only to get a position at the Home Secretary office. Meanwhile, after he won because of many British Muslims voted him in election he doing deception toward British Muslims itself. This condition pictured in the following quotation:

He used his identity as a Muslim to win, then jettisoned it when it started to damage him…Working-class or millionaire, Muslim or ex-Muslim, proud son of migrants or antimigrant, modernizer or traditionalist? Will the real Karamat Lone please stand up? And the final blow, again from Anonymous Cabinet Member: “He would sell out anyone, even his own son, if he thought it would move him closer to number 10.” (p.178)

This statement shows that in the beginning, the home secretary used his identity as a Muslim to get many votes from the Muslim majority, in the end when he was already in the British parliament he betrayed British Muslims. Through "implied author", it can be seen that Lone not only deceives British Muslims, however he also married his Irish-American wife in purpose that his social status will be better as he is living in Western country. He was over ambitious for the throne and social status. He does not keep his promises to make Muslims be treated better, meanwhile in contrast, he strengthens insecurity towards British Muslims in their country.

**1.2. Limited Rights**

British Government (Home Secretary) not only doing manipulation to deceive British Muslims, however he also limits Muslims’ rights. He betrayed his own people by made some injustice rules for Muslims. Although Britain is a multiculturalism and multiethnic country, which means, there are many kinds of culture or ethnics unite in Britain. However, not all of people get this freedom to show theirs especially the Muslims. British Muslims asked to not to show their Muslim symbols in public area. Karamat Lone made a speech addressed for predominantly Muslims in Bradford. His statements can be seen through this following quotation:

“There is nothing this country won’t allow you to achieve—Olympic medals, captaincy of the cricket team, pop stardom, reality TV crowns. And if none of that works out, you can settle for being home secretary. You are, we are, British. Britain accepts this. So do most of you. But for those of you who are in some doubt about it, let me say this: Don’t set yourself apart in the way you dress, the way you think, the outdated codes of behavior you cling to, the ideologies to which you attach your loyalties. Because if you do, you will be treated differently—not because of racism, though that does still exist, but because you insist on your difference from everyone else in this multiethnic, multireligious, multitudinous United Kingdom of ours. And look at all you miss out on because of it.” (p.89)

Through implied author can be seen that quotation above show how he control Muslims’ people to follow British’s in all of their life aspects. According to him, this is a strategy for Muslims in order to avoid from treated differently with other British citizens. Those who are integrated are people who do not want to instill British ideology, and do not want to follow the Western dress and the way they think. Implicitly, the meaning implies that Lone devoted this commandment to Muslims. This is because he delivered this speech to an audience of British Muslim students. In addition, this was also strengthened because he had a negative view toward British Muslims who still retained their Islamic traditions. Moreover, he also made this strict rules, in order being avoided from “racism”. In fact, his paranoia about Islam worsen the racism itself. This action can be also said as a deception toward British Muslims. As British citizens, they are also have rights to get freedom and right to express their own ideologies, culture, and even religion.

The case above show how Islamophobia not only shown by non-Muslim, moreover it can be shows from the Muslim itself. The British government shows Islamophobia through actions made difficult for Muslims in conducting activities in the public. Moreover, the British government also make strict rules for Muslims. Islamophobia is a form of the concept of orientalism based on the attitude of racism through religion. However, some Muslims face this paranoia through some ways. Lone show his anti-Islam by making a strict rules for British Muslims. However, in fact his action worsen British Muslims’ condition. The effects of his speech made Muslims to be discriminated. It can be seen from following quotation:

“Home secretaries talking about people setting themselves apart in the way they dress. That kind of thing”…“And no, I wasn’t showering because I got caught in the rain. Some guy spat at me on the tube.”… “Do you say, ‘Why didn’t you mention that among the things this country will let you achieve if you’re Muslim is torture, rendition, detention without trial, airport interrogations, spies in your mosques, teachers reporting your children to the authorities for wanting a world without British injustice’?” (p.67)

The text shows that British Muslims have been mistreated due to the speech that contained the provocation. The ban on showing religious symbols such as hijab makes Muslim women increasingly underestimated by British citizens. Aneeka is a representation of British Muslims who are victims of discrimination. Through implied author, it can be seen that the Home Secretary speech refers to an irony. Karamat Lone is a Muslim, however he actually plunged his people into a pit of suffering. Within the ratification of giving a negative stigma to people who show religious identity and show different ideologies, increasing the level of discrimination in the public area, especially in the school environment. Moreover, Home Secretary gave the speech in the school area. Home Secretary makes the level of paranoia or fear toward Muslims increase. It impacts to Muslims to become harder to get freedom or conduct any activities in public. This also makes British Muslims unsafe in their own country because of the discrimination created by the Home Secretary who misused his power for his own personal benefit.

1. **Deception by ISIS (Islamic States of Iraq and Syria)**

ISIS (Islamic States of Iraq and Syria) is a militant organization that wants to establish a country. This group can be represented as a dystopia. ISIS wants to create a state under the Islam extremist rules. They recruit Muslims from other countries by doing some strategy, in order to become their members of group. One of them is from Great Britain. However, in the end they deceive British Muslims. Deception done by ISIS recruiters depicted from their strategy of making propaganda.

* 1. **Propaganda**

ISIS send some recruiters to Great Britain to recruit British Muslims to join them in Iraq and Syria. They create propaganda as their strategy to recruit British Muslims. ISIS promised British Muslims’ to get security and better life in Middle East by provide them. They brainwashed British Muslims as if they doing it to defend Islam. Parvaiz, the representation of British Muslims character who becomes the victim of ISIS propaganda. He is 19 years old boy who has a twin (Aneeka) and an older sister (Isma). They are orphans. Their father died in Guantánamo. He known as a terrorist who fight Taliban in 2001. In his whole life, Parvaiz never know his father. His mother and grandmother died when he was a kid. Thus, he raised up by her older sister, Isma. The character Parvaiz face many struggles in his life. Until when he was became a teenager, he met Farooq (ISIS recruiter). He had long been investigating Parvaiz’s family. Parvaiz who live under his sisters’ control being an opportunity for ISIS recruiters to brainwash him. This condition pictured in below quotation:

“They want you in the house, doing their shopping and mowing the garden, so they’ve tried to keep you a boy, a child in need of a mother. That older one particularly, you know what I mean? The one who claims to be a good Muslim, and thinks she has the right to decide whether or not you can live in your own house. Tell her it is written in the Quran, ‘Men are in charge of women because Allah has made one of them to excel the other.’ And by Allah’s law, you, not your women, dispose of your property.” (p.130)

From the quotation above, show how ISIS recruiters made a personally propaganda by making a gender role statement. He used his own interpretation of Holy Qur’an verse to brainwash him. He create misperception in order to convince British Muslim. Through implied author can be shows that ISIS tend to choose teenagers as their target. This strategy has done because teenagers are on the stage of looking for their identity, thus it will be easier for them to influence British Muslims. ISIS recruiter brainwash Parvaiz’s mind by making negative perception about his sisters’ treatment toward him. Moreover, this tactic can be seen as a kind of pretending to be a savior. ISIS take advantage of this situation to control Parvaiz's mind, thus it is easier for them to persuade him. The condition that Parvaiz has lower education than his sisters also used as a tactic for ISIS to make him think that Britain cannot accept uneducated people. This condition picture in the following text:

Unlike Aneeka, Parvaiz hadn’t received any scholarships; unwilling to start his adult life by taking on crippling loans, he’d instead gone traveling, in the time-honored fashion of drifting British boys. Here he disappeared from her stories. (p.57)

In contrast with his sisters, Parvaiz does not get high education. He prefers traveling and pursue his career as a music director. Implicitly, it can be a strategy for ISIS to brainwash him. Parvaiz is on the stage of achieving his dreams as a music director. Meanwhile, he does not have enough money to start his dream and he is not either receive any scholarship. This condition used by ISIS recruiters to create propaganda to Parvaiz. ISIS recruiters offer him bright future by saying that he can reach his dreams if he wants to join them. ISIS recruiter seek Parvaiz's attention by manipulating stories about his father that he had never met. They make the story as if his father was a formidable warrior but never forgot Parvaiz. ISIS brainwashed Parvaiz by making stories as if his father wanted Parvaiz to become a formidable warrior like him. ISIS carry out this strategy so that Parvaiz was tempted to follow his father's path. The following argument support this argument:

He regretted that,” the stranger said. “That you never knew him. He fought with my father; I heard all the stories of the great warrior Abu Parvaiz.” “That wasn’t my father’s name. It was Adil Pasha.” “It was his—” the man said something that sounded like *numb digger*. “That’s French for ‘jihadi name.’ Superhero name is how I think of it, though some of the brothers don’t like that. But, yeah. Your dad. When he entered the fight for justice he called himself Father of Parvaiz.” (p.90)

Through implied author, it can be stated that ISIS is making propaganda by convincing Muslims that they are fighting for justice and fighting oppressed Muslims. The propaganda carried out by ISIS is by selling the label of jihad. Jihad is an effort or activity carried out by Muslims for the sake of religion, especially fighting in the way of Allah. In fact, jihad is not always about fighting. Meanwhile, ISIS is manipulating the fact that they are fighting for jihad in defense of Muslims and claim to be jihadists.

In addition, ISIS recruits Muslims also by create propaganda that they will facilitate their lives. ISIS gives the lure that they can also be whatever they want to be. They act as if they are savior for Muslims. This can be proven in the following quotation:

“There is a place like that we can go to now. A place where migrants coming in to join are treated like kings, given more in benefits than the locals to acknowledge all they’ve given up to reach there. A place where skin color doesn’t matter. Where schools and hospitals are free, and rich and poor have the same facilities. Where men are men. Where no one has to enter haram gambling shops to earn a living, but can provide for his family with dignity. Where someone like you would find himself working in a state-of-the-art studio, living like a prince. Your own villa, your own car. Where you could speak openly about your father, with pride, not shame.” (p.102)

The quotation above shows that discrimination and integration exacerbated by the British government have a negative impact toward British Muslims. Parvaiz who is one of the victims of discrimination in his environment experienced many difficulties. Meanwhile, ISIS recruiters utilize this situation to brainwash Parvaiz. Through implied author, it can be stated that the situation that Muslims are considered as barbaric, immoral and educated people is used as a provocation for ISIS recruiters leading Muslim community opinion to fight Westerners. ISIS recruiter influenced Parvaiz by saying that Britain could not accept an uneducated person like him. While in the Middle East countries this is not a problem. In addition, ISIS also influenced British Muslims that their real home was in the East. This strategy is carried out in order to make Muslims think that joining ISIS is a good choice for a better life. Meanwhile, ISIS utilize this situation to recruit Muslims in order to gather more troops. They create propaganda as if they are the heroes for East. They do this by selling the label of jihad. Fight for Islam is a mask for them to deceive the world, especially Muslims. The following statement support this argument:

Farooq took the phone from him. “I will plant the flag of the caliphate on Buckingham Palace myself,” he said, and jabbed the phone to end the call. “What?” he said, in response to Parvaiz’s cry of outrage. “I should’ve said Downing Street instead?” The Scotsman leaned forward, touched Parvaiz’s knee sympathetically. “It’s all right. Allah will protect them while you’re here doing His work. Inshallah.” Parvaiz looked at the man’s shining eyes, his certainty, and lowered his head as if in prayer so that the others couldn’t see his panic. (p.115)

Through the implied author, it can be seen that the above quotation reinforces the evidence that ISIS sell jihadi labels to be seen as heroes. They deceive Muslims by brainwashing that they are saviors of other Muslims. In fact, the word jihad is only camouflage for ISIS. They only want to make destruction in the name of jihad. ISIS seizes the rights of Muslims who are victims of brainwashing. ISIS recruiter pretend to be a savior. They pretended as if they were going to carry out acts of terror in order to become good Muslims. In addition, they also want to be seen as a good caliphate. In fact, they use the label of Jihad only to do destruction and damage without a clear vision and mission. The following quotation support this argumentation:

They’re taken my passport so I have to but I can’t. I thought if I learned the rules . . . but I can’t. I can’t. I just want to come home.” (p.123)

Implicitly, this exacerbates the world's negative stigma about the East, especially Middle East. The destruction they committed in the name of Islam actually brought innocent Muslims to get bad judgements and either bad treatments from the world. As the results, after the strategy of ISIS have been complete, they took the rights of Muslims. They are not giving the facilities and security as they had promised at the beginning. The Muslims who become the victim actually got torture at the camp. After the brainwashed Muslims lost their families and everything, ISIS acted as if the Muslims had fought well. In fact, members of ISIS taking the rights of Muslims. They confiscated documents such as the passports of the victims so that they could not return home. Parvaiz who become the victim of ISIS propaganda get torture because of the deception. Through implied author, it can be seen that home that have promised by ISIS is only a fata morgana. In fact, the innocent Muslims who become the victim cannot be accept to return to their origin country. The victim cannot return to their home country. Explicitly, it is because of ISIS already taken their documents such as passport. Implicitly, British government already labeled them as terrorists. They do not want to accept Muslims who already brainwash by ISIS. As the result, when Parvaiz try to get his rights by coming to British consulate, he shoot by the ISIS. The British home secretary did not even want to accept Parvaiz's body to be burry to Britain.

As the results, this phenomenon shows that West’s paranoia toward Muslims make the Muslims itself become threaten. They get discrimination and insecurity. Each Muslims character have their own way to face oppression toward them. The Western perspective on the East who generalizes them with negative stigma create the deception. The end of this deception is that innocent Muslims become the victim of people who are greedy to get power.

To conclude, ISIS do the propaganda by carrying out strategies such as observing the life of its target or target. Then they come to Muslims by conquering the target by manipulation the story about their past. After that, the ISIS recruiter compares their lives in the UK with the Middle East by providing the doctrine that they will get a throne and a better life in the East. In fact, this is a kind of a deception from them. After British Muslim join them to the Middle East, they get bad treatments. Moreover, they also trained to be terrorist to fight the West countries. Because for them, West countries are a big threat in the world.

1. CONCLUSION

The issue of deception toward British Muslims is revealed in a novel *Home Fire* (2017) written by Kamila Shamsie. Implied author contributes in exploring the meaning beyond the novel. Text-based and context-based are important strategies in uncovering the issue of deception toward British Muslims. This analysis also deals with the concepts of orientalism and Islamophobia by Edward Said. Deception toward British Muslims in this analysis refers to the efforts of the British government and the [Islamic State in Iraq and the Syria (ISIS)](https://www.lowyinstitute.org/issues/islamic-state) recruiters to deceive, betray, and limit British Muslims’ rights. Through implied author can be examined that deception toward British Muslims has done by two groups with different strategies. The protagonists, Isma, Aneeka, and Parvaiz are the representation of British Muslims who became the victims of the deception. Karamat Lone is a representation of British government. Meanwhile, Farooq is a representation of ISIS recruiter.

Deception by British government showed in two strategies, manipulation and limited rights. Manipulation is a strategy done by British Home Secretary (Karamat Lone) in order to get political benefits. Karamat Lone is a Home Secretary who has Muslim background. He is a British-Pakistani. However, he betrays his own people by considering himself as an atheist in public. He does this strategy in order to get high position in politics. Moreover, he also limits Muslims’ rights. He betrays his own people by made some injustice rules for Muslims. British Muslims asked to not to show their Muslim symbols in public areas. As a result, it affected to Muslims become harder to get freedom or to conduct any activities in public. This also makes British Muslims get insecurity in their own country because of the discrimination.

Deception by ISIS show in their strategy of create propaganda. ISIS (Islamic States of Iraq and Syria) is a militant organization that wants to establish a country by recruit Muslims from other countries. ISIS send some recruiters to Great Britain to recruit British Muslims to join them in Iraq and Syria. ISIS promised British Muslims’ to get security and better life in Middle East by provide them. They brainwashed British Muslims as if they fight for the sake of defend Islam religion. In fact, they train other Muslims to become terrorist in order to fight back West countries.

In this analysis, deception toward British Muslims is the result of negative perceptions created by the West towards the East. It can be seen through how East people who considered as “otherness” often to be viewed as a backward, immoral and barbaric societies. Meanwhile, the West considered as superior in all aspects. This situation used by ISIS to brainwash other Muslims’ in order to revenge West countries. Meanwhile, British Government who is the representation of West discriminate East people. Home Fire can be symbolize as a place that full of insecurity and destruction. Home, can be represented by Britain or representation as a state and ISIS (the [Islamic State in Iraq and the Syria)](https://www.lowyinstitute.org/issues/islamic-state) as a dystopia. Fire, can be symbolized as a form or attempt of destruction. Home should be a place that full of security and comfort, however “home” in this novel is full of chaos caused by deception. In the end, their actions of deception only brought destruction to innocent people. People create the war in order to find peace, meanwhile the peace itself has appeared before they start the war.

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