

The Sign Found in The Movie “Mr Harrigan’s Phone”

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Abstract- The title of this research is “The Sign Found in The Movie Mr Harrigan’s Phone”. This research has difference with the other previous. Previous research was analyzing kind and function. This research analyzes types and meaning by Peirce and Barthes. Previous research used action, adventure, and fantasy movie genres. This reseach used horror and drama genres. The purpose of this research are observe and provide information to readers about the types and inform the meanings contained in the movie "Mr. Harrigan's Phone". Therefore this research can inform the reader's about sign systems contained in the movie “Mr. Harrigan's Phone” and this research can be expected a reference for readers as to learn the sign. This research used qualitative method by Creswell to analyze the data. This research has 2 problems. The first is type used Peirce's theory. Peirce has three types of signs namely icon, index, and symbol. The results of the identification in the Mr Harrigan's Phone movie get 5 icons, 5 indexes and 5 symbols. The second is the meaning. This study used Barthes' theory to identifying meaning. Barthes has 3 system namely denotation, connotation, and myth.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Communication is a form of interaction divided into two parts, namely verbal and nonverbal. According to Wahyu and Ridho verbal communication is the process of delivering information from one party to another. This communication is conducted verbally. The communication is only conducted by both parties. Nonverbal is conveys messages through gestures, certain characteristics such as smiling, face expression (Kurniadi & Mahaputra, 2021). Verbal communication used by spoken and written words while nonverbal communication used by gestures, face expressions, eye contact, etc (Harisnawati et al., 2022). According to Khan non-verbal communication is an intermediary when the human body sends and performs signals in verbal communication. Nonverbal communication is very important in

understanding verbal communication. The example is the person moves eyes when they talking. Nonverbal communication is indicates that the person lacks confidence in a communication (Khan, 2022). In the explanation above, it can be concluded that communication is not only in the form of speaking or verbally. However communication also requires an intermediary as a support for communication. Therefore communication can be obvious. In nonverbal communication a things to support verbal communication is called sign.

Sign is things that represent social conventions (Nurmiati and Shinta,2020). Social conventions is unwritten rules. In the long time, this regulation will become common and passively agreed upon by the community. According to Rayhaniah sign used in daily life. Humans communicate used signs such as media, symbols, images, gestures, etc (Rayhaniah, 2020). Sign is a whole resulting from the

association of the signifier with the signified (Saussure 1983: 67). Sign must have a signifier and an signified. The signifier will not meaningless without a signified (Saussure 1983: 101). The explanation above explains the importance of studying the sign in life. In semantics, the study of sign is called semiotics. Semiotics is the study of sign, which purpose to determine how words are found and translated into sign meanings (Mirah, et al, 2022).

Semiotics focused on how peoples perceive about signs and symbols. Semiotics accepts any sign system of any sub, such as images, gestures, musical sounds, objects and complex associations that contain ritual conventions, rituals of public entertainment, where if not a language system at least a signification system (Barthes 1967 : 9). Semiotics is a formal doctrine in sign which related to logic. According to peirce semiotics is a scientific discipline. Semiotics are also analytical method to examine the sign that consist of an object and the form is to find out the meaning of the object (Peirce, 1931). There are three types of sign, namely icon, index and symbol (Peirce 1994: 2.304).

Similar to previous, this research also examined sign in movie. The difference between this research and previous research is the second theory. This research is not only focused on the type in the movie "Mr. Harrigan's Phone" used Peirce's theory. However this research is also focused on determine the meaning in the movie "Mr. Harrigan's Phone" used Barthes theory.

In addition, another thing that distinguishes this study from previous research is a genre. Previous research mostly used action and fantasy genres. The data in this research was taken from the horror genre in movie "Mr. Harrigan's Phone". This research wants to analyze the signs contained in the movie. This movie is an adaptation of Stephen King's novel. The synopsis is told about unique friendship between a boy and a rich old man. The story started when Mr Harrigan's meet with the boy. He like the boy because him confident and smart. Mr Harrigan's has some plan to hired the boy as a book reader to him in his house every day. In the last scene has an interesting message

conveyed by Mr. Harrigan. He tells, one day the internet was an opportunity for various criminal acts and fake news.

II. METHODS

This research used a qualitative method. According to Creswell qualitative has a different approach from quantitative research. Qualitative research is research that relies on text and image data. Qualitative research used certain protocols in recording data, analyzing information through several analytical steps and mentioning approaches for documenting the accuracy or validity of the data collected (Creswell, 2014). In conducting a research method is one of the important aspects in the research method because as a guide for observing the object being observed. There are three points carried out in the research method to examine an object, namely data source, data collection, and data analysis.

The data source in this research used movie entitled "Mr. Harrigan's Phone". The movie tells the story about unique friendship between a boy and a rich old man. The story started when Mr Harrigan's meet with the boy. He like the boy because him confident and smart. Mr Harrigan's has some plan to hired the boy as a book reader to him in his house every day. In the last scene has an interesting message conveyed by Mr. Harrigan. He tell, one day the internet was an opportunity for various criminal acts and fake news. In after Mr. Harrigan passed away many strange events that appears mysteriously.

The data collection was carried out by collecting signs from each scene in the movie. There was three steps data collection in this research. The first step in data collection was watched movies on Netflix. Data collection was carried out by watched movies repeatedly to find the types and meanings. Second step was recorded the data, the data was taken by screenshots picture on the movie. Third step was clasification data, every scene in the

movie was clarified based on the type of the sign. The data analysis in this research was analyze sign phenomenon found in the movie "Mr. Harrigan's Phone". This research was grouping the data based on type and analyze signs based on meanings used the theory. This research was include all screenshots of the image then analyze and interpret the sign phenomenon was obtained in the movie.

III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Icon and Its Meaning Found in Mr. Harrigan's Phone

Icon is important sign. Icon is a real representation of an object that has a resemblance to the original. Icon is copy a type of sign that defines that a sign can resemble its object. The example are family photo, picture car in the brosure, et cetra. Icon can definition the object although does not exist the object. The Icon data found in Mr. Harrigan's Phone are presented below.

Data 1

Picture 1. A Family Picture (01:50)



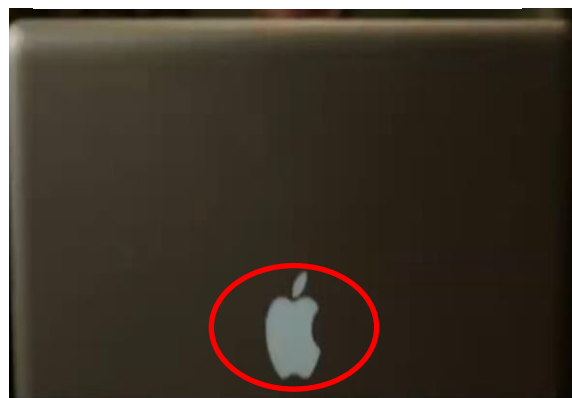
The scene show Craig's lay on the bad. Craig's cry because he is missing his mom, he cry while remember the moment with his mom. He could not believe his mom passed away because she looks fine before dead. The type in the scene is icon. The icon in the movie is family photo. Icon is the type of sign that similar to the object or resemblance to the original. The picture indicate such as the original because the

picture show same such as the family in the movie Mr Harrigan's Phone.

The first system meaning of data one is denotation. The denotation in the data one is family picture. The denotation of family picture show a family that consist a child, father, and his mother. The denotation is a system of meaning that explains the actual meaning. The second system is connotation. The connotation is the meaning of a sign that has a different meaning from the object. The connotation in the picture is that it looks like a happy family. The photo show a harmonious family. The photo is a last memory with his mother. Photos is a happy moment felt his. After his mother died, the photo just a happy memory that he felt.

Data 2

Picture 2. A Picture of Apple (11:21)



The scene show craig who is working on applying to college. Craig's finally accepted the college he wanted. He was happy and sad because he had to leave his father. in the first semester he got a mess, each mess filled by two students. The type in the scene is icon. The icon in this photo is the apple logo on the back of laptop. Icon is the type of sign that similar to the object or resemblance to the original. The picture indicate such as the original because the picture show same such as the apple in the movie Mr Harrigan's Phone.

The denotation of the icon is a bitten

apple. In the denotation of the image is a picture of a bitten apple. The denotation is the system of meaning that explains the actual meaning. The connotation of the bitten apple image is an electronic brand. The connotation is the meaning of a sign that has a different meaning from the object. The brand is a brand that is often seen on electronic goods such as cellphones, laptops and others. The image of a bitten apple was created by Steve Jobs in 1976 in California.

Data 3

Picture 3. A Picture of Rubbish bin (11:46)



The scene show Craig's and his friends arrived at high school. This is Craig's first day of high school. His friend explained to him what was in high school. he also explains the rules and habits that are carried out by high school children in general. His friend told him what rooms were in the school. He showed me the classrooms, the student lockers and finally the school cafeteria.

The first meaning system is denotation. The denotation on the icon is a trash can. The denotation is a system of meaning that explains the true meaning. The second meaning system is connotation. The connotation is the meaning of a sign that has a different meaning from the object. The connotation of the rubbish bin can image icon is an order to dispose of rubbish in its rubbish bin. The meaning of disposing of rubbish in rubbish bin is an invitation to clean up the school together. The meaning

of the sign is invited students to throwing rubbish in its rubbish bin and to keep their school clean.

Data 4

Picture 3. A Picture of People (11:46)



The scene show Craig can finally smile again. He returned to his activities as before. He plays with his friends. He met a girl he likes. Afterward he saw the announcement of the dance party to be held at the school. He asked the girl he liked to dance with him at the party. The icon in the movie is picture boys and girls dance together. Icon is the type of sign that similar to the object or resemblance to the original. The picture indicated such as the original because the picture show same such as person crossing the street.

The first meaning system is denotation. The denotation is a picture of a man and a woman dancing together with a white tree as a background. The denotation is a system of meaning that explains the true meaning which has no other meaning than its object. The second system of meaning is the connotation. The connotation is the meaning of a sign that has a different meaning from the object. The connotation of the icon is an announcement that a school event will be held. The picture show, a man and a woman are seen dancing together. The picture shows that there will be a dance event. The event can be attended by all male and female students. The image of a white tree means a tree filled with snow which describes the party being held in

winter.

Data 5

Picture 4. A Picture of Animals 15:46)



The scene show Craig's grieving. He was sad because the person who had bullied him died. He felt that the person died because of him. Before the man died he hit Craig's during a school party. The person misunderstood and assumed it was Craig's who reported him to the headmaster. After that incident Craig's phoned Mr Harrigan's who had died because he didn't know where else to tell his story. He called but no one answered. The type of this scene is icon. The icon in the movie is picture animals in the white board. Icon is the type of sign that similar to the object or resemblance to the original. The picture indicate such as the original because the picture show same such as kind of animals.

The first meaning system is denotation. The denotation is a picture of the organism in the whiteboard such a grass, grasshopper, fox and et cetra. The denotation is a system of meaning that explains the true meaning which has no other meaning than its object. The second system of meaning is the connotation. The connotation is the meaning of a sign that has a different meaning from the object. The connotation of the icon is biology lesson about food chains. The whiteboard seen a picture of a organism. The description explains the food chain that occurs in organism. The food chain begins with the grass that the grasshopper eats and so on

until it returns to being a mushroom or grass.

Indexs and Its Meaning Found in Mr. Harrigan's Phone

Index is the second type made by Peirce. Index is the sign has a cause and effect. This sign has relation with their object. The example are a smoke indicated a fire, puddle indicated a rain. The index data found in Mr. Harrigan's Phone are presented below.

Data 6

Picture 6. Lighting Thunder (08:05)



The scene shows that Craig is lying in a bad place. He is sad because Mr. Harrigan died, suddenly someone called at night. Just as he was about to look at his cell phone screen, he was surprised to see the number Mr Harrigan had called. At Mr Harrigan's funeral he put his cell phone in the chest with Mr Harrigan's. The in-scene type is index. The index in the scene is lightning which indicates the mystery of the ringing cell phone. The scene shows a causal relationship. In the type of sign that was coined by Peirce about the meaning of the index is a sign that has a causal relationship, where this relationship shows how an event can occur and what results from that event. At this index the cause is when the cell phone rings and the effect is lightning that strikes very hard.

The first meaning system is denotation. The denotation in the index is the thunder of lightning. Denotation is a system of meaning that explains the true meaning of an object. The second meaning system is connotation. Connotation is the meaning that is conveyed excessively or other meaning besides

denotation. The connotation of the index is that it will rain. The thunder continued to attack non-stop. The third system of meaning is myth. Myth is the meaning that is conveyed based on ideology or culture in society. The myth of this sign is that lightning strikes when a deceased person suddenly calls. In that scene, Mr. Harrigan's died and was buried with his cell phone.

Data 7

Picture 7. Craig's and His Father (26:16)



The scene show Craig's in the kitchen. He tells his dad that Mr. Harrigan's sent him a message. His father told him that perhaps the one who had brought his cell phone was his assistant. Afterward Craig's informed his father that Mr Harrigan's cell phone had been buried with him. He informed that the message was not once but many times with the same writing. The type in that scene is index. The scene shows a causal relationship. In the type of sign that was coined by Peirce about the definition of an index is a sign that has a causal relationship, where this relationship shows how an event can occur and what results from that event. The index on the scene is when he looks at his cellphone screen and then he is shocked. The cause is a message on his cellphone and the effect is that he was surprised when he saw the message on his cellphone.

The first meaning system is denotation. The denotation in the index is a man showing a short message to his father. The denotation is a system of meaning that

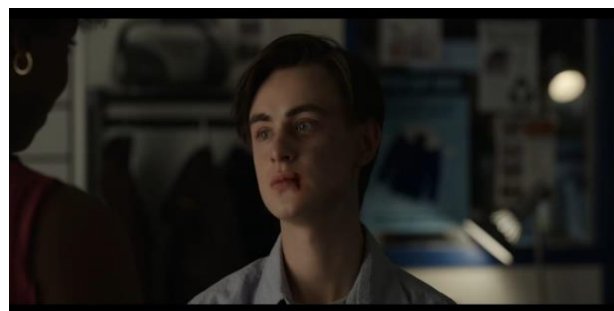
explains the true meaning of an object. The second sign system is connotation. The connotation is the meaning conveyed excessively or other meaning than the denotation.

The connotation of the meaning of the scene is a teenager showing the contents of an SMS to his father who is cooking in the kitchen. The teenager told his father that the deceased had sent him a text message. The

third system of meaning is myth. The myth is a meaning based on the ideology and culture of society. The myth in this scene is that a teenager gets a message from someone who has died. In the scene, the deceased person sends a text message to the boy. The same person's cellphone was buried with him. In ideology, people who have died cannot carry out activities as they were when they were alive.

Data 8

Picture 8. Craig's bloody (59:26)



The scene show, Craig's friend hit him. His friend Craig's thought had reported him to the headmaster. His friend then beats him until Craig's unconscious. His friend saw him unconscious and took him inside the class. His friend reported the incident to his teacher and his teacher rushed to Craig's and treated his wound. The type of this scene is index. The scene shows a causal relationship. In the type of sign that was made by Peirce about the

definition of an index is a sign that has a causal relationship, where this relationship shows how an event can occur and what results from that event. The index on the scene is the blood that is on the boy's face. The cause is his friend who hit him and the effect is the child's face is injured.

The first meaning system is denotation. The denotation is a system of meaning that explains the true meaning of an object. The denotation in the index is a teenager who has an injury to his face. The second sign system is connotation. The connotation is the meaning conveyed excessively or other meaning than the denotation. The connotation of the meaning of the scene is a teenager who was injured because his friend hit him. The person who bullied him. The person misunderstood the teenager. He thought it was the teenager who told the school that he was selling drugs. The person didn't want to hear the teenager's words and he immediately beat the teenager unconscious.

Data 9

Picture 9. A Bubble (01:06:52)



The scene show Craig's and his friends did not accept that Miss Hart, who was her teacher, died because she was hit, while the perpetrator was only given a sentence in the rehabilitation room. Afterward he decided to ask for help from Mr Harrigan's who had died by calling him. He felt Mr. Harrigan's voice could hear him and help him. He narrates the incident that happened and asks Mr. Harrigan's to kill the

culprit. In the end he felt guilty for calling Mr Harrigan's and ordering him to kill the culprit. A few days later the perpetrator died when he was taking a shower with a mouth full of soap. The type of this scene is index. The scene shows a causal relationship. In the type of sign that was made by Peirce about the definition of an index is a sign that has a causal relationship, where this relationship shows how an event can occur and what results from that event. The index on the scene of a man's mouth foaming. The cause is the soap that is in the man's mouth and the effect is that the man is poisoned until foam comes out of his mouth.

The first meaning system is denotation. The denotation is a system of meaning that explains the true meaning of an object. The denotation in the index is a man whose mouth is filled with foam. The second sign system is connotation. The connotation is the meaning conveyed excessively or other meaning than the denotation. The connotation of the meaning of the scene is a man who died in the toilet with a mouth filled with foam. The man allegedly died from eating soap. The third system of meaning is myth. The myth is a meaning based on the ideology and culture of society. The myth in the scene is a man who was killed by a ghost. In ideology, dead people cannot carry out activities as they were while they were alive and they cannot kill someone.

Data 10

Picture 10. A Smoke (01:06:40)



The scene shows two cars crossing the same road. The first car was a man's car and the second car was Mrs Hart and her lover's car. The man was driving a car while drunk. When the man wanted to drink alcohol suddenly the bottle cap fell off. The man then took the bottle cap while driving the car. The car got off balance and right in front of it was Mrs Hart and her boyfriend. The man hit Mrs. Hart and her lover. The three of them were taken to the hospital and Mrs. Hart's life could not be saved. The type of this scene is index. The scene shows a causal relationship. In the type of sign that was made by Peirce about the definition of an index is a sign that has a causal relationship, where this relationship shows how an event can occur and what results from that event. The index on the scene is the smoke coming out of the car. The cause is a collision between cars and the effect is smoke coming out of the car.

The first meaning system is denotation. The denotation is a system of meaning that explains the true meaning of an object. The denotation in the index is the smoke coming out of the car. The second sign system is connotation. The connotation is the meaning conveyed excessively or other meaning than the denotation. The connotation of the meaning of the scene is an accident that causes the engine to break down and emit smoke. The cars collided with each other causing the cars to bounce off each other. The collision resulted in damage to the engine which eventually caused smoke to form in the car's engine.

Symbols and Its Meaning Found in Mr. Harrigan's Phone

Symbols is sign based on convention. Convention is a rule that has been mutually agreement. Symbols can be understood when someone knows about the meaning of the sign. As an example of the symbol of the colors in a red light. The red color indicates the vehicle must stop, the yellow color indicates the vehicle must be careful and the

green color indicates the vehicle is allowed to go.

Data 11

Picture 11. A Salib



The scene shows Craig and his father going to church together. They pray guided by the priest. Then Mr. Harrigan came in while everyone was praying. Craig was then chosen by the pastor to come forward to recite the prayer. The type in that scene is symbolic. The symbol is a sign that has been mutually agreed upon. The symbol in the scene is a plus sign on the building. Based on the mutual agreement, the symbol implies a symbol of a religion, namely Christianity.

The first meaning system is denotation. The denotation of the symbol is the plus symbol above the building. Denotation is a system of meaning that explains the true meaning of an object. The second meaning system is connotation. Connotation is the meaning that is conveyed excessively or other meaning besides denotation. The connotation of the symbol is a symbol of one of the religions in the world. The plus symbol is a symbol of the cross where this symbol is often found in places of worship for Christians which are called churches. The symbol means a reminder of death or resurrection for Christians.

Data 12

Picture 12. America Flag



The scene show Craig's in the cafeteria. He and his friends took a break while chatting on the phone. They have different gangs on each type of cellphone. Craig's, who had just bought an Iphone brand cell phone, was in the Iphone users section and his friends were in the Android cell phone group. The type in the scene is a symbol. The symbol is a sign that has been mutually agreed upon. The symbol in the scene is the American flag. Based on the mutual agreement, the symbol is a sign of a country, namely the United States.

The first meaning system is denotation. The denotation in the symbol is the american flag. Denotation is a system of meaning that explains the true meaning of an object. The second meaning system is connotation. The connotation is the meaning conveyed excessively or other meaning than the denotation. The connotation of the symbol is independence for American citizens. The connotation of this symbol is independence for American citizens. The flag is a sign that America is free from colonialism and reinforces the country's identity. The thirteen stripes on the flag represent the colonies at the time of America's independence. The fifty stars on the flag represent the states within the United States of America.

Data 13

Picture 13. Bluetooth logo



The scene show Craig's was waiting for his friend in the toilet, when he was waiting suddenly pulled out. The person who pulled him out was the one who always bullied him at school. The person pulled at him annoyed with him. The person thought that it was he who had reported to the teacher about yesterday's incident. Afterward he hit Craig's until he fell to the ground. The type of the scene is a symbol. The symbol is a sign that has been mutually agreed upon and based on convention. The symbol of the scene is the word "exit". The sign means that the exit is there, even though the sign is different in shape, based on mutual agreement, the symbol means an exit sign.

The first meaning system is denotation. The denotation in the symbol is the word "exit". Denotation is a system of meaning that explains the true meaning of an object. The second meaning system is connotation. The connotation is the meaning conveyed excessively or other meaning than the denotation. The connotation of the symbol is the exit sign being there. the god of healing or the god of health where the symbol of the snake means the cure for all poisons and the staff is the staff of the god Asclepius. The god Asclepius was a god who was called in ancient times as a healing god who was able to heal many people. So the WHO designated the image of a snake and a stick as a symbol of world medical personnel.

Data 14

Picture 14. Parking logo (01:12:40)



The scene show Craig go to the cell phone counter. Craig goes to the cell phone counter to change phone that his father gave him as a Christmas present. Craig sold the cellphone out of fear. He was afraid because the cellphone was connected to Mr Harrigan's phone. Mr Harrigan's phone always answered his phone even though it was buried with him. The type of the scene is a symbol. The symbol in this photo is an image of the letter P in blue on the sign. In the type of sign that was coined by Peirce about the definition of a symbol is a sign that is conventional. The scene shows things that are conventional. Conventional is an activity or something that has been conventional. In the picture you can see the P symbol with a blue sign. Officially the symbol means parking area. Parking area means that the place is specifically designated for car or motorcycle parking.

The first meaning system is denotation. The denotation in a symbol is picture letter P. Denotation is a system of meaning that explains the true meaning of an object. The second meaning system is connotation. The connotation is the meaning conveyed excessively or other meaning than the denotation. The connotation of the symbol is a free parking area. The area is a place that may be used as a parking space for motorcycles or cars. Vehicle users can freely park their vehicles when there is a free parking symbol.

Data 15

Picture 15. Medical Logo



The scene show Craig is heading to Mr. Harrigan's house. Afterwards he rang Mr Harrigan's doorbell, because no one opened the door he finally decided to go inside. He was surprised to see Mr Harrigan's not breathing. He finally panicked and tried to call his father. His father tried to calm him down and immediately called an ambulance. The ambulance and police came to Mr Harrigan's house to take him to the hospital. The type of the scene is symbol. The symbol is a sign that has been conventional. The symbol in this scene is the symbol of a snake on an ambulance. This symbol is a symbol that has been mutually agreed upon and has been designated as a symbol for medical personnel.

The first meaning system is denotation. The denotation in the symbol is the image of a snake on an ambulance. Denotation is a system of meaning that explains the true meaning of an object. The second meaning system is connotation. The connotation is the meaning conveyed excessively or other meaning than the denotation. The connotation of the symbol is the god of healing or the god of health where the symbol of the snake means the cure for all poisons and the staff is the staff of the god Asclepius. The god Asclepius was a god who was called in ancient times as a healing god who was able to heal many people. So the WHO designated the image of a snake and a stick as a symbol of world medical personnel. The apple symbol has been agreed as a symbol for the cellphone brand original from California, America.

IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the results presented in chapter 3, it can be concluded that signs can be found in a movie. Signs can not only be found in an advertisement or in a novel, but signs can also be found in a film. As an example, this study uses movies as a data source. This study found several types of signs such as index icons and symbols.

The results of research on these types of signs each have examples. This study found 5 icons, 5 indexes and 5 symbols. Examples of icons found in this study are family pictures, pictures of apples, pictures of rubbish bin, pictures of people, and pictures of animals. Examples of indexes found in this research are lighting of thunder, massage notification, a bloody, a bubble, and a smoke. Examples of symbols found in this study are a cross, American flag, exit logo, parking logo, and medical logo. These 15 types represent the duration of the film Mr Harrigan's Phone, which is 01.46.15 hours.

This research also finds meaning in each data. The meaning of these signs can be proven by using the theory of meaning made by Barthes. Each sign has a denotative meaning that can convey the sign clearly. Signs also have connotative meanings that are able to provide another definition or emotional definition that is conveyed in the film for each sign. This research also finds some meanings of myths which are based on the ideology of society and often develop in society. The meaning of this myth provides a deep element of denotation and connotation meaning so that this meaning can represent the ideology of society that has been developing for a long time. Such an example of an acquired myth is a message sent by Mr Harrigan's. This message is considered a myth whose truth is difficult to accept in society. This message was sent by Mr Harrigan's, where in the scene he is pronounced dead and his cell phone is buried with him. Based on the ideology of society, it is impossible for people who have died to

carry out activities as living people do because their souls have been separated from their bodies. The use of meaning in each scene is able to assist the reader in interpreting each sign contained in the film. This meaning is also important in providing information that can later provide new knowledge to readers so that later they are able to interpret a sign properly.

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