

Abstract

This study focused on the meaning of each symbol used as a negotiation tool between the postman and the devil in the novel entitled *If Cats Disappeared From The World* by Genki Kawamura. The objectives of this research are to discover the meanings contained in each symbols, and also to find out how these symbols contribute to its narrative and the character development of the main character. The researcher used Peirce's semiotic theory to analyze the meaning of a sign. The data for this study were collected using the close reading method. The data of this study were analyzed by using qualitative decriptive research methods. The result of this study showed that the researcher found 50 data and dominated by data from clock and cat with each of them is 14 data. The study found that the clock symbolize memories, connections/relationships, time, and limitations. Then 14 data about cats, which symbolize memories, nostalgia, emotional connection, and something valuable in life. Besides that, these symbols is used to drive the plot forward, to add tragic elements, and to add “the stakes” to the narrative which brings the main character to have a character development.

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