

Unveiling 'HEREDIAQUA': An Exploration of Association Picture Storytelling in Documentary Filmmaking

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ABSTRACT

This study explores the application of the “association picture story” genre in documentary filmmaking, particularly focusing on the film “Herediaqua,” to effectively communicate water sustainability issues. The research employs a three-stage methodology: exploration (field research, observation, interviews, and collection of visual materials), experimentation (applying association picture story techniques in short film formats and testing with audiences), and creation (synthesizing findings to produce a cohesive and impactful film). Results indicate that “Herediaqua” successfully uses strong visual symbolism and narrative to convey messages about the interconnectedness between humans and nature, effectively enhancing audience awareness and understanding of water sustainability issues. The film employs powerful visual language to communicate its environmental message, evoking emotional responses from viewers. Positive audience feedback confirms the film’s success in communicating its message, demonstrating the effectiveness of the association picture story technique in visual narration. The conclusion asserts that the “association picture story” technique is a powerful tool for conveying environmental messages through visual storytelling. “Herediaqua” serves not only as a viewing experience but also as an educational medium and a catalyst for inspiring environmental conservation efforts. By leveraging compelling visual narration and engaging storytelling, the film promotes awareness and encourages concrete actions for sustaining the planet’s life. This research contributes to advancing documentary filmmaking by highlighting the effectiveness of combining visual symbolism with strong narrative techniques.

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INTRODUCTION

In the course of time, cinema has traversed a considerable journey from mere entertainment to a medium that influences the thoughts and behaviors of society. The UNESCO report (2017) underscores that cinema possesses an extraordinary power to evoke emotions, raise awareness, and convey profound messages. In this context, cinema has transcended mere spectacle to become a medium that plays a crucial role in

shaping our worldview. In today’s modern era, the complexity of social, environmental, and political issues is escalating, and cinema has emerged as an effective tool in confronting these challenges by offering unique and profound perspectives.

However, amidst the advancement of technology and the ease of access to information, numerous challenges persist. One such challenge is the lack of public understanding regarding the urgency of preserving the ecosystem of water. The

WHO report of 2023 reveals that over 2 billion people worldwide suffer annually from contaminated water due to inadequate access to clean water and basic sanitation. This phenomenon underscores the need for innovative approaches that can mobilize social action to preserve the vital resource of water sustainability.

Amidst the pressing environmental issues, there exists a research gap that requires attention. The lack of public understanding regarding water sustainability issues indicates the necessity for novel approaches that can enhance awareness and social action in maintaining the sustainability of water resources. As part of this solution, this research aims to explore the potential of film as an effective tool in shaping public perceptions of water sustainability issues. Through this approach, it is hoped that a better understanding of the complexity of these issues will be achieved, fostering a more proactive attitude towards water sustainability in the future.

The urgency of this research cannot be overstated given the serious consequences of water sustainability issues. Data from the United Nations (2023) indicates that over 1.8 billion people worldwide live in water-stressed areas, and this figure is projected to increase to two-thirds of the world's population by 2050. In this context, the demand for clean water resources and the sustainability of the water ecosystem are increasingly urgent. Therefore, this research is imperative to explore innovative solutions that can enhance public awareness of water sustainability issues and trigger positive social change in preserving the planet's sustainability. To achieve these objectives, the research questions in this study will explore how the association picture story concept can be effectively implemented in the design and production of association picture story documentary

films and how visual language techniques can be used to build a compelling narrative in this genre. By addressing these questions, this research is expected to make a meaningful contribution to the development of association picture story documentary films that are both impactful and visually captivating.

METHOD

The methodology employed in the creation of the film "Herediaqua" follows a structured process involving three primary stages: exploration, experimentation, and creation. The exploration stage entails an open-ended approach, thorough research, and in-depth exploration of the film's subject matter. According to Creswell and Poth (2018), qualitative research involves "observing people in their living environment, interacting with them, and attempting to comprehend their language and interpretations of the surrounding world." This phase encompasses field research, direct observation, interviews, and the collection of visual materials. Field research entails visits to relevant locations to observe environments and daily activities associated with the film's theme, providing accurate and in-depth data. Observation plays a pivotal role, where researchers meticulously observe situations and interactions either directly or through recorded media. Interviews are conducted to gain direct insights from individuals or groups involved in the film's subject, offering diverse perspectives that enrich the narrative. Additionally, visual materials such as images, photos, and videos related to the film's topic are gathered.

The experimentation stage involves testing various techniques in the creation of an association picture story film. A short film implementing the desired concepts and approaches was produced

and screened to a limited audience to gather feedback. McLeod (2019) describes experimentation as “research where the researcher deliberately generates or induces an event or situation and then studies the consequences.” Feedback from this controlled audience screening led to adjustments in the short film, aligning it more closely with the intended objectives.

The creation stage is a multi-faceted process that involves several well-defined phases to ensure a high-quality output. These phases include Development, Pre-production, Production, Post-production, and Distribution. The Development phase lays the groundwork by refining the initial idea, writing the screenplay, researching the topic, and gathering resources. This phase adheres to the creative idea theory, suggesting that creative ideas stem from experience, knowledge, and critical thinking (Smith, 2018; Sawyer, 2013). Pre-production involves meticulous planning, including scheduling, casting, location scouting, and set design, where effective project management is key (Brown, 2019; Meredith, Shafer, & Mantel, 2017). During Production, the artistic vision is realized through techniques such as filming, lighting arrangements, and crew coordination (Johnson, 2020; Rea & Irving, 2015). The Post-production phase focuses on editing, adding visual and sound effects, and composing music to enhance the film's quality (Keast, 2018). Finally, Distribution involves strategizing marketing and selecting appropriate channels to reach the target audience, emphasizing the importance of delivering the film's message effectively (Kerrigan, 2017).

These methodological steps are critical in different situations but collectively support the research and production process to achieve a film that meets the desired standards and goals. By integrating

the findings from the exploration phase, the experimentation process, and the structured creation stages, the methodology ensures that “Herediaqua” is produced efficiently and effectively, resulting in a film that not only meets technical standards but also conveys a powerful and meaningful narrative to the audience.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Results

In the initial stages of the creation of the film “Herediaqua,” the writer's inspiration stemmed from an interest in the Pupuh tradition within Sundanese society. This tradition provides a holistic view of human life, prompting the writer to develop a film concept that explores the cycle of life. Challenges arose in the endeavor to create a work faithful to the theme of the life cycle yet still adopting a fresh and unconventional approach, with the hope of innovating in this creation.

The choice of an unconventional approach aimed to present a unique and uncommon perspective in the creative work. References to various sources motivated the presentation of an alternative viewpoint through the analogy of water characters as a replacement for the narrative focus. Besides the difference in ideas, the selection of packaging techniques also involved an approach rarely seen in film festivals, namely the “Association Picture Story.” Thus, both in terms of ideas and packaging techniques, the writer sought to provide a different experience for the audience, creating a film work that utilizes unusual perspectives and techniques yet has significant impact.

The selection of water characters as the main subject in the creation of the film “Herediaqua” was chosen because water undergoes a life cycle similar to humans. Their similarity lies in their origin from nothingness and return to nothingness. This idea is what

will be attempted to be captured in the process of creating the film "Herediaqua."

In the process of developing the film "HEREDIAQUA," the writer explored inspiration from various sources, forming a conceptual and creative framework that reflects the essence of this art. Culture and nature are the main drivers, combining literary elements, tradition, and local wisdom. In the exploration of daily activities through field research, the writer directly captured the community's resilience to water issues.

Interviews with directors and individuals familiar with the Association Picture Story film creation process provided in-depth insights, while visual materials such as documentation of daily life and natural phenomena provided deep visual dimensions. Existing film works and other findings also contributed to the conceptual basis, and community ritual activities brought distinctive elements that enriched the narrative.

By applying the association picture story genre, the writer unearthed visual symbolism from local traditions and integrated them into non-narrative storytelling. This was done with the hope of creating harmony between cultural elements and the messages to be conveyed.

The selection of creation sources not only aimed at shaping authentic film narratives but also aimed at raising community awareness of the issues raised. By selectively choosing sources, this film not only becomes an aesthetic work but also becomes a tangible manifestation of efforts to broadcast water issues.

The idea development process towards the creation concept of the film "Herediaqua" began with an interest in the Pupuh tradition in Sundanese society, which provides a holistic view of human life. Researchers were interested in integrating the hydrological cycle into the film narrative, making water the guiding character. Idea development

involved in-depth research into various sources, including films such as "Mask To Menace" and "Into The Mind" to gain insight into story packaging. Theoretical sources such as the book "Semiotic Intelligence" and "Grammar of the Shot" provided a foundation for analyzing phenomena and designing visual elements in the film. The journal "Social Movement Legal Empowerment in Preserving the Environmental Function Based on Local Wisdom Through the Patanjala Method" inspired the selection of water objects based on the Patanjala concept.

The conceptual process did not only rely on theoretical analysis but also involved direct exploration of water phenomena. Visual ethnography methods were applied, allowing researchers to actively engage in water-related community life, recording every aspect of activities, and documenting gestures, interactions, and facial expressions of participants and audiences.

Hermeneutic theory became the main pillar in shaping the film's identity. Researchers not only acted as observers but also actively engaged in the subjects' experiences, capturing nuances and meanings in each presented visual. Visual analysis of documentary results was used to interpret cultural symbolism, emotional expressions, and related visual contexts.

Experimental methods guided the entire creative process, from planning, shooting, editing, to audience assessment. Each stage involved a repeated creative cycle to improve the quality and effectiveness of the film. With this approach, "Herediaqua" is not just a visualization of ideas but also a deep interpretive journey, allowing the audience to absorb the complexity of water sustainability issues through unique and diverse hermeneutic lenses.

In the process of creating the film "Herediaqua," several steps were taken to develop concepts and craft works in line with

the writer's vision. One of the important initial steps was to unearth inspiration from various sources, including local traditions, similar artworks, theoretical literature, and direct field experiences. Inspiration from the Pupuh tradition in Sundanese society, for example, provided a strong conceptual foundation, while studying similar films provided insight into effective storytelling techniques.

Furthermore, the conceptual process of the film "Herediaqua" was also driven by a desire to convey deep messages with social impact. In this context, the selection of water characters as the main subject of the film was not merely coincidental but the result of an in-depth analysis of the similarities between the human life cycle and the water cycle. This reflects the writer's determination to make the film not only an aesthetic work but also a medium for raising awareness of important issues such as water sustainability.

The film titled "Herediaqua" is the embodiment of a deep exploration of the life cycle by harmonizing the elements of 'Heredity' and 'Aqua.' As a masterpiece in the "association picture story" genre, this film is not just a cinematic work but an experience that stimulates the minds and feelings of the audience. With a strong identity, "Herediaqua" becomes a voice speaking about the uniqueness of humans and the wonders of nature.

The choice of the "association picture story" genre provides a foundation for exploring emotional depth and philosophical meaning in this film. By entering this territory, "Herediaqua" seeks to create an unusual cinematic experience. Technical aspects, such as stunning cinematography, dramatic sound arrangement, and smooth editing, are emphasized to provide a deep visual experience.

The duration of the film is not just a time parameter but also an important tool in conveying messages and shaping the

audience's experience. Every second is directed to absorb the atmosphere, allowing the audience to connect with moments and explore the meaning in the presented story.

The premise of the film "Herediaqua" originates from the Pupuh tradition in Sundanese society, where water is elevated as a central figure representing the journey of human life. By exploring elements of local wisdom, literature, and natural phenomena, this film attempts to encapsulate the harmony among them. Through the journey of water as a metaphor for the human journey, "Herediaqua" initiates a narrative from nothingness, taking the audience on a profound reflection of existence and destiny.

The synopsis of the film "Herediaqua" invites the audience into a cinematic journey that combines cultural elements, stunning visuals, and captivating non-linear narration. More than just aesthetic beauty, this film offers substance that interprets the message of water sustainability. By combining unconventional elements, "Herediaqua" emerges as a cinematic work that not only stimulates thought but also stirs the emotions of the audience. Through a fresh and unique perspective on the cycle of life, this film becomes a deep experience that stimulates reflection and awareness of water sustainability, an urgent and profound issue.

The narrative structure used in the creation process of "Herediaqua" is a 5-stage storytelling graph in the experimental stage and planned to use a 3-stage 8-sequence storytelling graph, which is a combination of Elizabeth Lutter's and Aristotle's graphs with the aim of aligning the storyline with the depiction of the water life cycle and allowing the audience to be drawn into a different storyline of the film. This film not only offers a stunning visual experience but also offers an opportunity for the audience to ponder deeper meanings of the story conveyed. Thus, the narrative structure used in "Herediaqua"

serves not only as a means to illustrate the water life cycle but also as an instrument to construct a different film to watch.

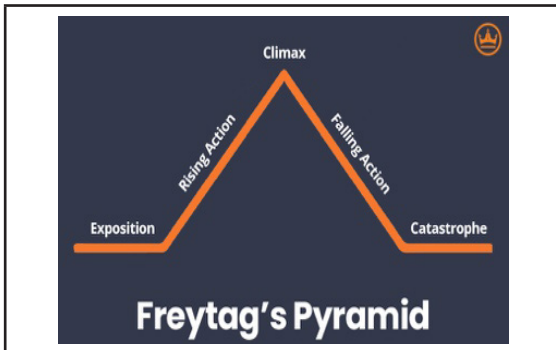


Figure 1. Freitag's Pyramid
(Source: kindlepreneur.com, 2023)

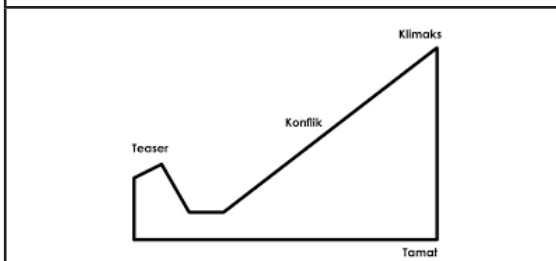


Figure 2. Elizabeth Lutters Graph
(Source: D Ardiansyah Journal, 2017)

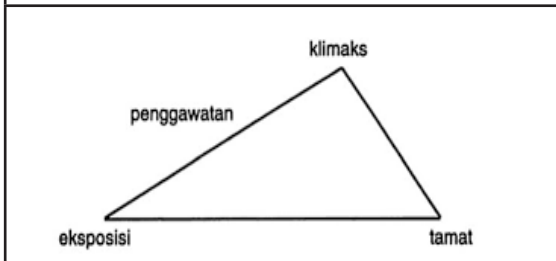


Figure 3. Aristoteles Graph
(Source: Lutters, 2010)

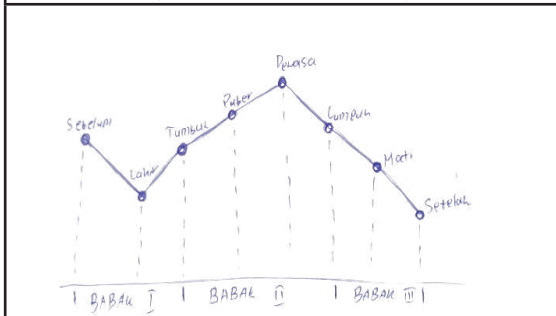


Figure 4. Author Graph
(Source: Author Personal Image, 2023)

By detailing this creation concept, we can understand how these elements evolve from the idea stage to a mature concept involving influences from specific sources, design decisions, and creative considerations that shape the direction of the film. Thus, the creation concept of "Herediaqua" strengthens the identity of this film as a cinematic work that provides a unique experience beyond genre and medium.

In the context of exploration or data collection methods, the use of inspirational sources such as films, books, and journals in the making of "HEREDIAQUA" plays a crucial role in shaping ideas and concepts. The use of this exploration method allows the writer to explore various sources and unearth creative ideas in the film development process. Experimental methods also play a role in testing concepts and filmmaking techniques to be used in "HEREDIAQUA." The experimental results show that short films with strong visual language effectively convey messages and meanings to the audience. The audience can understand the symbols used in the film and relate them to the presented context, demonstrating that visual language has great potential in conveying ideas and emotions powerfully.

In the context of applying experimental methods in this research, a technique or storytelling system of 5 acts was used. This storytelling system is used to form a structured storyline framework and facilitate the director in building the story to be conveyed to the audience. Generally, the 5-act storytelling technique, also known as the 3-act 5-sequence technique, is commonly used. The selection of the 5-act storytelling technique was chosen because it is considered more effective to be applied in the experimental process of creating the film "HEREDIAQUA," which has a short duration of around 12-14 minutes.

Act 1, containing the introduction and opening of the film, where character introduction, background, routines, and the initial emergence of problems are present. In its application, Act 1 in the film "HEREDIAQUA" focuses more on the initial narration of the emergence of water as the main character in the film. Visualization is done using semiotic images of newly born water with morning dew and its droplets arranged with a slow transition of images. The audio selection used in this sequence is adjusted by selecting background music according to the slow visual tempo.

Act 2, containing the development of Act 1 which clarifies the storyline, characters, and the background of the main character. In its application, Act 2 in the film "HEREDIAQUA" tells a phase of the water character's development entering childhood. In terms of visual storytelling, the childhood phase of the water character is depicted through children playing with water, the depiction of a mother bathing her child, and a religious ritual involving water with children in it. In this act, a tempo of storytelling that is quite slow but tends to be faster than the tempo used in Act 1, both visually and in terms of audio tempo, is used.

Act 3, containing the climax where the story reaches its peak and ends with the discovery of a solution or way out. In its application, Act 3 in the film "HEREDIAQUA" emphasizes more on the climax phase in terms of the story tempo, while from the aspect of the problems raised, it has not reached its peak. In this act, the storytelling process reaches the fastest tempo, where visually it depicts a very energetic, dynamic, and enthusiastic phase. The phase is depicted using water objects with a strong current that gives the impression that the water character is very enthusiastic. In addition to visual aspects,

the selected audio and background music also adjust to the tempo of the energetic, dynamic, and enthusiastic visual depiction.

Act 4, according to Freytag's pyramid chart, Act 4 contains a problem-solving stage, the revelation of hidden facts behind a mystery, and the discovery of a definite way out of the problem. In its application, Act 4 in the film "HEREDIAQUA" contains contemplation and the peak of the problem caused by many factors explained in the previous acts. In this act, the storytelling focuses on the emergence of another side of the water phase depicted since the beginning, the phase of revealing the other side of the water character that was initially told as good, now water can turn into a scourge for humans. The visual depiction of disaster news such as floods, landslides, and tsunamis also caused by water and had adverse effects on humans. Visually, a transition to black and white is given with the aim that the audience can understand that in this act, the storytelling is in the phase of reflecting on all problems until finally finding the solution. In terms of audio aspects, a slower tempo and melancholic music selection are used to support the visual storytelling that seems to be pondering.

Act 5, this act is the final act in the storytelling stage of a film. In this act, a conclusion is given from the end of the story, whether it ends happily, tragically, sadly, or even leaves a puzzle. In its application, Act 5 in the film "HEREDIAQUA" is given a clarity in the form of a phase where water finds its way back to the calm sea. This can be interpreted as a phenomenon of semiotic life journey of the water character that starts from birth, continues to the cheerful and joyful childhood phase, proceeds to the energetic and dynamic phase, then is tempered by heavy problems, until finally the water character can find a beautiful

and calm end when finding a new nature in the sea. Visually, this act will begin with a shot down the waterfall as a symbol of the problems that have been passed, then passing through the calm estuary flow and ending with a sunset shot at sea. In this act, the audio used has a tempo that tends to be faster and seems cheerful compared to the previous act, aiming to create a final picture of this story that ends happily.

Although this experiment yielded positive results, some shortcomings need to be noted. The sample size used in this experiment is limited, so generalizing findings must be done carefully. Furthermore, this research only observed audience responses subjectively and did not involve objective measurements related to the effectiveness of visual language. Therefore, further research with a larger sample size and using a more measurable approach is needed to strengthen these findings. Additionally, this film needs to be improved in terms of arrangement and quality of the images used so that the audience can enjoy the visual aspects more in terms of story, color, and image arrangement.

It is also important to consider the context and target audience in the use of visual language in the film "Herediaqua." Each audience has different preferences and understandings of visual language, so further research is needed to understand how the influence of visual language can differ among various audience groups.

Overall, this experiment indicates that the use of strong visual language in films can enhance communication abilities and audience experiences. However, it is important to note the limitations of this research and conduct further research to gain a deeper understanding of the influence of visual language in a broader film context. Thus, this research has made

a significant contribution to understanding the application of filmmaking techniques with association picture story genres and their impact on society.

Discussion

As the essence of the creation of the film "Herediaqua," aesthetics stretch as a key element in the association picture story genre and non-narrative approach. This chapter details relevant aesthetic theories applied specifically to this film. A profound understanding of visual, narrative, and philosophical meanings reveals the hidden beauty emanating through the unique precision and innovation of this art. Analyzing aesthetics in the film "Herediaqua" through the value in each of its sequences.

Act 1, Birth



Figure 5.
Depiction of the beginning of water
(Source: The Herediaqua Film, 2023)



Figure 6. Placement of the film title
(Source: The Herediaqua Film, 2023)



Figure 7. Early morning fog
(Source: The Herediaqua Film, 2023)

Act 1 of the film "HEREDIAQUA" showcases an aesthetic analysis of the creation of the semiotics of Water's birth. The central focus on narrating the initial emergence of water as the main character provides a strong foundation for the story's development. The use of semiotic representations of water, particularly through morning dew and its droplets, not only presents richly meaningful visual elements but also brings a deep symbolic dimension. The choice of a slow transition of images creates a calm and reflective visual atmosphere, allowing the audience to immerse themselves in each detail more deeply. The congruence of audio-visual elements, especially in the selection of background music that aligns with the slow visual tempo, creates a harmonious unity among the film's elements. The use of audio that supports the visual demonstrates an understanding of the role of audio as a supporter of the audience's sensory experience. Overall, Act 1 serves not only as a narrative introduction but also as a manifestation of carefully planned aesthetics, making "HEREDIAQUA" not only a captivating narrative but also through the considered visual and audio beauty.

Act 2, Growth



Figure 8. Depiction of growth phases
(Source: The Herediaqua Film, 2023)



Figure 9. Depiction of childhood phases
(Source: The Herediaqua Film, 2023)



Figure 10. The function of water in rituals
(Source: The Herediaqua Film, 2023)

Act 2 of "HEREDIAQUA" demonstrates a profound understanding of aesthetics in character development of the water protagonist. The visualization of the childhood phase, depicting activities of playing with water, the portrayal of the mother-child relationship, and involvement in religious rituals, imbues emotional depth to the character. These visual choices not only create beauty and innocence but also establish a strong emotional bond between the audience and the water character.

The narrative rhythm is maintained with a slow yet slightly faster tempo than the previous act, creating changes that stimulate the audience's attention. The alignment between visual and audio tempo depicts changes in the water character's life, expressing dynamics and continuous growth. This act serves not only as narrative development but also as a manifestation of controlled aesthetics, creating a profound atmosphere and adding new dimensions to the character and storyline. Semiotic analysis reveals the use of visual symbols, such as playing with water, bathing a child, and religious rituals, adding layers of complex meaning and stimulating deep interpretation from the audience. By leveraging the symbolic language of water, "HEREDIAQUA" successfully delivers a cinematic experience that is not only captivating but also artistically profound.

Act 3, Climax



Figure 11. Water Rafting Visuals
(Source: The Herediaqua Film, 2023)



Figure 12. Speed Boat Visuals
(Source: The Herediaqua Film, 2023)



Figure 13. Rock Climbing Visuals
(Source: The Herediaqua Film, 2023)

Act 3 of the film "HEREDIAQUA" reaches its climax with an emphasis on the climax phase, depicting water with strong currents and intense water sports and extreme sports activities. Aesthetic analysis shows that the use of water symbolism in the form of strong currents and enthusiastic activities successfully creates a visually vibrant climax. Aesthetic details, such as dynamic and enthusiastic water visuals, provide dimensions of energy and excitement. The alignment of the selected music and audio with the fast visual tempo not only creates increasing dynamics but also adds emotional layers to the climax, strengthening the overall aesthetic appeal.

It is also important to detail the semiotic aspects in the aesthetic analysis of Act 3. The use of water with strong currents can be interpreted as a symbol of energy, courage, and joy. The selection of water sports and extreme sports as symbols of enthusiastic action semiotically highlights the character of the water protagonist who possesses strength in facing challenges, creating a profound dimension of courage. Thus, through the emphasis on visual aesthetics and the use of water symbolism in semiotic analysis, Act 3 successfully provides viewers with a rich and profound cinematic experience, going beyond mere story development.

Furthermore, semiotic analysis also highlights that elements such as strong water currents and water sports and extreme

sports activities not only serve as symbols of enthusiastic action but can also be interpreted as representations of natural transformation and power. In this context, water can be understood as a metaphor for change and humanity's ability to overcome obstacles, adding a philosophical dimension to the aesthetics of Act 3. Thus, the storytelling not only provides visual excitement but also invites viewers to contemplate deeper meanings behind each scene, elevating the film to a thought-provoking work of art.

Act 4, Paralysis



Figure 14. Rainy Visuals
(Source: The Herediaqua Film, 2023)



Figure 15. The Other Side of Water
(Source: The Herediaqua Film, 2023)



Figure 16. The visual of leaves after rain
(Source: The Herediaqua Film, 2023)

Act 4 of the film "HEREDIAQUA" reaches its climax by depicting the resolution of problems, the revelation of hidden facts, and the discovery of a way out of the conflict that has been built up since the beginning. At this stage, the storytelling focus shifts to contemplation and the peak of the problem, involving the other side of the character of water. In its narrative journey, water, initially illustrated as a source of goodness, now reveals its potential as a disaster for humanity. Visualizations of natural disasters such as floods, landslides, and tsunamis, caused by water, add a dramatic dimension to the character's transformation. The visual shift from color to black and white reinforces the reflective atmosphere, providing the audience with a deep understanding that this act is a critical point where all problems are faced and considered before finding a solution.

The aesthetic aspects of this act are not limited to visuals but also involve carefully crafted audio elements. The use of slow tempo and melancholic music creates a contemplative atmosphere, supporting the emotionally charged visual storytelling. The color transitions and the audio-visual atmosphere created generate an intense mood, drawing the audience into deep reflections on the impact of water as a natural element.

Through the deliberate combination of visual and audio aesthetics, Act 4 is able to create a powerful cinematic experience, deepening the meaning of the story and providing a satisfying resolution for the audience. By revealing the dark side of the water character, the film not only builds dramatic tension but also stimulates the audience's thinking about the complexity of the relationship between humans and nature. Semiotic analysis highlights the use of deep visual symbols to convey messages. The color shift and transition to black and white become symbols of dramatic change,

while the music supporting the visual tempo creates additional emotional layers. All of this results in a cinematic work that is not only captivating narratively but also stimulates the thoughts and emotions of the audience with the complexity of water symbolism.

Act 5, Death



Figure 17. Waterfall Visuals
(Source: The Herediaqua Film, 2023)



Figure 18. Estuary Flow
(Source: The Herediaqua Film, 2023)



Figure 19. Sunset On The Beach
(Source: The Herediaqua Film, 2023)

Act 5 of the film “HEREDIAQUA” serves as a captivating conclusion by providing clarity to the resolution phase of the story. In this act, cinematography significantly contributes to building the audience’s emotional experience through symbolic

visual choices. Starting with a shot descending down a waterfall, the life journey of the water character is illustrated as a challenge to be faced. The remarkable transition from the challenging waterfall to the tranquil river mouth provides a powerful visual narrative, representing the emotional and meaningful journey of the water character.

The aesthetic aspects of this act support the impression of a happy and peaceful ending. The sunset over the sea as the closing shot brings a touching beauty, offering symbolism of a beautiful and peaceful ending. The use of audio with a faster and cheerful tempo adds a positive emotional dimension, enhancing the final joy and marking the achievement of the water character’s goal. The music supporting the bright and happy atmosphere creates a joyful atmosphere, reinforcing the impression that the water character has found its home in the peaceful sea.

The semiotic analysis in this act details the use of visual symbolism. The shot descending down the waterfall can be interpreted as the struggle of life, while the tranquil river mouth reflects the peace found by the water character. The sunset over the sea becomes a symbol of a beautiful and meaningful ending, indicating the achievement of goals and inner peace. Through the deliberate combination of visual, audio, and semiotic aesthetics, Act 5 of “HEREDIAQUA” successfully creates a deep cinematic experience, immersing the audience in the water character’s journey towards happiness and peace.

Thus, the exploration of aesthetics in the film “Herediaqua” opens doors to insights into the hidden beauty within each scene. Scene by scene, aesthetic analysis has revealed the complexity of visual, audio, and semiotic elements, creating a work of art with a unique presentation style. Through the combination of these elements, “Herediaqua” becomes not only an entertaining narrative but also a carefully planned aesthetic presentation.

The carefully considered visual beauty, meticulously crafted audio-visual harmony, and the depth of symbolism permeating through each scene form the foundation of this artistic work. In this context, aesthetics are not just complementary but also the main pillar enriching the audience's experience. As a conclusion, "Herediaqua" embodies the idea that beauty can be found in every detail, and through the lens of aesthetics, this work invites its audience to delve into its hidden depths.

CONCLUSION

Consequently, upon thorough examination and reflection, it becomes evident that "Herediaqua" stands as a remarkable testament to the fusion of local culture and cinematic artistry, achieving a level of artistic brilliance that resonates deeply with its audience. The meticulous integration of language, music, and indigenous traditions within the film exemplifies the precision and dedication of its creators in crafting a narrative of profound richness and depth. Through interdisciplinary collaboration, the film not only presents a captivating journey but also offers nuanced insights and layers of meaning, enriching the viewing experience.

Furthermore, the developmental journey of "Herediaqua" underscores the indispensable role of teamwork and unwavering commitment to a unified artistic vision. From the inception of the screenplay to the intricacies of production design, each phase exemplifies meticulous attention to detail and a steadfast dedication to authenticity in cultural representation. The deliberate use of aesthetics and semiotics imbues the film with emotional and intellectual resonance, inviting viewers to engage deeply with its themes and messages.

In light of these observations, "Herediaqua" transcends its status as a mere cinematic creation to become a profound exploration of cultural identity and human experience. By seamlessly blending local heritage with universal themes, the film not only celebrates cultural diversity but also fosters greater understanding and appreciation among its audience. As such, "Herediaqua" serves as a compelling example of the transformative power of cinema in fostering cross-cultural dialogue and promoting social cohesion.

As a recommendation, future filmmakers are encouraged to draw inspiration from the collaborative and meticulous approach employed in the creation of "Herediaqua." By prioritizing authenticity and cultural representation, filmmakers can create works that resonate deeply with audiences while contributing to the enrichment of global cultural discourse. Moreover, policymakers and stakeholders in the film industry should support initiatives that promote the production and dissemination of culturally significant films, thereby fostering greater inclusivity and understanding in society.

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