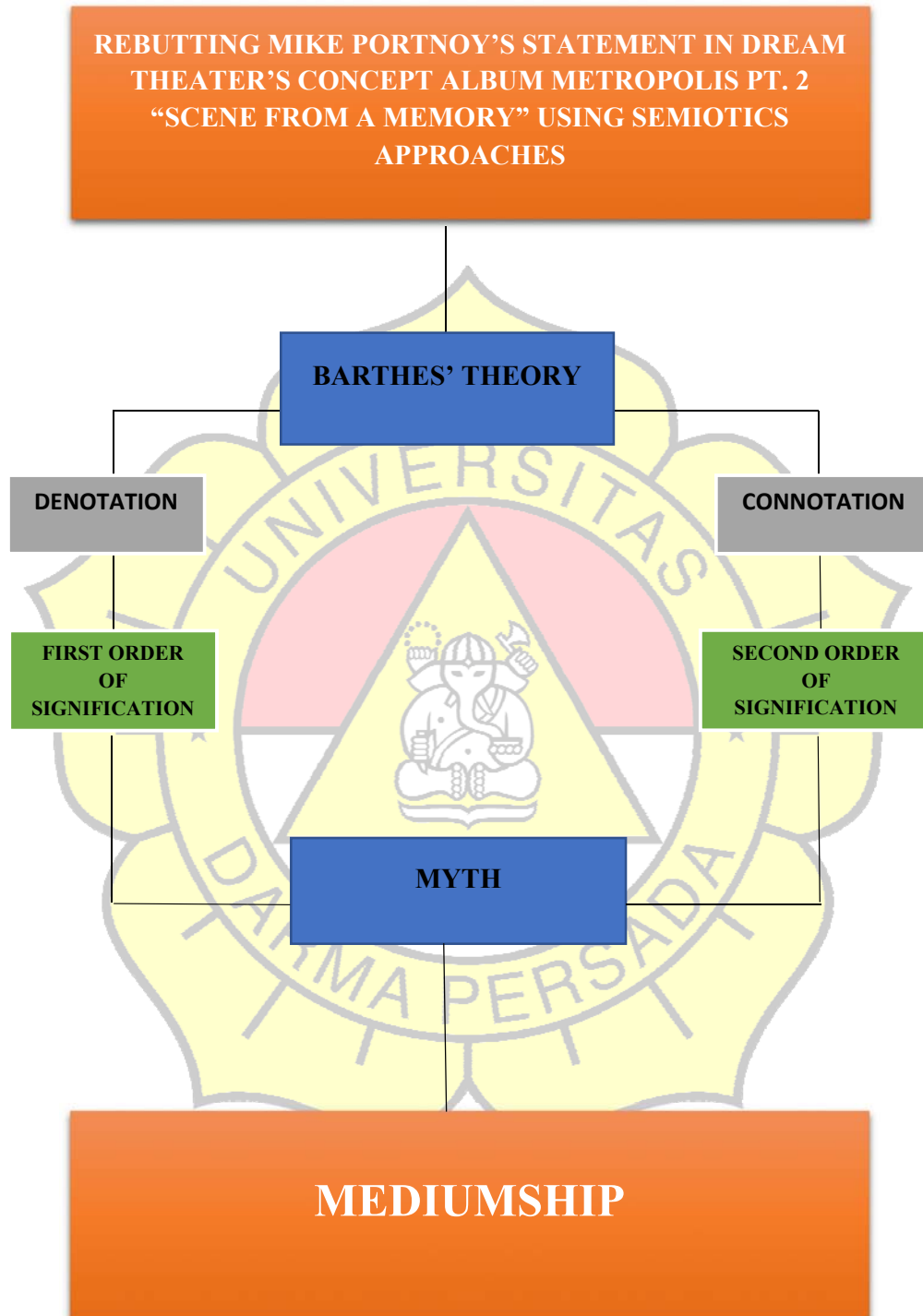


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REBUTTING MIKE PORTNOY'S STATEMENT IN DREAM THEATER'S CONCEPT ALBUM METROPOLIS PT. 2 "SCENE FROM A MEMORY" USING SEMIOTICS APPROACHES

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BACKGROUND

Music is one way to communication activities that are expected to deliver messages in different ways. Lyric can express the thought and the feelings of the poets, in this case the songwriter. It could be songwriter's love experience, the social condition in his/her country, environment, protest, tell a story, even a concept album. In this research, the writer chooses Metropolis Pt. 2 "Scene from a Memory" from Dream Theater, an American progressive metal band which formed in 1985. The writer wants to analyze the concept album using semiotic theories from Barthes to rebut Mike Portnoy's statement in this concept album through the myths.

FRAMEWORK OF THE THEORIES

BARTHES'
THEORY

DENOTATION

CONNOTATION

MYTH

METHOD OF THE RESEARCH

To analyze this research, the writer uses qualitative methods. The qualitative methods can be used to analyze the literary works by using semiotics approach. The writer uses Roland Barthes' theories in order to emerge both denotative and connotative meanings. As the results, the writer can assume the myth behind each song.

RESULT OF THE RESEARCH

After conducting analysis about denotation, connotation, and myth, the writer concludes that Barthes' semiotics theory is able to reveal myth implied through the lyrics. Hence, using Barthes' semiotics theory the writer concludes that Nicholas is not a reincarnation from Victoria. However, he is only a common person who conducts the process of mediumship.

ATTACHMENTS

The attachment consist the song lyrics of Dream Theater which analyze in chapter three. There are 8 songs titled: *Scene One: Regression*, *Scene Two, II. Strange Déjà vu*, *Scene Three, II. Fatal Tragedy*, *Scene Four: Beyond This Life*, *Scene Five: Through Her Eyes*, *Scene Six: Home*, *Scene Eight: The Spirit Carries On*, and the last is *Scene Nine: Finally Free*

Song Lyric 1: Scene One: Regression

Stanza 1

Line 1: "Close your eyes and begin to relax
Line 2: Take a deep breath, and let it out slowly
Line 3: Concentrate on your breathing
Line 4: With each breath you become more relaxed
Line 5: Imagine a brilliant white light above you, focusing on this light as
it flows through your body
Line 6: Allow yourself to drift off as you fall deeper and
Line 7: deeper into a more relaxed state of mind
Line 8: Now as I count backward from ten to
one, you will fill more peaceful, and calm
Line 9: Ten. Nine. Eight. Seven. Six
Line 10: You will enter a safe place where nothing can harm you
Line 11: Five. Four. Three. Two
Line 12: If at any time you need to come back,
Line 13: All you must do is open your eyes
Line 14: One"

Stanza 2

Line 1: [Nicholas:]
Line 2: Safe in the light that surrounds me
Line 3: Free of the fear and the pain
Line 4: My subconscious mind
Line 5: Starts spinning through time
Line 6: To rejoin the past once again

Stanza 3

Line 1: Nothing seems real
Line 2: I'm starting to feel
Line 3: Lost in the haze of a dream

Line 4: And as I draw near
Line 5: The scene becomes clear
Line 6: Like watching my life on a screen

Stanza 5

Line 1: Hello Victoria so glad to see you
Line 2: My friend

Song Lyrics 2: Scene Two: II Strange Déjà vu**Stanza 1**

Line 1: [Nicholas:]
Line 2: Subconscious strange sensation
Line 3: Unconscious relaxation
Line 4: What a pleasant nightmare
Line 5: And I can't wait to get there again

Stanza 2

Line 1: Every time I close my eyes
Line 2: There's another vivid surprise
Line 3: Another whole life waiting
Line 4: Chapters unfinished, fading

Stanza 3

Line 1: Closer now - Slowly coming into view
Line 2: I've arrived - Blinding sunshine beaming through

Stanza 4

Line 1: There's a house I'm drawn into
Line 2: Familiar settings, nothing new
Line 3: There's a pathway leading there
Line 4: With a haunting chill in the air

Stanza 5

Line 1: There's a room at the top of the stairs
Line 2: Every night I'm drawn up there
Line 3: There's a girl in the mirror
Line 4: Her face is getting clearer
Line 5: Young child won't you tell me why I'm here?

Line 6: In her eyes - I sense a story never told
Line 7: Behind the disguise - There's something tearing
Line 8: At her soul

Stanza 6

Line 1: [Victoria:]
Line 2: Tonight I've been searching for it
Line 3: A feeling that's deep inside me
Line 4: Tonight I've been searching for
Line 5: The one that nobody knows

Line 6: Trying to break free

Stanza 7

Line 1: I just can't help myself
Line 2: I'm feeling like I'm going out of my head
Line 3: Tears my heart into two
Line 4: I'm not the one the sleeper thought he knew

Stanza 8

Line 1: [Nicholas:]
Line 2: Back on my feet again
Line 3: Eyes open to real world
Line 4: Metropolis surrounds me
Line 5: The mirror's shattered the girl

Stanza 9

Line 1: Why is this other life
Line 2: Haunting me everyday
Line 3: I'd break through the other side
Line 4: If only I'd find the way

Stanza 10

Line 1: Something's awfully familiar
Line 2: The feeling's so hard to shake
Line 3: Could I have lived in that other world
Line 4: It's a link that I'm destined to make

Stanza 11

Line 1: I'm still searching but I don't know what for
Line 2: The missing key to unlock my mind's door

Stanza 12

Line 1: Today I am searching for it
Line 2: A feeling that won't go away
Line 3: Today I am searching for it
Line 4: The one that I only know
Line 5: Trying to break free

Stanza 13

Line 1: I just can't help myself
Line 2: I'm feeling like I'm going out of my head
Line 3: Tears my soul into two
Line 4: I'm not the one I thought I always knew

Stanza 15

Line 1: I just can't help myself
Line 2: I'm feeling like I'm going out of my head

Line 3: Uncanny, strange Deja Vu
Line 4: But I don't mind - I hope to find the truth

Song Lyrics 3: Scene Three, II. Fatal Tragedy

Stanza 1

Line 1: [Nicholas:]
Line 2: Alone at night
Line 3: I feel so strange
Line 4: I need to find
Line 5: All the answers to my dreams

Stanza 2

Line 1: When I sleep at night
Line 2: I hear the cries
Line 3: What does this mean?

Stanza 3

Line 1: I shut the door and traveled to another home
Line 2: I met an older man, he seemed to be alone
Line 3: I felt that I could trust him
Line 4: He talked to me that night;

Stanza 4

Line 1: "Lad did you know a girl was murdered here?"
Line 2: "This fatal tragedy was talked about for years"
Line 3: Victoria's gone forever
Line 4: Only memories remain
Line 5: She passed away
Line 6: She was so young

Stanza 5

Line 1: Without love
Line 2: Without truth
Line 3: There can be no turning back

Stanza 6

Line 1: Without faith
Line 2: Without hope
Line 3: There can be no peace of mind

Stanza 7

Line 1: As the night went on
Line 2: I started to find my way
Line 3: I learned about a tragedy
Line 4: A mystery still today

Stanza 8

Line 1: I tried to get more answers
Line 2: But he said, "You're on your own"
Line 3: Then he turned away and left me
Line 4: As I stand there all alone
Line 5: He said, "You'll know the truth
Line 6: As your future days unfold"

Stanza 9

Line 1: Without love
Line 2: Without truth
Line 3: There can be no turning back

Stanza 10

Line 1: Without faith
Line 2: Without hope
Line 3: There can be no peace of mind

Stanza 11

Line 1: Now, it's time to see how you died
Line 2: Remember that death is not the end
Line 3: But only transition

Song lyrics 4: Scene Four: "Beyond This Life"

Stanza 1

Line 1: [Headline:] "Murder, young girl killed
Line 2: Desperate shooting at Echo's hill
Line 3: Dreadful ending, killer died
Line 4: Evidently suicide"

Stanza 2

Line 1: A witness heard a horrifying sound
Line 2: He ran to find a woman dead and
Line 3: Lying on the ground

Stanza 3

Line 1: Standing by her was a man
Line 2: Nervous, shaking, gun in hand
Line 3: Witness says he tried to help
Line 4: But he'd turned the weapon on himself

Stanza 4

Line 1: His body fell across that poor young girl
Line 2: After shouting out in vain
Line 3: The witness ran to call for assistance

Line 4: A sad close to a broken love affair

Stanza 5

Line 1: Our deeds have traveled far
Line 2: What we have been is what we are

Stanza 6

Line 1: She wanted love forever
Line 2: But he had another plan
Line 3: He fell into an evil way
Line 4: She had to let him down
Line 5: She said "I can't love a wayward man"

Stanza 7

Line 1: She may have found a reason to forgive
Line 2: If he had only tried to change
Line 3: Was their fatal meeting prearranged?

Stanza 8

Line 1: Had a violent struggle taken place?
Line 2: There was every sign that lead there
Line 3: Witness found a switchblade on the ground
Line 4: Was the victim unaware?
Line 5: They continued to investigate
Line 6: They found a note in the killer's pocket
Line 7: It could have been a suicide letter
Line 8: Maybe he had lost her love

Stanza 9

Line 1: I feel there's only one thing left to do
Line 2: I'd sooner take my life away than live with losing you

Stanza 10

Line 1: Our deeds have traveled far
Line 2: What we have been is what we are

Stanza 11

Line 1: All that we learn this time
Line 2: (What we have been is what we are)
Line 3: Is carried beyond this life

Song lyrics 5: Scene Five: Through Her Eyes

Stanza 1

Line 1: [Nicholas:]

Line 2: She never really had a chance
Line 3: On that fateful moonlight night
Line 4: Sacrificed without a fight
Line 5: A victim of her circumstances

Stanza 2

Line 1: Now that I've become aware
Line 2: And I've exposed this tragedy
Line 3: A sadness grows inside of me
Line 4: It all seems so unfair

Stanza 3

Line 1: I'm learning all about my life
Line 2: By looking through her eyes

Stanza 4

Line 1: Just beyond the churchyard gates
Line 2: Where the grass is overgrown
Line 3: I saw the writing on her stone
Line 4: I felt like I would suffocate

Stanza 5

Line 1: In loving memory of our child
Line 2: So innocent, eyes open wide
Line 3: I felt so empty as I cried
Line 4: Like part of me had died

Stanza 6

Line 1: And as her image
Line 2: Wandered through my head
Line 3: I wept just like a baby
Line 4: As I lay awake in bed

Stanza 7

Line 1: And I know what it's like
Line 2: To lose someone you love
Line 3: And this felt just the same

Stanza 8

Line 1: She wasn't given any choice
Line 2: Desperation stole her voice
Line 3: I've been given so much more in life
Line 4: I've got a son, I've got a wife

Stanza 9

Line 1: I had to suffer one last time
Line 2: To grieve for her and say goodbye

Line 3: Relieve the anguish of my past
Line 4: To find out who I was at last

Stanza 10

Line 1: The door has opened wide
Line 2: I'm turning with the tide
Line 3: Looking through her eyes

Song lyrics 6: Scene Six: Home

Stanza 1

Line 1: [The Sleeper:]
Line 2: Shine-lake of fire
Line 3: Lines take me higher
Line 4: My mind drips desire
Line 5: Confined and overtired

Stanza 2

Line 1: Living this charade
Line 2: Is getting me nowhere
Line 3: I can't shake this charade
Line 4: The city's cold blood calls me home
Line 5: Home it's what I long for
Line 6: Back home where I belong

Stanza 3

Line 1: The city - it calls to me
Line 2: Decadent scenes from my memory
Line 3: Sorrow - eternity
Line 4: My demons are coming to drown me

Stanza 4

Line 1: Help - I'm falling, I'm crawling
Line 2: I can't keep away from its clutch
Line 3: Can't have it, this habit
Line 4: It's calling me back to my home

Stanza 5

Line 1: [The Miracle:]
Line 2: I remember the first time she came to me
Line 3: Poured her soul out all night and cried

Stanza 6

Line 1: I remember I was told there's a new love that's born
Line 2: For each one that has died

Stanza 7

Line 1: I never thought that I
Line 2: Could carry on with this life
Line 3: But I can't resist myself
Line 4: No matter how hard I try

Stanza 8

Line 1: Living their other life
Line 2: Is getting them nowhere
Line 3: I'll make her my wife
Line 4: Her sweet temptations calls me home
Line 5: Home it's what I long for
Line 6: My home where she belongs

Stanza 9

Line 1: Her ecstasy - means so much to me
Line 2: Even deceiving my own blood
Line 3: Victoria watches and thoughtfully smiles
Line 4: She's taking me to my home

Stanza 10

Line 1: Help - he's my brother, but I love her
Line 2: I can't keep away from her touch
Line 3: Deception, dishonor
Line 4: It's calling me back to my home

Stanza 11

Line 1: [Nicholas:]
Line 2: Her story - it holds the key
Line 3: Unlocking dreams from my memory
Line 4: Solving this mystery
Line 5: Is everything that is a part of me

Stanza 12

Line 1: Help - regression, obsession
Line 2: I can't keep away from her touch
Line 3: Leave no doubt, to find out
Line 4: It's calling me back to my home

Song lyric 7: Scene Eight: "The Spirit Carries On"

Stanza 1

Line 1: [Nicholas:]
Line 2: Where did we come from?
Line 3: Why are we here?
Line 4: Where do we go when we die?
Line 5: What lies beyond

Line 6: And what lay before?
Line 7: Is anything certain in life?

Stanza 2

Line 1: They say " Life is too short"
Line 2: "The here and the now"
Line 3: And " You`re only given one shot"
Line 4: But could there be more
Line 5: Have I lived before
Line 6: Or could this be all that we`ve got?

Stanza 3

Line 1: If I die tomorrow
Line 2: I`d be alright
Line 3: Because I believe
Line 4: That after we`re gone
Line 5: The spirit carries on

Stanza 4

Line 1: I used to be frightened of dying
Line 2: I used to think death was the end
Line 3: But that was before
Line 4: I`m not scared anymore
Line 5: I know that my soul will transcend

Stanza 5

Line 1: I may never find all the answers
Line 2: I may never understand why
Line 3: I may never prove
Line 4: What I know to be true
Line 5: But I know that I still have to try

Stanza 6

Line 1: If I die tomorrow
Line 2: I`d be alright
Line 3: Because I believe
Line 4: That after we`re gone
Line 5: The spirit carries on

Stanza 7

Line 1: [Victoria:]
Line 2: "Move on, be brave
Line 3: Don`t weep at my grave
Line 4: Because I`m no longer here
Line 5: But please never let
Line 6: Your memories of me disappear"

Stanza 8

Line 1: [Nicholas:]
Line 2: Safe in the light that surrounds me
Line 3: Free of the fear and the pain
Line 4: My questioning mind
Line 5: Has help me to find
Line 6: The meaning in my life again
Line 7: Victoria's real
Line 8: I finally feel
Line 9: At peace with the girl in my dreams
Line 10: And now that I'm here
Line 11: It's perfectly clear
Line 12: I found out what all of this means

Stanza 9

Line 1: If I die tomorrow
Line 2: I'd be alright
Line 3: Because I believe
Line 4: That after we're gone
Line 5: The spirit carries on

Song lyric 8 Scene Nine: Finally Free

Stanza 1

Line 1: You are once again surrounded by a brilliant white light.
Line 2: Allow the light to lead you away from your past
and into this lifetime.
Line 3: As the light dissipates you will slowly fade back into
consciousness, remembering all you have learned.
Line 4: When I tell you to open your eyes you will return to the present,
Line 5: Feeling peaceful and refresh.
Line 6: Open your eyes Nicholas.

Stanza 2

Line 1: [Miracle:]
Line 2: Friday evening
Line 3: The blood still on my hands
Line 4: To think that she would leave me now
Line 5: For that ungrateful man
Line 6: Sole survivor
Line 7: No witness to the crime
Line 8: I must act fast to cover up
Line 1: I think that there's still time
Line 2: He'd seem hopeless and lost with this note
Line 3: They'll buy into the words that I wrote
Line 4: This feeling
Line 5: Inside me

Line 6: Finally found my love
Line 7: I've finally broke free
Line 8: No longer
Line 9: Torn in two
Line 10: I'd take my own life before losing you

Stanza 3

Line 1: [Victoria:]
Line 2: Feeling good this Friday afternoon
Line 3: I ran into Julian
Line 4: Said we'd get together soon
Line 5: He's always had my heart
Line 6: He needs to know
Line 7: I'll break free of the Miracle
Line 8: It's time for him to go
Line 9: This feeling
Line 10: Inside me
Line 11: Finally found my love
Line 12: I've finally broke free
Line 13: No longer
Line 14: Torn in two
Line 15: He'd kill his brother if he only knew
Line 16: Their love renewed
Line 17: They'd rendezvous
Line 18: In a pathway out of view
Line 19: They thought no one knew
Line 20: Then came a shot out of the night
Line 21: "Open your eyes, Victoria"

Stanza 4

Line 1: [Sleeper:]
Line 2: One last time
Line 3: We'll lay down today
Line 4: One last time
Line 5: Until we fade away
Line 6: One last time
Line 7: We'll lay down today
Line 8: One last time
Line 9: We fade away
Line 10: As their bodies lie still
Line 11: And the ending draws near
Line 12: Spirits rise through the air
Line 13: All their fears disappear
Line 14: It all becomes clear
Line 15: A blinding light comes into view
Line 16: An old soul exchanged for a new
Line 17: Familiar voice comes shining through

Stanza 5

Line 1: [Nicholas:]
Line 2: This feeling
Line 3: Inside me
Line 4: Finally found my life
Line 6: I'm finally free
Line 7: No longer
Line 8: Torn in two
Line 9: I learned about my life by living through you
Line 10: This feeling
Line 11: Inside me
Line 12: Finally found my life
Line 13: I've finally free
Line 14: No longer
Line 15: Torn in two
Line 16: Living my own life by learning from you
Line 17: We'll meet again my friend
Line 18: Someday soon

