

Check out Cage and MacClaine in "Guarding Tess"

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We usually see Nicholas Cage as a criminal with a crazy life. In "Guarding Tess," we see him on the other side of the fence as Secret Service agent, Douglas Chesnic.

His job for the last five years has been to protect former First Lady, Tess Carlisle (Shirley MacClaine). She is the widow of an assassinated president. Mrs. Carlisle is tired and old, and hardly ever leaves her home. She

is very demanding and a big pain in the neck! She uses her secret service protection agents more as servants than as body guards.

Finally, the time has come when agent Chesnic can say goodbye; his assignment with Mrs. Carlisle is over. NOT! She makes a request to the president that Chesnic stay on for another two years. With the president on his back, Chesnic must stay. Now his chances for an exciting assignment are on hold once again.

However, he does get his

chance for excitement when Mrs. Carlisle's driver kidnaps her. Agent Chesnic solves the puzzle to save her life.

So, do they ever become friends? I think you know the answer to that before the movie even starts.

I like this movie. I love Nicholas Cage and he does a good job with a different kind of character. Shirley MacClaine is excellent too. It's a light-hearted comedy and about the best movie out as far as I'm concerned! I give it 3 out of 4 stars.

Are you "Dazed and Confused?"

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intellectuals, and the freshmen.

Randall "Pink" Floyd (Jason London) faces a dilemma. Should he go along with the other football players and sign the coach's "no drugs and alcohol" pledge, or continue to hang out with his pot-head friends, like ever-wasted Slater (Rory Cochrane)?

Other characters have trials to overcome, as well. For example, Mitch Kramer (Wiley Wiggins), an incoming freshman, must endure the brutal initiation rituals that welcome a student to high school.

The soundtrack of "Dazed and Confused" sets the mood perfectly, utilizing songs by Black Sabbath, Deep Purple, and Faghat. Even though this movie is retro, it seems so real and so NOW, and that's not just because those 70s styles are coming back.

I guarantee you'll see at least a portion of yourself in one or more characters. This movie is a classic period-piece that still manages to say something to our day and age. My recommendation: go with a few buddies to see "Dazed and Confused" -- that is if you can find it.



Nicholas Cage plays Secret Service agent Doug Chesnic assigned to protect a very difficult former First Lady (Shirley MacClaine) in the comedy "Guarding Tess."

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