

2078: A world of total chaos

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Triumph Films will soon release its latest thriller, "Screamers." An epic science fiction adventure, "Screamers" promises intense action, dramatic special effects, and a storyline with a lesson worth learning.

Starring Peter Weller as Colonel Joseph Hendricksson, commander of the Alliance Forces on a small planet known as Sirius 6B, the film transports the audience to a world of chaos, destruction, and suspicion in the year 2078.

Faced with the problem of a seemingly endless war and a dangerously unstable government, Hendricksson realizes he must somehow make peace with the few remaining New Economic Block soldiers.

The road to peace is hindered by a deadly roadblock, however. A race of self-replicating killers known as the "Screamers" inhabit the vast wasteland. Colonel Hendricksson and his troops must cross. If they truly wish to bring an end to the atrocities both sides of the war have endured for too long, they have no choice but to fight these robotic killers.

The Screamers' original purpose was to hunt down and destroy enemy life forms that posed a threat to the mining industry on Sirius 6B. Left alone



Screamers: Hendricksson (Peter Weller, l.) and Ace (Andy Lauer, r.) reach their destination with the mysterious child David (Michael Caloz) in tow in Triumph Films' epic futuristic thriller, "Screamers."

for quite some time though, they evolved into a race of heartless, mechanical assassins who begin to terminate all life.

Betrayed by the weapons they themselves built, Hendricksson and his companions become strangers in the very world they helped create.

"Screamers" is about a group of individuals facing the

unknown and what that does to them," says Christian Duguay, the film's director. Duguay reveals that he "wanted to make a film that uses all known sci-fi parameters but stresses how people respond to fear, death, and the possibility of no future."

Based on "Second Variety," a short story written by acclaimed

science-fiction author Philip K. Dick, "Screamers" discusses issues of humanity and war in an explosive fashion.

Other stories written by Dick have inspired filmmakers as well. "We Can Remember It for You Wholesale" is recognized in the movie industry as the blockbuster hit "Total Recall."

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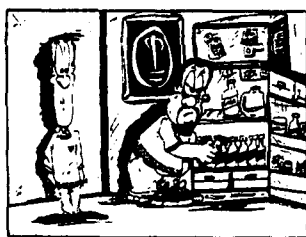
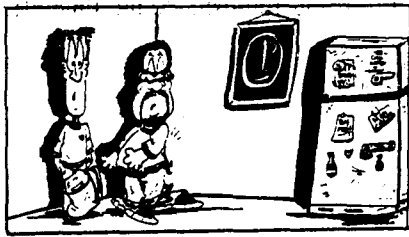
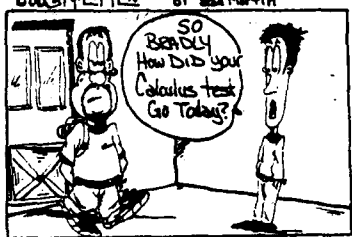
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The new film starring Quentin Terentino, George Clooney, and Juliette Lewis isn't nearly what I had expected. Terentino and Clooney play brothers Richie and Seth Gecko. Richie (Terentino) breaks his brother out of prison, and they are on a mission to Mexico to meet Carlos (Cheech Marin) with a large sum of money.

Richie is a multiple sex offender and Seth a bank robber; the two make an odd couple. Throughout the movie, Seth has to keep an eye on his brother Richie; he is a pervert who rapes and kills their first hostage. They need to get across the border to meet Carlos, so their next victim is an ex-preacher, Harvey Kitel and his two kids.

They make it across the border and decide they should meet Carlos at a bar called "Titty Twisters." When they get there, they find that it's a rowdy biker bar that turns into a vampire blood bath. The Gecko brothers along with the family and a couple other bar rats kill off the vampires. This part of the movie becomes a long drawn out process where they must kill all of them in order to survive.

Don't go to this film and expect an award winning performance. This is a combination of cheesy humor and horror. If you like senseless violence and gore or just appreciate special effects, this film is for you. But if you have a weak stomach or have seen too many flicks glamorizing killing and violence, then skip this one.



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