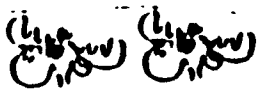


'Tis the season... To watch wonderfully exciting videos

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When the Christmas season rolls around and you're sick and tired of watching seasonal re-runs, Bob Hope holiday specials and those stupid Rudolph puppet movies, go out and rent a decent, wholesome, violent and cheap video to watch.

Silent Night, Deadly Night



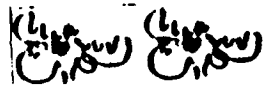
This X-mas treat was made a few years ago but, like wine, it has improved with age...kind of!

Years ago a young boy named Billy and his younger brother watch as their parents are murdered by a man dressed as Santa Claus. This, of course, scars the kids for life and while in the orphanage, Billy freaks out every Christmas.

The head nun is upset by this and she torments the heck out of the kid. Anyway, years later Billy is a healthy young adult and has a job in the stock room of a toy store. Purely by coincidence he gets to dress up as Santa for the holidays and on Christmas Eve he has a little too much to drink, gets depressed about his parents, and decides to go out and kill people.

The film is something to watch to get in the holiday spirit but isn't as good as the title. I think the people who made the movie made the title and the movie poster first, and then tried to make a story to fit that mold.

Scissors



This dramatic, horror, romance, suspense film actually seems like a comedy if you take it too seriously. The best thing about this film is star Sharon

also predictable. However, if you like movies about beautiful girls, feuding brothers, pig puppets, psychiatrists and scissors, this movie is one for you.

Graveyard Shift



Over Fourth of July weekend he is chosen to work with a group of others cleaning and organizing the rat-infested basement. While cleaning, the crew begins to exterminate the rats with poison, high pressure water hoses and soda cans; almost everything but chicken soup!

Anyway, while cleaning they stumble upon a sub-basement that is home to a huge bat/rat

and numerous other films, and Meryl Streep who has been in almost as many films as Michael Caine. Brooks stars as Mr. Miller, a guy who gets killed and who we follow into the afterworld to find out what really happens after you die.

When you die you are taken to Judgement City, a place not on Earth but designed to look like Earth, where you spend five days while your fate is decided. You are, in a sense, put on trial to defend your life and whether or not you have overcome your fears. There is a prosecutor, a defender and judges that watch certain days from your life and try to prove whether you're ready to evolve and join the universe or if you should go back to earth in another life and try again.

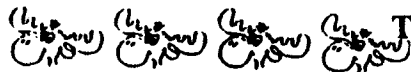
In between your court sessions you can take in Judgement City's night life: comedy clubs, the Past Lives Pavilion, golf, bowling and all the comforts of home. The food there is the most sensational you've had in your life, and you can eat as much as you want and never gain weight.

Miller soon runs into a girl (Streep), and they start a sort of relationship. As the film continues it seems Brooks is doing bad in his sessions and Streep is doing well, so they might never see each other in the afterlife again.

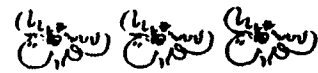
This film is an excellent romantic comedy. It's very sarcastic in that it pokes fun at life on Earth and the things we do in our lives.

Albert Brooks is one of the most under-rated actors ever. He's witty and clever and delivers a magnificent performance (Meryl Streep isn't that bad either!). Hi Ditt.

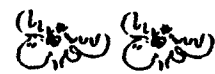
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The kind of movie Dean Lilley would watch.



The kind of movie you should skip class to watch.



The kind of movie Dave Shields would watch.



The kind of movie Police and Safety would watch.

Stone of *Total Recall* fame.

Stone plays Angela Anderson, a part time stenographer who lives in the city. Angela is attacked in the elevator of her apartment one night by a red-bearded man, and she defends herself with a pair of scissors she bought earlier that day. The man escapes promising to return taking the scissors with him.

Angela is then befriended by her feuding brother neighbors and she develops an attraction to one of them. The problem is she's terribly withdrawn and is seeing a psychiatrist who is trying to uncover her hidden past.

This movie is good with some spooky scenes, but it is

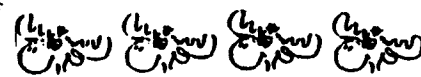
The people who made this movie must have thought that anything with Stephen King's name on it would sell. They were wrong. This movie bombed at the box office and isn't doing too well in the video stores either. Not to say that this is a bad movie, because it is, but for reasons other than the story.

The story centers around a drifter who gets a job in a textile factory in the south. Because of the heat, he is working from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am (the graveyard shift). His boss is a typical bad employer who takes advantage of his employees and his co-workers give him a hard time.

monster (surprise!) and it's every man for himself to survive.

The story of this movie wasn't bad and the special effects were fairly decent, but the actors were a little bit too over dramatic. It's worth seeing once but don't tell anyone you saw it unless they ask.

Defending Your Life



This film stars Albert Brooks, who starred in *Broadcast News*

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and have a great
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