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**Basement Jack and the Past: A Movie Review**



*Basement Jack* is a film from Brink DVD that was made for between one to two million dollars. A film that will see [video store](#) shelves this Tuesday, November 17th *Basement Jack* does not step very far away from the slasher films of the 70s and 80s. *Jack* stays mostly in the confines of a slasher formula, while offering some intrigue in the characer only known as the Manager.

Simply plotted *Basement Jack* undergoes some unusually harsh punishment for unknown wrongdoings from his mother (Lynn Lowry). Jack (Eric Peter-Kaiser) experiences torture from an early age and develops a taste for blood in later adolescence. Happy to share his experiences of torment with others Jack slashes, impales, and dismembers those unlucky enough to cross his path. Cue in a small love story, some aggravating cops, a police massacre a la *Terminator* and we have one recipe for blood, disaster, and gore!

Somewhat conventional in style and sticking with the formula perfected by [John Carpenter](#) in *Halloween*; *Basement Jack* only separates itself through the use of backstory and flashbacks as seen through Jack's nightmarish eyes. Michele Morrow, who plays Karen Cook, is the Laurie Strode of the picture, who attempts to extinguish Jack's blood-thirsty desire for murder. Other similarities continue between *Basement Jack* and the original *Halloween*, but Brian O'Toole adds in a backstory that will allow some viewers to empathize with the villain.

A second feature in a trilogy that involves the unifying theme of horror in the Necropolitan, a third movie will be made by Brink DVD entitled, unsurprisingly, the *Necropolitan*. *Evilution* was the first piece in the trilogy, and *Basement Jack* is the second, as stated by Watts character: "It smells of chlorine (from *Evilution*). There was some type of accident in here (about *Evilution*)." So hold your breath and prepare for the release of *Necropolitan* at a later date.

Somewhat formulaic in execution *Basement Jack* can still be enjoyed by those who like the classic slashers from the 70s-80s. To release very shortly Basement Jack is worth a watch for the entertainment factor alone. However, do not expect anything too out of the ordinary in this latest Brink DVD release.

Plot/story/overall structure/treatment: 6.  
Setting/importance to the story: 7.5.  
Directing/staging of action/filmmaking techniques: 6.

Overall: 6.5 cringing viewers out of 10 (like a well placed time tunnel to the '70s).



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