



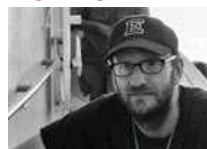


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Disc Covering: "I Think We're Alone Now," With Two Very Interesting People

I just can't shake my love for this straight-to-DVD documentary about crazed Tiffany fans. ("Shake Your Love" was Debbie Gibson? Crap.)

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PHOTO: "I THINK WE'RE ALONE NOW," AWESOME AND MODEST, 2008

Human beings are bundles of contradictions. This week's direct-to-DVD column is about a film that explores one contradiction fundamental to human life: our need to belong and fit in within a peer group on the one hand, and the need to feel like we're special and stand out from the people around us on the other. It's a documentary about two fans of the '80s pop star Tiffany, though fans is too soft a word (and stalker may be too hard a word, since they don't want to hurt Tiffany, just feel like she cares about them as deeply as they care about her).

Both of these people -- a middle-aged man with Asperger Syndrome and an intersex woman in her thirties -- are outsiders who have difficulty fitting into society. Becoming fans of Tiffany in the 1980s, when she was the epitome of the mainstream, was an attempt to be included in that society. Maintaining that fandom well into the 2000s and keeping up that fandom to the point that you know everything about her speaks to a need to feel unique: to be the *best* and *biggest* Tiffany fan in the world. So what happens when two "best and biggest" Tiffany fans meet? Tension, my friends. Sweet, fascinating tension.

I Think We're Alone Now
Directed by Sean Donnelly

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