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ThanksKilling

USA 2009

produced by
Jordan Downey, Kevin Stewart for In Broad Daylight Films

directed by Jordan Downey

starring Lindsey Anderson, Lance Predmore, Ryan E.Francis, Aaron Ringhiser-Carlson, Natasha Cordov
General Bastard, Chuck Lamb, Pat Love, Wanda Lust, Caleb Downey, Jeff Heim

written by Kevin Stewart, Jordan Downey, music by Kajmir Royale, special effects makeup by Troy Smit
animation by Anthony Wilson

review by
Mike Haberfelner

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Your typical bunch of college boys and girls - the jock (Lance Predmore), the good girl (Lindsey Anderson), the slut (Natasha Cordova), the likeable fat guy (Aaron Ringhiser-Carlson) and the nerd (Ryan E.Francis) - go on a roadtrip to visit their parents back in their hometown for thanksgiving ... but on the way, their car breaks down, and while they spend the night around the campfire, the nerd tells them a horror story about a killer turkey who kills exclusively on thanksgiving. Of course, as soon as he ends his story, several but not all of our heroes see the turkey, and while some are scared shitless, others think the story is just mumbojumbo. Effectively though, they are only saved from a turkey attack by a hillbilly (General Bastard) whose dog was killed by the turkey and who now out for a vengeance.

The next day, our youngsters finally get home, but the turkey has followed them, and after he has killed pre much everybody's parents, he kills the slut, just because she's a slut, and the fat guy, because he always th about food. The nerd however finds a (black magic-)way to kill the turkey, and our three survivors succeed . but are stupid enough to drop the turkey's body into a nuclear waste-bin, which brings him back to life to kill nerd and the jock, before the good girl gets him for good ...

For good?

Nope, he has an afterlife as thanksgiving dinner, and he might jump back into action from the dinner table ir sequel ...

If above synopsis sounds as silly as it sounds formulaic, it is because the film is just that ... but that said, **ThanksKilling** is totally aware of this and self-consciously makes as much fun of itself and the slasher and horror genre as a whole as humanly possible, from its main killer being nothing but a handpuppet that seem have the power of disguise though to intentionally wooden acting to stretches of dialogue that are nothing b cheesy and tongue-in-cheek celebration of 1950's values.

Now granted, the film's directorial effort is less than inspired and doesn't always succeed in supporting the humour as well as the horror aspects of its script, and the humour is of a hit-and-miss nature, but this is a fil that at least tries (and sometimes succeeds) in giving the slasher formula a humourous spin, and there's nothing wrong with that. And while the film might not be a genuine masterpiece, it's at least a next-to-perfec partymovie ...

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