

The Hunt



(<http://www.dvdsnapshot.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/hunt.jpg>) **Official Synopsis:**

Alex, a young reporter for a famous tabloid, is tasked to write a sensational article to help boost the sales of the magazine. Ordered by his editor-in-chief to investigate a really strange lead, he finds himself caught in a gruesome game of death complete with bets on who will make it through the night. Now caught in a spiral of violence, Alex has to hunt down innocent people as a means to make money.

Our Take:

The Hunt reminds me of the **Hostel** movies mixed with **Surviving the Game** and **Hard Target** along with adding in the porn element of **8MM** and any movie where a journalist is out to find a story. In this French movie, director Thomas Szczepanski gives a prelude by showing these two masked men kidnapping a man and bringing him to a warehouse where two other men are bound to chairs with hankchiefs stuffed in their bloody mouths. The audience is then treated to the third guy's tongue being cut out before a similar hankchieff is stuffed in his now bleeding mouth.

After the prelude, our protagonist Alex is introduced. He is looking more like a photographer than a reporter when he's filming a model with a dog. Later on, he has the tools of the reporter's trade, a pen and notebook. He needs to find a story that will sell copies of the tabloid he works for or his boss will fire him since his last story didn't do the job.

His search for a story leads to his girlfriend who works in a porn video/peepshow store. Alex takes her away from dancing in front of her tied up and gagged client to have sex with her and to pry a story from her. He gets a lead about the strange sexual predilections of a friend of the mayor, which he thinks will be just the story he needs to keep his job.

As Alex is investigating, he accidentally becomes involved in the sport of hunting humans for money. He gets away with this because all the participants have hoods over their heads and they don't speak at all. The

person in charge of the hunt does mention that these hunters have been there before. It's possible that Alex and the person he replaced share the same body type, which is why the deception isn't noticed.

Alex is seen struggling with his decisions out on the hunting grounds. He does quite well for a person who looks like he was never in a fight in his life.

Special Features:

None

Conclusion:

With **The Hunt**, you will have to suspend your disbelief when it comes to certain things such as Alex becoming a killer as quick as he did. Once he's inside the house, every minute will make you wonder will he get caught or will the charade continue.

Overall, the movie is a very entertaining with some particular nice scenes near the end. I especially loved the pig scene.

Overall Picture:

Movie: **C+**

Extras: **F**

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