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The clock continues to count down to the holiday season — and the various celebrations that go with it. When that time hits, many of you will prefer to observe the spiritual side of the season. Others may favor the commercial aspect of it all. Either way, it never hurts to have some sort of gift on stand-by. And so, with that lame introduction, I give to you Part II of my “B” Movie Gift Guide: Eclectic Boogaloo.

• **Penance** / 2009 / Independent Media Distribution / Not Rated

With co-stars such as Tony Todd, Michael Rooker, and Jason Connery, *Penance* has “B” written all over it. The story involves a down-and-out single mother (Marieh Delfino) who has to resort to stripping to make ends meet. And then, as luck would have it, she winds up held captive by a real psycho. Torture porn: the Christmas gift that lasts forever.

• **Evolution** / 2009 / Music Video Distributors / R

In keeping with the fine tradition of the “extraterrestrial organisms possess humans” genre, *Evolution* involves a tenant house full of oddballs being terrorized by alien-created zombie cannibal critters. From the co-producer of *Dog Soldiers*. For more info, check out [Greg Barbrick's review](#).

• **Lili And The Baobab** / 2006 / Casque D'Or Films / Unrated

Straight from the artistic cinematic world of France, *Lili And The Baobab* tells the tale of Lili (Romane Bohringer, daughter of Richard), a freelance photographer who goes through a complex change in life in order to help a newfound friend. Compassion is the name of the game in this film by Chantal Richard. In French with English subtitles.

• **The New World** / 2007 / Casque D'Or Films / Not Rated

Another contribution from France, *The New World* is a lesbian comedy that was produced for television. Natalia Dontcheva and Vanessa Larré star as the leads, Lucie and Marion, whose relationship develops a few kinks when Lucie decides she wants a baby. In French with English subtitles.

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