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# Haunted Changi (2010)



Well, it's not what I'd call horrible.

Haunted Changi (2010) Directed By: Andrew Lau Where to get it: MVD

# The Prologue

Hello, Singapore! That country today brings us Haunted Changi! And in the film Haunted Changi, the cast not only attempts to scare us, they attempt to speak our language as well! That leaves for some at times amusing moments, even if the movie

at times seems to lack a bit on the whole "scaring us" part. Brought to us here on DVD from the cool folks over at MVD, we have another one of those "found footage/first person" movies about some doomed people making a documentary at a haunted location! And I know, it's been done before. But perhaps this time around these guys can add a little something different?.. Maybe?

#### The Movie

In January of 2010, a group of local filmmakers began exploring the famously haunted Old Changi Hospital in Singapore with terrifying and tragic results. This movie pieces together the original Haunted Changi film crew's footage to tell the full story. And not to offend anyone, but while in English, these people have THICK accents, so it may be wise for anyone who is watching to just go ahead and turn on the subtitles. Because it does at times get a little hard to understand what our crew here is saying.

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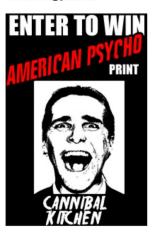
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When you break this movie down in comparison to all the other lost footage films out there, I wouldn't say this one is bad, but it fails to really bring anything new to the table besides the subject matter. While still being very well shot and placed together, the film does indeed drag a bit when it shouldn't be. Being a combo of footage between what they were filming and them filming what they were filming, you kinda can't help get the notion that perhaps we are just witnessing the killing of time to prolong the movie. Sometimes in filming less is actually more. And when you are making a movie of this nature, it helps to not wait as long as this movie waits before actually getting to it's point.

Sad thing about this film here, is I believe it never really gets good until about the final 15 or so minutes. That leaves a lot of time before that for dragging issues. These characters seem real enough, but that also leaves the door open for them to lack any real excitement to them. Even if you are going to go the most realistic route as possible, it would have helped to have had someone in the mix a little more animated to help kill the time, These people are all fine and dandy for the most part, but they lack any real flair. And the way they go about filming this "haunted" place surely lacks and sizzle to it. Still, like I've already said, it can rest on the fact it's at least edited well.



The movie at least gets a little more creative with it's ending, even if they do kinda kill their own realistic effect with some spotty CGI. Among other things, a cobra actually makes an appearance! And I think knowing my history with snakes, I'd probably be a bit more concerned about this mighty reptile had I been in the same situation than our guy filming this thing is. I also got to give props to the camera being used here. You gotta love a camera that will stay together after the person holding it is tossed a few feet a couple times. I guess if you take nothing else from this movie, you can at least enjoy the fact it's a little weird and oddly amusing in spots.

# The Conclusion

It's a bit of a mixed bag, but overall I'd call it a good try. It just needed a little more spooky and for these dudes to talk in their native language instead of the bad English. All things considered however, it could have been a lot worse. And I might say, while not the best film I've ever seen, it's not overly bad...Did I mention there is a cobra?

## The Rating (5/10)

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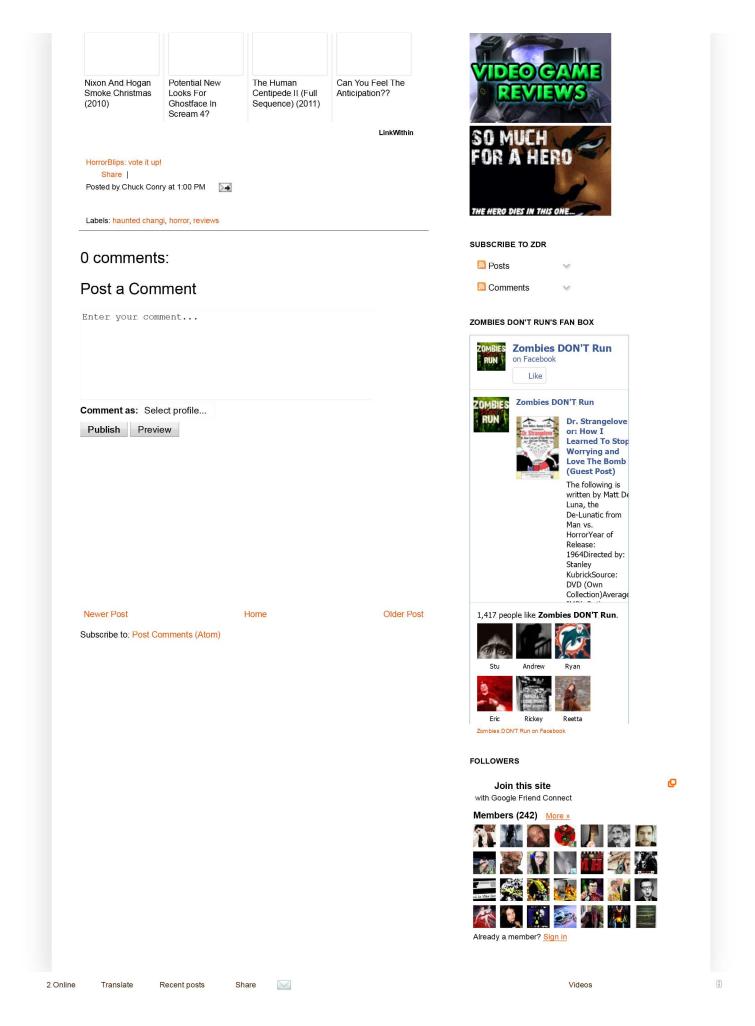
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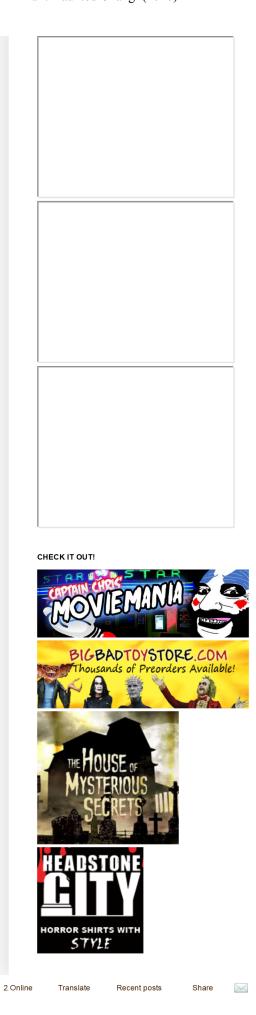
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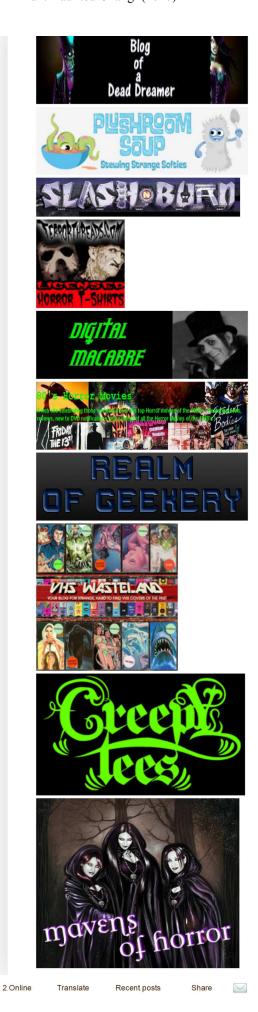


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#### Skeleton Car Keys

I submitted a scene for the RPG Maker Web

'Let's... - I submitted a scene for the RPG Maker Web 'Let's Make a Scene' Contest, finished it yesterday and got it in before the deadline. Voting begins on the 5th-7...

# Cavalcade of Perversions



T-Shirt Bordello - The very gracious Don (of the dead) over at T-Shirt Bordello sent me some shirts! What a sweetie! I think you guys will dig his stuff, lots of snarky plays..

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#### Freddy in Space



Meow Bitch, Get Out The Way! -[image: Photobucket] Over on his website The Liberal Dead, my buddy Shawn Savage reviewed the recent Asylum release 2012 : Zombie Apocalypse yesterday.

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# The Spooky Vegan



- I'll be participating in Batfit 2012 this year with a bunch of fellow spooky bloggers who want to get in shape, be it physically or mentally (or both!). Yo...

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#### Hey! Look Behind You!



Love Shorts: Pingu's The Thing -So, I've never heard of this "Pingus" character but according to Wikipedia he's a well-known British claymation character or something. Well regardless,...

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On The Next Episode of DBHR....
- This week Rhonda, Brandon, and Eric start of the new year with a look back at the worst of 2011(and believe us, the list was long but indistinguished). Pl...

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11/11/11 (2011) - Wow, what a few days we had travelling to end 2011. We went from Pennsylvania to North Carolina, then to Virginia and now back home to prepare for my...

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Somewhere Over the Rainbow (you might go crazy) - It might surprise you to learn that sandwiched between \*Down of the Dead \*and \*The Wicker Man\*, my second favorite film of all time is a

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### mermaid heather



Wild Boars Hate France - I couldn't let the year end without one more review. I just couldn't! I'm closing out my theme for the month with \*Prey\* (2010), a movie from France. It h...

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#### Dai Green - Raw And Uncensored!

A New Year And A New Perspective, - Heya Freaks and Minx! Well, here we are, another year together. Do you guys feel like we should have had coitus by now because this is one of the longest r... 3 days ago

#### Chuck Norris Ate My Baby



Holiday in Handcuffs (2007): Sleighed by the Bell - [image: Holiday in Handcuffs 2007] I can only imagine that there are less than a few of my readers who would actually watch a movie like

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Last year's Christmas - Above: Jane asks Zombie Santa about returning a severed head, while watching out for the grabby hands of Hermie the Horny Undead Elf. I have a few last...

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Freddy vs. Jason: One More Time - As a kid I had always been obsessed with Freddy Krueger and to me he was the definitive serial killer because he had a face and he wasn't just an unstopp..

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The gift of sartorial cool just got better.... - From today until the 15th December (or while stocks last) all Nostalgia League tees will come packed in a custom, hand-numbered VHS Gift Box.

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Billy Loves Stu



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Apollo 18: What Could Have Been - \* A smart premise does not take advantage of its potential in Apollo 18. \* I'm definitely late to the game on this one. Though the trailers looked mildl...

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Last Ride Unleashed! - Who knew that a single take film with absolutely no editing could take so long to bring to an audience?! The time has finally arrived. Our single take feat ..

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Chillerama Release Date! - A moment that I've been waiting for has finally arrived! Chillerama will be coming home with us November 29th from Image entertainment! \$29.97 on blu-ray

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B Flowers of Flesh and Blood

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on BleedFest Award Winners Drew Daywalt (Ap... 3 months ago

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Music from the Great White North: My Top 20 Canadian Songs - As most of you know, I did a post a few weeks ago about my favorite songs

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thought I would pick out some...

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T-Shirt Bordello Review - Hey guys! Long time no see, eh? I've got a really awesome review for you guys. Ever heard of T-Shirt Bordello? They're a tshirt company. Not just any t-shi...

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