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## GOTHKILL

2009 ~ Director: JJ Connelly



Here's the great thing about gothic chicks: No matter what you look like, you're hot. It might be the only personality that makes any girl look sexy. Thin, fat, short, or tall, the gothic look is drop dead gorgeous to me. Gothism has made itself known with the internet (and other avenues) of the Suicide Girls. Fishnets, pale skin, and black eyeliner knows how to find its way into this man's little black heart. And this film called *Gothkill*, directed by J.J. Connelly and distributed by Wild Eye Releasing.

Gothic priest Nick Dread (Flambeaux) is sent up the river for killing many of his loyal followers during a black prayer's circle and destined to die by hanging. Dread feels when he does die, he will have thousands of followers, only to find out he's alone in his own "kingdom". Annie (Erica Giovinazzo), new to New York, moves in with her best friend Kate (Eve Blackwater) and is fascinated by her new gothy appearance. Annie takes in the ambience of a party at a Goth nightclub and both become victim to Nick Dread's attempt to resurrect himself in the body of Annie.

Needless to say, this plot is pretty flimsy. There would have more meat on its bones if the characters were more fleshed out. Seeing real Suicide Girls in the film does give it a sexy realism as they aren't afraid to do what needed to be done onscreen. That said, the Suicide Gils give the best performances. The FX are gag store variety and really not given much of a chance to be used to its full effect. The soundtrack does pump the film some life, but the poor performances and thinly veiled plot drown everything else out.

The DVD presented here is letterboxed. Extras include a video commentary, Q&A, live *Gothkill* performance, stills, and trailers.

A brief running time of 75 minutes doesn't necessarily hurt the film. Keep in mind this is an independent film (made in 2006), so some credit must be given to director Connelly. But if you want Suicide Girls in action, there's nowhere else to go but *Gothkill*.

**B** -Rabid Rich