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Frightening and Funny, *Bad Dreams* has it all

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Bad Dreams has to be one of the best horror films out right now. Besides being scary and a little gross, it also has a lot of humor.

It may remind you a bit of *A Nightmare on Elmstreet* but in this flick the victims are not sleeping, they're wide awake, seeing all that's happening around them.

Cynthia, played by Jennifer Rubin (*A Nightmare on Elmstreet Part 3*), is the only survivor of a mass-suicide in 1974. After be-

ing in a coma for 13 years she finally reawakens, only to be haunted by her past. At first she doesn't remember anything, not even Harris, the creepy looking man who led the teenagers to their death. It doesn't take her long to regain her memory when Harris starts showing up.

Harris wants Cynthia to join him and the others, and if she doesn't come willingly, he will kill the people around her one by one.

Where does the humor come in you may be wondering. The seven

people in her therapy group, all a little strange, seem to crack jokes at all the right times. This gives

and put down your guard for a moment, before Harris strikes again.

Dean Cameron (*Sum-*



the film an advantage over other horror films. It isn't a corny kind of humor, it's jokes that make you laugh

mer School) plays Ralph, a man having problems coping in today's society. He adds a lot of the humor

and happens to be a great actor. He may even have made the whole film, I hope to see more of him in the future world of movies.

Dr. Alex Karmen, Bruce Abbott (*Re-Animator*), may be the only person that even partially believes Cynthia. But again I was reminded of the women believer in *A Nightmare on Elmstreet Part 3* (you remember the girl from Part 1). However he does add to the film getting us all involved and caring about Cynthia.

The rest of the cast, including actress and singer

E.G. Daily, gave good performances, for their short life on screen.

I would recommend this movie if you're a horror film lover. I think director Andrew Fleming sums it up best when he said "We wanted it to be disturbing as well as frightening." Well, mission accomplished. *Bad Dreams* is now showing at the Red Rock Eleven Theatres (5201 W. Charleston Blvd. 870-1423), and also at the Parkway Theatres I, II, III (3768 Maryland Parkway, 734-8151). Call for showtimes.

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