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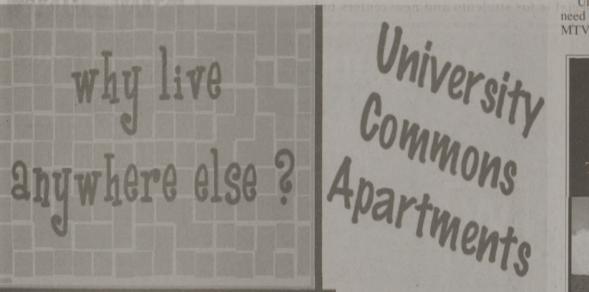
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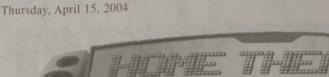
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"Ginger Snaps II: Unleashed" **Starring Emily Perkins** Lion's Gate Entertainment

There should be a rule that states, "Direct-tovideo horror movie sequels are doomed to fail." But even though the bargain bins at the local Wal-Mart are filled with cast-off sequels to "Wishmaster and the Skulls," it may be a good thing such a rule is not in effect.

If the rule was put into place, it would have only been broken with the release of "Ginger Snaps II: Unleashed," the sequel to 2000's Canadian werewolf thriller. The original "Ginger Snaps" was made on a meager budget but was a tongue-in-cheek horror movie equipped with bloody effects and a dark sense of humor. The recently released sequel is a flashy, high-octane follow-up that surpasses the original in almost every way.

The ending of "Ginger Snaps" found Brigitte (Emily Perkins) on the killing end of a knife plunged into her sister's heart. Ginger (Katharine Isabelle), Brigitte's sister, had been bitten by a werewolf, and promptly transformed into a full-fledged beast of the night. With no alternative left, Brigitte was forced to end her sister's curse the only way she knew by killing her.

"Ginger Snaps II" picks up with Brigitte on the run from her past. Now infected with the curse herself, Brigitte must counteract every night's gradual change with a dose of monk's hood, a plant with the power to halt her transformation when taken intravenously.

The problem is, another werewolf is on her trail, hoping to mate.

After being attacked by the werewolf, Brigitte is picked up by the local authorities and mistakenly put into a drug rehabilitation center thanks to the empty syringes found near her. Trapped without her tonic, Brigitte finds herself feeling the pull of the curse stronger with each passing day.

From the first scene, fans of the "Ginger Snaps" will realize they have a whole new creature on their hands. The original's quaint directing style, which utilized a decidable lack of complicated camera tricks, has been replaced with a flashy editing style and long-sweeping camera arcs.

All the camera tricks in the world can't protect a film from bad acting, though. It's a good thing "Ginger Snaps II" features an adequate array of actors and actresses. Perkins easily carries the film's weight on her shoulders.

Unfortunately, the film's producers felt the need to replace the character's moody attire (think MTV's Daria) with sexier clothing, complete with



midriff-baring tops. While this is not need a bad thing, it is completely out of character ren werewolf on the loose. Fortunately, downplays this choice smoothly by adding to and maturity to her character unforeseen in previous movie.

What sets "Ginger Snaps II" apart free HUNTS previous installment is the complete lack dia Confessed cence in the movie. While the original more Eugene Wa place in a suburb that reeked of normalizing leased fro majority of the action in the sequel takes that le s than a clinic where everybody has a secret. ednesday

From the orderly who trades fixes of Michigan patients' addictions in exchange for a pleasure to the unusual and eerie quirks But sta patients themselves, everybody has a William Mc agenda. The film is a bleak and uncomposi diton on th horror flick that rises above the mediocnival owing V predecessor.

nish medic ent he is It easily improves upon the original's data effects. The transformation prosthetics at ed to rec dued and more realistic. The final weread wisely hidden in the shadows for most of Michigan movie. Instead of presenting cinematicers is can retrie the director utilizes lighting and mod bar R n d d Rudo growing terror. The wolf actually looks in Brothers, a wolf in this movie as compared to the oning tey for th hairless rat. unsel

The DVD contains several deleted sm0 fenders. including one that is highly entertaining lifters legal awakening in the clinic, the first person Bigel to inmat confronts is the "mischievous Ghost," a Watts behal patient. When Brigitte asks where she is the undergon replies that she has stumbled into an organiwas on me vesting factory and doctors will soon ou some menta Brigitte's feet.

"He is c "Ginger Snaps II" meets every expectation by the original film and even manages to spithe to con the original in some ways. With its disminine atment) state and mature ideas, "Ginger Snaps II" is mit others sai everybody. Fans of intelligent horror should Walker pass up the opportunity to watch this surprise Torney good sequel. resented

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