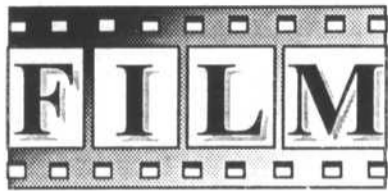


It's no action film — just food for the mind

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"Flesh and Bone"



An intricate plot of fate, coincidence, bloodlines and evil make "Flesh and Bone" a big but tasty morsel to swallow.

Writer and director Steve Kloves ("The Fabulous Baker Boys") uses a desolate West Texas setting to slowly unfold the story, which centers on vending machine supplier Arlis Sweeny.

Dennis Quaid's portrayal of Sweeny, a man who isolates himself and hides from his past, is impressive. Together with real-life wife Meg Ryan, who plays the flamboyant but searching Kay Davies, Quaid shines as a troubled man full of regrets and pain.

The story begins with Arlis as a child whose father Roy, played to perfection by James Caan, forces him to help burglarize rural houses by pretending he is lost, getting inside and signaling to his father when the

family is asleep.

But one night the plan goes wrong, and Roy enters too early. By the end of the scene, Roy shoots everyone in the family but the crying baby.

Years later, coincidence of coincidences, Arlis crosses the path of that baby — Kay Davies. She happens to be the female entertainment at a good ol' boys bash in a local tavern.

Gradually Arlis and Kay become friends and then lovers who travel from town to town on Arlis' vending route.

Life gets a bit crazy and peaks when Kay brings Arlis to her house, putting him in the middle of a delightful bout between Kay and her husband. In this scene, Ryan shows off her proven prowess playing a determined woman of unconventional methods.

From there, "Flesh and Bone" only gets more twisted, as Kay and Arlis are found by father Roy, accompanied by a young, up-and-coming con artist, Ginnie. Gwyneth Paltrow, who plays the hard-boiled young woman, more than carries her weight among the three seasoned stars of the film.

With such a circling plot, Kloves runs the risk of either confusing the audience or losing its confidence with such a heavy theme of chance and coincidence.

But Kloves has avoided both pit-



Courtesy of Paramount Pictures

Arlis (Dennis Quaid) right, and Kay (Meg Ryan) are a man and woman whose attempt at love is haunted by a mysterious figure, Roy (James Caan), in "Flesh and Bone."

falls by developing his story slowly and believably with seldom a brush with boredom.

The result is a well-crafted movie that relies as much on its surprise-filled plot as on its fresh, finely tuned cast.

And they've even got those Texan accents down pat.

This is a thinker's movie that reg-

isters far below the current standard set for "action." It is made for filmgoers who prefer an intellectual challenge over a display of technology and gore.

For those who put themselves in that first category, admission to "Flesh and Bone" is a price well worth paying.

— Glenn Antonucci

the Royal Shakespeare Company thought "The Jitterbug" was a terrific piece and decided to include it. "It's a showstopper," she said. "Everybody goes wild over it... this cast does it beautifully."

Grayson said the stage and set design were equally amazing. Set designers created a technicolor Munchkinland and a sparkling and glimmering Emerald City.

The Wizard's terrifying head is brought to life in fifteen-foot splendor, courtesy of Big Nazo Puppets of Providence, R.I. The same is true of the trees Dorothy and friends encounter in the forest on their way to the Emerald City.

"They're really fun," Grayson said.

The special effects are elaborate also, she said, complete with blasts of smoke for the Wicked Witch, fireballs and a great deal of flying. "The witch and her bicycle fly, Dorothy flies, and the witch's monkeys fly," she said.

Both shows begin at 8 p.m. and are sold out.

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