

Movie Review by Robert

Safe House

Studio: Universal Pictures in association with Relativity Media

Director: Daniel Espinosa

Safe House is a 115 minute action movie starring Ryan Reynolds as Matt Weston and Denzel Washington as Tobin Frost. The movie was released February 10th, 2012 and brought to you by Universal Pictures in association with Relativity Media.

Matt Weston is a young CIA agent whose placement is in a 'safe house' in South Africa. For over ten months the most action he has had is staring at 4 walls as he applies to be put in the field. This changes when Tobin Frost, a CIA rogue agent and a legend, walks into the United States embassy in Cape Town. A CIA team brings Tobin back to the safe house and invigilates him, waiting for a means of safely transporting him out of the country. Before this can happen though, the safe house falls under attack by an unknown group. While the rest of the team gets murdered, Matt escapes with Tobin as his prisoner. The plot for the rest of the movie is set by him trying to get to another safe house with Tobin, while being chased by unknown bandits and an additional plot of intrigue within the CIA itself.

I must say I liked this movie. It was just chill to watch. The only problem with it was its predictability. There were a few plot twists, but none of them were anywhere near surprising. The moment a scene that was going to carry a plot twist came up I just knew what was going to happen. But maybe that's just because I watch a lot of movies; the person behind me in the theatre was certainly flabbergasted at a few of the scenes exclaiming his surprise with a touching "oh sh*t". Apart from this one flaw everything was great. The actors played their roles well, the plot although predictable made sense, the scenes kept you in your seat and all in all it was a pleasure to watch. In addition to that, even though the plot twists were predictable, the main character still faced certain moral dilemmas that made the movie more interesting to watch. A lot of my own curiosity during the movie went into figuring out if Tobin, although surely not as bad as the CIA painted him, was a person Matt should trust or not and if so to what extent. By no means is this the best movie of 2012 (or at least I hope not, considering how many movies are still to come out), but if you're a fan of action movies you will definitely not regret watching it in a moment of spare time.

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