

# Sly Rocky Rambo tries to blow up most of Afghanistan

I guess we'll always remember that great historic moment in Moscow, the one where Nancy Reagan, wearing a set of Mexican drapes, and Raisa "I Am Woman" Gorbachev, wearing a Joey Heatherton haircut, held hands, stood next to the Volga, stared at each other's black patent leather pumps, and fell in love.

## Joe Bob Briggs At the Drive-In

Raisa: "You know him?"

Nancy: "He's a pig! He grunts all the time. His beard hasn't been trimmed in YEARS! Listen, girl..."

Speaking of experts on world politics, "Rambo III" opened last week with Sly dropping into Afghanistan in the same month when all the Russian soldiers were LEAVING. It doesn't matter, though, cause Rambo explodes enough goatherders in this one movie to make up for all the camel-jockeys Russia FORGOT to blow up. Sly's been gettin a lot of flack for spending \$50 mill on this baby, but I got to say, it's the finest Rambo movie since "Rambo II." We're talking wall-to-wall body grease.

It starts out with Sly communing with nature and gettin in touch with his spiritual being at a Buddhist monastery in Thailand where he can be One with the One — except when he earns a few extra bucks knocking gorilla Sumo wrestlers over the head with huge Thai death sticks for a bloodthirsty crowd of gamblers. But Dick Crenna shows up and tries to get him to go to Afghanistan and teach guys named Muhmoud to shoot shoulder-mounted Stinger missiles while riding on double-hump camels. Sly says "Colonel, I'm sorry, but it's gotta end for me sometime."

Sure.

Two seconds later Crenna's hiney gets slapped in a Russkie fortress in the middle of the desert, and one scene after that Sly is showing up in downtown Peshawar, asking to speak to some guy in a burnoose with too many vowels in his name, and purchasing approximately \$17 million worth of explosive devices.

Then somebody finally pushes Rambo just ONE STEP too far. They mention Brigitte's name.

Buddha is NOT gonna like it: 119 dead bodies. Two breasts (both Rambo's). Four exploding choppers. Exploding jeeps. Exploding trucks. Exploding tanks. Exploding Russian. Chopper crash. Electric chair torture. Gratuitous artificial limbs. Gratuitous dead-sheep pony polo. Russian Assault Copter Fu. Thai death stick Fu. Sewer Fu. Drive-In Academy Award nominations for Richard

Crenna, for convincing Rambo to "come to terms with what you are — come full circle" and start killing non-Americans again, and for saying "I hope God will have mercy — he won't"; Marc de Jonge, as the evil Russkie colonel, for carrying out the horrible wrist-hanging torture, and saying "We will WELCOME him now"; Sasson Gabai, as Mousa the friendly goat-herding mujahedeen Ayrab warrior, for saying "God must love crazy people — he makes so many of them"; and Sly Rocky Rambo, for becoming a Buddhist, doing major intestinal surgery on himself in a cave, carrying a knife the size of Montana, killing Russians with a bow and arrow, and saying "I'm no tourist."

Forget her, Sly. Nobody does it better. Four stars.

Check it out twice.

## Joe Bob's Mailbag

Dear Joe Bob,

The other night I was watching the great classic "Plan Nine From Outer Space" and I saw that Gregory Wolcott was one of the actors in it. Did you know that about 20 years ago he was elected president of the California Southern Baptist Convention? As far as I can figure out this was AFTER his participation in "Plan Nine." I wonder if this says anything about the movie habits of Southern Baptists.

Your next ex-wife,  
Bobbie Philpott  
San Rafael, Calif.

Dear Bobbie:

Yes, as I recall, my Babtist brother Greg played a potted palm in that movie, and then used that experience to go on to a great career as a Babtist minister.

Hey Joe Bob,

Please send whatever disgusting trash you're peddling these days to an avid compadre of yours.

Hey — how come you folks down there always have two first names?

Hope you don't mind my writing on toilet paper, but when the writing mood strikes one, there's no telling where one will be at that moment.

Hang in there  
John Seltzer  
Palo Alto, Calif.

Dear John:

We all have two names so nobody'll mistake us for people that write on toilet paper.

Joe Bob,

I luv your movie reviews and yore book. I think yore one of the greatest satirical writers of modern times. In fact I like yore writin so much that I was inspired to write a pome in my senior English class. Thought you might get a kick out of it, so here 'tis.

Musings on

the Low Budget Horror Flick  
(To be read in South Texas dialect)  
I sat at the drive-in in mah '64 Dawdge

'N watched Jason make hamburger at Crystal Lake Lodge.

I cringed 'n I cried 'n I lost whut I'd ate,

When old Leatherface snarled and cranked his McCullah Lightweight.

Some geek lifted his top, so I laid on mah horn,

Cuz that idjut was obstructin my view of "Children of the Corn."

But why do we pay money to sit in our cars

And watch weird sick movies 'bout thangs like Mutant Chicken Brains in Jars?

Maybe we're all gonzo, or just wanna scare our dates,

Or maybe cuz in all of us there's a little of Norman Bates.

P.S. Joe Bob, I got a "A" for my pome.

Roy (Leroy) Hill  
Waldron, Ark.

Dear Roy:

Then again, maybe your teacher was just scared.

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