

## Movie Review:

# 'Silent Hill' is the best gore-fest to date

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**Silent Hill**  
Sony Pictures (2006)  
Directed by Christophe Gans

*Silent Hill* first debuted as a video game in 1999 and received much acclaim for its new take on the survival horror genre.

Seven years later, *Silent Hill* has continued to help blur the line between video game and movie. The film is directed by Christophe Gans, whose resume includes the French hit *Brotherhood of the World* and several other indie hits.

*Silent Hill* is a visually stunning and shocking movie. Everyone has seen people being ripped to shreds and cults sacrifice twins under a full moon. Well, most people have.

What makes *Silent Hill* stand out of the ordinary in the horror genre is its pure unashamed, in-your-face, bloodi-



ness.

I haven't seen many movies that compare to this type of gore-fest; except *Kill Bill* and *Suicide Club*, but even those films have their own styles of going about this rather skin-crawling topic.

In *Silent Hill* you have the

unique experience of seeing people crushed with barbed wire, burned alive—and even witness someone being skinned in one fell swoop. There's definitely something to be said about desensitization here, but we're enjoying it for now.

Aside from the gore, CGI and camera angles are superb. Gans has always used interesting angles to get his point across and he continues his tradition in *Silent Hill*.

The characters roam through a city that snows ash (CGI ash) and is shrouded in a dense smoke.

It's most certain that Gans used a blue filter in order to create the creepy atmosphere.

The most notable CGI effect with a background and trademark from the videogame series is the transformation of the area from a quiet ash-covered ghost town to burning inferno complete with melted demon folk running amuck.

Without the monsters this movie would not have even come close to being something similar to the original *Silent Hill*.

Monsters from the game actually get to make their debut on the big screen. Some of the familiar faces include: Grey Children (or Mumbler), Pyramid Head, and my personal favorite, the Nurses.

I enjoyed the nurses because of their rapid movement. Each movement they make sounded as if they were breaking a bone. This combined with the click of their white high heels is almost too much for anyone to handle.

Sadly, the plot was the downfall of this movie, which is generally consistent with most horror films. It is predictable, overdone, and essentially a downright cliché.

This movie may not be worth buying, but I'd definitely rent it from Flick on a rainy night. I'd give this movie 2 stars.

## Horoscope

**Aries:** Lucky for you the planets have stopped moving, which means your love life may or may not pick up. The oracle isn't really sure. Keep your eye on your hottie. Your lucky color is gold.

**Taurus:** Well, Taureans its not time to shop right now. With Pluto floating nearby it's recommended that you put your card in the ice box. Next month is the time for superior purchasing. Your lucky color is aquamarine.

**Gemini:** Uranus has reared its ugly head, and as a direct result you as well are on the rag. Cool your jets or you're going to have some serious issues with your inner circle.

Your lucky color is red.

**Cancer:** Don't become a soft just because you're the motherly sign. Stand up for yourself and don't let others slide because "it's alright". It doesn't hurt to treat yourself sometimes. Your lucky color is rust.

**Leo:** Vibrant Leo. When your best bud offers a bit of advice, don't snub. Listen and take it to heart. Chances are you'll come out on top. Your lucky color is rose.

**Virgo:** Avoid dates at all costs this week. You need some spontaneity in your life and candle lit dinners aren't even close. Go cliff jumping or into

the city and have it out on the dance floor. Your lucky color is violet.

**Libra:** As a Libra it's all about finding balance right? Well its time to balance that check book. You're in a little over your head and your pocket book is about to be empty. Your lucky color is chocolate.

**Scorpio:** Romance is in the Scorpions, but this isn't the time to jab that poisonous needle into anyone. Relax and go with the flow, it never hurt to let someone take you out did it? Your lucky color is magenta.

**Sagittarius:** Horsey, flighty people make up the fam-

ily that is Sagittarius. It's suggested you stop daydreaming and get back to reality or face some dire consequences. Not a good thing. Your luck color is chartreuse.

**Capricorn:** Sit back and chill out. That's the name of game you need to play. Don't bother with those pesky friends, just sit back in the summer sun with a diet coke and forget all about them. Your lucky color is beige.

**Aquarius:** Your rebellious side is coming out. Beware of letting it out in the wrong situation. You may offend someone you don't mean to. Your lucky color is turquoise.