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A Chuckie wagon with no meat

By MARK DILLON

CHILD'S PLAY Directed by Tom Holland MGM/UA

The ads for this new horror movie assure us that it will take over the horror throne on which Freddy Krueger now sits. They even imply that there will be sequels! The unfortunate thing is that there is little to distinguish this movie from other schlock being released in a current wave of gore flicks.

Child's Play is another case of a director trying to make the next Exorcist. And for that, William Friedkin, the filmmaker responsible for that 1973 classic, should be jailed or somehow punished - for subjecting us to countless cheapjack imitations. Not that the plot of Child's Play, in which a young boy's "Chuckie" doll comes to life and goes around killing people, is stolen from The Exorcist, but the structure is close enough.

Child's Play opens with a silly, unconvincing explanation for the story's supernatural element. Then it moves to some oh-so-cute domestic scenes of a widowed mother (wellplayed by the lovely Catherine Hicks) and her young son, Alex. It's Alex's sixth birthday and what does he want but the newest toy sensation a Chuckie doll. Little do they know that the Chuckie they get is possessed.

One night, the doll pushes the babysitter out the window. Of course the cops don't believe that Chuckie is the murderer until he goes on a bloody rampage.

Although he is seemingly defeated at the end, his fate is predictably left open for a sequel.



CHUCK IT OUT! In a tense moment, Chuckie attacks a sleeping Alex.

OK, OK maybe the film is meant to do no more than give us a good scare or two, but Child's Play doesn't even succeed on its own lowly level. Its predicability makes it more boring than suspenseful. It does have its gruesome moments, but scary? What makes the film most disappointing is that it was directed by Tom Holland, who gave us Fright Night three years ago. That film succeeded not only because it provided the shocks, but because it did so with a delicious sense of humour.

There are a few chuckles with Chuckie, but not enough to overcome the overall air of déjà vu. Child's Play is for gore addicts only.

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piece was supposed to irritate the listener. This was achieved by striking four pairs of lead pipes together to create a cringing cacophony. Brooks said that his work is "a comment on fluffy styles of music."

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