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A. Intro (0:00)

a. Hello everyone, it's me JR and I'm back with another K-Drama/Movie episode after almost 8 months! If you didn't know, we've been releasing our season two episodes since July. Definitely check those out if you haven't had a chance to yet!
b. Anyway, let's jump into it! I'm gonna be talking about four K-Dramas, one movie and touch on some things that are expected to be released in 2022. I'll be giving short synopses and try to keep the spoilers to a minimum. Unlike my last episode, I won't go into the specifics of these shows like the directors, writers, or where to watch them, but I do recommend checking those things out yourself!

B. The Shows (0:52)

I'm going to be starting off with the most disappointing of the bunch and that is:

a. Most Disappointing: *L.U.C.A.: The Beginning*

i. Now, LUCA is a bit of a difficult one for me to talk about because I wanted to like it so badly. Unlike most Korean shows, this one is only 12 episodes long, so you would think that means they can't mess up, there's not enough time to ruin the story. Lol no, around episode 8 it goes completely downhill and undoes all the incredible things that it started with. But I'm getting ahead of myself. Let's head into the synopsis.
ii. Synopsis:
    1. It stars Kim Rae Won as Zi-O, a superhuman with no memory of his past life, and model-turned-actress Lee Da Hee as Haneul Ae Gooreum, a no nonsense cop with deep pain from the loss of her parents.
    2. The two cross paths and form an unlikely bond as they both work to uncover the dark workings of a cult and scientist.

iii. My Thoughts:
1. The amount of potential this show had was unlike anything I have seen in years! The chemistry between the leads was compelling, the side characters were interesting, and the plot itself looked like it was going in a cool direction.
2. It was a bit ridiculous at times but the suspension of disbelief was there because this man has actual fly and jellyfish in his DNA. One other thing that actually bothered me is the fact that Lee Dae Hae's character was essentially invincible. She was in multiple fights but came out fine after every one. All this I could look past.
3. However, like I said, after episode 8, characters started to act out of character and make decisions that were nonsensical and it went downhill fast from there.
4. It truly was the most unfortunate thing I have ever encountered in a K-Drama, to the point where I cannot recommend it.

b. Worst: *Oh, My Ladylord!* (3:19)
i. This one also pains me to talk about because I looove the lead actors and was so excited for this one to air. It actually is currently MBC's lowest ever rated drama, after *Meow, the Cat Boy* which aired last year. I could do a whole episode simply on that dumpster fire, but we'll see if that happens.
ii. Synopsis:
1. It stars Lee Min Ki, a drama writer who is about to die, however he miraculously gets some more time on earth. This is explained near the end of the show, but I won't go into it. During that time, his mother sells his house to a top actress, played by former After School Member Nana. Lee Min Ki can't write anywhere but his house so he moves in to finish his drama.
iii. My Thoughts:
1. This show was trying to be so many different things, that it ended up not being able to do anything properly. It was a mystery, but it was also supernatural, but it was also a romance. It also had one of my most hated tropes: I'm gonna have a nasty break up with you because that would be easier than telling you that I'm gonna die. So frustrating. The fact that it's rated so low is not shocking.

c. Most Surprising: *Yumi's Cells* (5:25)
i. I wasn't actually planning on watching *Yumi's Cells* because I wanted to read the webtoon. However, the webtoon is over 500 episodes long and it's on fastpass so I refused to spend money/wait that many days to get free episodes. However, the trailer was so cute that I had to check it out!
ii. Synopsis:
1. Kim Go-Eun stars as Yumi, an accountant at a big company. She goes on to date Ahn Bo Hyun's character Goo Woong who is an indie game developer. For the most part this is a slice of life drama, which some may find boring, however, the schtick is that

inside of Yumi lives a series of cells that control her thoughts and actions.

iii. My Thoughts:

1. It gave me adult *Inside Out* vibes, and it actually worked so freaking well. The CGI was pretty great for a TV show and the pacing between real life and the cell world was really nicely done. Go Eun and Bo Hyun had really great chemistry too. Overall I thought it was adorable and very relatable.
2. The supporting characters were also really enjoyable. It's been so long since I saw Lee Yoo Bi in a show, and it was so fun seeing her in a role so different than usual. Jinyoung did great too. I'm so excited for the second season!

d. Best: *Beyond Evil* (7:31)

i. This next one I could also have an entire episode on because at this point I think it is without a doubt the best K-Drama I have ever seen on multiple fronts, if not all. So let's get into the best Korean show I watched this year! And possibly ever lol.

ii. Synopsis:

1. Shin Ha Kyun stars as Lee Dong Sik, a small town cop with many secrets and a desire to solve the 20 year old murder of his sister. Opposite of him is Yeo Jin Goo as Han Joo Won, a hot shot Seoul detective that is transferred to Shin's town. Together they work to solve a recent murder and get to the bottom of the serial killing mystery.

iii. My Thoughts:

1. Wow, okay, where to start with this one. The plot is actually so well written, and weaves points from the beginning until the end. Something that you may have pushed to the side at the beginning is brought to the forefront and explained over the course of multiple episodes later on. I have never seen any show do that as well as this one has.
2. The cast is actually impeccable. The characters feel real and you're constantly questioning the actions and motivations. Besides the main leads, some other actors that stood out to me were Choi Dae Hoon, and Choi Sung Eun. The whole cast gave incredible performances.
3. The suspense was unreal. You never quite knew where the story was going or what a character was going to do. I watched this show with my sister and after every single episode we sat there for like 10 minutes discussing what had happened, how the episode might play out, and if one thing had to do with another in the long run.
4. After all this praise I do feel like I need to give a warning. The show is graphic. Not Squid Game graphic, but there are a handful

of disturbing images throughout and the general plot is quite heavy so I do suggest going into it with caution. Otherwise an actual 10 out of 10.

e. A Movie: *Sweet and Sour* (10:19)

i. Synopsis: Finally let's talk about a movie that I was pleasantly surprised with: *Sweet and Sour*! It stars Chae Soo Bin, Jang Ki Yong, Krystal, and Lee Woo Je. The plot of this movie is honestly kind of difficult to explain, but the most simple one would be that Chae and Jang are a couple that has been together for quite a long time and their relationship becomes strained.

ii. My Thoughts:

1. The reason I enjoyed this movie so much was because I didn't see the end coming at all. Usually, I'm good at catching this kind of thing, but I was blindsided and I thought it actually worked out fantastically. I know this will not be for everyone, but I think it's worth the watch.
2. The last show Chae Soo Bin was in was A Piece of Your Mind which I absolutely loved, so I was super excited to find this movie so accessible on Netflix! As usual she did an excellent job and I found her character to be very compelling from beginning to end. Honestly, I don't want to let anything slip which is why I'm being so vague. Try it out for yourself!

f. Looking forward to next year (12:14)

i. That's all the stuff for this year that I wanted to mention! Of course I watched many more dramas, but these were just some of the ones that stood out to me for better or for worse. If you want to see my takes on other k-dramas, my tumblr will be in the description.

1. *Dream* is a sports movie set to come out next year starring IU and Park Seo Joon. I'm not big on sports, but I do enjoy both of the actors so I'm excited. (Source 1)
2. *The Sound of Magic,* is an upcoming show starring Ji Chang Wook, the aforementioned Choi Sung Eun and Hwang In Yeop. I'm a big fan of all three so I'm excited for this one, though the magician bit might be odd. (Source 1)
3. *Yumi's Cells* season 2, I can't wait to see what happens next! It is thought that the next season may come out next year so I'm definitely waiting for this one. (Source 1)
4. *Tomorrow* starring Rowoon and Kim Hee Sun. The synopsis for this one looks super interesting!! I won't go into it here, but I'm intrigued for sure. (Source 1)

C. Wrap Up (14:26)

a. Honestly, there's so many interesting looking kdramas and movies that are coming up, I'm excited to see what this next year holds! Thank you for listening and I hope you look forward to our final *K-Pop Sundae* episodes of this season!

D. Ending (14:45)

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