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Drive Movie Review:

In the movie "Drive", a Hollywood stunt driver (Ryan Gosling) moonlights as a free wheelman who then finds himself and his solitary life taking a whole new meaning after meeting Irene (Carey Mulligan). Irene was the wife of a convicted criminal, Standard (Oscar Isaac). They had a son called Benicio (Kaden Leos). Standard was then released from prison and forced into committing a daytime robbery. Driver offered services to help Standard get away from the criminal world, but things got complicated.

Then, the robbery went unexpectedly distorted and the Driver barely managed to escape alive. When the take from the job proved to be higher than the Driver believed it was, it became apparent that everything was set up. Thugs then threatened to kill Irene and Benicio, and all evidence pointed that the masterminds of this were Bernie Rose (Albert Brooks) and Nino (Ron Perlman). From there, things got really bloody and complicated as Driver and the gangster played the violent game of following and trying to catch each other. This unleashed a terrible side of Driver no one expected to see.

The thematic elements in this movie were used in an interesting, eye-catching manner. I think the main 3 thematic elements in this movie were music, dialogue, and acting.

- Music:

I really enjoyed the music in this movie. Actually, one of the main reasons why I chose to watch this movie was because of the music. The soundtrack had an 80's throwback vibe to it. I really liked this. It was really smooth, yet mysterious and interesting. Just like the movie.

-Dialogue:

The dialogue in this movie was also really interesting. The main characters, Driver and Irene, were really quiet and reserved. They could "speak volumes" to each other, without speaking at all. This was really interesting and fun to watch.

-Acting:

The casting for this movie was amazing. They chose the perfect person to play the role of Driver. Ryan Gosling managed his character really well. He seems like a mysterious, calm person. Someone who seems like he would never hurt anyone, but actually unleashes a terrible side of him throughout the movie. Irene was also a mysterious character, like Driver. They looked good together. Also, Standard's character caught my attention. He had a foreign accent and the way he moved and talked made me believe that he really was a criminal who came from the streets. I also liked how the other villains moved and cursed. It made me believe that they were really criminals.

The five most important scenes in the film were:

1. The scene where Driver parks his car across the street and nods to two men who had masks on and were carrying guns. He puts five minutes on his watch, and hears the police frequency on his scanner. Then, the two men get in the car and the Driver gets away with them escaping from the police. He then arrives at the Staples Center, gets out of the car and blends in the crowd, leaving the two men in the car. I loved this scene. The ending of it was so unexpected and it was sort of a foreshadow of what was going to happen in the movie. Also, the music really went with the scene and gave an interesting, mysterious feel.
2. When Driver goes to the grocery store and sees Irene and her son, but tries to avoid contact with them. Then, he sees Irene in the parking lot and starts talking to her. He says he's a part time stunt-driver and a part time mechanic. This scene was interesting because at first, he tries to avoid talking to Irene, but when he sees her car is broken, he decides to talk to her and tells her what he does for a living. This was important because it finally revealed who he was.
3. When Driver is working at Shannon's garage and Irene and Benicio arrive with her car on a flat-bed. Shannon teases the Driver for having a "girlfriend." He uses that as an excuse for Driver to drive her and her son home. The Driver takes them on a ride through LA. This scene was so romantic and cute. The music played a really important role because it set the whole romantic mood. We also discovered that they liked each other.

4. When the Driver and Blanche find a hotel room and hide out from Cook. Then, Driver slaps Blanche and orders her to tell him about Cook. She tells him where he works and goes to the bathroom. Then, she gets shot. The Driver goes to the front door and kills the man in the bathroom before shooting the other man. This scene revealed a totally different side of him. Everyone was shocked. It was a really violent scene. We never expected Driver to be like that. Ryan's acting was amazing.

5. The very last scene where the Driver kills Bernie. He then drives off to Los Angeles. Irene listens to the Driver's message. The Driver keeps driving. No one knows what his fate will be. The screen slowly fades into black. This left us thinking about what will happen next. It was so mysterious and we're all curious about it. It was really cool how the music played while the screen faded into black.

Drive has multiple story lines. The most compelling was how he fell in love with Irene. This changed everything. It made us see two different sides from Driver. At first, he seemed like a really cold person who never talked, but then he talked to Irene, kissed her, and seemed really passionate about her. Also, thanks to the fact that he wanted to protect the person he loved, he revealed his dark side when he killed all the criminals.

I loved how these multiple story lines were woven together. They were two completely different story lines and they were put together in such an amazing way. This movie was really violent and bloody, but romantic at the same time. Such an interesting combination!

The most important relationship in this film was the relationship between the two main characters. The filmmakers did an amazing job at developing the relationship between them, especially when both of their characters were cold and didn't express much emotion. The acting, looks, and movements were key things in this since they barely talked.

The major plot points in this movie were definitely when he fell in love with Irene and when he decided to risk his life to protect her. Falling in love with Irene totally changed his life and his fate. It made him reveal a different side from him and risk his own life to protect her. He had to kill, hide, and threaten just to protect the woman he loved.

There was a lot of unexpected violence in this movie. As I mentioned, it was completely unexpected because Driver seemed like a totally different person at first. I think it does further the story because it creates more problems between the criminals, him, and Irene. It showed the many facades a person can have, and that you never know what you will be willing to do for someone you love. It showed how much he loved her. He killed to protect her! Violence is prevalent in the society today. People now tend to use more violence than dialogue, which is not the right thing to do. I do feel like this movie had a lot of violence and blood, but for me it was okay. I heard some people who didn't like it because it was too bloody. I am okay with violent movies, but I don't like too much violence. The violence in a movie does affect me. I can't watch a movie that's really, really violent. It's just too much. I think the violence in movie and video games influence people. For example, what I got from this movie is that you never know what you will be willing to do for someone you love. You can end up killing people just to protect the ones you love. Some people can take this the wrong way.

Overall, I loved this movie. The music, the acting, the shots, the story lines, the cast everything was amazing. The only thing I didn't like as much was the violence, but it wasn't too much. I would definitely recommend this movie to other people. I feel like I could watch it over and over again and never get tired of it. Such an amazing movie!