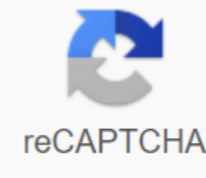




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## Gretel hansel 2020 film

Aside from the odd Oscar nominee expanding into wide release, January is not known as a fertile period for movie releases, and especially the schlocky January horror film has so far practically become its own genre. So perhaps the best that can be said about Marica & Ivica, an audit of the Grimm Brothers' Oz Perkins story, is that it is absolutely not a typical January horror. More sinister than exciting, gloomier than violent, and inspired more by Robert Eggers and *Dari Argento* than anything in the Hammer and Blumhouse canons, Marica & Ivica is an elegant, impressive attempt to bring some arthouse horror sensibilities to the multiplex, under the aegis of a PG-13 fairytale riff. He's not entirely successful at it - in fact, he's often a mess, especially when it comes to unexplained revelations of his third act - but at least they credit filmmakers for having bigger ambitions than the film's release schedule would indicate. With it's Sophia Lillis in the lead role, Marica & Ivica replaced the order of these titular names for a reason. In this version, Marica is a diaphanous, wise-assed 16-year-old, and her brother Ivica (Sammy Leakey) is a lovable but helpless eight-year-old she was tasked with protecting. Set in a geographically vague realm of stories - British accents, like modern idioms, cycling in and out of use - these two are left to make their own way after their father dies, and their mother gets into a scarcity-related frenzy, ordering their children to go into the woods. (Dig yourself some nice little graves, and dig one and for your mother, she offers as prized advice.) The two siblings find the wider world wildly unyielding; Gretel's reptilian potential inn employer asks if she has retained her virginity, and a quick night's sleep in an abandoned home leads to an attack and chase from zombie-like demons. (This latter scene - like Lillis's sometimes intrusive narrative over the voice - feels like it must have been added late in the development process, as it's the only time the film will give in to flat B-movie action and skip fears.) Rescued by kind hunters (Charles Babalola), the two children are directed to a remote monastery, far into the forest. Lillis plays Marica with a muted intensity, allowing his words and gaze to go in unexpected directions, and it is quickly suggested that she possesses a kind of second look, experiencing vivid dreams and hunches of hooded people stalking the dense, hazy forest around her. After much wandering, complaints of hunger and shared psychedelic experience after eating some mushrooms, two children come across a surprisingly modern A-frame house in a clearing: inside, a giant banquet for no one in particular is left out. Here lives the mysterious Holda (the wonderfully creepy Alice Krige). Sharp-tongued, older crafter of various cold-pressed juices, she considers Hansel with intentions - sniffing his hair and practically licking his lips while encouraging him to eat more and more - and Marica with a lot of nebulosity. The two stay there longer and longer, continuing to enjoy Holda's mysterious rewards, while Gretel's dreams become increasingly threatening, and Holda begins to make himself at home under Gretel's skin. Largely devoid of humor except for one very surprising one-liner in a climactic moment (you'll know that when you see it), the film, written by Rob Hayes, has in mind some truly promising ideas, sometimes prodding around the edges of a complete feminist reimagination of a fairytale witch. But it never manages to reconcile its deeper interests with the need to hit some of the more obvious genre paces. The film certainly looks beautiful, with a wealth of catchy compositions: the camera always finds the most decided perspective possible as two children pass through the woods; cinematographer Galo Olivares permeates Hold's house with an amber glow that is simultaneously warm and sick; composer Rob's score relies heavily on Goblin-style synthesizers; and production designer Jeremy Reed shares the difference between antiques and modern with effectively disturbing results. The problem is that many of his virtues feel threatened. In the 87th minute, he feels either too long or too short, returning to his more sinister images often enough for the impact to begin to dull, but never properly dig into some of the richer veins he begins to pat. Even given the source material, it's sometimes almost irresistibly gloomy - though it doesn't contain much in the way of advance up or violence, the fact that this film skated with a PG-13 rating while the likes of *Marriage Story* and *Rocketman* were recently saddled with an R should give critics of MPAA standards much to discuss - which only makes its pulled punches in the finale more obvious and unsatisfactory. And for all the care that went into its appearance and its sound, the world of cinema never feels more than half formed; in a hurry to tie his narrative loose ends, he leaves his more intriguing thematic hanging. Skip to the main contentPuned Emma StefanskyPuned 5/7/2020 at 5:12 PMFairytale stories have always been quite scary - that was the whole point, back when the Brothers Grimm were putting together folktales from the oral traditions of rural Germany. Many stories have brutal, sad endings, and many, if not all, were intended to teach their target audience - children - a very important lesson: Never go into the wild alone. Gretel & Ivica, a modern retelling of Ivica and Marica directed by Oz Perkins published in cinemas back in January and now available for rent on VOD, goes back in time to find the fearsome roots of its original material. In the original story, little Marica and Hansel stumble upon a house made of cakes and candies as they stroll through a forest owned by a witch hoping to bake siblings alive and eat them. Movie slyly inverts story. Marica (played by IT Sophia Lillis) and brother Hansel (Samuel J. Leakey), who is kicked out of their home by her mother after her daughter refuses to work for a creepy man who asks her if she is still a virgin, travels through the woods and is rescued by a hunter (Charles Babalola), who tells them there is employment with woodcucks on the side of the road. But Marica has learned to be suspicious of grown men who come just when you flicker them and lead her brother back through the woods until they find a house full of food. The witch who lives inside (Alice Krige) allows Ivica to practice splitting trees with an axe while she teaches Marica magic, awakens primal power within the girl and lures her with promises of life without men, adults and the moorings of society. But everything that's been given requires something to be taken from her, and Marica soon learns the terrifying origins of witch magic, and what she had to give up to own it. The film is refreshingly feminine to take on fairy tale mythology, examining female power while also warning against the length you may need to go to acquire it. Gretel & Ivica has a striking look, in keeping with Perkins' usual directorial flair. Many characters wear clothes with exaggerated shapes, have jagged collars and don pointy little hats, and the sets often have a German expressionist tendency to lean in strange directions, with nonexistent ceilings and walls that seem to go up and up forever. Galo Olivares (cinematographer on Netflix's Roma) shot much of the film in an unexpected, claustrophobic 1.55:1 page ratio, while each scene is illuminated in evocative primary colors, most often bright, sickly yellow. The film is a treat to watch, especially worse moments, even if you end up missing the action. With its ancient surroundings, Marica & Ivica fit right into the recent provincial horror movement, into the vein of other terrifying films such as *The Witch* and the Apostles, uncertain, outmaanded rural social seas crumbling from within. Marica (you may have noticed that her name appears first) is a 21st-century character cast into an 18th-century world, a lens by which we can look back and reshape stories from the past to reflect the aspirations of the present. Need help finding something to watch? Sign up here for our weekly Streamail newsletter to get streaming recommendations delivered directly to your inbox. Emma Stefansky is an entertainment writer at Thrillist. Follow her on Twitter @stefabsky. Gretel and Hansel, 战栗糖果屋. Gretel und Hänsel, Marica y Ivica, Marica & Hansel - Ein Märchen neu erzählt (2020), Marica & Ivica: Un oscuro cuento de hadas Page 2 Gretel & Hansel Watched Nov 06, 2020 o coitado do João figurante 1 nomination. See more awards » Find out more edit Marica and Ivica live in the countryside with their mother. When times are tough and Marica can't get a job, their mother sends the kids out to take care of themselves. They must pass through a dark forest without clothes or supplies. 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