

Haeansôn / Coastguard



Synopsis

One night, on the east coast near the D.M.Z., Private KANG fearfully mistakes a drunken man having sex with his lover in the restricted military zone, and shoots him as a spy. Kang's commanding officers award him a period of leave "for catching a spy" in order to escape responsibility for the civilian death. When Kang confesses the truth to his girlfriend, she calls him a murderer. Returning to his unit, Kang displays increasingly violent behavior and is eventually discharged for medical reasons. After roaming around Seoul, He goes back to the military area where an ominous tension develops between Knag, who still believes himself to be serving in the army, and the people around him who criticize him for shooting a civilian. Meanwhile, having witnessed the gruesome death of her lover, Mi-young goes mad and mistakes random men around the military area of her lover. A bizarre intimacy develops between Mi-young and Kang, who gets more and more violent towards the men of his platoon... (Source : KOFIC)

Data sheet

Director: KIM Ki-duk (김기덕 / 金基德)

Main Cast: JANG Dong-kun, KIM Jung-hak

Release Date: NOV 22 2002

Genre: Drama

Production: LJ Films

Executive Producer: Soma H.Z. CHUNG

Producer: KIM Sang-keun , KIM Sang-keun

Screenplay: KIM Ki-duk

Cinematography: BAEK Dong-hyun

Editing: HAM Sung-won

Lighting: HAN Ki-up

Music: JANG Young-gyu

Art Director: OH Sang-man

Production Budget: US\$ 1.8M

Distribution: Korea Pictures

94 mn, 35mm, Color

Rate: Over 18

Box-office results: 121,550 in Seoul on 27 screens (35th position).

Awards

FIPRESCI Prize: Kim Ki-duk, "For the strong and innovative depiction of the illusion of power which destroys humanity on both sides of the fence."

Netpac Award: Kim Ki-duk

Town of Karlovy Vary; Award: Kim Ki-duk

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