

Film Title and Release Date: *Little Shop of Horrors* (1960)
Film Length in Minutes: 72 minutes
Film Genre: Comedy/Horror

Reviewer Name and Grade: Naysa T., 7th Grade

Date Reviewed: November 23, 2020

This film takes place in a place called Skid Row in the 1960s. Skid Row was one of the worst and most unsafe areas in the U.S.A at that time. The film started in a flower shop owned by Mr. Mushnik who was yelling at his employee Seymour. Seymour was a very clumsy young man and he ruined one of the flower orders and was about to get fired. Another employee named Audrey says that Seymour should not get fired, and Seymour said that he created a new plant. A customer in the store overhears that and says that new plants can boost sales in the shop. Mr. Mushnik gives Seymour a week to cultivate and bring the plant to the store. Seymour went home and saw that his plant was dying, he accidentally pricked his finger and the plant opened up. He realizes that his plant eats blood so he pricks all his fingers and gives it blood. By the next day the plant grew in size and all the people in skid row are impressed. Mr. Mushnik keeps Seymour and Audrey starts to date Seymour. Seymour named the plant Audrey junior. Late in the night Audrey junior starts to talk and tells Seymour that she's hungry. Seymour cannot get anymore blood out of his fingers so he goes for a walk to find something. Near a railroad a drunk man is there and Seymour accidentally pushes in the direction of the tracks. The man falls and gets run over, and Seymour stresses out. Then Seymour gets a bag and puts the remains of the man into the bag. Then he gives Audrey junior his blood. By the next morning Audrey junior had doubled in size. The shop's sales increased but Seymour got a toothache. He goes to the local dentist, which is the place where he messed up the order, and the dentist turns out to be crazy. The dentist uses his tools and tries to kill Seymour, but he stabs the dentist with one of the tools, killing him. Seymour took the dead body to the shop. While this is happening Mr. Mushnik and Audrey were out for dinner and forgot money. Mr. Mushnik goes back to the shop to get money and sees Seymour feeding the plant a dead body. Mr. Mushnik thinks he is crazy and runs back to the restaurant and asks for all the alcohol they have. The next day Audrey and Seymour go on their first date and after go to the shop. While there the plant starts talking, so Seymour pretends it was him talking. Audrey thinks he is weird and breaks up with him, and Seymour has a talk with Audrey junior. He says that he will never feed it again, and wants it to die, but then the plant hypnotizes him. The plant makes Seymour go out to get food. As Seymour is on the street looking for food, a random lady follows him, looking for his attention. She goes to a bench and Seymour pushes her off and feeds her to the plant. At that time Mr. Mushnik and the police show up and start to chase Seymour. They go through a junkyard, and tire-yard. In the end Seymour jumps into the plant killing himself.

How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)?

I found the film by casually browsing on Kanopy.

Did the plot (for fictional movie) or presentation of information (for documentary) keep you interested?

The plot of this movie kept me interested. The problem was interesting, with the people getting killed, and a deadly plant.

Was the pace of this film too fast, too slow, or just right?

The pace of this film was just right because the deaths happened at the right times, and the film got more and more suspenseful as it went on. The ending finished everything well.

What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?

This film is appropriate for grades 5 and up because so parts can be scary.

I give this film 5 stars. It was scary and exciting keeping me at the edge of my seat. The movie did not go too fast and I feel like it ended well. Some parts were funny and weird and I would recommend it.