

Film Title and Release Date: *Nocturna* (2007)

Film Length in Minutes: 84 Minutes

Film Genre: Fantasy

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This film seems to take place in an English urban area. In something like an orphanage we meet the main character Tim. Tim is a small boy on the roof drawing constellations. Next all the children are getting ready for bedtime. Tim happens to be afraid of the dark because of what it hides. In the morning the children are playing with a red bouncy ball. Tim accidentally kicks the ball down the stairs and everyone is mad at him. He tries to get the ball but it goes into the dark basement. That night when the children are put to sleep, Tim gets up and goes to the roof to look at the stars. He notices that his favorite star Adhara is fading away. Suddenly Tim slips off the roof and falls, but is saved by a strange being. The ‘Thing ‘ that saves Tim is surrounded by a hundred cats. The thing is looking for the cat responsible for Tim. He finds Tobemory the cat. The thing's name is Cat Shepard. Tim tells Cat Shepard that his star has disappeared. The Cat Shepard says that Moka, head of Nocturna, can fix it. Tim promises that when he sees Moka he will go to sleep, so Cat Shepard takes Tim to Noctunas headquarters. When Tim arrives it looks like he is in a golden factory with ghosts walking around. The things working in the factory create the nighttime with sounds, dreams, stars, and more. When Tim goes to meet Moka, Moka says he doesn't care. Moka thinks that his night is perfect so stars can;t go missing. Tim realizes it's up to him to save the stars. Cat Shepard promises to help Tim if he goes to bed before morning. As they leave Tim takes directions to the “star keepers” home. As they go looking for the Star Keeper, many lights in the darkness are taken and killed by “ the Kidnapper”Moka notices that Tim goes against his wishes and tries to stop him. While this is happening the workers of Nocturna are complaining about the lack of light. Many of them quit and the night becomes foggy and many car crashes happen. When Tim reaches the lighthouse where the star keeper is supposed to be, it's empty. A star comes down to talk to him and says that there is no star keeper. The North Star says to Tim that all Stars have an emergency switch on them. Tim tries the switch but it doesn't work. Then Tim looks for Moka. On the way there the kidnapper shows up. It is a ghost of darkness that eats all light and happiness. Tim realizes the only way to fix the night is to face his fears of the dark. He realizes that he created the monster in his mind. He lets the monster fly through him and everything goes back to normal. The Cat Shepard takes Tim back to the orphanage to go to sleep. When Tim wakes up he goes down into the basement to get the red bouncy ball. Then the movie ends.

How did you find this film on Kanopy?

I found this film while casually browsing.

Did the plot keep you interested?

The plot of this film kept me interested because it was fun to see Tims adventure through Nocturna.

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

The pace of this film was just right. Each event was spaced out.

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

This film is appropriate for all grade levels.

I give this film 5 stars. I really liked how the colors of the cityscapes created the mood of the film. I've always liked the mystery of the night and this film was so cool. It was really dream like and exciting and I would recommend this film.