

Film Title and Release Date: *Rocks (Das Rad)* (2001)

Film Length in Minutes: 9 minutes

Film Genre: Short Comedy German Film

Reviewer Name and Grade: Jaden R., 9th Grade

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This film in German can be understood by a wide audience as you can see what's on the screen. Each of the two main stone characters add something to this movie allowing something to look at while watching. The movie sets up this concept that these stone creatures perceive time differently giving us their perspective of human history as we see them observe the start and end of a human civilization. I believe that the larger theme of the grand scale of time the earth more so living life has been alive compared to human life is shown through this movie. But its short run time, lack of interesting dialogue, and bad storytelling don't help this theme shine in a way could have more shown the cursory of life on earth and expanded that message more to create a fuller movie. In all this movie lacked focus as a comedy lacked any thing that would draw the attention of child less likely an adult. I will admit that the concept of portraying the earth or life on earth as these stone creatures as a way of showing a message about humanity and its effect on the earth would be interesting sadly this movie didn't do that

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

I found this while casually browsing Kanopy

Did the plot keep you interested?

The things on the screen when playing the movie lacked any motivation to capture interest.

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

The pace of this film was way too fast to under any themes that might have been in this film

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

None

Rating

3 stars: It was okay; I had hoped for better.

I hoped for better while reading the description that grasped me as a sci-fi way to explain some message on human expansion but was left unsatisfied with the lack of any theme. All in all I can say is that this surely put something on screen.