

Screenplay Review

I Used To Be Indecisive...But Now I'm Not So Sure.

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Review

This is very funny. A terrific example of American-style slapstick with smart, funny dialogue. A well-crafted piece of material with a universal moral theme. Great structure, characters and pacing. Sadly - I can't contribute very much in the way of critical feedback that could possibly help the writer improve on the current draft.

The fact that Kate takes an interest in Kevin so quickly doesn't quite work on the page but if Jon Cusack and Julia Roberts were delivering the lines, we'd buy into immediately. I'm not a big fan of traditional Romantic Comedy endings where the male lead admits what a jerk he's been and professes his undying love for the female lead who is about to walk out of his life forever. She of course melts at this sudden flash of wisdom - usually in front of a crowd of complete strangers. The formula is as predictable and enervating as the climax of a Car Chase or the outcome of a Mexican Stand-off. So, it was refreshing for Kate in her final pronouncements to leave something to the imagination. At least she didn't swoon, fall into Kevin's arms and say "I love you too Silly-Billy."

Perhaps the only thing worth mentioning is that the notion of making 'life choices' based upon chance is similar to THE DICE MAN, a comedic novel published in 1971 by George Cockcroft under the pen name Luke Rhinehart. The book tells the story of a psychiatrist who begins making life decisions based on the throw of the dice. A new American edition of THE DICE MAN was published in June of 2006. In addition, during this period numerous media projects have focused attention on THE DICE MAN theme. (see www.dicetrip.com).

A film script entitled DICED about a psychopathic Dicer was optioned for production next year. (2007).

I personally don't think that this is an issue and could indicate that the Industry is looking for this kind of material. The book and by the sounds of it, the optioned screenplay explore darker themes than this project which while using the notion of chance to make decisions in life, is just a lot of fun to read and if ever made into a film, would be a lot of fun to watch. Sorry I can't be of more help.