

A Very Grim Action-Adventure Sci-Fi



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Inuyashiki has a damn good crack at originality, creating a narrative that's bolstered by its sweet-natured titular hero, as his superhuman capabilities are explored from a stylish yet believable perspective. With an antagonist that very well serves the phrase 'total and complete scumbag', and a refreshingly harrowing interpretation of the superhero genre, Inuyashiki delivers an entertaining, albeit flawed, gratuitously gripping experience.

With his aging body and mundane schedule, Inuyashiki's life is depressingly dire. After relocating to a new home, his self-absorbed family scoffs at its mediocrity. Inuyashiki's reality plummets further following a visit to the doctor, upon which he is diagnosed with terminal stomach cancer. With little left to live for, void of a sense of purpose, Inuyashiki keels over in tears whilst walking his dog at a park. However, a sudden explosion of extra terrestrial origin decimates both Inuyashiki, and a teenage boy situated in close proximity called Hiro. The otherworldly life forms responsible for this catastrophe hastily rebuild both men, retaining their human appearances and emotions, but replacing their blood, bones and body bits with cybernetic technology.

Following their revival, both Inuyashiki and Hiro unearth their possession of stupendous capabilities, from fantastical flight to wicked weapons. While Inuyashiki's new found strength is utilized for exacting justice and protecting the innocent, the vile craving for criminality Hiro bears sees him indulge in hideous murders to juxtapose Inuyashiki's righting of wrongs. Thus begins the age old tale of good versus evil.

Inuyashiki's kind hearted demeanour toward his dog, to his sincere care for his family, which in turn, is sadly rejected, to jumping on board with outlook of those around him, is a breeze. By stark contrast, Hiro is totally hate-able, committing murderous atrocities for nothing more than selfish entertainment. Watching as the black-hearted killer sadistically guns down a family in their own home is horrendously discomforting, yet fundamental to incentivising the audience in utterly despising his character. This divide between Inuyashiki and Hiro creates a fascinating narrative in which two polar opposite forces enact their individual brands of heroism, from Inuyashiki's defense of the weak to Hiro's merciless blood lust which he seldom justifies to himself via a psychopathic and twisted logic.

The art is par with today's standards and as expected from Mappa studio, has a Gantz like feel to it and even when there are moments of CGI, they manage to balance it and the overall result looks great.

As Hiro's vicious spree of killing ramps up, the show effectively utilises its bleak tonal properties to convey the repulsive cruelty of his actions. Shocks and shakes whisk audiences through Hiro's white knuckle roller coaster of brutality, all while providing an antidote to this horror in the form of its unlikely hero. As entertaining as Inuyashiki may be, however, a befuddled sense of storytelling bogs down an otherwise superb series.

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Joys of receiving your first pay cheque

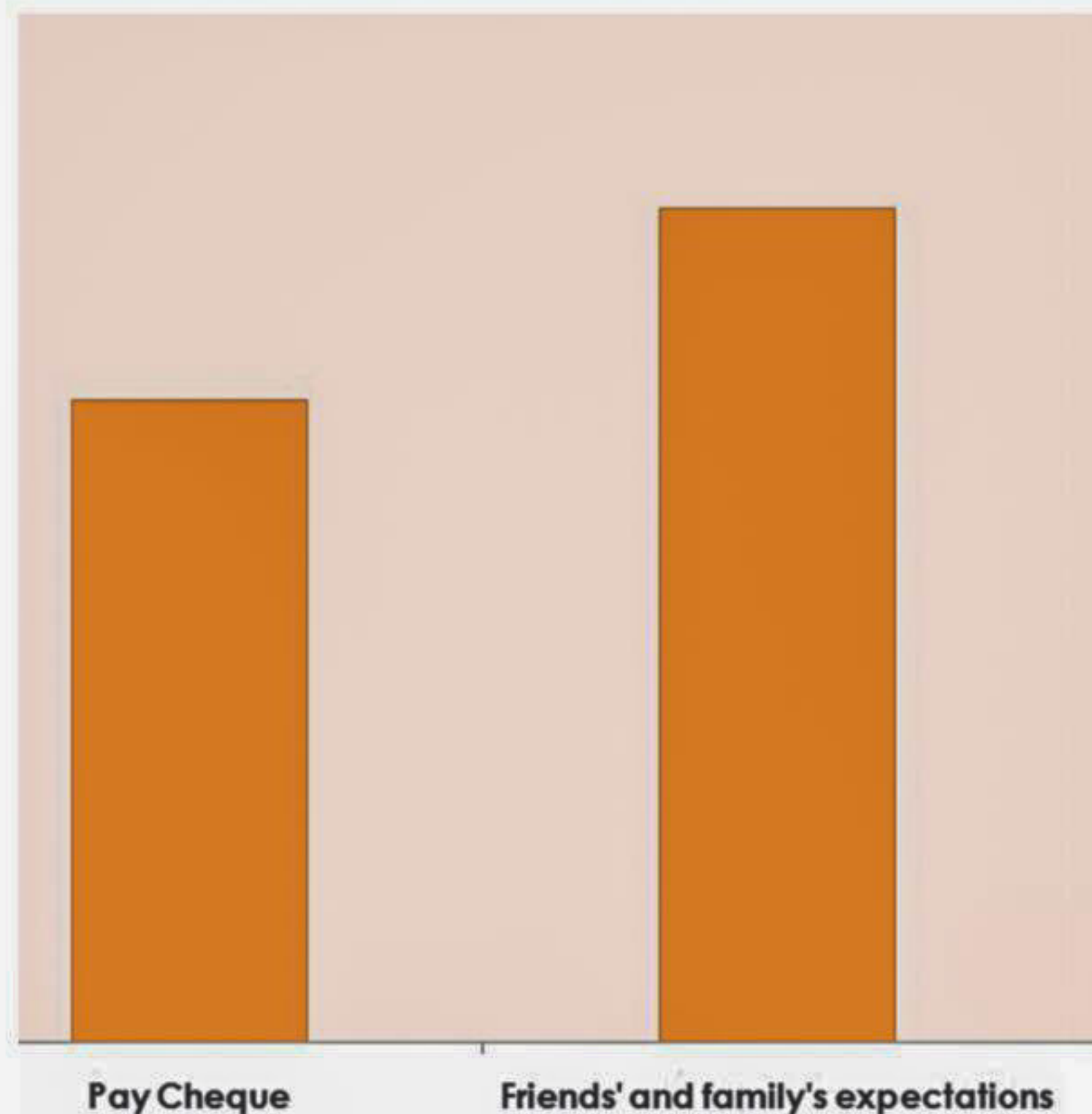
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Congratulations on your job. The feeling of getting your first pay cheque in your hands is priceless. For the longest time you have dreamt of this day. Do you have big plans for your newly earned money? Do you want to buy that watch you always wanted? Do you want to buy that book you have read a few times by borrowing from a friend but you kind of want to own it because it's your favourite? Do you want to treat yourself to some delicious sushi? Well you can't. Because with money comes friends and family demanding treats and gifts.

By some kind of evil voodoo magic everyone around you knows exactly when you are getting your pay cheque and starts making plans about what to do with your money. The smell of your freshly earned money reminds them of all the things they ever wanted from you.

First comes the unending demands from your friends. Your regular friends i.e. people you hang out with every day, will make you feel like you owe it to them to treat each and every single one of them. And it won't be cheap. Your first job by default makes you someone who can now fulfil all their life long food/hangout dreams. Suddenly you are paying for their movie tickets, conveyance or even their Eid dresses.

For your unconventional friends i.e. people with



whom you only talk on special occasions, the obligation is much greater. Their logic is somewhat along the lines of since you did not meet them for so long and now you have a job, it's time to compensate for not

being in touch. Any they don't settle for burgers, they want to hang out in fancy restaurants and eat mini sized pizzas which coast you a fortune.

Parents. In most cases parents won't directly say what they expect you to do with your first pay cheque. They start by telling you how proud they are of you and then eventually if you are lucky the conversation ends somewhere along the lines of "How about you buy your brother/sister something nice?" and as we all know, siblings don't just suck the happiness out of you, they also have the incredible ability of picking out the most expensive yet unnecessary things when you take them shopping.

However, if you are not one of the lucky ones, the "We are so proud of you" will be followed by "okay so now pay for your own food, clothes, books, recreation and everything else that you require but your tiny pay cheque can't possibly cover".

And if you happen to be dating... well that's a whole different sad story.

Earning your first pay cheque was probably a hard but exciting task for you. But it was meant to serve your midnight food cravings or late-night online shopping desires, you might need to wait for a few months.

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