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Read Plot of Young Adult Movie by Steveroger

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Young Adult is based on Codyâ€™s original screenplay about Mavis Gary (Theron), a teen literature author who experiences somewhat of a meltdown following her divorce. She thereafter decides to return to her small home town in Minnesota, in the hopes of both reliving her glory days and reuniting with her high school sweetheart, Buddy Slade (Patrick Wilson). The problem â€“ as one of Mavisâ€™ former classmates (Patton Oswalt) points out â€“ is that Buddy is not only married, but even has kids now.

Theron appears to do a good job in Young Adult of playing Mavis in a more understated fashion. That is a relief, seeing how a whiskey-sipping, former high school â€œpopular girlâ€• whoâ€™s suffered a psychotic breakdown and is genuinely determined to seduce a married man (or, rather, a â€œQueen B***hâ€• as the David Bowie song in this trailer puts it) is exactly the sort of role that could easily be used an an excuse for an actress to chew the scenery like nothing else.

Young Adult likewise appears to be quite unapologetic about playing its protagonistâ€™s behavior and delusions for uncomfortable laughs. The decision to cast stars like Oswalt â€“ who can actually handle both awkward comedy and drama (see: his performance in Big Fan) â€“ and Wilson as the ordinary handsome type, seems all the wiser, since both are well-fitted for their respective roles here.

One last thing â€“ itâ€™s nice to see that Cody seemingly wonâ€™t go overboard with her trademark â€œ dialogue in Young Adult, seeing how the idea of grown adults talking like the teens in Juno or Jenniferâ€™s Body would probably seem all the more ridiculous and forced thanâ€¦ well, than it did in either of those two films.Young Adult begins a limited theatrical release in the U.S. on December 9th, 2011. It will expand wider a week later, on the 16th.

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