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As a child my older brothers would dictate our Saturday television shows. We would watch re-run episodes of "Star Trek," "The Outer Limits," and "The Twilight Zone." I loved "Star Trek," but the other two shows often scared and sometimes horrified me. Looking back on the episodes today, I don't find them scary at all. I see them today as well-written psychological thrillers. With today's heightened visual effects available to filmmakers, psychological thrillers have taken a back seat to film's that are more visually thrilling - which is a

Pig, a film written and directed by Henry Barrial, is a film that reminds me a great deal of some of the classic episodes of "The Twilight Zone." The main character of the film, finds himself stranded in a desert, his hands tied behind his back and no memory of his past. He awakens in a strange woman's house and learns that she found him and saved him from dying. Once recuperated, he sets off to find his identity. The only clue is a piece of paper with a name written on it. He has no idea if this is his name, a name of a friend, or perhaps the name of someone who wants him dead.

Pig is an interesting psychological thriller. Rudolf Martin as the main character is excellent. He is on camera the majority of the film and it is an emotional, turn-twisting story that requires a well-rounded actor. The remaining characters are all played well.

The film is a bit more mystery than answers and could use just a bit more balance in that respect. But the ending is completely unexpected and very clever. So, if you harken back to a good story that has a psychological thriller with bit of a science fiction flare, Pig is definitely worth a viewing.

Pig has a runtime of 1 hour and 30 minutes.



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