



MOVIES&LANGUAGES

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Kinds of Kindness

ABOUT THE MOVIE

DIRECTOR	Yorgos Lanthimos
YEAR/COUNTRY	2024 / UK, USA
DURATION	164 Min.
LANGUAGE	English with English subtitles
GENRE	black comedy, drama, anthology film
ACTORS	Emma Stone, Jesse Plemons, Willem Dafoe, Margaret Qualley

PLOT

The plot of the movie is difficult to define as is the case in most of the films that Yorgos Lanthimos creates, but if push comes to shove, you could say it is all about control and obsession. There are three mini movies rolled into one (hence the duration), each being independent of the other, but with the same central theme and with the same group of actors. Also, it seems quite odd that the title refers to kindness or acts of kindness, as these are definitely missing from the story.

Story number 1 has Robert involved in a long term, all-consuming commitment or relationship with his boss played by Willem Dafoe. Written orders are delivered to Robert



each day, detailing such things as what to wear and what to eat until such a time Roberta refuses to carry out one of his boss's requests. His life subsequently implodes and he witnesses how he is immediately swapped out for another person (Emma Stone).

Story 2 features both Stone and Plemons again, with role of Plemons being a policeman suffering from mental health issues and the extent he will push his recently rescued wife to prove her devotion to him.

Story 3 reverts back to a similar situation in story 1 in that the 2 central characters are part of a cult movement

LANGUAGE

All things considered, we can say that the language content in Kinds of Kindness is relatively straight forward and not difficult. Urban America, clear pronunciation and without excessively long or difficult dialogues, the language and vocabulary in the film are within reach of everyone.

VOCABULARY

Brown leather derby lace ups	classic English shoe
Short sighted	poor vision, lack of judgement
Embroidered	pattern sewn on by thread
Got held up	delayed
Forehead	part of the head
Genuine smashed McEnroe racket	John McEnroe the American tennis star, famous for his bad temper
Outfit	clothes that a person is wearing
Johnnie Walker on the rocks	scotch with ice
Skinny:	thin

I reckon I can make it	I am quite sure I can come
Ram into him:	drive your car into him
You'll see to it	you will make sure it gets done
Weevil	an animal
I'm all ears	listening attentively
Rue the day	you will regret this
He'll go nuts	he will go crazy
One tough cookie	a tough person
What's gotten into him?	what is wrong with him
Let's not dwell	let's forget about it
Snap out of it:	wake up, start thinking clearly
Kool Aid:	American soft drink
He'll get over it	he will overcome the issue
He poses no danger:	he is not dangerous
Up your medication	increase your medication
One of the two women spotted me	one of the two women that saw me
To her credit	she deserves merit, recognition
Will you cut the crap?:	stop talking nonsense
I think I'm coming down with something	I think I am ill
We'll give it our best shot:	we will do our best
To be cut out for something:	to have a natural talent for something
Not everyone's cut out for everything:	you can't do everything

