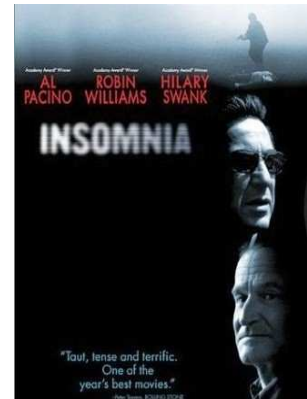


Insomnia

Director: Christopher Nolan
2002 (113')



Detective Will Dormer, a successful Los Angeles cop, is sent to a small town in Alaska with his partner to help solve the murder of a local teen. What starts as a simple crime story develops into a compelling psychological thriller as Dormer begins to lose control of his carefully ordered world. He discovers it doesn't get dark in Alaska in the summer, he can't sleep, he and his partner are under investigation in L.A.. Then something terrible happens and Dormer's world is thrown into greater disorder. The pressure mounts, the light never fades, he still can't sleep, the murderer is still out there....

Al Pacino puts in a powerful performance in Christopher Nolan's gripping thriller.

Insomnia establishes or rather further establishes Christopher Nolan as one of the most exciting talents in mainstream cinema, and gives Pacino what must surely be the most satisfying role in the late period of his career. As a picture of a driven cop, and as a vision of a personal hell, it's unmissable stuff. Peter Bradshaw, The Guardian

Vocabulary and expressions:

To blow over: To become calm again, e.g. after a storm

It's going to blow over

Straightforward: Uncomplicated; simple

To rattle sb.'s cage: To irritate, annoy or disturb somebody

To cut a deal: To make a compromise and come to an agreement

I gotta cut a deal

Dumb: Stupid; ignorant (derogatory)

A hot idea: A good idea

Maybe it isn't such a hot idea

To do sth by the numbers: Follow prescribed rules

To blow it: To fail or miss an opportunity

I blew it

To check sth out: Research and find something out

I got to check some things out

Cranky: Irritable; in bad humour

I guess I`m a little cranky

Good stuff!: Well done!

How are you holding up?: How are you coping? How are you managing?
(i.e. in difficult circumstances)

A patsy: Someone to put the blame on

We`ve got to find a patsy

A wild card: Something extra that can give you an advantage (used in games of poker)

We need a wild card

To have sth worked out: To be in control of a situation and know what to do

I`ve got it all worked out

Clutter: Mess; disorder

Sorry about all the clutter

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