

Homework #1

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Context

The SF "The Island" presents a society in which people can buy a second chance at life through clones of the same biological age with them. That is, in case of accident, they will have a series of organs 100% compatible from the clones they buy. In case of disease, such as cirrhosis or hepatitis, a 100% compatible liver transplant from the clone. If a couple cannot make children (the female partner cannot bear the pregnancy), the clone of the partner, perfectly healthy, can bear the pregnancy.

In addition, people who buy these "products" do not know that the clones are humans, but are aware that they are in vegetative state. In the movie it is presented that a conservation

of the clones in vegetative state fails, so it must develop in a environment similar to the human one (the residence). But this is forbidden by law, which is why the whole operation takes place in a military bunker under the ground. Clones at the time of their development were printed in memory that there was a global contamination, and that the place where they stay is the only uncontaminated on earth, except the Island - a place presented as a paradise one. But in fact, the Island is nothing more than a series of upper floors of the respective residence, floors where the extraction of organs takes place, the clones being killed in this way.

The action

In the center of the action is presented the clone Lincoln Six-Echo (Ewan McGregor) being the first to start asking questions about the environment in which he lives. So it starts to have one of the essential human qualities - curiosity. After he finds a bug, but also after his dreams (dreams that correspond to the memories of Tom Lincoln - the owner of Lincoln Six-Echo), he begins to doubt the existence of contamination. After a series of investigations, he finds the place of extraction where he sees a series of clonicides. In addition, on that day is chosen to go to the Island protagonist Jordan Two Delta (Scarlett Johansson), Lincoln Six-Echo's best friend. The protagonist saves Jordan, and escapes from the residence.

The action of the movie takes place on the west coast of the US following the two protagonists who have the institution on their footsteps. Both Lincoln and Jordan want to reveal the truth to the world. So they are looking for their owners in the hope that they will help them. Jordan Two-Delta's owner is dying because of an accident (which is why the clone was selected for the Island lottery) and Lincoln Six-Echo's owner, Tom Lincoln, sells them to the institution. Interesting is that in the outside world there are a number of important personalities who have copies in the residence such as: Sarah Jordan - model, Tom Lincoln - designer, Tom Everett - US president, Jamal Starkweather - sportsman, etc.

Finally, after a confusion, the truth Lincoln is killed by the institution and the clone is called for a new clone. Once the two protagonists arrive at the residence they will release the rest of the clones and the negative person, the initiator of the project, Dr. Bernard Merrick is killed. Eventually Lincoln and Jordan will take on the identities of the real Lincoln and Jordan, who die. The movie also presents the evolution of the relationship between Jordan and Lincoln that only materializes at the end of the film.

Other movies

1. Transcendence (2014)
2. Self/less (2015)

3. What Happened to Monday (2017)
4. The Lobster (2015)
5. Gemini Man (2019)
6. Get Out (2017)
7. Children of Men (2006)
8. The Darkest Minds (2018)
9. Freaks (2018)
10. In Time (2011)