

Short Review: “Terminator 3: Judgment Day” (2003) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (2003). (aka Terminator 3). Warner Brothers, color, 109 min. Director: Jonathan Mostow. Writers: James Cameron, Gale Anne Hurd, etc. Producers: Mario Kassar, Hal Lieberman, etc. Cast: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Nick Stahl, Claire Danes and Kristanna Loken.

Ten years after the events in “Terminator 2,” finally, a good-looking female Terminator (Loken) appears, but she is the kind of woman you’d meet on a blind date. Skynet is going online, and John Connor (Stahl) and an old Terminator (Schwarzenegger) is trying to prevent it. On the way, they pick up Kate Brewster (Danes), who will become Connor’s wife. There is plenty of action, particularly in a car chase with a crane, but the whole concept is getting a bit tired in this film. “Terminator 3” was followed by a short-lived television series and two sequels set in the aftermath of World War III but James Cameron’s thrilling, original concept was getting a bit stale.

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