

Short Review: “Weird Science” (1985) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Weird Science (1985). Universal Pictures, 94 min. Director and Screenwriter: John Hughes. Producer: Joel Silver. Cast: Anthony Michael Hall, Kelly LeBrock, Bill Paxton, Robert Downey Jr., Vernon Wells and Ian Mitchell-Smith.

Based on the popular comic books of the Fifties, this silly and very adolescent John Hughes comedy focuses on two teenage geeks, Gary and Wyatt (Hall and Mitchell-Smith), who can't get dates with girls or the respect they deserve from their fellow classmates. One lonely Friday night, after watching a colorized version of “Frankenstein” (1931), they decide to create Lisa (the very luscious Kelly LeBrock), a Playboy pin-up of their fantasies, who is capable of granting every wish. Predictably, Lisa takes “these guys from zeroes to heroes” before moving on. This is every geek’s fantasy brought to celluloid! Too bad Hughes decided to play it safe with Lisa’s shower scene. Look for a very funny tribute to “The Road Warrior” featuring Vernon Wells. Years later, Anthony Michael Hall was sitting across from me at mall diner, eating his lunch with a friend prior to the start of the yearly DragonCon. I introduced myself and a friend, and then talked for an hour about his work in film and television. A very talented

and genuinely nice guy! Today, as a handsome adult, he'd get the girl, especially the hot and desirable Kelly LeBrock.

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