



“TERRIBLY HAPPY”

a film by Henrik Ruben Genz

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Reviewed by Michelle Dent - Ventura Film Society

Robert, a disgraced cop, is displaced from his big-city job in Copenhagen and reassigned to the tiny village of Skarrild. Literally dumped there and stranded by his superior officer, he is soon drawn in by Ingerlise, a femme fatale, who is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the mystery and unrest that lurk beneath the surface of this seemingly sleepy hamlet. As Skarrild's only lawman and an outsider at that, Robert soon finds himself up against Ingerlise's abusive husband, Jürgen, and a particularly murky and subversive form of small-town vigilante justice.

With its well-drawn, bizarre characters and dark comic undertones, this stylish Danish import feels like the Coen Brothers at their sardonic best, with a splash of highly-authentic Hitchcock mixed in. A creative swirling of genres, this film noir/thriller/modern western sinks the main character and the audience deeper and deeper into its eerie, sticky secrets. “Terrible Happy”. Totally engrossing.