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# What Happened To Monday

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# Introduction

What Happened to Monday is a Netflix film filmed and directed in 2017. It portrays a series of dystopian events that contribute to the sci-fi and action genre. In this time period, there was a serious case of overpopulation, where there's a scarce of resources, food, water, fossil fuels, etc. Their government implemented a one-child policy where any other children produced besides the oldest would be placed in a government-issued "long sleep". Through the complications of a sibling bunch of 7 each named after a day of the week, one (Monday) goes missing and they must all participate in a dangerous fight with the government to find her.



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# Background Information

- Title: What Happened To Monday
- Genre: Action, Sci-Fi, Crime
- Release Date: August 18, 2017
- Rating: TV-MA
- Length: 2h 3min
- Director: Tommy Wirkola
- Writers: Max Botkin, Kerry Williamson
- Stars: Noomi Rapace, Glenn Close, Willem Dafoe



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# Opinion Statement

In my opinion, What Happened To Monday is a 5/5 Would Recommend film as it begins AND ends with intriguing/capturing events. There isn't a boring moment that can be pointed out within the film and Noomi Rapace portrayed her character the best, as she was all seven siblings.



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## Reason 1- Includes captivating, realistic events

Much like other action films, the scenes include fighting, violence, and effects that contribute to the main plot of battling against the government. The sisters used their strong capabilities to put on a tough fight but due to the fact that they had to separate and were greatly outnumbered, most of them were unsuccessful.

I wished to include a scene that contributed to this reason but it may have been too graphic for some viewers so here's a video of their lifestyle.

<https://youtu.be/u1kfYwhcAPY>

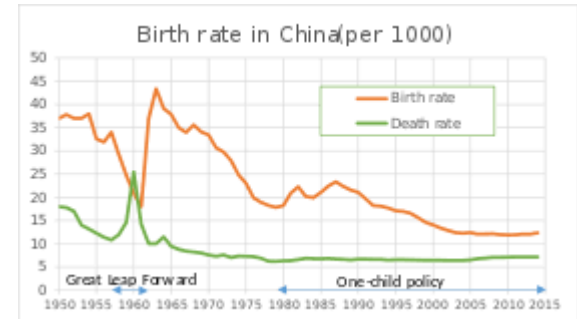


## Reason 2- Combines Historical Accuracy

Many do not know that the one-child policy is not completely dystopian and has existed once before in China, which speaks to the overall historical accuracy to the film.

“The first day of 2016 marks the end of China's controversial, 40-year-old one-child policy. Although families will still require government-issued birth permits, or face the sanction of a forced abortion, couples in China can now request to have two children.”

(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1550444/>)



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## Reason 3- Incorporates intriguing comedy

While most of the movie is strictly action and crime, there are hints of comedy that keeps the audience entertained. In order for each sister to play the correct role on their name-given day, they must be told every piece of the day before. To do this, they ate dinner every night together and shared stories, laughs, as well as prepared for the days to come. Below, is how they prepared themselves physically to fit the same appearance. The screen told them each discrepancy to fix so they were in unison.



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# Counter Argument

Many critics may argue that What Happened To Monday begins in an upbeat, breath-taking pace then slows down and becomes not only boring, but confusing. I could understand the point of the critics but I disagree because if paying close enough attention, the main plot of the movie can be easily understood. In addition to that, paying close attention to the characters and when they switch is key while watching or the audience will find his/herself lost.





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# Conclusion

In conclusion, Director Tommy Wirkola used Starring actress, Noomi Rapace, as multiple characters to convey the consequences of the one-child policy. What Happened To Monday includes captivating, realistic events, combines historical accuracy, and incorporates intriguing comedy in a fascinating, eye-grabbing manner that keeps the audience tied in to the film.



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# Trailer

<https://youtu.be/-ii5iFf7-tY>



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