MOVIE RECOMMENDATION: THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW(2004) CBFC: U 2004 · ACTION/ADVENTURE · 2H 4M

Plot Summary

In Independence Day, Roland Emmerich brought you the near destruction of the earth by aliens. Now, In The Day After Tomorrow, the enemy is an even more devastating force: nature itself. Tornadoes rip through Los Angeles; a massive snow storm pounds New Dehli; hail the size of grapefruit batters Tokyo; and in New York City, temperature swings from sweltering to freezing in one day. (from TheDayAfterTomorrow.com)

The Day After Tomorrow is a 2004 science fiction disaster film directed by Roland Emmerich and starring Dennis Quaid and Jake Gyllenhaal. It is a ridiculous, but fun disaster flick.

When a sudden worldwide storm begins to plunge the entire planet into a new ice age, paleoclimatologist Jack Hall undertakes a dangerous trek to New York City to save his son from the disaster. This is a film that I vividly remember seeing and loving as a kid, but watching it now as an adult, I find it to be absolutely preposterous in every regard, though its entertaining factor is still quite strong.

The world in this movie basically goes toward a full blown ice age in a matter of days, which obviously made it absolutely ludicrous. While we cannot really expect from a Hollywood blockbuster to be scientifically accurate, we can at least wish to see some sort of believability and a story being rooted in reality, which simply wasn't the case here. The whole thing about the ocean erupting into a worldwide flood was particularly foolish.



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But those sequences where water flooded the city were extremely entertaining to watch. The film overall is fun throughout, but particularly so in its first half that was epic and glorious in VFX especially. These special effects were very much ahead of their time as the movie looks spectacular even today. It was shamelessly snubbed by the Academy in that category.