

“Cosmic Justice”

We all seek justice in the world. Sadly there are times and places where injustice prevails. But while we cannot always ordain events in the real world, film can create a world of perfect justice and sweet revenge. Here are three films which exemplify “cosmic justice”.

Black Mirror (Season 2) “White Bear” – A woman wakes up in an apartment with no memory of who she is or how she got there. When she goes outside people are at their windows taking videos of her with their phones. But no one will talk to her. What is going on? The next thing she knows people in masks start chasing her. Confused and terrified, she does everything to escape their clutches but they are relentless. Finally, after many narrow escapes, she corners one of them with a shotgun. She pulls the trigger. What is now in store for her will blow your mind. (Netflix)

“Skin” - A skinhead follows a black man out of a market and savagely beats him in front of his terrified family. He has no idea of what he has put in motion. It is not just revenge that is in store for him but one of the most satisfying paybacks you are ever likely to see. Winner of the 2019 Oscar for Best Live Action Short (Amazon Prime)

“The Secret in their Eyes” (“El Secreto de sus Ojos” – We are in Argentina during the reign of the dictatorship. A young man comes home to find his wife brutally murdered. The investigator assigned to the case follows a faint trail of clues and thinks he knows the culprit. But the murderer is protected by his government employers. The investigator does his best to seek justice for the grieving husband but he is finally forced to accept the fact that the killer will never suffer for his crime. The killer is equally optimistic. His optimism turns out to be gravely misplaced. “The Secret in Their Eyes” won Best Foreign Film Oscar in 2010. (Do not confuse it with the lame American re-make.)

(Amazon Prime)