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The Ring: The Book

Some of you might be asking yourselves right about now; Hey does this guy have some kind of weird fetish about the Ring. Uh...no not exactly. But I do know good Science Fiction when I see it.

The Ring video has made quite an impression upon the American Science Fiction community. To view is one thing, to read is another. The original published book written by Koji Suzuki in Japan and published by Kadokawa Shoten, Tokyo, in 1991...Yes it's that old, is now in English and available here in the states through Verticle, Inc. You can order it through (I'm quite sure) Barnes and Noble as well. It's 286 pages and divided into four parts. Autumn, Highlands, Gusts, & Ripples. Autumn has 6 chapters, Highlands has 2, Gusts has 12, and Ripples has 5. Twenty five chapters altogether.

It is bound in a rather interesting hard cover that you'd have to see to believe. Following are a few paragraphs from the book. You might find them interesting.

It was strangely humid, considering that it hadn't rained in several days. In addition to the perspiration that oozed from her body, a dampness seemed to hang in the air.....

She washed her hands at the kitchen sink. Without drying them she took some ice cubes from the freezer, dropped them in a glass, and filled it with coke.....

Her hands were shaking now. She had a feeling there was something behind her. Some thing--definitely not a person. The sour stench of rotting flesh melted into the air around her, enveloping her. It couldn't be anything corporeal.....

Tomoko couldn't move at all. The feeling was too intense, she couldn't be just imagining the presence. She was sure that something was reaching out even now to touch her on the neck.....

Tomoko was seized by a desire to turn around. She wanted to confirm that there was nothing there.....

In the glass an ice cube cracked. As if spurred by the sound, without stopping to think, Tomoko spun around.

Shuichi Iwata. His entry was different from all the rest. What did it mean? "You'd better not see it". What in the world was it?

The tape had been rewound. It was an ordinary 120 minute tape, the sort you could get anywhere, and, as the manager had pointed out, the anti-erasure tabs had been broken off.

WATCH UNTIL THE END

The rumblings of the earth increased until the whole screen seemed about to be engulfed in molten rock, and then the scene abruptly changed. There was no continuity from one scene to the next, only sudden shifts.....

In the next scene people appeared for the first time.....

The old expressionless woman made her statement, then vanished.....

He heard the birth cry directly below his own chin. Startled, he pulled back his hands.....

"Liar" and another: "Fraud".....

"The black curtain only appears when the screen is showing real landscapes".....

"Why does this happen in the real scenes and not the imagined ones? Look closer at the screen. It's not completely black."....

"The black curtain is the instant when the eyes shut.".....

If any of these paragraphs got you going then pick up the book. I'm sure you'll agree with me..it's a real good read.

As always. Good reading.

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