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Hokey 'Hackers' logs into the computer culture

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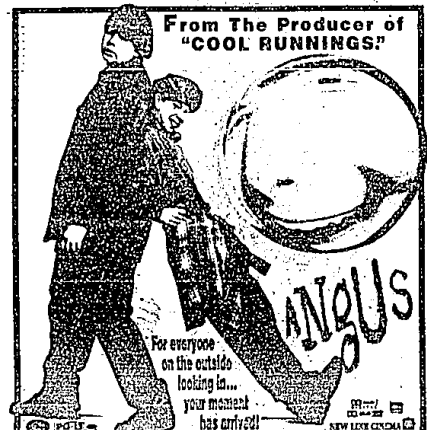


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"Hackers" has the same problem that many computer systems do. Held back from its original release by several months, this state-of-the-art computer thriller already seems out of date.

The title characters are New York City high school students who spend their nights gaining electronic access to television stations, school records, and major corporations. Kate (Jesse Bradford), the school's reigning computer queen, meets her match in Dade (Donny Lee Miller), a new transfer.

The plot has all the subtleties of an after school special. Law enforcement should be arresting real criminals, the movie says loudly, instead of cracking down on harmless hackers.

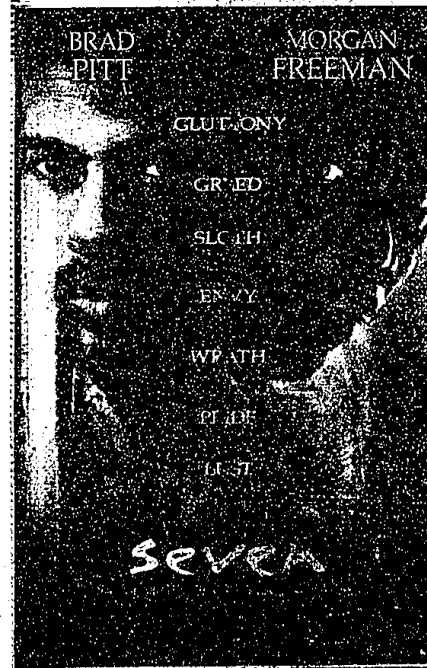


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REVIEW

streets dissolve into computer chips with electrical impulses darting around like so many Big Apple taxi cabs.

Now, every time a character boots up their computer, an explosion of wild colors fills the

screen in psychedelic virtual reality. For these kids, using the keyboard to penetrate confidential files is the ultimate in unsafe sex.

The actors are surprisingly likable, especially Miller's young genius on parole from the on-line mischief he got into at age 11. And despite Bradford's post-punk posing, it's hard not to like a heroine who sleeps with a full-size poster of Fritz Lang's "Metropolis" above her bed.

Ironically, "Hackers" intended audience of teenage computer geeks will likely be turned off by its implausibility. For me, who have a go-whiz attitude toward the Internet and very limited knowledge, "Hackers" can be an

entertaining trip into the computer culture.

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