MOVIES

'Just Visiting' takes on modern times

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An international blend of slap-stick comedy and romance, the new film Just Visiting acciden-tally transports a 12th century French nobleman and his loyal servant to the 21st century, where they grapple with such newfangled inventions as auto-mobiles and indoor plumbing. French film stars Jean Reno and Chistian Clavier, along with original director Jean-Marie Gaubert, reprise their roles in this American version of the 1993 French blockbuster Les Vis-iteurs.

Here, the action takes place in

■ Put Crocodile Dundee in a time travel machine and you'd have a similar outcome.

modern Chicago. Rene plays
Count Thibault of Malfete, a
man desperate to turn back the
hands of time after he falls
under a witch's evil spell and
kills his fiancee.
English actor Malcolm
McDowell of Clockwork Orange
fame plays the wizard whose
time-travel potion mistakenly
transports Thibault and his servant, Andre, to the far future
instead of the recent past.
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Moviegoers will recognize Reno from recent action flicks, Mission Impossible and Ronin. This is the first English lan-

guage film for Clavier, an immensely popular actor in France who's often compared to Peter Sellers. Christina Applegate from the hit TV series Married . . . with Children performs admirably in a due role as the fiancee Rosalind and one of her descendants, Julia, who helps the French due when they land in the 21st century. Matthew Ross (American Psycho) plays her greedy, manipulative fiancee. Lost in Just Visiting is a sense of irreverence that you find in an Austin Powers or Monty Python

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flick. There are some true laughs, such as when Andre serves his friends 'mints' that he discovered at the bottom of a uri-nal ("It smells just like the for-

But a number of other scenes felt a tad trite and predictable. Put Crocodile Dundee in a time travel machine and you'd have a similar outcome.

similar outcome.

Nevertheless, you can't help but smile when Andre and his new American girlfriend drive off to Las Vegas at the end of the movie with Sonny and Cher singing "I Got You Babe" in the background. The scene strikes a sincere note that many a romantic comedy fails to hit.

Worthy of a matines or video rental, 1"Il give Just Visiting three boxes of popcorn out of five. Fun to watch, but it could use a little more butter for some flavor.



Awestruck: Christian Clavier (left) plays Andre the servant and Jean Reno is Count Thibault of Malfete, as they take in the sights and sounds of the 21st century in "Just Visiting."

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