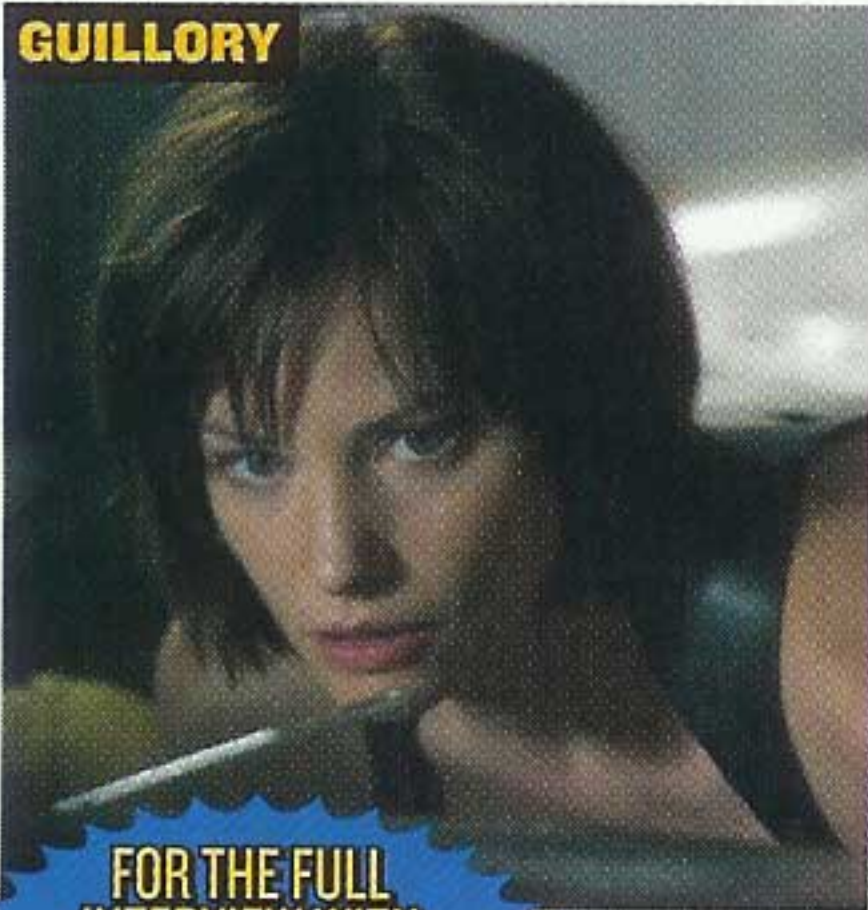


'APOCALYPSE' NOW

The living dead return in 'Resident Evil: Apocalypse'

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You just can't keep a good zombie down.

That's what fans can look forward to in Sony/Screen Gems' "Resident Evil: Apocalypse," the second film based on the popular video game series. Picking up directly after the first movie, Milla Jovovich ("The Fifth Element") returns as Alice, a soldier genetically engineered with

superhuman powers. She awakes from a drug-induced slumber to find all of Raccoon City turned into zombies, except

for a small military task force caught within the city limits.

"We tried to be very close to the video game," said director Alexander Witt. "We incorporated some of the game scenes into the film itself."

Fans of the game will also see recognizable characters appear for the first time on screen, including Jill Valentine, played by Sienna Guillory ("The Time Machine"). To perfect her role,

Guillory studied her character in the "Resident Evil" games.

"[Some of the martial arts stuff] was hard because I was wearing a tiny skirt," remembered the British beauty. "Being a girl, I'm better at kicking. But at least the gun stuff was fantastic!"

Witt plans to provide audiences with true scares throughout the film.

"We cut a little more than you see in other zombie movies," he pointed out. "The less you see is more scary than just seeing [zombies] running for a long time. I think it was very effective that way." But don't rule out an appearance by the game's super-zombie, Nemesis.

"At the end, people will feel sorry for him," Witt predicted. "There's a human part to him. He's not just a monster that's going around killing people." Try telling that to Jill and Alice, as they race through the zombie-infested streets to stay alive, starting Sept. 10th! ■ **MICHAEL C. SHERRIN**



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