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Turkish writer-director Onur Ünlü's kicks off his mysterious *Thou Gilds't the Even* with an epigram from Euripides: Man is created from anxiety. Indeed, our protagonist Cemal is a man of anxieties, which we know right away by his attempted suicide at his small Anatolian village barber shop. And who wouldn't be anxious in a village where there's a giant, an invisible woman, a bookseller who can stop time with a clap of her hands, and Cemal himself who can walk through walls?

Fortunately for us, Cemal survives and we get to track along with his tale. He meets a lovely farm girl names Yasemin, shares his psychotropic pills with her, and the pair soar through the sky. That is, they fly until they crash and burn and vomit, at which time Cemal proposes marriage. And so it goes in *Thou Gilds't the Even*, where the sublime abrades the mundane at every turn, and Cemal becomes increasingly paranoid, alternately beating his wife and wooing her with Shakespearean sonnets.

Thou Gilds't the Even is a beautiful shimmery thing, shot in black and white of the lush variety. Infused throughout with wit, deadpan humor, and charming visual effects, the movie is quite unlike anything else you'll see this year. Cemal is sad-eyed, dead pan and lovable – right up until the point where he may or may not have destroyed the world. If you're looking for an off-beat pick for TIFF13, you could do a lot worse than *Thou Gilds't the Even*.

Screening Times for Thou Gild'st the Even

Sunday September 8 Scotiabank 14 10:00 PM

Tuesday September 10 Scotiabank 8 1:15 PM

Friday September 13 Scotiabank 11 7:00 PM

A Gallery of Images from Thou Gild'st the Even

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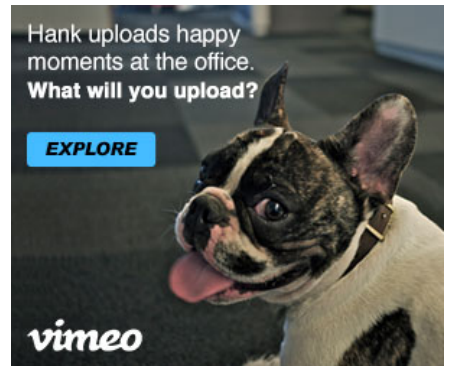
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