

A4380 ALEX IN WONDERLAND (USA, 1970)

Credits: director, Paul Mazursky ; writers, Larry Tucker, Paul Mazursky

Cast: Donald Sutherland, Ellen Burstyn

Summary: Semi-autobiographical comedy set in Hollywood in 1970. Alex (Sutherland) is a young film director desperately trying to follow his debut hit with another. He contemplates a film about black militants invading Beverly Hills. Robert Cumbow in Vietnam War films saw a Vietnam connection in the climax of the film when a film crew shooting a battle scene in downtown Hollywood is drawn into a real firefight in which bystanders are shot (a reference to My Lai or Kent State).

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