



# RÈGLE 34

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## **LOGLINE:**

Simone is a young law student who finds a passion for defending women in abuse cases. Yet her own sexual interests lead her to a world of violence and eroticism.

## **TECNICAL INFO'S**

**Original Title:** Regra 34

**English Title:** Rule 34

**Director:** Julia Murat

**Year:** 2022

**Duration:** 100

DCP

1.85 (DCP\_flat)

Color

Sound Digital 5.1

## **CAST**

Sol Miranda

Simone

Lucas Andrade

Coyote

Lorena Comparato

Lucia

Isabela Mariotto

Natalia

Georgette Fadel

Professor

Márcio Vito

Professor

Rodrigo Bolzan

Public Defender

Dani Ornellas

Janaína

Babu Santana

André

Lucas Gouvêa

Paulo

Mc Carol

Nill

Simone Mazzer

D. Ivone

Raquel Karro

Professor

Marcos Damigo

Promotor

Julia Bernat

Marina - Aluna

Marina Merlino

Bruna - aluna

Samuel Toledo

Antônio

Luiza Rolla

Bdsm Girl

Yakini Kalid

Bdsm Girl

## **CREW**

Director

Julia Murat

Director Asistant & Casting

Gabriel Bortolini

Producers

Julia Murat Tatiana Leite

Coproducers

Jean Thomas Bernardini, Matias Mariani, Juliette Lepoutre,

Pierre Menahem

Script

Gabriela Capello, Julia Murat, Rafael Lessa, Roberto Winter

DoP

Léo Bittencourt

Art Director

Alex Lemos

Set Designer

Lê Campos

Costume

Diana Leste

Sound

Laura Zimmermann

Editors

Beatriz Pomar, Julia Murat & Mair Tavares

Daniel Turini & Henrique Chiurciu

Sound Designer

Emmanuel Croset

Mix

Lucas Marcier e Maria Beraldo

Music

Fabio Souza

Color

Joelma Oliveira Gonzaga

Executive producer

## **SHORT SYNOPSIS**

Simone is a young black woman who spent years performing sex acts online to pay for law school. She has just passed a public defender exam and her ambition is to defend women in cases of abuse. In order to reawaken Simone's sexual desire, a friend sends her a link to a video where a black woman practices sadomasochism. Gradually, Simone enters a journey of learning about BDSM practices, and her sexual interests lead her into a world of violence and eroticism.

## **SYNOPSIS**

Simone, 28, is a young black attorney who has spent years offering live online sex performances to pay for law school. She has just passed the bar examination for public defender and her new routine consists in attending public defense preparatory classes, and taking Kung Fu lessons with Lucia (27), a white friend from law school. At class, Simone studies the Brazilian Penal System, and its wicked selectivity, locking up mainly poor black young men.

During one of her Kung Fu classes, distracted, Lucia lands a solid blow to Simone's face, knocking her down and hurting her lip. Lucia tries to help, but Simone, with an evident smack of satisfaction, avoids all Lucia's efforts. Their struggle soon turns into a violent/affectionate bout of sex.

Simone is gradually introduced into the world of BDSM (bondage, discipline and sadomasochism) with Coyote (27) her roommate and fellow prep course student. With him she exposes herself to progressively more dangerous situations. Eventually he becomes afraid of hurting Simone while Lucia categorizes Simone's desire as a reflection of society's male chauvinistic oppression.

On her own now, Simone has to decide if she heads down the newly discovered path of violence with a stranger she has met on the internet.

## **FESTIVALS AND AWARDS**

75<sup>th</sup> Locarno Film Festival - Pardo d'Oro

## **DIRECTOR'S BIO**

Julia Murat was born in Rio de Janeiro in November 1979. She graduated from the Rio de Janeiro Federal University in Graphic Design and at the Darcy Ribeiro Film School as a screenwriter. Her first feature film "Histórias que só existem quando lembradas" (Found Memories) premiered in Venice, selected by San Sebastian, Toronto, Rotterdam, New Directors New Films. It won 39 international prizes, including Best Film at Abu Dhabi, Sofia and Lima. Her second film "Pendular" won FIPRESCI's award at Berlin Film Festival 2017 and was selected by several festivals around the world. She also directed and produced two documentaries "Dia dos pais" premiered at Cinéma du Reel in 2008, and "Law and Order Assurance Operations" in 2017. Julia has also made short-films, experimental videos, commercials and video-installations. She also has a long-time experience working as an editor, assistant director, and camera assistant. She co-produced the Paraguayan "Las Herederas", Best actress and Alfred Bauer Silver Bears, and FIPRESCI's award at Berlinale, 2018.

### **FILMOGRAPHY:**

Rule 34, 2022, 75<sup>th</sup> Locarno Film festival  
Pendular, 2017, Fipresci's award at Berlinale Film Festival  
Law and Order Assurance Operations, 2017, documentary  
Found Memories, 2011, Venice Film Festival  
Father's day, 2008, documentary

## **DIRECTOR'S NOTE**

Rule 34 is a film about Simone, a young law student who has a passion for defending women in cases of physical abuse. A solitary person, who finds it difficult to ask for help despite being surrounded by friends. In face of difficulties, she holds her ground under circumstances. Both characteristics are related to the fact she is a woman in a male chauvinistic country such as Brazil. Characteristics I recognize in me myself.

Male chauvinism, despite having afflicted me, has not left many visible marks, thanks to the privileges I am fortunate to have. But the invisible mark left by this bigotry transformed me in a resolute and unyielding person. Learning how to deal with male chauvinism has made it very hard for me to ask for help, of understanding my limits and assuming my fragilities.

In her book King Kong Theory, Virginie Despentes tells readers about how she was raped while hitching a ride back from a concert. After the rape she decided to continue hitching rides, because there was no other way to go to concerts. "Nothing could be worse than staying in my room, far from the living, while everything was going on outside", she says. I have had attitudes not unlike Virginie's many times. Like, for example, when I used to walk home alone at dawn in Rio de Janeiro because it was very important for me not limit my freedom in my own hometown. Even after having, more than once, been held at gunpoint to be robbed.

All of this has resulted in that today I can also identify lust with fear. As does Simone. To become a public defender Simone controlled her desire. But soon she discovers her own sexual interests lead to a world of violence and eroticism. Something that demands from her losing control.

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What drives me more nowadays are the debates of gender, class and race that are happening in Brazil. And most of all, discussions on decolonialism as put forth by the black movement, clarifying the oppressive system we are stuck in (Including my own understanding of how I also fulfill an oppressive role). At the same time, it seems to me to be an error when human rights activists, essential as they are for the protection of minorities, use punitive and criminalizing attitudes to deal with subjects such as homophobia, racism or prostitution - the so-called punitive left wing.

Rule 34 is a film that endeavors to construct dialogues between different identities, without this leading to the annulment of identitarian policies. It is a film filled with questions: how does one deal with slavocracy traditions in our society? Is it possible to talk about desire without reproducing the male chauvinistic traditions that came into play to build these desires?

Is it possible to enjoy violence without reproducing an oppressive system? Is a system of equal rights without the selectivity of the penal system? Is it possible to educate without punishment?

Simone is one of those people lost in a world full of certainties. Someone trying to find herself in a world that demands concrete answers for everything - and one in which so little space is left for doubt.