Characters undeveloped and pacing too slow in Nuts

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NUTS IS NOT A SECRET PLOY to increase peanut sales. In this case Nuts refers to "crazy," as in crazy enough to be put in a mental hospital.

Barbra Streisand (Claudia Draper) and Richard Dreyfuss (Aaron Levinsky) in Nuts.

Directed by Martin Ritt. Starring Barbra Streisand and Richard Dreyfuss.

The movie is a sequel to the 1972 film "The Flip Wilson Show," also starring Streisand and Dreyfuss. The plot follows the Draper family, who are re-entering the mental hospital because of a costly mistake. To attempt to prove Draper innocent, her parents are even less explored, particularly the father, who simply "exits" the film.

Despite the drawbacks, something is a bit likeable. Certainly the jokes at the expense of psychiatry are funny, and that's appealing. Another plus is the genuine portrayal of how many parents are disillusioned with themselves and their kids. I almost faulted when Streisand begins to trim her nails, but, luckily there is no full blown song — that would have been a costly mistake.

The characters are far the most part undeveloped. We learn too little about Aaron Levinsky (Richard Dreyfuss) and Claudia Draper (Barbra Streisand) in Nuts.

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