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TOKYO TORTURE CHAMBER LESSONS IN TORTURE

The recently dead director Kurosawa may roll over in his grave, but viewers digging women in bondage suspension will still enjoy Samurai Video's two titles, Tokyo Torture Chamber and Lessons in Torture featuring Master Randa Mai (a male) topping three ichiban pieces of sushi with ropes, whips, and candle wax on tits and tongues. Ouch! Torture sequences actually demonstrate some facile Home-Improvement-style rope technique which Master Mai performs in a private dojo/dungeon as well as in front of a small pay-per-view live crowd who turn their own cameras on the scene. Viewers may be roused by the onscreen visions of live nude women, in ropes, being brought to orgasmic pleasure by the always clothed Master Mai whose Japanimation fingers on a clit

give new meaning to Orient Express.

Video is no Jackie Chan action movie. Still, rather low-key Jap eroticism plays as genuine-and as stagey-as current U.S. videos of consensual S&M and B&D between men and women. The tied-up girls seem genuinely into their masochism under the sincere Master Mai who says that as a top he is the servant of these women's pleasure.

Focus and color: good. Live sound: whips and moans, with actual dialog in subtitles. The eroticism is straight-forward enough. The only naivete is perhaps Mai's declaration of his world agenda to export his bondage lessons to the USA where the wips-and-chains video genre is already nearly 30 years old. Recommended if viewer has a taste for Asian women, bondage, or simply needs to learn how to tie interesting knots against hot, quivering flesh.

Running Time each video: 70 minutes.

—Jack Fritscher

