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Happy Birthday Week, Martin Scorsese

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Martin Scorsese was born November 17, 1942. I love his movies because he loves movies: No one directs with such constant newfound wonder at the medium. Every time he begins a project, he approaches it with new creativity – the kind of creative energy and exuberance you usually only see in kids just out of film school.

In honor of his birthday, it's fun to look back at *The Big Shave*, a 6-minute short he made as his final project at NYU Film School in 1967. Here you can find seeds of his later work – the dark-haired hero, compulsive editing, wise use of source music, tension build out of the details of everyday life. Yes, there is blood (be forewarned) but, surreally, no pain – only a look of accomplished self-satisfaction.

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