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How many New Yorkers would knowingly move into a haunted apartment because it's cheap? I'm betting plenty.

Well, that's what happens to a couple in the new horror film by director Allan Piper titled "eVil Sublet."

They find their dream apartment in the East Village (aka the eVil) and they're, like, "Who cares if it's cursed if the rent is cheap and it's got an eat-in kitchen?"

But when the bad roommate situation of living with murderous ghosts becomes too much for them, they must enlist the help of friends to escape the "eVil" in their sublet.



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Enter "All in the Family" legend Sally Struthers, who stars in her first-ever full length horror movie as the mysterious leaseholder who rents out the haunted flat.

Struthers told me she is easily frightened. "One thing happens to me unexplainable and I'm out of there and living in Minnesota."

Though she hasn't seen the finished film yet, Piper has promised to hold her hand when she does.

"I'd rather be part of the scaring than be scared," Struthers said. "Horror films frighten me. And then they stay with me. They're like a side-of-the-road [car] accident."

The movie premieres at the Coney Island Film Festival on May 6, because scenes were shot at the 123-year-old Wonder Wheel and inside the Spook-A-Rama, one of the nation's oldest operating dark rides.

"Our movie has freaks, sword swallows, a creepy ventriloquist doll, and a monstrous clown-like apparition," says Piper. "We could've debuted the movie at larger festivals but since we filmed a big part of the movie here, it made the most sense."

Piper, who lives in the haunted apartment where the movie filmed, said the neighborhood is so weird, "When the zombie apocalypse happens in the East Village, we won't know it."

Struthers said, "I'm 5 feet tall and in my 70s. I kept telling myself, there is nothing to be afraid of."