**SLEEP DEALER**

**ALEX RIVERA, USA, 2008**

**Cast:**
Leonor Varela ... Luz Martinez
Jacob Vargas ... Rudy
Luis Fernando Peña ... Memo
Giovanna Zacarias
Marius Biegai ... Camera man
Emilio Guerrero ... Ricky
Jake Koenig ... Foreman
Ursula Tania ... Prostitute

**Director:** Alex Rivera

**Writers:** Alex Rivera (screenplay) & David Riker (screenplay)

**Runtime:** 90 min

**Country:** USA | Mexico

**Language:** Spanish | English

**Color:** Color

**Rating:** Rated PG-13 for some violence and sexuality.

**Sound Mix:** Dolby Digital

**Filming Locations:** Cadereyta, Querétaro, Mexico

**Original Music by:** tomandandy

**Cinematography:** Lisa Rinzler

**Editing:** Julie Carr, Madeleine Gavin, Alex Rivera, Jeffrey M. Werner

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**Question of analysis:**

1. What is this movie about?
2. Why is the film called *Sleep Dealer*? What expectative does the title create in the audience? What enigmas does it raise?
3. Whose story is it?
4. How is the border presented in *Sleep Dealer*?
5. Identify the film's genre. Elaborate on your answer.
6. Comment on the meaning of the opening and closing scenes. How does it set up and closes the narrative situation.
7. What is the main message of *Sleep Dealer*?
8. Elaborate on the usages of the gaze.
9. What is the basic conflict? Can you find metaphors of this conflict?
10. How does this film fit within the rest of the border texts/films? Elaborate on your answer.
11. Who is the intended audience?