



CURRENT REVIEWS

IN STORES SOON

- > **Bigger Than Life** (1956/Criterion Collection Blu-ray)
- > **The Ruth Rendell Mysteries Collection** (Anthology/British TV/Acorn Media DVD Set)
- > **Wish Me Luck – Series One** (1983/British TV/Acorn Media DVD)
- > **Mystery Science Theater 3000 – Volume XVIII** (Shout Factory DVD Set)
- > **Muse – Under Review** (Chrome Dreams/MVD Visual DVD)
- > **Supervan** (1977/Cheezy Flicks DVD)
- > **Armchair Thriller – Set 2** (1978 – 1981/Acorn Media DVD)
- > **Rosa & The Executioner Of The Fiend** (2009/MVD Visual DVD)
- > **Bandslam** (2009/Summit Entertainment DVD)
- > **Unrivaled** (2010/Lionsgate Blu-ray)

IN STORES NOW

- > **Precious** (2009/Lionsgate Blu-ray + DVD)
- > **Revanche** (2008/Criterion Collection Blu-ray)
- > **Nurse Jackie – Season One** (2009/Lionsgate Blu-ray)
- > **Mystery Science Theater 3000 – Volume XVI** (Shout! Factory DVD w/Servo Figurine)
- > **Planet 51** (2009/Sony DVD)
- > **Ponyo** (2009/Disney Blu-ray w/DVD)
- > **Walk The Line** (2005/Fox Blu-ray)
- > **Scooby-Doo! Abracadabra-Doo** (2010/Animated/Warner DVD)
- > **The Spectacular Spider-Man Volumes 6 & 7** (Marvel Animation/Sony Wonder DVDs)
- > **Night Court – The Complete Third Season** (1986 – 1987/Warner DVD)
- > **Alice** (2009 Mini-Series/Lionsgate Blu-ray)
- > **Doctor Who – The Complete Specials** (BBC Blu-ray)
- > **Superjail! – Season One** (2007 – 2008/Warner/Adult Swim DVD)

www.fulvuedrive-in.com



REVIEWS

ESSAYS

INTERVIEWS

CONTACT

STAFF

RATINGS SYSTEM

SEARCH

Find

Category: Home > Reviews > Horror > Thriller > Mystery > Supernatural > Vampire > Drugs > Voodoo > Isle Of The Snake People (1971) + The Velvet Vampire (1971/Cheezy Flicks DVDs)

Isle Of The Snake People (1971) + The Velvet Vampire (1971/Cheezy Flicks DVDs)

Picture: C- Sound: C
Extras: C- Films: C-/C+

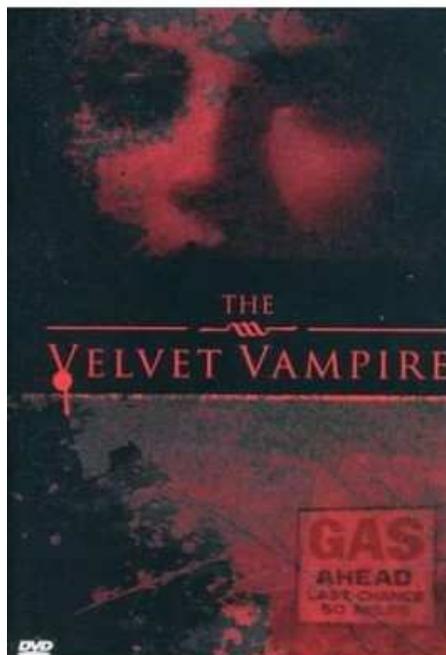
Two very different horror films made that arrived the same year show us the end of one era and the in-progress beginnings of the next. Writer/Director Jack Hill, who gave us the infamously bad **Spider Baby** in 1968, made one of the last of a few films Boris Karloff made as he was ill but still in need of money with **Isle Of The Snake People** (1971), a goofy Voodoo-meets-LSD flick co-directed by Juan Ibanez that takes place on an island of some kind. It is bad and has been issued on DVD before.

Not so good, it is a dated old-style Horror film trying to add a new element to no avail. On the other hand, Stephanie Rothman's **The Velvet Vampire** (1971) may not be a masterwork of the genre, but handles the sexuality aspects in unusual ways and ones that speak of a mature female prospectus missing from the many films in the genre. It pays particular attention to the married couple (Michael Blodgett and Sherry Miles) in a way most coupes in this genre did not. They are happy together, a loving couple (the nude scenes are not just a joke) and the screenplay by Rothman, Maurice Jules (**Scream Blacula Scream**) and husband Charles S. Swartz (**Terminal Island**) is one of the first instances in the genre to accomplish this.

So when the title predator (Celeste Yarnall) shows up to challenge their union spiritually, sexually and physically, the results have more impact, are not the through-police lesbianism of Hammer Studios and other low-budget companies and result in unique juxtapositions you rarely see in the genre today. I also liked the editing style, the mood and some of the twists. Making the vampire an art gallery owner is also a nice touch.

Director of Photography Daniel Lacambre (later of **Lady In Red, Humanoids Of The Deep, Battle Beyond The Stars**) delivers an interesting mix of surreal and naturalistic cinematography. I would like to see this one restored.

The 1.33 X 1 image in both cases is soft and color poor, while the PCM 16/48 2.0 Mono is a little better than expected in clarity than most of the Cheezy Flicks releases we've encountered so far. Trailers and Intermission shorts are the only extras, though I could see a special



MARKET PLACE

LG BD370 Blu Ray Player

Instantly Move Your TV W/ LG's Blu Ray DVD Player!
www.LGE.com

Buy DVDs Cheap Now

Low Price Movies, Films, Box Sets DVDs with Free Shipping
DeepDiscount.com/DVDs

Newest Dvds at Bing™

Sort Top DVDs by Genre, Ratings, and More. Try Visual Search Now!
www.Bing.com/VisualSez

Buy DVD Jewel Cases

Buy DVD & CD Jewel Cases Here Now. Buy Quality Products At Low Prices.
www.Neato.com

- > Leap Frog – Math Adventure To The Moon (Lionsgate DVD)
- > GI Joe – Real American Hero: Season 1.3 (Animation/Shout! Factory DVD)

edition of **Velvet Vampire** for there must be an interesting behind the scenes tale to tell.

- Nicholas Sheffo

amazon.com
and you're done.



[Ponyo](#)
Noah Lindsey Cyrus...
New \$17.99
Best \$16.89

[Jillian Michaels - 30 Day Shred](#)
Jillian Michaels, ...
New \$8.99
Best \$6.99

[P90X Extreme Home Fitness Workout Pr... Beachbody](#)
New \$139.80
Best \$92.96

[Food, Inc.](#)
Eric Schlosser, Ro...
New \$13.99
Best \$9.52

[2012](#)
John Cusack, Chiwe...
New \$18.49
Best \$12.55

[Where the Wild Things Are \[Blu-ray\]](#)
Max Records, Cathe...
New \$23.49
Best \$18.99

[Privacy Information](#)