



Film Review: Stripperland (2011)

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SYNOPSIS:

In this parody of "Zombieland," we follow a group of survivors trying to stay alive takes place. These zombies are a little different though, as they are all female strippers who are always dancing and devouring them (when they're not busy dancing to Hip Hop music and have never looked so good.

REVIEW:

Film parodies can either be very good or very bad. There really isn't a whole lot c

“Stripperland” is an example of one of the very good ones. Generally I don’t really like the exception of the films made by Troma, Speed Freak, and even some of the others. I avoid watching these types of movies as most of them are just painfully bad and they rely on dick and fart jokes and are just so silly they are obnoxious (yes, I am a fan of the series as well as those horrible, dreadful films such as “Disaster Movie,” Epic Movie, etc.). “Stripperland” doesn’t rely on dick and fart jokes, it isn’t silly or obnoxious, and for the most part it also has a decent script and I enjoyed seeing cameos from some legends of the genre (who rules as usual) and Linnea Quigley.

There are a lot of things to really like about this movie. I liked that for the most part it is an action that takes place in “Zombieland.” We have characters named after the real life characters (who is given the name “Idaho” even though he isn’t from there) has a character who survives being eaten, the character Frisco (who is based on Woody Harrelson’s character) who is shooting zombies and trying to find baked goods (I love his line about how you can’t have heroes find themselves at a famous actor’s mansion at one point and accidentally become like a zombie, etc. It does have some original things going on as well, as they eventually find themselves at a mall briefly (in a pretty cool nod to “Dawn of the Dead”), Over the top gore and violence make fans and non-fans of “Zombieland” both happy.

There is plenty of over the top gore and violence here to keep gorehounds happy and not disappointed that they used CGI blood at certain points. It isn’t that hard to mix up real blood, guys). We have zombies munching on many people (including a scene from “Dawn of the Dead” where one poor soul is slowly eaten by a slew of zombies), zombies being killed in many ways (such as being shot, beaten with ball bats, run over by vehicles, and hacked to death with other weapons), and tons of blood and severed body parts. If seeing blood and gore is your thing, you will not be let down by this movie.

Most importantly, “Stripperland” is actually funny at times, which is crucial since I don’t just like the light tone of the movie and it is obvious that the filmmakers have a good sense of humor. There are many funny scenes here (the one with Kaufman comes to mind, as well as the bit about the briefcase that Idaho’s father gave him are revealed, etc) and they are genuinely funny.

obscene, obnoxious, or just plain silly. I wasn't rolling around on the floor holding but I did get a pretty good chuckle every once in a while as I was watching it.

I had a pretty good time with "Stripperland." I went into it not really expecting a lot but I ended up liking it. There are a lot of things to really enjoy about it and I think maybe you are not in the mood for a serious horror film and want something a little more light and fun. You won't be let down.



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