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Stripperland DVD Review

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The follow up to director Sean Skelding's I am Virgin, Strippedland is a full on parody of, you guessed it...Zombieland. As such there is really no need for much of a synopsis. A nerdy kid dubbed Idaho (Ben Sheppard) teams up with wild card stripper zombie killer Frisco (Jamison Challeen) to find a place of refuge. Idaho quotes from a book on the rules of strip clubs that has been tweaked to become the rules of surviving zombie strippers. For example, Zombie strippers love Hip Hop. And we find a white rapper (Daniel

Baldwin) inexplicably giving a live hip-hop concert on the side of the road for a bunch of zombie strippers. Along the way they meet up with a pair of girls named West and Virginia, who are trying to reach their grandmother, Grambo (Linnea Quigley) who has a place of refuge from the outbreak.

The movie parodies everything from the original zombieland down to Frisco's love of baked goods and an aging action star who dresses as a zombie stripper so he can move about the streets undetected. The problem is that Zombieland itself is a tongue in cheek horror movie that parodies the cliches of zombie movies. Therefore, this parody of a parody just falls flat and even more damning, it just is not funny. Sure there is a chuckle or two early on but you can only make so many jokes about zombie strippers without feeling forced and the movie is 103 minutes.

For those excited by a follow up to I Am Virgin, it is only fair to warn that Stripperland features substantially less nudity than I Am Virgin, no suicide girl looking nude vampires and no sex scenes whatsoever. If you are going to parody a comedy, playing up the erotic angle that gave the first movie the success it experienced would probably be the best bet.

Special features include B-roll footage of the filming of Stripperland, interviews with the cast and crew for starters. There is a commentary track featuring director Sean Skelding, Brad McCray and editor David Wester. The trio point out references to other movies and their favorite jokes. Also included is a second commentary track that features the Special Effects team discussing their work on the film. First They Dance, Then They Kill! The Girls of Stripperland is a featurette on the extras who posed as stripper zombies. Apparently many of them actually are or have been strippers in the past. The Kickass Begins With The Celebrities of Stripperland is a skippable thank you note to the celebrities who have cameos in the movie. Bloopers are painful to watch and the 2 music videos are not a whole lot better. The best of these features is probably Blood, Guts and more Blood! which engages the effects team again as they discuss the film from their perspective.

I really didn't find much about Stripperland to be enjoyable. By the 80 minute mark I was checking my watch. If you are looking for a softcore horror parody, this is not it. I do recommend checking out I Am Virgin instead. It is much better in the writing and acting departments. While Stripperland does show improved production values that is really the only area where it is better than Skelding's directoral debut.

Not Recommended

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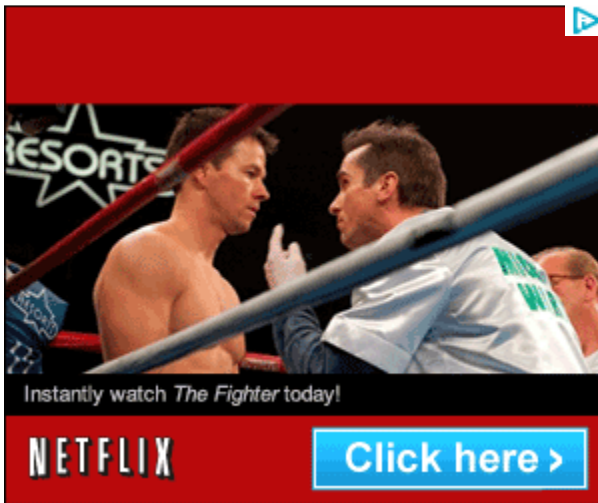
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