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Deadly Spawn: Millennium Edition(Elite/MVD Visual)

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THE DEADLY SPAWN is totally the classic camp monster flick transferred to the 80s. Hard to believe a little flick like this made it through to 2012 to have a Millennium Edition release on Blu-Ray from one of horror's primo labels, Elite, and one of the indie world's busiest distros, MVD. Just like it's hard to believe a kid could take on THE DEADLY SPAWN, the titular beasts of this monster mash. OK, so it's not so hard to believe on either count. THE DEADLY SPAWN might have been an indie underdog but it's got tons of heart, plenty of gore and a shit-eating-grin-wide sense of fun. And the central kid character here is the perfect little badass in his own right to take on the big, toothy, multiplying spawn from fuckin' space, with their claws and tentacles and such. The monster – as explained on the Blu-Ray insert's mini-article by the producer – is a mix of ideas, which find fruitful cohesion in the ghastly but groovy monstrosity that sets about eating up a bunch of folks. But this kid, as said, is the perfect human enemy to THE DEADLY SPAWN! He's a bona fide monster-movie loving kid after my own heart. He's also smart as a whip and has all kinds of cool shit in his room he can get all MacGyver-y with. And boy, does he. He's like the make-up prodigy Tommy Jarvis from "Friday the 13th" Parts IV-VI, except facing off against a bigger, slimier, hungrier villain. THE DEADLY SPAWN has all the cult 80s flavor of a played-for-fun-butfilled-with-goo-n-gore B-flick PLUS the redux revamp double-take on the old school monster movie. Needless to say, this strange combo holds up well. A central role executed with sharp acting and monster FX worth cheering about help a lot, of course. As far as this specific release goes, it also gets high points. Blu-Ray, so yay for that. Plus: Beau coup special features! w00tness!!!!

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