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Directed by Douglas McKeown
Review by David Carter



Released by MVD Visual
Running Time: 81 minutes
Rating: Rated R
Color format: Color
Audio/Subtitles: 2.0 Stereo English
Region Code: 1, NTSC
Aspect Ratio: 1:33:1
16:9 Enhanced: No
Special Features: Introduction by Producer Ted A Bohus, Commentary track, promotional still gallery, comic book preview, casting footage, gag reel, "Enhanced" opening sequence, TV news coverage
Trailer Online: Yes



Short Version: Low budget masterpiece

Life at the top of the food chain can be pretty lonely. It can also be frightening at times, and one of mankind's most persistent fears has been slipping down a rung or two and becoming dinner for a lion or other alpha predator.

Our unexpected visitors crash into a New Jersey forest and waste little time eating two intrepid campers who go to investigate. The creatures - which look like worms with row after row of fangs - then make their way into the basement of a nearby home, also making short work of homeowner Sam and his wife.

Meanwhile, it's business as usual upstairs. Sam and his wife were planning to leave early to go out of town, so their in-laws and sons don't think anything of their absence. Monster-kid Charles watches horror movies and devises new ways to scare his aunt and uncle, and older brother Pete studies for a biology exam and makes plans to see his friends later.

THE DEADLY SPAWN is very similar to the B-movies Charles loves, so the plot itself is nothing new. Much of the film's lasting appeal has been due at least in part to how well the film was realized on such a miniscule budget; reportedly \$25,000.

MVD Visual's Blu Ray of the film looks great. This print has the correct aspect ratio for the film, 1.33:1, and therefore there are black bars on either side of the frame, but you'll get used to it pretty quickly.



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