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The Deadly Spawn (1983) (Blu-ray Review)



A bit of a mixed bag...

The Deadly Spawn (1983)
Directed By: Douglas McKeown
Where to get it: **MVD**

The Prologue

1983 was one hell of a year wasn't it? The world got your humble movie reviewer here, as well as the chicken McNuggets. But there was also some very interesting horror films that came out around that time, one being **The Deadly Spawn**. Now **The Deadly Spawn** has been around for a while on home video (or should I say

DVD?). Synapse has a DVD of the movie out that apparently looks very nice. But today we have the new blu-ray release from Elite and MVD that was unleashed upon the world on my birthday (February 7th) of this year. Now a blu-ray release can be a pretty big deal these days. So before you go into this one, there are a few things you should probably know..

The Movie

Two campers in the New Jersey woods have their outdoor fun interrupted by the arrival of a meteorite crashing nearby. They go to investigate the crater, but are suddenly attacked and devoured by alien parasites who have hitched a ride to Earth. After finishing off the campers, the hungry space monsters head for a nearby town, where they make their domain in the basement of an old house soon begin polishing off one hapless inhabitant after another. Four young teenagers, plus one pre-teen boy, try to find a way to stop the angry space monsters before they reproduce and literally eat humanity.

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The Deadly Spawn is a movie that has "cult film" written all over it. It's a little goofy, it's cheesy, but overall it can be a lot of fun IF you are into this sorta thing. A creature coming down from space that proceeds to eat people in an 80s environment isn't something that will ever be mistaken for Citizen Kane. It never was meant to be. So if you are looking for anything serious, you probably won't like this movie very much. But I do think we have good stuff here for any fan of 80s horror. I'm a big fan of that kind of horror myself, so I'm more forgiven with this one as a result.

Now we have a bit of a give and take with the way the film plays out. The creature stuff is awesome. I enjoyed every scene that featured this odd being on screen. But the stuff with the actual actors is a bit rough and does get a little dull at times when the film attempts character development early on. As a matter of fact, I would say the first part of the film probably does more dragging than it does moving. But hold on there, faithful horror watchers. If you can at least make it until the halfway point, the proverbial poo hits the fan and things pickup nicely.

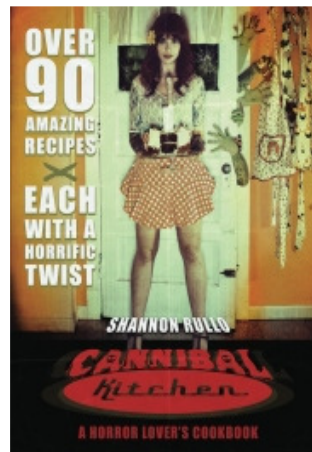


One of the best things this film has going for it is the gore and effects. Yeah, some may be a little cheesy, but it's the 80s after all. The red syrup does fly around a whole heck of a lot and that can be a blast to watch. One interesting and cool thing the movie does with it's characters is make it to where you never know who will live or who will die. In fact, I think people make it that have no business making it, but IMDB does explain that in the "Did you know" section for the film. The film wraps up in a very entertaining fashion, leaving room for a sequel that we sadly never got..At least not in the "official" way anyway.

The Conclusion

OK, so the movie is corny but fun. And it should be a cool watch for anyone who loves 80s horror. Now of course the blu-ray transfer is a bit of an issue here. The film doesn't look bad. I'd go as far as to say the film's release would be a success IF this were a standard DVD releases. For HD it does look weak. I'm well aware there are a million reasons for why it doesn't look better in the HD sense, but come on, folks. Still, it's a cool movie and I did like it.

The Rating (6.5/10)



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The Blu-ray is simply a poor-quality upconversion of the Synapse Films DVD, that's why it doesn't look like HD, because it's not. Check this link for screengrabs comparing the Blu-ray to the DVD and you'll see the DVD actually looks better because when they did the upconvert they heavily processed the image to remove grain: <http://wtf-film.com/site/2012/02/13/the-deadly-spawn-millennium-edition/>

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Yeah, I've heard the Synapse version looks really good.

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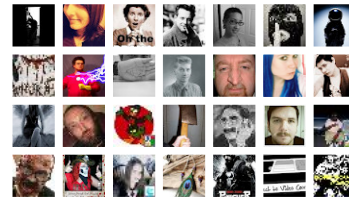

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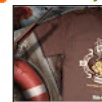
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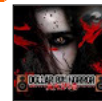
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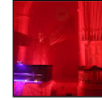
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Freddy in Space



Punk Band The Objex Channel Shot On Video Horror With Their Latest Music Video! - My buddy Peter Podgursky just directed a music video for Las Vegas based punk band The Objex, where he

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EL PRECIO DEL PELIGRO - Yves Boisset (The price of the risk - 1983) - Con el éxito brutal de 155 millones de dólares recaudados este pasado fin de semana del film "The hunger

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Hayes Hudson's House of Horror



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The Horror Blog of a Dead Dreamer

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Daughters of Darkness (1971) - * * *Title:* Daughters of Darkness (1971) *Director:* Harry Kumel *Cast:* Delphine Seyrig, John Karlen,



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The Deadly Doll's House of Horror Nonsense



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Hey! Look Behind You!

Film Wise # 580 - Happy Monday Folks. It's time again test out your faceless film knowledge. Let's start with last week's quiz "HERE" And now on to this week's quiz "H..."

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The Ringmaster's Realm



Humanoids from the Deep (1980) - Fishing today sucked! There was not even one little nibble on any of the bait choices that I sent into the lake. Between that and the crappy movie c...

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Guest Post: Audio Books and Horror Stories - *Today's Guest Post is brought to us by Colin Corlett who hails from ** Northumberland**, UK** where he enjoys writing about the countryside on his site* ww...

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From Midnight, With Love



The Mike's Top 50 Horror Movies Countdown: #45 - The Fog - Previously on the Countdown: Number 50 - Happy Birthday to Me Number 49 - Prince of Darkness Number 48 - House on Haunted Hill Number 47 - The Monster Sq...

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Easy Recipes

Oakland's Ta-Ke Sushi - Sushi is always one of, if not the first meal we have when we go home to visit in the Bay Area of California. The assortment of fresh fish on top of a Ca...

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The Spooky Vegan



Food Review: Trader Joe's Chickenless Mandarin Orange Morsels - Here's another reason to love Trader Joe's! So far this year they have released a lot of new vegan products, and I've

been slowly trying to sample them a...

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Ending The World On A Wimper - While I am waiting to get my day started, I thought I would at least start on a review. I waiting around in my hotel room in Columbus, Ohio today. I'm here...

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Penny Dreadful Diary - Twisted Twins Productions

Midnight Poutine - If you can make it out to one of Little Miss Risk or Lola Frost's shows, you really should. It's actually criminal how much talent these beautiful women ha...



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Big Daddy Horror Reviews



Air Collision Debuts on DVD and BluRay March 27th: One Minute Reel - Terror in the skies begins March 27th with The Asylum's "Air Collision". This disaster film will debut on DVD and Blu-ray

this date and the film follows A...

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The WAGON Helicopter



Amazing Stories: Mummy Daddy (1985) That's One Determined Daddy - I've been around a long time. You know, like the Highlander. I was fresh out of high school and in my first year

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the jaded viewer



EXCLUSIVE! The Client List TV Plot Summaries Revealed! - When I first noticed Jennifer Love Hewitt's BOOBS were starring in "The Client List" I knew I had to write up a post on this

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And God Created Woman : THE SKIN I LIVE IN - "Pedro Almodovar"'s "The Skin I Live In "is like a great big beautiful blossom slowly revealing itself to be a bloody gorgeous flower - but

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History of America



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A Nightmare on Elm Street (1984) - Year of Release: 1984 Directed by: Wes Craven Source: DVD (Own Collection) Average IMDb Rating: 7.4 Average Rotten Tomatoes Rating: 95% Plot: Nancy T...

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Dr. Splatter's Gory Laboratory of Monsters and Metal!

Movie Tally: February, 2012 - New: Basket Case 2 Slumber Party Massacre The Beast Within The Keep Dead & Buried Re-watch: The Lion King Basket Case The Stuff Yeah, February sucked.

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The Horror Digest



Blame it on the Creeper - Jeepers Creepers and I have a very complicated relationship. He's my friend (and lover when I've had too much of the wine) but more often than not, we s...

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Cavalcade of Perversions

RIP Divine - Today marks the passing of the



greatest entertainer in the history of the world (and I'm really not being dramatic either), Glenn Harris Milstead, the m...

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The Horror Effect



Double Ghost Feature: The Woman in Black and The Innkeepers - In the same weekend, I was lucky enough to watch two suspense-driven ghost films in a theatrical setting:

Hammer's return to tradition with "The Woman in...

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Maximum Horror



Maya's Journal (2011) - Directed by Nadine L'Esperance - Hey Maximum Horror buddies, check out the following information regarding the cool horror movie short "Maya's Journal. It was

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Dai Green - Raw And Uncensored!



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On Genre Part 3 - The Proposal - Way back, I did a post on the differences between the two often mixed genres, horror and thriller. To quickly revise, essentially it is about whose story

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Lounge of The Drunken Severed Head



Last year's Christmas - Above: Jane asks Zombie Santa about returning a severed head, while watching out for the grabby hands of Hermie the Horny Undead Elf. I have a few last...

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The Paradise of Horror



Freddy vs. Jason: One More Time - As a kid I had always been obsessed with Freddy Krueger and to me he was the definitive serial killer because he had a face and he wasn't just an

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Scare Sarah



Going away this summer? - **Island of Death (1977)** - Holidays are a time to get away from the stresses and strains of real life and relax in a pretty sun soaked clime. "Island of Death" opens

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Chillerama Release Date! - A moment that I've been waiting for has finally arrived! Chillerama will be coming home with us November 29th from Image entertainment! \$29.97 on blu-ray

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The Kid in the Hall



Music from the Great White North: My Top 20 Canadian Songs - As most of you know, I did a post a few weeks ago about my favorite songs from Australia and New Zealand. Well, this time

I thought I would pick out some...
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T-Shirt Bordello Review - Hey guys! Long time no see, eh? I've got a really awesome review for you guys. Ever heard of T-Shirt Bordello? They're a tshirt company. Not just any t-shi...

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"Deadgirl, the Next Mandy Lane" - From Bloody Discusting.com <http://www.bloody-discusting.com/news/13335> Said to be this year's MANDY LANE, we've got your first ever still from Marcel Sam...

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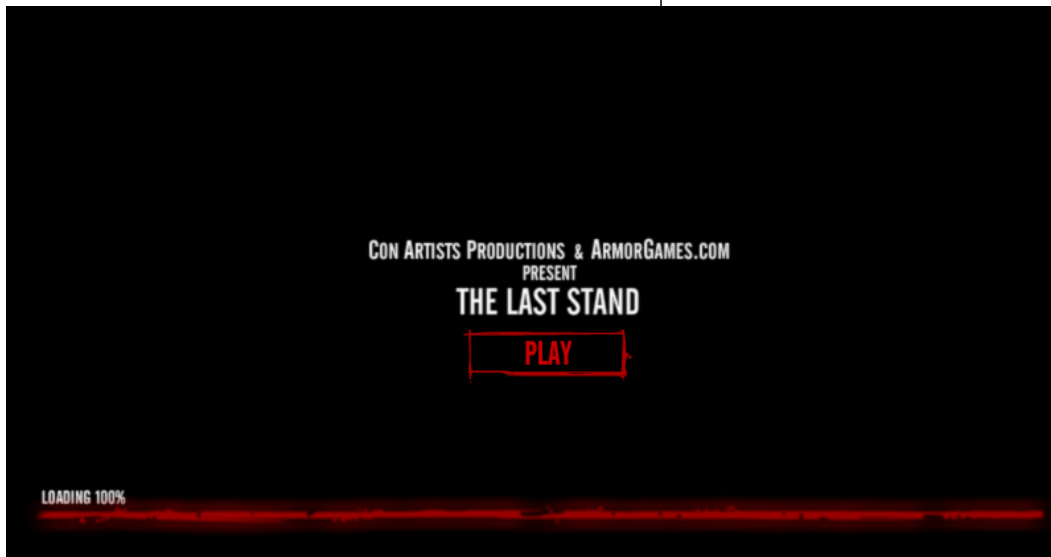
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