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## Alien 2: On Earth

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I gotta admit I'm a sucker for any low-budget Italian rip-off/"unofficial sequel" cash-ins, whether it's [2019 - After the Fall of New York](#) or [Last House on the Beach](#), so obviously when I heard about this hurriedly produced (before the franchise had been trademarked!) [Alien](#) clone I knew I had to see it.

Plot-wise this bears no relation at all to James Cameron's film: here we have a group of Speleologists who find a mysterious blue meteor-type rock while exploring an underground network of caves then proceed to be attacked by red tentacle-wielding aliens living within said meteor. There's also a sub-plot about a failed space mission involving astronauts disappearing without a trace that isn't really followed through.

Of course the reason most of us watch these celluloid abortions isn't for the stellar acting chops but the tits, gore and/or unintentional laughs, all of which there is a helping of. The first 30-40 minutes consists of meaningless meandering leading up to the eventual cave excursion which is where the fun starts. We are witness to face rippings, chest burstings, and a head explosion (in slo-mo!) all perpetrated by bizarro rubbery red tentacles, with no actual aliens in sight. And topped off with a sprinkling of nudity and copious amounts of bad dialog & horrible acting.

Euro-trash aficionados may recognise a few familiar faces in the cast such as actor/director Michele Soavi ([The Church](#), [Dellamorte Dellamore](#)), Mark Bodin ([Anthropophagus](#)) and the female psychic lead Belinda Mayne ([Krull](#), [White Fire](#)). The classic synth score is handled by the prolific De Angelis brothers whose work (often under the pseudonym Oliver Onions) is featured in such schlock as [The Last Shark](#) or the aforementioned [2019: After the Fall of New York](#).

This classy DVD is the first release for Midnight Legacy, an up 'n' coming label dedicated to restoring genre titles previously lost in VHS oblivion to their fully uncut glory on DVD and Blu-ray. [Alien 2](#) is presented in an english-dubbed widescreen transfer from the original 35mm negative. Special features include a 12 minute SFX outtakes reel and the Dutch VHS trailer.

### DISC DETAILS:

DIRECTOR(S): [Ciro Ippolito](#) | COUNTRY: Italy | YEAR: 1980 | DISTRIBUTOR(S): [Midnight Legacy](#) | RUNNING TIME: 84 minutes | ASPECT RATIO: 1.85:1 | REGION: All | DISCS: 1

### SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Special effects outtakes
- Dutch VHS trailer

### RECOMMENDED VIEWING:

- [Alien](#)
- [Contamination](#)
- [The Descent](#)
- [2019 - After the Fall of New York](#)





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