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ALIEN 2 ON EARTH: DVD review



Alien 2 on Earth is a prime example of a kitschy B-movie. It's a 1980 Italian sci-fi/horror film that has never been released in the United States. A space capsule returns to earth without any astronauts on board but brings back some strange looking rocks. A group of cave explorers encounter an alien rock which harbors flesh-eating creatures. It's more entertaining and silly than scary. The dialogue is pretty hysterical. There's a lot of cool, hip chit-chat going on before the group actually gets to the cave. The main character Thelma [Belinda Mayne] possesses some clairvoyant talents. She mentions this to a friend who remarks that the boyfriend probably can't handle it and then the guy tells her he's gotta run. Okay, so he just insulted her boyfriend but he's apparently no more supportive of what she's going through. Then a guy hurts his ankle. "I can't put any weight on it," he says. Someone suggests resting. He replies: "Let me try. Just let me try." An example of special effects: the rock "monster" explodes to release something that looks like a sock hand puppet covered in red paint. The funky porn-esque soundtrack adds to the light vibe. As my friend Mark said, "There's a lot of suspense build-up but not much actual suspense." This is the type of film that should be played for midnight screening for college students.

Starring: Belinda Mayne, Mark Bodin, Roberto Barrese, Michele Soavi

Director: Ciro Ippolito Studio: Midnight Legacy

Rating: not rated

Running time: 85 minutes Release Date: April 5, 2011 PR: MVD entertainment group

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