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## DVD Review: Alien 2: On Earth

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The Italians have had this wonderful knack of creating ersatz sequels to genre films. Lucio Fulci's "Zombi 2" (you know, the one where a zombie fights a shark?) was titled as such to make money off of "Zombi", also known as George Romero's "Dawn of the Dead". "Alien 2: On Earth" is one of those movies, loosely related to Ridley Scott's "Alien".

I'm not sure why I enthusiastically requested to watch "Alien 2". Perhaps it was because I'm currently on an Italian horror and giallo kick, and I've gone through most of Argento's, Bava's, and Fulci's work. And I think that's really the context of viewing this film. You've pretty much seen everything else. And that's where it belongs. After everything else.

Here's the basic gist. A space capsule returns to Earth, missing its crew. A television psychic experiences some kind of backlash because of this. Her boyfriend then takes her bowling (really!) and then spelunking with more friends. They pick up a pulsating blue rock along the way which turns out to be an alien egg. Hilarity ensues as the alien picks off the cave explorers one by one.



Jim Cameron, eat you hear... oh, forget it.

towards style over substance and structure. It's not uncommon to find plots skipping over logic like an easy game of hopscotch. But usually, the reason for this is to accentuate and focus on truly atmospheric moments. This movie does so because it is simply inept.

All that said, I do have to give new distributor Midnight Legacy some credit. The film looks gorgeous on this 2K Blu Ray restoration from

the negative. Now of course, it's like putting lipstick on a pig, but if future releases (and hopefully better releases?) look this nice, Z-horror movie fans will be quite pleased.

But as for Alien 2? Skip it.

The blu-ray I received had some redundant special effects outtakes and a rare trailer ripped from a Dutch VHS.

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**Rating:** **UNRATED****Country:** Italy**Release Date:** March 22, 2011**Distributor:** Midnight Legacy**Director:**

- [Ciro Ippolito](#) (as Sam Cromwell)

**Cast:**

- [Belinda Mayne](#)
- [Mark Bodin](#)

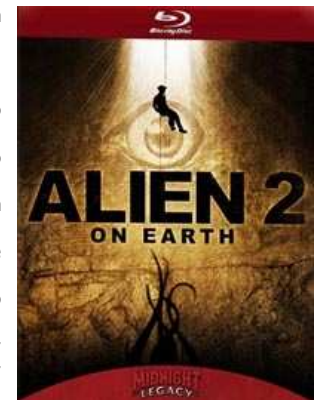
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**Grade:** D

This film is terrible. Too tedious to be in the so-bad-it's-good category. Not gory enough to warrant fast-forwarding to the good bits. Just plain awful. Now, Italian genre films tend



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