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Truth or Dare?: A Critical Madness (1986)



I dare you to read this review.

Truth or Dare?: A Critical Madness (1986) Directed By: Tim Ritter (Wicked Game: Truth or Dare? 2)

The Prologue

Some of you may recall in the early days of this web-site, even before seeing the film for myself, I went into a bit of a campaign hoping someone would hear me and finally release the then out of print Truth or Dare?: A Critical Madness back on DVD. Finally

someone did in the form of MVD. And I am now given the honor to review the brand spanking new DVD that not only has this outrageously gory movie on it, but some cool special features as well.

The Movie

Mike Strauber just wants what everyone wants. He wants to feel accepted and be loved. Mike has a wife he loves dear named, Sharon..but the thing is Sharon has become bored with the relationship. Mike unable to catch the hints walks in on Sharon in bed with another man, but not just any man, his best friend Jerry. Unable to deal with this drastic disappointment Mike snaps, and sets on a blood soaked mission to play a twisted little game of truth or dare?



I've used the term so bad it's good before. However, to me, Truth or Dare? is soo bad it's awesome. There are moments in this film that will make you question just what the heck you've seen. There are moments that will make you roll your eyes and laugh. But somehow it all mixes together to make a very watchable film that is packed with twisted enjoyment. Plus, you got to really hand it to Tim Ritter. He made this film on a very shoestring budget, yet still he makes it a lot of fun.

While the gore isn't what you'd come to expect from movies with more money placed into them then or today, you get gore that just makes you feel dirty at times watching. That pretty much alone is all you need to turn a film into a cult classic. As the story moves along we see Mike go from a guy obsessed with his game to a man who jacks a car and loads it up with some of the most random murder weapons you could see. Lets see, just what does Mike randomly pull out? There's a machine gun, a chainsaw, a machete, a pair of nun-chucks, and some other old barbarian type weapon that I have no idea what you'd call it..Good times!!

They also try to get over his copper mask he starts wearing in the film but I just don't think it catches on a well as Jason's hockey mask or Michael Myers' repainted Shatner mask. The key to this film and the selling point is what it's named after, Truth or Dare? Anyone could just toss on any old mask and try to make a horror icon with it but it doesn't have the same unique feel of someone randomly asking

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another person to "Cut their finger off".



But as I said the film is so awesomely bad it's crazy. The acting is very spotty. However, I do think John Brace does a great job as Mike. There are some comedic/dark humor moments that sometimes work and sometimes don't. Also not only do you have to pay close attention to the details of just how Mike ends up with all the weapons he has nearing the end of the film. You better set yourself up for one of the un-logical endings you're ever going to see. I'm not sure if that's due to some bad editing or what, but it holds things back a bit. That all being said, I think you should all see this movie at least once.

The Conclusion

The movie would go on to spawn two official sequels from Ritter titled Wicked Games and Screaming for Sanity: Truth or Dare 3. It also has an unofficial sequel called Writer's Block. Not sure about any of those, but this is a keeper for many uncommon reasons. I also should probably note that playing the role of the young Mike in this film is Backstreet Boy A.J. McLean..I kid you not.

So do yourself a favor and pick this cult classic up for a very good price over at MVD. It's been a long time coming and finally the new DVD is here.

The Rating (6.5/10)

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Brandon Sites said...

Hopefully my copy arrives soon and I can see this film for the first time. I remember always looking at the top box for this and part three and never renting them for some odd reason. Can't wait for part 4 - Coming Soon....

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Chuck Norris Ate My Baby

Carriers: Circle Circle Dot Dot - [image: carriers7] 2009's *Carriers* is a film that went mostly unnoticed at the box office, as well as a film that no one really expected anything from... 14 hours ago

Hayes Hudson's House of Horror



This week's Horror related DVD releases: Tuesday, July 27th - I know I am a little late on this...somehow I forgot to post this on Monday night like usual. So, better late than never, here are the

Horror related DVD'...

From Midnight, With Love



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The Large Association of Movie Blogs



PLUG: Detailed Criticisms -Spreading the JGL Love Hey all. Sebastian from Detailed Criticisms here. Here's the deal. I'm going to be taking part in a little quest over the next few d...

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Candyman - Dollar Bin Film - By: Brandon Sites - Make sure to sign up for your chance for a FREE copy of Puppet Master: Axis of Evil

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The Vault of Horror



Alice: Madness Returns - By Paige MacGregor I had never heard of the 2000 PC game American McGee's

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Alice, but nevertheless when I came across a press release for its sequel, Alice:...

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DRACULA NEGRO - William Crain (Blacula - 1972) -

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Berdella (Review) - Berdella Berdella (2009) Directed by Paul South/William Taft Nobody makes serial killer movies anymore. Sure, we get the occasional made for TV movie but...

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The Deadly Doll's House of Horror

Nonsense



Still Not as Scary As a Caterpillar... - I hesitated in reviewing The Human Centipede, since just about every blogger and his or her sock has had a go at the year's most talked about underground ...

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The Spooky Brew



Contest Time - Time for a Spooky Brew first... A contest! This contest is for The Walking Dead mini poster given away at this year's Comic Con. How do you win this c...

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Billy Loves Stu



Sing Out, Steve! - *Steven Senski*, proprietor of the blog,* Heart in a Jar*, is my latest object of affection.
"*Why's that? *", you might ask.
The answer is simple - he'...

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The Paradise of Horror



Stephen King Says: - I actually read this article in Entertainment Weekly in the July 11, 2008 edition and I could not agree with Stephen King. He basically explains why 'small...

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The Spooky Vegan



Thoughts on the "Let Me In" Remake - Over at Fatally-Yours.com we received some news and a new trailer on the *Let Me In* remake, which prompted this post... Ever since I heard about the rema...

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Paracinema...The Blog

Restraint - [image: restraint1] There are many films to scroll through in that Netflix instant watch library, but while there are plenty of classics and films that

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Hey! Look Behind You!



Film Wise # 494 - Hello folks. Just a nead's up. I'm still working on my Comic Con post. Between recharging my eternal batteries, working between two laptops and naving...

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The WGON Helicopter



A Meme That Speaks to Me: First Ever Billy Loves Stu Meme for Horror Bloggers - Over at the fantastic blog Billy Loves Stu, Pax Romano put together a fun little

meme for horror bloggers. You know, as a way for all of us to get to know...

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The Horror Effect

There's a zombie watching TV in my living room - It's been a while since I've posted one of my shorts. I recently came across this one and thought you all might enjoy it. It's basically a PSA (public serv... 2 days ago

The Ringmaster's Realm



The First Ever Billy Loves Stu Meme for Horror Bloggers - OK, so it took me a few days to get to this because I am being driven insane by my four daughters (summer vacation cannot end soon enough).

Somehow, thei... 2 days ago

Scare Sarah



s the truth out there? - The Fourth Kind (2009) - Growing up I was obsessed with aliens and UFO's, but once you've seen one little green man you've seen them all, right? They became less scary than the

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Inappropriate - Tell me this is not totally inappropriate! Lionel Richie as a high school drama teacher stalking a blind girl so much so that she must render his visage i... 3 days ago

twisted twins productions



This Is What A Hooker Fan Looks Like - 'Dead Hooker in a Trunk' or any film - indie or studio - would be absolutely nothing without fans. With the word 'fan', I am referencing the blood and hear...

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The Kid in the Hall



What I Love About New Year's Evil (1980) - Boy, I sure do dig those holiday theme slashers, just like Matthew McConaughey loves them redheads in Dazed in Confused. New Year's Evil was probably one

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William Malmborg



Toby Brings Me a Mouse IN BED!!! - I am always amazed at what a great hunter my cute little cat Toby is, especially considering he has no front claws and has lived inside for six years now; ...

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GoreGoreDancer's Movie Reviews

Prom Night 2: Hello Mary Lou - Prom Night 2: Hello Mary Lou (1987) Director: Bruce Pittman Status: Movie Review This is another one I remember from when I was a littlin'. The one ima... 6 days ago

AtomicFox

Guest Posting: Ross Tipograph - Ross Tipograph is a film buff and Emerson College screenwriting major. He blogs about Halloween costumes over at StarCostumes.com. MY SOUL TO TAKE Wes Cra... 1 week ago

Horror In The Making
Too Many Hats: Part 3 - "The essence of cinema is editing. It's the combination of what can be extraordinary images of people during emotional moments, or images in a general sense,.

Curly Ripe Meat

Cheer Camp, Day 1 - Wow!!! Ok, so I am a sucker, and I am totally participating in Cheer Camp. The dances just look SO FUN; I can't help myself!!! I'm going to run out of cle..

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Tea Party of the Dead



DIANE O'BANNON APPROVES OF TEA PARTY OF THE DEAD - This is incredible. Special thanks to Kristy Jett for pointing it out to me.

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Killer Kittens From Beyond The Grave



Jinx Speaketh - One of (if not the) most evilly influential women in music is now on Blogspot! Jinx Dawson, "irreverent, erotic, fiendish Left Hand Path Ceremonial Magi...

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Kid Sis in Hollywood

My latest movie reviews - My newest movie reviews are up on Netflix (where I'm still reviewer #6 out of millionst). DEADLINE, SIMON SAYS, ADVENTURELAND, METHOD, HAUNTING IN CONNETIC...

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The Cyber-Horror Awards



The Vault of Horror Presents the 2009 Cyber Horror Awards - Ray Harryhausen Award Best Visual Effects Coraline This award is earned by so many for their efforts creating the surreal 3-D world of

Henry Selick's newest...
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Apology & Jess Franco's Brilliance -First off, I'm sorry for my most 'ecent bout of absentitis. This time around I've had an unhealthy addiction to the Olympics, compounded by the misfortune...

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Jenny Spain

"Deadgirl, the Next Mandy Lane" - From Bloody Discusting, com http://www.bloody-disgusting.com /news/13335 Said to be this year's MANDY LANE, we've got your first ever still from Marcel Sarm... 1 year ago

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