

'Inbred Redneck Vampires' provides 'Twilight' antidote

Lowbrow horror features sexy vampire on the run.

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At the opposite end of the blockbuster bloodsucker spectrum from the romantic, high-toned "Twilight" saga is "Inbred Redneck Vampires," a micro-budgeted, direct-to-DVD comedy.

Repackaged and reconfigured from a 2004 release titled "Bloodsucking Redneck Vampires," this new version slightly ups the ante on gross-out gags (lots of political-correctness boundary pushing and explosive baked beans jokes) and hitches a quick ride on the considerable "Twilight" coattails.

The ultra-lowbrow story focuses on Catherine (Felicia Pandolfi), a sexy vampire on the run who shows up in a redneck burg called Backwash and prepares to do battle with a relentless vampire hunter who has vowed to drive a stake through her heart.

As Catherine hatches a plan to turn local yokels into her army of vampire slaves, town matriarch Ma Poissier welcomes swishy interior designer Jean-Claude Les Eaux into her home after winning a complimentary room redecoration.

While the fey Frenchman tries his best to fit in with crazy hillbillies such as Lil' Junior and his buddy Cletus, rowdy rounds of beer drinking, bean eating, tripe cooking, shower peeping, competitive flatulence and strip poker lead up to the town's annual Tripe Days Festival and a showdown between Catherine and her pursuer.

As we said, this is a far cry from the classy, dewy doings of the "Twilight" vampires. But then, director Joe Sherlock clearly has a penchant for low-end horror, with a resume that includes titles such as "Monster in the Garage," "Monster in My Car," "Odd Noggins," "Werewolf Tales" and "We Need Earth Women!"

"Inbred Redneck Vampires" is not rated and runs 108 minutes. It's released by SRS Cinema.

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