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**Aaah! Zombies!!**

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More or less just about everything has been done with the zombie genre. There has been every cause of reanimation you could come up with for the most part; they've been a part of comedy and serious horror, intense gore in some cases, bland offerings in others. Zombies at one point were only seen occasionally in cinema but over the past decade the popularity of the walking dead seems to have become something that's virtually unstoppable.

Aaah! Zombies!! is also known as *Wasting Away* and is yet another zomedy along the lines of *Zombieland* and my personal favorite, *Shaun of the Dead*. A group of friends working at a bowling alley come into contact with something they shouldn't have. The military has been working on a secret project to create super-soldiers but unfortunately it was discovered and a barrel lost during transport. Mistaking it for beer, the contaminated experiment is brought inside and mixed with soft serve ice cream where, you guessed it, the friends transform into zombies.

But, here's the difference; they haven't realized that they're dead. They meet with a someone from the military, who is also part of the project, or so he claims, and as they've convinced themselves that the experiment was actually a success. How else could they survive bullet wounds or impalement? The rest of the city however is in a state of panic over the undead who now roam the streets though our heroes think that it's actually the rest of the city who have transformed into zombies.

Aaah! Zombies!! pays a bit of tribute to other zombie films as it moves along. The movie starts out in black and white, something I would see as being a tribute to *Night of the Living Dead*, but there's another more important reason. Anytime *Aaah! Zombies!!* is black and white, this represents the living while the color portion is life as viewed from our recently resurrected dead. I would guess this also made things a little easier on the budget because you don't have to concern yourself with makeup and special effects being terribly elaborate. As long as they seem to fit the situation, they are passable, and that is actually exactly what *Aaah! Zombies!!* in this case.

Going back with the homage, the green chemical as seen in the start of the film amidst the black and white is a reminder of *Re-animator* while the presence of it in a barrel could even be a slight nod to *Return of the Living Dead*. Our

characters also manage to reference a few movies themselves, something I think most of us would expect these days were an actual zombie outbreak to occur. Unfortunately most of the references, if intentional, are a bit more blatant and obvious than what you'd find in *Shaun of the Dead* which had a wealth of tributes within the dialog that not everyone caught, at least not until the DVD release where it became easier to notice them thanks to the special features.

Aaah! Zombies!! has its moments when it's funny, it has its moments when it just completely ridiculous as well. Seeing the world of undeath through the eyes of zombies, even if they haven't quite caught on to the fact they are dead, is however a more unique approach and one that I can't recall seeing done in quite a similar way before, and I've watched A LOT of zombie films. Sure, there are movies that have done it to some extent, but not quite like this. Usually the infected characters catch on rather quickly to the fact they are dead whereas in this case they are completely oblivious to the fact; ignorant in many ways and under the false impression that something else has happened to them despite everyone around them fleeing in terror. I would have assumed that the sudden hunger for brains and human flesh would be a dead giveaway, but instead they just chalk it all up to becoming super soldiers.

The only extra feature that is found on the DVD outside of the trailers is a music video for a song that isn't very good. Judging by the budget of the film though I don't think that the minds behind *Aaah! Zombies!!* could have afforded to bring in a band with more of a name, but I guess there will be some people that will enjoy the song.

Aaah! Zombies!! is a decent zomedy; not the greatest thing to ever come along but certainly not the worst either. The unique approach to the living dead should be appreciated by most who are a fan of the genre. While it might not be something I'd outright recommend for a purchase, it's definitely worth at least adding into your rental queue and taking a look as you might find yourself pleasantly surprised.

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DVD Features:
Aspect Ratio: 1.78:1
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