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“HOUSE OF THE DAMNED”— Happy Birthday

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“House of the Damned”

Happy Birthday

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It is Liz’s 21st birthday and she discovers that her mother, Emily, is a witch who wants her dead so she can steal her youth and stop aging. Liz is the only one who has managed to stay alive while warding off her friends who have returned as zombies and trying to survive her mother’s powers. The problem is that everything must be taken care of before midnight.

This is a low budget film but it still manages to do everything right. The house is totally haunted and this is shown in the excellent screenplay. Liz is having a rough time aside from the fact that her father had recently died and now her grandfather tells her that her mother is a witch and wants to kill her. Liz thinks he is off until her friends that she invited to her birthday party turn up dead and come as zombies. Her father’s ghost makes an appearance to... (I don’t want to give a spoiler).

I don’t think that this is a serious film—it really plays like camp. The action starts as soon as the movie begins and it doesn’t stop. This is a tribute to the horror films of yesterday and it is even in black and white. We know what is going to happen before it does but for me that was part of the fun.

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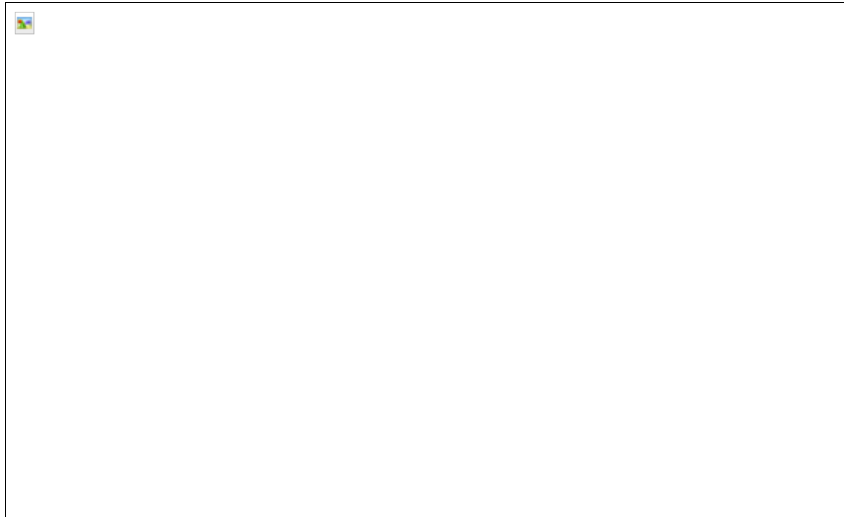
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