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Directed by Dustin Mills
Review by David Carter



Released by MVD Visual
Running Time: 90 minutes
Rating: Not Rated
Color format: Color
Audio/Subtitles: 2.0 Stereo English
Region Code: 1, NTSC
Aspect Ratio: Widescreen
16:9 Enhanced: Yes
Special Features: None
Trailer Online: Yes



Short Version: Micro budget splat-rom-com

The German folktale of Faust has been the subject of a wide range of media, from opera to the Simpsons. The story involves a man who sells his soul to the devil in exchange for something only to learn a harsh lesson about ambition. Or greed or lust, too, depending on which version you choose.



Dave is a twenty-something loser on the fast track to nowhere. He gets no pleasure from his job as an "erotic" artist for digital UFO porn and, furthermore, it keeps him locked in his dingy apartment all day.



Dave survives but he's left with a mountain of medical bills and the sad realization that he's at the bottom of a very long list for a heart transplant. The devil himself appears to him at his lowest moment and makes him an offer: a new heart, no strings attached.

NIGHT OF THE TENTACLES is a funny horror-comedy that makes the most out its limited budget. Most of the film's gore effects are computer-generated, giving the film a slick quality but one that's not hokey or out of place.

TENTACLES' low-budget origins means not to expect Blu Ray quality visuals, but MVD's disc won't disappoint you either. All in all, a good effort from Dustin Mills. The film is hampered somewhat by some pacing issues, but viewers who like offbeat comedy with their horror will find a lot to like here.



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