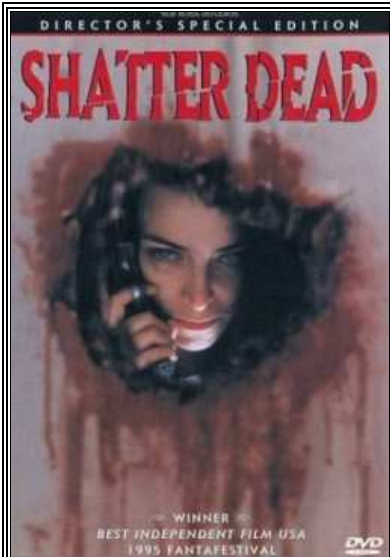


Shatter Dead (1994)



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Genres: Horror, Supernatural Horror, Zombie Film

Director: Scooter McCrae

Starring: Stark Raven, Flora Fauna, Daniel 'Smalls' Johnson, Robert Wells, Marina Del Rey

After the female angel of death impregnates a mortal woman, the dead no longer stay dead... they return to life as zombies. However, these zombies don't want to murder and eat humans, they just want their old lives back. Most end up homeless and begging on the streets, as the normal humans don't particularly want to hire dead people to do the work. We then meet up with Susan, a lady who is headed into town for some groceries. She steps over the zombies, walks past some, and finally breaks down and gives some spare change to another. All is going well, until she has to make a stop at the pay-phone to call her boyfriend, Dan. While using the phone, she notices one of the zombies funneling gas out of her car, so she chases him down and nonchalantly kills him. She gets into her car and heads home, only to run out of gas in the middle of nowhere... remember, the zombie funneled the majority of it out? Whoops on her. As she's figuring out what to do, a large group of zombies surround the car and start shaking it around a bit, until a Preacher comes out of the field to break up all the commotion. Some conversating is had, Susan takes off, and later learns what sort of plans this Preacher and his legion of zombies have in store...



Review by Chad Added: August 04, 2004

This was quite the low-budget film, and it definitely showed in some spots. The makeup jobs on the zombies was pretty horrid, but the gore and kill effects made up for that nicely... those were done very well. The camera-work was a bit shoddy at times, but nothing overly bad. But with that aside, this was actually a decent film. The storyline was quite original and kept things moving along nicely, although there were a few plot-holes and unfinished parts of the storyline. Still, it kept me interested from beginning to end, so I suppose that's what counts.

<Spoiler> Speaking of originality, there was quite the nice scene in this one. Since one of the zombies had killed himself by slitting his wrists, he no longer had any blood in his body... therefore, he couldn't get it up when the time came around for him to get some action. The lady in question proceeded to strap a gun around his junk, and used that to pleasure herself. It may sound silly, and really, it was... but it wasn't portrayed as a comedic moment, more along the lines of a shocking decision. It was interesting, to say the least. </Spoiler>

Even though the basis of this film is about zombies not attacking humans, that's not to say that they skimped out on the gore and killings. On the contrary, it's here en masse... just wait until things start to pick up with Preacher Man. Nudity is also a big part of the film, as there's plenty of that to be seen from Stark Raven (Susan), who is quite attractive in my eyes. She doesn't have the typical blonde-bimbo look, which was refreshing in a movie of this type, so that helped things as well. Her acting skills were pretty good for the most part, though there were a few scenes that could have been better had they been reshot, but again, it was nothing too terribly bad as to cause one to fast-forward through it.

Overall, worth the rental if you're not put off by low-budget indie films and can tolerate some bad special effects and acting in small doses. While the film-makers may not have had a huge budget for this film, they definitely did the best they could with the cash they did come up with, and put out a pretty damned good and original movie. 7/10 from myself.

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