Truth or Dare IV: Deadly Dares (2012) (DVD Review)

Director: Tim Ritter Where to get it: MVD

America has become a nation of "Maniacs 'R Us", playing the childhood game of "truth or dare" in cyberspace with murderous results. Among those caught up in this craze is Tuner Downing, who gets obsessed with serial killer Mike Strauber, the Coppermasked Madman, tries hard to follow in his bloody footsteps, even breaking his 'hero' out of incarceration. Chock full of bloody twists & turns!

So Tim Ritter once again dips into the Truth or Dare series with the latest entry, Deadly Dares. This time around we have a new main character that is down on his luck and while we do reference Mike and the past films from time to time, it's basically a whole new slate. I think the method they used this time wasn't a bad thing at all and did seem like a breath of fresh air for the Truth or Dare franchise. This film might not have the same atmosphere as the original film from the 80s or go as far with the craziness and gore, I do believe it is the best looking and best made film in the Truth or Dare franchise. It also doesn't hurt that we have Jessica Cameron on screen to look at.

The film also cleverly finds ways to work not only the internet but the found footage craze into the mix here. I think it may be Tim Ritter's smartest film in a number of different ways. We aren't talking about a movie here that is going to be a timeless classic or anything like that, but you could do a lot worse in 2012 than Truth or Dare IV. If the movie does take a misstep at all it would be the second twist at the end. The first twist I could deal with and didn't mind, the next twist was a bit much. Then again the double twist with the second twist being pretty bad is a tradition in Truth or Dare so I'm not sure we can fault them too much for at least sticking with tradition.

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