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## Nice Try, "Vault Of Terror" Review

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The single-disc *Vault of Terror* contains 4 films, *Maniac Too*, *Driller Killer*, *Night of the Living Dead*, and *A Good Samaritan in New York City*, and as any seasoned horror fan knows, two of these things are not like the other things. *Night* and *Driller* are both celebrated films (to varying degrees) whose place in history is secure, while the latter two are much shorter, unknown films (*Maniac* is about 40 minutes, *Samaritan* is less than five) that appear to have been shot largely without the benefit of a tripod. It's tough to dismiss a set that contains Romero's classic under any circumstances, but *Vault* plays like a ludicrously unsuccessful attempt to place the latter films in the same distinguished company.

*Maniac Too* is essentially a 40-minute series of graphic series of rapes that would be disturbing if they weren't so ineptly staged. *Samaritan* recounts a brief story about a subway stabbing in New York City that likely wouldn't even make the blotter pages. Unfortunately, neither film is recommendable in the

slightest, being poorly produced even by student film standards. *Driller* and *Night* are both public domain, and thus free to be distributed by anyone with access to a bit torrent. To say the very least, their combination is incongruous, and the motive for doing so just barely concealed (if comprehensible at all).

"*Vault Of Terror*" is on sale September 17, 2013 and is rated R. Horror. Directed by Abel Ferrara, George A Romero, Sean Weathers, Aswad Issa. Written by George A. Romero, John A. Russo, Nicholas St. John. Starring Duane Jones, Judith Odea, Sean Weathers, Glenn Illa Skeete, Becky White.

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