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Caesar and Otto's Deadly X-Mas: DVD review

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White Christmas, A Christmas Carol, It's A Wonderful Life, A Christmas Story....Christmas Evil.....Silent Night, Deadly Night - anyone of these plus an unthinkable quantity of other admirable holiday films can get you through the yuletide doldrums faster than Santa can squeeze his fat behind down your chimney and shove a sprig of holly up your....anyway, what I'm painfully trying to cram into your brainpans is that you can pitch in any old Christmas photoplay into your Black Friday special Wal-Mart DVD player and merrily ding-dong the day away, but if it's humor, bloodshed & complete inanity for your nightmarish Noel noticing, then you've GOTTA give Caesar & Otto's Deadly X-Mas a spin.

Directed by Dave Campfield (who also plays Caesar in an extremely funny guise), the story follows both Caesar & his dimwitted half-brother Otto (Paul Chomicki), who are constantly at odds with each other in all facets of life. Otto STILL pines for the woman that got away back in High School, as Caesar, a fledgling actor-hopeful, obsesses over throwing the perfect Turkey Day dinner party for a laundry-list of guests that unceasingly keep blowing him off. Now, it's time to sound the alarm for the exuberant overload of cameos that keep this movie's head WELL above the waterline. Outside of the duo's father & his new girlfriend as the remaining attendees for the fowl chowdown, Scream-Queen legend Brinke Stevens (Sashi) drops by and purloins anything that is within grabbing distance (great stuff!)

At the height of Caesar's frustration of the day's events, he receives a call from his "agent", Donna (ANOTHER Scream-Queen on display - Linnea Quigley), who offers him the opportunity to play Santa Claus, which Caesar promptly refuses wholeheartedly. After much mulling over and wavering, both brothers decide to show up for an inauspicious audition.....and they BOTH snag roles. Workplace-lunatic Demian (played to psychotic enormity by CKY's own Deron Miller), sees this as the PERFECT chance to commit MULTIPLE-sleighings (play on words), of the list of names from Caesar's party-invite list, and frame both he and his dopey brother for the crimes.....jealousy & revenge has taken a not-so-jolly route this holiday season, indeed!

So, as the blood flows and the killings ramp up in both grotesque and riotous ways, we continue on with the pleasing sight of many more quick-spots with some B-Movie prominences. Debbie Rochon, Joe Estevez, Robert D'Zar and Troma-KING, Lloyd Kaufman all turn in exceptional (albeit brief) performances, but the stand-out campaign here is the work of Deron Miller as the killer-Santa - his scenes are mesmerizing, and he captures the spirit and believability of the PERFECT anti-hero. His moments on-screen are the stuff of renown - 2 scenes are of note here: #1 - a stealer of a moment with his true-life wife (Sleepaway Camp's own Angela- Felissa Rose) - can someone PLEASE contact a high ranking TV-exec and get these two their own reality-show? Number #2 - A

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Silent Night, Deadly Night homage between Miller & Linnea Quigley.....and a pair of deer antiers....you get where I'm going with this!

Overall, the slapstick-style humor and schizophrenic plotlines will have your head ringing - there is an audience for this kind of humor - you can definitely see each laughable moment coming from a mile away, but you won't care - Campfield not only acts, but directs in a way that tosses the rules out the window and goes for broke....and it works to prosperity. Don't be put off by the low-production look of the film - just sit back and down some spiked egg-nog....and revel in the campiest Christmas feature to come down the chimney in a LONG TIME - enjoy!!

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