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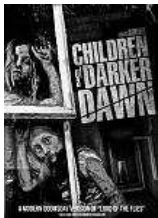
Children Of A Darker Dawn: DVD review

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Teen angst is a compelling storyline to sift through, never mind that there are varying degrees to which an adolescent can express their disdain with their respective parental units. Well, how about we take the good old Mom & Dad factor right out of the equation, by having them both turn into stark-raving lunatics before offering themselves, and THEN see how the youngins deal with the loss ?

"Children Of A Darker Dawn", the latest from Director Jason Figgis, takes the whole contagion-style thriller and slows it down to give the viewer a sobering look at how the children of the afflicted (and dearly departed) cope with their newly-laid out landscape, and the drawbacks of having to survive in a world where they are now their own providers & protectors. The story sets up simple: a Judgement Day pestilence has wiped out the world's entire adult population - no explanation as to why or where it began, but the results of the sickness are frightening....slow & insuppressible maddening of the mind...kinda like a human mad-cow disease. The second you are vitiated your mood & actions begin to spiral out of control. The best way to describe this is THE BIGGEST BOUT OF P.M.S. THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN.

All kidding aside, we witness several cases of parents losing their minds in varying flashbacks in order to set up each particular child's story. The two main characters, sisters Evie & Maddie are on the move constantly in the hunt for food & shelter. Evie regularly comforts her younger sister while reading from "The Railway Children" (was the movie's working title), and the two take in another teen girl (Alice) who was catching a beatdown from an angry mob of juveniles - one of which was her own sister...talk about sibling rivalry. The clan returns to where the three are hiding out and to no one's surprise...they are kids just like all the others...without parental oversight...but much more pissed off about the way things have gone down.

Not to say that they are an assemblage of flesh-hungry lunatics on the prowl, because we "technically" don't encounter that kind of group in this movie...or do we ? (you'll just have to see for yourself). The majority of the movie is dialogue-laden, with the aforementioned anamnesis thrown in for creep-effect (watching some of the kids' parents mental atrophy is downright disheartening). Although the DVD's cover would entail just another zombie movie, please don't hold it to that subject matter - this film is SO MUCH MORE to take in. The climate is depressing and melancholic from the standpoint of "no more parents, so now what do we do ?" The sentiment here is to oversee how these kids will have to dig deep and mature at a breakneck speed if they wish to subsist, some will succeed...and some will break, but in any respect, they've all lost a gigantic piece of who they once were, and the viewer gets to see the project in motion.

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"Children Of A Darker Dawn" is certainly a movie that can be enjoyed by not only the rabid horror-fan, but anyone that has a propensity for dramatic & profound designs. Remember, if you want zombies, throw in "Night Of The Living Dead", but if you want a hybrid mix of "The Crazies" & "The Day After", then by all means watch this movie - it hits shelves on December 17th so be sure to give it a watch.

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