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DVD Review: *Hillbilly Horror Show Vol. 1*

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Hillbilly Horror Show Vol. 1 was created and curated by award-winning writer and producer Blu de Golyer (*House Of Good And Evil*) and veteran actor and producer Bo Keister (*Remember The Titans*). This one-

hour collection of horror shorts is strung together by not so funny hillbilly humor from characters Bo (grubby bumpkin leader reliant on bathroom humor), Cephus (mumbling counterfeit of *King of the Hill*'s Boomhauer), and sister/cousin Lulu (provider of the daily recommended amount of T&A). It just doesn't compare with the fun factor of horror hosts like Elvira and Svengoolie. The attempt to change the usual horror format presentation is clever, but the lowbrow humor falls flat, flatter than the roadkill Lulu cooks up for dinner. Perhaps if they amped up the redneck skeezy sleaze factor a bit more it might be a successful execution of concept.

The first short, "Franky & the Ant," is a throwaway copy of a Tarantino-sque scene and has an ethically questionable duo participating in a mundane conversation as they complete their violence. The rest of the shorts are definitely worth a watch, though. "Doppelganger" gave me a chuckle and had gorgeous stop action photography of a skeleton on an arduous journey, but could have edited a minute from the piece, even though it's only a short. "Amused" is an interesting concept with fresh camera angles, great foley work, and a bit of gore. I can't say I was shocked by the ending (though many will be), but it was nice to see a strong female making at least one smart choice in a horror piece.

The best was saved for last in "The Nest" which has a uniquely twisted storyline, is well shot and acted, and is at least as good, if not better, than anything shown on *Tales From the Crypt* or *Tales From the Darkside*.

Volumes 2 and 3 will be released in 2015 and will feature gag reels and added footage in addition to the featured horror shorts.

Hillbilly Horror Show Vol. 1 was released by [MVD Entertainment Group](#) on October 21.

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I love that Jon Stewart is comparing ANYONE to Eddie Deezen. #DeezNuts #TheDeez

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I despise the fake Tom Haverford dude on the Dairy Queen commercial. Hashtag go away.

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That last scene with Mr. Showalter in Episode 6 of The Knick made me so upset I almost threw up. Major trigger warnings. @AaronMoorhead

 **Less Lee Moore** 11h
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Episode 6 of The Knick: Thack has a Don Draper moment, fun with uranium, Luff is a David Cross character. @AaronMoorhead

 **ShordeeDooWhop** 13h
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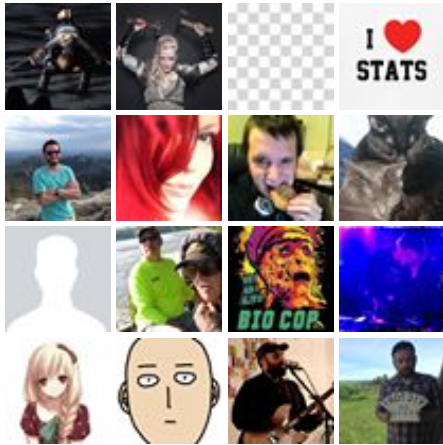
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