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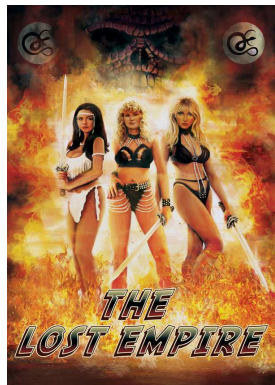
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Jim Wynorski's THE LOST EMPIRE



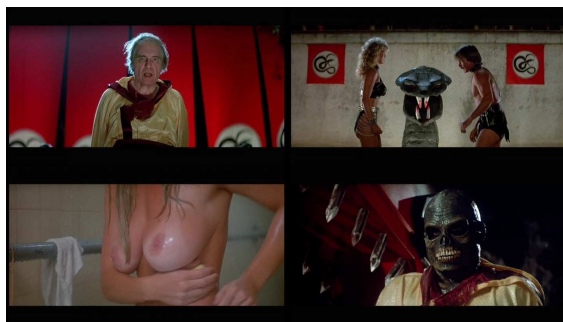
THE LOST EMPIRE

German Title: *Drei Engel auf der Todesinsel*

USA, 1983/1985
Director: Jim Wynorski

8/10

Holy effin' shit! What was that? I don't exaggerate when I say that this is one of the most hilarious 80s genre-flicks I've ever seen - and believe me when I say that I've seen lots of 80s stuff that made me laugh my ass off (*I'm looking at you, Frank Henenlotter and Ted Nicolaou!*).



"The Lost Empire" was the very first feature film of acclaimed 80s-cheese-director Jim Wynorski, shot in 1983, released into theaters and onto home video in 1985. Due to some right issues and corporate changes, "The Lost Empire" was never re-released in any form, so this DVD release by Polyscope Media Group is the film's first proper home video release in almost 30 years, and we should actually bow down to Polyscope for this release, as it is such an unbelievable piece of low-budget 80s b-movie awesomeness.

The movie follows 3 super-hot girls (*police officer Angel Wolfe, sexy native Whitestar & prison chick Heather*) who try to bring down world-threatening oh-so-evil uber-villain Dr. Sin Do by travelling to his secret island, joining his martial-arts army and destroying him with his own weapons (*magic stones called "Eyes of the Avatar", funky lasers and shit*). It's basically "*Charlie's Angels*" meets 60s/70s

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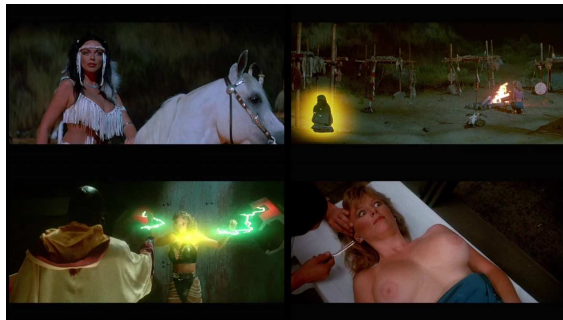
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NEVERLAKE Italy, 2013 Director: Riccardo Paoletti

James Bond, with nods and hints to exploitation classics like "Doll Squad" and the works of Russ Meyer...



...and it's packed to the brim with everything you expect from cheesy 80s gold: lots of uber-hot chicks with big boobs, lots of amusingly awesome practical effects, a few fun kills, some blood, tons of badass costumes, schlocky skull masks, a gorilla, a robo-spider, a dick-like laser cannon, ninjas with weird yo-yo weapons, a hilarious matte-painting fortress, a prison chick-fight with mud and whips, and shitloads of cheesy dialogue:

"I hate robot spiders." /
"Is that your gun, or are you just glad to see me?" - "I think it's my gun." /
"I am Dr. Sin Do!" - "I am... hungry." /
"Whitestar!" - "Who'd you expect? Tonto?" /
"I think we go back down to my place and uh..." - "Please. I just ate." /
"Here we are. Havenhurst Correctional for women.
Gorgeous, huh?" - (native gal) "Hm, I have my reservations." /
"You will now surrender all alcohol, drugs and stimulants of any kind." - "I wonder if that includes vibrators." /
"Aaah, blood... my favorite wine!" /
"Get a load at the size of this place." - (native gal) Sure beats a Tipi.
Club Med it ain't."
"Where's Conan when you need him."



The cast is just ridiculously amazing. There's Raven de la Croix (Russ Meyer's "Up!") as corky semi-squaw, TV-regular Melanie Vincz ("Fantasy Island") as tough policewoman, Paul Cufos ("Food of the Gods II") as Vincz' love interest, the beautiful Angela Aames ("Chopping Mall") as badass chick, the mighty, mighty Angus Scrimm ("Phantasm 1-5") as silly Dr. Sin Do, bad-guy-actor Robert Tessier ("The Longest Yard") as... um, bad guy, and sexy Angelique "Shahna" Pettyjohn as smoking hot prison girl Whiplash.

The absolute best thing about "The Lost Empire" is the amazing score by regular John-Carpenter-collaborator Alan Howarth ("Christine", "Prince of Darkness", "They Live", "Halloween 2-6"), consisting of dark, atmospheric synths and cool beats. Also, worth of praise: the excellent production design (Wayne Springfield, "Ghoulies"), the fabulous set decoration (Cynthia Sowder, "Hard Rock Zombies") and all the ace special effects.



AUSTRIA (Europe) who loves to watch anything horror-related (as well as all kinds of sci-fi, action, arthouse and non-horror stuff) and enjoys to write VERY honest reviews in mediocre English. You could say, I'm a semi-professional amateur critic ;-)

[Warning: There may be SPOILERS and/or disturbing images of sex and violence!]

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8/10 Nice! After terrific, but sadly overlooked indie genre highlight...

1408

1408 German Title: Zimmer 1408 USA, 2007 Director: Mikael Håfström 4/10 The first time I've seen "1408"...



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A long lost but gladly re-discovered b-movie gem that just has to be seen. **"The Lost Empire"** rocks!!

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How I do love this movie. I saw it on VHS back in that wondrous 60 days in Florida in the late 80's when I watched 125 movies. The Lost Empire was one of the best of all of them. I'm thrilled to have a copy on disc in the video vault at long last!

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