



Metal's Dark Side

The Hard and the Furious: Volume 1

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First off let me say that I love the IDEA of this DVD. It's great to have a DVD where you can see interviews with today's most popular extreme bands and their videos because let's face it- things like that are few and far between despite the immense popularity of extreme metal these days. Seeing the very unscary George "Corpsegrinder" Fisher (Cannibal Corpse) get up close and personal is very cool. Meeting Satyr (Satyricon) and feeling like you are backstage with him is very cool. Talking with thrash gods Death Angel is very cool. Having all these videos in one place is AMAZING.

Feel like there is a big BUTT coming? There is. Where this show goes completely wrong is their host. Of course, a porn star is a natural choice both to draw attention to the release and because it fits semi-natural with extreme metal. Jasmine St. Claire though knows very little about extreme metal.

Exhibit A: She asks George Fisher of Cannibal Corpse what it was like to be in the Ace Ventura movie after (which she will do multiple times) claiming Cannibal Corpse is her all time favorite band. He politely tells her he wasn't in the band then but I can only imagine what he was thinking. Of course that was Chris Barnes era CC and his departure was one of the most shocking moments in the history of extreme metal. How could a die hard fan not have known that it was a different singer? I could understand a different drummer but the guy up front?

Exhibit B: She asks the new guitarist in Death Angel questions about the bands past as well as about new members. She is again politely told/reminded that he is THE new member.

The list goes on and on and I guess casual fans won't mind it but I doubt many casual fans of the genre will pick this up. In short great idea, poor editing (all of these "mistakes" could have been cut out I assume), and this show really needs a new host to get it off the ground. There is a volume 2 in the works currently. Here's hoping it steps it up a notch.

Reviewed by: **Mark Fisher**



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