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Good clean bad dirty fun!

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MOTION PICTURE
PURGATORY
DESPERATE TEENAGE LOVEDOLLS

SHOT ON SUPER-8 FILM IN 1984 FOR ~250 BUCKS PLUS BUS FARE" BY DAVID (1991: THE YEAR PUNK BROKE) MARKEY, THIS CLUNKY D.I.Y. FEATURE TELLS THE STORY OF THE TURBULENT RISE TO FAME & FORTUNE OF FICTITIOUS ALL-GIRL ROCK BAND THE LOVEDOLLS & THEIR CRASHING DOWNFALL. STARRING ALL THE DIRECTOR'S TEENAGED LOS ANGELES FRIENDS (WHO HAPPENED TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF SEMINAL PUNK BANDS OF THE ERA) IT COMES ACROSS AS AN AMATEUR HOME MOVIE MADE UP FOR THEIR OWN VIEWING & LISTENING PLEASURE, BUT IT QUICKLY GOT PROPPED UP BY THE LOCAL PRESS AS AN INSTANT JOHN WATERSESQUE "CULT CLASSIC" WITH MUSIC BY (& SOME CAMBOOS FROM) THE LIKES OF RED KROSS, WHITE FLAG, & THE BANGS AMONG MANY OTHERS.

LOVEDOLLS RUN AWAY FROM HOME TO FORM THEIR BAND, MUGGING & STEALING EQUIPMENT ALONG THE WAY. SUDDENLY RED KROSS' JEFF McDONALD AS SLEAZY ROCK MANAGER "JOHNNY TREMBLE" DECIDES THEY'RE "THE HOTTEST THING SINCE SHEER WENT SOLO" & RAPES ONE OF THEM BEFORE SIGNING THE BAND SIGHT UNSEEN. AFTERWARDS A FELLOW MEMBER CONSOLES HER BY SAYING "EVERYTHING'S GONNA BE ALRIGHT CUZ ONCE THEY'RE FAMOUS IT'LL SHOW THE WORLD THEY'RE NOT JUST A BUNCH OF TRAMPS! ALONG THE WAY THEY GOTTA TUSSEL WITH PSYCHIATRISTS, HARD DRUGS, RIVAL GANG "THE SHE DEVILS," & THEIR OWN MOMS, EVEN IF IT TAKES A MURDER OR 2!

Actual Quote:
 "LISTEN BITCH, FAME HAS A PRICE."

"I TRIED TO BE BOTH A MOTHER & A FATHER TO YOU!"
 "WELL GO FUCK YOURSELF THEN!"

TURNED ON BY TRASH FILM BUFFS RED KROSS, MARKEY'S CREW GOT INSPIRED BY RUSS MEYER'S CLASSIC OPULENT ALL-GIRL BAND EPIC BEYOND THE VALLEY OF THE DOLLS (1970), ONLY THEY MADE UP LOVEDOLLS AS THEY WENT ALONG. AND IT SHOWS. AS SIMPLISTIC AS THE PLOTLINE IS, IT STILL GETS Muddled TO NEAR INCOHERENCY & IT'S LUCKY EVERYBODY IN IT IS SO ENTERTAININGLY HOMEY CUZ THE DELIBERATE CLICHE'S PARADED ONE AFTER THE OTHER, EVEN FOR THAT PERIOD, ARE SO OBVIOUS THEY FALL FLAT AS EFFECTIVE SATIRE. BUT THE CHARM'S IN ITS INNOCENCE. CANDID FOOTAGE OF LA'S DREARY 80'S URBAN/SUBURBAN SPRAWL WHERE ALL THESE KIDS ARE PLAYING PRETEND IS MESMERIZING.

DVD EXTRAS INCLUDE ANECDOTES LIKE HOW IT WAS ORIGINALLY CALLED "DESPERATE TEENAGE RUNAWAYS" UNTIL FORMER RUNAWAYS MANAGER KIM FOWLEY SHOWED UP WITH A SUITCASE FULL OF DYNAMITE THREATENING THE FILMMAKERS TO THINK TWICE CLAIMING THEY'D STOLEN HIS LIFE STORY. MARKEY SAYS "LOVEDOLLS LOOKED LIKE THEY CAME OUTTA THE 60'S BUT TO ME THEY'RE THE EPITOME OF THE DARK SIDE OF HOLLYWOOD IN THE 80'S." THE FILM'S SO FULL OF GOOFY MAKE-BELIEVE IT'S HARD TO TREAT IT AS ANYTHING BUT GOOD CLEAN FUN, UNTIL ONE OF THE GIRLS SUDDENLY ACTUALLY MAIMINES FOR THE CAMERA A STICKING OUT LIKE A SORE DARK THUMB. AVAILABLE FROM MVD ENTERTAINMENT GROUP (MVD2B.COM)!

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