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I trembled with joyful anticipation when I slipped *Alien 2 on Earth* into my DVD drive and sank back into the couch. But then...I lost 84.25 minutes. It's true; when I looked at my watch, it was nearly an hour and a half later, yet I remember nothing. What happened to those precious minutes?, I ask as I check the back of my neck for an implant.

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Some movies are so bad that they can be enjoyed by a lone, sober viewer or a group of raucous drunks throwing popcorn at the screen. Others are so bad they can only be enjoyed by a group of raucous drunks throwing popcorn at the screen--Alien 2 on Earth is in that group. Actually, it's a lot like a football game (or a day in court), a few seconds of action followed by endless milling about the field (or courtroom) while it seems that no one is doing anything.

To understand what it's about, we must turn to the box blurb: "A group of cave explorers are confronted in an underground cavern by a mysterious living rock. Little do they know that it bears home to deadly, flesh-eating creatures, intent on wiping out the entire human population. Can they survive and ultimately prevent Earth's total annihilation?"



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