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My Stepdad's a Freakin' Vampire!

2009

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Where do I even begin with this train wreck of a film? I started watching and was utterly confused with what was going on and it started to drone off like the parents of Charlie Brown, it all just blurred together and I thought I was at least halfway through the film until I did a time check and to my horror discovered I was only fifteen minutes into this. The premise of this film which I won't repeat the name due to how ridiculously long it is, seems kind of familiar to the classic vampire flick *Fright Night* but extremely watered down and all the charmed plucked out except for a small number of token moments.

Few things drive me insane in cinema which is a terrible start to a film and copious amounts of CGI. This film is littered with terrible CGI, some of the worst I have ever had to be witness to, it's so bad I almost wonder if this is some one's CGI practice film because of the sheer lack of quality involved with the effects.

This film was so confusing I really don't know where to start with trying to give a synopsis on the plot of this film. From what I can gather it just seems like the usual tale of some underdog loser trying to save the world from an evil with impossible odds stacked against them. I will however do my best to give some kind of rundown with this film considering the back of the DVD refuses to release that kind of important information as most films usually have a good summary, outlining of the stars of the film and name dropping a few prestigious reviewers, here we just get "Highly Entertaining" from a lesser known reviewer, that is what I suppose to draw you into watching this blood sucking mess?

My Stepdad's A Freakin' Vampire! As I mentioned before begins really slow and sets up the tension between Rusty (Lahcen Anajjar) and his stepfather Richard (Larry Peterson) and becomes even worse when a local postman turns up missing and actually ends up being discovered by Rusty in the attic when he notices a little bit of blood dripping from the ceiling, this prompts Rusty to contact the police which flinging an accusation of murder towards some one who is your step dad makes for a very uncomfortable time, there is nothing worse than ratting out some one who is like kin to you.

When Rusty goes to the very attic and finds the body of course is vanished, he looks like the boy who cried wolf at this point and gets some help from a friend and the school janitor in discovering that his Step dad is indeed a vampire, a powerful one at that who is trying to raise his army up and wreck havoc upon the world, a pretty tall order for some one who is suppose to be a parent figure.

While this film reeks of poor quality low-budget, some of the costumes/creature effects were actually really decent and I have to give props for that and only that as the rest of this film suffers poorly from dry acting, a poor execution of an unfortunate script and again the extremely excessive amount of terrible CGI that is drenched all over this film weigh this film down with so many negatives over anything positive.

What is really sad in the situation of this film is that writer/director David Matheny did an incredible short called *Depart From Me* that was very low budget but beautiful and stunning for what it was, so seeing this short in comparison to this full feature he did was a big disappointment because I think the man has some talent brewing in there if his short film has any indication. Seeing the contrast between these two examples and me personally being exposed to such a wide array of vampire films I would have to rank *My Stepdad's A Freakin' Vampire!* Pretty low on the scale with very little entertainment value, hell not even a rental or Netflix would be worth the time spent trying to understand this complex and low form of entertainment. There are thousands of great films and little time in the world to see everything, so steer clear of this one and save the eighty minutes for something a little more worth while.

-Derek-

Directed by:
David Matheny

Written by:
David Matheny
Kyle Mangrum

Cast:
M.A. Alford
Lahcen Anajjar
Kris Barrero
Scott Chorny
Anita Cordell
Kate Forristall
Brandon Martin
Casey Myers
Larry Peterson

DVD Features:
Aspect Ratio: 2.35:1
Audio:
Bloopers
Commentary by Douglas Edward
Trailer