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Because There Are Enough Stooges In Hollywood



What's missing from "Chasing Happiness" is on abundant display in Darin Wood's "Planet of the Vampire Women," a new release that would have been at home in any drive-in or grindhouse theater in the last 60 years. Made cheaply and featuring a brigade of bimbos whose tops fly off with even the faintest hit of a breeze, it could hardly be more exploitative and, therefore, curiously hilarious. The weapons look as if they were power tools modified after being shoplifted from Home Depot and the monsters are less credible than a 12-year-old's excuse for not doing his homework. The plot, such as it is, involves space pirate Trix Richards and her gang of interplanetary outlaws, who steal a top-secret doohickey and are required to seek shelter on a remote planet. Meanwhile, an Amazonian vampire is hot on their trail, sinking her fangs into men and women with equal relish. "Planet of Vampire Women" is for those genre buffs who insist they don't make exploitation flicks like they used to. – Gary Dretzka

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