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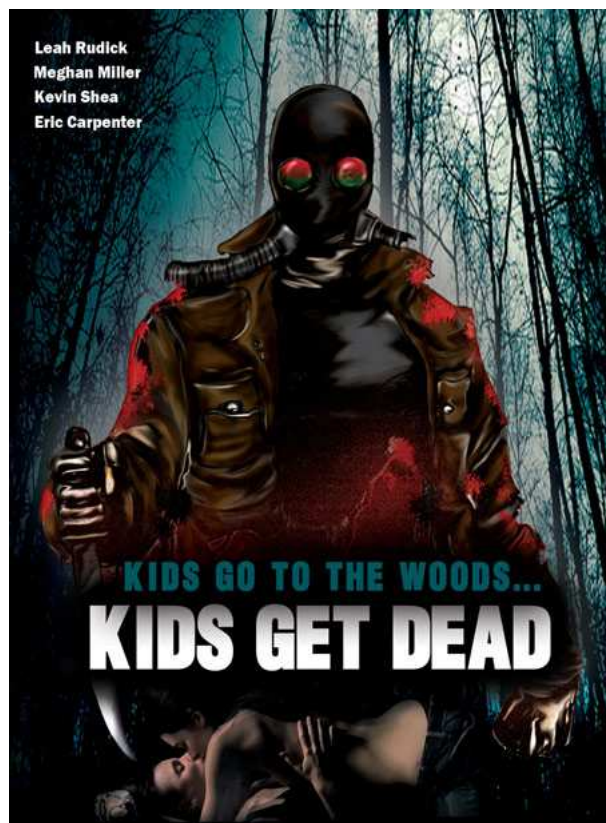
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Film Review: Kids go to the Woods...Kids Get Dead

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Kids go to the Woods...Kids Get Dead is to all intents and purposes a cabin in the woods story. Not like the Joss Whedon produced film of course, but the sub-genre. The title may seem quite poor but in truth it's a hint at the satirical nature of the piece. Kids Get Dead is actually homage to the eighties **VHS** style horror that some of us may remember, where late night viewing was broken up with adverts and introductions by hosts after ever ad break, just to spice things up.

Kids go to the Woods...Kids Get Dead has the usual victims and suspects, we have the horny teenagers, the nerd, the virginal heroine and of course the suspicious locals who either try to warn the kids off staying at the cabin or seem just a little too eager

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The problem with films that try to be homages, and try to be that little bit too smart for the subject they are based on is sometimes they can go a little too far and it can become annoying. Kids Get Dead treads a very thin line with its homage to the VHS video. At each ad break we are made to believe that the original watcher has paused the film so that they are removed, this means that we get tiny snippets of home movies before the tracking goes off and suddenly we are back to the horror show to introduce us back to the horror. This is quite fun to begin with but I did find that nearer the end it did get annoying as the comments became quite repetitive and quite frankly I just wanted to get the film itself watched. It was not a major annoyance and quite frankly it did keep attention on the film, but it would have been better to have less of the ad-breaks.

The story itself was quite generic, it tried to add a little extra to the plot by the use of a novel the nerd was reading that was revealing the deaths before they happened, this was interesting to a point but never really looked into and examined as to why it was in fact having an effect on events that were taking place. It could be argued though that the generic storyline was done intentionally as many VHS based rental films were like this in the eighties, they were made to just be bloody and entertaining for a night, then to be returned to the video store.

For what it is Kids go to the Woods...Kids Get Dead is everything it is trying to homage. It features death and bloodshed, it pokes fun at the VHS recordings and how because they were often recorded on again and again there were parts where things overlapped and of course, the films themselves were cheesy. Probably the best compliment I can give it is that it is in fact a film that is worth renting to watch, a definite b-movie and one that if anything is made for fun. Don't expect exceptional acting, don't expect a blockbuster hit, just expect a little throwaway fun that will kill a few hours.

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