



Drop Dead Rock (MVDvisual, 3 1/2 stars)

This Dec. 15 DVD contains a 1996 movie featuring Adam Ant as crooked manager Dave Donovan and Deborah Harry as Norwegian record-company executive Thor Sturmundrang. The plot concerns an ill-fated metal band called Hindenburg whose personnel gets more screen time than either of the previously mentioned icons. Hindenburg proceeds to paint themselves into a corner by kidnapping British rock star Spazz-O and holding him hostage in a weird scheme designed to improve their dismal career prospects.

Drop Dead Rock should have a parental-advisory sticker due to profanity and bumbling sexual situations but is a harmless slice of B-movie fun with screwy plot twists, foreign terrorists, bumbling cops and much, much more. Fans of Allan Arkush, Roger Corman and others will enjoy it a lot.

- Ricky Flake