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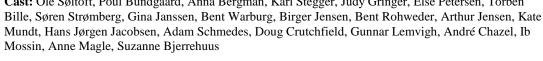
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Agent 69 Jensen - In The Sign of Scorpio Written by: <u>Michael Den Boer</u> on May 6th, 2009



Theatrical Release Date: Denmark, July 22nd, 1977
Director: Werner Hedman
Writers: Werner Hedman, Edmondt Jensen
Cast: Ole Søltoft, Poul Bundgaard, Anna Bergman, Karl Stegger, Judy Gringer, Else Petersen, Torben
Bille, Søren Strømberg, Gina Janssen, Bent Warburg, Birger Jensen, Bent Rohweder, Arthur Jensen, K



DVD Released: May 19th, 2009 Approximate Running Time: 87 minutes Aspect Ratio: 1.78:1 Anamorphic Widescreen Rating: XXX Sound: Dolby Digital Stereo Danish Subtitles: English DVD Release: Smirk Region Coding: Region 0 NTSC Retail Price: \$21.95





**Synopsis:** The Danish Intelligence Agency team up with the CIA who help them, recover a top secret microfilm before it falls into the wrong hands.

Agent 69 Jensen - In The Sign of Scorpio was co-written and directed by Werner Hedman, whose other notable films as a director includes <u>In the</u> <u>Sign of the Gemini</u> and <u>In the Sign of the Lion</u>. The screenplay for Agent 69 Jensen - In The Sign of Scorpio was co-written by Edmondt Jensen who had previously collaborated with Werner Hedman for the film, In the Sign of the Lion. They would also collaborate on a sequel to Agent 69 Jensen - In The Sign of Scorpio, titled Agent 69 Jensen in the Sign of Sagittarius.

The plot for *Agent 69 Jensen - In The Sign of Scorpio* follows all the cliches one would expect from a spy film. The plot while falling in many of the trappings of a spy film, it approaches the genre with its tongue firmly in cheek. The main character of the film Agent 69 Jensen is a bumbling spy cut in the mold of Peter Sellers Inspector Jacques Clouseau. The nemesis of this film is a diabolical mastermind named Skorpionen (Scorpion), who often rips women's clothing off when angered. Visually the film is expertly directed

and contains a few choice set pieces like naked women perched over the holes of a pool table and an Arabic sheik who sexual encounters resemble an acrobat at a circus. The hardcore scenes in the film blend in well with the rest of the film.

The cast features several familiar faces Gina Janssen (*Schoolgirl Report Part 9: Mature before Graduation, Sadomanía*), Poul Bundgaard (*Justine and Juliette*), Anna Bergman (*Intimate Games, Adventures of a Taxi Driver*) and Torben Bille (*The Sinful Dwarf*). Performance wise the cast are more then adequate in their respective roles, with only Ole Søltoft hamming it up as Agent 69 Jensen wearing out its welcome. The most memorable performance in the film is Anna Bergman as a secret agent named Penny who Danish Intelligence Agency. Her scene where she is incognito as a black haired maid will get your blood pressure rising. Another performance of note is Torben Bille who portrays a karate outfit wearing bodyguard who even has his own mini car.

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Agent 69 Jensen - In The Sign of Scorpio is presented in an anamorphic widescreen that frames the image in a 1.78:1 aspect ratio. Most likely the film's original aspect ratio is about 1.66:1, so the framing of the image doesn't compromise the framing of the compositions. Colors look vibrant, flesh tones look natural, black levels fare well and details look crisp throughout. This transfer has not been flagged for progressive playback.

This release comes with one audio option a Dolby Digital stereo mix in Danish. The audio is in great shape with no problems with background noise. Removable English subtitles that are easy to follow and error free have been included.



Extras for this release are limited to an image gallery that plays like a featurette with music from the film playing in the background. Overall Smirk gives *Agent 69 Jensen - In The Sign of Scorpio* a strong audio /video presentation for its first English friendly language release.

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