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Something Freaky in the State of Denmark

In the Sign of the Gemini

Agent 69 Jensen: In the Sign of Scorpio

In the Sign of the Lion

Directed by Werner Hedman

Released on DVD by Smirk

There's something freaky in the state of Denmark. Or at least there was back in the 1970s. I just got these three flicks cowritten and directed by Werner Hedman that somehow manage to be hardcore and softcore at the same time, while showing at the same time an allegiance to the teachings of Benny Hill.

1975's *In the Sign of the Gemini* is the best of the three, a parody of record company competition and decadence. Two record labels are both out to sign Dolores Rossi, a sort of blonde Betty Boop played by the supersexy Cia Lowgren. The execs, of course, lie around in bed with five women and host parties with naked dancers. The showdown happens when one exec has the other kidnapped to keep him from Rossi, but in the process there's plenty of nudity, and a fair bit of lesbian sex and masturbation scenes. There's also a hilarious chase through a women's spa, where two women are discovered shaving others' pubes (beating Jenna Jameson by decades). Hedman clearly likes the ladies, and tends to cast his male characters as older men, then puts them in drag and shows the hetero scenes in fast motion.

Agent 69 Jensen: In the Sign of Scorpio, from 1977, is a spy story spoof, with Agent 69 on the trail of a piece of microfilm that travels across the countryside in a loaf of bread. Caught up in the plot is a doofy health food nut who gets mistaken for a spy and unwittingly ends up working for an agency that seems to require its female employees to wear white tops without pants. The path ends at the mansion of the bad guy, which as with all good bad buys is filled with naked servants catering to their guests.

By 1978's *In the Sign of the Lion*, Hedman seems to have gotten better at storytelling. It's about two old sisters who write a dirty memoir and when the book takes off have to find someone to pose as the author. The story is told through flashbacks (including a panel of glory hole paintings) while in the present day a scandal breaks out about who the real author is.

The movies all include a fair bit of sex, although not a lot compared to today's "112 Cum Shot" collections. But Hedman made movies, using costumes and musical numbers to tell his dirty stories. They're genuinely sexy, and also actually funny. And the good news is, since these all have names referencing zodiac signs, there might be nine more of them out there.

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