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@Tidmore I understand, dude. I still haven't gotten the original up yet! My bad. :(Hope your kid feels better!!!
2 days ago

@DarkStitch I like the original; looking forward to this one too! :)
2 days ago

@MonstarPR Agreed. I just want to watch fish eat people in 3-D. That's ALL! #Piranha
2 days ago

@DarkStitch I can't wait to see it, but it seems like every 3rd tweet today is a P3D review. I don't think it's a movie that NEEDS reviews!
2 days ago

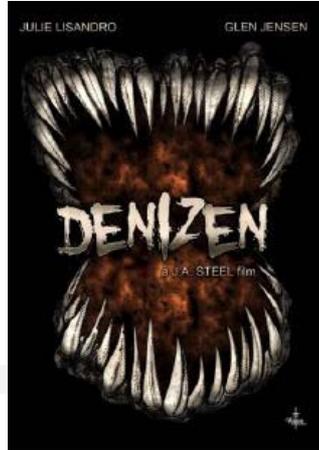
Hey, you know what I haven't seen on Twitter today? Any Piranha 3-D



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Official Synopsis:

Peace gets shattered in a small town, when suddenly a mysterious creature starts to leave a bloody trail. The last hope for the residents to fight the terror and prevent the destruction by military forces rests on the courage and the resourcefulness of a small group of scientists.

Starring Julie Lisandro (Cheerleader Massacre), Glen Jensen (Fingerprints, Soul's Midnight), Ben Bayless and Jody Mullins the latest J.A. Steele directed horror-action shocker DENIZEN will be accompanied later this year by a stunning comic tie-in, created by Lawrence White and White Eye Comics.

Our Take:

There are two kinds of great B-movies. The first kind is where the filmmakers have no idea they're making a B-movie, and you end up just laughing at it, whether it's a comedy or not. The second kind is where the filmmakers intentionally set out to make a B-movie, and you end up laughing with the filmmakers. J.A. Steele's creature feature

Denizen is the second kind of B-movie, and it's a lot of fun as a result.

I think I benefited while watching **Denizen** from the fact that I had just come off a marathon of several Roger Corman films before watching it, and Steele's movie is not unlike some of the better Corman films. The creature effects are questionable at best, but you get the sense that Steele wasn't exactly going for Stan Winston quality effects here. Instead, what anchors the film are surprisingly strong performances from an extremely large cast (including Steele herself) and the fact that the film takes itself seriously enough, but doesn't take itself too seriously.

Don't get me a wrong, this isn't a film you're going to groan at or make fun of. It's actually a lot of fun to watch, even if the low budget production values occasionally get in the way (where did the audio go in that one scene?), but it's not a film you laugh *at*. You smile, you get the joke, you kick back and revel in the dedication of cast and crew to put together a full-length creature feature on a budget roughly equal to that of a McDonald's Happy Meal.

Special Features:

There are no special features on the disc.

Conclusion:

Denizen is a low-budget creature feature that will be enjoyed most by fans of the Roger Corman style of filmmaking and a healthy sense of enjoyment for the simpler things in life. It's also a noble early effort from a director who clearly has a talent for drawing strong performances out of inexperienced actors and making a lot out of very little. I'll be curious to see what J.A. Steele has up her sleeve for her next film.

Overall Picture:

Movie: **B** (What else?)

Extra Features: **N/A**

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