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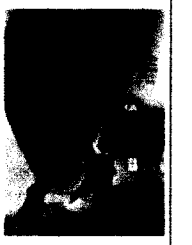

Where innocence ends and nightmares begin.

Six short stories centering around an apartment building that just seems to bring out the worst in people. Stories include a cult killing, a horror fanatic being pushed toward emulating his heroes, a brutal serial killer on the prowl, and more.

I started out not liking The Tenement very much, I thought the second story dragged some, and found myself wanting it to get somewhere. It did, and it was a pretty good little tale, I just felt it could have gotten there a little quicker. My mind had already prepared itself for some short-stories, but these aren't really that short. This isn't a 72 minute quickie, and instead of the normal three stories with a tie-in, we get six. I'm glad, because the first two are the weakest in my opinion, and from there things improved dramatically.

The third tale is an odd little rape/revenge story, that was very pleasing. Afterward we're given the good stuff in the form of a light-hearted werewolf romp and a romantic serial killing spree. The werewolf story is a real gem, it's about a neurotic guy that gets crazier as the scene goes on. Toward the end he's such an over-the-top nut that the dialog got several laughs from me, just on the delivery alone.

My biggest complaint is that the girl in the serial killer story didn't get naked, I'd really have enjoyed that. Being a sicko, I have a thing for violent women, and she was friggin' hot.

We do get some nudity, and some blood. The most affecting violence in the flick didn't depend on gore, but just on what was happening. I prefer supernatural horror, but this flick is focused more on things that can and do happen, with some quirkiness thrown in to make it entertaining.

I won't say I loved it, short stories don't get to me, I just don't have the time to care about the characters in them. But if I'd rented it, I certainly wouldn't consider it a waste of money.

Also the cheese guy kicks ass.

2.5 out of 5 crucified blondes

(2004) Glen Baisley

Joe Lauria .... Ethan Fernier
Michael Gingold .... Winston Korman
Doreen Valdati .... Eloise Fernier
Carol DiMarsico .... Sarah Weston
John Sudol .... Henry Wallace
Mike Lane .... Jimmy Wayne Garrick
Herb Smithline .... Dr. Fisher
Danielle Russo .... Janice/Jen
Ed Shelinksy .... The Taxi Driver
Suzi Leigh .... Morgan Reynolds/Susan
rest of cast listed alphabetically
Chris Alo .... Simon
Diana Baisley .... Red
Pete Barker .... Older Ethan Fernier