

Short Review: "Horror of the Blood Creatures" (1971) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Horror of the Blood Creatures (aka Vampire Men of the Lost Planet and The Space Vampires) (1971). Fillippino, Independent International Films, 86min. Director, Producer: Al Adamson. Writer: Sue Macnair. Cast: John Carradine, Robert Dix, Vicki Volante, Joey Benson, Jennifer Bishop, and Bruce powers.

Padded with stock footage from "One Million Years B.C." (1940) and "Unknown Island" (1948), this cartoon caricature follows the exploits of Dr. Rynning (Carradine) and his two colleagues (Dix and Volante) as they rocket to a faraway unknown planet (not unlike Flash Gordon's Mongo) to destroy the home base of space-faring vampires. Seeking Spectrum X, the secret power source, they battle bat creatures, cat-men, claw demons, serpent people, and the like. Eventually, they discover the base and emerge victorious. Strictly comic book fare. With the release of "Lifeforce: The Space Vampires" in 1985, this low budgeter was issued on video with the title "The Space Vampires."

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