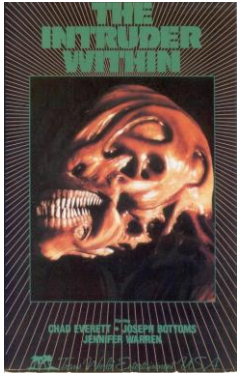


Short Review: “The Intruder Within” (1981) by Dr. John L. Flynn



The Intruder Within (aka The Lucifer Rig) (1981). ABC/Circle Films, 91 min. Director: Peter Carter. Writer: Ed Waters. Cast: Chad Everett, Joseph Bottoms, Jennifer Warren, Rockne Tarkington, and Lynda Mason Green.

This made-for-television movie simply moved the action aboard the Nostromo in “Alien” to an isolated, oil-drilling rig in the North Atlantic. When a primeval creature is roused from its million-year slumber in the ocean depths, it climbs aboard the rig and impregnates Linda Mason Green. She eventually gives birth to its hideous offspring, a slithering chest burster-like thing that matures rapidly into a full-grown beastie. The blood-thirsty creature pursues oil-rig workers (commanded by heroic Everett) through the claustrophobic interiors of the drilling platform, killing them one by one. It is soon cornered, and forced to return to the ocean depths. Directed with top-notch precision by Carter and featuring some winning performances by Everett and Bottoms, the real star of the picture is the hideous sea-creature. The strange cross between a lizard and a bio-mechanoid, designed by James Cummins and Henry Golas, looks somehow very familiar.

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