

Short Review: “Pitch Black” (2000) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Pitch Black (2000). USA Films, color, 110 min. Director: David Twohy. Writers: Jim & Ken Wheat. Producer: Tom Engelman. Cast: Vin Diesel, Radha Mitchell, Cole Hauser, and Claudia Black.

A spaceship with travelers in “deep sleep,” including a prisoner (Diesel), is forced to land on a barren planet. The officer in command (Mitchell) must lead the survivors and deal with prisoner Riddick. At the same time, despite having three suns, eventually night comes and brings out a species of predatory monsters that only come out at night. Will Riddick, who sees well in the dark, help or hinder his fellow humans? This film is a straight forward action piece with minimal thought content. If you are in the mood for a taste of horror and a touch of violence, this is the film for you. A semi-sequel simply titled “Riddick” followed in 2004.

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