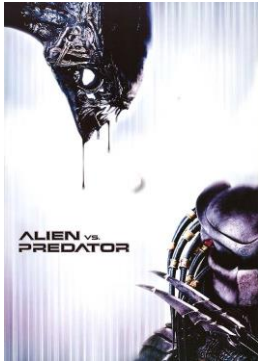


Short Review: “Alien Versus Predator” (2004) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Alien Vs. Predator (2004). (aka AvP). 20th Century Fox, color, 111 min. Director: Paul W. S. Anderson. Writers: Paul W. S. Anderson, Dan O’Bannon, etc. Producers: Gordon Carroll, John Davis, etc. Cast: Sanaa Lathan, Raoul Bova, Lance Henriksen, and Ewen Bremner.

When a satellite from the Weyland Corporation discovers an unusual pyramid buried 2000 feet under the Antarctic ice, President Charles Bishop Weyland (Henriksen) and a crack team, led by mountaineer Lex Woods (Lathan), charge off to lay claim. Problem: the pyramid, which has characteristics of Aztec, Egyptian and Cambodian designs, is actually a training ground for young Predators that breeds the most dangerous game every 100 years, Aliens, for their passage into adulthood. As the pyramid changes its room structure every 10 minutes (an old video game comes to mind), Lex tries to hold her group together, but not surprisingly, they wander off and get killed off one by one. Only the fierce babe survives (shades of Ripley), and then she has to decide on whose team to play! The battles between the Aliens and the young Predators is well worth the price of admission, even if you are two steps ahead in logic.

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