

Short Review: “Galaxina” (1980) by Dr. John L. Flynn



Galaxina (1980). Miramar/Crown International, 95 min. Director and Screenwriter: William Sachs. Producer: Marilyn J. Tenser. Cast: Stephen Macht, Dorothy Stratten, James David Hinton, and Avery Schreiber.

In this obvious parody of “Star Wars” (1977) and “Alien” (1979), Galaxina (Stratten) is the perfect female android—sexy, attractive and completely submissive to male partners. There's just one important part of her anatomy, which was never installed, that prevents her from consummating a relationship with her human lover (Macht). After retrieving the all-powerful “Blue Star” from Altar I, the two potential lovers agree to order the part from the intergalactic mail-order catalog. The object of more than one adolescent’s wet dream, luscious Playboy centerfold Dorothy Stratten had the sexy innocence to become the next Marilyn Monroe. But regrettably, she was killed by her estranged husband just weeks before the opening of the film. In addition to Stratten, the film is noteworthy for its snaggle-toothed alien that is choked up by Captain Schreiber. Cute and humorously effective, the little alien creature was designed by Chris Walas, years before his Gremlins and Oscar-winning makeup for “The Fly” (1986).

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