Hey Y'all!

Happy Sunday! Happy Halloween! Hope everyone had a great week! Not much to talk about today. A lot of interesting reviews to look forward to! I actually have a Halloween related review for you guys today, or at least a film that is for sure tangentially related to Halloween! There are a lot of interesting reviews to look forward to! As always any feedback or recommendations or any thoughts is always awesome and much appreciated! And as always you can find links to the MRC Sign-Up Form, Cavalcade Archive, and Cavalcade Categories below! On to the Cavalcade!

How many ways are there to kill a werewolf? Is Frankenstein the name of the monster or the guy who made him? Is Patrick Rhodes' older sister Lisa still a virgin? All these questions about monsters and more will be answered by that classic 1987 film which tests your monster knowledge: *Monster Squad* (link to the trailer, you can watch the full film for free online here and here!).

This is squarely a goofy kids movie. But this film has a lot of charm to it. Like 1988's *The Blob* remake, it's a film which takes place in that mythical small town America which really does actually exist, but for many of us (those who had an urban or suburban metropolitan upbringing), is something we saw and experienced mostly as a construct within classic American films and tv-shows.

Monster Squad concerns a group of prepubescent boys who form a club dedicated to classic film monsters such as The Mummy, Dracula, The Creature, and The Wolfman. In the course of this film's brief 82-minute runtime they get handed the German diary of the legendary monster hunter Van Helsing (which one of the boy's mother's just happened to find at a yard sale, lol!), induct an older kid named Rudy into the club after he protects them from some bullies, question whether a Holocaust survivor is still a virgin (looool! smh!), get tangled up with the sinster Count Dracula back from inter-dimensional limbo in order to take over the world, and try and avoid Sean's 5-year old little sister Phoebe who demands to be in the Monster Club because her mom says it would be "perscruption" [discrimination] otherwise, lol!

I am telling you, this is just a silly movie. It's not even scary, at all! And I frighten easily! This is a movie that kids would enjoy and that grown ups would watch with an aw-shucks attitude, lol. It's the kind of film that makes you nostalgic for the days when you were a kid. Especially if you were lucky enough as a child to be roaming the neighborhoods with other kids just looking for things to do, forming clubs of various sorts, going on adventures, exploring the woods and what not.

And it has some funny lines that, when you think about it, rival some lines in films which have won Oscars. And since this film is never going to win an Oscar, it helps you question what value really is there in any of these Oscars? I mean, when a 12 year old kid exclaims to a ravenous werewolf in the middle of a murderous rampage in a dark storeroom within his town's Main Street: "hey asshole," and when the werewolf turns around, says "you looked," before whacking the werewolf with a tire iron and then having his dad stick a bundle of lit dynamite down the werewolf's pants and shove the werewolf out of a window, I couldn't but help laugh out loud at the gleeful yet [childish absurdity of what I was witnessing hahaha](#).

As a Halloween film to watch together as a family or just as a way to relive the goofy fun of being a kid and wanting nothing more than to let your imagination run wild, you can't really go wrong with 1987's *Monster Squad*, especially because it is available to watch online for free!

Well that's it for this week's Cavalcade! I hope everyone has an amazing week and a happy Halloween! As always any feedback or recommendations or any thoughts is always amazing and would be great! Much more next week and much more after that!

Peace Y'all!

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