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## The Night They Returned by Sv Bell



### DVD Review

Region 1 **RR**

[**NTSC**]

**Director:**

**Film Year:**

Sv Bell

2004

**Date:**

**Rating:**

October 8th, 2004

(**NC-17**)

**Extras:**

**Purchase:**

Yes! A few.

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Done in the same comic book vein as Creepshow is [The Night They Returned](#) by Canadian indie filmmaker (and all-around horror enthusiast) Sv Bell. This 77 minute horror yarn centers around the young Jessica Taggart (played by Liz Faure of [Sinners and Saints](#)) who just happens to be committed to an insane asylum for the dirty deeds of her naughty two older sisters Brenda and Tawny. As soon as she begins to tell the morbid story the viewer quickly discovers that Brenda Taggart ([Melantha Blackthorne](#)) is "the main baddie" who traps a majority of their male victims while Tawny Taggart ([Suzi Lorraine](#)) is the more domesticated of the bunch (not that she doesn't do her fair amount of killing and gut-munching). Poor Jessica never quite understood the methods of her siblings...

It seems that her sexy sisters Brenda and Tawny habitually chained Jessica up in the safety of her own bedroom while they would lure ill fated (and horny) males back to their isolated family cabin to be tortured, chopped into tiny pieces and eventually eaten! The two older sisters also have the strange habit of dumping the extra body parts into a local swamp filled with hazardous waste (think: [Swamp of the Ravens](#)) that eventually results in the arrival of a vengeful "returner." Who will survive the night that "they" returned? Get this film and see.

As stated above, [The Night They Returned](#) reminded us of Romero's [Creepshow](#) with the numerous editing tricks and fades that give it the fantasy feeling but it also has elements of [Texas Chainsaw Massacre](#) with the rotting "dad" the two girls keep in the house to oversee their many abominations. Still, there's really no comparing [The Night They Return](#) as it stands in a class of its own. Remember that feeling you had the first time you saw [I Spit On Your Grave](#)? This is the type of film that makes the viewer squeamish (that is if you're not too desensitized) and also one where you might just find yourself rooting for the "they" that [The Night They Returned](#) mentions. Make any sense?

One of the strongest aspects of [The Night The Returned](#) is the remarkable hard rock soundtrack from such great bands as Moxy, Rubber, Cheaper Than Therapy, Goddo, Jaimie Vernon, Soap Opera, and The Kings. Not only do these tracks grace the digital production but there's even a full-scale soundtrack available for [The Night The Returned](#) from [Bullseye Records](#). Not to be missed. Be sure to catch the cool animated sequence sandwiched in the middle of the movie and the short cameo by Uncle Costa of [Irish Whisky](#). Fun times, indeed.

Still, while [The Night They Returned](#) is gory goodness, there are several moments that feel extremely hurried and huge chunks of dialogue (mostly during Liz Faure's narration) that seem to be read directly from cue card and at times the audio is hard to hear. That being said, it should also be noted that these minor discrepancies seem to work to the overall advantage of this motion picture giving it that independent (if not somewhat raw) ambiance. For those of you not in the know - Sv Bell is an established painter of death metal album cover art who has recently set his focus on creating splendid low-budget horror flicks, rock videos and shorts like [Irish Whisky](#) and [Cold Blonded Murders](#) (co-directed by Patrick Aird). SSV has been impressed by what we've seen to date and we're looking forward to future works from Sv Bell - who in their right mind wouldn't?

This DVD features several decent extras and word on the street says [The Night They Returned](#) will see an even more "official" release in the near future. Still, this particular disc has [Bios](#) on Melantha Blackthorne, Suzi Lorraine and Elisabeth Faure in addition to the [Trailer](#) for [The Night They Returned](#) (also available at

Bell's website). There's also a 3 minute Behind The Scenes done in true rock video form and a bonus 14 minute Short called [La Terreur Crampante](#) by Mario Giguère presented in the original French language. While we didn't quite understand this cool monster film we did enjoy the creature that looked oddly like a 70's [Six Flags Magic Mountain Troll!](#) Add to all that [Trailers for Playing For Keeps](#), [The Invitation](#), [Haywire](#) and [Sinners and Saints](#). A great collection.

The Night They Returned is presented in the 1:85.1 widescreen format (catch the cool matting effects) with stereo sound.



### Smoker's Soapbox:

We think it's pretty safe to say that The Night They Returned will not be a movie for everyone. Independent film buffs and those who love campy creature movies will absolutely love this movie. That's not to say there's not a real scary side to The Night They Returned because there are several moments that are downright chilling. Heading off with a sexy goth chick for "fun times" that result in your own murder are perhaps a man's worst (or best) nightmare!

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