

ANGEL FORCE

A Film Review by Linton Corbie

Director: Wah Sam

Action Director: Yuen Bun

Cast: Moon Lee, Wilson Lam Shing Fui-On, Fujimi Nadehi

Running Time: 95 minutes

Language: English

Rating: Unrated (violence and brief nudity)

Format: DVD

Special Features: Chapter Selection, Multiple Languages, Theatrical Trailers, Actors' Filmographies, Film Information, DVD-ROM Compatible

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The term, '*action-packed*', aptly describes the movie, ***Angel Force***, from its beginning right up until the credits start to roll. Fast and furious scenes of gun and martial arts combat interlaced with explosions, and high-speed chases in both urban and jungle terrain, ensure viewers never have a dull moment.

The plot is pretty straightforward, although the ending is a bit surprising. A top cop and his female partner are tasked by top brass within the police and state departments with putting together a small team of combat-hardened mercenaries for a covert mission, to rescue a dignitary held captive in the jungles of Burma. At various stages in their mission, they encounter surprise setbacks and bloody attacks that seem to suggest that one of their own is tipping off the 'bad guys'. Despite this, and though sustaining heavy losses, the tiny, intrepid band accomplishes its mission and also forms a lasting bond of friendship and mutual loyalty. Upon returning to their normal lives, they each continue to find themselves the targets of murderous attacks. It seems someone prefers for there to be no survivors from that secret mission. To protect themselves, they go after their attackers. In doing so, they discover the one behind the attempts to sabotage their recent mission and now to eliminate them... and the culprit is someone whom they least suspect.

Pretty Asian actress, Moon Lee, is the big star here in her role as, Mei, the female police officer, who ends up leading the rescue mission after her partner, Peter, is shot and almost killed, just as the mission gets underway. Moon's fight scenes are spectacular as she takes on enemy combatants of both genders. Despite her devastating kicks and fists of fury, she manages to preserve an air of feminine fragility and loveliness.

Angel Force is one of those rare movies where women see just as much fighting action as the men. And as if that weren't enough, this DVD's extra features include extensive previews of martial arts movies that are quite entertaining to watch. If you're in the mood for fast-paced entertainment, you won't go wrong with this one.