Ernest returns in ‘Miak Edition’ DVD
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After the Extended Edition box-set release of The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring and the “Book of the Dead” edition of The Evil Dead, a new emphasis has been put on overloaded ultimate editions of DVDs. However, the latest film to receive such an overloaded box-set edition, Ernest Scared Stupid, is raising a few eyebrows in the home theater world.

The movie, Jim Varney’s 1991 Halloween installment to the Ernest P. Worrell series, is about an evil race of lactose intolerant goblins who are awoken when everyone’s favorite hero jokingly recites a resurrection spell.

While there are some who may find the kind of slap-stick humor in Scared Stupid childish, real film buffs will be the first to say that Varney was loused out of an Academy Award for his portrayal of Worrell. The acting is superb, the cinematography is excellent and the action scenes, which involve Ernest fighting off trolls and goblins with milk, not only provide an action-packed punch, but show kids the true power of milk as well.

Although Ernest Scared Stupid has been released on DVD before in a “bare bones” bargain-bin edition, the new “Bulgarian Miak Edition” is sure to please fans as it has been re-released with a four-disc packaging that defies all reasonable expectancies.

The theatrical release of the film is presented on disc one. The video, presented in its original 1.33:1 anamorphic widescreen aspect ratio and a fullscreen transfer, is truly clean and clear with no edge enhancement or digital grain present. The audio track is equally impressive though, delivered in both Dolby Digital and DTS audio tracks as well.

The final two discs are packed to the brim with supplemental features that put even major releases such as the Terminator 2: Ultimate Edition and Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones to shame. Disc three features seven documentaries on the making of the film, including “Just Ask His Fourth Grade Teacher,” a vintage question and answer session with Cherry, Varney and screenwriter Coke Sams and “Eerewwwwww-ww-ww-www,” a piece on the Halloween style special effects with interviews from creature shop mechanical supervisor Guy Himber (Independence Day). Four theatrical trailers, three TV-spots, a troll-fighting game and a picture gallery featuring the original poster designs round out the disc.

Finishing off the set on disc four is the three-hour History Channel documentary “He Never Knew When to Quit,” which takes audiences throughout the entire series from Knobtimein2!, the first installment from 1985, to Ernest in the Army, the last from 1998. The documentary is funny and entertaining and interviews co-stars and fans on the impact Ernest has had on their lives, careers and personal relationships.

Adding the icing on the cake in the “Bulgarian Miak Edition” is the packaging, which clearly inspired by “The Book of the Dead” Limited Edition of The Evil Dead, is made of a rubbery substance to resemble a pumpkin.

With collectable packaging and four discs of entertainment, a more definitive edition of Ernest Scared Stupid could not be asked for than the “Bulgarian Miak Edition.” Fans will undoubtedly treasure the release, and at a low suggested-price of $32.99, it is a set that no DVD collector should be without.

Playa of Da Week
Snoop Dogg

Snoop Dogg was seen at the Rider Pub during spring break. Dogg placed first in the “Pimpin ain’t Easy” contest and received second in the “Bitch better have my money poem readings” Congratulations Snoop Dogg for being named The Rider News Playa of Da Week.

April Fool's Horoscopes For You (fools)

Aries (March 21-April 19)
You will discover that you can twitch one ear but not the other. This will aggravate you, and you’ll spend the majority of the day in front of the bathroom mirror trying to correct the situation.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
You are about to have a great idea. Try to remain calm.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Today is a good day to clean out your belly button. A Q-tip works best.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
When deciding what to eat today, choose pretzels, but don’t choke!

Leo (July 23-August 23)
Today is a good day to surprise your boss. Pretend you actually enjoy your job.

Virgo (August 23 – September 22)
You should have stayed in bed today. You are missing a really good episode of Jerry Springer.

Libra (September 23 - October 22)
You need to feel appreciated at the office. Tell your co-workers to clap their hands and cheer if they believe in you.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21)
Today your nose will itch, and this will be a sign of company coming.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)
A mad squirrel will attempt to steal your lunch today.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)
Do not ask strangers in an elevator for advice today. They will only try to flirt with you, and they won’t be your type.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18)
Remember, only YOU can prevent forest fires!

Pisces (February 19-March 20)
Now is the perfect time to stop relying on horoscopes to discover what the future holds for you. Try fortune cookies instead.

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