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Tim Paxton, Steve Fenton, Betsy Grant : Monster! #23: - The Zombified Issue before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Monster! #23: - The Zombified Issue:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Winner, Winner, Chicken DinnerBy Fred AdelmanHuge 133 page issue that has a lot to recommend. From a detailed review of DR. BLOOD'S COFFIN (1960), some Mexi-monster movies and dozens of other reviews (I just saw RE-KILL and loved it!) and the little seen Schwarzenegger film MAGGIE (which needs to be seen for what it really is: not a horror film, but about keeping the family unit together

under impossible circumstances); to the always-welcome Troy Howarth's breakdown on the many versions of Jess Franco's *A VIRGIN AMONG THE LIVING DEAD* (I was never a big Franco film, but Troy make me want to watch his films, a force I have been able to fight...so far); learning that both David A. Prior (*SLEDGEHAMMER* - 1983) and Mexican actor German A. Robles passed away; a comparison between the films *THE GIANT CLAW* (1957) and *Q* (1982); Part 2 on the making of the micro-budgeted *FIRST MAN ON MARS* (which I plan on buying when it comes out!); how *STAR WARS* wrecked *Famous Monsters Of Filmland* (so true; I stopped buying the magazine when every cover of *FM* and *Starlog* had *STAR WARS* on the cover); Tim Paxton's always welcomed reviews of Indian monster films (Where's the books, Tim?) and the always great *Movie Checklist*. My only problem is that Stephen R. Bissette's two-part article on Vernon Grant runs a few pages too long (and, in my opinion, ruined the cover of Issue #22). It's not that Bissette's article is not interesting, but there is such a thing as too much information (TMI). All in all, another 5-star issue. People, buy this zine. It's one of the very few where you actually learn something new every issue. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great Article about " A Monster is Loose!- In Tokyo" by Vernon Grant By Betsy G. The article " A Monster is Loose!- in Tokyo " was an excellent analysis of the book " A Monster is Loose!-In Tokyo" by Vernon Grant, as well as all of the works of the late Vernon Grant of Cambridge, MA., whom Stephen Bissette credits as introducing "Kaiju" (monster) to America. Thank you, Stephen, for this great story! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This issue is looking to take a bite out of you! By Double J Another great issue! Keep up the great work. ZOMBIES rule

Informally dubbed our Post-Halloween Quasi-Zombie Special, *MONSTER!* #23 is our biggest issue to date, with over 130 pages of essential creature feature stuff that is guaranteed to bring out your monstrous side, albeit in the nicest way. And, yes, as per Jolyon Yates beautifully hideous, eyeball-grabbing cover art, we've got lotsa zombie-related material for you herein. Troy Howarth discusses Jess Franco's much-mangled-and-maligned but in its optimal form nonetheless sublime horro-tica classic *A VIRGIN AMONG THE LIVING DEAD* (1973). We also present *A Monster is Loose! in Tokyo*, Pt. 2 of Steve Bissette's testimonial to cartoonist / comics artists Vernon Grant, the Man "Who Introduced Kaiju to America"; in Pt. 2 of his on-set report covering the production of his latest opus *FIRST MAN ON MARS* (due in 2016), indie moviemaker Mike T. Lyddon tells us more about *How To Make a Monster*; Dawn Dabell gives us (and you) *Flying Monsters Attack New York!* with the assistance of *THE GIANT CLAW* (1957) and *Q: THE WINGED SERPENT* (1982); even more weirdo and obscure Bollywood monster flicks (including some recent ones with zombies in!) are reviewed by Tim Paxton; there's also John Harrison's piece *When Famous Monsters Gave in To The Dark Side*, about the decline and fall of the great monster mag during the initial *STAR WARS* era and much, much more! Our chockablock review section includes write-ups of *DOCTOR BLOODS COFFIN* (1961), *THE INVASION OF THE ZOMBIES* (1961), *THE INVASION OF THE DEAD* (1973), *ICE SPIDERS* (2007), *C.H.U.D.* (1984), *DRACULA*, *THE DIRTY OLD MAN* (1969), *CEMETERY OF TERROR* (1985), *RE-KILL* (2015), *MUTANT* (1984), *BLOOD THIRST* (1971), *LA HORDE* (2009), *SANTO CONTRA LA MAGIA NEGRA* (1973), *MAGGIE* (2015), and more! In addition to those already mentioned, the other writing and/or artwork contributors for *M!* #23 were Christian Colbert, Dennis Capicik, Jeff Goodhart, Eric Messina, Michael Elvidge, Andy Ross, Christos Mouroukis, Michael Hauss, Les Moore, Brian Harris, Steve Fenton. As in every issue, we round out this XL number with in-depth video availability information pertaining to films covered in the text. You know you want it so what you wait in for!