

Film Review: 'Warcraft' Tries, But Eventually Has Got No Game

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CHICAGO – The best that can be said for the video game adaptation “Warcraft” is that it’s not the incoherent, CGI heavy and Michael-Bay-type nightmare it could have been. It’s still somewhat incoherent – full of computer generated cannon fodder – but I am surprised and happy to report it did not induce any headaches, even in pointless 3D.



Rating: **2.0/5.0**

“Warcraft” is less a video game movie – it’s based on the popular game “Warcraft” – and more of a third rate “Lord Of The Rings” ripoff. This time a group of human knights and kings form an uneasy alliance with a band of pensive, monster-like “Orcs” to take down a greater and deeper magic that threatens to destroy the entire world.

The plot involves a sinister corrupting form of magic known as the Fell. It’s main side effect seems to be bringing a greenish tint to the eyes of all whom it touches, and taking lives to feed its power. An Orc wizard uses this green magic to open a portal to the world of humans when the their own world is sucked dry of life. So the coming Orc invasion plans to take over the human world, and they must use the men and women as fuel to power their green magic.

“Warcraft” opens everywhere on June 10th, in 3D, IMAX and regular screenings. See local listings for 3D or IMAX showings. Featuring Paula Patton, Travis Fimmel, Ben Foster, Dominic Cooper, Ben Schnetzer and Robert Kazinsky. Written by Duncan Jones and Charles Leavitt. Directed by Duncan Jones. Rated “PG-13”



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Orcs Versus Humans in 'Warcraft'
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