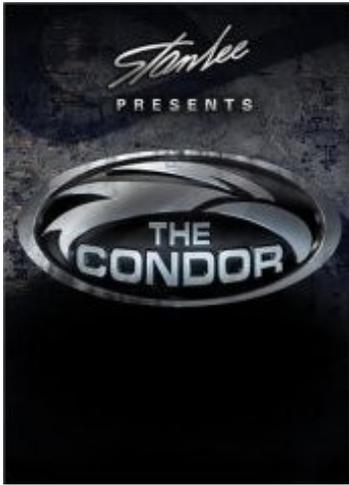


DVD Review: The Condor

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Stan Lee, the master of the comic world, has a few new superheroes to share. Some of these were shared in 2007 when POW! (Purveyors of Wonder) Entertainment released two animated films: [Stan Lee Presents – Mosaic](#) and [Stan Lee Presents – The Condor](#).. While the first does boast the voice of Anna Paquin (True Blood), whom I do enjoy, I was more drawn to The Condor for its all-around plot and vocal talent combination.

Wilmer Valderrama (That '70s Show) voices the character of Tony Valdez; college dropout and champion skateboarder. However, his life is turn upside down when his parents are murdered and he is brutally beaten (by zombies); virtually destroying his legs and ending his skateboarding career. But like any good hero, he has found ways around his disability and this time it's in the form of robotics. Tony's family ran a robotics company and his wanna-be girlfriend Sammi uses nanobot technology to regain Tony's ability to walk. And in doing so Tony creates a new, secret identity called "The Condor."

The film covers all the familiar areas that we've come to know about our conflicted superheroes: conscience versus vengeance. Tony wants to avenge his parents' murder and along the way he is set to uncover why their former partner is now turning out an army of killer zombies. And there's even a super-villain to contend with. I was continually curious as to who the mysterious red-suited person was. Constantly reminding me of Deadpool did little to help my guesses. I could have guessed it was Valeria/Taipan, as the answer was obvious. They never throw in a competing romantic rival unless she's going to turn out to be evil.

All in all, this was an original entry into the superheroes list we already know and love. I like the originality coupled with the tried and true comic elements. Be sure to check it out the next time you're looking for a DVD!

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