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There Is a Monster

There Is a Monster is a 2024 American horror film directed by Mike Taylor and starring Joey Collins, Ena O'Rourke, Jesse Milliner, MerryRose Howley.^{[1][2]} The film debuted on January 30, 2024, on VOD.^{[3][4]}

Plot

The story revolves around Jack, a successful photographer who starts noticing strange things in his life. Once he thought he spotted something otherworldly in the darkness of his studio, but he blamed it up to yesterday's alcohol. The next day, while getting ready for sleep, Jack was amazed to see a mysterious figure outside his bedroom window. Jack and his wife Carol searched the street outside, but they found nothing.

Later, while Jack was sleeping, the vile monster loomed over Jack again, and the very next day Jack's speech became not quite correct. As the film progresses, the being keeps on haunting Jack, destroying his physical and mental well-being. Jack suffers from new attacks, and he continues to blame the monster for his troubles. His wife and his best friend are wondering if he is going mad, but the damage done to the Jack's body is quite real.

Cast

- Joey Collins as Jack^{[5][6]}
- Ena O'Rourke as Carol
- Jesse Milliner as Billy
- MerryRose Howley as Suzy
- Kelly Schwartz as Tricia

Reception

MontiLee Stormer of *Movie Reelist* stated, "*There Is a Monster* is as simple a film as you can get. There is no flashy CGI and the effects are basic and practical. This isn't a bad thing, as it allows the story and characters to be the focus. The downside to is when folks are expecting a horror movie, there should be more than a few jump scares and shadowy figures in corners. The low-budget feel of *There Is a Monster* didn't work against it, but you might want to dial down expectations."^[7] Nathaniel Muir of *AIPT Comics* commented, "Ultimately, *There Is a Monster* tries to do

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Official release poster

Directed by	Mike Taylor
Screenplay by	Mike Taylor
Produced by	Mike Taylor
Starring	Joey Collins Ena O'Rourke
Edited by	Khurram Suhrwardy
Music by	JP Wogaman II
Distributed by	<u>Gravitas Ventures</u>
Release date	January 30, 2024 (VOD)
Running time	82 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English

more than is necessary. A revelation at the end tries to make sense of everything, but it feels too contrived. As a whole, the movie is never actively bad, but it ends up taking itself too seriously. This makes sense considering its inspiration, but it also takes away from what is otherwise a run of the mill thriller."^[8]

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