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Posted by [Doug Elrod](#) on Thu, 08 Aug 2019 18:59:09 GMT  
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Posted by [Doug Elrod](#) on Fri, 16 Aug 2019 17:25:28 GMT  
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I should mention that the other two episodes are "Mac and Me" and "Killer Fish", each of which was a worthy candidate. I enjoyed these more than I generally liked Season 11, just not to the level of the "Lords of the Deep", "The Day Time Ended", and "Ator the Fighting Eagle".

-Doug Elrod ([dre1@cornell.edu](mailto:dre1@cornell.edu))

P.S. CONCEPTS!

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Subject: Re: MST3K Season 12 (i.e. THE GAUNTLET)!  
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 22 Aug 2019 16:08:23 GMT  
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Originally posted by: jolomo

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I agree. Binged them when they came out and had only rewatched "The Day Time Ended" because it was so hilarious.  
Best MST3K song ever? Maybe

Your post inspired me to watch Lords again. That had some pretty solid laughs. Season 12 has a lot going for it.  
Hope Patton sticks around!

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Subject: Re: MST3K Season 12 (i.e. THE GAUNTLET)!  
Posted by [weary flake](#) on Sun, 08 Sep 2019 01:11:37 GMT  
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Subject: Re: MST3K Season 12 (i.e. THE GAUNTLET)!  
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 09 Sep 2019 16:28:29 GMT  
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Posted by [weary flake](#) on Mon, 09 Sep 2019 21:51:33 GMT  
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On 2019-09-09 16:28:29 +0000, Bice said:

> On Sat, 7 Sep 2019 18:11:37 -0700, weary flake <wearyflake@gmail.com>  
> wrote:  
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> There's also a graphic rape scene in that movie, which the principal  
> of my high school didn't realize when he got a copy to show the entire  
> school during some sort of special assembly (it was probably the day  
> before Christmas break or something and they had nothing better to do  
> with us).  
>  
> Anyway, I remember the film projector being stopped abruptly and the  
> principal going up on the stage to apologize to anyone who was  
> offended. A bit of a minor scandal at the time.

I apologize for mentioning it, I haven't seen the movie, only clips of  
it. I was waiting for the movie to be riffed to see it. MST3K had  
removed a rape from The Sidehackers to riff it way back in the second  
season, and it didn't hurt the plot.

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Subject: Re: MST3K Season 12 (i.e. THE GAUNTLET!)  
Posted by [Doug Elrod](#) on Tue, 10 Sep 2019 23:19:13 GMT  
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On Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 4:29:30 PM UTC-5, Bice wrote re "The Gauntlet" (1977):  
> Oh, no need to apologize to me. I thought it was hilarious at the  
> time. Looking back on it, I can't believe he didn't get fired.  
>  
> -- Bob

I once attended an academic seminar which showed ZARDOZ as an example of future society, or something. The discussion rapidly degenerated into giggling :-)

-Doug "Yes, ZARDOZ!" Elrod (dre1@cornell.edu)

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