



## Rip M.D.

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Writer: Mitch Schauer

Artists: Schauer, Mike Vosburg



*Rip M.D.* is the story of Ripley Plimpt, a pre-adolescent obsessed with monster movies and trivia.

His room is decorated with movie posters and paraphernalia and his classmates are fascinated by his ability to recall any detail of any monster movie ever made.

Ripley, or Rip as everyone calls him, wants nothing more than to meet his own monster, a wish that he achieves one night after a bat that he rescued wakes him and sends him on a search of a nearby graveyard. A zombie that Rip christens "Dead Guy" is the first in a line of monsters that he helps in one way or another.

While the story doesn't sound all that funny, it is. Rip's interactions with his parents and peers are spot-on. Writer Mitch Schauer, no stranger to bizarre humor with his work on such animated fare as *The Angry Beavers*.

Schauer's art, inked by Mike Vosburg mixes just the right amount of whimsy with the horror elements to make a package that any child or adult will want to read over and over.

The only drawback to the story is its uneven pacing.

— Brent Frankenhoff

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