

BUGHOUSE

Jack Murphy thought he had it made. After being arrested for a drunken brawl where he beat up a couple of cops, he pleads insanity. Instead of being sentenced to jail, he lucked into the county mental hospital. Television, private rooms, recreation area... it's a vacation! If he could smuggle in some women and booze, it would be paradise.

But the mental hospital wasn't all it was cracked up to be - Murphy has to deal with the head shrinkers trying to figure out why he's so violently anti-authority, and strict Nurse Ginsberg who demands that he conform to hospital schedule and rules. Then there's the other patients - all of them are out of their minds. Corso, the paranoid who draws doors on the wall as a secondary escape route. Gregory, the obsessive-compulsive who walks and talks backwards. Delusional Snyder who has lots of imaginary friends. Ultra-depressed Burroughs, who sees a cloud with every silver lining. And multiple personality Ferlinghetti, who may be one person one day and another the next.

But all of the inmates have the same delusion in common: Giant flying bugs that can fly into your room and carry you off to their lair in the sub-basement of the mental hospital.

Strange that they all have the same delusion.
Stranger still that inmates seem to be disappearing.

Nurse Ginsberg thinks the giant flying bugs are a mass delusion: put a bunch of patients with mental disorders in the same room and one's delusion becomes contagious. But the longer Murphy's in the mental hospital the more strange things he sees. Is he crazy? Or are there really giant flying bugs living in the sub-basement?

After Murphy *sees* one of the bugs carrying off Burroughs, he tells Nurse Ginsberg... who wants to increase his drug dosage. Now it's up to Murphy, the only sane guy in the building, to convince someone in authority that he's *not* crazy, there really are giant flying bugs taking away patients. "It's not a delusion, doc, it's a damned monster!"

The only person who comes close to believing him is his arch-enemy Nurse Ginsberg. She knows patients are disappearing and suspects the "early release" explanation from hospital administrator Kerouac is a lie. So Murphy and Ginsberg organize an expedition of patients into the sub-basement to search for the bugs' lair. But the deeper they get into the bowels of the hospital, the stranger things become. Down here, insanity is real and sanity can't help you. The patients psychosis become powerful assets in this crazy world... And when they find the giant flying bugs' lair and the remains of hundreds of patients, this rag-tag band of lunatics must battle these bugs to the death.

BUGHOUSE is a mind bender horror film that's one part One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest and one part Aliens... with a double twist ending that will haunt you for years!

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