

MINERVA PICTURES GROUP presents

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production

There are more things in heaven and earth,
than are dreamt of... in horror tales.

ROAD TOLL.

The mystery of H.P. Lovecraft
in Italy

a documentary film by
Federico Greco and Roberto Leggio

"I think it is beyond doubt that H.P. Lovecraft has yet to be surpassed as the Twentieth Century's greatest practitioner of the classic horror tale."

Stephen King

"Lovecraft has influenced so many different areas of science-fiction and horror that almost all of it goes back to him."

John Carpenter

"Lovecraft is one of the most important writers in the history of horror fiction."

Roger Corman

The oldest and strongest emotion of mankind is fear.
And the oldest and strongest kind of fear is fear of the unknown.

H.P. Lovecraft



1997: A student of folklore named Andrea Roberti hypothesizes the possible link between the horror literature of H.P. Lovecraft and the dark folk tales of the Po Delta, a mysterious and remote part of northern Italy.

2002: One of the directors of the film comes across a manuscript in Montecatini (Italy) which may have belonged to the American writer. This journal, dated 1926, describes travels in Italy through the Po Delta in search of inspiration in the form of local folk stories: the "Filò Tales".

2004: A small, tough crew of international filmmakers is put together with the help of David, a New York actor, to make a documentary on the finding of the journal and on the links between Lovecraft and the Po Delta. If the manuscript really did belong to Lovecraft, it would be an extraordinary discovery. As soon as they begin, however, the filmmakers find that Andrea Roberti disappeared in mysterious circumstances many years before, his car found abandoned on the banks of the Po.

The crew sets up its base in the town of Loreo - referred to simply as L. in the manuscript - as the author of the journal did. During their investigations the atmosphere of animosity and foreboding rises and they soon discover that strange and disturbing things have been happening in the area. Events that the locals are eager to keep secret.

The film "Road to L." is the true account of what took place behind the scenes of the 11 day shoot, reporting how the failures and revelations experienced in L. came to resemble ever more a journey to... Hell.

Did Lovecraft really come into contact with something sinister? Did Andrea Roberti stumble across something he wasn't meant to find?

The documentary makers are stepping too far into the unknown...

Don't miss the special edition of the comic "Martin Mystère" out summer 2005, featuring a brand new adventure inspired by the true events on the set of "Road to L."



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The "Crew"

American director
David Purvis

Italian director
Federico Greco

Italian director
Roberto Leggio

Continuity girl
Simonetta Solder

Sound recordist
Fausto Sciarappa

Cameraman
Fabrizio La Palombara

The voice of H.P. Lovecraft
narrated by
Robert Englund

Credits

A film by
Federico Greco and **Roberto Leggio**

Produced by
A. Marotti, P.G. Bellocchio, G. Curti

Director of photography
Fabrizio La Palombara

Editor
Fulvio Molena

Sound editor
Fabrizio Bacherini

Music
Giorgio Baldi and **Riccardo Giagni**

Screenings

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