

A central image of a skeleton wearing a grey hooded robe, with its hands clasped in a prayerful gesture. The skeleton is set against a background of vibrant, patterned fabric in shades of red, blue, and yellow. The overall image has a dark, slightly desaturated tone.

Skeletons in the Closet



LOGLINE

Haunted by a malevolent spirit since childhood, a desperate father allows himself to become possessed in order to save the life of his terminally ill son.

Genre: Thriller

SYNOPSIS

Meet Valentine. He's a down on his luck conman and gambler who's trying to take care of his family, but finding it increasingly hard to do so when he finds out his kid has cancer. Always searching for the quick buck, he is introduced by a friend to a mysterious man, Phillip, who seems to know everything about his past, present, and future.

Valentine is intrigued by Phillip. He assumes it's some kind of elaborate con and wants to find out his secret. He believes that this could be the break he was looking for. People would pay a lot of money if they thought he could tell them their future.

Phillip then reveals to Valentine the source of his knowledge—mantels (or shrines) in their closets where they can communicate with a ghost. At first, Valentine doesn't believe any of this but soon realizes that it is real.





SYNOPSIS (cont'd)

After an occult ceremony, Phillip explains to Valentine that a ghost has chosen him and gives him his mantel so he can communicate with it. Valentine takes the it home and sets it up in his closet. He begins consulting with it right away. The ghost proves to be accurate in everything it foretells and Valentine has set up a profitable business telling people their futures. Soon he is able to pay off old debts and he even starts to win all his bets.

Not everything is great though. Valentine's world has been forever altered. He routinely witnesses ghosts hanging around people, often inhabiting their bodies, and sometimes getting into trouble.

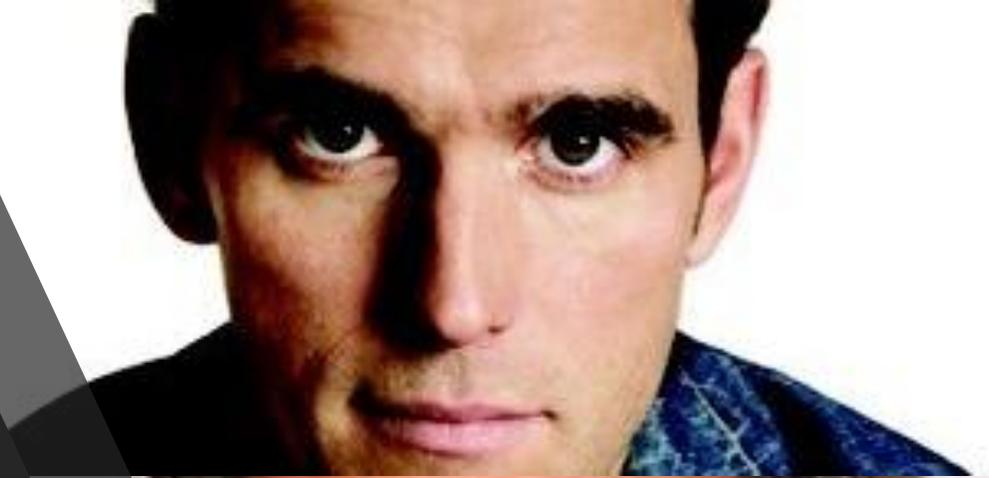
Valentine realizes that he has made a deal with his ghost: The end of all his troubles in exchange for his body. Worse yet, his finds out that his ghost isn't just any ghost, it's *Santa Muerte* (the Saint of Death) herself, looking for a chance to live again. And he's the only one standing in her way.

CHARACTERS & CAST

Valentine Santos

Haunted by a malevolent spirit since childhood that has taken the lives of everyone close to him, he struggles to protect the lives of his wife and son. He dabbles in the occult in a desperate attempt to cure his son's terminal illness, only to further jeopardize his family and his eternal soul.

Protentional Cast (From Top to Bottom): Matt Dillion (Something About Mary), James Marsden (Superman: Returns), and Diego Luna (Rouge One)



MONICA SANTOS

Monica will do whatever it takes to care for her sick child. She relies on Valentine to provide for the family, but she suspects that he is hiding a terrible secret from her.

*Protentional Cast (From Top to Bottom):
Emily Van Camp (Captain America), Fiona Apple (H-Man), Margarita Levieva (Lincoln Lawyer)*



PHILLIP

An ominous man who works with Santa Muerte to trap Valentine by introducing and then trapping him in the world of the occult.

*Protentional Cast (From Top to Bottom):
Demetrius Shipp (All Eyes On Me), Tom Sizemore (Saving Private Ryan), Michael K. Williams (12 Years A Slave),*



MADAM SORINA

A voodoo priestess/fortune teller who conspires with Phillip.

Potential Cast: Vivica A. Fox (Independence Day)



ANDRES

Valentine's best friend who tries to keep the seedier elements away from Valentine, but ends up getting caught up in it.

Protentional Cast: Miguel A. Nunez Jr. (Scooby-Doo)



