



Brett Ratner's Sequel Pitched to Studios

Description

In July, Lionsgate executives met to discuss the possibility of making a new movie, *Rush Hour 4*. The studio was interested in adding to its collection of successful franchises, like the *John Wick* series. However, the project came with a challenge. The potential director and producer, Brett Ratner, had faced accusations of sexual misconduct in 2017.

Despite denying the allegations, Ratner had not worked in Hollywood since. In a surprising move, the rights to *Rush Hour 4* had been licensed to Tarak Ben Ammar of Eagle Pictures. Ratner had been trying to bring the project to life for years, but his involvement had been a hurdle for other studios.

The original stars, Chris Tucker and Jackie Chan, were rumored to return, but nothing was confirmed. Ratner had a successful career before the allegations, directing the first *Rush Hour* films that grossed over \$500 million. The potential for a new installment reflects Hollywood's trend of reviving old franchises.

In a challenging box office climate, with some recent movies underperforming, the appeal of a well-known IP like *Rush Hour 4* is strong. As of now, it's uncertain if Lionsgate will proceed with the project.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Accusations** /æk.ju'zeɪ.jənz/ (noun): Claims or assertions that someone has done something illegal or wrong.
2. **Franchises** /'fræn.tʃaɪzɪz/ (noun): Series of related products or works that are marketed and sold under a common name.
3. **Licensing** /'laɪ.sən.sɪŋ/ (noun): The act of granting permission to use intellectual property or rights.
4. **Underperforming** /ˌʌn.də.pə'fɔːr.mɪŋ/ (adjective): Failing to achieve the expected or desired level of performance.
5. **Potential** /pə'tenʃəl/ (noun): Having the capacity to develop into something in the future.
6. **Reviving** /rɪ'vaɪ.vɪŋ/ (verb): Bringing back to life consciousness or strength.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. Who were the original stars rumored to return for the potential movie *Rush Hour 4*?
 - Option: Chris Tucker and Jackie Chan
 - Option: Robert Downey Jr. and Tom Cruise
 - Option: Brad Pitt and Will Smith
 - Option: Leonardo DiCaprio and Keanu Reeves
2. What challenge did the potential director and producer Brett Ratner face in relation to *Rush Hour 4*?
 - Option: Accusations of sexual misconduct
 - Option: Financial issues
 - Option: Licensing problems
 - Option: Casting disputes
3. Who was the rights to *Rush Hour 4* licensed to in a surprising move?
 - Option: Tarak Ben Ammar of Eagle Pictures
 - Option: Steven Spielberg
 - Option: Quentin Tarantino
 - Option: J.J. Abrams
4. What was one reason for the appeal of a well-known IP like *Rush Hour 4* in the challenging box office climate?
 - Option: Reviving old franchises trend in Hollywood
 - Option: High budget for marketing
 - Option: Lack of competition in the market
 - Option: Controversial storyline
5. Which studio executives met in July to discuss the possibility of making *Rush Hour 4*?
 - Option: Lionsgate
 - Option: Warner Bros.
 - Option: Paramount Pictures
 - Option: Universal Pictures
6. Before the allegations Brett Ratner directed which successful film franchise?
 - Option: Rush Hour
 - Option: John Wick
 - Option: The Fast and the Furious
 - Option: The Matrix



Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Chris Tucker and Jackie Chan 2. Accusations of sexual misconduct 3. Tarak Ben Ammar of Eagle Pictures 4. Reviving old franchises trend in Hollywood 5. Lionsgate 6. Rush Hour

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What are claims or assertions that someone has done something wrong without proof called?
Option: Allegations
Option: Underperforming
Option: Explicit
Option: Performers
2. What term refers to the right or licence granted to an individual or group to market a company's goods or services in a particular territory?
Option: Potential
Option: Franchises
Option: Esteemed
Option: Telecast
3. What word describes occurrences or incidents happening at a particular time or place?
Option: Coordination
Option: Engaging
Option: Momentum
Option: Events
4. What is the act of transmitting electronic media content such as television or radio to the public?
Option: Vibrant
Option: Broadcasting
Option: Guidelines
Option: Correspondents
5. Who are people employed by news organizations to report news broadcasts from various locations?
Option: Correspondents
Option: Perspective
Option: Finalized
Option: Intimate



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6. What is the possibility of something happening or being developed in the future?
Option: Reviving
Option: Convention
Option: Potential
Option: Distress
7. What refers to the act of revitalizing or bringing something back to life or popularity?
Option: Broadcasting
Option: Reviving
Option: Esteemed
Option: Explicit
8. What are instructions or recommendations that indicate how something should be done or performed?
Option: Distressing
Option: Guidelines
Option: Engaging
Option: Equity
9. Who are individuals who entertain others with their skills or talents such as actors or musicians?
Option: Coordinators
Option: Performers
Option: Distress
Option: Intimate
10. What term describes a large formal assembly of people with shared interests?
Option: Explicit
Option: Convention
Option: Pictorial
Option: Momentum

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Obtaining a _____ for software allows users to legally use the program.
12. Different people may have a unique _____ on the same situation based on their experiences.
13. The award was presented by an _____ panel of judges from the industry.
14. The event will be _____ live on national television for viewers to watch.



15. Some movies contain _____ content that is not suitable for children.
16. The news of the accident was _____ for the families of those involved.
17. The teacher used _____ activities to keep the students interested in the lesson.
18. The small cafe provided an _____ setting for friends to catch up over coffee.
19. The company's commitment to _____ in the workplace led to a diverse and inclusive culture.
20. The project gained _____ as more people joined the cause and supported its goals.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The quaint village by the lake was so perfect that it appeared like a scene from a painting.
22. After hours of discussion and negotiation the contract was signed and all terms were settled.
23. The innovative company was at the forefront of technology continually developing new products.
24. The city's nightlife was so lively and colorful with bustling streets and entertainment options.
25. The warning label clearly stated the content of the film alerting viewers of its mature themes.
26. The smooth between the departments ensured that the event ran efficiently and without delays.
27. The loss of a loved one can cause immense emotional and hardship for those left behind.
28. The professor was well-respected by students and colleagues alike for his contributions to the field.
29. The news channel had stationed in different countries to report on global events as they unfolded.
30. Looking at the situation from a different can often lead to new insights and solutions.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Allegations 2. Franchises 3. Events 4. Broadcasting 5. Correspondents 6. Potential 7. Reviving 8. Guidelines 9. Performers 10. Convention

Gap-Fill: 11. Licensing 12. Perspective 13. Esteemed 14. Telecast 15. Explicit 16. Distressing 17. Engaging 18. Intimate



19. Equity 20. Momentum

Matching sentence: 1. Picturesque 2. Finalized 3. Spearheading 4. Vibrant 5. Explicit 6. Coordination 7. Distress 8. Esteemed 9. Correspondents 10. Perspective

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