



VFX Fail in The Punisher Special Used Real Stuntman

Description

Released on Disney+ this week, *The Punisher: One Last Kill* received mostly positive reviews, but one scene has attracted significant criticism. Viewers were surprised by a particular stunt shot that seemed to look like it was unfinished, leading some to believe that either time ran out or Marvel Television was satisfied with the result.

In the scene, vigilante Frank Castle, played by Jon Bernthal, falls onto a large crate after being pushed from a building. Many viewers noticed that it did not appear to show Bernthal's face, giving the impression that it was made using computer graphics. Some compared it to video game cut scenes from titles like *Grand Theft Auto* or *The Last of Us*.

The scene quickly became a talking point on social media. Some viewers suggested it looked AI-generated, arguing that it lacked the realistic details of human-made graphics. Others expressed frustration, noting it looked like unfinished work that should not have been included in a major show.

However, a source close to the production explained that the shot was a real effect. Bernthal performed part of the fall, while a stuntman did the landing. The only visual effects used were the standard methods to replace the stuntman's face with Bernthal's. This mix of elements may explain why the shot looked odd.

The Punisher: One Last Kill continues the story of the character from the 2017 series, and he will next appear in *Spider-Man: Brand New Day*.

Vocabulary List:

1. **criticism** /'krɪtɪsɪzəm/ (noun): statements saying that something is wrong or bad
2. **stunt** /stʌnt/ (noun): a dangerous action done for a show or film
3. **unfinished** /ʌn'fɪnɪʃt/ (adjective): not complete or not finished yet
4. **vigilante** /,vɪdʒə'lænti/ (noun): a person who fights crime alone, illegally
5. **impression** /ɪm'preʃən/ (noun): a feeling or idea about something or someone
6. **stuntman** /'stʌntmən/ (noun): a person who does dangerous acting in films

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What platform was 'The Punisher: One Last Kill' released on?
Option: Netflix
Option: Hulu
Option: Disney+
Option: Amazon Prime
2. Who played the character of Frank Castle in 'The Punisher: One Last Kill'?
Option: Charlie Cox
Option: Jon Bernthal
Option: Chris Hemsworth
Option: Tom Holland
3. What did some viewers compare the stunt shot to?
Option: Animated films
Option: Video game cut scenes
Option: Reality TV
Option: Documentaries
4. What year did the previous series of 'The Punisher' come out?
Option: 2015
Option: 2016
Option: 2017
Option: 2018
5. What effect was used to create the shot of Frank Castle falling?
Option: AI-generated graphics
Option: Real effect with a stuntman
Option: Green screen
Option: Stop motion
6. In what upcoming title will Frank Castle next appear?
Option: The Avengers: Endgame
Option: Spider-Man: Brand New Day
Option: X-Men: Dark Phoenix
Option: Iron Man 4



True-False

7. 'The Punisher: One Last Kill' received only negative reviews.
8. The scene involving Frank Castle was performed entirely by Jon Bernthal.
9. Some viewers suggested that the shot looked AI-generated.
10. The production team confirmed that the shot was computer-generated.
11. The character Frank Castle continues from a previous series.
12. 'The Punisher: One Last Kill' is set in the same universe as 'The Last of Us'.

Gap-Fill

13. 'The Punisher: One Last Kill' was released on _____.
14. The character of Frank Castle is played by _____.
15. The criticism about the stunt shot focused on it looking _____.
16. Some viewers compared the stunt to video game cut scenes from _____ titles.
17. The only visual effects used were standard methods to replace the stuntman's face with _____.
18. Frank Castle will next appear in _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Disney+ 2. Jon Bernthal 3. Video game cut scenes 4. 2017 5. Real effect with a stuntman
6. Spider-Man: Brand New Day

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. Disney+ 14. Jon Bernthal 15. unfinished 16. Grand Theft Auto 17. Bernthal's 18. Spider-Man:
Brand New Day



Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is the primary focus of the animated film's production?
Option: Scriptwriting
Option: Animation Techniques
Option: Voice Acting
Option: Marketing Strategies
2. Which of the following is considered a major challenge in animated film production?
Option: Casting
Option: Storyboarding
Option: Funding
Option: Distribution
3. What aspect does the animated film explore regarding its characters?
Option: Cultural heritage
Option: Technological advancements
Option: Historical events
Option: Scientific discoveries
4. What is a common form of criticism faced by animated films?
Option: Lack of originality
Option: High production costs
Option: Poor voice acting
Option: Long run time
5. In the context of the film, who is the main vigilante character?
Option: The detective
Option: The villain
Option: The hero
Option: The sidekick
6. What type of story is often chosen for animated film adaptations?
Option: Original stories
Option: Classic literature
Option: Documentaries
Option: Reality shows
7. How does the protagonist demonstrate resilience throughout the story?



- Option: By avoiding challenges
- Option: By seeking revenge
- Option: By overcoming adversities
- Option: By making allies

8. What does the film aim for in terms of its nominations?

- Option: Local awards
- Option: International film festivals
- Option: Television awards
- Option: Internet awards

9. What strategy is employed by the antagonist in the story?

- Option: Charm
- Option: Blackmail
- Option: Negotiation
- Option: Compromise

10. What does the film symbolize in terms of revival?

- Option: Historical events
- Option: Lost art forms
- Option: Social issues
- Option: Cultural identity

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

- 11. The film's _____ visuals captivated audiences of all ages.
- 12. The documentary delves into the _____ of traditional storytelling techniques.
- 13. The hero moved _____ through the shadows to avoid detection.
- 14. The _____ uncovered crucial evidence that changed the course of the investigation.
- 15. The team recorded their _____ at each stage of the production.
- 16. Understanding the _____ of animation is vital for creating believable characters.
- 17. The character's heartfelt _____ showed growth and maturity by the end of the film.
- 18. The protagonist faced his _____ with courage and determination.



19. The film openly addresses themes of _____ as part of its narrative.
20. The story culminates in a memorable moment of _____ between the estranged family members.

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

21. The production of the animated film showcased innovative techniques.
22. The adaptation of the classic story attracted a diverse audience.
23. The film highlights the cultural diversity of its setting.
24. The characters exhibit resilience in the face of overwhelming odds.
25. Every animated film faces its own unique challenges during production.
26. The story follows a vigilante who seeks justice outside the law.
27. The plot involves blackmail that puts the protagonist's life at risk.
28. The project was left unfinished due to budget constraints.
29. The film received several nominations at prestigious awards ceremonies.
30. He approached the situation stealthily to avoid drawing attention.

Answer

- Multiple Choice:** 1. Animation Techniques 2. Funding 3. Cultural heritage 4. Lack of originality 5. The hero 6. Classic literature 7. By overcoming adversities 8. International film festivals 9. Blackmail 10. Lost art forms
- Gap-Fill:** 11. animated 12. origins 13. stealthily 14. detective 15. progress 16. anatomy 17. apology 18. captor 19. homosexuality 20. reconciliation
- Matching sentence:** 1. production 2. adaptation 3. cultural 4. resilience 5. challenges 6. vigilante 7. blackmail 8. unfinished 9. nominations 10. stealthily

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