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## 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*.

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### 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



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## 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



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### 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

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