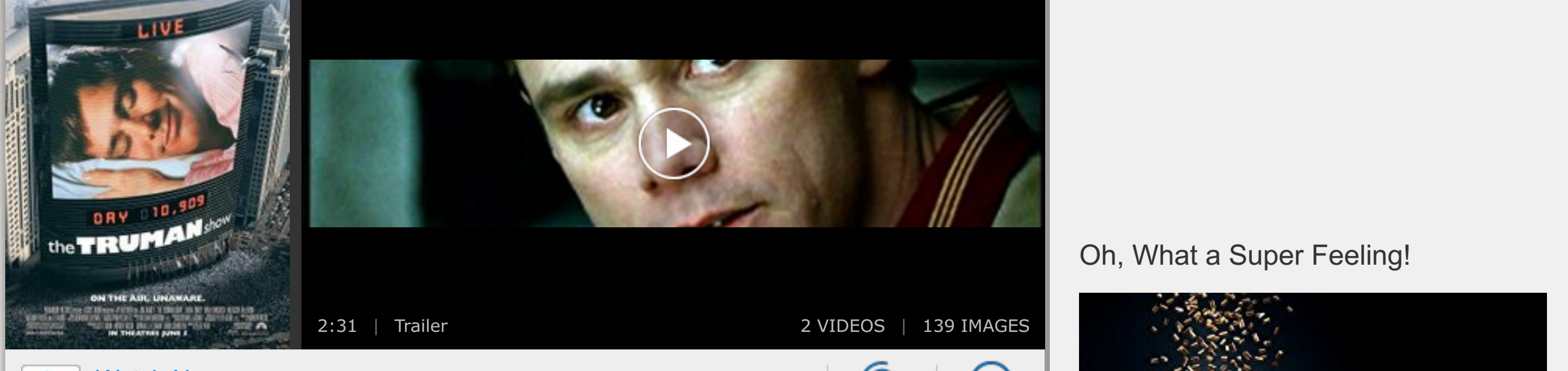


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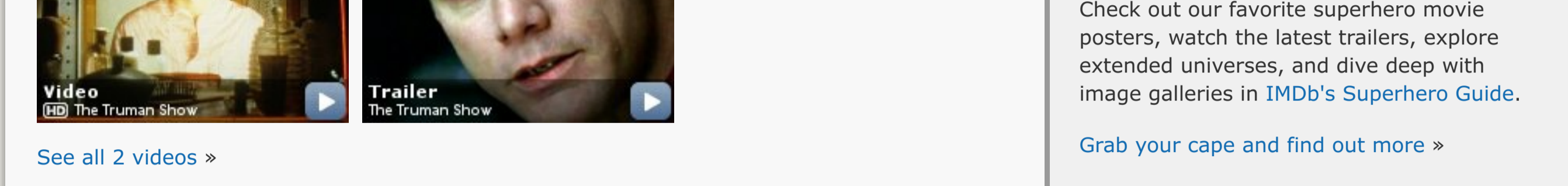
An insurance salesman/adjuster discovers his entire life is actually a television show.

**Director:** Peter Weir  
**Writer:** Andrew Niccol  
**Stars:** Jim Carrey, Ed Harris, Laura Linney [See full cast & crew](#)

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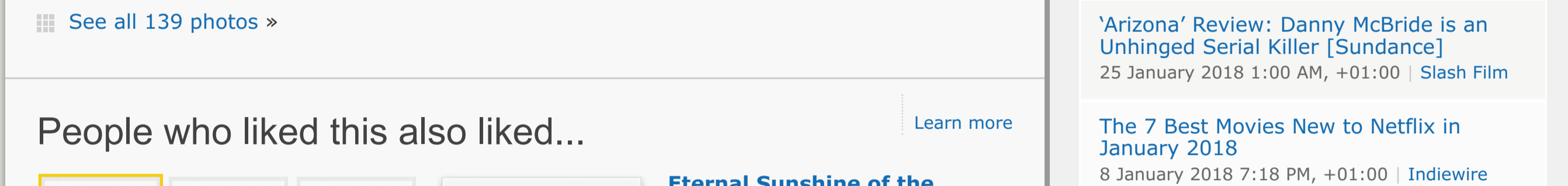
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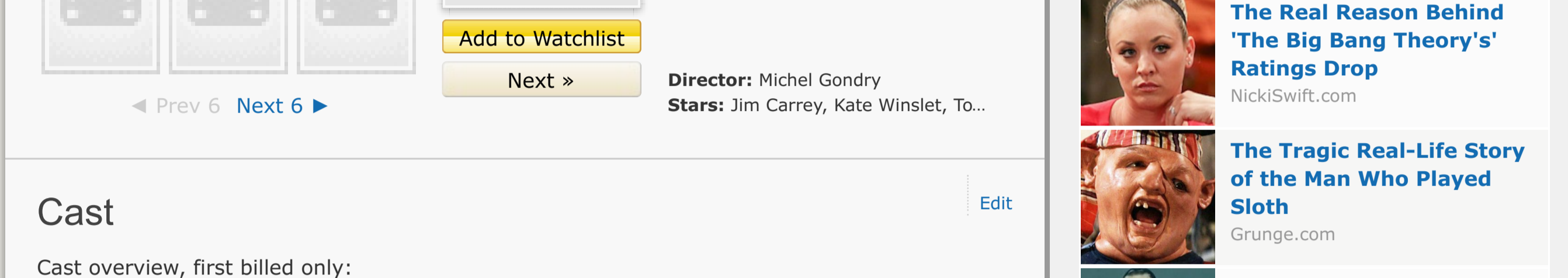
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 When their relationship turns sour, a young couple undergoes a medical procedure to have each other erased from their memories.  
**Director:** Michel Gondry  
**Stars:** Jim Carrey, Kate Winslet, To...

## Cast

Cast overview, first billed only:

Jim Carrey	Truman Burbank
Laura Linney	Meryl Burbank / Hannah Gill
Noah Emmerich	Marlon
Natascha McElhone	Lauren / Sylvia
Holland Taylor	Truman's Mother
Brian Delate	Truman's Father
Blair Slater	Young Truman
Peter Krause	Lawrence
Heidi Schanz	Vivien
Ron Taylor	Ron
Don Taylor	Don
Ted Raymond	Spencer
Judy Clayton	Travel Agent
Fritz Dominique	Truman's Neighbor
Angel Schmiedt	Truman's Neighbor

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## Storyline

In this movie, Truman is a man whose life is a fake one... The place he lives is in fact a big studio with hidden cameras everywhere, and all his friends and people around him, are actors who play their roles in the most popular TV-series in the world: The Truman Show. Truman thinks that he is an ordinary man with an ordinary life and has no idea about how he is exploited. Until one day... he finds out everything. Will he react?  
*Written by Chris Makrozhopoulos <makzax@hotmail.com>*

**Plot Summary** | **Plot Synopsis**

**Plot Keywords:** hidden camera | simulated reality | controlled environment | dystopia | innocence lost | [See All \(112\)](#)

**Taglines:** Watch What Happens [See more](#)

**Genres:** Comedy | Drama | Sci-Fi

**Motion Picture Rating (MPAA)**  
 Rated PG for thematic elements and mild language | [See all certifications](#)  
**Parents Guide:** [View content advisory](#)

## Details

**Official Sites:** [Official Facebook](#)  
**Country:** USA  
**Language:** English  
**Release Date:** 5 June 1998 (USA) [See more](#)  
**Also Known As:** Die Truman Show [See more](#)  
**Filming Locations:** Falls Lake, Backlot, Universal Studios - 100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, California, USA [See more](#)

## Box Office

**Budget:** \$60,000,000 (estimated)  
**Opening Weekend USA:** \$31,542,121, 7 June 1998, Wide Release  
**Gross USA:** \$125,618,201  
**Cumulative Worldwide Gross:** \$264,118,201  
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## Company Credits

**Production Co:** [Paramount Pictures](#), [Scott Rudin Productions](#) [See more](#)  
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## Technical Specs

**Runtime:** 103 min  
**Sound Mix:** DTS | Dolby Digital  
**Color:** Color  
**Aspect Ratio:** 1.85 : 1  
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## Did You Know?

**Trivia**  
 Peter Weir wrote a 10-page backstory that described the history of the show. For instance, The Truman Show was a frequent winner at the Emmys. [See more](#)

**Goofs**  
 When Meryl gets in the car with Truman and he drives off to the traffic circle, the above shot shows Meryl wearing her seat belt. A few seconds later as they are driving around the circle, the camera shot from within the car shows Meryl putting her seat belt on. [See more](#)

**Quotes**  
 [first lines]  
 Christof: We've become bored with watching actors give us phony emotions. We are tired of pyrotechnics and special effects. While the world he inhabits is, in some respects, counterfeit, there's nothing fake about Truman himself. No scripts, no cue cards. It isn't always Shakespeare, but it's genuine. It's a life. [See more](#)

**Crazy Credits**  
 In the end credits, the cast is divided between Truman's World, Christof's World and The Viewers [See more](#)

**Connections**  
 Referenced in [My Soulmate](#) (2015) [See more](#)

**Soundtracks**  
 The Beginning  
 Written and Performed by Philip Glass  
 Courtesy of Nonesuch Records  
 by arrangement with Warner Special Products  
[See more](#)

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** Why isn't Truman angry at last at all? After all, he has been cheated for such a long time?  
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## User Reviews

**★★★★★ A True American Classic**  
 15 December 1999 | by kingoham5 - [See all my reviews](#)

When I first saw 'The Truman Show' I came out of the theatre amazed. This is your first clue that you are watching something different from your normal Jim Carrey movie. I love the dialogue, camera shot, performances, direction, music, and running time of this movie. There is nothing I would do to change it. I came away from 'The Truman Show' feeling inspired which is the goal of good filmmaking Jim Carrey was outstanding as Truman, underplaying him, not making him too comic or too dramatic, but giving true sincerity when asked. He deserved an Oscar nomination. Ed Harris has always been a good actor, but in this movie he's a great actor. He plays Christof with such arrogance and bullheadedness that you don't know whether he's helping or destroying Truman. He and the director, Peter Weir, deserved their Oscar nods.

Weir, who directed the great 'Witness', uses different camera angles to make you feel like you're actually watching 'The Truman Show' and not a movie. He ends it before you get tired of the concept and helped Carrey and Harris give immaculate performances. Andrew Niccol script is a real star in the movie too because of it's inventiveness and ingenuity. Overall, 'The Truman Show' is what I like to call a true American classic.

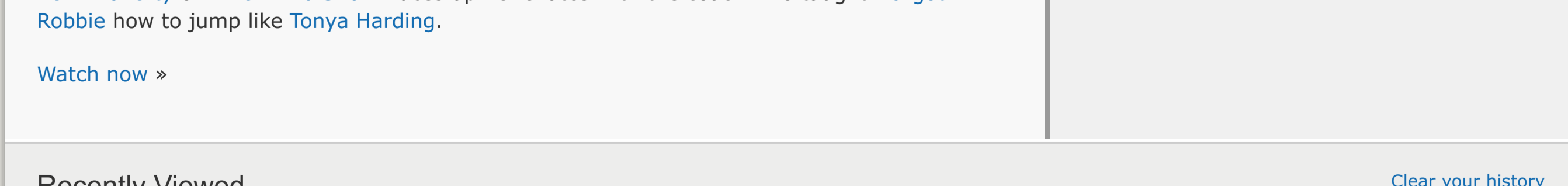
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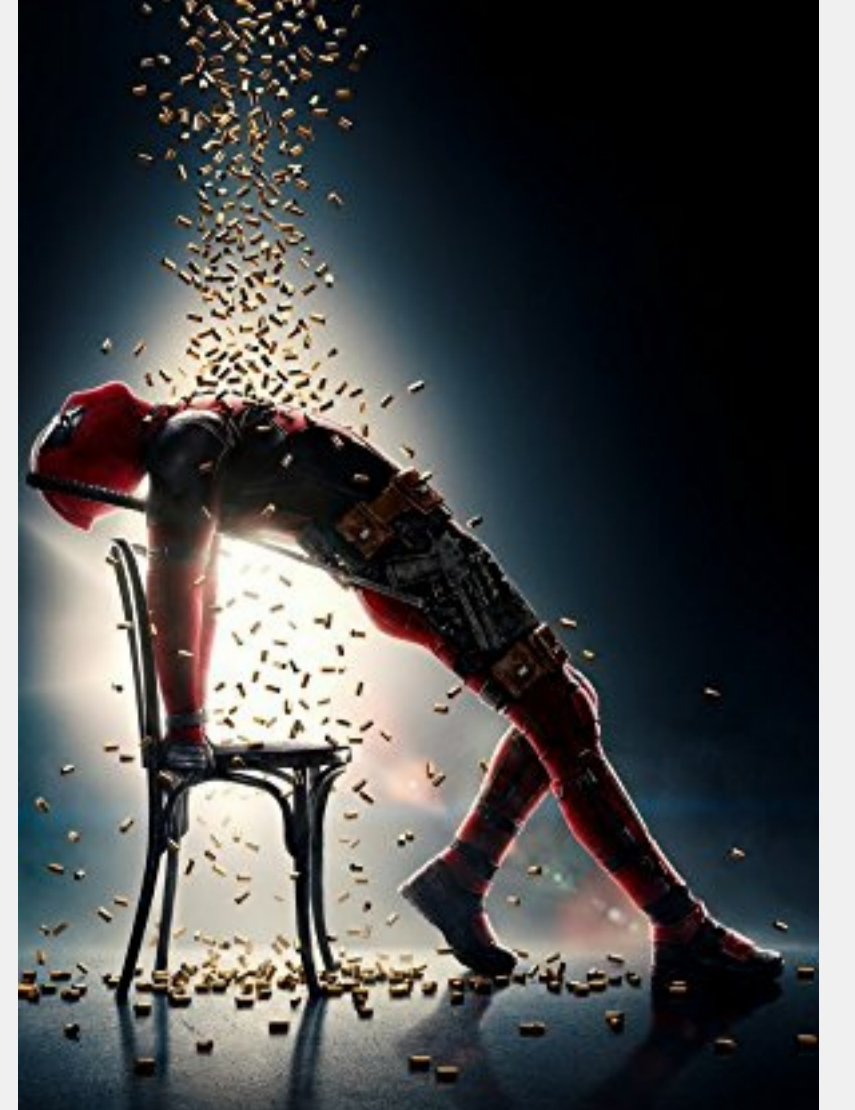
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