

PEEPING TOM

REVIVAL OF THE MEN IN BLACK

Although the world of avid movie watchers has been shaken with the prospect of their favourite Asgardian duo retiring their armours, magical hammers, and loyal winged stallion, they are excited to see them play new roles. Chris Hemsworth and Tessa Thompson, who played Thor and Valkyrie respectively in the *MCU*, have reconnected in the new film, *Men in Black: International*, released on June 14, 2019. With Thompson playing the rookie Agent M alongside Hemsworth's Bond-esque Agent H, this is the classic buddy-cop film that never gets old. Twenty-two years after the release of the original *Men in Black* starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones, this next-gen reboot follows our two leads in the age-old battle against the scum of the universe. Nevertheless, here are some ways in which this isn't just another mindless rip-off of its predecessors.

BRAND-NEW CAST

Move over, Smith and Jones, there are new sheriffs in town. Although our original *Men in Black* will be terribly missed, Hemsworth and



Thompson's effortless camaraderie is something fans have been looking forward to. Rebecca Ferguson from the *Mission: Impossible* franchise has

also joined the cast of the film. Finally, the incredible Emma Thompson reprised her role as Agent O, the bold overseer of MiB operations, joined by

British counterpart High T, played by legendary actor, Liam Neeson.

FEMALE LEAD

Tessa Thompson, who has quickly risen to fame, secured the role of Agent M, effectively ending the tradition that the *Men in Black* must only be men. She rejects the one-dimensional female stereotype, and instead brings to life a vibrant, bubbly, tough partner to the roguish playboy, played by Hemsworth. Thompson's track record definitely proves that M is the female protagonist we have been waiting for.

SCUM OR CHUM?

On their mission, our intergalactic cops find themselves at odds with aliens that we've never seen before. The most delightful addition may be the adorable pocket-size alien named Pawny, mainly there for comic relief, and yet an unforgettable gem. Of course, even with these newcomers, the film didn't deprive us of some timeless icons: the return of high-pitched worms and a heart-warming tribute to Frank the Pug.

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An advertisement for Dove Nutritive Solutions shampoo. The background is a soft, light blue and white gradient. In the center, five bottles of shampoo are lined up. From left to right, they are: Intense Repair (white bottle with blue cap), Hair Fall Rescue (white bottle with green cap), Nourishing Oil Care (white bottle with gold cap), Oxygen Moisture (white bottle with blue cap), and Environmental Defence (white bottle with green cap). Each bottle has the Dove logo and 'NUTRITIVE SOLUTIONS' printed on it. To the right of the bottles, there is a graphic of a golden oil drop falling into a splash of white foam. Above the bottles, the text reads: 'All new Dove, for an all new you. With unbeatable damage repair.*' A red 'NEW' badge is on the left. The Dove logo and 'NUTRITIVE SOLUTIONS' are in the top right corner.

*Damage repair refers to signs of surface damage. Based on lab test on hair breakage and smoothness evaluation on Dove system vs shampoo and conditioner brands having at least 3% Volume Market Share (source: Nielsen FY 2018).

*New refers to New pack