

TERRORISTS KILLED HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER.  
THIS IS THE STORY OF WHAT HAPPENED NEXT.



# EIGHT THIRTY TWO



PITCH DECK

SCREENPLAY BY TOM KNIGHT & RICK MISCHKE



# SUMMARY

Title	Eight Thirty Two
Script	120 Pages
Narrative Structure	Nonlinear
Medium	Theatrical, Feature Film
Genre	Action
Sub-Genres	Thriller, Mystery, Drama
Themes	Love, Loss, Redemption
Source Material	Fiction, Fact, Legend
Settings	Present, Recent Past, 1985
Geographic Locations	10
MPAA Rating	PG-13/R
Budget	TBD



A dramatic night scene of a large fire. A massive fireball and thick smoke billow from a structure in the background. In the foreground, several people are visible in silhouette. On the left, a man looks towards the fire. In the center, a person stands with their back to the camera. On the right, a firefighter in full gear is actively engaged, holding a hose that extends across the ground. The scene is illuminated by the intense orange and yellow light of the fire, contrasting with the dark night sky and the dark figures of the people.

STORYWORLD



# LOGLINE

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# SYNOPSIS

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Love, loss, and redemption are themes explored in this taut action thriller set against the exotic backdrop of the Philippines, a nation under siege from populist uprisings, political unrest, and a flailing government losing its grip to Islamic terrorists bent on imposing their own brand of Jihad.

Retired CIA agent JOHN GELLER, whose wife and daughter were killed by a terrorist bomb in London three years earlier, has tracked Al Qaeda mastermind AMIR AL-AMATI to the Philippines, but his leads have gone cold. Haunted by recurring nightmares and finding solace in a bottle, fate brings Geller face-to-face with convicted killer QUENTIN FOBBS, the one man who can lead him to al-Amati.

Joining forces with friend and ally KATIE MCGRAW, Cultural Attaché to the US Mission, and CIA operative KAI KWAN, Geller follows a trail of murder, blackmail, and political intrigue as he closes in on al-Amati and London bomber MOHAMED ATIF, all while unraveling an enigmatic mystery triggered by events that happened more than seventy years ago.

From London to Manila to Hong Kong to Washington, Geller is thrust into a web of international terrorism that takes him from the site of a wartime atrocity to global brinkmanship on the high seas. The stakes are high: retribution for the murders of his wife and daughter, the repatriation of fallen World War Two prisoners of war, and \$14 Billion in Japanese war gold.



# MAIN CHARACTERS

## JOHN GELLER (43)

### BACKSTORY

Born and raised in Hungary. Emigrated to America.

Married, one child, one sister, father deceased.

Retired U.S. Army Ranger, recruited by CIA. Served three years stateside before entering clandestine service in Europe. Appointed Case Officer in London two years later.

Wife and daughter killed by a terrorist bomb. Retired from CIA. Tracked terrorist leader Amir al-Amati to the Philippines.

### PRESENT

His leads have gone cold after three years.

Operates a small security consulting/private investigations firm to pay the bills.

Geller now finds solace in a bottle. The only light in his world is best friend and ally Katie McGraw.

## KATIE McGRAW (36)

### BACKSTORY

Born and raised in rural New Hampshire.

Single, no siblings.

Received master's degree in international relations from Brown University. Four years at the State Department led to senior roles at the Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs.

Fast-tracked to first overseas appointment as Cultural Attaché to the U.S. Mission to the Philippines.

### PRESENT

Three years into her four-year appointment.

Offered a position at the UN, but not sure if she's ready for such a big career move, or if she wants to be in New York.

John Geller's first official contact upon arriving in Manila three years earlier, she is now his best friend and ally.

# SOURCE MATERIAL

EIGHT THIRTY TWO is a tale of two converging storylines that come together in the climactic third act – one a work of pure fiction, the other, the stuff of legends, both rooted in factual historical record.

## THE FICTION AND THE FACT



Amir al-Amati is Al Qaeda's de facto leader. He seized power after his predecessor, Ayman al-Zawahiri, was killed in a U.S. drone strike in 2022 along with Amir's father, Youssef al-Amati. Youssef had been Osama Bin Laden's chief fundraiser, and a man who operated in the shadows. When Bin Laden was stripped of his Saudi citizenship in 1994 (meant to appease Saudi Arabia's Western allies), it was Youssef who kept the channels open. After all, he had brought untold riches to the Kingdom. Youssef continued as fundraiser under al-



Zawahiri, but secretly despised him. Youssef, like many others, felt that al-Zawahiri's passive leadership had led to Al Qaeda's diminished role in furthering the aims of its founder. Youssef's son, Amir al-Amati, saw al-Zawahiri's death as divine intervention, and believed it was his duty to lead the terrorist organization, and he set about uniting Al Qaeda's splinter cells, consolidating his power, and initiating a global Jihad rivaling that of Bin Laden.

## THE FACT AND THE LEGEND



Before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the Empire of Japan had waged a ten-year war of attrition against its Asian neighbors. Known for the brutality of their territorial expansionism, the Imperial Japanese Army's own reign of terror swept across East Asia and the Pacific, amassing great wealth plundered from their military conquests. General Tomoyuki Yamashita took command of the Fourteenth



Area Army in the Philippines in August 1944 – ten days before General Douglas MacArthur fulfilled his prophetic “I shall return” promise, and almost one year to the day when the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. With Japan's war effort waning, why General Yamashita went to the Philippines at this late hour is subject to speculation, and that's the question we explore in EIGHT THIRTY TWO.



# tone and style

## Visual Aesthetics

EIGHT THIRTY TWO will be filmed in the 1.85:1 aspect ratio while utilizing the Bleach-Bypass technique popularized by cinematographer Janusz Kamiński in Steven Spielberg's *SAVING PRIVATE RYAN* (1998) and *MUNICH* (2005). This post production process desaturates the image and lets the natural and artificial light sources bleed over into the darker parts of the image – the light sources start to glow and backlighting drowns the foreground subjects in shafts of soft lighting.



The visual aesthetics of EIGHT THIRTY TWO will evoke the documentary look and feel of *MUNICH*, the brutal realism captured by Chris Menges in Roland Joffe's *THE KILLING FIELDS*, and the surrealism of Oliver Wood's flashbacks in Paul Greengrass's *THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM*.



## MISE-EN-SCENE

Scene composition, sets, props, actors, costumes, and lighting will augment the visual aesthetics to convey character details, themes, and plot. For example, at one point late in *MUNICH*, as Mossad agent Avner Kaufman is slowly losing his connection to humanity and his distant family, that feeling is captured while he waits for someone outside a shop. Kamiński films Avner standing at the display window, looking in at an ordinary kitchen. His reflection is superimposed on the window, placing him, metaphorically, in the kitchen. Immediately, you have a sense of his alienation from ordinary family life. His reflection is projected into the kitchen, yet he stands outside, separated from that world.



## SOUNDTRACK

*EIGHT THIRTY TWO* is an intelligent, character-driven, action thriller, with the themes of love, loss, and redemption interwoven with high-octane suspense. The rich soundtrack will mirror the panoramic narrative tone, with atmospheric music ranging from pulse-pounding to heart-wrenching, reminiscent of John Williams's *MUNICH*, Alexandre Desplat's *ZERO DARK THIRTY*, Max Richter's *ON THE NATURE OF DAYLIGHT* from *ARRIVAL*, John Powell's *THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM*, and other films of the franchise, and Mike Oldfield's *THE KILLING FIELDS*. The commonality of these five films and their musical scores is that each of the five composers who scored them were honored with multiple awards from their peers.





**MOODBOARD**

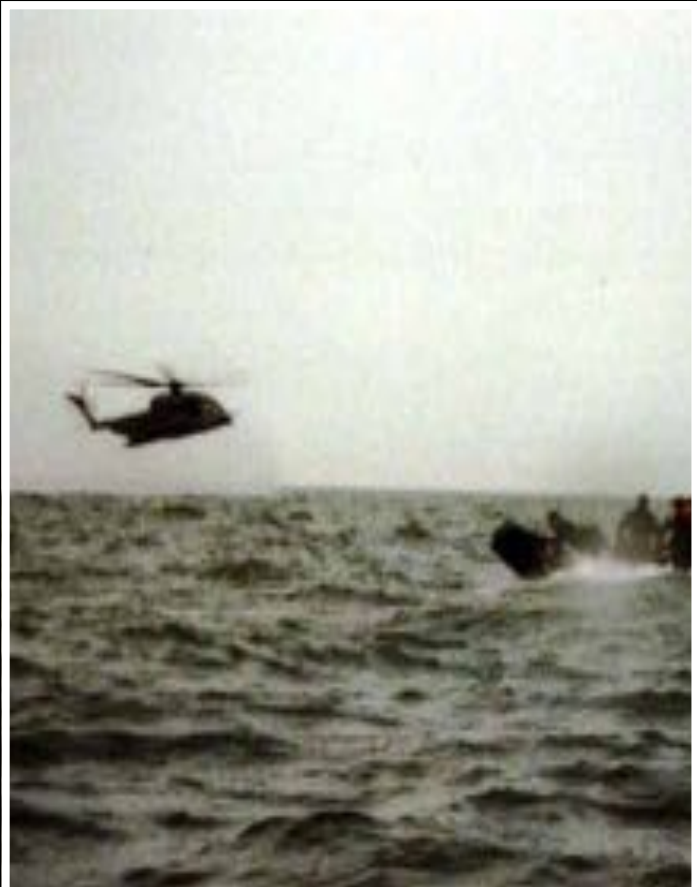
















## FBI TEN MOST WANTED FUGITIVE

MURDER OF U.S. NATIONALS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES; CONSPIRACY TO MURDER U.S. NATIONALS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES; ATTACKS ON FEDERAL FACILITIES RESULTING IN DEATH.

### AMIR AL-AMATI



Aliases: Amir al-Amati ibn Yousef ibn Awad al-Amati; Shaykh Amir al-Amati; Abu Abdallah; Mujahid Shaykh; the Prince; the Emir; the Director; the Master

#### DESCRIPTION

Date of Birth Used:	1989	Hair:	Brown
Place of Birth:	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	Eyes:	Brown
Height:	6'1" to 6'3"	Sex:	Male
Weight:	Approximately 160 pounds	Complexion:	Olive
Build:	Thin	Citizenship:	Saudi Arabian
Language:	Arabic (probably Fusha)		
Scars and Marks:	Knife wound on chest below right nipple		
Remarks:	Amir al-Amati is believed to be in the Republic of the Philippines. He is left-handed and walks with a limp.		

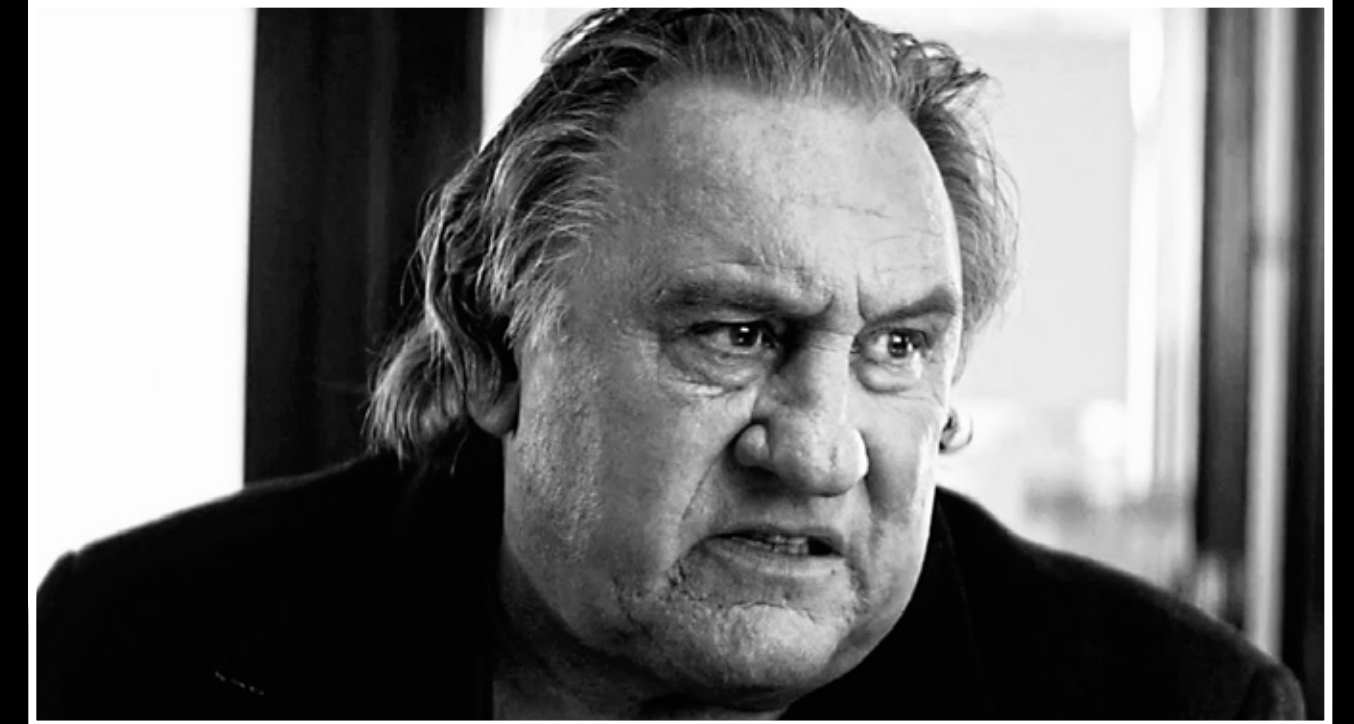
#### CAUTION

Amir al-Amati is wanted in connection with the April 7, 2024, bombings of the United States Embassies in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Nairobi, Kenya. These attacks killed over 200 people. Al-Amati is a suspect in other terrorist attacks around the world.

#### REWARD

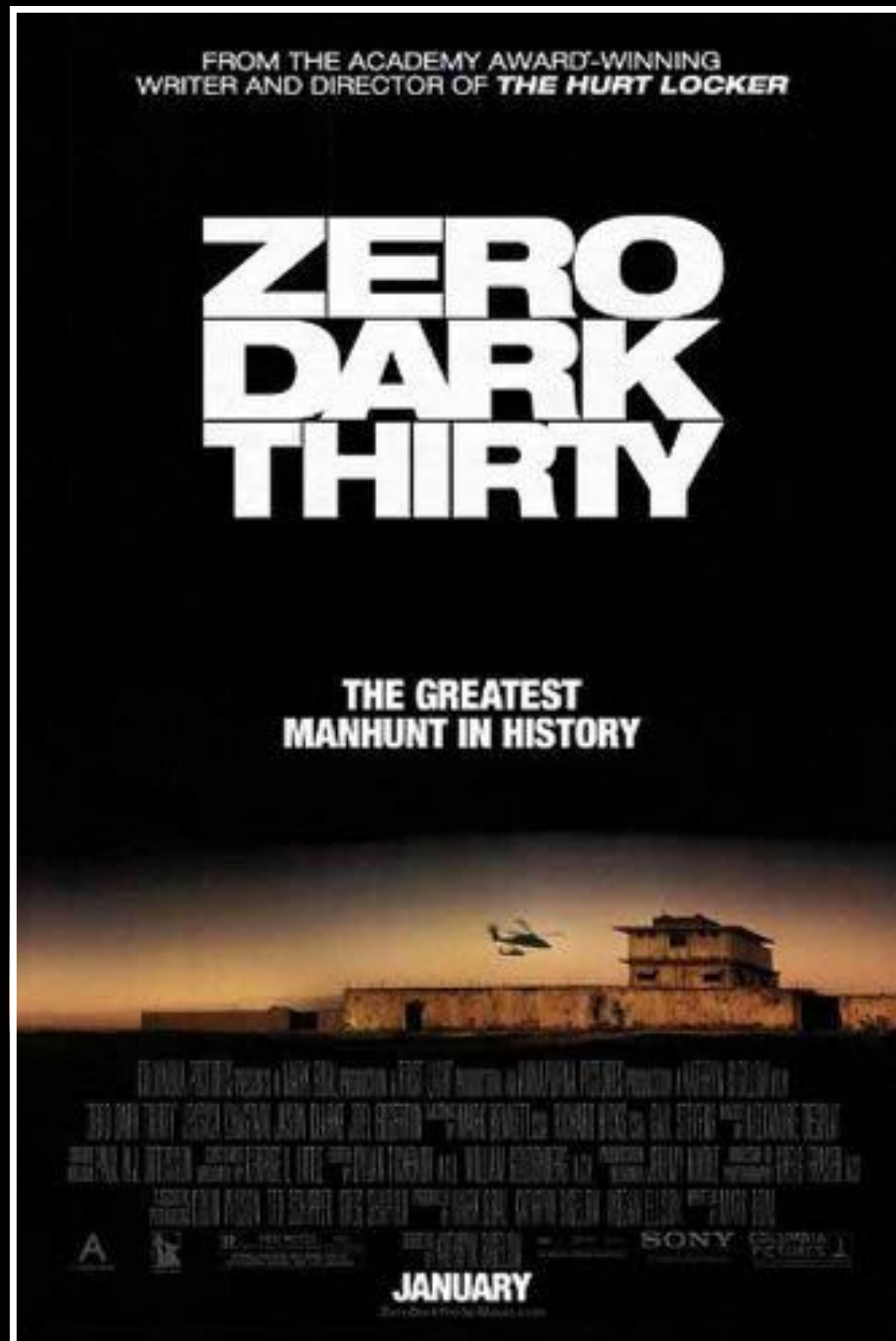
The Rewards For Justice Program, United States Department of State, is offering a reward of up to \$25 million for information leading directly to the apprehension or conviction of Amir al-Amati. An additional US \$25 million is being offered by each of the governments of Belgium, Israel, Germany, France, and the United Kingdom.

SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

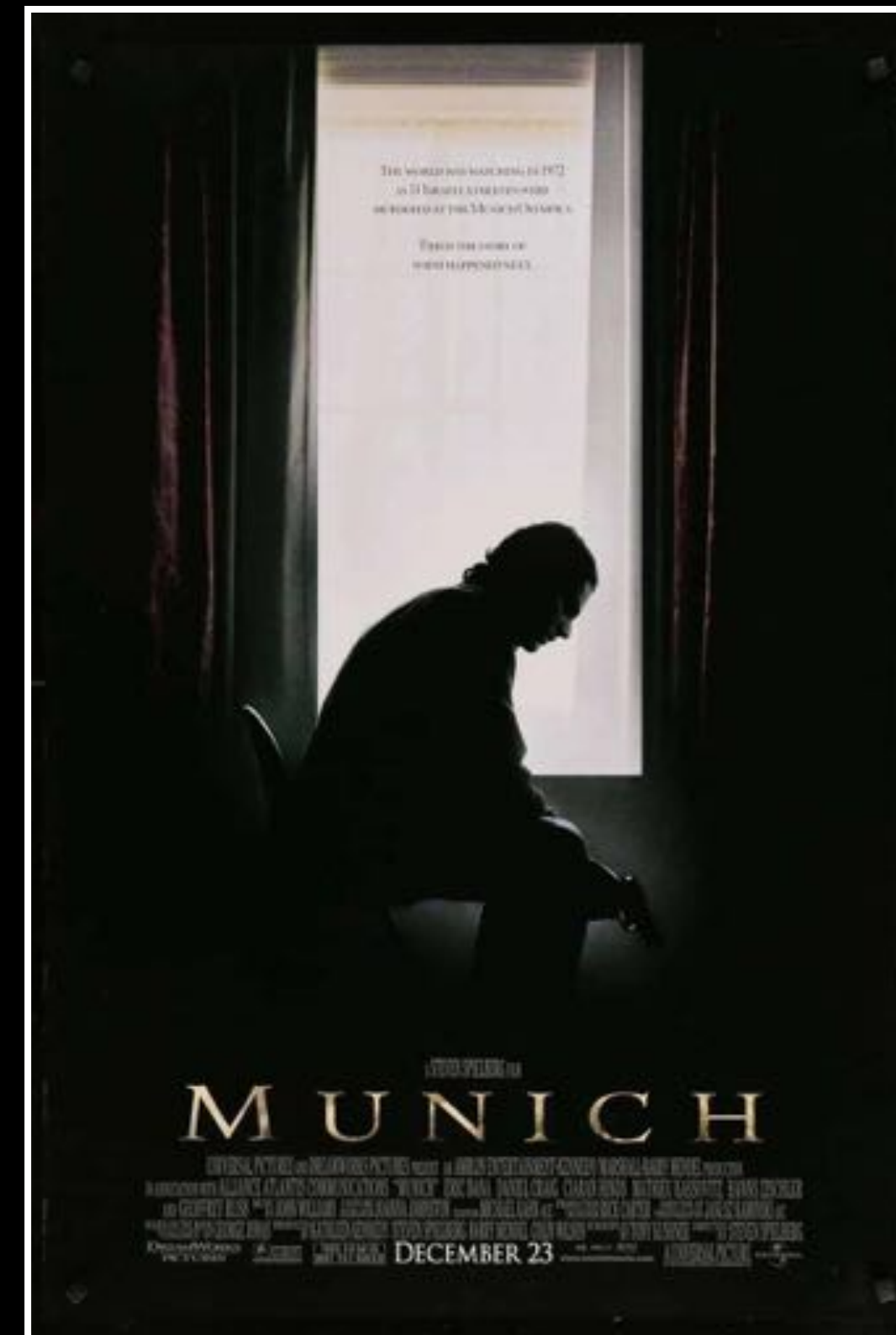




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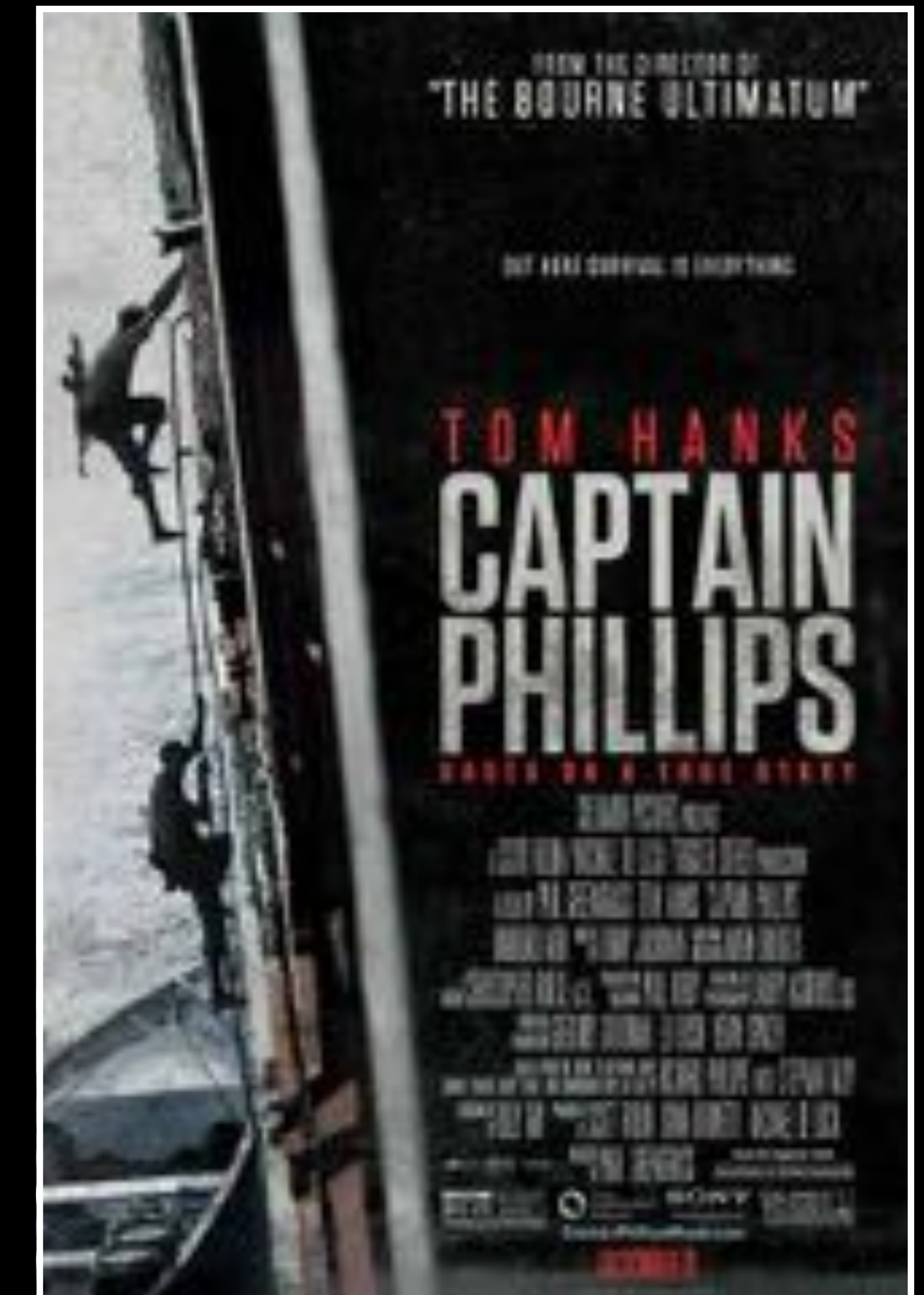
Zero Dark Thirty (2012)  
Drama | History | Thriller  
Budget: \$40,000,000  
Box Office: \$132,820,716



Munich (2005)  
Action | Drama | History  
Budget: \$70,000,000  
Box Office: \$130,982,129



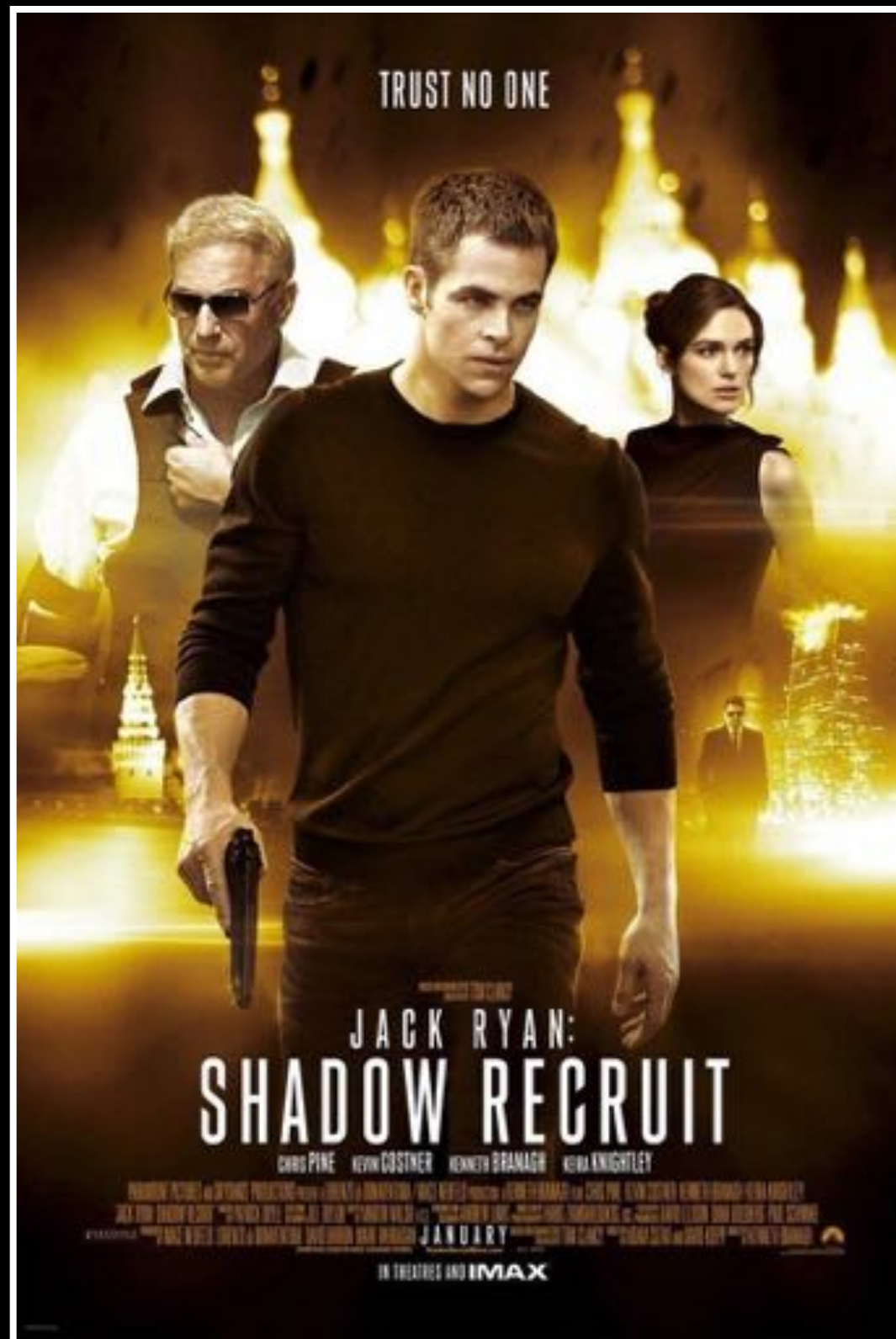
The Killing Fields (1984)  
Biography | Drama | History  
Budget: \$14,400,000  
Box Office: \$34,700,291



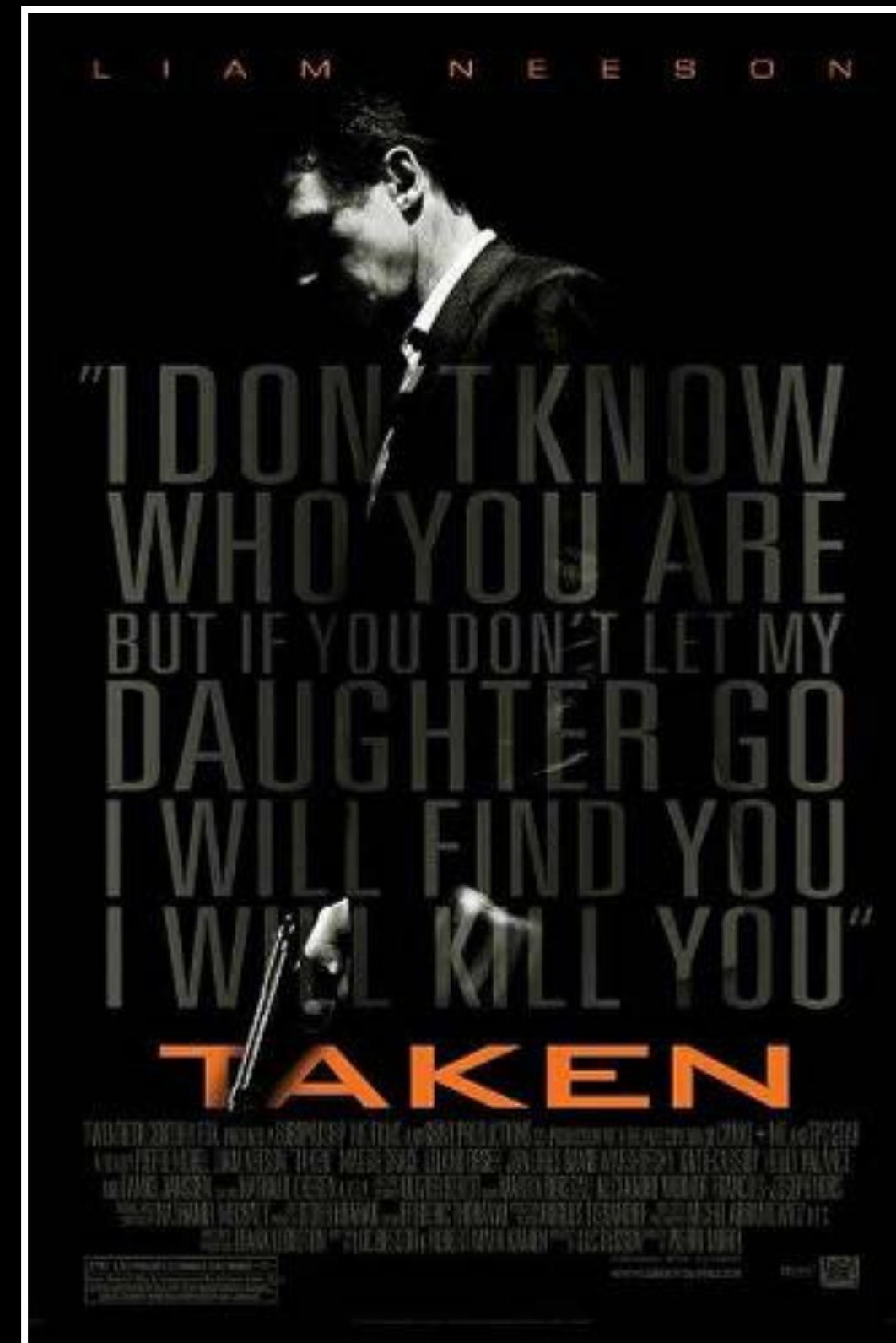
Captain Phillips (2013)  
Action | Biography | Crime  
Budget: \$55,000,000  
Box Office: \$218,791,811



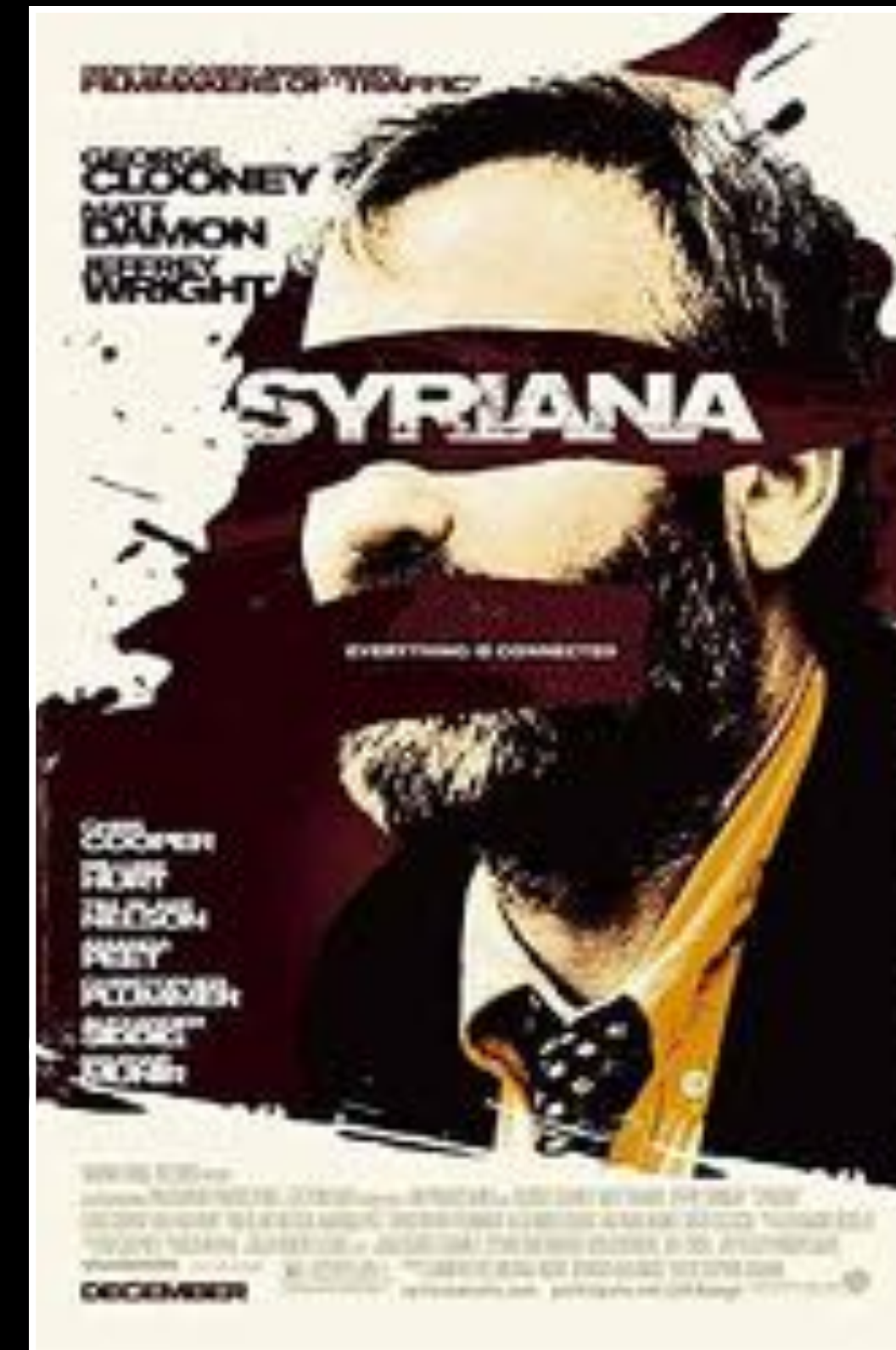
# COMPS | FICTION



Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (2014)  
Action | Drama | Thriller  
Budget: \$60,000,000  
Box Office: \$135,503,748



Taken (2008)  
Action | Crime | Thriller  
Budget: \$25,000,000  
Box Office: \$226,837,760



Syriana (2010)  
Drama | Thriller  
Budget: \$50,000,000  
Box Office: \$93,974,620



Body of Lies (2008)  
Action | Drama | Thriller  
Budget: \$70,000,000  
Box Office: \$115,900,897

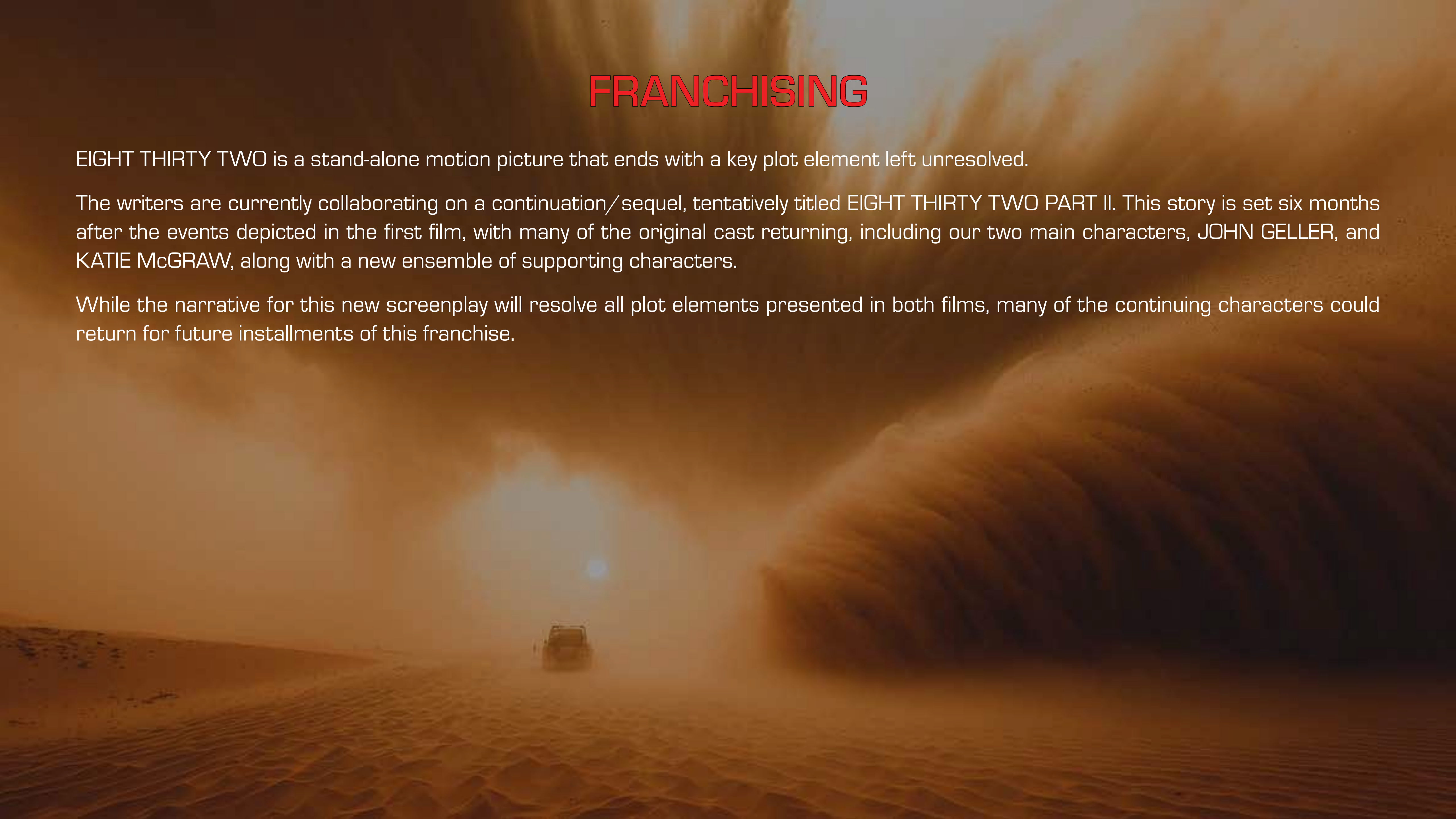


# FRANCHISING

EIGHT THIRTY TWO is a stand-alone motion picture that ends with a key plot element left unresolved.

The writers are currently collaborating on a continuation/sequel, tentatively titled EIGHT THIRTY TWO PART II. This story is set six months after the events depicted in the first film, with many of the original cast returning, including our two main characters, JOHN GELLER, and KATIE McGRAW, along with a new ensemble of supporting characters.

While the narrative for this new screenplay will resolve all plot elements presented in both films, many of the continuing characters could return for future installments of this franchise.





THE STORY CONTINUES...

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PART II

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