

Superstar 1641

Chapter 1641: Wolf Warrior 2 premieres! (First half)

On the first.

In China.

The news of Commando 2's strong premiere made it into the country.

On Weibo, the netizens were feeling a swirl of emotions.

"Wilson's new movie is selling well?"

"They've earned 4 million USD in just two hours?"

"How did they do so well in the box office! Damn!"

"Is the Commando franchise on steroids?!"

"Goddammit! I was hoping it would fuck up!"

"It looks like Wilson and Hollywood have won the bragging rights again this time!"

"Yeah, I really can't stand that look on Wilson's face. It's so annoying!"

"Hai, this is terrible news."

"Zhang Ye's new movie is in danger."

"Whatever, I'll just buy a ticket."

"Motherfucker, support domestic movies!"

"Haha, I booked the tickets half a month ago."

"Whatever it is, we definitely have to watch Zhang Ye's new movie."

"I'm already waiting at the theater entrance. It looks like there's quite the crowd!"

"Looking forward to Zhang Ye's new work. I'm also waiting to see Zhang Ye's crossover into the film industry and what kind of movie he can bring us. This is his first time making a movie."

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Beijing.

At the premiere of Wolf Warrior 2.

Zhang Ye and the main cast and crew were in attendance. There was also a grand lineup of special guests who graced the event that was unlike any other past movie premiere.

Other than the media.

Other than the staff.

Zhang Ye had nearly invited half of the entertainment circle!

Ning Lan.

Huo Dongfang.

Shu Han.

Chen Guang and his wife.

Grandma Zhang Xia.

Li Ke and seven or eight other big name directors.

His eldest younger sister, Cao Dan, as well as many of her Internet celebrity friends.

His parents, his parents-in-law, his relatives, and close friends.

The entire theater was full. By rights, a movie premiere should have set aside some tickets aside for public moviegoers, but Zhang Ye really couldn't do so this time.

On the stage.

Zhang Ye was holding a microphone and saying with a smile, "Thank you, everyone, for coming to attend the premiere of Wolf Warrior 2. I'm really grateful. Actually, the organizers asked me to get an emcee for the event today as per standard practice." He then turned to look at Dong Shanshan, who was standing next to him. "But when I thought about it, Shanshan and I are both professional hosts anyway, so surely there wasn't a need to get someone else, right? We might as well do it ourselves."

Dong Shanshan added with a laugh, "The crucial thing is that we can save money this way."

"Yup, that's right," Zhang Ye said.

The people in the audience were tickled.

After that, it was time for the media reporters' question and answer session.

A Central TV reporter asked, "Director Zhang, do you have any expectations for your new movie's box office performance?"

Zhang Ye smiled and said, "Of course I do."

The Central TV reporter asked, "How much?"

Zhang Ye gave it some thought. "I'll be glad if it breaks even, hur hur."

A newspaper reporter asked, "This is your and your team's first time making a movie. Strictly speaking, you and the team are not really professionals, right?"

Zhang Ye nodded and said, "But we've got courage."

Another reporter stood up with a smile. "Why wasn't there an advance screening this time?"

Zhang Ye answered, "I was thinking that if we want to watch it, everyone should watch it together, so I decided to go with screening it all at the same time. It's not my style to do it any other way."

A dozen-odd questions were thrown out.

Then it was almost time for the movie to start playing.

Zhang Ye led the team offstage and sat in the first row.

Ha Qiqi was very nervous and her hands were trembling.

Beside her, Sophia kept taking deep breaths.

Zhang Ye smiled and comforted, "It'll be fine."

Ha Qiqi gave a wry smile. "I'm really worried about the box office earnings."

Zhang Ye smiled and said, "We're at this point, so let's just leave it to the market to decide."

Actually, not even Ha Qiqi, Sophia, Yao Jiancai, and the others knew how the movie turned out after it had been edited. This was because everything was handled by Zhang Ye alone. They didn't even see the final version of the movie, and no one knew what it was like, so how could they not be nervous?

It was finally time!

Their production was finally going to be assessed by the market!

The atmosphere in the theater had become a little bit tense.

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At the seats of several of the few big name directors.

"Old Li, how many theaters is the movie released in?"

"I heard they're showing in 33.7% of the total domestic theaters.

"That high?"

"Yeah, they're really giving him face."

"But the foreign screening rate is not even 0.01%."

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Near where Zhang Ye's family was seated.

His three younger sisters were busy chattering.

"It's starting soon!"

"Come on, Bro!"

"You can do it! Our Bro has never failed before!"

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At the celebrity seating area.

“Sister Ning, do you feel optimistic about this movie?”

“Who knows?”

“Is Zhang Ye really intent on challenging Hollywood?”

“I guess.”

“But how is he going to do that?”

“God knows!”

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The lights dimmed in the theater.

The big screen lit up and the movie began.

The theater fell silent. Everyone picked up their 3D glasses and put them on. Some of the people here were not too used to wearing 3D glasses. This was because, in the context of the Chinese market, even though 3D movies were no longer considered to be using some sort of complex technology, there weren't too many Chinese directors who were willing to film in 3D. The VFX could not catch up to 3D technology, and the costs were just too high. In addition, there were no Chinese 3D movies that had performed very well at the box office either. For example, his parents and his parents-in-law. Some of these people were even coming to the theater to watch a 3D movie for the first time, and they all found this to be quite a novelty.

The music started playing.

In the vast ocean, two speedboats were attacking.

“Attention, pirates alongside!”

“Attention, pirates alongside!”

“Take cover! All crew below deck!”

“I repeat, pirates alongside! Initiate emergency procedures!”

The cargo ship was halted!

The pirates surrounded it!

Gunfire rang out in staccato bursts!

At this moment, Zhang Ye's figure appeared on the deck of the cargo ship as a piece of passionate music played. He opened his arms wide and dived into the ocean!

“Ah!”

“Wow!”

“Aiyo!”

Everyone in the theater began shouting!

This scene immediately left an impact on everyone!

But this was only the beginning. When Zhang Ye started the intense hand-to-hand combat with the pirates in the ocean, everyone in the theater gasped!

Li Ke was startled!

Beside him, several of the Chinese big name directors were also so shocked that their 3D glasses nearly fell off!

What the heck!

A long take!

It was Hollywood's long take technique?!

Zhang Ye, have you gone crazy? You actually resorted to doing a long take in the ocean?

A layman might not know about the danger of this, but how could Li Ke and the other directors not know!

The fight scene was very intense!

Everyone was on the edge of their seats!

One!

Three!

Five!

Zhang Ye bound the pirates together.

When Zhang Ye climbed onto the speedboat, he picked up a sniper rifle belonging to the pirates and took aim. Then he fired it! There was a loud bang, and the bullet came flying towards the screen!

The entire theater screamed!

"Ah!"

"Ah!"

The bullet looked like it was headed straight for them!

This was the effect of a 3D movie. It was just too realistic!

Many of those who hadn't watched a 3D movie before were petrified!

Clearly, Zhang Ye had deliberately created this scene. This was done through a combination of film and VFX techniques to bring out the 3D effect. It was a "badass" move that was done to make the bullet look as though it were flying out of the screen and into the audience to excite their visual sense.

It was really badass!

And the effect it had was extremely obvious!

At this moment, the movie's title slammed into view—Wolf! Warrior! 2!

Ning Lan took a deep breath. "Fuck!"

Shu Han said stunned, "This..."

Yao Jiancai was nearly left kneeling. "Awesome!"

Jacques said with wide eyes, "This wasn't there when we were filming the scene!"

Ha Qiqi said dumbfoundedly, "Was this filmed by us?"

His eldest younger sister, Cao Dan, had her jaw drop. "Heavens!"

The group of Internet celebrities were also shocked. "Our domestic movies can actually achieve such a level of special effects?"

Zhang Zuo looked at Zhang Ye. "Was this made with imported techniques?"

Zhang Ye couldn't help but chuckle. He said, "What do you mean by imported techniques? It was created by our very own domestic VFX firm. Don't always think that something imported is gonna be good, China isn't that backward."

Everyone found this a little unbelievable!

The short opening to the movie turned out to be shockingly beautiful!

At this moment, a question surfaced in the minds of a lot of people: Is this really something that a fucking nonprofessional film crew could film?

Geez!

Are you fucking kidding me?

This is clearly at the fucking level of a Hollywood production!

A team that had previously worked on variety shows!

A director who had never made a movie before!

A combination like that can actually produce a domestic movie like this?

Chapter 1642: Wolf Warrior 2 premieres! (Second half)

The movie was still showing.

With just the opening, everyone's attention was caught. The theater fell silent. There wasn't any more whispering. Everyone just stared at the screen with wide eyes, wanting to see how the plot would develop. They wanted to know about Leng Feng's story and what would happen next.

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On the silver screen.

The movie flashed back.

A real estate company's demolition team was demolishing residential houses.

Zhang Ye escorted the remains of his comrade back home.

Zhang Ye got into a fight.

He got dishonorably discharged from the military.

Went to jail.

The most elite special ops team known as the Wolf Warriors was revealed as a result.

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The movie cut away.

Africa.

Yao Jiancai made his appearance.

"Look, we're both Chinese. You do this to your own people?"

"Hey, ever since 3 PM on the 14th of last month, I haven't been a Chinese citizen."

A gunfight started and chaos erupted. The intense shootout on the African streets and in the supermarket made everyone tremble in anxiety.

"What do we do now?"

"The Chinese Embassy."

"Let's go to the embassy. They'll take us in. We're Chinese."

"What about us?"

"Will they accept us too?"

"Hard to say, that's our country."

In the theater, peals of laughter could be heard.

Chinese?

You're back to being Chinese now?

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On the coast.

The Chinese fleet was preparing for emergency evacuation operations.

"47 Chinese workers are still stuck at the Hanbond Chinese factory. What's worse, Dr. Chen is stuck 55 kilometers behind enemy lines on a medical relief mission. He's a high value target for the rebel army."

"Everything is in total lockdown from Lochino to St. Francis. Without the UN's authorization, our troops aren't allowed to enter the war zone."

"This operation is highly important! We have to evacuate those Chinese workers and Dr. Chen by all means!"

"Under the current circumstances, combat troops are prohibited from entering the war zone. Someone has to undertake the mission alone!"

"I'll go."

"Stop right there. What are you doing?"

"Former People's Liberation Army, Southeast Military Region, Special Operations Forces, Wolf Warriors, Leng Feng, reporting for duty!"

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On the savanna.

In the jeep.

"Stop the car. Stop it!"

"Stop the car, I want to get out!"

The car stopped.

Sophia opened the door and got out of the car. But before she could even take a few steps, she stopped in her tracks. On the silver screen, several lions were gnawing on the carcass of a zebra. Sophia coolly brushed her hair back and shrugged before turning around "calmly." She slowly walked back to the car and closed the door after getting in.

"Your Marines are here to pick you up."

"..."

Everyone in the audience doubled over in laughter.

Hahahaha!

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At an African factory.

It was time for Boss Qian Jr.'s appearance.

"Seen one of these? Ever shot one of these before?"

"This wolf here, I killed it myself with this rifle."

"This is a real man's toy. Don't be afraid. From now on, your safety will be my responsibility."

The mercenaries attacked the factory.

“Ahhhh!”

“Help me! They got my leg!”

“You’re fucking fine!”

Everyone in the theater was laughing.

But as they watched, they saw Boss Qian Jr.’s character transform from a boy into a man. When his character viciously shot dead the mercenary built like a bull, the one-liner he delivered excited the audience.

“Didn’t your momma tell you not to play with the weap—”

Bang!

“Didn’t your momma tell you not to fuck with spoiled brats!”

The moviegoers were so astonished that they let out a loud “wow”!

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On the warship.

“Sir, we’ve triangulated the cell phone’s signal!”

“Sir, targets: locked on!”

Sir, we’ve received orders from high command—”

“Fire!”

Shu Han’s eyes turned red!

Ning Lan was on the edge of her seat!

Many of the moviegoers started tearing up!

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“The war zone is up ahead.”

“We can’t get through.”

All the guns were aimed at them.

All the tanks were aimed at them.

“Where’s the flag?”

“Here.”

“Drive.”

When Zhang Ye hung the five-starred red flag on his arm, when the vehicles drove safely through the battlefield, the entire theater fell silent!

“It’s the Chinese!”

“Hold your fire!”

“Hold your fire!”

“It’s the Chinese!”

The flag!

It was the Chinese flag!

Li Ke clenched his fists!

Emotion surged through Zhang Ye’s parents!

Many of the celebrities were holding back tears!

Pride!

Fervor!

They could feel the different emotions flooding in!

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At the end of the movie was a Chinese passport.

Everyone in the audience was startled to see it.

A passport?

What did this mean?

At this moment, several lines of text appeared on the back of the passport.

Looking at the words, the audience was unable to get a hold of themselves. It was like a dam had burst!

“To the citizens of the People’s Republic of China:

“When you encounter danger overseas,

“do not give up!

“Remember this:

“There is a powerful homeland backing you!”

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One second.

Two seconds.

Three seconds.

Silence reigned in the theater!

Suddenly, the ending theme played. When the credits scrolled down the silver screen, the theater blew up!

Zhang Ye's mother jumped to her feet. "Bravo!"

His father was also very excited.

Li Ke stood up and applauded!

The directors around him were also clapping in amazement!

Ning Lan was cheering!

Zhang Xia gave a thumbs up!

Shu Han nearly jumped to her feet!

Everyone in the theater was on their feet!

There was round after round of applause!

Half a minute!

One minute!

The applause didn't stop!

Ha Qiqi shouted, "That was great! Great!"

Sophia cried!

Little Wang cried!

Jacques and a few of the American actors were still staring at the screen in disbelief!

Yao Jiancai, Dong Shanshan, and the rest of the film's actors looked at one another in astonishment!

Inside the theater, every one of the industry insiders and celebrities had been stunned!

Even the actors who starred in Wolf Warrior 2 were stunned!

They didn't dare believe what kind of Chinese movie they had watched today!

Although they did not say anything specifically and were all congratulating and saying good things when they saw Zhang Ye earlier, it would be a lie to say that they did not have any doubts at heart. A layman, a pure layman who didn't hail from the film industry had suddenly come to make a movie. Who wouldn't have misgivings about that? Many people were afraid that Zhang Ye's new movie would turn out to be neither fish nor fowl. They were afraid that he would shoot the movie based on his experience in making variety shows or television series and end up making a joke out of it. But now, they realized they were mistaken. Zhang Ye was indeed Zhang Ye. He was indeed still that fucking "King of Crossovers."

Filming.

Casting.

Acting.

Visuals.

3D.

VFX.

Plot.

Pacing.

From the start until the end, there was nothing to nitpick!

It was seamless inside and out!

He really could do it!

He really knew how!

He really knew!

So this is Zhang Ye's new movie?

This is Wolf Warrior 2?

A movie without any male idols, yet it was an enjoyable watch?

Without a Hollywood team, this kind of 3D could be achieved?

Our domestic movies can even be made to such a standard?

Be it the media reporters, the directors from the industry, or the many celebrities who had graced the premiere of Wolf Warrior 2, all of them were left with a very deep impression of the movie!

Chapter 1643: On fire!

The movie ended.

The premiere was supposed to be over.

But there was an extremely excited atmosphere in the theater at the moment, and no one was leaving. Many of the Chinese reporters immediately rushed out of their seats and surrounded the main cast of Wolf Warrior 2. The female lead, Sophia. The spoiled brat, Boss Qian Jr.. The main antagonist, Jacques. They spared none of them.

"Ms. Sophia!"

"Please accept our interview!"

“Mr. Jacques, how did Zhang Ye manage to convince you to join the production?”

“Boss Qian Jr., why did you decide to join the cast of this movie?”

“Teacher Yao, I really liked your role in the movie!”

“Teacher Shanshan, you didn’t have too many scenes in this movie, but it’s obvious that you should be the female lead of the first movie. Has Director Zhang said anything about when he will shoot Wolf Warrior 1?”

Groups and groups of reporters surrounded them.

Many of the actors were scrambling to cope with the media personnel.

There was a shimmering light in the eyes of the reporters as they descended into a frenzy!

Over there, Zhang Ye was swarmed by his relatives and friends.

Ha Qiqi and Zhang Zuo both hugged Zhang Ye. “Director Zhang, you’re amazing!”

Ning Lan walked over. “Zhang’er, you’re so impressive!”

“I feel the same.” Shu Han sighed and said, “You really managed to make the movie!”

Chen Guang was yelling as he ran up, “Damn, how did you do it!”

Fan Wenli gave him a thumbs up. “Watching you in your first movie, your acting was quite good.”

Zhang Xia said, “Whatever movies that get released at the same time as you are in for a bad time.”

His parents.

His parents-in-law

His cousins.

Everyone came over excitedly to congratulate him.

At the back, after several of the big name directors in China had gotten over their shock, they fell silent all at once. Then they looked at each other before finally shifting their gazes to one person. They stared at him in a particular kind of way.

They were looking at Zhou Zhao.

An elite Chinese film director.

Zhou Zhao said in a speechless manner, “Why’re you all looking at me!”

Li Ke asked, “Old Zhou, isn’t your new movie opening next week?”

Several of the directors next to him nodded.

“Yes.”

“Next week.”

“His movie will be released next week.”

Zhou Zhao was speechless.

He didn't say anything. He just turned around and picked up his cell phone to make a call. “Hello, Old Chen, go and contact the theater chains and amend the proposal to the SARFT. We're not going to show our movie next week—if I say we aren't, then we aren't! Why do you care! Just hurry up and get it done as I said! Push the release back by another two weeks!”

Li Ke was dumbfounded!

The other directors were also dumbfounded!

After hanging up, Zhou Zhao looked at them and said, “It's not going to be next week anymore.”

After holding it back for a long time, Li Ke finally said, “Shameless!”

The other directors around him looked at him in contempt. “That's how you react?”

But Zhou Zhao spread his hands. “There's nothing else to do. You need to know when to cut your losses.”

They were all elite directors in China, especially Zhou Zhao, who was one of the most senior figures in the directing world. But after watching Wolf Warrior 2, Zhou Zhao did not even hesitate and immediately postponed the premiere of his new movie. This showed just how great of a competitor he thought Wolf Warrior 2 would be.

A female director asked, “What kind of box office earnings do you guys think he'll achieve?”

Another director sighed and said, “Let's see if the regular folks will buy tickets.”

Li Ke turned his gaze to the outside of the theater and said, “The first showing at the other theaters should be over as well, right? I wonder how many people have gotten shocked by this new movie of Zhang Ye's!”

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Meanwhile.

Shanghai.

At a theater.

The moviegoers were still staring dumbfoundedly at the big screen.

“Oh my God!”

“This is a domestic movie?”

“Can it not be so impressive!”

“Is that Zhang Ye fellow on steroids or something!”

“W-Was this movie really fucking made by him?”

“Someone else must be behind it! There fucking must be someone else who directed the movie!”

“Th-This doesn’t make any sense!”

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Beijing.

At the entrance of a theater.

“Old Li, why are you crying?”

“Motherfucker, you’re asking me? Aren’t you crying yourself?”

“Hai, it was such an exciting watch, I couldn’t hold back my tears!”

“When the command to fire was given, that must’ve left so many people in tears!”

“No good, I must come back tomorrow!”

“I also want to watch it again. I’m gonna bring my family this time!”

“This is the best domestic movie I’ve watched this year—no, it’s the best domestic movie I’ve ever watched!”

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Shenzhen.

Outside a theater.

A group of teenagers were screaming as they came out.

“Ahhhh!”

“I haven’t had enough, I really haven’t had enough!”

“Oh, my amazing Face-smacking Zhang! You’re truly my idol!”

“This movie impressed the shit out of me! It was just that fantastic!”

“I love Boss Qian Jr.! My hubby can act so well! He can actually act!”

“Get lost, that’s my husband you’re talking about!”

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Guangzhou.

At a theater.

“Zhang Ye has done it again!”

“That fellow is so amazing!”

“I liked the scenes with Yao Jiancai. They were really funny!”

“Old Yao and Zhang Ye are truly the best fucking duo in the industry!”

“Hahaha, Sophia’s scene in the savanna was hilarious!”

“The lion chasing after the car was so thrilling!”

“The 3D effects were spot on! No other domestic movie has ever been made with such quality shots and CGI!”

“How can it be so fun to watch!”

“The movie was shot well, and the cast was chosen well. It was perfect!”

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Nanjing.

At the People’s Square.

“The tickets were so worth it!”

“That tank battle gave me goosebumps!”

“Motherfucker, I want to watch it another time!”

“When Zhang Ye raised the Chinese flag, I actually cried!”

“Yeah, it was so touching!”

“And that image of the passport at the end. It really makes your blood race!”

“Our homeland is so powerful!”

“Yeah, I’ve never felt such a sense of pride being Chinese as I do right now!”

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Tianjin.

“It was crazy good!”

“This won’t do, I have to quickly recommend this movie to my coworkers!”

“Yeah, if they don’t watch this movie, they’re going to regret it for the rest of their lives!”

“The best quote from the movie has to be: ‘Whoever offends the mighty nation of China, however distant, shall be destroyed!’”

“These were the exact words that Zhang Ye declared back when he was an unknown hacker!”

“That’s right. I always get pumped when I hear it!”

“When I learned that Commando 2 wouldn’t be showing in China, I felt so bad about it for several days. I quite like that series and have always liked Director Wilson’s movies. But after watching Wolf Warrior 2, the only thing I wish to say now is: Fuck you, Wilson! Fuck you and your Commando movie!”

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On Weibo.

The majority of the people had not watched the movie yet.

“Has the premiere ended?”

“Has anyone watched Wolf Warrior 2?”

“How was it? If it isn’t good, I won’t be watching it.”

“I just came out of the theaters. Go and watch it!”

“Motherfucker, it has to be the best movie of the year!”

“Strongly recommending it! Recommending everyone watch Wolf Warrior 2 with everything I’ve got! It was crazy good! I still haven’t calmed down! I have a feeling that Zhang Ye’s new movie might break the domestic box office earnings record!”

“What?”

“Was it that good?”

“What’s the movie about, exactly?”

“OK, I’ve bought tickets as well. Your review is making me want to watch it!”

“If it isn’t good, feel free to come and beat me up!”

Chapter 1644: The premiere’s box office earnings!

On this day.

One person.

One movie.

That was all it took to turn the entire country upside down.

The real-time statistics of movies’ box office earnings in China:

#1: A Cause to Kill 3 (Hollywood action movie), CN¥21.07 million

#2: Cosmic Crisis (Hollywood sci-fi), CN¥19.8 million

#3: My World (Chinese published), CN¥11.51 million

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#10: Wolf Warrior 2, earnings pending.

These were the ten films currently being shown in China. The first and second place movies of the day were both Hollywood films that had just been released. Although they were already past the peak of

their box office period, these two top Hollywood films were still making tens of millions of yuan at the box office each day. Compared to that, the Chinese movies were performing much weaker relatively both abroad and at home. My World, ranked third, was already one of the highest-grossing movies of the year, and its box office gross thus far stood at 520 million RMB.

As for Wolf Warrior 2, its statistics had yet to register on the rankings. This was because today was Wolf Warrior 2's first day of release. Due to the underdeveloped real-time tracking technology of ticket sales, many cinema chains and movie theaters could not upload their figures to the database in time. This resulted in Wolf Warrior 2 not appearing on the real-time box office rankings. Nobody knew when it would appear on the real-time leaderboards.

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Noon.

At Zhang Ye's Studio.

After the premiere, Zhang Ye brought his team back to the office.

"Why haven't they refreshed the rankings?"

"Just how much have we earned at the box office so far!"

"I'm so anxious that I could die!"

"Hocus pocus, may the Heavens bless us!"

Ha Qiqi kept refreshing the rankings every once in a while.

Zhang Zuo clasped his hands in prayer.

The premiere had ended, so it was all about the box office earnings now!

The studio staff all knew exactly how important the premiere's box office result was. It could even be said that it would affect the survival of a movie. If the box office earnings were good, there would be an increase in the showtimes of the movie at the various movie theater chains. With a reputation and good word of mouth, the public's enthusiasm would definitely rise and that in turn would increase the box office earnings. If that happened, the battle would have been half won. But if the box office earnings were poor? The theater chains would surely lower the shown rate of the movie, and that would spell the end for Wolf Warrior 2. No matter how good the word of mouth the movie had earned, it would be difficult to revive it—this was how important the opening day box office earnings of a movie was!

Commando 2's global box office earnings had already almost assured that they would have a good performance in the theaters.

As for them?

Everything was still an unknown right now!

Little Zhang was getting restless. "Director Zhang, how much do you think we can bring in?"

Zhang Ye was amused. "Ever since we left the theater, you've asked that me 800 times!"

"But I'm worried!" Little Wang had her head in her hands as she cried out, "Shooting this movie was such torture. Before we started production, we were worried about whether there was enough money. After the scenes were shot, we were worried that we didn't film it good enough. When the production was finally completed, we got worried about the premiere. And now that the premiere has ended, we're starting to worry about the box office earnings. To think I used to wonder why those domestic movie directors were always unshaven. So it was because they always had such intense stress!"

Tong Fu felt like he had met a confidante. "That's right, I seriously agree!"

Zhang Ye laughed and said, "Don't worry, because worrying won't affect anything anyway."

Wu Yi also said anxiously, "Director Zhang, why don't you say something reassuring?"

Little Zhou nodded repeatedly. "Yeah, give us something to fall back on; give us a prediction."

Ha Qiqi and Zhang Zuo were both looking at Zhang Ye eagerly.

Zhang Ye thought for a bit. "A prediction? Maybe around 30 million?"

Little Wang said, "Wow, 30 million isn't too bad."

Tong Fu nodded in agreement. "Yeah, I'll be satisfied with 30 million."

Ha Qiqi did some calculations on her fingers and then said, "If the premiere can bring in 30 million yuan, the final box office earnings could reach 300 million, or even 400 million yuan. That's already very good for a domestic movie. You're still a new director, so that would be a very good result and a dazzling achievement."

Zhang Ye was taken aback.

Yuan?

What yuan?

He replied, "I was talking about US dollars."

Ha Qiqi said, "Ah?"

Zhang Zuo laughed, "Hur hur."

Tong Fu chuckled, "Pfft!"

Little Wang said, "Director Zhang, you sure are funny."

Zhang Ye sighed. "Look at how inexperienced you are."

Everyone in the studio laughed at that, and their nervousness also dissipated a little because of it.

No one took Zhang Ye's words seriously.

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At the studio of a director.

"Director Sun, Wolf Warrior 2 seems to be quite good."

“Director Li and the others have given rave reviews of it.”

“Furthermore, it seems like Director Zhou Zhao has delayed the release of his new movie after attending the premiere of Wolf Warrior 2—should we also be cautious?”

“Are we going to change our date too?”

“The box office earnings aren’t out yet. Let’s wait awhile.”

“Right, it would make us look really bad if we change the date now. Our movie is also very good.”

“Let’s see what Wolf Warrior 2’s opening day box office earnings are first.”

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At male idol Song Qi’s studio.

“Wolf Warrior 2 has premiered?”

“Yeah, it’s showing in theaters.”

“Hmph, the box office earnings shouldn’t be great, right?”

“It’s still unknown, but the reviews online seem to suggest it’s pretty good.”

“What use is word of mouth anyway? The box office earnings still have the final say on the performance. Without any male idols, how can he earn any money at the box office? Zhang Ye is too short-sighted.”

“That’s right. If he had agreed to double our Song Qi’s pay back then, his movie’s box office performance would surely not be bad, hur hur. But since he couldn’t bear to part with the money, there’s no one he can blame for this.”

“He can blame himself.”

“This is what short-sightedness is.”

“Zhang Ye is too arrogant. He always thinks that there’s nothing he can’t do.”

...

Japan.

“Commando 2 is pretty good.”

“Yeah, I watched the premiere as well.”

“Eh, Zhang Ye’s movie hasn’t been released yet?”

“I think it has already.”

“How are the box office earnings?”

“They’re not out yet.”

“Hur hur, I can’t wait to see Zhang Ye make a fool of himself.”

...

India.

"Commando 2 was so awesome!"

"What about that Wolf Warrior 2?"

"Who knows? Wasn't that Chinese person thinking of taking on Hollywood?"

"Like he could challenge them. It's more appropriate to say that he's gonna get beaten up, no?"

"Hahaha."

...

America.

"The day's almost over."

"The box office earnings should come out soon."

"No movie can challenge on Commando 2."

"How's that movie the Chinese guy made?"

"The box office sales must be terrible."

"The Chinese only know how to talk big!"

...

China.

"Hurry up and tabulate the statistics!"

"What the heck are the theaters doing?"

"I can't wait anymore! Where are the box office earnings for Wolf Warrior 2?"

"It's almost the cutoff time, right?"

"Don't get so anxious. Wait awhile more. We'll see how Face-smacking Zhang did very soon."

"I think everyone should calm down. We shouldn't be thinking about challenging Hollywood anyway. It's enough to compete within our own market. For Zhang Ye to make such a good domestic movie, it's an unprecedented achievement."

"That's right!"

"In any case, I've already contributed by purchasing a movie ticket!"

"I've contributed my share too!"

...

Half an hour.

An hour.

It was time!

Finally, the global premiere box office earnings for Commando 2 came out!

At Wilson's company.

Someone came running in. "It's closed!"

Wilson and the others asked, "What's the final figure?"

That person was beaming. "We got 19 million dollars in the box office for the North American region. Together with the other countries for the global box office earnings, the premiere brought in a total of 36 million US dollars!"

Wilson felt very reassured when he heard that. "Nice! Great!"

Everyone around him started cheering!

"That's awesome!"

"I knew it!"

"It was just as we predicted!"

"No, it's much higher than we expected!"

"Congratulations, Director!"

An opening day box office earnings of 36 million USD. Even in the history of Hollywood, this would count as one of the highest-grossing box office releases. Not many Hollywood movies could bring in an amount like 36 million USD at the box office on their first day. 36 million USD was equivalent to over 200 million RMB. Looking at the global movie market as a whole, many of the better local movies that did quite well and were better performers could not beat Commando 2's one-day box office earnings with their gross box office earnings! This was the reputation of Wilson's brand, as well as the reputation of Hollywood. No one in the world could match it.

Suddenly, Wilson thought of something and said with a laugh, "What about that Chinese guy's movie?"

That person laughed mockingly and said, "The final figures should be calculated soon, I guess."

Chapter 1645: Wolf Warrior 2 tops the box office!

In China.

Deep into the night.

It was already past midnight, but a lot of people could not fall asleep, especially those who had caught the premiere of Wolf Warrior 2. Even though none of them really believed that Zhang Ye could seriously

mount a challenge on Hollywood as that would be considered quite a “fantasy.” This because they all knew in their hearts just how big the Chinese box office was. All they wanted to know was how much the domestic box office earnings for Wolf Warrior 2 would get on its first day of release.

On Weibo.

“I can’t sleep!”

“It’s the end of the first day.”

“Just how much did it earn in the box office!”

“Commando 2’s results came out first?”

“Over 36 million USD?”

“What about Wolf Warrior 2?”

“I want to know about Wolf Warrior 2 as well!”

Countless citizens were looking forward to it.

One time.

Five times.

Ten times.

Everyone kept refreshing the box office rankings.

In the intense atmosphere of the public’s attention, the opening day box office figures for Wolf Warrior 2 were finally released. The public and industry had waited the entire day for this! The results were finally going to be revealed!

...

Zhang Ye’s house.

His daughter was already asleep.

Zhang Ye had his hands behind his back as he paced around the living room on the first floor. Having reached this point, he was also starting to feel a little nervous. Would it work? Could it really be done? The scale of this world’s Chinese theater chains should be about the same as his previous world’s. There was certainly a basis for the box office earnings here to be similar, but would the movie be accepted?

Wu Zeqing came downstairs with a cup of coffee. “Have some, it’ll perk you up.”

Zhang Ye was taken aback. “Aiya, why haven’t you slept yet?”

Old Wu smiled. “I’m not tired.”

“You don’t have to wait with me.” Zhang Ye said, “Go to bed first.”

Old Wu sat down on the sofa. “I’m really not tired.”

Di di. Zhang Ye's cell phone rang again.

It was the umpteenth time that his mother had sent him a message. "Are the box office results out yet?"

Zhang Ye replied: "It'll be out soon."

The entire family knew just how important today was for Zhang Ye. This was perhaps the biggest turning point in his career thus far. He had bet their entire family's property on it, his reputation, and his career. Zhang Ye had placed himself on the verge of losing everything for this one movie, all in order to carve out a way forward. He was doing this for himself, as well as for the sake of Chinese movies!

Ring, ring, ring!

Ring, ring, ring!

A call came in!

Zhang Ye had raised his cell phone alerts to the highest volume, and they could be heard clearly throughout the first floor of the villa.

Here it comes!

He immediately picked up his cell phone and answered: "How much is it?"

The voice on the other end of the line trembled as it read out the figure.

Zhang Ye hung up and sat down slowly.

Wu Zeqing gave a slight smile and asked, "How is it?"

She heard Zhang Ye cackle with laughter, "Hahahahahaha!"

He continued laughing for half a minute straight!

When Wu Zeqing saw this, she understood.

...

At a movie theater chain.

Looking at the numbers on the screen, the staff were all dumbfounded.

"Th-This—"

"Oh my god!"

"Did they get it wrong?"

"Old Li, calculate it again! Quick! Hurry up!"

"The entire country's box office statistics have already been connected to the network, and it's the same for all the other theater chains. There can't be any possibility of an error. There's no need to calculate the data again! This is the final box office figure!"

"My God!"

“This is crazy! It’s fucking crazy!”

“Zhang Ye has fucking played it real big this time!”

...

At a newspaper agency.

“It’s still not out?”

“We’ve been waiting the entire day. How are we supposed to write the draft like this?”

“Yeah, we have to publish the report by morning.”

“I’ve already completed my article. ‘Commando 2 tops the global box office ranking, Wolf Warrior 2 sells well in China with good earnings’—it won’t go wrong if we write it like that.”

“Delete that, you’ve gotten it wrong.”

“What? Wrong?”

“Chief Editor, what do you mean?”

“Wolf Warrior 2’s box office earnings have been revealed!”

“How much is it?”

“Did it surpass 30 million?”

“It surpassed that figure. Take a seat before I tell you guys.”

“We’re already sitting!”

“Aiya, just say it already.”

“Wolf Warrior 2’s opening day box office earnings are—over 260 million yuan!”

“Huh?”

“How much?”

At this moment, the entire newspaper agency fell silent!

...

At Yao Jiancai’s house.

Zhang Ye’s call came.

When Yao Jiancai put down the phone, he appeared extremely stunned!

His wife anxiously asked, “How did it do?”

Yao Mi was even more anxious. “So how was it? How did it do?”

Yao Jiancai said dumbfoundedly, "Zhang'er said that the box office earnings were over 260 million yuan."

His wife was shocked. "What!"

Yao Mi exclaimed, "What the hell!"

...

Dong Shanshan's house.

Zhang Ye called.

"Say that again?" Dong Shanshan said with wide eyes.

Zhang Ye laughed and said: "More than 260 million yuan."

Dong Shanshan exclaimed: "Can you not brag?"

Zhang Ye said: "It's true!"

Dong Shanshan didn't believe him. "How can it possibly have done so well at the box office!"

...

In a hotel.

Jacques and several of the American actors finally received a call from Zhang Ye. After hearing the figure that Zhang Ye provided him with, Jacques dropped his cell phone in shock, and the call was cut off!

"What did the director say?"

"Fuck!"

"260 million?"

"Impossible! This doesn't make any sense!"

"Jesus, we're not dreaming, right?"

...

At the house of the richest man in China.

Boss Qian Jr. exclaimed, "How can it be that high!"

Upstairs, Qian Haitao and his wife were awoken by the shouting and came downstairs to have a look.

Mrs. Qian asked, "What is it, son?"

Qian Haitao frowned. "Why aren't you sleeping?"

Boss Qian Jr. said in a daze, "Wolf Warrior 2 earned 260 million in the box office on its first day of release!"

As the wealthiest man in China, Qian Haitao was obviously a very calm soul. But when he heard this box office figure, his knees nearly gave way. After a moment of silence, he sighed and said, "Teacher Zhang is going to tear a hole in the sky!"

...

At Song Qi's studio.

The entire room of people blanched!

"Are you serious?"

"It's been published online!"

"How did it turn out like this?"

"260 million?!"

Song Qi and his agent both looked disgusted and terrible. This box office figure had shocked them so much that they nearly spat out a mouthful of blood!

...

At Zhang Ye's Studio.

Silence reigned in the office.

"How much?"

"260 million!"

"How much?"

"260 million!"

"Come again?"

...

At Li Ke's home.

A call from a director friend woke him up.

"Old Zhou, do you know what time it is?"

"Something big has happened!"

"What's the matter?"

"Zhang Ye has started something big!"

"What?"

"Wolf Warrior 2 scored 260 million yuan on its first day at the box office!"

"What did you say?"

With a bounce, Li Ke sat up in bed in shock.

...

America.

At a banquet.

It was still daytime here. The entire film crew of Commando 2 was present. The director, the actors, the investors, everyone had gathered together and were celebrating with a party.

At this moment, someone came running in!

"This is not good!"

Everyone looked over.

"What's the matter?"

"What's the matter, why are you carrying on?"

That person said with a panicked expression, "The box office earnings of that Chinese guy are out!"

Wilson laughed and said, "So how much did they take in? A fraction of ours?"

That person wiped his sweat away and said, "40 million!"

Everyone laughed.

"40 million? You mean yuan, right?"

"That's not too bad a performance."

"Oh yeah, it's chump change."

"Ours is 36 million dollars, his is 40 million yuan. With the exchange rate, they're at most a fraction of our box office earnings, haha!"

But the person who came bearing the news had an ashen face.

Wilson looked at him. "What is it? Is something wrong?"

That person gulped. "In dollars!"

Wilson was startled. "What about dollars?"

That person said with a bitter smile, "Wolf Warrior 2's box office earnings were counted in US dollars!"

The entire venue fell silent!

US dollars?

40 million USD?

Wilson spat out a mouthful of blood!

...

The day's global box office rankings were out.

Daily rankings:

#1: Wolf Warrior 2

Box office earnings: US\$40,080,000

#2: Commando 2

Box office earnings: US\$36,120,000

#3: Life of Jimmy

Box office earnings: US\$15,500,000

These were the calculated box office statistics for the previous day of screening and would not be updated any further. The box office rankings were set in stone.

When the rankings came out!

People around the world were shocked!

Media around the world was shocked!

The world's film industry was shocked!

Something big had happened!

At this moment, the entire world knew that something big had happened in the global film industry!

Chapter 1646: Zhang Ye becomes famous with a single battle!

Korea.

In the film industry.

"This is not good!"

"That hooligan from China is at it again!"

"What's happening?"

"Didn't Commando 2 get crowned as the champion of the global box office earnings yesterday?!"

"Huh?"

"Wolf Warrior 2 took its place!"

"Hai, I said that when Wilson used Zhang Ye to hype up his movie, it was best not to provoke that fellow since he's not someone that you can push around so easily. Look at what has happened now."

...

The UK.

Online.

"My God!"

"How did it turn out like this?"

"Yeah, how could this happen!"

"Is the film industry going to see a change soon?"

"Just who the hell is that Chinese Nobel Prize recipient, really!"

...

America.

Hollywood.

"40 million?"

"What in the fucking hell!"

"It must be in yuan, right? It has to be!"

"It's in US dollars!"

"Commando 2 has been crushed!"

"Sh-Shouldn't he have been stifled after we blocked his global release of the movie?"

"That was purely the Chinese market's box office earnings!"

...

India.

"How did something like this happen!"

"Commando 2 has lost?"

"Wilson lost?"

"Hollywood lost?"

"What's more, they actually lost to a Chinese director and movie too?"

"Motherfucker, what the hell is going on!"

...

Australia.

"This slap to the face is too ruthless!"

“Wilson has probably gone out of his mind!”

“This is a slap to the face of Hollywood by the Chinese!”

“The Chinese are too terrifying!”

“No, it’s that Chinese celebrity who’s the scary one!”

...

Japan went crazy!

America went crazy!

Europe went crazy!

On the day, every person in the world went crazy!

All of this had happened too suddenly and without any warning. At this moment, even the international entertainment news hadn’t reported on it. The entire world did not have time to react, and the media wasn’t even prepared. As such, everyone who saw the global box office rankings from yesterday was all shocked!

There was a very strange atmosphere in the international scene!

It was as though the people of the world had encountered a ghost!

...

Only China was different.

No one could fall asleep tonight.

Every household was filled with surprised shouts and exclamations!

In a home.

“Ahhhhhh!”

“Honey, what’s wrong?”

“Hubby! Stop sleeping! Wake up and see this!”

“What are you going on about so late at night?”

“Zhang Ye has won! He’s won!”

“Won? Against who?”

“He has totally crushed Wilson!”

“Hur hur, go wash up and sleep, you must be dreaming.”

“Dammit, I’m serious! Look at this, quick!”

“What?!”

...

At a bar.

Several Chinese movie directors were holding a late night meeting. Many of them had been woken up by calls to come here and were only just starting to find out about this big deal that happened in the film industry.

“Old Zhou, Old Zhou, just how—”

“We don’t know either, but the box office statistics can’t be wrong!”

“How did Zhang Ye do it?”

“No matter how he did it, this is still a milestone for China’s film industry!”

“Right, the reason why we called everyone out this time is to celebrate that. It’s very possible that the Chinese film industry is headed for good times from here on out. That kid Zhang Ye is amazing!”

“He’s more than amazing!”

“Yeah, he might as well soar to the Heavens with his opening day box office earnings of 260 million yuan!”

“This is the first time I’ve heard of anyone being able to step on a Hollywood movie like that. I’m still wondering if all of this is just a dream! Did that really happen?”

...

In a group chat.

The Celebrity Goof Group.

Many of the celebrities appeared in the group.

Ning Lan sent a shocked emote in the chat: “Something big has happened!”

Xiaodong: “@ZhangYe You better come right out and send me a red packet! Damn! You’re gonna be so popular, Teacher Zhang! You’ve shocked the entire world!”

Shu Han was stunned: “@ZhangYe So the word that you put out about challenging Hollywood, that was really fucking true? W-We thought you were just joking!”

Yao Jiancai also emerged: “I also thought it was just a joke!”

Chen Guang: “Old Yao, give out some red packets!”

Li Xiaoxian: “Old Yao, give out some red packets!”

Amy: “Teacher Yao, you’re going to get real popular this time too!”

Yao Jiancai sent a sweating emote: “What’s this about getting popular? The box office earnings have shocked me silly. All I can feel right now is my pounding heart. I still haven’t recovered from the shock!”

Amy: “Where’s Director Zhang? Director Zhang? Why aren’t you showing yourself?”

Dong Shanshan appeared: “I tried calling him earlier, but I wasn’t able to get through. He must be getting a ton of calls.”

Ning Lan: “I’m afraid to say, Zhang Ye must be the busiest person in the entire world right now! Today’s battle has made him famous around the world!”

...

On Weibo.

The news was spreading everywhere!

Late into the night, there was ten times more activity on Weibo than in the morning!

Zhang Xia.

Huo Dongfang.

Xu Meilan.

Famous people in the industry.

Several Heavenly Kings and Queens.

The moguls of the movie industry.

Countless people were sending their congratulations!

This was a grand affair for the Chinese film industry!

It was a grand affair for China’s entertainment circle as well!

Every industry insider knew exactly what it meant for Wolf Warrior 2 to crush so many Hollywood movies to take the top spot on the day’s box office rankings!

The Chinese netizens were in an even greater frenzy:

“Ahhhh!”

“How cool! This is so fucking cool!”

“Number one on the global box office rankings for the day!”

“Zhang Ye has really done it!”

“When I saw the box office results, I actually cried. It hasn’t been easy at all! It really has not been easy for our domestic movies! How many years has it been! I can’t believe I got to see this day!”

“Who says that the Chinese market isn’t good enough? Ah? Who said it!”

“That idiotic Wilson really looks like an idiot now!”

“So you think that our Chinese market is negligible? How about now? Our domestic movie’s box office earnings in the domestic market are fucking greater than your gross global box office earnings!”

“I’m so excited that I don’t know what to say!”

“It’s too amazing!”

“Zhang Ye has shown the might of our country!”

“Wolf Warrior 2 is too heaven defying!”

“Face-smacking Zhang is indeed Face-smacking Zhang!”

“I knew he could do it! I just knew it!”

“Hahahahaha. When Zhang Ye says that he will smack their faces, he will definitely smack their faces. Never has he failed before—that’s the true mark of Zhang Ye!”

“What a good day to celebrate!”

“This is the most important day for our domestic movies!”

“Letting Face-smacking Zhang step up to the international scene was the best choice we made! He can really lead the Chinese and our Chinese works to take on the world! Unlike those male idols who keep circling the domestic market for money grabs after they’ve reached the top, Zhang Ye takes on any challenge. And he always wins!”

“I wasn’t Zhang Ye’s fan in the past, but I’m so excited today. After being woken up by my roommate in the middle of the night and seeing the global box office earnings, my blood is racing and I can’t go back to sleep! I’m so proud for Wolf Warrior 2! I’m so proud for Zhang Ye! I’m so proud that I’m Chinese!”

Cheers!

Excitement!

Screams!

Every person felt an exultant sense of pride!

They all knew that Zhang Ye did not have any intentions to make a movie initially. But for himself, and for the sake of the Chinese people, he wore the hat of director and took the role himself, all just to prove in practice to Wilson, Hollywood, and the entire world:

Whoever offends the mighty nation of China!

However! Distant! Shall! Be! Destroyed!

Chapter 1647: Breaking yet another record!

The next day.

Sunday morning.

Zhang Ye had been taking calls until very late last night. When he opened his eyes again, his parents and parents-in-law were already at his house. From his bed upstairs, Zhang Ye could hear his mother's loud voice. He smiled and yawned, then stretched as he walked downstairs.

"Dad, Mom," he said.

Wu Zeqing looked at him. "Why didn't you sleep for a while longer?"

Zhang Ye smiled and said, "I can't sleep anymore."

His mother pulled at her son. "Did you see the box office earnings? Did you see it?"

"I knew about it earlier than you. How could I not have seen it?" Zhang Ye laughed.

His father said excitedly, "Those earnings are beyond belief. You've broken the record!"

Li Qinqin also said excitedly, "Little Ye, you've caused quite a sensation this time!"

Wu Changhe had a tired and weary look on his face. Clearly, he also couldn't sleep well after finding out about the opening day box office earnings of Wolf Warrior 2.

It was too high!

It was too frightening!

There had never been such a high opening day box office in the history of the Chinese film industry!

Zhang Ye chuckled and said, "Dad, Mom, it's only the first day, so we still need to see how we'll do in the next few days. The opening day box office is very important, but in the end, it's still the total box office earnings that count. I won't be able to stay around to entertain you all. I've got to head back to the studio to arrange for some publicity. I'll be busy this entire month and won't be home early most days, so I'll hand Sisi over to you all."

His mother said, "Don't worry, we are here!"

Li Qinqin urged, "Hurry up and go to work!"

Wu Zeqing smiled. "Let's go, I'll drive you to the studio."

"What are you doing?" Zhang Ye asked.

Old Wu said, "I've booked a theater for this morning and invited my colleagues to watch Wolf Warrior 2."

Zhang Ye said happily, "Alright, let's leave together then."

...

The news was overwhelming.

"A Chinese film's rampage!"

"A great enemy rises up against Hollywood!"

"The ultimate box office breakout of the Chinese film market!"

“What incident took place yesterday?”

“Commando 2 gets defeated by Wolf Warrior 2 in the battle of the premieres!”

“The first time in history! A Hollywood movie has lost to a Chinese movie!”

“The world may need to re-examine the Chinese market!”

“How far can the breakout of the Chinese film industry go on for?”

“Who’s going to be the global box office champion of this weekend?”

“Hollywood’s industry insiders predict: Wolf Warrior 2’s performance might only be a flash in the pan! ”

The UK.

America.

France.

Japan.

Canada.

The news outlets in many countries all over the world were crazily reporting on this matter. Some countries even published the news in the most prominent headline spot on the front page. It was clear that the sudden emergence of this Chinese movie had truly shocked the world. It was a fact that the media and industry insiders from all over the world found this hard to accept!

The news in China was even more ferocious!

Xinhua News!

Central TV!

And even People’s Daily!

Many of the Chinese media outlets were giving their support to Zhang Ye!

...

At the studio.

The atmosphere was a jubilant one.

When Zhang Ye arrived, he immediately got surrounded by the staff.

“Ah!”

“Director Zhang!”

“We’re the best!”

“We’re on fire! On fire!”

“Have you seen the international news yet?”

From the night until now, a lot of the studio staff had not gotten any sleep. They were all immersed in this great joy and couldn't control themselves!

Zhang Ye laughed and said, "I've seen it already. How is it now?"

Everyone gave him a report about the situation.

Ha Qiqi said, "In order to avoid our limelight, three directors have confirmed that their new movies will have their releases delayed. That's why our showtimes have increased."

"How much is the screening rate today?" Zhang Ye asked.

Ha Qiqi said excitedly, "It's already reached 45%!"

Zhang Zuo said, "Nearly half of the movie theaters are showing our movie!"

Zhang Ye nodded. "Alright, are the real-time box office earnings for today out yet?"

"Of course, the box office earnings can be tracked in real-time now!" Little Wang held up her cell phone and said, "I'll check for the latest updates again. Ah, as of right now, we've already hit 93 million in the box office earnings for today! And it isn't even noon yet! Ahhhh! 93.5 million! It's gonna cross a 100 million very soon!"

Zhang Ye said, "What about Commando 2?"

Tong Fu checked. "Almost the same. They're already past 10 million dollars in earnings."

Zhang Ye suddenly said, "Just winning for a day isn't considered much. Everyone, don't slack off. The battle has only just begun. Don't screw up at this critical juncture. We'll need to keep up the momentum and continue following up with the promotions. Where's the graphic designer? Is the movie poster highlighting a total box office earnings of 300 million done up yet?" When he got a positive response, he immediately said, "OK, do it again, keep working on it. Make sure we have it out on time. Old Ha, go and inform the actors to take a few more events. Be it the news or variety shows, get them to help out with the promos as much as they can. In short, I want us to get first on this weekend's box office rankings no matter what!"

"Sure!"

"Got it, Director Zhang!"

"Understood!"

Everyone got down to business.

...

In China.

On Weibo.

"It broke 100 million today!"

"Yeah, it's already surpassed that figure!"

“Wolf Warrior 2 is breaking common sense!”

“Can it become the box office champion this weekend?”

“It’s still quite difficult to say! Commando 2 is starting to catch up!”

“Come on, Face-smacking Zhang!”

“Fuck that Wilson up!”

“Vanquish Hollywood!”

“Lord Zhang is almighty! It’s all up to you now!”

...

America.

Wilson’s company.

“We will definitely be able to catch up by today!”

“That’s right, the opening day performance doesn’t mean anything. The box office earnings depend on what happens after!”

“The weekend box office champion will definitely be us!”

“There’s never been a foreign movie that has performed better than Hollywood at the weekend box office earnings! It won’t be an exception this time either!”

“Keep up with the marketing. Increase the publicity for all major markets!”

“We must become the box office champion this weekend no matter how much money is required for the marketing!”

Wilson was getting anxious.

The Commando 2 film crew was getting anxious.

Hollywood was also getting anxious.

...

On the Web.

Netizens from all over the world had pulled their chairs up to watch the battle.

“This is so intense!”

“The box office rankings have me gripped!”

“Wolf Warrior 2 vs. Commando 2, who will win?”

“This is a battle of honor!”

“The quality of this Chinese movie is really scary!”

“The outcome will be revealed very soon!”

“Could history of cinema really get rewritten today?”

“It won’t, Hollywood’s legend won’t be destroyed so easily!”

“Yeah, that is Hollywood we’re talking about, it’s the pinnacle of the film industry!”

...

On this day.

The entire world was anxiously staring at the box office rankings. Everyone had a look of shock on their faces as they watched with trepidation!

10 million USD!

20 million USD!

30 million USD!

The two movies were neck and neck!

The media.

The people.

The industry insiders.

China.

America.

Japan.

There were only a few more minutes to go!

Everyone was waiting for the final outcome!

When the global weekend box office closed, when those numbers finally stopped moving!

The entire world descended into an uproar!

It blew up on the Web:

“God!”

“How did this happen?”

“It won again?”

“The Chinese won again?”

“This—What is this! How could it be!”

“Who said that Wolf Warrior 2 was just a flash in the pan?”

“This is a Hollywood blockbuster! This is Director Wilson we’re talking about! This is the sequel to Commando! How could it not even beat a Chinese movie?!”

“This is such a fucking miracle!”

“What the hell!”

“Impressive, my Chinese bro! You’re awesome!”

The global weekend (Saturday and Sunday) box office rankings:

#1: Wolf Warrior 2

#2: Commando 2

The Chinese movie had taken first place again!

Wolf Warrior 2’s Sunday box office earnings were 48.21 million USD, with the total weekend earnings at 88.2 million USD!

Commando 2’s Sunday box office earnings were 45.8 million USD, with the total weekend earnings at 81.05 million USD!

At this moment, Wilson’s face was ashen. Many Hollywood directors and industry insiders could not accept this. They could accept losing to a fellow Hollywood movie, they could accept losing to a fellow Hollywood director, but they definitely couldn’t accept losing to a foreign movie! Furthermore, it was even a movie made by the Chinese! To them, this was the greatest insult they could receive. It was as though they were dealt a slap to their faces that left a stinging pain!

How the hell did the Chinese movie do it!

Are you people on steroids or something!

Chapter 1648: Did you fly here?

Monday.

In the morning.

On the third day since the movie opened.

The International Celebrity Rankings Index was refreshed. The index saw yet another astonishing change of the rankings. Zhang Ye advanced from the 59th place on the international C-list rankings by seven places and was now ranked 52nd after his international popularity grew tremendously.

It had to be said that Zhang Ye’s international popularity had not moved at all prior to this. Furthermore, this was the third day since Wolf Warrior 2 had premiered. In fact, even though Wolf Warrior 2 was given a “global” release, its showtimes overseas were as good as negligible, and it could be considered as having only released in China. Yet that was still enough to increase Zhang Ye’s international popularity by a lot, so it could be seen just how great of a feat it was for a Chinese movie to defeat a Hollywood

movie in the past weekend's global box office rankings. It had completely shocked everyone around the world!

The whole world had their attention on this!

The media outlets of many countries were reporting about it!

Something about a world-class director.

Something about an international action star.

All kinds of titles were attached to Zhang Ye.

At this moment, the attacks from Hollywood started.

"The final box office earnings are still not confirmed."

"World-class director? That'll depend on the gross box office earnings the movie gets. It has only been two days."

"I won't acknowledge that he's an international action star!"

"It's clear as day that Zhang Ye's physical fitness is atrocious, so how can he be called an international action star? That's actually too professional a term to use for him. Actors who can be labeled as action stars are all very good at fighting. They have to do it for real and not just shoot a few action scenes to be called an action star. Neither would having a slightly better global box office performance earn them the title of being an international action star. Just look at Zhang Ye. Does he even look like he's an actor who can fight? Don't mention fighting, just based on his physical fitness alone, I doubt he can even run a mile, heh."

The barbs were all pointed at Zhang Ye.

The purpose of Hollywood's attack was obvious. It was to stifle the bluster of Wolf Warrior 2's performance to affect their box office earnings. Even now, they were still hopeful that Commando 2 would be able to beat Wolf Warrior 2 and that their own box office earnings would surpass their rival's by the end of the day!

...

In China.

Shanghai.

Outside the airport, in a van.

Zhang Ye and several actors were on the way to a promotional tour stop. For the next few days, the main members of the film crew would be traveling the entire country to promote their movie. This was also their way to express their sincerity and help push Wolf Warrior 2's box office earnings to a new high.

Ha Qiqi said, "Why is there a traffic jam?"

Zhang Zuo said anxiously, "There are news reports of major traffic jams happening all over Shanghai."

"This is bad." Sophia kept checking her watch. "The tour starts at 9 AM, but it's almost 8. What if we don't make it on time?"

Honk honk honk!

Honk honk honk!

There was the sound of honking all around, but the traffic wasn't moving at all!

Zhang Ye couldn't sit around and wait anymore. "This show is our first stop and is crucial to our box office earnings, so we must not be late for it. How many kilometers are we away from the theater?"

Yao Jiancai said, "We're still more than 20 kilometers away."

Ha Qiqi checked the GPS. "The entire way is congested."

Boss Qian Jr. let out a curse, "Fuck. If I knew it would've been like this, I would've asked my dad to buy a private helicopter. This traffic is delaying us! If we arrive late to our stop, those Hollywood bastards will surely seize the opportunity to attack us and claim that we don't respect the audience! The entire world is looking at us under a microscope. If there is even a small mishap, they will definitely exaggerate and blow it out of proportion!"

They waited another two minutes.

The traffic was still not moving.

Zhang Ye looked out to the roadside. "Where's the bike share ¹?"

The several people in the car were taken aback. "What's a bike share?"

Oh right.

That didn't exist in this world yet.

Zhang Ye took a deep breath and did not say anything. Suddenly, under everyone's puzzled gazes, he took out everything from his pockets: his cell phone, his wallet, and his keys. Then, he undid the buttons on his suit and took it off. Then he reached out to open the car door and said without looking back, "I'll head over first!"

The several of them were dumbfounded.

"You'll head over first?"

"But there's a traffic jam!"

"H-How are you going there?"

At the next moment, they saw Zhang Ye sprinting forward!

The people in the car were all stunned!

Sophia nearly fainted. "Where are you running off to?"

Boss Qian Jr. exclaimed, "The fuck! It's more than 20 kilometers away!"

Yao Jiancai shouted, "Did you drink this morning? You won't be able to get there even if we gave you a day!"

Ha Qiqi and the others nearly vomited blood. They wanted to stop him but couldn't, so they watched as Zhang Ye disappeared running through the traffic!

Jacques could not understand Mandarin and was still looking bewildered by what just happened.

"Where is the director going?"

Boss Qian Jr. facepalmed and said, "He running to the theater."

Jacques was stupefied. "What?"

...

On the way there.

Countless people lowered their car windows.

"Oh my God!"

"Everyone, look at who that is!"

"It's Zhang Ye!"

"It's really Face-smacking Zhang!"

"What is he doing?"

"Is he jogging? But this is the highway!"

...

At another section of the road.

"Ah!"

"Zhang Ye?"

"Damn, I just saw a celebrity!"

"Ah, Zhang Ye is jumping off the bridge!"

"Damn, he really leaped over and jumped down!"

"What's he in such a rush for?"

...

On Weibo.

A headline began to trend on Weibo.

The Weibo headline was called: The Running Zhang Ye.

"The coordinates are in Shanghai!"

“Zhang Ye is still running!”

“Wow, I saw him too! He’s run to where I am!”

“Where’s he heading?”

“Isn’t the first stop for the movie’s promotional tour happening today?”

“Oh yes, there are traffic jams everywhere in Shanghai today. C-Could he be fucking thinking of running to the theater?”

“Huh?”

On this morning, Zhang Ye was all over Weibo.

Passing through the various sections of the highway, netizens took pictures of him and provided real-time updates on Weibo.

...

At 9:30 AM.

The promotional tour stop event had begun half an hour ago.

The traffic in Shanghai started easing up.

Ha Qiqi said to the driver, “Quick, drive, we need to hurry!”

Zhang Zuo asked, “Did you spot Director Zhang?”

Sophia kept her eyes on the road as the car drove. “No, I can’t see him at all!”

“Who knows which way he went!” Yao Jiancai also had his face close to the car window as he looked for any signs of Zhang Ye. “He couldn’t have run off too far ahead in one and a half hours. I guess he must have been running blindly and took a wrong turn somewhere. Since he left his cell phone in the car, we can’t reach him either. We’ve almost reached the destination, so he might as well have just stayed with us and been late by only 40 minutes.”

Sophia said, “What will we do if the director is not there with us?”

Ha Qiqi said, “We still have to do it. We have to try to hold out for a bit.”

Jacques sighed. “I guess that’s the only way.”

Zhang Zuo said, “When we get there, let’s apologize first”

Ten minutes later.

The car reached the entrance of the movie theater.

The crew jumped out of the car and fast walked inside.

Upon seeing one of the event staffers, Ha Qiqi and the others hurriedly apologized, “Sorry, we were late due to traffic.”

The staffer said, "It's fine. Go in quickly."

Ha Qiqi said, "Everyone must be getting impatient, right? It's our fault. Director Zhang also encountered some problems and will probably not be able to make it in time for the showing, so—"

The staffer said startled, "Director Zhang?"

Zhang Zuo said, "We're sorry about that."

But the staffer said, "Director Zhang arrived long ago."

Everyone was stunned to hear that. "What?"

The staffer pointed inside and said, "Director Zhang has already arrived. In fact, he even got here at five minutes to 9."

Sophia's legs nearly gave way!

Yao Jiancai stared with wide eyes. "Impossible!"

No one could believe it, and they rushed inside to have a look.

In the end, they saw Zhang Ye in the theater, holding a microphone and laughing as he said confidently, "If everyone likes this movie, then please show us some support. As for the slander from those people in Hollywood, just pretend that you didn't hear it. Consider it nonsense from those bastards."

The media and audience laughed.

At this moment, Zhang Ye spotted Ha Qiqi and the others. He smiled and said, "Alright, the main crew and actors have arrived. I'll leave the rest of the questions for them."

Sophia stared in shock!

Boss Qian Jr. looked like he had seen a ghost!

What the hell!

You're here already?

How did you manage to run here?

Did you fucking fly here or something?!

...

On the same night.

The news broke.

"Wolf Warrior 2's first tour stop is successfully held!"

"Major traffic jams across Shanghai, Zhang Ye runs to the theater!"

"What is professionalism?"

“Zhang Ye really lives up to the people’s expectations!”

“Running a half-marathon to get to a tour stop?”

“Zhang Ye’s crazy run in Shanghai tops the trending list of searches!”

Some of the nosier media outlets even used the times and geolocation information of the netizens’ Weibo posts to write a detailed article and tracked the distance and time of Zhang Ye’s run on the highway to the theater. If they hadn’t counted it, it wouldn’t have mattered. But now that they did, it gave the entire world something to be shocked about!

For the entire journey, Zhang Ye had actually run 22 kilometers in total!

How long is a half-marathon? 13.1 miles! Converted to the metric system, that would be 21.1 kilometers!

In other words, the distance that Zhang Ye ran was actually one kilometer longer than a half-marathon. And the time that he took to run to the theater was a shocking 59 minutes and 18 seconds. Upon checking the results of this year’s international half-marathon races, everyone was shocked to discover that Zhang Ye had run the best time in the world this year. Even the professional marathon runners were not as fast as him!

This conclusion was frightening!

It was so frightening that the world was astonished!

...

The Web blew up!

An American netizen: “What?”

A Japanese netizen: “That’s too fast a time!”

A UK netizen: “Is that the best time this year?”

An Indian netizen: “How is this possible!”

A Canadian netizen: “This is the level of an elite athlete!”

A French netizen: “Didn’t Hollywood claim that Zhang Ye’s physical fitness was atrocious? That he wasn’t qualified to be called an action star? H-How is that fucking called having atrocious physical fitness? Just how fit is he really!”

A Korea netizen: “Did you guys see the photos? His clothes and shoes!”

A collared shirt.

And dress pants.

Paired with leather shoes.

He didn’t wear any running apparel!

Even like this, he was still able to run the best time of the year?

People around the world didn't know how to react.

Only the Chinese netizens were laughing.

"Did you guys just find out?"

"This fellow isn't human to begin with."

"Teacher Zhang has smacked Hollywood in the face again!"

"Right after Hollywood speaks, Face-smacking Zhang slaps them in the face!"

"Zhang Ye's physical fitness is atrocious? This is a joke that can make me laugh for a 100 fucking years!"

Chapter 1649: A first in the history of Chinese film!

On the same day.

The box office earnings were tabulated.

Hollywood was silenced.

The global film industry was silenced.

Wolf Warrior 2's third-day domestic box office earnings: CN¥197 million.

Meanwhile, Commando 2, which Hollywood had high hopes for, only scored a box office earnings of 81 million RMB for the day after allowing for conversion. Previously, Commando 2 was still close behind Wolf Warrior 2 and could have surpassed it at any moment. However, it was finally showing signs of fatigue.

On the Web.

"This is too scary!"

"The gap has been widened!"

"Commando 2 has been affected by the Chinese movie!"

"Zhang Ye's movie is too fearsome. It's dragged down the global box office earnings of Commando 2!"

"Wilson has no way of catching up!"

"Yeah, the outcome has been decided."

"These box office earnings are so scary. And it's even Monday!"

"Very few movies can achieve such box office earnings during the workweek!"

"Do the Chinese not need to work?"

"Hollywood has really lost this time."

“The only thing to look forward to now is how much Wolf Warrior 2’s final box office earnings will be.”

...

There was something unique about the Chinese: They were busybodies.

There was still another unique point about the Chinese: They loved being spectators when drama unfolded.

Now that Zhang Ye and Wolf Warrior 2 had been deified by the masses, the enthusiasm of the Chinese for watching the movie was bursting through the roof. When people were out and having conversations with one another, there was almost a necessity to bring up the topic of Wolf Warrior 2. Such a phenomenal level of discussion had never happened before. In the span of a night, it was as though there was no differentiation between men and women, old and young, or even the rich and poor anymore.

There were only two kinds of people now.

Those who had watched Wolf Warrior 2.

And those who hadn’t.

...

At a company.

“Come on, let’s not work overtime today.”

“Ah?”

“The boss has booked a theater and invited everyone to watch Wolf Warrior 2!”

“Wow!”

“Long live the boss!”

“This is great!”

...

In a neighborhood.

“Old Man Li, have you watched Wolf Warrior 2 yet?”

“Not yet.”

“Whoa, why are you so out of date? You haven’t even watched it yet?”

“You’ve watched it already?”

“My son brought me to watch it. I thought it was especially good.”

“Wow, then I should get my daughter to book a ticket for me too.”

...

In a school.

"Hurry, hurry, it's time to go!"

"Have you bought the tickets already?"

"I've bought them long ago. Let's go and watch it together!"

"Haha, let's go!"

"I've already watched it three times! But I still want to watch it again!"

"I've already watched it four times, but I still want to do my part to help Zhang Ye take on Hollywood!"

...

In the neighborhood where Tang Dazhang, the crosstalk actor, lived.

Tang Dazhang was currently taking a stroll in the neighborhood.

"Yo, Old Tang."

"Auntie Zhao, you're walking the dog?"

"That's right. Ai, have you watched Wolf Warrior 2 yet?"

"I don't watch Zhang Ye's movies."

"Heh, why didn't you watch it? It's really very good."

"I'm not gonna watch it."

"Go and watch. You aren't Chinese if you don't watch it!"

Tang Dazhang nearly vomited blood. What do you mean by I'm not Chinese! Don't you all know that I'm at loggerheads with Zhang Ye? Why would I watch his movies!

But in the end, Tang Dazhang still went to watch it. He put on his sunglasses and a face mask and sneaked into the theater. He was just very curious about why Zhang Ye's movie was able to bring everyone together in China. What right did Zhang Ye have to challenge Hollywood? This was something that no one in the Chinese film industry had ever managed to succeed at in many years!

...

At Song Qi's studio.

In these past few days, the atmosphere in the studio had been changing by the day. In the beginning, everyone was waiting for Zhang Ye to make a fool of himself. Later on, they started hoping that Wolf Warrior 2 would fail at the box office. However, with how everything had developed to this point, they were powerless. They were all stunned by Zhang Ye's new movie.

"They've broken the record again!"

"If only we had known, we wouldn't have asked for a raise back then!"

“A movie that will enter the annals of history like this one, we would have acted in it even without pay! If only we had taken this role, Little Song would’ve had a lot more development potential!”

Song Qi was regretting his choice now!

His agent was also extremely regretful!

They had now become the butt of the joke of the Chinese film industry!

Song Qi had posted an advertisement on his Weibo to promote his new movie today. However, countless people left a lot of comments replying to that post calling out Song Qi. It was revealed he had gone back on his word and backstabbed Wolf Warrior 2 during its production phase.

Comments:

“Get out of the entertainment circle!”

“How can there be anyone as petty as you!”

“Song Qi, go to hell!”

“Because of you, Wolf Warrior 2 nearly didn’t make it out of production!”

“Changing your compensation terms at the last minute? Why don’t you just die instead!”

Song Qi’s reputation stunk up the entire street.

...

One day.

Two days.

Three days.

Wolf Warrior 2’s box office earnings continued to soar.

The speed at which the box office earnings was rising was totally unprecedented.

800 million!

900 million!

1 billion!

1.1 billion!

In only a short period of five days, Wolf Warrior 2’s gross box office earnings had already surpassed 1.2 billion RMB. At this point, it also completely broke the Chinese film industry’s highest-grossing box office earnings and successfully took first place in the Chinese box office rankings. Moreover, this record would still be rewritten over the upcoming days. There were almost no signs of this coming to a stop.

...

On this day.

A celebratory feast was held.

Zhang Ye booked a banquet hall and arrived early at the venue to make sure the arrangements and the place were set up properly. He even stood at the door to personally welcome the guests.

An endless stream of friends walked in.

Yao Jiancai was laughing out loud from afar. "Haha, Zhang'er!

Zhang Ye opened his arms and embraced him. "You've worked hard, Old Yao."

"I just went to a few more interviews. How is that hard work?" Yao Jiancai said with a smile.

"Zhang'er, I'm here." Dong Shanshan appeared in a spectacular getup.

Zhang Ye was wowed. "Whoa, you're so beautiful today?"

Dong Shanshan smiled gleefully and said, "Of course, the celebratory feast this time is held in honor of us winning against Hollywood, so I definitely had to dress up more presentably."

Behind her, another few honored guests arrived.

—The richest man in China and his wife.

Zhang Ye smiled and said, "Boss Qian, we owe it to you for the movie's distribution this time."

Qian Haitao grabbed hold of his hand and said, "It was all down to your movie being good. Moreover, I should be the one saying thank you instead. You've really done our Chinese movies proud this time!"

Zhang Ye smiled. "It's because everyone is supportive."

Mrs. Qian added, "Teacher Zhang, I'll be depending on you to watch out for my son in the future. He's still young and has been spoiled by us all this time. He hasn't achieved anything to be proud of, but after working with you on your movie, I've seen a great change in him. Moreover, he really respects you too, so please guide him well in the future."

Zhang Ye hurriedly said. "Ma'am, you're too generous."

Boss Qian Jr. also walked up from behind. He had heard what they said and couldn't help but laugh and say, "Mom, Teacher Zhang is even more vicious at scolding others than I am. He has also scolded more people than I did, so are you sure you want me to learn from him?"

Mrs. Qian slapped him upside the head. "Oh, you!"

Jacques and the other American actors were here as well.

Jacques smiled and said, "Zhang, congratulations, you've become the number one director in China."

Zhang Ye said happily, "Oh, come one, there are a lot more directors who are better than me. As for you, have you seen the news lately? You're even more popular in China than a Hollywood A-lister is!"

Jacques said emotionally, "That's all due to you."

Zhang Ye ushered them in. "Come in. Let's catch up over drinks later."

Very quickly, the guests had all arrived.

Zhang Ye stood on the stage. He picked up the microphone and said, "Everyone is here now. There are no reporters today and no outsiders either. The only people who are present are the actors, crew, and distributor of Wolf Warrior 2. First, let me thank everyone here for their support, which has allowed Wolf Warrior 2 to achieve the results that it has. Today's celebratory feast isn't held for me but in honor of all of you. Let me raise a toast to every one of you. I also hope that our Chinese film industry will get better and for China to get stronger!"

"Nice!"

"Well said!"

"Hahaha, cheers!"

Celebrations!

Cheers!

The atmosphere at the celebratory feast was extremely warm!

Zhang Ye was on fire!

Sophia was on fire!

Yao Jiancai was on fire!

Jacques was on fire!

The Chinese film industry was on fire!

This was a celebration of the people!

And an unprecedented celebration for Chinese movies!

Chapter 1650: Wolf Warrior 2's final box office earnings!!

1.3 billion!

1.5 billion!

1.7 billion!

2 billion!

The box office box earnings grew higher and higher with each passing day!

These days, Wolf Warrior 2 had dominated the global box office champion so much so that Hollywood could hardly breathe anymore. Everyone around the world could only see this Chinese movie putting on a one-man show, and no one could do anything about it.

Challenge it?

How would they mount the challenge!?

There was nothing they had on it at all!

Logically speaking, the ten days after the release of a movie was the best period for the box office earnings to grow. This was because those ten days, which included two weekends, were often the most concentrated period where movie-goers would watch it during. After that, the box office earnings growth will slowly decline. This was a general rule of thumb in the film industry, and no matter how good a movie was, the box office earnings wouldn't be able to grow exponentially anymore. However, Wolf Warrior 2 broke this rule. Ten days had already passed, but the box office earnings of Wolf Warrior 2 still did not show any signs of weakening. It was as if the movie was on steroids, with the box office results continuing to soar by the day. With every new day, it created history over and over again. No one could see where the end for this movie was as Wolf Warrior 2 continued being unstoppable!

...

America.

Chinatown.

"There's finally a screening for the movie!"

"We can watch Wolf Warrior 2 already!"

"I've already watched it, it was really enjoyable!"

"How blood boiling! Oh my awesome motherland!"

...

France.

"The cinema at the entrance is showing Wolf Warrior 2!"

"What?"

"Come, let's go and watch it!"

"I was still considering to buy a ticket home to catch it. This is great!"

"Supporting Zhang Ye!"

...

Japan.

At one of the Chinatowns.

"Wolf Warrior 2 is screening now!"

"Even Hollywood is unable to hold down Wolf Warrior!"

"Our Chinese movies are the best!"

"Come on, let's go and get the tickets! We're aren't Chinese if we don't watch it!"

...

Abroad.

When the cinema chains in many of the countries saw this trend, they started increasing the screening schedule of Wolf Warrior 2.

Some of them added a single session.

Some added two sessions.

Many of the countries were adding more sessions to their screening schedules.

The movie was being shown in a lot of countries.

Although the screening schedules overseas couldn't compare to the ones in China, although 90% the movie-goers who went to watch Wolf Warrior 2 were all international Chinese students, these small groups added up would still count for something. Furthermore, even if the significance of the overseas markets was different, it still helped to give a boost to Wolf Warrior 2's box office earnings.

America.

Korea.

England.

Germany.

Canada.

Countless Chinese citizens were headed to the cinemas.

All over the world, the cinemas were ignited by the Wolf Warrior fever!

...

In China.

A lot of people were also caught by surprise.

Director Zhou Zhao's office.

"Director Zhou."

"Yes?"

"It's time that our new movie—"

"Push it back another week."

"Ah? Delay it again?"

"What else do you suggest then? Do you want to go up against Wolf Warrior 2 at a time like this?"

"Damn, I understand."

...

At Zhang Ye's Studio.

Ha Qiqi said in surprise, "It's already the 11th day now, why are the box office earnings still so high? The screening rate is already at 55%, but the attendance rate per session is still above 30%?"

Zhang Zuo said in shock, "This doesn't make any sense at all!"

Tong Fu was staring wide-eyed. "Are we headed for 2.5 billion?"

Little Wang exclaimed, "What's 2.5 billion? We're targeting 3 billion!"

Zhang Ye smiled. "We may be able to go even higher than that."

Ha Qiqi said dumbfoundedly, "There's still a possibility of even higher than that?"

"That's enough, let's go." Zhang Ye had already put on his shirt and packed up. "I just received a publicity opportunity from Central TV. Old Ha, Little Wang, go together with me."

Little Wang said, "Aren't you resting today?"

Ha Qiqi also advised, "Yeah, take a rest for a day. No amount is enough if we're talking about the box office earnings, but I'm just afraid that your body can't take it anymore. Since we started production on the movie, it has already been two months since you've gotten any proper rest."

Zhang Ye said, "I don't care about that. When the movie is taken down, I'll have plenty of time to rest. Right now, we have to make the best of the box office earnings momentum. If we don't take advantage of that and do more promotions, when are we supposed to do it then? Let me tell you all this first. Actually, the box office performance right now is still far from what I was expecting."

Wu Yi was taken aback. "Ah?"

"What?" Tong Fu said, widening his eyes.

Little Wang was stunned. "This is still not within your expectations?"

Ha Qiqi said with a sweat, "It's already at 2 billion RMB!"

Zhang Ye said, "I've already said it before, we're going for a big one this time. We've only topped the overall Chinese box office rankings now. Since we're already at this position, shouldn't we at least try to aim above that?"

Above that?

Where would that be?

Could he mean the all-time global box office rankings?

...

On Weibo.

The netizens were constantly refreshing the box office earnings.

“It’s at 2.1 billion already!”

“This is too fucking scary!”

“Charge!”

“Go a little higher!”

“Come on, let’s go and watch it for the third time!”

“Motherfucker, this bro has already watched it six times! I can even fucking recite all of the lines in Wolf Warrior 2 backwards now!”

“Kneeling to the godly person who watched it six times!”

“Pfft, all of you are warriors!”

“I’m not doing this for anything except to support our Chinese movie!”

“Yeah, well said!”

“We have never had a Chinese movie to be so proud of before!”

“Let us give our support once more to Zhang Ye!”

“Agreed!”

“Count me in!”

“Send Zhang Ye up onto the altar!”

“Right, send Face-smacking Zhang up onto the altar!”

“It’s at 2.2 billion already! It’s at 2.2 billion already!!”

“Bros and Sis, great showing!”

...

2.3 billion!

2.5 billion!

2.9 billion!

In the following days, Wolf Warrior 2 continued putting on its solo performance!

The entire world was shocked at this!

...

Back at home.

His mother was stunned. “It’s at 3 billion already?”

His father was startled, “It’s really 3 billion!”

His mother said, "This...this has surpassed the previous domestic box office earnings record by three times!"

His father said, "Little Ye has torn a hole in the sky this time!"

...

Several days later.

At Ning Lan's house.

Several female celebrities were having a gathering.

"Did you all see that?"

"Yeah, saw it."

"Damn, it's almost hitting 3.5 billion!"

"It's not almost, it has already surpassed 3.5 billion a minute ago."

...

Several days later.

At a directors' gathering.

"It has reached 4 billion!"

There was an air of silence at the gathering.

"Old Zhou, you haven't released your movie yet?"

"Not yet."

"When are you going to start screening it?"

"It's still to be confirmed. What about you?"

"Me? I'll wait a while longer as well."

"Hai, there's no fucking way we can release any movies at a time like this."

...

Another few days went by.

At a media outlet.

"It has hit 4.3 billion!"

"This is fucking crazy!"

"Yeah, everyone in the country is going crazy! I'm going crazy too!"

"Wolf Warrior 2's box office earnings have already started slowing."

“Yeah, it will be taken off from screening pretty soon as well.”

“I wonder how much it will be at the end.”

...

On the last few days before the movie was to be taken off from screening.

There was a commotion on the internet.

“It’s almost there!”

“It’s at 4.6 billion already!”

“It’s getting closer and closer to the top hundred of all-time box office earnings!”

“There’s really hope for that!”

“Yeah, it’s really just a step away now!”

“Heavens, we might be about to witness a historical moment!”

“Come on, Zhang Ye!”

“Come on, Wolf Warrior 2!”

“It’s all up to you all now!”

“It’s just a step away!”

...

On this day.

Wolf Warrior 2’s screening ended.

There was no extension of the movie’s screening. The Wolf Warrior 2 box office performance in this world was different from that of Zhang Ye’s previous world, and the exchange rate here was also different. Zhang Ye knew that there were many differences between the two worlds, so of course not everything could develop in the same way. Zhang Ye was already very satisfied with this box office performance. This was even a very big surprise to him, and to the whole of China too. Meanwhile, for America, for Hollywood, and for the rest of the world, this was simply a huge shock!

The box office earnings were tabulated!

Wolf Warrior 2’s final box office earnings were: CN¥4.8 billion ¹ !

Under the current exchange rates, the box office earnings brought in 738 million USD!

On this day.

All around the world, people were shocked to discover that a new movie had suddenly appeared on the all-time global box office rankings top hundred. It was also the only non-Hollywood movie to ever make it onto the chart!

It was called Wolf Warrior 2.

Its global box office ranking was: #96!

—Wolf Warrior 2 was deified!

—Zhang Ye was deified!

On this day.

The world was shocked!

Hollywood bore this name in mind!

The entire world bore this name in mind!