

The reason that The Expendables didn't work for some was simply because it took itself a little too seriously. While it was a solid and enjoyable action blockbuster, it just didn't quite click. However, the very different tone of the sequel is set fairly early on in an action-packed and thrilling opening which sees Terry Crews tell Arnold Schwarzenegger that he will be "Terminated" if he doesn't return his gun. It is at this point that it becomes clear that The Expendables 2 is a film which doesn't take itself at all seriously. It could in fact be argued that the film acts as a parody of sorts on the genre, and for that reason, it works almost perfectly. The story isn't particularly original, and the dialogue is often horrendous, so much so that you may even find yourself laughing AT the film. But that's sort of the point. Despite the

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