

Variety has landed a couple of scoops concerning the upcoming film adaptations of Mandrake The Magician and Moby Dick. First up, the site reports that Warner Bros. has hired Tom Wheeler (who has previously scripted Dreamworks Animation's Puss In Boots spin-off) to rewrite their Mandrake The Magician movie, which will be a new modern take on the character (who is described as "a powerful illusionist who hypnotized foes from gangsters to aliens"). The film will be based on the classic comic strip created by Lee Falk in 1934. David and Janet Peoples wrote the first draft of the script. The film has been in development since 2009 at WB/Atlas Entertainment. Charles Roven and Andy Horwitz are overseeing the project for Atlas, while Sarah Schechter will oversee for WB. No director is currently attached. Meanwhile, Variety also reports that Universal Pictures has set a new writer for their adaptation of the

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