

Deadline reports that Warner Bros. are closing in on deal to bring The Dark Tower to the big screen with director Ron Howard set to helm the first instalment. Actor Javier Bardem was attached while the project was still at Universal and it's hoped that he will still commit to starring as gunslinger Roland Deschain. Akiva Goldsman is being paid to do a polish of the script and will produce alongside Brian Grazer and Stephen King. The film (the first in a trilogy as well as two TV segments at HBO) would likely begin production in the first quarter of 2013.

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