

# Rock hard muscles and a fluffy plot

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I was fortunate enough to witness an advanced screening Tuesday, April 15, of "The Scorpion King." Universal Pictures' newest endeavor into the world of barbarian swine, which made its debut in theaters nationwide on Friday, April 19 (tee hee, I saw it long before you suckers, and I didn't have to pay.)

The scope of the screen

"He is crafty in deadly arts and wit...mwa ha ha!"

The hero of the tale is one Mathayus (Dwayne Johnson, aka The Rock of WWF fame). He is one of three Akkadians, an assassin tribe from before the rise of the Roman Empire, left in the world. Apparently the Akkadians are the toughest hombres this side of the river Nile (that's why there are only three left in the world...duh).

When the local tribes get in a feud with the maniacal warlord Memnon,

and his beautiful sorcerer (I say this only because that is what she was called in the film), Cassandra.

Tribes pay assassins. Assassins kill sorcerer. BUT SHE'S A WOMAN!! Mathayus like woman, bring her along.

(insert romantic sub-plot here) Memnon angry, scour the countryside.

Mathayus kill Memnon, become new (Scorpion) king.

Vibes

Mathayus' character was written to

be both brainy and brawny (he is crafty in deadly arts and wit...mwa ha ha!). Whoever The Rock's alter ego is should consider doing other movies, perhaps not focusing on his wrestling career, although the eyebrow thing was surprisingly well-placed (yes,

even I have enough street savvy to pick up on the wrestling world). He played the New Millennium version of the classic Herculean brute very well. Kill me. Kill me. It was a good action film. Cheesy enough to be entertaining, and the characters were right on. It appeared the stereotypes of all eternity were cast in this story though, from every last one of the women appearing as scantily clad tools, to that wacky Jewish thief.

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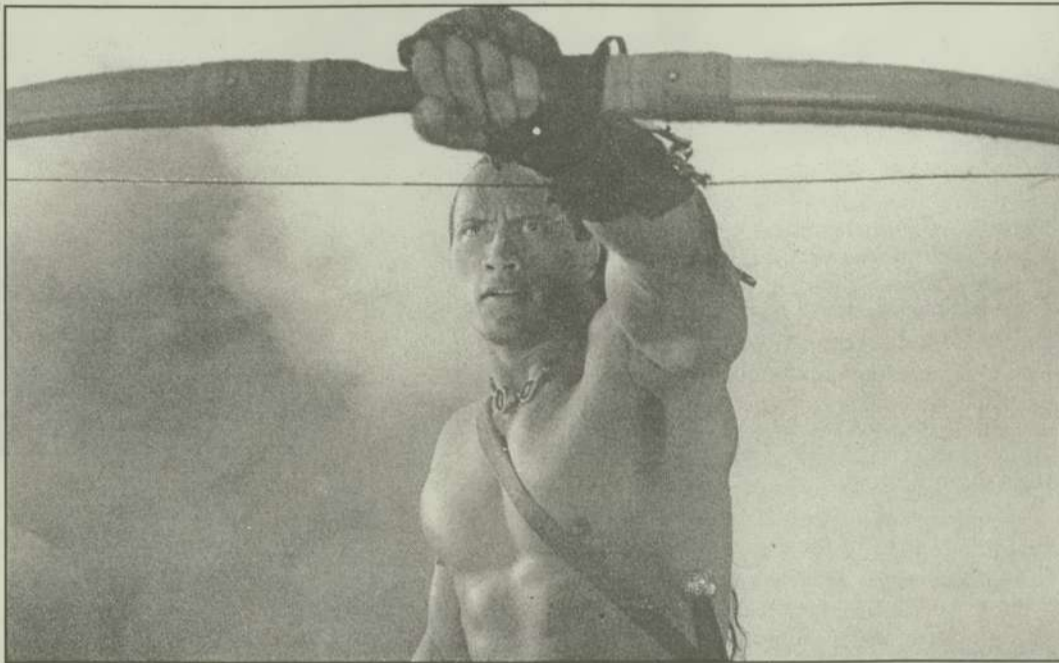
As an action film, I would give it a 7 out of 10 on the ass-kick-o-meter.

As The Rock's first starring role, I would give it a 2 out of 10 on the first-impression-last-chance-o-meter.

Referrals

If you liked this film, check out the "Conan" series, starring legendary action star Arnold Schwarzenegger. The main difference I can see between the two is the classic line "I'll be back." The Rock's got the eyebrow thing, but his jokes don't come off as well as Arnie's. Like Arnie though, I think The Rock should consider doing some other types of "Kindergarten Cop"-ish roles.

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The Rock is trying to break into acting in 'The Scorpion King' despite his successful wrestling career. The Rock plays Mathayus in the prequel to 'The Mummy.'

## Horoscopes

by Maggie Jirasek

### Aquarius (Jan. 20- Feb. 18):

You definitely need more sleep. It's time to get serious. You have been having too much fun lately. Your boss might be very annoying to you this week. Try to keep the peace. Your lucky day: Saturday. Your lucky food: Onions. Your lucky place: bedroom.

### Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20):

It's a good time to make changes to your home. You will find yourself enjoying decorating the walls. Someone wants to take you out but is too shy to say something. Your lucky day: Thursday. Your lucky food: shrimp. Your lucky place: grocery store.

### Aries (March 21 - April 19):

Not everything is always black or white. Try to get a different perspective on things. Listen to your dreams this week. Your inner voice is trying to tell you something very important. Your lucky day: Tuesday. Your lucky food: Cottage cheese. Your lucky place: sauna.

### Taurus (April 20- May 20):

That was a clever move. You know what I'm talking about. However, you need to be cautious. Someone is trying to abuse your friendliness. Remember, not everything always tastes the way it looks. Your lucky day: Today. Your lucky food: spaghetti. Your lucky

place: gym.

### Gemini (May 21 - June 20):

Enhance your knowledge by reading an interesting book. You will find yourself inspired and refreshed. You should spend more time outside. Fresh air is good for you. Your lucky day: Sunday. Your lucky food: pasta. Your lucky place: bakery.

### Cancer (June 21 - July 22):

You should try to be more consistent in your life. Someone is trying to disturb your pattern. Avoid crowded places this week. Your lucky day: Monday. Your lucky food: German chocolate cake. Your lucky place: any restaurant.

### Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22):

You are being very generous this week. Do not forget about yourself though. Sometimes it's a good thing to be selfish. Keep that in mind as you get involved with people. Your lucky day: Wednesday. Your lucky food: cheese. Your lucky place: classroom.

### Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):

Be ready to get involved in a dramatic situation. You will get a chance to prove your people skills. Keep in mind that sometimes, you need to treat your employees like little children. Keep them happy and they will work for you. Your lucky day: Friday. Your lucky food: grits. Your lucky place: swimming

pool.

### Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22):

Stop depending on other people. You need to be more independent. You might find yourself receiving a lot of bills, but that's life. It's not always as pleasant as you would like it to be. Your lucky day: Tuesday. Your lucky food: spinach. Your lucky place: bathtub.

### Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21):

Jealousy can be a terrible thing. Try to control your emotions this week or someone might get hurt. Your family needs more attention. Your lucky day: Monday. Your lucky food: candy. Your lucky place: candy store.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21):

You have had a lot of bad luck lately. But don't worry. Good things happen to good people. Try to be more patient. Your lucky day: Wednesday. Your lucky food: Yogurt. Your lucky place: movie theater.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19):

Someone is trying to upset you. The best thing to do is just to ignore that individual. Try to spend more time with your friends. Someone is very interested in you! Your lucky day: Thursday. Your lucky food: potato soup. Your lucky place: school.

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