



OFFICIAL FINDINGS

CORONER'S REPORT

CASE
CLOSED

2026'S BIGGEST BOX OFFICE BOMBS, RANKED BY WHAT KILLED THEM

Every number and claim in the episode, with the source it came from. Five films. Five case files. Click any link to check it yourself.

#5 MOANA	#4 SUPERGIRL	#3 MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE	#2 THE BRIDE!	#1 DESERT WARRIOR
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FILED

OCTOBER 2026

BOX OFFICE DATA

THE NUMBERS · PULLED 9/29-10/1/2026

STATUS

FINAL · SOURCES CHECKED 10/21/2026

METHOD

THE MONEY

Box office figures come from The Numbers, pulled September 29 to October 1, 2026.

Studio's cut is an estimate: about 50% of the domestic gross plus about 40% of the international gross. Theaters keep the rest.

Theatrical only. Streaming, home video and licensing are not counted.

THE SCORE

Three pillars, each scored 0 to 10. 0 means no problem. 10 means catastrophic.

P Production · M Marketing · MF Market forces. Total out of 30.

Cause of death names the decision that did the most damage. Each case also gets an addendum code:

- B** Franchise Architecture
- C** Source Material Fitness
- D** Financial Engineering
- F** Exogenous Shocks

THE BOARD

RANK	FILM	P	M	MF	TOTAL	CAUSE OF DEATH	BUDGET BACK
#1	Desert Warrior	10	10	4	24	Production	UNDER 1%
#2	The Bride!	9	7	7	23	The budget	14%
#3	Masters of the Universe	6	9	7	22	Wrong generation	31%
#4	Supergirl	6	8	7	21	One movie old	34%
#5	Moana	7	5	8	20	Too soon	57%

BUDGET BACK = estimated studio's cut as a share of the production budget. Desert Warrior's figure is gross, before the theaters' share. The money order and the score order agree.

READING THE SOURCES

Every claim lists where it came from. Cyan links open the article.

CORRECTIONS TO THE EPISODE

Supergirl is DC's lowest-grossing movie in more than two decades, not ever. Its critics score is 52% on Rotten Tomatoes (10/21/2026), not 53%. Reported losses run \$80-125M, and Warner Bros. Discovery's earnings release does not name it; coverage of those earnings does. Masters' second weekend fell 71% per Deadline.

MOANA

DISNEY · LIVE-ACTION REMAKE · JULY 2026

CAUSE OF DEATH
TOO SOON

TOXICOLOGY · THE MONEY

PRODUCTION BUDGET

\$250M

OPENING WEEKEND (U.S.)

\$43,142,824

DOMESTIC

\$126,229,663

INTERNATIONAL

\$197,218,296

WORLDWIDE

\$323,447,959

STUDIO'S CUT (EST.)

\$142.0M

SHARE OF PRODUCTION BUDGET THAT CAME BACK



ABOUT 57%

The Numbers · pulled 9/29/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/Moana-\(2026\)](https://the-numbers.com/movie/Moana-(2026))

THE SCORE

PRODUCTION

7



MARKETING

5



MARKET FORCES

8



TOTAL

20 /30

ADDENDUM C · Source Material Fitness

FINDING

Disney remade a movie ten years after the original and two years after a billion-dollar sequel. It opened one week after Minions & Monsters and three weeks after Toy Story 5. The people who went gave it an A-. There weren't enough of them.

EVIDENCE AND EXHIBITS ON THE NEXT PAGE

EVIDENCE

- 01

Production budget: \$250M. Worldwide gross: \$323.4M, more than the other four films on this list combined (\$264.9M).

The Numbers · pulled 9/29/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/Moana-\(2026\)](https://the-numbers.com/movie/Moana-(2026))
- 02

About \$100M in marketing. Variety put break-even near \$650M.

Deseret News · 7/17/2026 [deseret.com/entertainment/2026/07/17/why-disneys-live-action-moana-struggled-at-the-box-of fice/](https://deseret.com/entertainment/2026/07/17/why-disneys-live-action-moana-struggled-at-the-box-office/)
- 03

Disney projected a \$60-65M opening. It opened to \$43.1M.

Washington Times · 7/14/2026 washingtontimes.com/news/2026/jul/14/disneys-live-action-moana-tracks-toward-steep-theatrical-loss/

The Guardian · 7/13/2026 [theguardian.com/film/2026/jul/13/disneys-live-action-moana-fails-to-make-a-splash-at-box-o fface-with-underwhelming-opening](https://theguardian.com/film/2026/jul/13/disneys-live-action-moana-fails-to-make-a-splash-at-box-office-with-underwhelming-opening)
- 04

A- CinemaScore. 34% with critics on Rotten Tomatoes.

Washington Times · 7/14/2026 washingtontimes.com/news/2026/jul/14/disneys-live-action-moana-tracks-toward-steep-theatrical-loss/

The Guardian · 7/13/2026 [theguardian.com/film/2026/jul/13/disneys-live-action-moana-fails-to-make-a-splash-at-box-o fface-with-underwhelming-opening](https://theguardian.com/film/2026/jul/13/disneys-live-action-moana-fails-to-make-a-splash-at-box-office-with-underwhelming-opening)
- 05

Disney waits about 27 years, on average, before remaking one of its animated films (analyst David Gross). This one waited 10.

Deseret News · 7/17/2026 [deseret.com/entertainment/2026/07/17/why-disneys-live-action-moana-struggled-at-the-box-of fice/](https://deseret.com/entertainment/2026/07/17/why-disneys-live-action-moana-struggled-at-the-box-office/)
- 06

Toy Story 5 opened three weeks earlier. Minions & Monsters opened one week earlier.

Business Insider · 7/13/2026 [businessinsider.com/disney-moana-box-office-opening-live-action-remake-reboot-strategy -2026-7](https://businessinsider.com/disney-moana-box-office-opening-live-action-remake-reboot-strategy-2026-7)
- 07

Moana 2 made \$1.06B worldwide in 2024.

Box Office Mojo boxofficemojo.com/title/tt13622970/

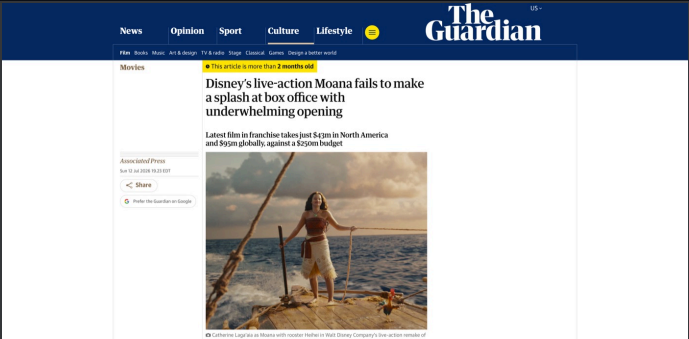


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The Guardian · 7/13/2026 [theguardian.com/film/2026/jul/13/disneys-live-action-moana-fails-to-make-a-splash-at-box-offi ce-with-underwhelming-opening](https://theguardian.com/film/2026/jul/13/disneys-live-action-moana-fails-to-make-a-splash-at-box-office-with-underwhelming-opening)

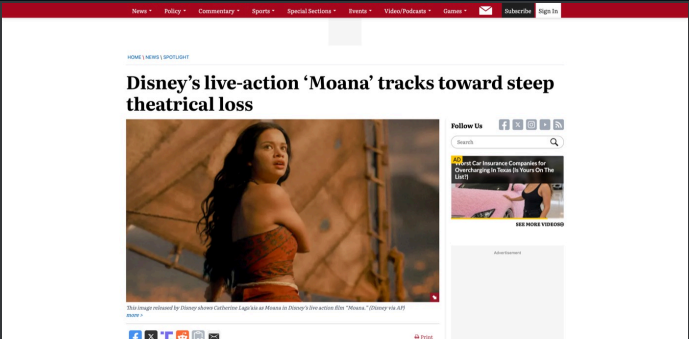


EXHIBIT 1B

Washington Times · 7/14/2026 [washingtontimes.com/news/2026/jul/14/disneys-live-action-moana-tracks-toward-steep-theatr ical-loss/](https://washingtontimes.com/news/2026/jul/14/disneys-live-action-moana-tracks-toward-steep-theatrical-loss/)

SUPERGIRL

WARNER BROS. / DC STUDIOS · JUNE 2026

CAUSE OF DEATH
ONE MOVIE OLD

TOXICOLOGY · THE MONEY

PRODUCTION BUDGET

\$170M

OPENING WEEKEND (U.S.)

\$37,102,018

DOMESTIC

\$72,366,532

INTERNATIONAL

\$54.1M

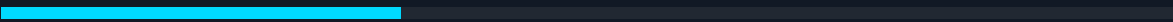
WORLDWIDE

\$126,466,532

STUDIO'S CUT (EST.)

\$57.8M

SHARE OF PRODUCTION BUDGET THAT CAME BACK



ABOUT 34%

The Numbers · pulled 9/29/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/Supergirl-\(2026\)](https://the-numbers.com/movie/Supergirl-(2026))

THE SCORE

PRODUCTION

6



MARKETING

8



MARKET FORCES

7



TOTAL

21 / 30

ADDENDUM B · Franchise Architecture

FINDING

A \$170M spin-off from a universe with one movie in it. It opened \$18M under tracking, fell 77% in its second weekend and finished as DC's lowest-grossing movie in more than two decades.

EVIDENCE AND EXHIBITS ON THE NEXT PAGE

EVIDENCE

- 01** Production budget: \$170M net (an early \$200M report was disputed by James Gunn). Opened to \$37.1M domestic.
The Numbers · pulled 9/29/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/Supergirl-\(2026\)](https://the-numbers.com/movie/Supergirl-(2026))
Washington Times (Variety) · 6/30/2026 washingtontimes.com/news/2026/jun/30/warner-bros-supergirl-opens-disappointing-371-million-domestically/
- 02** Tracking had it opening around \$55M.
Deadline · 6/4/2026 deadline.com/2026/06/supergirl-box-office-projection-1236940996/
- 03** B- CinemaScore. Second weekend fell 77%. Critics: 52% on Rotten Tomatoes as of 10/21/2026 (Variety reported 56% at opening).
Variety · 6/28/2026 variety.com/2026/film/box-office/supergirl-stumbles-box-office-opening-weekend-jackass-flops-to-y-story-rules-1236797777/
The Numbers · pulled 9/29/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/Supergirl-\(2026\)](https://the-numbers.com/movie/Supergirl-(2026))
Rotten Tomatoes · read 10/21/2026 rottentomatoes.com/m/supergirl_2026
- 04** DC's lowest-grossing movie in more than two decades, since Catwoman (2004).
Variety · 8/6/2026 variety.com/2026/tv/news/zaslav-paramount-warner-bros-merger-challenging-employees-inspiring-1236829027/
- 05** About \$120M in marketing. Reported losses of \$80-125M (Variety: \$100-120M, one source \$80-85M; Deadline: \$125M).
Variety · 6/29/2026 variety.com/2026/film/box-office/supergirl-box-office-bomb-dc-studios-1236797855/
Deadline · 6/29/2026 deadline.com/2026/06/supergirl-bomb-boxoffice-1236970324/
- 06** Coverage of Warner Bros. Discovery's Q2 earnings tied the revenue drop to Supergirl. The earnings release itself does not name the film.
Deadline · 8/6/2026 deadline.com/2026/08/warner-bros-discovery-q2-2026-earnings-supergirl-nba-1237027368/
- 07** Superman (July 2025) made \$616M worldwide, less than a year before Supergirl opened.
The Numbers [the-numbers.com/movie/Superman-\(2025\)](https://the-numbers.com/movie/Superman-(2025))
- 08** In August 2026, Warner pulled a Lobo behind-the-scenes video for the digital release within hours, after fans said concept art on the director's laptop looked AI-generated. AI use is alleged, not confirmed. Warner never commented.
IGN ign.com/articles/supergirl-featurette-wiped-from-youtube-after-fans-spot-director-using-alleged-ai-concept-art-for-lobo
The Direct thedirect.com/article/dc-studios-removes-supergirl-movie-backlash

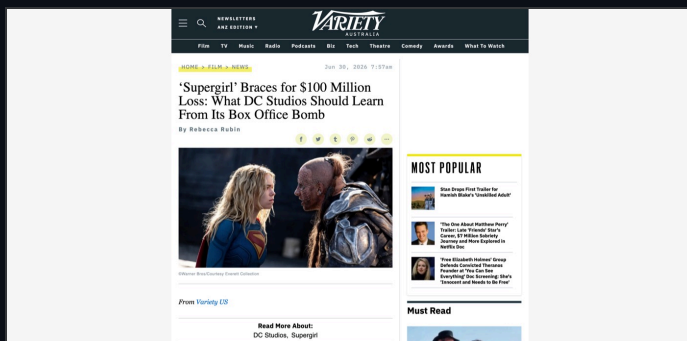


EXHIBIT 2A

Variety au.variety.com/2026/film/global/supergirl-box-office-bomb-dc-studios-38132/



EXHIBIT 2B

Forbes · 9/8/2026 forbes.com/sites/timlammers/2026/09/08/supergirl-shifts-to-streaming-on-hbo-max-this-week-after-crashing-at-box-office/

CAUSE OF DEATH
WRONG GENERATION

MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE

AMAZON MGM STUDIOS · JUNE 2026

TOXICOLOGY · THE MONEY

PRODUCTION BUDGET

\$170M

OPENING WEEKEND (U.S.)

\$29,439,929

DOMESTIC

\$64,830,245

INTERNATIONAL

\$48,962,055

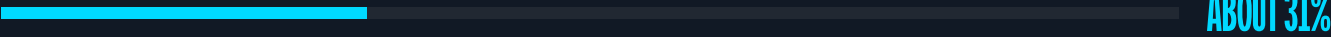
WORLDWIDE

\$113,792,300

STUDIO'S CUT (EST.)

\$52.0M

SHARE OF PRODUCTION BUDGET THAT CAME BACK



The Numbers · pulled 9/29/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/Masters-of-the-Universe-\(2026\)](https://the-numbers.com/movie/Masters-of-the-Universe-(2026))

THE SCORE

PRODUCTION

6

MARKETING

9

MARKET FORCES

7

TOTAL

22 /30

ADDENDUM C · Source Material Fitness

FINDING

A \$170M movie built on a 1980s toy line. On opening weekend, 57% of the audience was over 35 and 4% was under 12. It opened behind Scary Movie, dropped 70% the next weekend and made a third of Forbes' break-even estimate.

EVIDENCE AND EXHIBITS ON THE NEXT PAGE

EVIDENCE

- 01

Production budget: \$170M. Some outlets list \$200M.

The Numbers · pulled 9/29/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/Masters-of-the-Universe-\(2026\)](#)
- 02

Opened to \$29.4M. Scary Movie opened to \$55M the same weekend and took #1.

Deadline · June 2026 [deadline.com/2026/06/box-office-scary-movie-masters-of-the-universe-backrooms-1236941701/](#)
Los Angeles Times · 6/7/2026 [latimes.com/entertainment-arts/business/story/2026-06-07/scary-movie-laughs-its-way-to-first-place-finish-at-box-office](#)
- 03

Opening-weekend audience: 4% under 12, 57% over 35.

Deadline · June 2026 [deadline.com/2026/06/box-office-scary-movie-masters-of-the-universe-backrooms-1236941701/](#)
- 04

Kevin Wilson, Amazon MGM's head of domestic theatrical distribution: the opening "validates our holistic distribution strategy."

Los Angeles Times · 6/7/2026 [latimes.com/entertainment-arts/business/story/2026-06-07/scary-movie-laughs-its-way-to-first-place-finish-at-box-office](#)
- 05

Second weekend fell 71% (Deadline). The episode rounds it to 70%.

Deadline · 6/14/2026 [deadline.com/2026/06/box-office-disclosure-day-1236954426/](#)
- 06

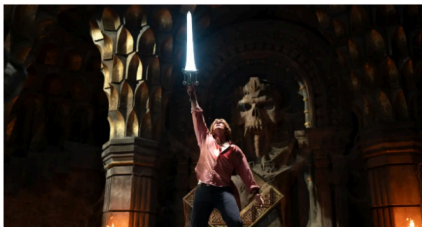
Forbes estimated break-even at about \$340M. It made \$113.8M worldwide.

Forbes · 6/19/2026 [forbes.com/sites/carolinereid/2026/06/19/masters-of-the-universe-set-for-sequel-despite-dismal-box-office/](#)
The Numbers · pulled 9/29/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/Masters-of-the-Universe-\(2026\)](#)
- 07

Went to #1 on Prime Video, which Amazon owns.

CBR · 7/24/2026 [cbr.com/masters-of-the-universe-reboot-prime-video-success-july-2026/](#)
Collider · 7/30/2026 [collider.com/masters-of-the-universe-prime-video-streaming-success-july-2026/](#)

‘Masters of the Universe’ debuts to soft opening as superhero genre struggles continue



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EXHIBIT 3A

Los Angeles Times · 6/7/2026 [latimes.com/entertainment-arts/business/story/2026-06-07/scary-movie-laughs-its-way-to-first-place-finish-at-box-office](#)

BREAKING NEWS
\$110B Merger Of Paramount & Warner Bros Discovery Officially Closes

NEWS · BOX OFFICE · MOVIES

‘Scary Movie’ Screams To Franchise & Paramount Comedy Record \$55M Bow; ‘Masters’ He-Manages \$29M+; ‘Amazing Digital Circus’ \$21M 4-Day – Sunday U.S. Box Office Update



By Anthony D'Amico
June 11, 2026, 11:30pm

SEEKING A CREDIBLE PREFERRED SOURCE



Trending on Deadline

1 / Rogan's Midwestern Drive
by Louie Colletto-Corradini

EXHIBIT 3B

Deadline · June 2026 [deadline.com/2026/06/box-office-scary-movie-masters-of-the-universe-backrooms-1236941701/](#)

THE BRIDE!

WARNER BROS. · MARCH 2026

CAUSE OF DEATH
THE BUDGET

TOXICOLOGY · THE MONEY

PRODUCTION BUDGET

\$80M

Variety: \$90M

OPENING WEEKEND (U.S.)

\$7,051,476

DOMESTIC

\$12,744,025

INTERNATIONAL

\$11.2M

WORLDWIDE

\$23,944,025

STUDIO'S CUT (EST.)

\$10.9M

SHARE OF PRODUCTION BUDGET THAT CAME BACK

ABOUT 14%

The Numbers · pulled 9/29/2026

[the-numbers.com/movie/Bride-The-\(2026\)](https://the-numbers.com/movie/Bride-The-(2026))

THE SCORE

PRODUCTION

9

MARKETING

7

MARKET FORCES

7

TOTAL

23

/30

ADDENDUM D · Financial Engineering

FINDING

An R-rated, punk-rock Bride of Frankenstein at \$80-90M, plus \$65M to market it. It moved from October 2025 to March 2026, after del Toro's Frankenstein had already landed on Netflix. It opened to \$7.1M against a \$16-18M projection.

EVIDENCE AND EXHIBITS ON THE NEXT PAGE

EVIDENCE

- 01

Production budget: \$80M (The Numbers) or \$90M (Variety). Marketing: about \$65M.

The Numbers · pulled 9/29/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/Bride-The-\(2026\)](#)

Variety · 3/9/2026 [au.variety.com/2026/film/news/bride-box-office-flop-33983/](#)
- 02

Warner Bros. projected a \$16-18M opening. It opened to \$7.1M.

Variety · 3/9/2026 [au.variety.com/2026/film/news/bride-box-office-flop-33983/](#)

The Numbers · pulled 9/29/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/Bride-The-\(2026\)](#)
- 03

C+ CinemaScore.

Variety · 3/9/2026 [au.variety.com/2026/film/news/bride-box-office-flop-33983/](#)
- 04

Originally dated for October 3, 2025. Moved to March 2026.

Variety · 3/9/2026 [au.variety.com/2026/film/news/bride-box-office-flop-33983/](#)
- 05

Box office analyst Jeff Bock: Warner Bros. "spent twice as much as they should have."

Variety · 3/9/2026 [au.variety.com/2026/film/news/bride-box-office-flop-33983/](#)
- 06

Opened against Pixar's Hoppers (\$46M). Del Toro's Frankenstein earned 9 Oscar nominations. Critics broadly praised Jessie Buckley's performance.

FanBolt · 3/10/2026 [fanbolt.com/171081/the-bride-box-office-how-gyllenhaals-monster-gambit-became-wbs-first-2026-bo-mb/](#)
- 07

Second weekend fell more than 70%.

OutKick · 3/18/2026 [outkick.com/analysis/maggie-gyllenhaal-the-bride-box-office-bomb-warner-bros-feminist-frankenst-ein](#)
- 08

Final worldwide gross: \$23.9M.

The Numbers · pulled 9/29/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/Bride-The-\(2026\)](#)

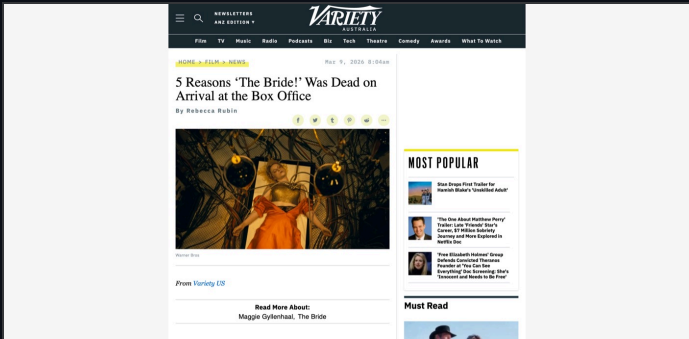


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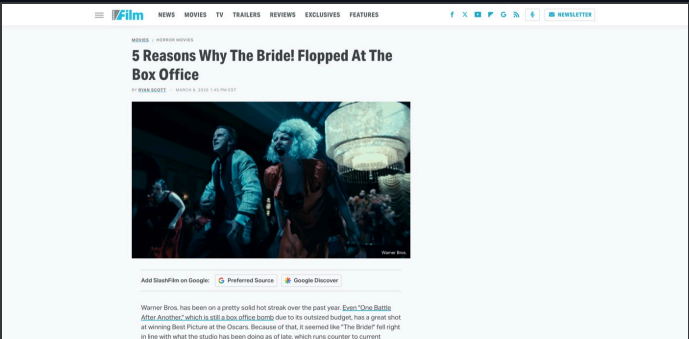


EXHIBIT 4B

Slashfilm [slashfilm.com/2119074/the-bride-2026-movie-box-office-flop-reasons/](#)

DESERT WARRIOR

MBC STUDIOS · U.S. RELEASE BY VERTICAL · APRIL 2026

CAUSE OF DEATH
PRODUCTION

TOXICOLOGY · THE MONEY

PRODUCTION BUDGET

\$150M

The Numbers: \$140M

OPENING WEEKEND (U.S.)

\$487,848

DOMESTIC

n/a

INTERNATIONAL

n/a

WORLDWIDE

\$721,443

STUDIO'S CUT (EST.)

n/a

SHARE OF PRODUCTION BUDGET THAT CAME BACK

UNDER 1%

Vulture · 4/27/2026

vulture.com/article/desert-warrior-saudi-arabias-first-hollywood-style-flop.html

THE SCORE

PRODUCTION

10

MARKETING

10

MARKET FORCES

4

TOTAL

24

/30

ADDENDUM

F · Exogenous Shocks · D · Financial Engineering

FINDING

Shot in 2021 at an unfinished studio in Neom. By MBC's own accounting the budget went from \$70M to \$150M+. It sat in post-production for more than three years, found a U.S. distributor in February 2026 and opened on 1,010 screens with almost no marketing.

EVIDENCE AND EXHIBITS ON THE NEXT PAGE

EVIDENCE

- 01

Budget: \$150M at most outlets. The Numbers lists \$140M.

Vulture · 4/27/2026 [vulture.com/article/desert-warrior-saudi-arabias-first-hollywood-style-flop.html](#)

The Numbers · pulled 10/21/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/Desert-Warrior-\(2026-Saudi-Arabia\)](#)
- 02

Worldwide gross: \$721,443 (The Numbers). Opening weekend: \$487,848. Box Office Mojo now lists \$759,228 worldwide, with a higher international figure.

The Numbers · pulled 10/21/2026 [the-numbers.com/movie/Desert-Warrior-\(2026-Saudi-Arabia\)](#)

Box Office Mojo [boxofficemojo.com/release/r193880321/](#)
- 03

MBC's internal accounting: the budget started at \$70M and finished at \$150M or more.

Vulture · 4/27/2026 [vulture.com/article/desert-warrior-saudi-arabias-first-hollywood-style-flop.html](#)
- 04

Shot at a new studio in Neom that wasn't finished when cameras rolled. Crew from about 40 countries. 12,500 extras.

Vulture · 4/27/2026 [vulture.com/article/desert-warrior-saudi-arabias-first-hollywood-style-flop.html](#)
- 05

COVID closed the border for six weeks with equipment stuck outside. One producer puts the cost at \$20M.

Vulture · 4/27/2026 [vulture.com/article/desert-warrior-saudi-arabias-first-hollywood-style-flop.html](#)
- 06

Shot on schedule in 120-degree heat.

Vulture · 4/27/2026 [vulture.com/article/desert-warrior-saudi-arabias-first-hollywood-style-flop.html](#)
- 07

Rupert Wyatt was sidelined in post, then brought back. Premiered at the Zurich Film Festival, 9/28/2025.

Variety · 9/29/2025 [variety.com/2025/film/global/rupert-wyatt-desert-warrior-delays-sidelined-1238533757/](#)

Inverse · 4/30/2026 [inverse.com/entertainment/desert-warrior-anthony-mackie-box-office-flop](#)

Wikipedia [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Desert_Warrior_\(2025_film\)](#)
- 08

Vertical bought U.S. rights in February 2026.

Vulture · 4/27/2026 [vulture.com/article/desert-warrior-saudi-arabias-first-hollywood-style-flop.html](#)
- 09

Opened on 1,010 screens: \$483 per theater for the weekend.

Slashfilm [slashfilm.com/2190938/biggest-box-office-flop-all-time-2026-movie-desert-warrior/](#)

Inverse · 4/30/2026 [inverse.com/entertainment/desert-warrior-anthony-mackie-box-office-flop](#)

Box Office Mojo [boxofficemojo.com/release/r193880321/](#)

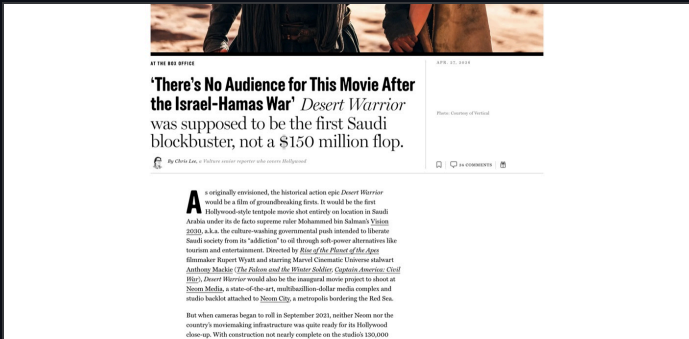


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Vulture · 4/27/2026 [vulture.com/article/desert-warrior-saudi-arabias-first-hollywood-style-flop.html](#)

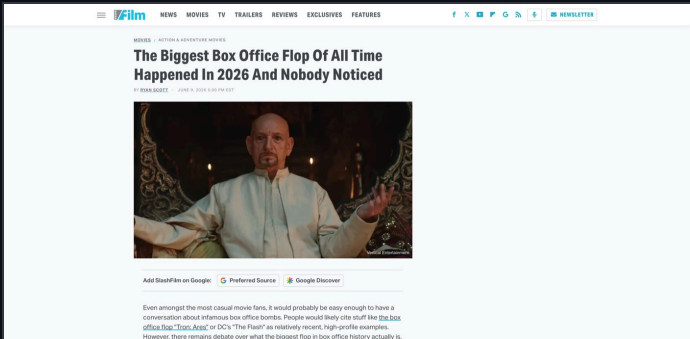


EXHIBIT 5B

Slashfilm [slashfilm.com/2190938/biggest-box-office-flop-all-time-2026-movie-desert-warrior/](#)

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