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#3 – The Great Wall

Hello hello and good morning from rainy Florida! How are you guys? I hope everyone is doing really really well. And are you ready for this week's episode? I know it's been quite a while. Specially for the beginners podcast. So, today we are going to talk about the movie called: The Great wall. Did you watch the Great Wall? It is a great movie! Maybe you know some of the actors like Mat Damon or Pedro Pascal, who played Oberyn in Game of Thrones.

This movie is about a group of Europeans who go to China looking for black powder. That means: gun powder. They were not sure it existed, but some people said they saw it. During the journey, many men die. One night, something attacks them and kills 2 men. Will cuts off the arm from one of this creatures and kills it. He takes the arm because he wants to ask someone what he killed. Because he doesn't know. And by the way, Will is Mat Damon, okay?

When they are running, running from a tribe. That's like a few days later. They find the Chinese Wall and many soldiers were there. Tovan and Will, they decide to surrender to the soldiers on the Wall. Tovan is Pedro Pascal.

The problem is that they arrived when the Chinese are preparing for a battle that happens every 60 years. This battle is against an army of the creatures that Will killed.

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I must say, I loved the images, the photography of the movie. The colors and the details from the soldier's clothes and from some of the other things we see. It's just so amazing. Also the scenes with the hot air balloons the battles, all the special effects were just great. Well, you guys know I love special effects, right! Were there problems in the plot? Sure! The movie was not perfect. There is for example no explanation for many things during this movie. For example: why the time between

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attacks is so long, 60 years. Why Ballard stayed with the Chinese for 25 years but now wants to betray them and take the gunpowder away; who sent the group of soldiers to find the gunpowder.

There are many many questions without answers. And yes, there are many cliché moments inside the movie as well. But if you like good battles or battle scenes and special effects, I am sure you will enjoy this movie.

I don't want to give you many spoilers, so I will not tell you what happens after they arrive at the Wall. Not in detail anyway. So the Chinese, they debate if they should kill Will and Tovan or not. And they want to understand how Will killed the creature, all alone. Because they know this creatures, they are very hard to kill.

The Chinese army is very well organized. And Will and Tovan are really amazed at how organized they are. how Every group of soldiers has a color. And every group does something different. So, for example the blue group only has women. And they like jump and fight.

And I must say that as a woman I think that it was very nice to see... well now more and more movies with strong women. Like this one. This leader for the blue group. She becomes something bigger during the story. So it is really really nice to see slowly women with power, women who can fight. Also being the good ones. Because we are used to see powerful women but usually they are like the bad witch or... well they are bad, usually. If they are powerful, usually women are bad in old movies. And slowly now we see women heroes as well. And I think its amazing. Children need that. They need. Specially young girls, they need to have powerful females to look up to them and say I would like to be as strong as her, as intelligent as her... And this is important. We also see something else that is very interesting. Because we also get to see a little bit of the capital of China and the young emperor. Very very quickly. But we get to see them. And so it's nice to have like this little pick of how life sort of was back then, when they still had an emperor and how the culture and the organization worked.

Did you watch it? What did you think if you did? Did you like it? Is there anything you did not like about the movie? And if you didn't watch it. Do you want to watch it now? Just tell me what you think! As you know, this podcast is usually very short, okay? I hope you guys enjoyed it. And please yes, like, share, comment on iTunes or on our website. We always love to hear from you. And its also very very important for us to see what you want, what you don't want. What you like, what you don't like. Okay guys? So, I will talk to you very very soon again! Bye bye!

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