

## NEWS AND UPDATES 2004. JAN. - MARCH

### 3/31 New pics & no Carla Gugino in The Pacifier

#### Carla Gugino was in talks to play a role in The Pacifier.

Today's edition of [Variety](#) runs an article about Carla Gugino's new projects. The actress, who played the wife of Antonio Banderas in the Spy Kids movies, is now attached to Sin City and a new theatre play. The new play and movie role stops her from participating in Vin's movie, where she was supposed to play a not described role (possibly the mom of the 5 kids).

**Other Pacifier related update:** Waimeawahine found a production shedule that says movie will be filmed from April 10th till July 31st. It questions whether or not Vin will be able to participate in the TCoR press circuit and can do the talkshows to promote this SF/actioner, coz around June 11th, he'll be in Toronto to shoot .... ehm, a Walt Disney movie.

### 3/28 TCoR reshoot in England + missing review

[Dark Horizons](#) reports that the TCoR cast/crew does some extra shooting at Pinewood Studios in England. I wonder if it has anything to do with Judi Dench's character?

### AICN ran an article about a TCoR test screening ...

... but it was taken down, says [Bruce @ PBer.com](#) on our forum. Unfortunately I wasn't at home this weekend, and did not read AICN, and could not catch the article before it was removed. Indeed its very interesting, and very well might be that AICN was asked to take down the article. (Twohy and Harry have a good relationship). With the 2nd reshoot and bad buzz coming, its very likely they dont want to see the bad press.

If you happen to have a copy of this article, pls mail it to me at [krisztaatvindiesel.hu](mailto:krisztaatvindiesel.hu) (replace at with @). Thanks a lot in advance!

### 3/25 Want Dickie's new knife?

In a new [ebay auction](#), you can purchase a replica of Riddick's new shiv in the upcoming TCoR movie. Knives produced by [Axtion Bladez Conceptz](#).

### TCoR realted article in Smithsonian magazine, 04/04 issue

" At Mammoth Studios, a former Sears, Roebuck ware-house in suburban Burnaby, an L.A. production team is filming Chronicles of Riddick, an intergalactic adventure starring Vin Diesel. (As sci-fi cognoscenti are well aware, this is a se-quel to Pitch Black, in which Diesel also plays a likable outer space sociopath who vanquishes even nastier goons.)

This production employs a crew of about 1,000 Vancou-verites, including some 600 skilled laborers and artists for stage construction and 45 seamstresses to outfit the wardrobes of villains, victims and heroes. "There's no point in coming to Vancouver unless you take full advantage of the local resources," says Scott Kroopf, the film's producer, who has produced some 30 films with his former partner, Ted Field. "We looked at Australia and the United States, but we couldn't find indoor space like this."

click [here](#) to the full article!  
thanks to Susan!

### TCoR game article

Expert from the [New York Times](#): Mr. Diesel said that his approach to the game's production was very much like his approach to movies. "It was almost as though I used my voice as a leverage to be more hands-on in the building of the story elements in the video game," he said. During his dialogue work, he explained, he helped rewrite lines to give players better insight into

the character and his actions in both the films and the game. "I got very interested in the story and cinematics," he said.

full article can be read [here](#)  
thanks to Annie!

### **3/24 Two pages from one version of the Riddick script**

[Bruce @ PBer.com](#) found [two pages from a Riddick script](#) version. These pages were given out to actors who tried out for the role of a merc called Codd. Its not clear which version of the script this is, the old one from David Hayter & his monster planet, or the final version with David Twohy & his underground prison. Big Foe / Girl character is assumed to be Jack / Kyra, the young female survivor of Pitch Black.

thanks to Bruce for the alert!

### **Interview with TJ Mancini, representative of One Race Pictures**

[Listin Diario.com.do](#) interviewed TJ Mancini, producer of an urban legend called Strays and rep for ORP:

#### **What are the Latin America advantages, economically and artistically, to make a film ?**

Professionally, for example, an actor like Diesel Vin, is personally interested in making movies for his company and not solely for personal interests. It would be great for him to act in a movie as a Latin American in which he would have to speak Spanish.

If we find a great script for him, in which he would have to speak Spanish, he would make that film simply because this means a lot to him and that is what he likes.

And although he would do it for artistic reasons, simply taking part in movies would bring many benefits to the movie and the Latin American world and him on a personal point of view.

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click [here](#) for the full interview and additional links!

thanks to Annabianca!

### **3/23 New TFATF info: Vin loses BO potential**

[Dark Horizons](#) has a lot to say about the new TFATF movie: "First off things with F&F3 are not as clean-cut and smooth as being reported. Second, NOTHING is set with F&F3. The project is in such an early stage of development that its basically not anything but a hope-dream as of yet nor is it being planned by Universal officially as of now.

[..] After Vin turned down 2F2F because of his paycheck, Universal prepared itself if Vin ever came calling to make a third film. They apparently offered him the following judging from the success of 2F2F without him in it: Third Billing behind Paul Walker and Tyrese, no script control and NO MORE than a \$7 Mil paycheck. Let face it Vin has not turned out to be the successful blockbuster star we all thought he would be and many are nervous at the moment about Riddick's box office potential this summer. So you can see why Vin may want to jump back in the driver's seat. "

[click here to read the full article](#)

### **Windy's Weekly Questionnaire: The Mad Mad Hatter**

"So much has been made of Vin's collection of different hats;from the pics you remember which is your favorite one on him???"

[answer the weekly question on the message board!](#)

### **3/22 Matt is back with more SOTA toy news**

Matt once more strikews with the TCoR action figure news: "...In case anyone is interested SOTA Toys the company behind those incredible looking figures no doubt has the fans in mind. What they are going to do, starting THIS Summer is have a "regular" Necromonger Trooper action figure available via their website [www.sotatoys.com](http://www.sotatoys.com) as well as various Comic Book Conventions...in the initial line-up of figures there are 5 characters, including the "Necro Lenser", which if you see in the trailer is the one with the purple visor attached to his helmet. So if anyone wants to build an army of Necromonger Troopers, you'll get your chance...no details on what the price or availability will be but stay tuned!"

thanks to Matt!

### **3/19 Brad Garrett joins the Pacifier**

Everybody Loves Raymond" Emmy-winner Brad Garrett is making a move to the big screen, signing on for a supporting role in "The Pacifier" for the Walt Disney Co. and Spyglass Entertainment. Shooting is scheduled to start in Vancouver in mid-April on the Adam Shankman-helmed project, which finds Vin Diesel starring as an undercover agent hired to protect a government scientist and his family.

Garrett will play a high school coach and principal who is somewhat of a nemesis to Diesel's character. Also joining the cast is "Catch That Kid" star Max Thieriot who will play a member of the family alongside "American Dreams" star Brittany Snow. Thomas Lennon and Robert Garent penned the screenplay.

source: [Hollywood Reporter](#)

### **3/18 The daily TCoR tidbit**

[Moviehole](#) talked to Patrick Tatopoulos, who created effects and creatures for Pitch Black, but unfortunately nothing more for the upcoming sequel: "On Riddick, I designed a lot of creatures but what happened was the studio decided not to end up including any creatures – probably to keep the cost down – and so they were lost. Apparently they were cut for storytelling reasons too."

### **TCoR: The Calendar & Big DVD cover art**

Next to the anime, the toys, the book and other goods, a TCoR calendar is in the works. [Trendsinternational](#) is publishing a TCoR 2005 calendar, you can check out at their page. Images are not yet added, but expect it to be updates soon, as the press pics must hit the outside world any time soon.

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[DavisDVD](#) has the big cover art for the upcoming TCoR: PB release. Honestly, that noose of VD looks extremely silly on this poster.

thanks to [Bruce @ PBer.com](#)

### **3/16 Windy's Weekly Questionnaire**

Ladies and gentlemen, its time to debut a brand new VX feature: Windy's Weekly Questionnaire. Our beloved message board moderator, WindyCityLady has been posting up the funniest and most original questions on the board for month, so we felt it was time to give her a [very own weekly column](#), one question a week, you will see posted up here and we expect your answer on the message board. Post a clever reply, and your words will be remembered in the

Windy Q-archive!

### **Question No#1: New Love interest for Vin in TFATF3????**

Since Michelle Rodriguez said she wont be appearing in anymore TFATF movies,do you guys think ANYONE could take her place opposite Vin? The chemistry between them was SO fun and strong. Do you think the Letty character should or could continue and could they incorporate her into this new story? Should she be Vin/Doms love in the distance so to say since hes supposedly going to Japan for TFATF3(be his girl still but not in Japan)? Should Vin/Dom have another love interest all together and if so which leading lady will do??? And even better--does anyone believe MR can be talked into doing TFATF3(or paid enough to do it)????

### **- TCoR action figures!!!**

Matt has just alerted us that " Vin and his co-star buddies (and baddies) are all getting the action figure treatment courtesy of SOTA Toys this June to coincide with the release of the incredible looking "Chronicles Of Riddick"...these are incredibly detailed and look amazing!

#### **The first Series includes:**

- Richard B. Riddick
- Vaako
- Lord Marshal
- Kyra
- Necro Lenser

Check out all these badass figures here!

<http://www.figures.com> & [photo gallery](#)

Also a deluxe Box Set with a Riddick figure in battle armour as well as an alien/beast thingy which apparently plays a big part in the movie is also sheduled to come out! Toys from the first Pitch Black movie are supposed to come out as well!"

thanks to Matt!

### **3/14 Pics, Riddys, sunday afternoon**

#### **Holy cow, he wore it again...**

An [interview](#) with Robert The Ghost Guerrero revealed that Vin had visited a few his fights. [His website](#) has the pic with Robert, a lady and Vin ... and Vin's very awful dragon hat. Please the fashion police stand up now!

#### **Official Tigon studio webpage**

the teaser site version is now online at [www.tigonstudios.com](http://www.tigonstudios.com). Full version of the site is khm... coming soon!

thanks to Robert for the link alert!

#### **Riddick trading cards**

"Rittenhouse Archives will send collectors into the dark and dangerous universe of Riddick this spring with its all-new The Chronicles of Riddick trading card series! Along with a base set covering the entire movie with more than 100 images. collectors will also find a bonus 18-card chase set covering "Pitch Black", the movie that started it all, 10 "Casting Call" Cards, featuring the stars of the new movie and 9 "Riddick" Anime Cards, from the soon-to-be-released anime feature. Each box of this limited edition run of 6,000 boxes, will contain 1 Autograph and 1 Costume card! "

thanks to [Seraph @ Escapism](#)  
source: [Scifihobby.com](#)

### TCoR game press release

"The Chronicles of Riddick: Escape from Butcher Bay features an original storyline that provides insight into how Riddick evolved into such a complex character," said Cos Lazouras, production executive, Tigon Studios. "The game reveals secrets about Riddick's past as well as his epic destiny to come."

source and full article: [gameinfowire.com](#)

### TCOR article from Empire, 2004/3

"Despite the scale, I'm still fascinated with the character, this overlooked, forgotten, misunderstood guy," adds Diesel, effectively confirming that Riddick's more anti-social characteristics will be jettisoned. "What this movie is expand on the character in Pitch Black and find a mythology for him."

click [here](#) to read the full article

thanks to DanistaBaby for scanning the original article!

### 3/10 Big Score scans and translations

**<An expert from the translated interview with David Twohy>**  
**- Riddick is a bad man, a murderer. How can you build a gigantic movie around such a troublemaker character?**

- Exactly that's what I love in this movie. Riddick is an anti-hero. He is not the glorious type who confronts the difficulties with positivity. He carries a very negative vision on the world and the people with himself. I don't want to glorify him, and exactly that's what was hard to make the studio understand. In reality, we see the other Star Wars, TCOR won't be manichean with the Good against the sBad. This movie is less schematic. The hero is a murderer, but within the negative dimension, you will realise, there's good within him. Also, this movie follows the path of Pitch Black, where all the characters had a double edge. This movie is too controversial, too cool for an expensive film.

[click here to read the full interview + set report from Score](#)

thanks to Titine69 for the scans and Minx to beta my translation

**To the C/P lover VD fans:** the article was translated by me, and took like 6 hours to give you this version, so be nice and do not copy the entire article. Choose a paragraph you like and provide a backlink to this main page. Thank you - Kriszta.

### Updates from the board:

- [Pics from a TFATF photo shoot](#) - thanks to DanistaBaby

### 3/9 TFATF3 is a go with Vin, but no Paul

#### U refilling 'Fast' tank with Diesel

Variety reports that work on the 3rd TFATF movie has speeded up. Uni hired Chris Morgan to write the script and is planning to bring back VD to the franchise, but Paul walker will be left out from the second sequel.

Movie picks up Diesel's character, Dominic Torretto, where he was left off at the end of the first "Fast," a fugitive of the law hiding out in Mexico. Action quickly moves to Tokyo, the current Mecca of street racing, where Torretto tries to bail out a friend in trouble with gangsters.

If Diesel inks a deal, it raises the question of whether Rob Cohen, who directed Diesel in both the original "Fast and Furious" and actioner "XXX," might return as well. Cohen's reps said the helmer was not in talks with U.

The [Hollywood Reporter](#) article adds that the studio said no deal is in place with the Vin , adding that it is "looking to bring back certain elements from the first two films." While reps for Diesel said he is interested in the project, pending completion of the screenplay, Walker's reps said he is not currently committed to a third movie.

TFATF3 is planned for a summer 2005 release. Its budget -despite to the pricey Diesel- will be around 2 Fast, 2 Furious's 76 million dollar.

source: [Variety](#)

#### **More TFATF rumor**

Vin Diesel's return has been rumoured for a while, last week Paul Walker indicated he's out of the project (it may have to do with Vin's participation). Now British film mag HotDog indicates that one of Vin's requirements for coming back to play Dom is that the first film's director Rob Cohen helm it again.

source: [Dark Horizons](#)

#### **Recent updates on the message board:**

- [Japanese TCoR site and poster](#)
- [The pacifier update](#)
- [Vin pic from South-Korea](#) (2002)
- [UK Film Review scans](#) (TCoR/TFATF 3)

Thanks to annabianca, Grace, DanistaBaby, Leigh Ann, DieselFan25

**3/8 TCoR: dark Fury DVD -missed link in yesterday's update. You can pre-order the animated TCoR sequel [here](#).**

**3/7 The new version of the Pitch Black DVDs can now be pre-ordered through our shopping pages!!**

**Be the first to get your new TCoR:PB DVD with [many new extras](#) and a look into the new Riddick movie:**

- [Chronicles of Riddick:Pitch Black](#) (widescreen, unrated)
- [Chronicles of Riddick:Pitch Black](#) (widescreen, R-rated)
- [Chronicles of Riddick:Pitch Black](#) (R-rated)
- [Chronicles of Riddick:Pitch Black](#) (unrated)
- [Chronicles of Riddick:Dark Fury](#) (animated prequel)

If you are not sure which version to purchase, I recommend the unrated version, which has 7 additional scenes compared to the theatrical cut. Each all these scenes contain dialogues only, and gives you a further look to the characters, especially to the one and only Mr Richard B. Riddick.

#### **And now a small TCoR tidbit:**

According to an interview at [Scotmans.com](#), a young scottish actress, Neve McIntosh was up for the role of Thandie Newton's in TCoR: "she lost out to Thandie Newton for what would have been her Hollywood debut opposite Vin Diesel in The Chronicles of Riddick."

### 3/5 Dimesion wanted VD for the role of Cleric Preston in Equilibrium!!!

[Equilibrium](#) is a very clever sci-fi/actionner by director Kurt Wimmer, easily one of the bests, but heavily overlooked films of 2002. A creation of the best action scenes you've seen since the original Matrix, mixed with the philosophy of the likes of 1984 and Fahrenheit 451. And again, the outstanding Christian Bale (aka the new Batman) performs the most spectacular martial arts scenes since the original Matrix was filmed.

I'm in love with this movie and when i browsed a [very EQ good fansite](#), a surprising answer from an [Atlanta Q&A](#) popped out:

*"Q: How did you choose Christian Bale for the role and was anyone else approached for it? Did someone turn down the role?"*

*Wimmer mentioned that Bale was the only one actually offered the roll and picked him due to American Psycho. He did mention that the studio wanted someone else to read for the part, Vin Diesel but he never did. That opened up a whole segment on Diesel which was interesting.*

*An other topic says: The studio wanted Wimmer to consider Vin Diesel so a script was sent to him. They never heard back and Kurt stated he was not sure if Diesel had ever actually read it or not.*

EQ was shot between Oct-Dec 2000, straight after Vin finished [TFATF](#) and started to shoot the doomed [A Man Apart](#). If you can give me a reason why to choose movie like AMA over EQ (well, apart from the paycheck), shoot me an email.

### Score magazine scans in PDF

Moviehole got a new version of the Score scans, you can [download here](#). Sadly the scan is still too small, and the trxt is not readable. If any of you, lovely french ladies, can get us a bigger version, we will be all very thankful!

thanks to [Clint](#) for the alert!

### And now your daily TCoR:Dark Fury tidbit

[Bruce @ PBER.com](#) spotted this at the [CHUD message board](#):

*At my old job, I started working on the animatic for this, and it's a decent story. Definitely made to stand alone, so it isn't necessary to watch in order to get into the sequel. I think it would be a fun addition to the Riddick story, though. (Aetius)*

*thanks Bruce!*

### 3/3 TCoR:DF details

#### Summary from [dvdempire.com](#)

Extend The Chronicles Of Riddick experience with this all-new, visionary animated film that bridges the incredible stories of Pitch Black and The Chronicles Of Riddick. Starring Vin Diesel as the voice and likeness of Riddick and created by Peter Chung (The Animatrix, MTV's Aeon Flux), one of the world's most revered animators. The Chronicles Of Riddick: Dark Fury delivers thrilling sci-fi adventure that takes Riddick, Jack, and Imam Onia death-defying confrontation with an intergalactic bounty hunter.

**extras:** Bridging The Gap: Animation Documentary  
Peter Chung-The Mind Of An Animator  
Into The Light

**length:** 30 mins

**Even more tidbits from a post by director Peter Chung @ greensup.com:**

"With a dvd release date of June 15th, it's not a matter of "will be directing". I've been working on this since last summer. We're just wrapping up animation now. As for your other questions-- I'm not saying anything until the film is released." (PC)

### **New pics: Vin with friends**

follow [this link via the message board](#) to see the pics

thanks to Titine69!

### **New TCoR fan art!**

Did you like the garphics from yesterday? Alex made a new one for us, you can see [here](#). Just like the previous one, its wonderful :-)

### **3/2 TCoR: PB extras list**

A post in the [alt.video.dvd group](#) reveals the list of the TCoR:PB DVD extras. It features both the old extras and new info on the sequel.

- An Introduction By David Twohy
- The Game Is On
- The Johns Chase Log
- The Chronicles Of Riddick Visual Encyclopedia
- Prized Possession
- A View Into The Dark
- The Making of Pitch Black
- Feature Commentary With Director David Twohy and Actors Vin Diesel and Cole Hauser
- Feature Commentary with Director David Twohy, Producer Tom Engleman and Visual Effects Supervisor Peter Chiang.

### **TCoR website update**

The [TCoR site](#)'s newsletter alters you that updates were done on the TCoR site. Once you "hack" the site, you meet Tombs and get to see the Riddy hunt fact sheet. His murder count is unknown, and chances of the eye surgery survival are very low. Oh, well, Riddy is not a human, is he?

thanks to DieselFan 25, see her screencaps [here](#)

### **A gorgeous Riddy fan art**

Alexandre Tuis made a TCoR fan art, you can see at [his site](#). Check it out, its really good :)

### **2/27 TCoR: Pitch Black DVD re-edition + TCoR: Dark Fury animated prequel**

According to [Davisdvd.com](#), a new edition of PB is coming, now retitled as **The Chronicles of Riddick: Pitch Black**, on June 1st. Disc will be presented in both widescreen and full screen editions, both the R-rated and the Director's Cut versions. Sound is Dolby 5.1, and the old DTS version will be soon discontinued.

Also on June 15th, comes the animated prequel entitled as **The Chronicles of Riddick: Dark Fury**. This disc will come with a 1.78 anamorphic transfer, Dolby Digital 5.1 audio and an inside look at the feature film. Expect new TCoR extras on the PB re-edition as well.

Question is now if TCoR is the name of the series, what's in the name of the new movie? The

Chronicles of Riddick: The Chronicles of Riddick? :b

### **More details on TCoR: Dark Fury**

The Chronicles of Riddick: Dark Fury  
STREET: 6/15/2004  
FORMAT: DVD  
S.R.P.: \$14.98  
VIDEO STUDIO: Universal  
GENRE(S): Anime, Adventure  
Direct-to-Video (2004)

#### **Key Talent**

Vin Diesel (Voice Talent)  
Keith David (Voice Talent)  
Rhiana Griffith (Voice Talent)  
Nick Chinlund (Voice Talent)  
Peter Chung (Director)

thanks to Bruce @ [PitcherBlacker.com](http://PitcherBlacker.com)

### **2/26 Riddick spoilers -better than the Matrix!!**

A great chat with a movie insider guy named Bryan last night revealed some info on Vin and the TCoR script. The following very spoilery text is the summary of the conversation we had. Please beware of the tidbits, and only read if you want to know more than the press release and up-to-today posted articles say.

If you do not want to get spoiled, all I can say: Bryan says the script lives up all expectations and is better than the original Matrix. Oh, and it's dark as well! As for other VD movies, he asked for 25M\$ dollars for the xXx sequel, but his demand was turned down. Also he is set for TFATF3, but Paul Walker said goodbye to the franchise, and is now interested in being the leading men in other actions and dramas.

click [here](#) to read more about Riddick

thanks to Bryan!

### **2/25 Vin's lost LOTR audition tape?**

#### **Tykara posted this on the message board, quoted by DF25:**

I was just watching MTV News and they just announced that on the LOTR Trilogy box set will be the audition tapes of stars that didn't make the film.. such as Vin Diesel and Kylie Minogue.

### **Vin on E's School of Hard Knock**

Now, E! dusts off your favorite stars' old yearbooks--from elementary to high school--and finds the stories stuck between the pages for these overachieving specials. This show features some pics of VD when he was in High School and even an old class mate is on there.

**Airs:** Feb. 24, 10:30 p.m.; Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m.; Feb. 27, 8:30 p.m.

screencaps by DieselFan25 [here](#)

more info: [E! Celebrity Yearbook](#)

thanks to ILoveVinnieD3 & DF25

### **Tigon games article from Holywood Reporter**

"As a producer, I am very involved in all of the creative aspects of the game, looking for

innovative game play, developing story lines, writing dialogue, attaching actors, designing visuals and directing cinematics," Diesel said. "I also have been very fortunate in that I have the ability to get other incredible artists from the film and music worlds to lend their voices, talent and excitement to these games."

He is contributing his own likeness and voice talents to the first game from the young company, "The Chronicles of Riddick: Escape From Butcher Bay." Other stars from the movie are involved as well, but Diesel declined to say who.

full article can be read [here](#)

### **2/23 Riddy video game article from Variety**

Vin Diesel's Tigon Studios, a videogame production company the action star founded in 2002, will have its first release this summer in the adaptation of "The Chronicles of Riddick," which it is co-publishing with Vivendi Universal Games.

Diesel signed a separate deal for the "Riddick" game on top of his \$11 million payday for the film. While no information on the game payday was available, similar deals for top stars to provide extensive voiceover work, as well as physical likeness rights, have reached low seven figures.

full article can be read [here](#)

### **2/19 Snow falls on The Pacifier, Riddy book cover arrives**

#### **Brittany Snow joins The Pacifier**

Brittany Snow, star of NBC's drama "American Dreams," has inked to make her feature debut opposite Vin Diesel in "The Pacifier." Family-oriented actioner, being helmed by Adam Shankman for Spyglass and the Walt Disney Co. Shooting in April, 2004.

Pic sees Diesel play an undercover agent who botches a job protecting a scientist, and tries to redeem himself by protecting the man's kids. Snow plays the teenage daughter of the family Diesel is protecting.

source: Variety

thanks to waimeawahine

### **2/18 Correcting mistakes and links to new pics**

- [Vin as a toddler](#) - Total Film UK, thanks to DanistaBaby
- [Vin face shots](#) - diff pics purchased from ebay, thanks to DieselFan25

### **2/17 VX Update**

We're back and we focus on Riddy. New color scheme, [new Riddy section](#), but the old amount of fast news and hot pics to serve you every day from now. Pages from Vin's bio to the offsite links were updated, and a new section, VD news in Hungarian has appeared. We have also created a new message board section to [discuss TCoR](#), and a [section for some of us, Hungarians](#) to debate all things Vin in our mother language.

Thanks to Ms Mephisto for the new images and hope you'll enjoy the renewed site!

Kriszta  
/webmistress

## 2/17 Riddy production notes

**heavy spoiler alert!!**

"Five years ago, the imaginative science fiction film Pitch Black introduced the world to the complicated, reclusive Riddick. This **"least likely of heroes took on a cult status in the science fiction community,"** remarks Vin Diesel and David Twohy, and thus inspired this new chapter in Riddick's journey, a story rich in mythology and complex characters. "

click [here](#) to read the full docu!!

## Alexa Davalos talks Riddy

Alexa Davalos, who plays Kyra opposite Vin Diesel in the upcoming SF movie The Chronicles of Riddick, told SCI FI Wire that she plays the grown-up version of Jack, the girl who masqueraded as a boy in Riddick's predecessor film, Pitch Black. "I think she's grown up and really come to fight for herself and understand herself a bit more," Davalos said in an interview. "I think she's evolved quite a bit, and yet has a lot of Jack inside of her."

click [here](#) to read the full article!

## 2/10 Riddick reshoots

"Always reliable LA correspondent 'Joe S' is back with word that Universal's big budget Vin Diesel actioner "The Chronicles of Riddick" (a sort of "Pitch Black" sequel) is about to undergo some extra filming:

"News of some major additional photography on 'Chronicles'. In the vicinity of \$5M has been budgeted for at least seven days of filming in early March in Vancouver Canada on the Vin Diesel sequel.

Some of the additional work apparently reverses the fatal fate of a major character whose demise had already been filmed during principal photography.

A close source to the production notes that actor Nick Chinlund "sort of steals the picture from Diesel". Other material includes additional SFX work".

source: Dark Horizons

thanks to DieselFan25

## Vin Diesel's Playing Joe Louis For Spike Lee?!

"Hi, everyone. "Moriarty" here with some Rumblings From The Lab... That's what this scooper claims. Check it out:

*Spike Lee was speaking at Kent State, Stark Branch tonight (February 3, 2004). He talked politics and his background and movies and Cold Mountain and so forth, and then the floor opened up for questions. One real interesting bit came out of the Q & A (not sure how much of this is news, but I haven't read about it anywhere).*

*Spike Lee said that he's working on a movie based on boxer Joe Lewis' skirmish with the Nazis... he said it would be a BIG film featuring FDR and Mussolini. He's writing the screenplay with Budd Schulberg (On the Waterfront). Spike also mentioned that Vin Diesel will play Joe Lewis. Let's all hope that this is the pre-XXX Vin Diesel we're talking about.*

*wasp*

Thanks for the note. Obviously, I wasn't at the Kent State appearance, so I can't verify what was said, but it's interesting if true. Anyone else out there hear Spike talking about this tonight?"

source: Aint It Cool News

thanks to waimeawahime and TopazSCL

### **The latest news on The Pacifier**

#### **Begins Filming April 10, Now Casting Lead Child Roles**

The question of whether action star Vin Diesel can do comedy is getting closer to being answered. FilmJerk.com has learned that filming on Walt Disney Pictures' "Pacifier," which he will star in, is scheduled to begin April 10 in Toronto, with casting now underway for four of the five children he will protect in the film. Will his first comedy establish him as the Sylvester Stallone of the current generation or an actor capable of making the transition?

source: [FilmJerk.com](http://FilmJerk.com)

#### **Mixed script review**

Was The Pacifier formulaic and predictable? Yes, right down to its obligatory diaper changing scene. But there was some heart there, too. The seemingly indomitable Shane Wolfe (as in lone wolf?) is actually a vulnerable, sensitive teddy bear. Sure, it's all very pat but such stories rely on simplicity.

The Pacifier should likely connect with general audiences who just want to snack on familiar junk food for a few hours. In the immortal words of Jon Lovitz as Harvey Fierstein, is that so wrong?

source: [FilmForce](http://FilmForce)

thanks to Azsue, July and TopazSCL

### **1/31 - Vin as a dream Valentine date**

"Picture it--a romantic dinner for two on Valentine's Day. Candles are aglow. It's you and your valentine; but in this dream your valentine is anyone in the world--your husband, wife, boyfriend, girlfriend or celebrity. General Growth Properties, Inc., the country's second largest owner, developer and manager of regional shopping malls and its research arm, The National Survey Network, posed the question, "Who is your dream valentine?" to nearly 2,000 shoppers across the country. Dream dates varied widely from the King of Rock and Roll to Jennifer Lopez.

Two-thirds of the nearly 2,000 people surveyed were women. When it comes to women's dream dates, the top five male celebrities all had something in common, besides making millions of dollars per film--they at one time were crowned People magazine's "Sexiest Man Alive"--Brad Pitt, Johnny Depp, Tom Cruise, Mel Gibson and Sean Connery. Heartthrobs Vin Diesel and Orlando Bloom rounded out the list of living celebrities. His 'hunika hunika burnin' love-status hasn't gone away even though he's been gone for more than 25 years--Elvis Presley is many women's idea of a dream valentine. But these sexy male celebrities obviously don't hold a flame to the women's husbands and boyfriends--20 percent of which chose them as their dream valentine date.

quote taken from businesswire.com

### **- Interview with Riddick Xbox game producer**

*How do you plan to recreate the atmosphere of the movie in the game?*

Riddick ties heavily into the growing Pitch Black/Chronicles of Riddick universe. Actors from both films are lending their talents for the game. And the game itself is told as a prequel to both films - diving deep into the back story of Riddick himself. We tell the story of Riddick before Pitch Black and before The Chronicles of Riddick. We explore things like how Riddick got his

eyes shined and his relationship with the Bounty Hunter Johns.

*The Chronicles of Riddick is the prequel to Pitch Black, for those that may not be familiar with the series please can you explain a little of the plot.*

The game begins with Riddick's arrival at Butcher Bay - the most notorious prison in the Galaxy. Butcher Bay is a Triple-Max correctional facility, and Riddick is sent there for a reason unexplained. The prison itself is divided into three different security ratings. On the surface we have the Max facilities, under ground is the Double Max, and finally, the "Tower" has the highest security rating in the whole universe - the Triple Max classification. Riddick's one goal is to bust out and escape from this hell hole. It's all about getting out. And players will find that Riddick is not only a talented escape artist - but simply the best at what he does.

quote taken from Impact Wrestling News

### **1/23 Riddy is a furion!! - tells co-star Kristin Lehman**

Kristin Lehman, who co-stars with Vin Diesel in the upcoming SF movie The Chronicles of Riddick, told SCI FI Wire that her character will share a bond with Diesel's antihero. "I play the only other Furyan in the film," Lehman (TV's Strange World) said in an interview. "Vin is, as we know, a Furyan. And this, of course, is the odyssey for him, to realize who he is, what he comes from, what his odyssey is. And I am the Furyan who brings that out in him. I come to him."

source & full article: Sci-Fi Wire

### **1/15 -Ross Leckie (Hannibal book author) on Vin & movie**

"He's a big, Arnold Schwarzenegger-type of man. Not as tall as me but much broader," he says. "When we met, he came into this palatial suite in a New York hotel, stood in the doorway, pointed at me and said: 'Hey, it's the great Ross Leckie'. I replied: 'Hey, it's the great Vin Diesel'. But he then said: "Shut up, you don't know who the fuck I am". That was a great ice-breaker."

"He then asked what I thought of his films. By this time I had done some research and watched a couple. Frankly, I said, they are a little thin. You could have heard the proverbial pin drop - everything went silent - until Vin leapt up, slapped me on the shoulder, and said: "You know, you're right and now I want to make a great movie'."

full article in Financial Times

### **-Entertainment Weekly on Vinless Riddy trailer**

Curiously, the teaser trailer for June's blockbuster hopeful The Chronicles of Riddick relegates star Vin Diesel to the shadows. Literally. Could that have something to do with the box office tumble the XXX man's taken (with stinkers Konokaround Guys in 2002 and 2003's A Man Apart) since he signed on to do the Pitch Black sequel for a reported \$12.5 mil back in 2001? "People are going to the movies for great stories first," says Adam Fogelson, Universal's marketing president, about the fast-paced clip, which features close-ups of costars Judi Dench and Thandie Newton, as well as an army of life-destroying Necromongers. "Superstars do not guarantee giant numbers, he says. As for Diesel, "Vin believes as strongly as we do."

article taken from Entertainment Weekly Jan 16,04

thanks to DanistaBaby

### **1/8 Bringing down da Vin Diesel: The Pacifier gets director**

"Bringing Down the House" director **Adam Shankman** is set to direct Vin Diesel in "The Pacifier," a family-oriented action film that will start shooting in April, in partnership between

Spyglass and the Walt Disney Co. Shankman will follow that film by directing "Four Christmases," the Spyglass film that got postponed when Sony encountered a yuletide logjam of films.

In a scenario reminiscent of "Kindergarten Cop," the tough guy agent discovers that child care is not an easy assignment. The role will show a softer side of Diesel, who'll next be seen toplining Radar/Universal drama "The Chronicles of Riddick," a sequel to the cult hit "Pitch Black."

source: Variety

#### **Other new topics worthy to discover @ message board**

- [No Guys And Dolls for Kidman....](#)
- [Vin Diesel sighting](#)
- [Misc Riddick info](#)
- [3 new pix from EMA](#)
- [Vin at a party in Miami](#)
- [Beautiful Pics of Vin By Andrew Macpherson](#)
- and many more, worthy to discover on the board

thanks to DanistaBaby, waimeawahine, maxell0807, hazelcat, DieselFan25

### **News Archive 2004. April - June**

#### **6/29 T.V. Guides Summer Movie Hunks: Vin is #6**

This week TV Guide Channel airs a movie special called Summer Movie Hunks and Vinny came in at # 6. There were 15 all together, lead by Brad Pitt, Orlando Bloom and Eric Bana. Colin Farrell came as #8. Full listing is now up on the message board.

Thanks to Krbeast2!

#### **New, ``The Iron Giant``: special edition DVD is coming!**

Warner Home Video (WHV) is proud to announce a special edition DVD of the timeless animated classic "The Iron Giant" on September 7, 2004. Loaded with all-new special features -- including 8 "never-before-seen" scenes, including an alternate opening, all with director commentary, 13 mini-documentaries highlighting key sequences and a featurette, "The Voice Of The Giant," hosted Vin Diesel. This version, which truly enhances the classic animated tale of a boy and his robot, will be available on DVD for \$19.97 SRP.

full article @ [BusinessWire.com](http://BusinessWire.com)

#### **6/28 New-ish Vin pics: Vin Diesel shopping at Nike town**

pics are now at Diesel Driven -> from Rex features, dated to june 12th

#### **Michael Bay to direct Superman?**

Yippy! AICN suggests that Mr Blows-up-all might direct Vin in Superman. Suddenly this project does not suck at all :):)

" P.S. I heard tonight from a WB friend at the screening, that McG is out of SUPERMAN and Warner's wants to make it a mandate to get Michael Bay. Apparently he's looking for something big, as he's having trouble getting the budget he wants for his "Island" project at DreamWorks. Apparently part of the reason Moritz came on-board Supes was that Bay was attached to direct I AM LEGEND for him and former partner, HARRY POTTER franchise and WB-based producer David Heyman. With Adelstein gone from Original, and Sony having inked a deal with DeLuca (which pissed Neal off), he and Heyman are mulling re-teaming up. It doesn't hurt that Neal has

close ties to potential Lex Luthor Vin Diesel and was shooting STEALTH in Australia, where WB wants to do SUPERMAN. I know for a fact Neal loves Australia, and he's been trying to convince studios to shoot a lot of his productions there. Heyman, like every other producer on the WB lot, has been trying to get on Supes. Aside from the Potter films, what's going to put him where Joel Silver can't get, is his relationship with Neal and they're combined relationship with Bay. "

this gossip is part of the [Constantine movie reviews](#)

### **Sci-fi slump // Variety article on TCoR/sci-fi genre failure**

"The Chronicles of Riddick" came crashing to earth in its second week in U.S. multiplexes, plunging 61% at the box office and reinforcing a trend that's making the Hollywood studios very nervous: The mass-audience love affair with sci-fi space operas may be coming to an end.

full article from Variety is now on [the message board](#)

Also, an interesting discussion starts to form on the message board, debating what went wrong with the Riddick sequel. Your comments, reasons would be much appreciated in the [The Chronicles of Riddick: What went wrong?](#) thread.

### **3rd weekend finals: R is #12**

Yet another disappointing fall: Rid fell back 6 places, from 6th to 12th, dropping off the Top 10 list: \$4,531,765 weekend gross; -51.9% drop from last weekend, \$51,151,705 total gross against the \$105 M production and \$35 marketing cost.

In was only two weeks, Riddick spent among the Top 10 movies, a 2nd and a 6th spot, 3rd and 7th, if considering the 7day weeks. It's opening numbers were so-so, much less than expected, but it could have been much worse. What really X-ed out the movie, were the huge weekly drops, 60 and 50% respectively. Boxofficeguru projects a total 60 M\$ gross, and that number will leave more than half of the combined budget uncovered.

The bad MPAA rating, the bad reviews, the end of space opera-love, all reasons why a totally different Riddick should have been released.

numbers were taken from [BoxOfficeMojo](#)

### **6/27 3rd weekend estimates: Rid comes as No#11**

Riddick passed the 50 M\$ gross this weekend, yet it was not enough to stay within the Top 10 movies. According to [BoMojo.com](#) Rid is #11 with \$4,410,000 weekend gross, -53.2% drop from last week, \$1,805 theater average; \$51,030,000 as the total gross.

**And congratulations to Mr Michael Moore, for topping this week's Top 10 list with Fahrenheit 9/11!!!!**

### **A word about the international Riddick release**

"The Chronicles of Riddick" miscued as it kicked off its offshore campaign in Singapore, Malaysia and the Philippines. Vin Diesel (news) starrer sensibly is being held for late July/August in other markets.

source: variety.com

### **Various new Vin pics, including a R E D tracksuit!**

- [topic 1 on board](#)
- [topic 2 on board](#)
- [topic 3 on board](#)

Thanks to Titine69, clasos.com and abacausa.com!

### 6/26 3rd weekend Friday estimates: Rid felt out from the Top 10!

Continuing its disappointing box office performance, Riddick dropped out from the Top 10 list. According to [BOMojo's Friday estimates](#) Rid came only as No#12 with a poor \$1,283,000 Friday gross / \$525 theater average. Total gross, as of today: \$47,903,000.

VeRRRy profitable for a PG-13 movie, isn't it ... ?

### 6/25 3rd weekend theater count and predictions

This weekend Riddick will be played in **2,435** theaters, 322 less than last weekend and two weeks ago. With this descending number, Rid is now only the 9th widest played movie in the States. BOMojo's weekend forecast predicts 5.0 M\$ gross, #9th position on the top 10 list. Coming Soon's Weekend Warrior still lists Rid as 4,7M\$ gross, #10 position.

Last week BOM reported 9.7 M\$ gross, and Rid earned 9,4 M\$. CS! was up with 10 M\$; both numbers were slightly overestimated. It means that this weekend's result is gonna be around **4-5 M\$, 9-10th place**. With Spiderman opening next week, this weekend might be very well the final for Riddick being listed among the 10 highest grossing movies.

### Rid's up-to-date gross, as of June 24, Thursday:

*Domestic:* \$46,619,940 98.8%  
+ *Overseas:* \$562,000 1.2%

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= *Worldwide:* \$47,181,940

against a 105 M\$ production + 35 M\$ advertisement cost  
also by now Garfield's gross (\$48,770,278 ) is larger than Riddick's ....

all numbers from [Boxofficemojo.com](#)

### New articles, interviews:

- [Vin Diesel landed Dench on 'Riddick' juggernaut](#) @ Sun Herald
- [The Chronicles Of Riddick review](#) @ Monkeycube

thanks to Annie and Mindy!

### 6/24 Script review on David Hayter's Riddick sequel

[CineScape](#) reports: "Screenwriter's Voice reviewed an unused draft of THE CHRONICLES OF RIDDICK that sounds more like James Cameron's ALIENS than what recently hit the screens.

In this draft, by David Hayter (X2) with revisions by Akiva Goldsman (I, ROBOT), a "retriever" and his female merc track Riddick to New Chicago, where he's fighting the hammerhead monsters in underground gladiatorial battles. The two blackmail Riddick into accompanying them and their mercenary force back to Hercades Six to retrieve an object from a crashed vessel, only to fight not only more hammerheads but also a new breed of monster. Along the way there are doublecrosses, false identities, and the ruins of an advanced civilization.

Read what SV has to say about what the script is and isn't right here [in their mixed-to-negative review.](#) "

### Windy's newest weekly question

YOU are Vin's personal stylist & shopper!

Again much has been said about Vin's style of dress, different pieces he wears, etc. If you were his very own personal stylist & shopper what type of clothes would you dress him in??? Would

you buy more semi formal items of clothing like slacks,vest,jackets,ties? Would you load up on even more casual clothes like jeans ,t-shirts like those wife beater shirts that he loves? What kind of hats would you buy or do you think he should not wear hats at all? Would you keep his head clean shaven or have him grow a LITTLE more hair?Jewelry anyone? Shoes? What designers or stores would you take him to? Calvin Klein? Prada? Dolce & Gabbana? Valentino? Abrecrombie & Finch? The Gap? Would you stock up on more formal wear like tuxedos? What colors would you pick out for him?

And heres the catch: Which items of clothing would you toss in the dumpster if you had a choice? And which items of clothing do you think the Vinster would fight TOOTHE AND NAIL TO KEEP?If you love our dude just the way he is GREAT, and tell us why!

[answer the question on our messageboard!](#)

## **6/22 Final Riddy Bo numbers, international results**

### **2nd weekend finals:**

Looks like this week the numbers were underestimated: Rid earned more than estimated: 9,4 M\$, 1,2M\$ better than previously reported! Rid also moved one grade up, ranked as #6, trading places with The Stepford Wives, but staying behind Garfield. It still dropped a high, 61,2% perfect from its 1st weekend gross, -the biggest drop among the Top 10 movies-, summing up to a 42,5M\$ total gross.

Once upon a time Twohy said the sequel would be decided upon the first two weeks' numbers. Riddy has still a 100 mill to go to cover the costs, so it now seems clear, the sequel won't be made... Yet, I know, many fans still love you , Dicky, so hope to see you on a better, story loaded, bloodier, re-edited DVD in December!

### **Forecast for 3rd weekend**

[Coming Soon's Weekend Warrior](#) - early predictions - shows 2,500 cinemas for Rid, 275 minus from the previous sessions. It projects 4,7 M\$, and a rank as low as #10.

Previously they predicted an 8th place and 10M\$ for Riddy, so even though they were mistaken in the rank, the gross was nearby the final (10 - 9,4 M\$). Boxofficemojo's prediction was 9,7 M\$, even closer to the final gross. So you can count on 4-5M\$ for this weekend, and a 9-10th position.

### **International markets**

Article taken from [Variety](#): "Chronicles of Riddick" opened tamely in Southeast Asia one week after its domestic preem. It Riddick" kicked off its offshore campaign with \$213,000 on 26 in Singapore (ranking fourth), \$161,000 on 36 in Malaysia and \$188,000 on 26 in the Philippines. Vin Diesel starrer is being held for late July/August in most other places.

**a more detailed report on the BO numbers can be now found on the [message board](#) (2nd page, 3rd post from the top)**

### **Excellent TCoR: Butcher Bay game review**

" Perhaps Vin Diesel should stick with video games: "The Chronicles of Riddick: Escape from Butcher Bay" is a superlative new title for the Xbox. Critics generally have bashed his movie, "The Chronicles of Riddick." "Butcher Bay," however, delivers with great graphics, precise controls, a streamlined interface and immersive gameplay. "

full article from AP is at [Yahoo!](#)

### **Blockbusters cramp Kidman, make Diesel run on fumes**

Interesting article about TCoR's and Stepford Wives' recent failure and effect on Vin's and Nicole's career from [Signs on San Diego](#) : "The muddled "Stepford Wives" won't derail Kidman's A-list trajectory, and the pea-brained "Riddick" won't damage Diesel's he-man rep. These films

aren't career-killers, but there were casualties just the same. And if you are wondering what is lost when hot-shot stars get sucked into the blockbuster black hole, look no further than the anti-blockbusters that made us want to watch Vin and Nic in the first place. "

thanks to Annie and Mindy!

**6/20 2nd Weekend estimates: #7th place with 8,2 M\$**

T W	Title	Weekend Gross	Total Gross
1	<b>DodgeBall: A True Underdog Story</b>	\$30,000,000	\$30,000,000
2	<b>The Terminal</b>	\$18,700,000	\$18,700,000
3	<b>Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban</b>	\$17,412,000	\$190,310,000
4	<b>Shrek 2</b>	\$13,600,000	\$378,281,000
5	<b>Garfield: The Movie</b>	\$11,000,000	\$42,016,000
6	<b>The Stepford Wives</b>	\$9,200,000	\$39,454,000
7	<b>The Chronicles of Riddick</b>	\$8,271,000	\$41,354,000
8	<b>The Day After Tomorrow</b>	\$7,550,000	\$166,756,000
9	<b>Around the World in 80 Days</b>	\$6,833,000	\$9,619,000
10	<b>Troy</b>	\$1,710,000	\$128,963,000

numbers were taken from [Boxofficemojo.com](http://Boxofficemojo.com)

**6/19 The latest Riddick Box office numbers**

Riddick finished its first weekend at the USA Box Office with 33,1 M\$, ranked #3 after Harry Potter 3 (49,8 M\$) and Shrek 2 (34,7 M\$). Estimates from yesterday's performance are now also available: falling back 5 position from 2nd to 7th, Rid lost 70% from his last Friday's figures. The movie grossed only 2,7 M\$, summing the total revenue up to 35,8 M\$.

numbers are from [Boxofficemojo.com](http://Boxofficemojo.com)

Bad sign, dropping 70% in this summer movie heat :-/ - Kriszta

**Vin as Lex Luthor?**

[CHUD.com](http://CHUD.com) has an interesting gossip to share:

" Just yesterday it was reported that producer Neal Moritz (SWAT, XXX, The Fast and the

Furious) was set to climb onboard the endlessly problematic Superman movie. Could he be bringing one of his bald, muscular stars with him?

According to a mysterious source (we'll call him 'Homeless Kryptonian'), that may indeed be the case. Warner Bros. has obviously decided they want to make their megabudget Supes movie cool for "the kids", and with Moritz's involvement comes the desire to place Vin Diesel in the role of criminal mastermind Lex Luthor (a role previously linked to everyone from Kevin Spacey to Johnny Depp). With the Chronicles of Riddick franchise turning out to not actually be one (hey, I liked it), getting into another high-profile gig with a built-in recognition factor may not be such a bad idea for the Vin-man."

thanks to Topaz!

### 6/18 Alexa Rulez - USA Today interview

Unforgettable is how she'd also describe co-star Vin Diesel. After three separate auditions, Davalos finally met with Diesel for a script read-through.

"He's wonderful, very gracious and incredibly articulate," she says. "We dived into the script and talked about everything, and at the end of the conversation he said, 'How fast can you pack?'"

Pretty fast, in fact, because Davalos says she lives "wherever and nowhere."

[full interview here](#)

### New, high quality images from Dark Fury

are up and running at [Diesel Driven](#)

### Boxofficemojo's Riddick forecast + Wednesday results

**Wednesday results:** on its 6th day of the US release, TCoR was ranked #5, behind Harry Potter 3, Shrek 2, Garfield and The Stepford Wives. Riddick's gross up-to-date is: \$31,167,880.

**Weekend forecast:** There will be a slight change in the number of cinemas, 2 more theaters will play Rid this weekend, raising up the theater count to 2,759. This weekend Rid will be the 7th widest release. BOMojo.com forecasts 9.3 M\$, and only the 8th place for the movie.

all numbers, statistics are from [Boxofficemojo.com](#)

### TCoR website updates

[The TCoR site](#) is now fully uploaded, with clips from the movie and interviews with the cast and crew members.

Thanks to Annie!

### New images:

- [Vin at Maxim magazine's annual "Hot 100" party](#) (last 3 in the 6th row + the first in the 7th) article about event @ [yahoo!](#) pics (unfortunately only in thumbnail size) are from Wireimage and Splash news
- [Scans from Famous magazine](#) (3 pictures in the 9th row)

thanks to DanistaBaby!

**And that's all for today, more updates will follow tomorrow, articles, images, BO numbers, all you ever wanted and even more! I have also started to answer your email, it will take some time to answer all the notes, but hopefully I can get back to you all of you very soon. - Kriszta**

## 6/17 Final 1st weekend numbers and new, 2nd weekend predictions

The final BO numbers are in, and according to them, TCoR finished its first weekend with 24,3 M\$. For a movie that costed at least 105M\$ to make and an additional 35 M\$ to promote, these opening numbers are very disappointing and put the future of the franchise into serious danger. As of today, chances that the domestic gross covers the budget are little.

The final weekend list says that Riddick came #2 behind Harry Potter 3; but if you see the individual day lists, you see that the only single day, Rid was ahead of Shrek 2, was Friday, but then sank to #3 position, behind the green ogre. By Tuesday even Garfield came ahead of Dickie. Why it had to be cut for the kids, is still a mystery to me. The PG-13 rating did not do any good for the movie, neither reviews-, nor box office-wise.

### BO numbers by day, drops and positions:

Day	Gross	Position	Drop	Total
Friday	\$9,897,630	#2	-	\$9,897,630
Saturday	\$8,436,420	#3	-14.8%	\$18,334,050
Sunday	\$5,955,115	#3	-29.4%	\$24,289,165
<b>Weekend total</b>	<b>\$24,289,165</b>	<b>#2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$24,289,165</b>
Monday	\$2,646,720	#3	-55.6%	\$26,935,885
Tuesday	\$2,164,245	#4	-18.2%	\$29,100,130

numbers are from [Boxofficemojo.com](http://Boxofficemojo.com)

### Predictions for this weekend

3 new movies open wide this weekend:

- **Terminal** - the new Spielberg movie with Tom Hanks and Catherine Zeta-Jones (most likely will be the new no#1 movie)
- **Dodgeball** - the latest comedy from Ben Stiller
- **80 days around the World** - the adaptation of Jules Verne's classical book with Jackie Chan (already opened yesterday)

[Coming Soon](#) predicts only 10 M\$ or the second week, -59% drop for the movie, and only the 8th position. Last week CS predicted 22,5 M\$ and #3 position for Riddick, so it was quite close to the final results. Also, there will be no change in Rid's theater counts, it remains at 2,758.

Summing up all info together, you can expect Riddy to perform around 10-12M \$, 6-8th place.

## 6/14 Quickie update for starters, more might follow later

### TCoR: Dark Fury DVD review

This animated film takes place between Pitch Black and The Chronicles of Riddick. As Riddick, Jack, and Imam flee the planet seen in Pitch Black, they are intercepted by a mercenary ship filled with bounty hunters. The group is led by Chillingsworth, a woman obsessed with homicidal maniacs whom she considers to be "art". Despite killing a number of mercenaries on board, Riddick is captured. Now it's up to him to break free and escape the ship or be turned into a permanent resident of Chillingsworth's art gallery. But will this loner be able to escape without being hindered by his new friends? This film is not rated but there is a fair amount of blood and language in it.

[full, spoilerous review is now up at ComingSoon.net](#)

### Diesel considering Furious spin-off

Clint's article at [Moviehole.net](http://Moviehole.net) makes me smile as always: "Ah, it's all making sense now. Vin "I

don't like sequels" Diesel is apparently still semi-interested in reprising his role from "Fast and the Furious", but it won't be for a sequel - but a spin-off.

Diesel told USA Today he'd do the 'Dominic Toretto' movie only if the story captures Toretto's need "to be competitive and victorious," he says.

It would have to be better than "xXx 2" though, says Diesel, because the script for that fit was slave poor. "The script wasn't right. They changed writers. It wasn't XXX to me. Two scripts were done, one by Rich Wilkes (who did the original XXX ) and then another by someone else. I wanted the Wilkes one. That was the one I was excited about."

Who else, but me (K) thinks its a very very bad idea to make a spinoff movie, or any other kiknd of TFA movie for Vin? If so, comment on the message board.

### Riddick editor talks about TCoR cuts

Bruce at [PBer.com](http://PBer.com) pointed out to an interesting post on the [IMDb TCoR message board](http://IMDb TCoR message board):

" I would like to say thank you for your comments and open mindedness about The Chronicles of Riddick. I did work on the film as one of the editors. I was on this picture 1 year and will probably be going back for dvd work. I will offer you a little inside info... though probably nothing most movie fans don't already know. A movie this big is very political and the schedule is always to short! **I can assure you we busted our ass, but in truth when I went to the premier and saw the film I wished I had two more monthes to polish.** I think everyone who worked on the film would say the same thing. But opening dates are opening dates polish be damned and the show must go on blah blah blah. I personally like the movie but may be a bit biased. (har dee har har) To me it's a popcorn movie with a cool edge although **it did get a bit waterd down for the kids.** To those of you who don't make up your own minds about movies, hey..... go see Garfield. Many thanks."

### 6/13 Weekend estimates: 24 M\$; NO#2 position behind Harry Potter3

BO numbers, according to [BoxOfficeMojo.com](http://BoxOfficeMojo.com):

T W	Title	Weekend Gross	Avera ge	Total Gross
1	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	\$35,069,000	\$9,097	\$158,134,000
2	The Chronicles of Riddick	\$24,606,000	\$8,924	\$24,606,000
3	Shrek 2	\$24,000,000	\$6,245	\$354,016,000
4	The Stepford Wives	\$22,200,000	\$7,262	\$22,200,000
5	Garfield: The Movie	\$21,675,000	\$7,005	\$21,675,000
6	The Day After Tomorrow	\$14,550,000	\$4,532	\$153,156,000
7	Raising Helen	\$3,821,000	\$1,816	\$31,400,000
8	Troy	\$3,465,000	\$1,72	\$125,652,000

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9	<b>Saved!</b>	\$2,550,000	\$4,329	\$3,732,000
10	<b>Mean Girls</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,588	\$81,318,000

thanks to shonaille

**Quick analysis:** Rid opened on the lower end of its estimations, 24,6 M\$ from 2,757 places. It outnumbered both Garfield and The Spetword Wives, even it was played on the least number of cinemas from all 3 new openings. Its theater average is also the second best after Harry Potter 3, close to 9,000\$/location. But Shrek 2 comes very close to Rid, and the two movies might chance place once the final numbers are up.

Compared to its heavy production cost (est. 105-120M\$ + marketing) this opening weekend number is pretty weak. If the second weekend drop is significant, the Chronicles ends with Part I. Congratulations to Universal Pics and their scissors, it was lovely work, guys!

#### Links to more BO articles:

- [Potter Limbos to Box Office Top @ Boxofficeprophets.com](#)
- ["Potter" Magic Holds Up @ E! Online via Yahoo!](#)
- ['Harry Potter' Loses Potency Atop U.S. Box Office @ Retures via Yahoo! - thanks to TopazSLC!](#)
- ['Harry Potter' Keeps Box Office Top Spot @ Associated Press via Yahoo!](#)

#### The latest news, interviews, other TCoR stuff

#### Q&A: Tigon Studios' Cos Lazouras: more Riddy games coming?

GS: What's next for The Chronicles of Riddick as far as games are concerned? Are there plans to bring the game to other platforms, for example?

CL: All I can say is that there are definitely several more stories from Riddick's universe that could be told. As for bringing the game to other platforms, I can't comment at this stage in time.

[full interview at gamespot.com](#)

#### Interview with Peter Chung, director of the Dark Fury anime

*ESSMAN: What in your background prior to The Animatrix and now, Dark Fury prepared you for this type of work?*

CHUNG: Well, I was asked to work on The Animatrix because of my work on Aeon Flux, which is mostly what I'm known for. Aeon Flux was the first animated series produced in the US for adults that played in a late night-time slot that was a dramatic, non-humor based animation series. It's an area of animation which interested me and which I think the public is more interested in today, largely because of the exposure to a lot of Japanese animation projects. And I think when they proposed this Dark Fury project, there actually weren't a lot of people who had the experience to do this kind of venture.

[full interview is here](#)

#### 6/12 Friday BO numbers (estimates)

Friday BO numbers, according to [BoxOfficeMojo.com](#):

Rank	Title	Friday 6/11 (Estimates)
1	HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN	\$11,210,000
2	THE CHRONICLES OF RIDDICK	\$10,600,000
3	GARFIELD: THE MOVIE	\$8,000,000
4	THE STEPFORD WIVES	\$7,900,000
5	SHREK 2	\$7,645,000
6	THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW	\$4,634,000
7	RAISING HELEN	\$1,231,000
8	TROY	\$1,055,000
9	SAVED!	\$962,000
10	MEAN GIRLS	\$550,000

Friday Bo numbers, according to [Showbizdata.com](http://Showbizdata.com)

Rank	Title	Friday 6/11 (Estimates)
1	HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN	\$10,910,000
2	THE CHRONICLES OF RIDDICK	\$10,270,000
3	THE STEPFORD WIVES	\$8,170,000
4	GARFIELD: THE MOVIE	\$7,980,000
5	SHREK 2	\$7,450,000
6	THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW	\$4,560,000
7	RAISING HELEN	\$1,240,000
8	TROY	\$1,060,000
9	SAVED!	\$970,000
10	MEAN GIRLS	\$590,000

**Quick analysis** is that Rid comes either No#2, No#3 or No#4 with an estimated 26-28M \$, but its No#2 position is threatened by Garfield and Shrek 2. Kid movies play much better on Saturday and Sunday, than on Fridays, as that's when their target audience can reach the matinees. Rid will act like as predicted, but HP3's low Friday number is a real surprise.

As for Rid's 26 - 28M\$ opening, that number is proly a disappointment for the lovely guys with

scissors at Universal. With the low PG-13 certificate, they prolly aimed for more. So its not really a success, but ain't a failure. Second weekend numbers will tell, whether or not Riddick stands or falls behind. At this moment everything is possible from a 60M\$ final creds to a 120-130 M\$ gross, that covers the production costs. Whether or not The Chronicles will continue, is a very open question now.

### **6/11 The Chronicles of Riddick release day**

4 years after Pitch Black, Richard B. Riddick re-enters the cinemas, only bigger, more expensive and with an upgraded cast and crew. Riddick is now being released in 2,759 cinemas, and looks forward a 22,5 -30M \$ opening weekend. You might realise that both numbers are low compared to the size of Riddick. The reviews are also very negative, [Rotten Tomatoes](#)' overall rating is 27%: from the 55 reviews only 15 are good compared to the 40 negative ones. Reading though many reviews the major complaints / compliments are:

#### **The positive side: Sci-fi madness**

- the characters of Riddick, Kyra and Toombs are cool and act well
- the production design and costumes are marvellous
- in a way the movie reads as an entertaining popcorn flick

#### **The negative side: Riddick does not live up to Pitch Black**

- Riddick's character is too good, no longer an anti-hero, he lost his edge
- the mythology is confusing, the story has little sense
- badly edited action scenes, well visibly cut down for the PG-13 rating
- Thandie Newton's weak performance

To discuss the movie, pro and contra, pls use the [TCoR review thread on the message board](#). This section will be highly spoilerous , so enter it on your own risk!

#### **The upgraded and much desired Riddick director's cut will be due in December**

" I'm not going to do a deleted scenes thing. There's going to be a theatrical release of it, and then there will be the director's cut, which restores some footage, Shirah included. By the way, Kristen wasn't cut out for anything that she did wrong. It's something that I did wrong, which was probably just layering a little too much mysticism, but one the audience gets grounded with the theatrical version and they have their bearings, it might be the opportune time to re-introduce her and start to layer in that mythology a little bit more rather than get it all in one bite. It drops in December."

Interview with David Twohy, director of TCoR @ [Joblo.com](#)

#### **Interviews, articles, reviews**

most of the articles , interviews are now recurring ones, the same questions and quotes keep repeated from the same press junked. In today's link section onl ythose interviews and articles appear that contain some new information. Also check out the USA Today articles, VX is featured there ;)

- [The Today Show: Transcript of Vin's appearance](#)- thanks to Sprial! (second post from the bottom)
- [Alexa Davalos interview: From Angel to Riddick](#) - actionadventure.about.com
- [Feore Suffered For Riddick](#) - Sci Fi Wire
- [For Diesel, 'Riddick' could spell redemption](#) - with VX mention ;)
- [Overblown, overdone 'Riddick': Wish it was just over](#) - USA Today
- [Vin Diesel, driving on a tankful of cool](#) - USA Today
- ['Riddick' an Ego Trip](#)- negative, but very funny review
- [TCoR soundtrack review](#) - FilmForce.IGN.com
- [THE CHRONICLES OF RIDDICK](#) - Latino Review, negative, but very funny

- [Riddick': Computer-generated tedium](#) - thanks to Krbeast2!
- [High style in search of a story](#) - positive review, thanks to Lin13!
- [A dark angel](#) - mixed review, thanks to Lin13!
- [CHUD.com review](#) - positive -thanks to Carpenter!
- [Comingsoon.net review](#) - positive - thanks to Carpenter!
- [Keith's Chronicle](#) - interview with Keith David
- Signs of Testosterone Are All Over the Universe - review - thanks to Annie!
- [Hollywood Reporter's TCoR Review](#) thanks to Annie!

**6/10 Once more snowed under study stuff, but here it goes Harry Knowles' TCoR review from Ain't It Cool:**

Twohy is a fine director – but the film shows its seams, Riddick and Kyra are so wonderful as characters that I couldn't not not enjoy myself... but damn if I didn't feel that had the film attempted less, it could have been so much more.

[full, spoilerous review here](#)

**Box Office material**

- Guess the gross and win a DVD @ [guessthegross.com](#) - ty for Sean for the alert!
- According to [BoxOfficeMojo](#), the final theater count is 2,758 places. Garfield is getting 3,130 locations, despite its awful press, and the equally troubled Stepford Wives is premiered in 3,057 cinemas. ComingSoon.net's Weekend projection in now raised to 22,5M\$, position is still No#3. Looks like it ain't exactly the number Uni wanted with the PG-13 cut ....

**More reviews**

- Other reviews are now also gathering fast on the RottenTomaos. com website. For now its 5 good 7 bad reviews, 42% in average.
- [The Chronicles of Ridiculous](#) - dailypennsylvania.com - negative
- [A Dysfunctional Family of Five Reviews...The Chronicles of Riddick!](#) - negative, but funny!
- [Film Review: "The Chronicles of Riddick"](#) - FilmJerk.com - positive
- [The Chronicles of Riddick](#) - The Journal News - negative

**Vin/Dicky stuff**

- [MTV's interview with Vin](#)
- [Diesel takes on action, games--and romantic comedy](#)
- [Being Diesel is more than muscles](#)
- [The Chronicles of Vin](#)
- [David Twohy interview @ actionadventure.about.com](#)
- [The Twohy treatment @ U-Redlands](#)
- [The Chronicles of Riddick: Escape From Butcher Bay review](#) - thanks to Krbeast2
- [Thandie Newton interview](#)
- A league of new pics
  - [Vin leaving TV show](#)
  - [Vin @ Lakers game](#)
  - [Sneak preview of TCoR caps](#)
  - [Caps & wav from Extra 6-4-04](#)
  - [Caps from New PB dvd](#)
  - [Starburst TCoR scans](#)
  - thanks to DieselFan and DanistaBaby!

## 6/9 Mixed Rid review from AICN, that answers my concerns:

" At the end of the day, this is a fun movie... A little too PG-13, considering the source material, but not a bad movie... It's just not a great movie. It's a disappointment and not where I had imagined the series going. Now, that might be my fault, but I certainly can't take any fault for taking Riddick off of the dark path and onto the light. I hope the series continues and lowers the scope a bit, focusing more on Riddick... From the ending to this movie, I doubt I'll see that film, but I can hope. Until then I guess I have the RIDDICK video game (strangely a hard R type of game for a PG-13 movie) and the original film. Maybe CHRONICLES OF RIDDICK will grow on me a little bit, go from a "It's alright" to a "Pretty damn good" in my mind. As of right now, count me disappointed. "

[full review here](#)

## And now an other review that points out the PG-13 Riddick is not worth our love

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The Chronicles of Riddick needs work. It's not a bad movie to attend on a hot summer afternoon, during a matinee, but you're not going to walk out and count the days before you can own it on DVD. What you see in the ads is about what you get. The movie should have had the nuts to be rated R. There are visible edits that take away from the "violent" fight scenes. Riddick would hang his head in shame.

Richard B. Riddick is an R rated character. The PG-13 rating of this film only shows its commercial intent. Ironically, almost nobody will like this as much as its R rated predecessor. The scares are gone. The thrill is over. We have had enough Star Wars clones, already.

Pitch Black was something special. The Chronicles of Riddick is something mediocre to watch when you have nothing better to do. As the REAL Riddick would say, before the corporate whores at Universal and the paranoid producers with no regard for the true character whittled him down to kid-friendly form, "fuck these mother-fuckers. I'm fuckin' outta here." No one could get the best of Riddick, until the MPAA got a hold of him...

Fuckers.

[full review here](#)

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Yes, pls, Real Riddick, where ever you are take your bloody revenge on the ones who watered you down, and make your cult movie the usual brainless popcorn flick . -K

## New articles, interviews, reviews

- [Twohy: Chronicles 2, 3 Planned](#) @ Sci Fi Wire
- [INT: Colm Feore](#) @ Joblo.com
- [Vin on Today show - screencaps](#) - thanks to Sprial!
- [Gamepro July 2004 issue TCoR: Butcher Bay game review](#) thanks to Jen!

## Reviews (mixed/negative ones, might be spoilerous)

- [Silly, overblown 'Riddick' pales next to 'Pitch Black'](#) @ NCTimes.com
- ['Riddick': Computer-generated tedium](#) @ MSNBC.com (also features a video clip with Vin)
- [The Chronicles of Riddick](#) @ Filmcritic.com
- [The Chronicles of Riddick](#) @ Technicianonline.com

## 6/8 Riddick's opening weekend estimate: 21 M\$

Coming Soon's Weekend Warrior projects a pretty low opening weekend BO result for Riddick: 21M\$. For the analysis, [hit their link](#).

## 8 video clips from Riddick are now up at Yahoo!

- "Battle Over Helion Prime"
- "Lord Marshal Talks To Riddick"
- "A Plot Against Lord Marshal"
- "Necromongers"
- "Aereon Talks To Riddick"
- "Dame Vaako Talks With Aereon"
- "Riddick And Kyra Talk"
- "Riddick Saves Kyra"

[all clips here](#) - all spoilerous, see them at your risk!

## New articles, interviews

- [Vin Diesel @ ComingSoon.net](#)
- [Bruce's thoughts on the first 10 minutes played on MTV @ Pitcherblacker.com](#)
- [TCoR review](#) from The Trades (grade : B-) - Ty to bshock from the Merc site!
- [Early days of Riddick captured in gritty video game set on prison planet \(BB Game\) @ Canadaest.com](#)
- [Peter Wanat - Executive Producer - Chronicles of Riddick @ E3 @ Warcy News Network](#)
- [The Chronicles of Riddick: Butcher Bay review @ Xbox advanced](#)
- [RIDDICK INTERVIEW: VIN DIESEL @ CHUD.com](#)- thanks to Topaz for the link!
- [Riddick reviews @ CHUD board \(mixed\)](#)
- [Twohy Cut Riddick Scene @ Sci Fi Wire](#)
- [RIDDICK CHICK ON THE TUBE @ CHUD.com](#) - thanks to Topaz for the link!
- [RIDDICK INTERVIEW: DAVID TWOHY @ CHUD.com](#)
- [The MovieBuff TCoR review \(mediocre\)](#)

## 6/7 4 more days to go til Dicky's second coming

### New articles and interviews

When we started working on it? It was the kind of collaboration where I'd get phone calls at 11:00 at night, "Hey, I got this idea." Then maybe at 1:30 in the morning the phone would ring again, "Hey, what about this?" 3:00 in the morning, "Maybe I could be underwater, dragging rocks underwater." "Great, but how does that work in the story, Vin?" (David Twohy on the collaborative effort between him and Vin)

- [Vin/ Thandie / Twohy @ about.com](#)
- [Vin Diesel @ moviehole.net](#)
- [Riddick is back @ actionadventure.about.com](#)
- [Colm Feore @ about.com](#)
- [Christina Cox @ about.com](#)
- [Alexa Davalos @ ComingSoon.net](#)
- [Alexa Davalos @ Moviehole.net - SPOILER WARNING!](#)
- [Twohy readies Kyra pilot @ Sci Fi Wire](#)
- [Diesel frets over Riddick @ Sci Fi Wire](#)
- [CHRONIC MOVIE STAR: Vin Diesel champions 'The Chronicles of Riddick' @ Eurweb](#)

## Lin 13's Vin & set pics from the Pacifier shooting

pics are at [Diesel driven](#), Paci gallery 1st page, last row + 2nd page top row

thanks to a lot to Linda for the pictures!

### **USA Weekend scans**

scans are at [Diesel Driven, Vin scans, 2004](#)

thanks to our scanning Goddess Leigh Ann!

### **MTV Movie Awards on MTV Europe**

The Movie Awards will be on MTV European on Friday 18th June at 1700 CET and will be repeated throughout Movie Awards Weekend on Saturday 19th at 1400 CET, and on Sunday 20th at 1200 CET and again at 2300 CET.

### **Riddick Promo Screening in Vancouver !**

Hollywood North Report has a bunch of double passed to the Riddick promo screening on June 9th at Granville Cinemas (855 Granville St, Vancouver) @ 7PM. Select winners will also receive a T-Shirt, Hat or Poster. The contest will be on a first come first served and can be entered by [following this link](#).

### **6/6 Vin as presenter at MTV Movie awards 2004**

#### **Riddick - magyar premier: Aug.19!!**

#### **MTV Awards 2004**

Vin, the winner of 2002's Best Team Award presents this year's best One screen team award to actress Drew Barrymore + an backstage pic with Snoop Dogg ... in a tracksuit again ...

Full list of winner is at [Yahoo!](#)

### **Vin wants to direct Hannibal?**

Masha was kind enough to translate us the spanish interview I linked yesterday on the main page. In this interview with El Nuevo Herald, he not really talk about Dicky, so I redirected it to the [gen Vin news section](#), coz he reveals a much appreciated new info: he wants to direct Hannibal. - K

### **New articles:**

- [Very bad TCoR review @ IMDB.com](#)
- [Pecs of steel, box office dud? Vin Diesel's movie career is at a crossroad @ BostonHerald.com](#)
- [Karl Urban \(Lord Vaako\) interview @ ComingSoon.net](#)
- [Nothing like this Dame \(Judi Dench interview\) @ NY Daily News](#)
- [A monster of a job \(with one monster creator\) @ Ottawa Sun Online](#)
- [Measured against Adonises, are men's egos wilting? \(Vin vs other men\) @ St Petersburg Times - thanks to BTK!](#)

### **That 2500 number ...**

.. is indeed no typo, but the truth. Brandon Gray, the owner of Bomojo posted this up its his [forum](#):

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It's no mistake. And I was just as shocked when Universal told me that, given Vin Diesel and Universal's track records for these kinds of movies.

And especially since the head of distribution told me last month that they were going to try and get as many theaters as possible. Sounds like they changed strategy and are going for a more targeted approach a la 8 Mile.

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- 8 Mile is among very few movies, that was released in less than 3000 theaters, yet it had an outstanding opening weekend. It opened in the urban areas, Eminem was well received, and pulled one of the biggest R-rated openings ever (51 M\$ -4# place). But, well, its not a good sign. You need to open your movie 3200+ places to earn a huge success and hope that you get back the production cost.

What works for Riddick is the PB fan following, David Twohy, good reviews, overall good web buzz and the spectacular trailers. SF fans are looking forward a new hit for quite some time, and R can be the one.

What works against Riddick is the low rating & cinema number, many other new movies (HP3, Shrek2), news from recuts, lack of proper ads and real star power. So to say Rid is unpredictable as hell, I'll wait until the professionals post their predictions. - Kriszta

## 6/5 The Chronicles of the The Chronicles of Riddick in the press

### Images:

- [TCoR premiere photos](#) @ romanticmovies.about.com
- [TCoR premiere pics](#) @ gettyimages.com
- [MTV TRL With Lloyd Banks At The Beach House In Long Beach](#)
- [Sci-Fi Channel special caps](#)
- [42 new TCoR stills](#) (Dame Vaako is even more gorgeous than b4 :) )

### Interviews with cast & crew members:

- [Alexa Davalos](#) @ romanticmovies.about.com
- [Producer Scott Kroopf](#) @ romanticmovies.about.com
- [Linus Roache and Yorick van Wageningen](#) @ romanticmovies.about.com
- [Vin Diesel](#) @ USAWeekend.com
- [Diesel Fueled Riddick game](#) @ Sci Fi Wire
- [Vin Diesel](#) @ El Nuevo Herald
- This bad guy finishes first @ [Thestar.com](#)

### Reviews:

- [Speedmonkey.net](#) (positive)
- [Moriarty's review from AICN](#) (positive, with spoilers)
- ['Nother AICN review](#) (positive)
- [Catholic News Service](#) (indifferent, points out some mistakes)
- [Riddick review & pics](#) @ Joblo.com (short & semi-positive, some mistakes marked)

### Everything else:

- [The official Riddick webpage](#) is updated with the final Hunt chapter - Dicky's cave on planet UV6 is actually very neat and cozy!
- [The Merc site](#) is also updated with the full mythology decoder - all the info you need to know about the Riddick universe.
- Final TCoR cast & crew list at [IMDb.com](#)
- Bruce @ [Pitcherblacker.com](#) gives a good review of the Butcher Bay game and in an elder update from June 2nd he gives his opinion on the new extra materials from the new version of the PitchBlack DVD
- Vin loves his doll: he told to [ExtraTV](#) he was thrilled to work with Oscar-winner Dame Judi Dench, but revealed that what really has him pumped up isn't on the big screen -- it's on the toy shelf. "Boys and their dolls," he mused, looking at an action figure of himself as Riddick. "My head looks like it got stuck in a vise."

- 5 cool, new TCoR art pics can now be found on [Patrick Tatopoulos' official site](#) - also more old Pitch Black images there
- LatinoReviews says that the new trailer of The Exorcist prequel will be attached to TCoR. What you have to know about this movie is that the first version, directed by Paul Shrader was rejected, and a second movie was shot with Renny Harlin. The reason: no#1 was not bloody, scary and theathrening enough. Ironic, isn't it, playing in front of a movie from all these elements were actually cut out?

Today's updates thanks to Annie, Leigh Ann, Waimeawahine, Robert, Bruce, DieselFan25, Twistedtippy, mbiu!

#### 6/4 Pics from Riddick premiere

[63 images at Diesel Driven](#)

#### Surprisingly low TCoR theater count

According to [boxofficemojo.com's](#) estimated theater counts for next week, TCoR will open only in 2500 theaters. The other two premier films, The Stepford wives and Garfield get 300 and 2700+ cinemas respectively, and you can count on Shrek, The Day After Tomorrow and Harry Potter 2 being still played in 3000+ movie theaters. The low theater numbers not only eliminate Riddick's slim chance to grab the pole position against Harry Potter, but might not even get into the Top 3 movies, as its first weekend gross will be significantly lower then the other conterders'.

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I'm busy today and cannot do more updates , but stay tuned to VX for more pics and coverage tomorrow! - Kriszta

#### 6/2 Final proof: Riddick was edited :((

Riddick now shows up in the [MPAA site, rating database](#) as:

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PG-13 Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violent action and some language.  
Previously rated (R) in (04).

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\*\*\* means: Edited for Re-rating

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So here you go, a dumbed down version for the young male audience this movie aimes....

#### Three new VD interciews about Riddick

- [Diesel Drawn Back to Riddick - Sci-Fi Wire](#)
- [Exclusive Interview with Vin Diesel - FilmForce.IGN.com](#)
- [Diesel's Stunts Fuel 'Riddick' - ET](#)

thanks to HazelCat9!

#### New Butcher Bay game review @ Gamespot.com

The Chronicles of Riddick: Escape From Butcher Bay is one of those exceedingly rare types of games that delivers exceptionally high quality through and through and single-handedly ups the ante for all similar games. It's so unbelievably good that it almost feels like it was brought back in time, because most all of today's action games (on the Xbox or otherwise) just aren't in the same league.

full article at [Gamespot.com](http://Gamespot.com)

thanks again to Anna, our Butcher Bay expert!!

### **6/1 New Riddick review from AICN**

" The story is your basic sci-fi stuff, prophecised man is unleashed upon bad guys and does what he has to do to become victorious. The twist is of course that Riddick is "another kind of evil" which is the Furryan race, and as you can tell by the name, most Furryan's aren't exactly happy campers, but they are a wickedly powerful bunch. And so continues to adventure. There is a scene on the prison planet that gave me sweaty palms, in which they have to outrun the sunlight from basically flash frying their asses. Thats a really great scene, although it did kind of float closely to The Mummy Returns. "

full article @ [Ain't It Cool News](http://Ain't It Cool News)

thanks to Carpenter!

### **Small clip of Summer Movies inc. TCoR**

July posted this up on the message board: " There's this lil clip showing over at the [extra site](#). They're doing some kind of summer movie thing and they showed small bits of TCoR behind the scenes footage. Not a whole bunch of stuff, plus some other behind the scenes footage of other movies is mixed in as well. "

thanks for the link!

### **Windy's Weekly Question**

#### **CONGRATULATIONS-you got the part!!!**

Imagine you are trying out for the part in one of Vin's films-not as an extra or simply a co-star-but as his LEADING LADY! Or for the male fans here,a FELLOW LEADING MAN-like Paul Walker was in TFATF!Depending on whether the film is comedy,drama,action,a musical,or a period piece,why should Vin pick YOU out of all the other women/men trying out for it??? What talents/gifts can you bring to the table,so to say?

Is it your dramatic skills? Comedic timing?Are you exceptionally physically fit?

Now don't be modest! If its a period piece like Hannibal,are you one gorgeous gal and you look good in a toga?For the guys,would you make a great buddy or formidable foe to Vin's character?Are you willing to do love scenes or/and go NUDE(if it applies)?

[answer the Q on the messenger board!](#)

### **Watch the first 10 minutes of Riddick on MTV!**

Matt pointed out a news item at [ComingSoon.net](http://ComingSoon.net): "MTV will be airing the first 10 minutes of Universal's The Chronicles of Riddick, starring Vin Diesel, next Sunday night (June 6) at 11pm, following "The Sunday Stew". The event was advertised during almost ever show last night on the network with clips from the film."

TY Matt!

### **Vin Diesel is on the cover of USA WEEKEND Magazine's 6/6 issue**

Vin Diesel is on the cover of USA WEEKEND Magazine's 6/6 issue! The former bouncer has got the looks and the attitude to make it in Hollywood. The action star's latest flick The Chronicles of Riddick, a sequel to 2000's Pitch Black, is coming out soon, along with a video game prequel.

Check your local newspaper this weekend to find out what Diesel had to say about his childhood, career and love life or you can read the article online at [usaweekend.com](http://usaweekend.com).

Thanks to USAWeekend for the alert!

### 5/31 Universal Pictures vs Riddick: 2:0

**Once upon a time the movie was edited to get a low rating; now it's edited again to remove any sign of a complex plot and to turn it be your average pointless popcorn flick. A scooper at [AICN](#) says:**

"" First about Riddick. I have heard from a great source working on the project that Universal is making wholesale cuts to the film to make it a popcorn summer action flick, and they are cutting the deep subtext that the film apparently had. From what I heard the film is now straight action and later this year we will get a DVD that is the theatrical cut and a short time after they are already prepping the directors cut with over 30 minutes of cut footage. These wholesale cuts are the direct result of poor test screenings where the audience was confused. Thank you NRG for reducing a plot driven summer action flick to typical fast food entertainment. Actually it is not NRG but just dumb people who are the cause...but it still bothers me.... Also a little off the subject I heard they have done some digital work to Judi Dench's face.... ""

*First of all, what element is exactly confusing in Riddick? Big, bald guy chasing the Necromongers and beating them to the ground? Yeez, it never had the plot of Memento or Matrix. Originally TCoR had the promise of a smart summer movie with real depth, gripping and entertaining, but not a brainless film like TFATF or XXX. But if that's what Uni wants, its time to call Rob Cohen do to the final cut. RIP Riddick indeed. - Kriszta*

Thanks to Carpenter to bring this article to my knowledge!

Comment, react, protect or attack on the [message board!](#)

### The latest news on the Riddick dolls

It's Matt again with the latest TCoR doll update: " Appearing on these two sites ([www.action-figure.com](#)) & ([www.figures.com](#)) you will find what will be the FINAL appearance of the TCOR movie based toys. These are how they will look in stores...and I must say they look incredible! Riddick's goggles ARE removable and that cool as hell Riddick in Battle Armour will come packaged in a box set with one of those blue/lion/alien beasts pictured there called "Hellhounds". And just incase anyone was wondering (I have done some extensive research here...damn it was hard to finally get an answer!)...the "regular" Necromonger Trooper (not that Necrolenser figure with the weird pink visor) that you see pictured on these sites WILL be available through the [www.sotatoys.com](#) website in the next couple of weeks as well as the San Diego Comic Con which should be taking place this month as well. Enjoy! "

thanks again to Matt for keeping us up-to-date!

### Riddick interview with Scott Kroopf producer article in the latest FilmJournal

This is the first time Diesel has repeated a character in his films—and the reason, Kroopf [producer] believes, is “because Riddick got him going on the career trajectory that he has. It was the first movie where he kinda bounced out as a leading man. He loves the character and worked his ass off for it—in front of the camera and behind it. He is truly fantastic about doing his own stunts. It always makes a movie weigh better when the actors do their own stunts, and Vin can get on a wire and do some really amazing things. Like you always do, you have the stuntman do it a couple of times, and then you see if your actor is willing to give it a go. Not only is he willing, in many cases he did it just as well as the stunt guy.”

read the whole interview in our [Riddy article archive](#)

### 5/30 Joblo interview with Vin

**As far as Universal goes though, were you at all disappointed with their decision to chase a PG-13 rating as opposed to the R that PITCH BLACK had?**

I think that if you are - for the most part and I think that there are exceptions, like HANNIBAL would be rated-R and there's talk of C2 [the current nickname for RIDDICK 2] being rated-R

because of the location... but that's all I can tell you (laughs). But with CHRONICLES, when you're using that many resources and you're making that big of a production, I don't know if it's fair to ask the studio to make it rated-R. Especially when you can add a rated-R version to either the DVD or whatever.

*Sure .... askin' is hard, makin' a weaker movie is easier.... - K*

[full interview](#) in the interview archive

thanks to Waimeawahine!

#### **Vin magazine alerts:**

- "A Vin article that is going to be in next weeks USA Weekend ( that comes in your Sunday paper" thanks to Tricia!
- Vin is on the cover of Details!

**Vin TV: in the next two weeks, Vin will be everywhere on tv. Waimeawahine has just created a [topic on the board](#), that collects all the air dates for:**

- The Chronicles of Riddick: Escape From Butcher Bay: Go behind the scenes with the making of the Chronicles of Riddick videogame.
- Sci Fi Channel TCOR special before airing Pitch Black.
- Access Hollywood.
- Chronicles of Riddick Special on MTV.
- Vin presenting at MTV movie awards.
- Vin appearing on Jay Leno.

dates thanks to DieselFan25, WarriorPrincess2004, Kaheina, alexsolo

if you know about a new show, special, pls reply to [this topic in the board!](#)

#### **Win Tickets To 'Chronicles Of Riddick'**

Local 4, [ClickOnDetroit.com](#) and Universal Pictures want to send you and aguest to see a preview of the new film "Chronicles of Riddick," starring Vin Diesel and Thandie Newton.

The preview is set for Tuesday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Star Southfield, Ten Mile Road, Southfield.

thanks to waimeawahine!

#### **New pics of the fashion king**

- [Vin and George Zakk in Miami](#)
- [Miami pics @ Getty images](#)
- [Vin on roller](#) - funny set pic from The Pacifier
- [Vin in white muscle shirt](#)
- [Caps from the new trailer](#)
- thanks to Biene, DieselFan25, HazelCat9, DanistaBaby, Jasmin73

#### **TCoR: EFBB game article & short VD interview**

VD: [...] I can tell you that I'm really wanting to work on a pet project of mine after Hannibal. (He pauses, grinning.) [...] I'm writing a high tech thriller set in the future. That's about all I can tell you right now.

full article with pics @ [Apollo longue editorial](#)

thanks to Windmill71!

#### **TCoR game review at IGN.com**

Dark, brooding, and bad-ass, VU's Riddick kicks off the summer with a bleak, beautiful vision. - 5 pages long review with video clips @ [IGN.com](http://IGN.com).

thanks to Anna!

### **Cole's lazy agent, aka trading card intervire at Pber.com**

Bruce at [PitcherBlacker](http://PitcherBlacker) scored an interview with Rittenhouse Archives, who have the license for the Riddick cards. It should answer some questions that fans have about collecting them, and tells why no Cole Hauser (Merc William Johns) card was made. Bruce also has an action figures update, so you should pop by his site to check those out, and many other cool updates, as usually :)

### **Riddick premiere press release**

**Pple who will attend:** Vin Diesel, Thandie Newton, Karl Urban, Colm Feore, Linus Roache, Keith David, Yorick van Wageningen, Nick Chinlund and Alexa Davalos; David Twohy; Scott Kroopf; Ted Field, George Zakk and David Womark. Snoop Dogg, Dennis Haysbert, The Rock, Shane West and many others.

**WHERE:** Universal Amphitheatre, Universal Studios, Hollywood

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 3, 2004  
5:30 PM Press Call Time  
6:30 PM Celebrity Arrivals  
7:30 PM Screening Begins

source: [PR Newswire press release](#)

### **Yet more official TCoR site update**

A new cover page for [The Chronicles of Riddick](#) universe, and uploaded production notes with a chance to take a look at the necro Throne room.

### **5/28 Spielberg loved Riddick ?!**

An interesting rumor showed up on [Dark Horizons](#), David Twohy was approached by Steven Spielberg to make a remake from the [Forbidden Planet](#), a classic scfi-fi from the '50. And the reason: scooper claims that Speilberg has seen at least parts of 'Riddick', and was impressed enough to start meetuing with Twohy direct Planet for DreamWorks Pictures.

**Movie summary from IMDB:** When Adams and his crew are sent to investigate the silence from a planet inhabited by scientists, he finds all but two have died. Dr. Morbius and his daughter Altaira have somehow survived a hideous monster which roams the planet. Unknown to Adams, Morbius has made a discovery, and has no intention of sharing it (or his daughter!) with anyone.

### **5/27 Dark Fury video clip**

Cool, very cool Dark Fury clip in Windows Media, Realplayer and Quicktime formats [here](#), just follow the white rabbit, ehrrm .. link;)

thanks to ElectricArtists!

### **3 new tv spots Riddick trailer spots**

3 new Riddick trailer spots can be found @ [Moviebox.net](http://Moviebox.net). One of them is a minute long, starting with a Vin VO, a la Pitch Black, the other two are 30 sec long, all of them in Quicktime format.

thanks to Jevin for the alert!

## **5/26 Vin to present an award @ MTV Movie Awards**

The Rock, Vin Diesel, Paris Hilton and Ice Cube will share the stage as presenters at the upcoming [MTV Movie Awards](#), reports the Associated Press.

Air date of the show: Thursday, June 10 at 9 p.m. ET

thanks to Annie!

## **Riddick premiere date**

Thursday June 3, 2004 - 6:30 p.m.  
at the Universal Amphitheatre  
next to Universal Studios Hollywood

this is an unofficial date, no press release is available, so real time & place might vary

## **New Vin interview about Rid / Dame Judi Dench**

Diesel added that his only regret was that he wasn't able to get Dench involved in a game of his beloved D&D. "Like I said, she doesn't play Dungeons & Dragons, and she doesn't necessarily play video games. But she's intrigued." Did he try to get her to play? "Almost," he said. "If it was up to me, I would have." The Chronicles of Riddick, the follow-up movie to Pitch Black, opens June 11.

source: [Sci Fi Wire](#)  
read the full interview in the [interview archive!](#)

thanks to Waimeawahine!

## **Minor Pacifier mention in a Carol Kane interview**

She'll soon head to Toronto to film the Disney comedy "The Pacifier," in which she plays the nanny to a household that an ex-Navy Seal (Vin Diesel) is sent to guard. When she quits, Diesel's character is stuck with her job.

full Ap interview can be read [here](#)

thanks to Waimeawahine!

## **Official [Riddick site](#) update**

newly added character bios in the Movies section:

**Riddick** is perhaps the most dangerous man in the universe. Wanted in 5 worlds across 3 systems for killing an unknown amount of people, Riddick is the ultimate survivor who kills not for the thrill, but to overcome whatever stands in the way of his freedom. He has surgically altered eyes for enhanced night-vision, incredible strength, uncanny gut instincts, and moves with an animal grace.

other available mini-bios: Kyra, Imam, Lord Marshal, Commander Vaako, Dame Vaako, The Purifier, Aereon, Toombs and The Guv.

## **5/25 Dark Fury webpage & Vin Diesel interviews**

### **Diesel Revs Up 'Riddick's' Engine**

"Once you got Judi Dench, it just meant that you had to stay committed to making the script and each moment as soundproof as possible," Diesel explains. "Just because it's such a luxury, and for me a dream, and such a coup for the picture to have such a marvelous actress. If you were going to have that marvelous actress in the film, make it as incredible as you can -- never stop thinking about it."

interview from Zap2it.com can be read in the [interview archive](#)

### The Transcript of the Coming Soon interview

**C:** Ok. M-I-N-X flick, (Minx, I love you :-)) - visit her site @ [VDF.com!](#) I can't pronounce their screenname they wanted to know about how you felt about the efforts to rate the "Chronicles of Riddick" down to PG-13 and how do you feel it will effect the audience that it will appeal to bearing in mind that it's almost a dark "Star Wars" and not for children and there's been an alienation of your adult fan base from the R-rated "Pitch Black"?" Boy that's a lot there.

VD: Yeah, no I think that this film works as a pg film. I think that you you know that have been talks about making the first one pg, the second one R, and the third one pg. And the reason is because where you travel to in seq two is so dark and grotesque you wouldn't be able to do it PG.

full transcript, thanks to jjewels1012 is in the [interview archive!](#)

### Dark Fury website:

The animated prequel has just gotten its website, basic info, a trailer, some pictures, and the usual download material.

URL: <http://www.darkfurydvd.com/>

### 5/24 PB: Butcher Bay game info

#### Small clip of Vin @ E3

Over at the TCoR: EFBB website in their news section there's a link up to a page where you can watch clips from the E3 event. Look for the "Watch Clip" button at the top. There's different chapters you can pick, look for ":Riddick with Vin Diesel" or something.

<http://www.e3insider.com/articles/floored/BEFJB51Q9.htm>

### The Chronicles of Riddick Pre-order Bonus

#### Vivendi's offering a sweet deal to early Riddick adopters.

quicky article @ [XBox.IGN.Com](#)

### 5/23 PB: TCoR soundtrack back cover and track listing

Who thought, a CD back cover would be that spoilerous? I've just got the back cover of the [Riddick soundtrack](#) from Varese Sarabande's site, and reading though the title of the tracks revealed a lot from the storyline and spoilers. Go to our [message board](#) and read the track list there.

### TCoR viewing contest at CHUD.com

[CHUD.com](#) gives readers in the Southeast (Atlanta, Memphis, Nashville, Greenville) a chance to see Riddick early and the only thing they have to do is to answer a three-part question to the best of their abilities:

*1. What's the most ambitious science fiction book you've ever read, the one book that'd be impossible to make into a film and the most ambitious science fiction film you've ever seen?*

Thanks to Waimeawahine!

### Does PG-13 suck? What's more important, being a loyal fan or being a lover of good movies? Is Riddick really a career turning point?

The rating debate is shaping up very well, in the Chronicles of Dicky B. section. Come and join

us and tell your POV, can a cleancut, industrialized Riddy product live up to Pitch Black's high expectations? [RIP Riddick thread](#) is still open and awaits your reply.

#### **5/21 Vin D interview at CS**

Interview with the recently passed away Riddick's ghost is now up at [ComingSoon.net](#). Check out the 15 mins long clip to hear some of your questions being answered!

thanks to Mirko for the alert!

#### **5/20 RIP RIDDICK 1998-2004**

Its my sad duty to let you know that our beloved Richard B. Riddick has just passed away. His dark humor, intelligence, attractivness and murderous shiv-skills will be always remembered.

The blank, PG-13 photocopy will enter the movies on June 11th. Except a clean-cut language and a shiv that lightens up when the power's with Riddick. Or when he reveals Lord Marshal is his dad. And the weird haired chic is his sister. Or something like that ...

Vin's career has been in danger for quite some time, and Riddick's been treated as a career turning point for him. Once it fails, Vin's career fails too. Today's rating is a step closer to a pretty nice B-movie, ot tv-career.

For years I've been supporting Vin's career, although with less enthuasmm than at first time. The Chronicles of Riddick was a movie I did really look forward and hoped it would live up to Pitch Black and would finally give a decent hit movie for Vin. He is a good actor, and this role is his real showcase. Riddick was a real&character, and the whole new TCoR trilogy was described as a dark epic adventure. This rating, the toned down movie does not live up to the expectations, nor Pitch Black's high qualities.

In Troy (may I add, an R rated movie) when Achilles visits his mother, whether or not to go the Trojan war, his mother tells him, that he can stay at home, marry a girl and have many children. But once his children and grandchildren are dead, no one rememebers him anymore. Or he can go to the Trojan war, make a sacrifice and his name would live forever.

I feel Riddick chose the easy way. It will be a one summer film, forgotten by the time 'Spiderman 2' or 'I, Robot' opens. The chance to make a serous, almost cult movie is now gone.

Kriszta

#### **5/19 Ask Vin many questions via Coming Soon!**

**UPDATE: The topic is now closed. PLs do not submit more questions and stay tuned to see the interview @ CS some time later.**

Coming Soon is doing a phone interview with Vin on Thursday and they're letting their board members and Diesel fans ask questions from VD. Interested fans can submit questions at the following link which they may use;

<http://www.comingsoon.net/forums/showthread.php?s=&threadid=28604>

thanks a lot to Mirko for the alert!

#### **Vin has the best butt :D**

..according to Newsweek,May 24th pg 69,  
Vin is listed to have one of the "best male butts" along w/ Bradd Pitt and Toby Macquire!!!!

thanks to WindyCityLady!

## More updates from the message board

[More pics from E3](#)  
[Vin's underwears plays Peek-a-boo at E3](#)  
[25 new images from Riddick](#)

thanks to TheMerCs site, DieselFan25 and Waimeawahine!

## Windy's Weekly Question

If he had his say.....If we had our say.....:

Unfortunately Vin is not in a position to have control of all the films he makes(for ex.in COR, Rhiana Griffith was not cast as "Kyra/Jack",and Judi Dench's salary is lower than he feels she deserves).

And some people on our site have stated their displeasure at Universal studios trying to shoot for a PG13 rating of COR instead of the original R rating.

If Vin had his say,what rating do you think he would choose???

If you had your say,what rating would you choose???

People who have already answered this in the Dick B. section ,feel free to repeat your opinion.

[answer the Q on the messenger board!](#)

## 5/17 Vin talks Dicky, TCoR: BB amazes

### New Vinterview from Starburst

Well, Riddick is more of a blade man – a shiv man – probably because that’s all he’s had access to most of his life,” explains the man behind Riddick’s goggles, the shaved-bald and well-muscled Vin Diesel. “So, if he was locked in some cave for a long period of time, if he could somehow fabricate a blade, that’s what he was practising with. It’s almost as if these blades dance around his hands. That’s how proficient he is with the blade, so that’s his weapon of choice. Does he fire a couple of shots? Yeah, but it’s always second to his very obvious love for blades.”

click [here](#) to read the full article

## Press Releases:

- [Pitch Black DVD info](#)
- [Dark Fury DVD info](#)

## TCoR: Butcher Bay was a huge success at E3

- Riddick rules E3 with new pics @ [FilmForce.IGN.com](#)
- Big TCoR:BB footage @ [gametrailers.com](#)
- TCoR: BBB producer talks @ [Sci Fi Wire](#)

thanks to Anie, Anna, July and Waimeawahine

## TCoR runtime and other factual date :

**Logline:** In a sequel to "Pitch Black," Riddick, a 26th-century fugitive, is imprisoned on a planet that has been overthrown by a despot and his warriors.

**Featuring:** Alexa Davalos, Dame Judi Dench, Vin Diesel, Colm Feore, Thandie Newton, Linus Roache

**Director:** David Twohy

**Writer:** David Twohy

**Distributor:** Universal

**Opening Week Release Pattern:** 2750 plus locations release on June 11

**MPAA Rating:** R for violence (Rating is being appealed)

**Running Time:** 119 minutes

**Aspect Ratio:** Anamorphic (2.40:1)

**Sound Format:** Dolby Digital

source: [Filmjerk.com](http://Filmjerk.com)

### **5/13 RATED R, RATED R, RATED RRRR!!!! (at least for now)**

I\_biu has just posted this up on the [board](#) that makes bounce all over the room in happiness: *It has been rated R (for graphic violence) but Universal are intending to appeal as they want a more friendly PG-13!!! OH My God!!!!*

EVERYBODY AT UNIVERSAL, PIS KEEP THE MOVIE **R** AND DO NOT DUMB IT DOWN TO PG-13!! VIN AND TWOHY, PLEASE STAND UP FOR YOUR MOVIE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### **New posters @ poster store**

Vin Diesel - The Chronicles of Riddick  
[Buy this Poster at AllPosters.com](#)

The Chronicles of Riddick  
[Buy this Poster at AllPosters.com](#)

### **More updates from the boards/emails:**

- [Graphics Info. on Butcher Bay](#)
- TCoR:BB game video files @ [IGN.com](#)
- PB and TCoR trading card images @ [PBer.com](#)

thanks to Anna, Annie and Waimewahine!

### **5/12 Quickie update from the [Merc site](#)**

- Vin will be on the cover of Details Magazine in June or July.
- A feature with Thandie Newton will be in June's GQ magazine.
- Vin Diesel will be on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno on June 10th
- The factual data is also updated, new info on the Furyans, Half-Deads, Helion Prime and Lord Marshal.

### **5/11 Vin @ E3, fan encounter, Riddick's numbers, trailers, enemies etc.**

#### **Vin Diesel in a Sidney Lumet movie???**

"Find Me Guilty," the true story of a Mafia man asked to rat on the mob who defends himself in court and wins. Sidney Lumet (Serpico) is attached to direct pic, with Vin Diesel in negotiations to star for Bob Yari Prods. Pic is expected to shoot in October

source: Variety

#### **Vin promotes the upcoming TCoR: BB game this Thursday**

Vin Diesel fans take note, it seems he'll be appearing at E3, LA Convention Center, this Thursday 2pm, to promote his new game with the movie tie in, Chronicles of Riddick.

more @ source: [IGN Insider](#)

thanks to waimeawahine!

#### **Riddy's screen number**

According to [Box Office Mojo's](#) Van Helsing article, Riddick will be played in more than 3000 cinemas, but due to the busy summer season, it wont be as wide as Van Helsing was. Yet, it will be almost 1,66 times much as how many cinemas the original Pitch Black played, but might be shorter then the widest VD release, (XXX - 3374 - #32 widest release on the all time list), up to

date.

### **TwistedTippy's was an extra on the Pacifier set!**

Tuesday the 4th I went back to Costco. Vin was there! but sadly I couldn't stay long. I saw him playing with the baby. He looked so cute, gently tossing it in the air, and making noises at it. Then it was strapped to him and they began filming. I talked to Andrew (assistant director) again and he said he was going to be here the next day and that's it. I didn't get to go up to him sadly. But I saw him and that made my day.

read the full journal on the [fan encounter page!](#)

### **There's a new trailer in the cinemas??**

Pso777 posted this on the message board: " Much longer then the new version on the riddick web site but very similar. Lots of great footage from the film including a major increase of Vin D. something they have kept scarce up til now. "

you can read the rest of the post [here](#)

### **Riddick villain review**

The clothes-up: The biceps-and-pec-friendly tank top is a sweat-glistening ode to Bruce Willis' good-cop "Die Hard" days, but the all-black scheme -- especially the panther-ish shades that hide emotionless eyes -- suggests a protagonist who's as at home playing dirty as he is saving the world.

more @ source: [Chicago Tribune](#)

thanks to waimeawahine!

### **Screencaps from the Riddick site's screensaver**

thanks to July @ [Greetings 4rm Vin](#)

### **Windy's new Question**

#### **Giving our guy a run for his \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$:**

Which actors who co-starred w/ Vin in his movies deserves as much fame and attention as he does, but hasn't quite gotten it yet????

Think of all the actors from SPR, BR, KAG, TFATF, AMA, etc. And his independent films if you have seen them.

[answer the weekly Q on the message board!](#)

### **5/8 Riddick news and pictures**

**I'm finally done with the first part of the exam, second one follows in June, so finally had some time to run around the various movie and fansites and make a quick update from the most interesting events from this week.**

- The Riddick soundtrack will be released on June 8th by Varese Sarabande. You can get more info about Graeme Revell's OST @ [VS site](#).
- The TCoR site have been updated with new images, wallpapers, ecards, location views and many more links that say "coming soon."
- BUTCHER BAY demo available NOW in June OXM mag, quick glance into the game on the CHUD.com board here, look after [Slater's post](#)
- You can get a bonus DVD to your Butcher Bay game, that features a movie trailer, a video game trailer, a mini hunt guide for the game, complete walk through of one of the game levels, background on Riddick etc.
- There was a new Riddick ad in the final Friends ad break, with new scenes, featuring more super Riddick and Dame Vaako.

- [Glamour Magazine 04](#)
- [Pics from the updated Riddick site](#)
- [Riddick trailer screen caps](#)
- [TriBeCa Film Festival: Documentary Follows Life Of Firefighters](#) (with a quote from Vin)
- [Negative Riddick preview](#)
- Lauren Graham (Vin's co-star in The \*\*\* Pacifier) was on Conan and talked a bit about Vin; [wav and video file are now available!!!](#)

Today's updates comes from all over the Vinverse sites, [VDEB](#), [PBer.com](#) and Ebay. Plus from our board staff, MAVDementia and DieselFan25.

### 5/6 Update: New Dicky trailer in the US!!

see the flying superman @ [apple.com/trailers!!](#)

### No new Riddick trailer in Hungary :(

**Van Helsing** premiered last night (yup, 2 days in advance to the US premiere), and I was actually pleasantly surprised with it Van Helsing is really not bad as it seems. When I went to the cinema, I expected to see the new Battlefield Earth, or at least The Mummy Returns, but this movie was rather like 2002's The Reign of Fire. A movie with a good promise and first act, but lots of silly lines and happenings, disappointing end, and with a few, rather problematic CGI effects.

The movie had a Riddick trailer attached, the same one that premiered online last december. As far as I could tell, the subtitles were okay, but like 10 folks arguent in front of me, where to sit, so they covered the bottom of the screen. Maybe, our american friends get a new trailer, but internationally, at least here, in Hungary, not.

FYI Riddick will be titled A sötétség krónikája (The Chronicle of Darkness) in Hungary, and will be released only in september by UIP-Dunafilm.

### Picture updates from the board

[Dieselfan25](#) just warned me that she did quite a few good picture updates on the board:

- [Riddick wallpaper from the Merc site](#) (Mr Slam inmate of the year)
- [more pics from the Tribeca film fest](#) (Vin and DeNiro, Vin and DeNiro, what about a movie together, directed by Scorsese?)
- [Riddick trailer screen caps and audio files](#) (SuperNeoRiddick, spins, jumps and has a who speaks weirder contest with Thandie Newton)

### 5/4 Oh, my Riddick :) He is going SuperNeoMan and uses wire-fu in this brand new TV spot spotted @ [themoviebox.net](#). Check out as fast and furious as possible :))

-K, your webmistress, who is still giggling at Thandie's and Riddy's incredibly silly and awfully pronounced lines. Were they mimicking Agent Smith to keep up with the Matrix theme? :))

### Riddick rating update

Pierre-François lets us know that TCoR got a rating in Belgium, but unfortunately a very low one: EA, which means -> enfants admis (anyone under 16 is allowed to see it).

I cannot press enough, but **Damnit, Twohy and Universal, go for the R rating, and do not destroy Riddick's badass character and kill the movie!!!!**

### New Vin pics from the Tribeca Film Festival

On May 3rd Vin was at the gala premiere of Brotherhood" at The Tribeca Film Festival. The pic with Robert DeNiro at your left is just one teaser, more and big sized images can be found at [Getty Images](#).

And hon, next time wear a tie, it wont hurt you ;) - K

thanks a lot to Biene!

### **5/3 The week you update has started: new Vin pics, Butcher Bay links and the news question from Windy.**

First of all thanks to all, who have expressed your best wishes for our EU-membership and my upcoming exam. It's a busy week for me, but with your help, the site updates can be continued. If you spot new news on Vin, pls send to [krisztaatvindiesel.hu](mailto:krisztaatvindiesel.hu) (just replace at with @), subject line: Vin news, and you'll be featured in the next update :)

Second site news is that we've just launched a new site section, the affiliates (at your right). To get affiliated with Vx, all you need is a fansite, not necessarily about Vin, your own site domain and at least a few months of lifetime. If you are interested in the link exchange, send me a mail with your site link and description. mail: [krisztaatvindiesel.hu](mailto:krisztaatvindiesel.hu) (replace at with @), subject line: affiliates.

- **Links to TCoR: Butcher Game previews, thanks to Anna!**

- [Gamespy.com](http://Gamespy.com)
- [Gamespot.com](http://Gamespot.com)
- [Ugo.com](http://Ugo.com)
- [Gamingstarget.com](http://Gamingstarget.com)
- [Bonusstage.com](http://Bonusstage.com)
- [Darkstation.com](http://Darkstation.com)
- [Totalgames.net](http://Totalgames.net)

- **Windy's new question:**

**Now serving THE VIN DIESEL:**

You know how restaurants sometimes make special dishes and/or drinks and name them after celebrities???

If Vin were a cocktail,sandwich,dessert,or/and dinner plate,what would be in them???

vodka?a big baked potato?caramel and chocolate?jalapeno peppers?Heres a chance to put your cooking/chef/bartending skills to use!

[answer the weekly Q on the message board!](#)

### **5/1 Quick update: HUGE update @ official Riddick site!!!**

- Major updates are happening at the official Dicky site! Click on the following banner to enter the hunt

for Riddick, get new info and explore Toomb's ship! 

- TCoR: Butcher Bay [official site](#) is now online
- super positive Dicky review @ [IMDb board](#)
- preview of the Riddick: Butcher Bay game @ [XBox.IGN.com](http://XBox.IGN.com)
- TCoR anime screencaps at [Dieselsounds/Riddick fansite](#) (check anime / DVD section)
- Vin Diesel will be making an appearance at the E3 Convention at the Los Angeles Convention Center to promote The Chronicles of Riddick Game on May 15th.
- new message board url: <http://p201.ezboard.com/bvinxperience>

Today's updates are thanks to [Bruce](#), [AZSue](#) and Waimeawahine!

#### **4/30 A very special VX update :):):):):)**

I'm sure there are a lot of Riddick news online today, but let me forget about our Shiny Eyes for one day and let me post up something else for May 1st, 2004!

Just in a few hours, at midnight, my country joins the European Union along with 9 other Eastern-European countries. Hungary had a long way to come from a post-social country to become a member of the EU, the economic, social and cultural union of the European countries. EU is one of the most developed and competitive areas of the world, and the fact we are able to join this union, means a lot to me and my country.

Tonight Hungary joins the European Union in the company of the following nine countries: Czech Republic, Estonia, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia. Congrats to them as well!

For those of you living on the other continents, and are not familiar with the EU, I strongly advise you to check out the [official homepage of the organisation](#). And for all of you, EU-citizens or not, the [following website](#) gives you a full picture of my beloved country, Hungary!

#### **4/29 More goodies from TCoR: Dark Fury**

##### **Better and lower resolution trailer links:**

[56 K/s](#); [128 K/s](#); [300 K/s](#); [700 K/s](#)

##### **TCoR: this time a negative review**

"The film was disappointing and I say this only because it obviously had the potential to be very good. The story was interesting enough but it seemed like so much time was spent on developing it and getting things explained that by the time the action scenes started, you were bored of all the dialogue. "

full review by Leafsfan @ [Dark Horizons](#)

#### **Ron Perlman dubs the TCoR: Escape From Butcher Bay game!!!**

[Gamerankings.com](#) has posted up a short, but interesting preview about the upcoming Riddick game, that lists the additional voices, among them are our beloved Johnnie Cole Hasuer and Ron "Hellboy" Perlman!

thanks to Jewels!

##### **Small TCoR mentions:**

Rolling Stone said "This \$100 million sequel to the effectively low-budget 'Pitch Black' again stars thuggish Vin Diesel, who long ago passed his sell-by date for freshness."

People said "After solidifying his action hero cred with 2002's XXX, Vin Diesel passed on appearing in '2 Fast 2 Furious', opting instead to resurrect his 'Pitch Black' persona Riddick in this sci-fi film. 'Black' grossed only \$39 million in 2000; 'The Chronicles of Riddick' (in which Diesel faces off against warring 'necromongers') cost at least twice that."

thanks to Jewels and Sistersome1!

#### **4/28 TCoR: Dark Fury [trailer](#) @ Universal homepage!!!**

##### **And now a very good TCoR review from [TNCM](#):**

" Okay people, listen up because this will shock the hell out of you. I get a lot of emails that infer

I'm a soulless bastard who wouldn't know a good movie if it was shoved up his ass. To those folks I have to suggest trying a little harder. I enjoy hate mail as much as the next guy but it really needs to be more creative. But the shocking statement I have to make is that the Pitch Black sequel is going to seriously rock. "

you can read the whole review [there](#), and as usually, beware of spoilers!!

thanks to Roland!!

*-- now if this movie gets its well deserved R rating, I'll be one very happy girl! -- Kriszta, your webmistress*

#### 4/27 Medicare review from AICN

" Now he's [Riddick] unquestionably the main character, with no filter, and he loses some of his edge (though to be fair, Pitch Black was a fairly hard R, while Riddick seems to be striving for a PG-13). "

the rest of the review, with spoilers, can be read [here](#)

**Damnit, Twohy and Universal, go for the R rating, and do not kill the movie!!!!**

#### 4/26 New TCoR scan + More Pacifier rumors

- **Windy's new weekly question**

**An Offer He Can't Refuse:**

So much has been made about Vin's famous (among his fans) shower pic and his oh so sexy (even suggestive) poses in his clothes alone (ex. The Details mag cover). If he had an offer to pose in Playgirl magazine..... SHOULD HE DO IT???? Do you think he would do it? And most important of all..... WOULD YOU LOOK AND/OR BUY IT???? YOWZA!

Answer the question on our [message board](#)!

- **The Paci scoop:** "Some of the preliminary scenes have been shot for the movie PACIFIER in Toronto. Two day shoot, was from what it seemed a birthday party, which makes Vin go diving for diapers. Looks like he's very capable of making a comedy transition. The scenes looked very interesting, and promising."

taken from [CineScape](#)

- **Good info on Dicky's rating:** I\_biu from UK posted up following great news on TCoR's UK rating on the IMDb message board: *Also, we just got some posters of TCOR and they have **TBC 15** on them. For, people who do not know this term it means the studio are aiming for a 15 certificate, but it has not been certified by the official british board of classification, yet. So this gives hope to those guys in the US who really want this to be a **R**, as in 95% of cases a film which is rated 15 in the UK has always been rated R in the US.*

#### 4/25 Dicky, Dicky, Dicky...

##### The Chronicles of Riddick poster, toys interviews

- [PBer.com](#) has two interesting interviews, one with Doug Reichert, who did the TCoR promo poster, the other one with Jerry Macaluso, President of SOTA Toys, Inc:

*Has there been any involvement with the figure development by any of the principals from the movie, such as Vin Diesel or David Twohy?*

*I would say both David and Vin were very involved. I mean, keep in mind they're making an epic film so I wasn't in daily contact with them, but they were definitely involved. Vin is a huge fan of comics*

and action figures and I was extremely flattered that he approved our figure of him the very first time we showed it to him with just one minor change.

- Cover and menu images from the upcoming TCoR: PB dvd @ [DVDanswers.com](http://DVDanswers.com)
- Trailer description @ [IMDb.com](http://IMDb.com)  
-Judi Dench (as a voice over) says something on the lines of "They will devour and destroy us all...we need him." As she says this there is a scene with Lord Marshall telling his 'followers' to "convert or die" (seen this scene) and then a slow close-up shot of the prison (where Riddick is)  
-A shot of Riddick in his cell follows and a voice over says something on the lines of "It's not my fight." (its obviously Riddick).
- preview article and [scans](#) from the Entertainment Weekly
- [book cover and ad scans](#) from the [Riddick book](#)

#### News from the dreaded Pacifier:

- interview with Scott Thompson, Vin's co-star in the .... Disney comedy @ [Winnipeg Sun](http://Winnipeg Sun)
- various tidbits, shooting scenes on the [IMDb boards](#), Vin has a two story trailer, and is teased "princess " by the crew, Vin & kids, shooting at the Costco next week etc...
- Vin spotting: Pacifier director Adam Shankman and co-stars Vin Diesel and Brad Garrett Lobby'd on Friday. (Toronto Star)

today's updates thanks to Bruce, AZSue, Danistababy, Monique and DieselFan25!

#### 4/22 TCoR goodies: anime, budget and book review

##### The Chronicles of Riddick book review

Ban Feinnidi @ [Escapism](#) board got lucky and got her copy of the TCoR book a week prior release and gave a spoilerous review on that board. I do mean spoilerous, so go and read at your own risk only!

##### TCoR anime & movie budget news from [CHUD](#):

"" I'd expect a comic book series to hit shelves around the same time as well. And maybe a nice Riddick tea set. Considering I'm hearing the film's budget has already soared past \$200 million (and the growing possibility of Van Helsing being an immense disappointment), I suppose Universal is tossing all their eggs into the Diesel-powered bucket. ""

Still Van Helsing is getting [the all-star treatment](#), while stil there's no visible Riddick promotion going on. Its hard to be a sleeper hit with that huge budget, but mayce what's what they have in their minds?

Thanks to Topaz!

#### 4/21 New TCoR trailer coming next week - or even sooner!!!

According to a poster on the IMDb message board (which lately seems to be the best place to go for Riddick news) reveals, that the new, 2 minutes long TCoR trailer will be screened next week in the UK cinemas. It will be played with Van Helsing, the movie Uni focuses on now big time; and will be rated 12A, which is like PG-13.

In case anybofy from Univeral, or you One 'soon' Race guys read this page, I beg you to go for the R rating. Do not make a kid's favourite film, pretty please, but a real, good, adult movie, that with time, will be a kult movie with a following!!!!

Your sincerely,

Kriszta  
diehard-movie fan

### **XXX2's Vin vs. Ice debate heats up**

Still, Cube's relaxed about replacing the bald one for sequel  
funny article from the [The Vancouver Province](#)  
read it on their site, or comment it on our [message board!](#)

### **4/20 Dark Fury cover, summary**

#### **The Chronicles of Riddick: Dark Fury cover & update**

From renowned animator Peter Chung (The Animatrix, 'Matriculated'; MTV's Aeon Flux) comes The Chronicles of Riddick: Dark Fury, an all-new vision of the Riddick universe. When Riddick is captured by bounty hunters, he must battle soldiers of fortune and vicious creatures in the lethal slaughter cells of a massive starship. Riddick's night vision and ruthless combat skills are all that stand between him and a fate literally worse than death in this, sci-fi thrill-ride that bridges the incredible stories of Pitch Black and The Chronicles of Riddick.

cover thanks to the [Rhiana Griffith fansite](#)  
summary taken from the [Universal Picture's home video site](#)

### **Windy's Weekly Question**

Comedy Co-star:

Now that Vin is branching out into comedy, which Comedien/Comedianne or other funny actor would play well besides him in a future funny film???

Eddie Murphy? Chris Rock? Jack Black? Tom Green? Cedric The Entertainer? Whoopie Goldberg? Monique? The Rock...to name a few...

Any other choice than above? And why would your choice pair up nicely next to the Vinster?

answer the weekly question on the [message board!](#)

for old Q&A's check out the [Question archive!](#)

### **4/19 John Debney to score The Pacifier**

[Musicfromthemovies.com](#) reports Passion of The Christ's composer, John Debney scores The Pacifier. He also has the scores for Raising Helen, The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement, Skipping the Holidays and Chicken Little. He is however not scoring Walter Salles' thriller Dark Water despite the announcement on the composer's official web site as well as the Internet Movie Database. That film is still being scored by Angelo Badalamenti (Twin Peaks).

### **4/18 The Pacifier updates**

Vin & his eight bodyguards - info on the [message board](#)  
(bottom of the page, see last few posts)

### **4/15 New Dicky review: gooooooooooooooooooooood :)**

#### **[AICN](#) has a new TCoR review: good as always!**

David Keith from the first Pitch Black is back for awhile. They bring back 'Jack' too, but it's four or five years later, you see, and now she's named 'Kira'. All I can say is, she grew up good. Real good. The relationship between her and Riddick works because she's turned into kinda the Mini-Me version of Riddick, and she blames him for how messed up her life turned out.

beware of spoilers, go and read full review [here!](#)

## The Japanese poster is fake?

[Bruce @ PBer.com](#) got a note from some creditable person, who let us know, the Japanese poster was fake:(

*"I am in a position to know that the Japanese poster you love so much is fake. wrong logo, wrong visual structure, wasting your money to buy it, it's worthless. the real poster was at the magic show that CHUD took the picture of."*

## 4/12 Riddy fest: Reviews, dolls and scans

### Vin videoclip @ Rapotor games

Diesels Joie reports on the message board: just wanted to give out website where you can see Vin @ the Raptor's game. He looks so cute.. however there's no video of him scurrying away [www.ctv.ca](http://www.ctv.ca) go into entertainment and click on "hot gossip" there's a pic of Julia Roberts

thanks to Diesels Joie!

### Riddick review and more toy info from Matt

Matt strikes once more with amore Riddy toy info: according to the [Cornerstorecomics.com](http://Cornerstorecomics.com) site: "Reportedly, Vin Diesel didn't want any guns packed with his figure, so instead we get these rippin' circular knives, removable goggles, and a great scan & sculpt from SOTA!"

He also saw the movie, and gives us his review: "As for the film itself.. I;ve seen a lot of it and I liked it a lot. To be honest it surprised me how good it was. Vin is the same character as he was in Pitch Black which means not a lot of dialogue for him...mostly action. The production design is very cool and different..Dune is the closest thing I have seen to it."

you can read his full review and more details on the dolls on our [message board](#)

Even more Dicky reviews, be aware of spoilers!

- [AICN](#) (negative)
- [IMDb](#) (positive)
- [IMDB test review topic](#) - lots of review notes with wqay too many spoilers - read on your own risk!

thanks to waimeawahine, Azsue and [Bruce @ PBer.com](#)

## The Pacifier casting update

Morgan York (Cheaper by the Dozen) has snagged a role in Disney's The Pacifier for helmer Adam Shankman. Vin Diesel toplines as an agent who must protect a group of kids.

Source: [Coming Soon](#)  
thanks to waimeawahine

## 4/8 3 new test reviews from [AICN](#)

Riddick – Still a badass. Doesn't want to deal with anyone... just kinda wants to be alone. He secluded himself on a far-off planet which looked cold as shit and decided to grow some dreads. He's brought out of hiding by a merc named Tooms. He escapes the capture, goes to New Mecca to see old friend Imam (who told the mercs how to find Riddick), meets Areon (Judie Dench) who tells him about a prophecy, so he gets wrapped up in a whole lotta shit with these invaders called necromongers. Basically, he's the only one who can stop them because he's one of the last Furians alive. So, yeah, he's supposed to save the universe. His response to that was exactly what I wanted to hear -- "It's not my fight." But out of survival and loyalty to Imam and Kira (who was Jack in Pitch Black), he gets involved. Shit – I was trying to make this about characters... basically, he is why we're watching the movie. Yeah, it's Vin Diesel and I've kinda

given up on him... but I found myself waiting to see him kill someone else... waiting to see him kick a little more ass... and waiting for him to piss off more people... just so he could be left alone. And he's the probably the only person who could pull off killing a guy with a teacup. Note to Vin – stick with this guy!

before they get erased again, go and read at [our message board!!!](#)

### **IMDb.com board review about a TCoR test screening**

"I have not seen pitch black, or many other vin diesel films for that matter, but I thought it was a good film with a great ending. The action scenes were amazing, with some pretty original death scenes. The score was really good.

Hardly any of the special effects were completed, we saw lots of green screen, actors on ropes, and completely fake looking backgrounds and spacecraft. But for me, being a film dork of sorts I loved seeing this kind of stuff, I have enver seen a movie in this state, and it would be really interesting to see the final effects. "

you can read the full topic [here](#)

for some Q's and A's, Riddick's one liners and all, you can also drop by [our board!](#)

### **Vin spotted at Pacers Edge Raptors game, avoided SLJ**

The [Associated Press](#) reports that yesterday Vin had visited the Pacers vs Raptors basketball game. Which would be all fine, but this quote:

Quote:

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Actor Samuel L. Jackson was sitting courtside, while Vin Diesel was watching from a box. But when he appeared on the Jumbotron, Diesel turned around and walked out of the box.  
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### **4/7 Dear readers,**

so far we 've been lucky to be blessed with the presence of our lovely message board mom, Ms Mephisto. But due to her busy real life shedule, with today she is stepping down from her high ranked position. You can read her goodbye letter and wish her the best on our [message board](#).

Thanks, Maria, for all your help and hard work,

Kriszta  
VX site admin

### **4/6 Second bath of the Score scans + translations**

Scans can be seen [here](#), thanks to Annabianca.

Corrected, beta-ed version of the Score scans have arrived, the following quote is just a teaser, and you can read the rest [here!](#)

[...] in TCOR there are two cathegories of enemies: the bad and the good. Played by Nick Chinlund, Toombs is a bad [guy]. "This is a mercenary who has to capture Riddick. There is a full universe of mercenaries in Riddick (the "merc world)". We are the forces of order in the future. Toombs is an old style guy who does his job and wants to do it well. For him, Riddick is an outlaw, thats why he must be captured. Our stake is to make Toombs liked by the public, even though he seeks to capture the hero. This character might be seen as Riddick's alterego, a

tough type, but basically good. This psychology lets us to imagine all kind of possible developments for the role, to name it, the process how Toombs becomes an ally of the hero.

### **Kyra spinoff on Sci-Fi Channel**

Variety reports that a new tv series were announced by Vin and David Twohy, featuring the adventures of Kyra, formerly known as Jack, the young female survivor from Pitch Black.

"Kyra," a spinoff of the Universal theatrical movie "Pitch Black" and its forthcoming \$120 million sequel "Chronicles of Riddick," starring Diesel and written and directed by Twohy.

Hollywood Reporter adds that the spinoff sees warrior Kyra join a band of mercenaries in a search for her mentor. Sci Fi said it is trying to close the deal with director-writer David Twohy and the film's star Vin Diesel, who will executive produce.

### **TCoR game trailer**

[XboX.IGN.com](#) has a new trailer for the upcoming Riddick game. The Windows Media Formats are available for free, but you have to be a member to access the higher quality quicktime files.

Indeed, clip is very cool, so enjoy!

**UPDATE:** DiselFan25 posted up several screencaps from the game trailer, you can see them on the [message board](#) !

### **Windy's Weekly Question: Dinner and a movie**

Dinner & a moive

Picture this:

Its a snowy late afternoon;a really bad storm!Snow plows wont be able to get thru for hrs;its a real weather emergency! Somehow or another Vin winds up at your house at 4pm and his posse is miles away at a hotel;they probably wont reach him until 11:30pm.

Since Vin wont be able to get back right away and is very hungry,what would you cook for him for dinner?

Would it be a 5 course meal or something warm and simple like stew? Whats for dessert?

To make this more fun,add your favorite recipes if you can ,since I know there are good cooks among us!

Also while you are waiting,which movie would you choose to watch? One of his or another movie? If its one of his,what kind of questions would you ask him about the movie and the filming of it?

[answer the weekly question on the message board!](#)

Read last week's question and best answer by jjewels1012 in the [Archive!](#)

### **4/4 Riddick: Sci-fi Magazine - Great pix with a PR-alike Vin interview (be aware of spoilers)**

An email from Susan warned about a brand new Riddick article: "at the latest issue of Sci-Fi, (official mag of the Sci-Fi channel), and it looks like there is a hell of an article. Riddick is one of the cover features for starters, then inside there is a 4-6 page article about not only the movie but Vin Diesel's career. There were several Riddick pictures that I haven't seen before, and some new scene descriptions and plot detail. "

And now, thanks to MeLuvVin @ [AAV](#), we have the scans as well! Beware of spoilers and Vin's PR-alike approach and endless enthusiasm!

### **Alexa Davalos as new Hollywood Hottie**

Fans of TV's "Angel" know Alexa Davalos for her portrayal of Gwen Raiden, but the exotic French-born beauty has also scored parts in HBO's "And Starring Pancho Villa as Himself," the

Sundance Lab project "Disturbing the Peace" and "The Ghost of F. Scott Fitzgerald." She's now got a plum role in this June's "The Chronicles of Riddick." Davalos, who teams with Vin Diesel in the action-packed sci-fi flick, logged hours of stunts and training with weapons. Could she follow in Jennifer Garner and Carrie-Ann Moss' butt-kicking footsteps? Time will tell.

source: [NY Daily News](#)

### **Small Vin bulb from this month's Empire (UK magazine):**

The Fast and the Furious 3

Or The 3ast And The 3urious, perhaps? Either way, Universal has found some petrol in the tank for a third instalment of their va-va-vroom franchise and, surprisingly, they might have some Diesel, too. After he balled on xXx, and with the jury still out on The Chronicles of Riddick, Vin might return to the series that made his name. The story will see his ace car thief, Dominic Torretto, head to Tokyo to bail out a friend who's in some deep gangster trouble.

scan can be seen [here](#)  
thanks to Minx @ [VinDieselFanFic.com!](#)

### **Two Vin spots in Toronto**

The TCoR reshoot must be over, as our Vin D has already showed up in Toronto, where they film his ... well, Disney movie. The Pacifier. [TheStar.com](#) reports:

The Vin Diesel, here shooting The Pacifier, turned up at Ultra Supper Club on Tuesday night by the back door with a **hood pulled up over his head**, unlike Laurence Fishburne, who entered brazenly by the front.

A poster, named Moviestar, on the [HNR board](#) has also caught a glimpse of Vin:

I saw Vin Diesel driving in his black hummer going over to the West side last Saturday. I gave him a wave and he waved back. Anyone know what he's in town for?

thanks to AZSue and Moviestar!

### **4/2 Two new thespis in The Pacifier**

Two new stars have just joined Vin's Pacifier. Sad news is, the actress who replaces Carla Gugino is not an A, or even a B-list star, but some actress called **Faith Ford** from TV (Hope & Faith).

The other new thesp is **Lauren Graham** (Golden Globe nominee for Gilmore Girls), who plays the principal of the school where Vin is working undercover.

Other actors are: Brad Garrett, Brittany Snow, Max Thieriot.

Once more Vin'll be the biggest name in the movie, without a known good supporting cast. No big names next to Vin, are against the good BO performance.

source: Hollywood Reporter.

### **4/1 XXX2 news:**

[FilmJerk.com](#) got major news about the Vin-as-executive-prod xXx sequel. Here are the bullet points:

+ The film will begin shooting in mid-July, with locations set to include Los Angeles, Baltimore and the nation's capital.

- + Michael Roof will return to the sequel, reprising his role as National Security Agency techie Toby Lee Shavers.
- + According to one source, "The sequel will find a new XXX program agent, Darius Stone, embroiled in thwarting a Washington power struggle." That's the first we've seen of Ice Cube's character name.

Thanks to Chris for the alert!

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### 9/30 News from the last week of September

#### Movie News:

#### The Pacifier:

- **Eight pages of the script are online @ [karissaonline.com](http://karissaonline.com).** You'll need Adobe Acrobat to read the expert, but be aware of possible spoilers!
- **Release date info:** Tommy Lee Jones' Man of the House was moved to April 8th, 5 weeks away from The Paci, less competition for Vin.

The current March 4, 2005 info looks as:

*Be Cool (MGM):* 3000 plus locations

*Dear Frankie (Miramax Films):* New York City and Los Angeles

*King's Ransom (New Line Cinema):* 1500 plus locations

*The Pacifier (Buena Vista):* 2500 plus locations

#### Riddick:

- **PC game:** VUGames announced that it will unveil the PC version of the video game The Chronicles of Riddick: Escape from Butcher Bay at the Cyber Games Championship Expo, which runs Oct. 7-10 in San Francisco.; further details at [Eurogamer.net](http://Eurogamer.net); [Gamespot.com](http://Gamespot.com); [Gameinfowire.com](http://Gameinfowire.com).
- **DVD press release:** 14 new minutes added back to the director's cut + detailed extras list @ PRNewsWire
- **PitcherBlacker.com updates:** everybody's favourite Riddick fansite is again back into the action and lines up cool updates, as Hammerhead FX posts some stills; Hammerhead FX posts some stills; \*Giant\* Matte images: Christov or Large-size TCOR DVD cover images!
- **New/old Twohy interview from France:** Twohy talks about his inspiration, the special effects, the hardest sequences to shoot and his collaboration with Vin. French article translated from SFMag.net
- **Rid is #5 on [Boxofficeprophet's Summer Disappointment list](#);** the other 4 movies are: 4) The Stepford Wives; 3) King Arthur; 2) Van Helsing; 1) The Village

#### Vin info:

- **Vin moving to Italy? - [new/old interview from France, SFMag.net](#);** dated back to June 11th, 2004
- **Scans from the UK FHM, Oct. edition:** [cool, new interview](#) + [full page, hot image](#)
- **A Man Apart on UK TV:** A note for all UK Vin fans - A MAN APART will premiere on Sky Movies 2 at 10.00 pm on Wednesday 13 October. This is a subscription channel.
- **[40 New \(ish\) Vin Pics](#)** from Capital Pictures!
- **[Various Vin movies , 2005 calendars](#)** by Sprial.

#### Misc site stuff:

- **W's Weekly Q &A 9/27**

#### Guest Questioner twistedtippy asks:

Although it would be a low blow to him, if Vin were on a new reality show, (Who wants to marry an Actor) what would/wouldn't you do on the Audition tape to make sure you got on that show with him?

[Edit your lines on the message board!](#)

- **The message board avatars** are down-ish; check out [Kaheina's post in the Junkyard section](#) to fix your board images
- Today's update thanks to Annie, Waimeawahine, Kali, LadyA30, DieselFan25, [Danistababy](#) and TwistedTippy!

### 9/24 Cold & slowww days

Autumn's here, we're freezing in the morning and Vin news are less and less. Till things speed up when The TCoR DVD gets released, updates will be less frequent. So now we invite you to join [the message board](#) and join the various discussions about the Spike Lee/Joe Louis movie or the latest movie reviews from Alien vs. Predator to this weekend's Forgotten!

**Also, here is Windy's weekly question, we challenge you to answer:**

**Hi.....uh.....uh Mark? AH, I mean Vin(\*faint\*):**

Thats exactly what I'd imagine saying & doing if I ever met the Vinstler. How about you ???  
Where & how do you imagine meeting Vin? At a premiere? At an afterparty? On a NYC street?  
On the Los Angeles Highway if your car broke down? What would you say? Give us your perfect Vin dream meeting!

\*Note: These will not be put in the sites Fan Journals of course since they are DREAM meetings.

[Write here your first words of astonishment!](#)

### The latest international box office results for The Chronicles of Riddick:

The Chronicles of Riddick moved into its third week in Germany and grossed \$450,153 at 395 dates, off 51%. It was No. 5 and the 18-day cume is \$4,563,748.

In Spain, Riddick was No. 8 in its fourth week. The weekend gross was \$245,593 at 196 dates, off 40% and the 24-day cume is \$4,550,046.

Riddick has grossed \$37,357,706 from releases in 37 UIP territories. UIP has 4 smaller territories still to open. **The total international cume**, including non-UIP releases is **\$51,437,355**.

thanks to SonoftheDark!

### 9/19 New scans and movie production updates

#### New scans from the UK Film Review, Sept Issue

this set of scans (interviews with Vin and Alexa, plus TCoR, TCoR: DF reviews)are now placed in the [Image Gallery!](#)

#### Movie production updates

**Find me Guilty: its happening:** According to [Backstage.com](#), New Yorkers can look forward to Vin sightings beginning next month: *Down the line... Find Me Guilty, starring Vin Diesel and directed by Sidney Lumet, is reportedly in the works for late October.*

**Save me, Joe Louis: not happening:** [Scotland on Sunday](#) has an interview with director Spike Lee, who says the Joe Louis biopic will not happen. *His longstanding project about boxer Joe Louis, despite possible interest from Vin Diesel, remains unmade. ... "I'm not happy about it [his situation] because I'm not getting the financing for the films I want to make," Lee says.*

Thanks to Annie and Waimeawahine!

### Translated interviews from the Europe:

[Maximal, 2004, September](#)  
[Yam, Sept, 2004](#)

Translations thanks to Annabianca!

#### 9/17 New scans from Bee, our German correspondent:

- ["yam" sept 2004](#)
- [InStyle magazine](#)

Scans can be viewed in our image gallery!

#### 9/15 Vin Diesel on Diaper Duty!

On tonight's ET, our MARIA MENOUNOS is on the set of the upcoming [Pacifier](#) to check out just how Vin is handling diaper duty as he wrangles five kids in the upcoming feature.

More about the show, Vin talking about his co-stars, and a Windows Media clip from the show can be found on [ET's site](#).

Thanks to MeghanH!

#### Windy's Weekly Question

REVIVING RIDDICK:

The Hollywood Reporter stated in an article that TCOR lost its "coolness credibility" with the audience. If Vin & Twophy want to continue this series, how can they regain Riddick's "coolness cred"???

[Answer the weekly Q on the message board!](#)

#### New scan in the image gallery

[tv highlights - september / 2004](#)

Thanks to Bee!

#### 9/13 New scans and box office reports

##### New scans from UK in the gallery:

- Empire September 2004 issue 183
- Film Review August 2004 Special # 53
- SFX September 2004 # 121
- Starburst September 2004 issue 314
- TV Hits August 2004 # 192

Plus a new Vin image made by a fan, Steven in Hollywood, a Virgin Megastore

All scans can be seen [here @ DD](#),

Thanks a lot to Steven and [Danistababy!](#)

##### The latest international TCoR BO results:

The **German market** is up 24% over last week. The Chronicles of Riddick grossed \$923,316 at 395 dates, off 57% from last week's opening. It was No. 3 and the 11-day cume is \$3,823,924.

Riddick was No. 3 in **Austria** with \$132,113 at 54 dates, off 60% from opening. The 10-day cume is \$609,975.

In **Spain**, the market was down by 20% from last weekend. Riddick was No. 5 in its third week with a weekend take of \$411,038 at 224 dates, off 53% and the 17-day cume is \$4,149,263.

Riddick slipped to No. 13 in its third week in the **U.K.** The weekend gross was \$382,475 (L196k) at 231 dates, off 54% and the 17-day cume is \$5,132,771 (L2.8m).

Riddick's weekend gross was \$2,525,119 at 1,530 dates in 20 territories, which raised the cume for the UIP territories to \$35,259,403. There are 4 smaller territories still to open. UIP expects there take to be \$40m when all is said and done. The **total international cume**, including non-UIP releases is **\$49,450,744**.

source: Boxofficemojo.com

### 9/9 Manhattan Short Film Festival: New Vin movie project

[Concord Monitor Online](#) reports: One of the 12 entries in this year's Film Festival has been optioned by Vin.

**Rockfish** (USA) - This is an action/adventure animated short set on another world where the big fish swim underground. Good thing our hero has brought some special high-tech gear. The back story: here's how to spend a million dollars in 10 minutes. Vin Diesel has optioned the rights of the short film with a view to create a feature film from this short.

More information about the film can be found at [www.msfilmfest.com](http://www.msfilmfest.com) and the short movie can be watched online at [atomfilms.shockwave.com](http://atomfilms.shockwave.com)

Thanks to Annie!

### 9/8: Universal Studios on Riddick's performance; HR wrap-up

#### Riddick is back. and he's brought along a friend!

SOTA Toys has released the Chronicles of Riddick Boxed Set. The set includes Riddick in Necromonger armor and Hellhound figures, each available on in the boxed set. Each figure comes in 7" movie scale, with multiples points of articulation and Riddick comes with accessories and weapons.

These figures are now available at the SOTA Toys website ([www.sotatoys.com](http://www.sotatoys.com)), as well as through Musicland, Sam Goody, and Suncoast. The MSRP is \$24.99 US.

#### Universal says Riddick lost its authentic cool credibility

[Hollywood Reporter](#) now runs a feature, analysing the summer movie performanes. Here is snippet from Universal's low points feature:

"Riddick," another franchise wannabe, arrived in June as a follow-up to "Pitch Black," the 2000 sci-fi horror movie that was a surprise hit and helped launch the career of Vin Diesel. This time, the scope was epic and so was the budget: \$110 million. But despite fans like Bill Clinton -- who admitted on "The Charlie Rose Show" to checking out the flick -- "Riddick" stalled at \$57.6 million. A seeming victim of its oversized aspirations, "(it) didn't feel that it had organically grown to the size it was now presenting itself," as Shmuger (Universal Pictures vice chairman Marc Shmuger) analyzes it. "The audience felt it was just a bit too inflated, and I think therefore it lost its authentic cool credibility."

#### Int'l BO results

"Chronicles of Riddick" ruled Germany, trapping \$2.3 million on 396, and Austria, with \$328,000 on 54. Vin Diesel starrer has pocketed **\$47 million**, generally faring better in Europe than in Asia and Latin America. This 47 M\$ means, the combined, US and foreign results are now **over**

**100 M\$.**

source: Variety

Even more data and news about the DVD-preorder success of the Unrated Cut's can be found on [the message board](#), thanks to Seanvalen7!

### **Australian Sunday Life magazine**

NumbuhVinFan posted up this small pic on the board from an Australian magazine called Australian Sunday Life. If you have the larger version, pls be kind to share it with us!

### **New dog pic**

DanistBaby has sent us a new and large pic from Globe Sep 13, 2004 with Vin carrying his new puppy. Pic can now be seen in the [image gallery](#).

### **Windy's New Question: He's cool like that:**

Vin said in an article, to paraphrase, that Robert DeNiro or anyone from New York City has a "timeless cool card".

We know Vin is handsome, talented, has the muscles & he is from NYC.....

In your opinion, what else makes him "COOL" ???

answer the weekly q on [the message board](#)!

### **9/3 Quick update:**

- [Pics from Vin's new doggie](#) - InTouch Sept 13, 2004. - thganks to NinaDiesel for the tip and [DanistaBaby](#) for the scan!
- Vin talks Riddick 2: Return to Furia with Sean Connery - [summary of a french radio interview](#) - thanks to Faye!
- Epilogue: The Chronicles of Riddick: Escape From Butcher Bay- XBoX.IGN.com re-examines Starbreeze's hybrid FPS-adventure to see what went right and wrong in an interview with Senior Producer Peter Wanat. [part one](#) and [part two](#)

### **9/1 More info on the upcoming TCoR DVD**

#### **Windy's Weekly Question**

**Maybe you should have gotten some PB 1st:**

Assuming that most of you have seen TCoR by now, does anyone feel that it might have been helpful for people to watch PITCH BLACK before seeing TCoR??? Do you think it would have made a difference in appreciation, box office numbers, money, and greater popularity of both Vin and future Riddick serials?

[answer now the Q on our message board!](#)

#### **Director's cut now features 20 extra Riddy minutes!!**

[Uni's home video page](#) says so. The unrated director's cut is now 2h 15min, which means an added 20 minutes of footage. 2h 15min is more or less the same in length, the first test versions were, before Uni made the wholesale cuts and other family friendly modifications. The list of the other extras is also slightly modified, the Riddick's World extra has been replaced with Vin Diesel's Guided Tour and Interactive 360' View of the Sets.

The official TCoR site has also been updated with a [DVD extra page](#). This page says, the unrated cut will feature an additional 5 minutes of deleted scenes, and has short description on some of the extras.

## Like it? Buy it!

6 new additions to our webshop, 3 Riddy VHSs and 3 Riddy DVDs. Purchasing the movie from Amazon via our site does help us to cover the running costs. So thanks a lot and enjoy Riddy a lot!

- [DVD: Unrated - widescreen](#)
- [DVD: Theatrical, Widescreen](#)
- [DVD: Theatrical, Full screen](#)
- [VHS: Unrated](#)
- [VHS: Theatrical edition](#)
- [VHS: Spanish Theatrical](#)

## Riddick box office results:

**USA:** TCoR is no longer on Boxofficemojo's weekend list, which means Uni has stopped to track the movie. The movie might be still played in smaller, second run cinemas, but the weekly income is no more than a few 1000 dollars. Riddick's final gross (as of Aug 22, 2004): **\$57,712,751**

**Worldwide:** "Chronicles of Riddick" trapped \$1.7 million on 221 in Spain but wasn't as strong in Blighty, taking \$1.8 million on 373. "Riddick" pocketed an estimated \$6 million on 2,000 screens in 22 territories, including Japan and South Korea, where it's handled by indies, spurring **the cume to \$35 million.** (Variety)

**Magyarország, Budapest:** az elmúlt héten Garfield nyitott az élen, az év 8. legerősebb startjával, míg Riddick megfeleztve az előző hétvége nézőinek számát, egy helyet csúszott vissza a 3. helyre Eddigi össznézőszám: 31 003, jegybevétel: 29 134 029 Ft, ami cca 38 000\$-nak felel meg. ([Odeon.hu](http://Odeon.hu))

## 8/29 Pics from the Riddick DVD menus

7 pics from the upcoming Riddick DVD menus were uploaded to the [Diesel Driven image gallery](#)

## Foreign Bo results:

Last week's recap: After forgettable runs in Asia and Latin America, "The Chronicles of Riddick" showed more heft as it launched in France and Italy. The Vin Diesel starrer was only fair in Belgium and Holland and blah in Sweden and Switzerland; its cume is \$23 million in 35 markets. (Variety)

## 8/28 Quick update:

- [Malaysia magazine Galaxie July 17-31 2004](#) - thanks to [Danistbaby!](#)
- [Six degrees of separation Vin to Vin](#) - thanks to Annie!
- [Vintage Vin](#) - Judi Dench, the fairy godmother @ IC Wales
- [Riddick sequel more brutal with R-rating](#) - english translation of a recent live chat with Vin from Germany - thanks to [SonOfTheDark!](#) (9th post within the topic)
- [Riddick concept art pics](#) @ Yahoo! Movies - thanks to [SonOfTheDark!](#)

## 8/26 DVD extras revealed

[Uni's home video page](#) has just revealed the list of extras from the upcoming DVD. Both the Theatrical and Unrated cut have the following bonus materials:

- Virtual Guide to The Chronicles of Riddick
- Toombs' Chase Log
- Riddick Insider
- Visual Effects Revealed

- Riddick's Worlds
- Play the Xbox Game
- DVD-ROM Features

#### **In addition the longer, unrated cut fetatures**

- Deleted Scenes
- Audio Commentary with Writer/Director David Twohy and Actors Karl Urban & Alexa Davalos

I'm delighted to see that the unrated version gets the commentary and not the failed PG-13 version, but I do wonder why is Vin absent from the commentary? Also, I wonder if the deleted scenes simply mean they are in the longer version, or next to the 12 more mins into the movie, even more scenes will be featured on the DVD? If so, I'd be one happy girl, especially if that Logan scene would be featured ;)

#### **Windy's Weekly Question**

If OUR TALENTED HUNK could talk.....

We already discussed what we'd say to those Diesel dissing critics in one Q&A. Do you think VIN reads negative reviews about his movies & career often or at all???

How do you think Vin would respond to these negative critiques, like the recent one from THE GUARDIAN about his career & him wanting to make HANNIBAL? Should he even read them or take them seriously?

[answer the question on the message board!](#)

#### **Other updates:**

- ["Gilmore Girls" actress enjoys turn with Diesel](#) - thanks to DimpsVin
- [Vin prefers elephants to diesel](#) - BBC.co.uk
- [Extra Caps 8-24-04](#) - thanks to Dieselfan!
- [Scans China magazine World Screen July 2004](#) - thanks to DanistaBaby!
- [Scan from Kerrang! 25th August 2004 issue](#) - thanks to Minx!
- [TCoR interviews with Vin, Alexa and David Twohy](#) - Empire - thanks to Annie!

#### **8/24 Vin's double hugs: a cool fan encounter**

"So he signs my book and I'm like "Vin, can I have a hug?" and he says: get this "Hold on, baby, I'm coming". Then his guider-dude is like "Vin has a lot of fans to see, etc" but I didn't care, he called me Baby!!! His voice wasn't anything like that gravely, hoarse voice he does in movies. It was gentle, with laughter in it, rich and deep. It was lovely. "

read the rest of the amazing journey of Erica Bianca in our [fan journal!](#)

#### **Riddick unrated DVD runtime**

According to the [Universal Home Video page](#), the lenght of the unrated director's cut is 2h7min.

12 minutes of new footage won't change the world, considering the insane amount of missing footage (lots more Crematoria scenes, Furyan chapters and character backgrounds with hot Riddy sex).

Let's hope than the short version suggests a more decent and longer version some time in the near future!

#### **Small Vin mention in Cosmo**

Sept, 2004 issue, Page 342 (last page) called Conversation Starters.

Guys with sexy voices, like Vin Diesel, enjoy an extra advantage when it comes to dating. According to a recent online survey, 90% of singles said a date's annoying voice can be a romantic deal breaker.

thanks to Kristin!

### **National and international numbers, Riddick all over Europe:**

**USA run:** Riddick was 67th last weekend, dropping 22 positions from last weekend. It collected \$37,456 from 71 places, earning a total gross of \$57,712,751.

**International:** After anemic runs in Asia and Latin America, "The Chronicles of Riddick" showed a bit more spunk in its first major European engagements, mustering \$1.9 million on 405 in France and \$1.2 million on 164 in Italy. That made it No. 1 in a market that's starting to pick up after the summer hiatus. But the Vin Diesel starrer was merely OK as it opened in Belgium and Holland and blah in Sweden; its cume is **\$22.3 million** in 28 markets.

**Hungary:** TCoR opened as #2 behind Spiderman 2. Spidey enjoyed its sophomore weekend with 15 263 viewers, -58%! less than on its premiere weekend. Riddick opened #2 with 13 872 viewers, higher than Pitch Black did in 2000, but significantly less than xXx (30.249 viewers) and TFATF (24.682 viewers).

**HU BO News:** A Pókember 2 58%-os teljesítményvesztés mellett is a dobogó legtetején tudott maradni és csaknem megismételte a Pókember 1 második heti eredményét 2 évvel ezelőttről. A trónkövetelők között a A sötétség krónikája című Vin Diesel-akció volt rá a legveszélyesebb. A Pitch Black folytatásaként beharangozott alkotás ugyan jobban debütált, mint az eredeti alkotás (9.041 néző), de messze elmarad Diesel nagy költségvetésű kasszasikereitől. (xXx – 30.249 néző, Halálós iramban – 24.682 néző). A sötétség krónikája erős vetítési átlag mellett a második helyen indított.

Forrás: [Odeon.hu](http://Odeon.hu), [Variety](http://Variety.com), [BoxOfficeMojo.com](http://BoxOfficeMojo.com)

further, more detailed BO reports and numbers are up at the [board](#)

### **8/22 New interviews with Vin, plus a mean take on Hannibal**

#### **Vin kicking Superman's ass**

'Wow,' he says. 'What would I do with this guy? Lex Luthor has an interesting character arc and if we could spin on the Superman concept and make something more interesting of this other dude, maybe a guy who used to be a street thug with a very keen mind, then he could be a cool motherf\*\*\*\*\* in his own right.'

But could this fuel--injected anti-hero share the screen with the last son of Krypton? 'You know, if I ever got that part, then I'd rip it,' he shouts triumphantly, punching the air. 'In fact, if I ever played Lex Luthor, the film would be called Lex Luthor - Lex Luthor and this crazy-ass Superman.'

full article from Dailyrecord can be found [here](#)

#### **Vin Diesel interview ~ investigating the vest**

You can picture Vin Diesel's agent at the negotiating table. "We want 20 mill up front, points on the back end, a limo, a Learjet ... and Vin gets to wear a black vest throughout the entire picture." "But, please — this is a Restoration comedy." "Black vest — or else Vin walks."

full article from the Sunday Times can be found [here](#)

#### **More updates:**

- **Furious but not so fast** - A funny / mean full article on Vin making the worst movie ever with Hannibal in the [Guardian](#) (UK) - thanks to Anie and Mindy!
- **Riddick's mixed bag of tricks** - The Chronicle of Riddick franchise is very mixed in terms of success and quality ([BBC](#)) - thanks to Annie!
- **Scans from [Blink magazine, Aug 2004 issue](#)** - thanks to Jori!
- **The Pacifier release date:** March 4, 2005.

### 8/19 David Twohy, director of TCoR talks about Riddick's cuts

#### Translation from the french Score magazine, 2004/July-Aug issue

**All of your our movies have a certain rhythm, that is perfect and operates very well. But in RIDDICK, it feels like you had to re-cut the movie and the rhythm; and the story suffers it a bit.**

I did edit the movie because the first cut lasted for 3h20. Also, I did cuts to eliminate the problems of the amazing censorship. The people at MPAA do not tell you that „you have to take out this or that”, but „the movie is too intense”, because if they point to a certain scene they can be accused of censorship. That's why they tell you that it is too „intense”, but you really make this movie to be intense. Absurd situation. You return to the editing room and do your best to satisfy all the people. That's complicated and simple at the very same time. Now, the theatrical version of Riddick is not the director's cut. But my version will be released on DVD and will last around 2h15.

Scans can be seen [here](#), thanks to Annabianca and Tiphaine!

Translation was done by me, hence the Yoda sound, but thanks to DieselFan and Minx to clear my words up

full article can be read on the [message board](#)

### Vin's fighting chance: Spike Lee wants Vin Diesel to put up his dukes.

The "She Hate Me" director had a two-hour meeting with the "XXX" actor at the Regency Hotel last week to talk about Diesel's playing boxing legend Joe Louis. Lee's co-writer, Budd Schulberg, who was at the meeting, admits he has some concerns about the biracial Diesel's lack of physical resemblance to the African-American champ, who battled Hitler favorite Max Schmeling in 1938. But the "On the Waterfront" writer tells us: "I came away impressed with his knowledge of Joe Louis. He's got the intellect, and he's done some boxing." Bert Sugar, who collaborated with Schulberg on the story, told Webster Hall's Baird Jones, "It looks like it will happen with Vin."

source: [NY Daily News](#)  
article thanks to Annie!

### 8/18 New details from the TCoR DVDs:

#### [DDVDanswers.com](#) lists the extras as:

- Riddick Insider Facts on Demand feature which displays scene-specific facts and trivia during the movie,
- a Riddick's Worlds extra that takes you on a 360 degree view of eight different locations from the film
- one full level from the new Riddick Escape from Butcher Bay X-Box game.
- an interactive virtual guide to the film from the perspectives of the films characters, trailers and more.

Good news is that the director's cut will include over ten-minutes of action, bad news as no filmmaker's commentary was listed among the extras.

New DVD artwork is now up at Diesel Driven, replacing the B&W pics from last week.

#### Other updates for today:

- New scans at DD: [TCoR: Escape From Butcher Bay review](#) From Blender Magazine, September 2004 issue - thanks to Riddickgrl!

- [Score Magazine July/August 2004](#)  
Many thanks to Tiphaine & annabianca for the scans!
- Video interview with Vin and Dame Judi Dench @ [TheSun.co.uk](#) - thanks to Annie!
- Vin Diesel And Brittany Snow Lighten Up In 'The Pacifier' - interview with the actress @ [MTV.com](#) - thanks to Annie!
- Windy's Weekly Question: HIYA HANDSOME!  
Out of all of the Vinsters movie roles, which role do you think he's the handsomest in ????? PB?  
COR? XXX? KAG? AMA? TFATF? BR?  
[answer it on the message board!](#)

## 8/16 Boxing for no wax doll

### Vin spotted with Spike Lee, discussing boxer movie

(2004.08.12.) Vin Diesel and Spike Lee outside Amaranth Restaurant in New York. Vin will portray legendary boxer, Joe Louis, in a Spike Lee directed film ([new fact sheet here](#)). Filming starts in March of next year. Vin said he wants to move back to New York but is concerned about his privacy.

Collected small pics from [Splashnews.com](#) can be found [here](#) and [here](#)

thanks to Silver Isis!

### Waxless Vin

VIN'S DEAL: Vin Diesel is miffed he was not asked to pose for Madame Tussauds while in London recently - the hardman actor says he will only feel truly famous when they finally do call. ([GQ Daily news](#))

### Riddick BO data

Last weekend saw Riddick its 10th week in the cinemas, collecting 98 965 \$ and taking the 42th position. Current gross up-to-yesterday:

Domestic: \$57,637,485  
+ Overseas: \$9,600,000  
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= Worldwide: \$67,237,485

Numbers taken from [Boxofficemojo](#)

### Newsweek.com 's summer best/worst movie line up

[Newsweek.com](#)'s first movie-themed readers' survey, launched a week ago, collected more than 6,500 opinions. The best movie of the summer, with 28 percent of the vote, was "Spiderman 2." The rest of the top five: "Fahrenheit 9/11" (20%); "Shrek 2" (10%); and the last two spots tied with eight percent of the vote, are "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" and "The Bourne Supremacy."

The worst movies of the summer, according to the survey, were: "Catwoman" (27%); "Fahrenheit 9/11" (16%); "White Chicks" (15%); "**The Chronicles of Riddick**" (5%) and "Van Helsing" (4%). ([PR Newswire](#))

### Site maintenance news:

- 4 new, big resolution pics were added to Diesel Driven - Vin & Alexa at the London and Berlin premieres: [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#). Thanks to Ms M!
- Vin's filmography was updated with the Joe Louis biopic, status on several movies and XXX2 removed from the producing section.
- Links page update: new sites, URL changes, sites moved to the no longer updated section, closed and missing sites got deleted. If you believe that your site's record was wrongfully modified, pls drop me a mail - Kriszta

### 8/15 Exclusive SOTA Toys for sale

Andrew from SOTA Toys alerted us that we were selling our San Diego Comic Con exclusive Necromonger Soldier figure for a limited time. Claim your scary soldier boy at [http://www.sotatoys.com/prod\\_excl.htm](http://www.sotatoys.com/prod_excl.htm)

### 29 breathatking & droolworthy Vin pics

These following pics are VX-extras, so pls don't take them .. for now, but rather link back to this main page or DD, when referring them on other sites.

pics are at [Diesel Driven](#)

### 8/13 Vin talks more Riddick sequel

.. and still ignores the reality of the BO failre. Anyway, here's the best from [Filmfocus.Co.Uk](#): *In the next film, Riddick is going to go to the underverse. Riddick will act with new elementals. Not air elementals [as Judi Dench's character is] but fire and water. It'll come full circle in C3 when he must return to Furia.'*

### 8/11 Vin and Twohy talks about the future of the Riddick series:

"From the very very beginning, when everyone thought it was crazy, I was thinking of The Chronicles of Riddick as a trilogy," said Diesel. "That would start with the movie you saw, and Pitch Black would act as a prequel that introduced you to the character. So in simple terms, in Chronicles 2 we venture to the Underverse. We knew we could get away with a PG-13 on the first one, but once you go to the Underverse it's rated R, because it's a place where war is the norm and there is constant, constant battling. Then on Chronicles 3 we will see Riddick return to Furia, to deal with the homeland."

full article in the UK [Empire](#)

Get away with PG-13 ?! Vin, Twohy, you still do not get, why your freakin' movie failed big time?! It was fucking insulting to the fandom, and if you need money for the sequel, pls do team up with Paul WS Anderson. Then you can do an Alien vs Predator vs Riddick movie, rated G. - Kriszta

### Other updates for today:

- Proper translations of two german articles from last week's premiere: [Vin Diesel talks to his dog on the telephone and Reluctant applause for Vin Diesels "Riddick"](#) - thanks to 1sthammer!
- [Vin In London Town::HELLO magazine's Take on RIDDICK](#) - thanks to Chele Belle!
- More info on the Riddick DVD, extended and theatrical cut released on the same time etc. @ [DVDanswer.com](#) - thanks to Krbeast2!
- Scans from [FHM, 2004, Sept. issue](#) and [Key West Weekly 2004.08.01](#). - thanks to Rebecca and LadyA30!
- [3 new pics added to DD](#) from the UK premiere (all pics from Corbis)

### Windy's Weekly Question

BOOOOOOOO--HISS!!!!

Tom Cruise is getting high marks for being a villian in his new flick COLLATERAL. This is a big departure from the "nice guy" roles he usually plays. Vin has played tough yet lovable anti-heroes so far. How many of you would love to see Vin play a low down,dirty,uncompromising VILLIAN??? And how many of you would be disturbed by that choice?

Grab and gun, be a hit man and answer the question on the [VX board!](#)

## 8/10 The UK premiere coverage

### Pics from the prem & afterparty

Many new pics are now posted up at [Diesel Driven's TCoR EU premiere gallery](#) (London 01 - 23 ), most of them are from the premiere with Vin, Alexa and David Twohy, plus two pics with Vin from the afterparty. Credits are due to Gettyimages, Alpha, PA and AP.

### Articles, reporter from the premiere:

- You've Gotta Be In It To Win It - Diesel power at London Riddick premiere - [Empire](#)
- Vin scared of contacts - [BBC Radio 1](#)
- Diesel runs low at premiere - [This is London](#)
- BBC radio interview - [online version](#)

## 8/9 UPDATED!!!! Riddick DVD, USA és Hungarian news

### UNRATED RIDDICK DVD ON NOV 16TH

Mixed good / bad news today: Uni has just announced the official DVD release date for the Riddick movie. Good news is that we can finally forget about that goddamnwful Pg-13 accident, aka the theatrical cut, because the unrated director's cut will be released as well. Bad news is that the new version will contain only 7 (!!) minutes of new footage, which amount of footage is far away from the cut scenes we know about, and does not sound even enough to recreate the action sequences and edit them as watchable this time. - K

### Pitch Black és Sötét düh szeptemberben

Magyar olvasók, figyelem! Hamarosan nálunk is napvilágot lát a Pitch Black felújított DVD kiadása, illetve A sötét düh nevet viselő amime is!

A részleteket postáztam a [fórumon](#), ahol szeretettel várlak Titeket is! Regisztráljatok az ezboardekkel, és vágjatok bele a csetelésbe Ti is! Kriszta

forrás: [dvdextra.hu](#)

### Diesel Driven Gallery update:

- **More pics from the TCoR Amsterdam premiere:** yuana131 was at the premiere and made 27 wonderful pics, listed as amst01-27 on the gallery's first page. Vinlexamst13-21, the last few pics in this album, are from the local press.
- **TCoR scans:** Dutch Penthouse magazine & article translation, thanks to Tamara (kapli) & Scans from the Hungarian Cinema 2004/08
- **Wallpapers:** 2 new wallpapers, thanks to DieselFan!

### Even more images:

- a very awesome Vin painting can be spotted at MovieXplosion's art page: <http://www.movieexplosion.com/xmovieartus.html>
- TcoR photocall from Amsterdam: [Vin & Alexa in Grand Hotel's garden](#). Site has pics from the other premieres as well, but these are the cutest :)
- thanks to Reggy and Jori!

### Judi Dench loves her look in Vin Diesel's film

Vin Diesel and The Chronicles of Riddick director David Twohy today revealed the real reason Dame Judi Dench accepted a role in the sci-fi action thriller: she liked the way she was going to look on screen.

full article in [International Movie Studio](#)

## 8/6 UPDATED: Pics Riddy's Amsterdam premiere/ Vin & Alexa photo call

5 more big in pics size can now be seen at [Diesel Driven!](#)  
(look for the last 5 pics on that page!)

Even more new pics, TV caps from the Holland premiere of COR, are now available in Diesel Driven's [TCoR Asia/Europe premiere gallery](#).

Thanks to Jori for the making the screncaps!

## Video interview with Vin and Alexa from Netherlands!

[Chello.nl](#) has a lovely video snippet with Vin and Alexa, talking about their characters and Vin's paternal needs. The background voice will be local, but Vin and Alexa will talk in English, and won't be dubbed.

Thanks a lot to Lunaxxx!

## Vin in Rocky, Sly's main opponent?

I got an email today from a site reader called Shawn, who claims to drop movie news here and there, mostly DreamWorks related stuff. This news snippet's been in the rumor mills for ages, with Vin mentioned personally by Sly, so here you go again:

Katzenberg is in talks with Sylvester Stallone to bring Rocky over to Dreamworks. The company is quite happy with what Sly's doing for 'The Contender' and are apparently dotting i's, crossing t's, to see that Balboa can safely set up shop at the Shrek stable. Sylvester and Sage stallone are apparently the duo negotiating the deal (both plan to star in the film, playing father and son). The only casting rumor thats surfaced is Vin Diesel playing the new opponent. I assume he'd be playing some kind of new hot shot, because the script reeportedly revolves around Balboa's big comeback and a new hot-shot that he has to bring back down to earth. Could be interesting. More if it comes through.

thanks to Shawn!

## UK fans: Vin on BBC radio!

Spotted on Vin's [IMDb board](#): BBC Radio Five Live on Tuesday 10th August, at 1.30pm (BST), to talk about his new film The Chronicles of Riddick. You can listen to the interview live, online, at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/fivelive>

## 8/5 Windy's Weekly Question

**OMG!**

**Which god(or any mythical creature) compares to Vin???**

Zeus?

Apollo?

Mars?

A Centaur?

Neptune?

It can be Greek,Roman,or another culture w/ mythical gods/creatures.

answer the question on [the message board!](#)

## UK fans: win tickets to Riddy's premiere!

[Eurogamer.net](#) teamed up with UIP/Universal to give one lucky person achance to attend the UK Premiere of The Chronicles of Riddick next Monday, August 9th, at Vue West End in London. Apart from two tickets to the film, the winner will also walk off with a copy of the game; and three runners-up will take home a Riddick T-shirt and a pair of limited edition sunglasses. The winner is announced on Monday morning.

click [here](#) to answer one simple question and go to premiere!

### **New addition to Diesel Driven:**

4 scans with cool, previously unseen pics from a Brazilian magazine called Contigo! July 2004 edition are now added to [DD/TCoR/Latest scans](#).

Muchos gracias to DanistaBaby @ [UVDFC!](#)

### **Riddick is not the best moment this last month**

[VH1](#)'s 'Best Month Ever' Premieres August 6 at 11PM + 'Best Week Ever's' Best Things About The Month Of July

GOOD SEQUELS

PAUL SCHEER "Chronicles of Riddick" was like a black hole of suck and it pulled in all the badness of sequels and it let all the other sequels live again. Thanks for taking one for the team Vin Diesel.

CHRISTIAN FINNEGAN Now we've got all these sequels that don't suck. We've got Shrek II ... didn't suck. Spiderman II totally didn't suck. And if you're one of the nine people who saw Before Sunrise, you'll know that Before Sunset doesn't suck. And that had Ethan Hawke in it.

source: [PR Newswire](#)

### **8/4 Riddick premiered last night Germany - mixed responses**

The official german TCoR premiere was held last night in Berlin, with limited reactions: applause, but laughter as well. Vin and Alexa both attended the premiere, but our Riddy left even before the screening started. ([dpa](#))

thumbnails from the event can be seen at [Wireimage](#)

Images in big size are now hosted at [Diesel Driven!](#)

### **Vin is coming to Amsterdam this Thursday!**

The premiere of the film in Amsterdam (The Netherlands) is this thursday august 5th WITH Vin Diesel and Alexa Davalos. More info is available on the [local UIP site](#).

Thanks to Lunaxxx!

### **Vin, no Robot**

After yesterday's many interesting articles were posted in the german press. With the help of the site vistors and Google's "terrific" translation tool, we've got a few interesting quotes to offer:

" Although the week is still young on a Tuesday afternoon, Vin Diesel's party was already the second in this week. After he had not received an invitation from the hosts of the "I Robot" premiere, he had rented half the ballroom of the Adlon hotel for himself and his entourage (to which belong besides his sister also friends, a video artist who documents all his moves, press agent, manager, make-up artist and dozens of assistants). There Diesel staged a private party on the night to Tuesday." (Berliner Zeitung)

And the naked, chained Riddick goes to Montgomery Burns for the full translation! Article is available on the [message board](#).

### **Vin talks to his dog via phone every day**

"I miss him so much. Roman is in California and misses me also. We telephone each day", said

the 36 years old actor, reported by DPA. Once the premier circle is finished, Vin will meet his dog in New York.

Vin also described his dream woman: "independent, in addition, boundlessly loyal", humor is also important.

source: [Yahoo!](#)

[Even more articles, translated by Google, and with thanks to Jori, are available on the message board!](#)

## **8/3 Riddick 8th weekend: #30 with \$200,005 \$, pics from Japan, news from England and Germany**

### **Pics from Japan**

25 pics, from various sources can be seen now at [Diesel Driven](#). Sources are cleared under the pics, with thanks to Lafemme\_2001, DieselFan25 and DanistaBaby! Even more pics and links can be found on the [japanese Vin site](#) and [TCoR's japanese site!](#)

### **TCoR European premieres**

- **Germany:** Vin's in Berlin tonight. Translations on the following articles would be welcomed:
  - [Schauspieler Vin Diesel ist noch zu haben](#)
  - [Filmstar Vin Diesel in Berlin](#)
  - [Vin Diesel: Der Supermann träumt von einer großen Familie](#)
- **England:** The UK premiere will be held on Monday, 9th August, VUE West End, Leicester Square. Vin, Alexa and David Twohy will attend, press pens in place at 4pm, doors open at 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm.

source: [PR Newswire](#)

### **8th Weekend data from BOMojo.com:**

Actual position: #30  
Weekend Gross: \$200,005; 35.1% less than last weekend  
Number of cinemas: 226; 14 less than last week  
Per theater average: \$884  
**Total gross: \$57,185,815**  
Budget: \$105 production + \$35 marketing

### **International results: Australia**

"The Chronicles of Riddick" launched in Oz with a mediocre \$1.1 million from 185 playdates, bringing its cumulative total to a skimpy \$6.1 million in approximately 16 markets.

source: Variety

### **7/30 Riddick openings coming next month all around the world**

Now as Riddick is heading out from the American movie theaters (current cinema count: 225, 15 less than last week), TCoR opens everywhere next month. We've already heard on the board, that Vin is on Tokyo and Australian fans see the theatrical Riddick premiere this week. If you know about more international dates, have pics, crowd, box office and viewers/critical response, please contact me at [kriszta@vindiiesel.hu](mailto:kriszta@vindiiesel.hu) (at=@) and / or report the release dates on the [message board's related topic](#). Thanks a lot! K

### **Windy's weekly Question**

We are a bit late with it, but here you go:

\*SMOOTCH\*

Since the "love scene" post has gotten SOOOO BIG, I'd thought I'd ask this one: Which is your favorite Vinster kissing scene from "TFATF", "XXX", or "AMA"??? And if YOU were the one in the scene (for the GUYS in the Vin role or the DOLLS in the leading lady role) how would you improve on things? \* SMOOTCH\*

[Kiss Dom, Xander or Sean on the message board!](#)

### **7/27 Diesel Confirmed for Guilty Drama**

Variety has confirmed that Vin Diesel will star in **Find Me Guilty**, a Stratus-financed drama to be directed by Sidney Lumet in New York this October.

Based on a true story and written by T.J. Mancini and Robert McCrea, the film concerns a mobster who refuses to play the rat and instead defends himself in court.

The trade adds that Diesel wanted to shoot a film with Lumet in New York, where the actor began his career. There he served as a bouncer in clubs while waiting for his big break.

Diesel just wrapped [The Pacifier](#) at Disney which is directed by Adam Shankman.

Source: Variety via [ComingSoon.net](#)

### **7/26 Superhot new Vin pic + Riddick BO data**

#### **Superhot new Vin picture**

This picture was published in this month's Hungarian Cinema magazine. The rest of the scans and translations of the Vin portray / movie review will be posted up tomorrow.

#### **Riddick, 7th weekend BO data**

Weekend gross: \$308,305  
Position: #25  
Total US gross: \$56,816,620

data taken from BoMojo.com

### **7/24 IG delayed, HQ Riddick pix**

#### **The Iron Giant Special Edition DVD is delayed ... again**

Remember that news item we had a few weeks back saying that the special edition of The Iron Giant would finally street on September 7? Scratch that. Warner is now saying it will release the SE disc on November 16, which is when it was rumored to street in the first place. The price will be \$19.97.

HOWEVER... It looks like Warner has heard the howls of protest over putting the movie in a snapper case, as the new artwork shows it's coming in an Amaray case. So it's worth the two month wait, if you ask us.

full article @ [DVD.IGN.com](#)

thanks to July @ [Greetings 4rm Vin](#)

### **23 high quality The Chronicles of Riddick images**

thanks to Anki and outnow.ch, we've got 23 new hq pix in the [image gallery](#). trust me, Riddy in big, is a sight worth to see!

## TCoR: 7th week theater counts:

240 cinemas, -63 less than last week  
gross-up-to-date: \$56,508,315

data taken from [Boxofficemojo.com](http://Boxofficemojo.com)

## 7/21 Vin going to Germany for TCoR premiere

### Rundfunk Berlin-Brandenburg reports:

An array of Hollywood stars will be visiting Berlin during the next weeks. In addition to "Men in Black" star Will Smith, heart-throb Vin Diesel and Oscar winner Charlize Theron will also be expected in the capital.

Vin Diesel plays in "The Chronicles of Riddick", sequel to "Pitch Black", the anti hero Riddick for the second time. This time he gets entangled in an intergalactic war and gets hunted by malicious wardens and reckless sect leaders - special effects aplenty. The German premiere of "The Chronicles of Riddick" will take place on August 3rd.

full article is available on [the message board](#)

translation thanks to Montgomery Burns 13!

## Windy's Weekly Question

### THE ANIMAL IN HIM:

What animal would you describe Vin as IN A POSITIVE WAY???

-A jungle cat: a lion,tiger,panther,etc.?

-A bird of prey:an eagle,hawk,vulture,etc.?

-A dog? As In "WHO LET THE DOGS OUT-woo woo woo woo!"

Any other type of animal? AND SAY WHY ?

answer the question on [the message board!](#)

## 7/20 Life is a Dream screened in Vegas /New York Film Fest/

### Life is Dream

Life is a Dream, an award winning documentary by David E. Breaux, with Vin Diesel (XXX, A Man Apart, The Fast and the Furious) as Executive Producer. The film is about a young man who needs to understand why his father has left his family. The son, who is now a father with two children of his own, is compelled to search for answers.

The documentary will be showed on Wednesday, July 21st, in Las Vegas by [New York Film and Video Festival](#). For more details, pls visit the [official site!](#)

## 2 small pics from Vin's bday party

on pics are Vin and Laterz Tate (co-star in AMA), being interviewee by Extra TV's AJ Calloway.

Thumbnails are from [WireImage](#)  
thanks to Jsaw67!

More pics are now available at [Diesel Driven](#), thanks to lafemme\_2001!

## TCoR: 6th weekend

Just as guessed, I, Robot opened big last weekend. Grossing 52 M\$ on its first 3 days, it will leave Riddick behind today.

Riddick's present figures: 24# position / \$287,850 weekend gross / \$56,329,545 total gross

### **7/18 Happy Birthday, Vin!!!**

Vin, and Paul, his twin Brother are 37 today! Why don't you wish them a happy bday and a lifetime of happiness on [our message board](#)?

Yes, we are still unofficial, but hope that the good wishes somehow still reach the Vincent boys:-)

### **Vin pulled totally off from XXX2?**

XXX2 has just started filming, reports [PR Newswire](#), based on the info provided by Revolution Studios. The article, contrary to the previous new, no longer lists Vin as the executive producer:

The film is being produced for Revolution Studios by Neal Moritz (S.W.A.T., XXX, The Fast and the Furious) and Arne Schmidt (Big Fish, XXX, We Were Soldiers) and is written by Simon Kinberg. Revolution Studios' Todd Garner and Rob Cohen are serving as executive producers.

Thanks to GeminiLove!

### **The Pacifier production update**

Chugging toward the at-sea site of first-day shooting in Key West for a **\$56 million Disney movie** -- The Pacifier -- South Florida's best-known location manager wants to make sure the details he's spent five months negotiating don't collapse under the controlled chaos known as filmmaking.

Last week, however, it was the movie's opening scenes that were on the minds of Tedesco and nearly 200 crew members who've set up shop in a waterfront base camp next to the Truman Annex. The first day of shooting on Tuesday was focused 10 miles southwest of Key West near a coral reef. It was part ballet and part high-tech T-ball team as the crew and directors focused on complicated aerial and ocean shots in a 13-hour process. "Most people end up getting sick after we wrap," said Tedesco, 49, of Hillsboro Shores.

full article in [The Miami Herald](#)  
(you need to register first, to read the article)

### **7/16 Vin's Birthday Celebration in Miami**

Speaking of the trendy trio, which many consider to be the Microsoft of Miami nightlife, Vin Diesel has chosen Prive for his birthday celebration on Saturday featuring 50 Cent's DJ Who Kidd, a cavalry of celeb friends and, downstairs, the A-listers involved with the American Black Film Festival. Strangely enough, Diesel's party is being sponsored by Dewars 12 and Virgin Cola, which is launching in Florida, sold exclusively at 7-Eleven stores. Since Paris Hilton and Nick Carter were spotted sucking down Slurpies at the 7-Eleven in Stockholm, Sweden last weekend, we think the quickie mart may be experiencing its long delayed comeuppance.

<http://www.miami.com>

### **7/15 News about The Pacifier: movie now shooting in Key West**

Tedesco (location manager) said the crew, which started filming in Key West Tuesday, will split its time between the White Street Pier area and the Western Dry Rocks. Vin Diesel will be in town for four days of shooting, starting Monday.

"We have the second unit with the stunt people to get the coverage we need to then shoot his close-ups," Tedesco said. "We're actually starting with the second unit, without the actors, this

week."

The parts of the movie being shot in Key West are the opening sequences, Tedesco said. "This is the opening of the movie. It's strictly to establish the character as an action guy in the movie, which very quickly turns into a family comedy where he's trying to protect and take care of these kids, and the kids are a handful."

Shooting is set to run through July 28.

full article in [Keynoter.com](http://Keynoter.com)

### TCoR: 6th week theater count

This weekend will be ruled by Alex Proyas' (Crow, Dark City) [I, Robot](#), a new sci-fi starring Will Smith. While I, Robot opens in 3,418 theaters, Riddick loses yet another 220 cinemas, lowering the theater count to 300 locations. After 5 weeks, Riddick's up-to-yesterday gross is **\$55,961,100**. I, Robot will gross that amount of money in week.

In a totally non related news, the latest Tom Cruise movie, the [Collateral](#) got the much beloved R rating for violence and language. It has nothing to do with Vin, but Tom Cruise as an assassin - seems to be one of the bestest movies of the summer :-)

### 7/13 5th weekend BO numbers: bad as always

#### 5th weekend numbers

Yet another disappointing weekend in Riddick-land: **#18th** position with a little more than half million \$\$\$. This weekend TCoR gathered 1/3 less than Pitch Black earned on its 5th weekend (\$1,446,415), **\$535,605** from 520 locations. In comparison Pitch Black still had 1,384 cinemas on its 5th week, 2,6X more locations than TCoR now.

TCoR's up-to-yesterday US gross: \$55,802,725

### Windy's Q + A

SHOW ME THE \$\$\$\$----please????

In light of TCoR not being the HUGE summer hit that the Vinster wanted it to be, mixed reviews, and what seems like lower ticket sales than expected, what will Vin need to do in order to gain the trust of the big studios to fund his next dream, HANNIBAL??? Or will he even need the help of the big studios?

[answer the weekly question on the message board!](#)

### UK TCoR news

Info for the UK fans: A poster on the [AoVD board](#) has some info on the UK premiere: "Nothing has been put in concrete yet - not even the venue - but they are looking at the 9th of August for it."

Meanwhile [DVDAnswers.com](#) has gotten the Region 2 DVD and news on the release: it will be available to own from the 16th August this year, and should retail at around £15.99. As far as we know, this will be the standard theatrical cut, rather than the unrated edition that is available elsewhere. [...] Also available from the same day will be the animated feature - Chronicles of Riddick: Dark Fury. This will retail at around £12.99." Both DVD's carry the standard set of extras, the USA releases had.

### New articles, scans from the board:

- [Tough is not enough](#) (article about action heroes Vin/Rock)
- [Scan from In Touch magazine](#)

- [Gorgeous AMA caps](#)
- [McG has officially left Superman](#) (19th post, last one from the bottom)

thanks to Annie, DanistaBaby and Mousedriver!

## 7/9 Riddy on PS2, Johnny Depp as new Lex Luthor?

### Johnny Depp as Lex Luthor?

New contender for the Lex Luthor role, Vin has been rumored to play: in an [interview](#) with I, Robot star Shia LaBeouf, the actor revealed that he was in talks to play Jimmy Olsen. He also added that McG was planning to cast an unknown actor as Superman, Scarlett Johansson as Lois Lane and Johnny Depp as Lex Luthor.

Captain Jack Sparrow or Richard B. Riddick? We'll see soon...

### Vin Diesel wants PS2 Riddick this Christmas

Vin Diesel has lent credence to speculation that a PS2 version of celebrated Xbox film spin-off The Chronicles of Riddick: Escape From Butcher Bay is in development, claiming in a recent interview that he wasn't sure why it was Xbox exclusive and that he was "trying" to ensure a PS2 version would be on retailers' shelves this Christmas.

full article is at [Eurogamer.net](#)

thanks to TopazSLC!

## 7/8 5th weekend theater count

According to the latest numbers published at [Boxofficemojo.com](#), this weekend Riddy loses yet another 956 cinemas, lowering the theater count to 520 locations. It is very low and highly unusual for a movie being only its 5th week, so if you want to see the movie one final time, try to find a cinema around you, where they still play Dicky, because there might be no other time anymore.

Rid has already lost 500 cinemas to the newly opening King Arthur on Wednesday, collecting 165,760 \$, raising the total gross up to \$55,026,450.

Even though on the opening weekend, Rid was no#1 among the 3 new premieres, by now both Garfield (\$65,449,786) and The Stepford Wives (\$55,138,611) are ahead of Richard B Riddick.

## 7/7 A VERY SPECIAL Q&A

### SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT:

In honor of the GREAT late MARLON BRANDO & Vin, I'd like all of you to do something fun. Since Vin's desire is to do a remake of one of his favorite musicals, Guys & Dolls and play Sky Masterson, I thought it would be a fun thing to rent the movie musical, watch it & rewatch it as much as you can. Those of you familiar w/ the movie version know that Brando played Sky Masterson, and that he was also one of Vin's favorite actors. Answer these series of questions: Should Vin play Sky or Nathan Detroit? Which actors would fit into the other roles like Miss Adelaide? Sister Sarah? Nicely Nicely? Name your favorite songs and scenes from the movie, your favorite dance numbers, etc. Do you really think Vin will be up to the task and when should he make this movie? Before or after Hannibal? Add any additional comments if you wish.

This Q&A will "stick" for 3 weeks to give everyone a chance to watch the film. I'm hoping you overseas fans will be able to rent it.

[watch the movie and answer the weekly question on the message board!](#)

## Big [Diesel Driven Gallery](#) update

- Starburst issue#310
- Dreamwatch Issue 118 August 2004
- Star magazine July 5 2004
- Total Film July 2004 Issue 90 (Total Access insert)
- Empire Issue 181 July 2004
- Starlog # 325 Aug.2004
- Starburst special 63 2004

all scans can be found in the [TCoR Latest scans gallery](#)

thanks to DanistaBaby @ [UVDFC!](#)

## BO numbers: Riddick 4th weekend finals

Last weekend Spiderman 2 ruled the lists, grossing more money on its first few days, than most movies do in their entire lifetime. Fahrenheit 9/11 came as a strong second, while Riddick felt one place back, from 12th to 13th. It lost 967 theaters and more than 70% of its previous weekend's gross, **earning 1,3 M\$, summing up to a total 54,1 M\$ domestic gross.**

## 7/2 The rumors are indeed not true?!

### The Vine: Superman logo invades Bay site

[Hollywood Reporter](#) reports: The rumor mill swirling around Warner Bros. Pictures' next installment of its Superman franchise switched into overdrive Thursday when a Superman logo appeared on [www.michaelbay.com](#), which bills itself as director Michael Bay's "official" Web site. Although McG has been on board to direct the project since last summer, in recent weeks rumors have been circulating that there are problems between the studio and the "Charlie's Angels" director over the location of the shoot, according to sources. That has sparked talk that Bay is in line to replace McG. A Warner Bros. spokesperson maintains that the studio is still very much in business with McG and that rumors about Bay's involvement are "absolutely not true"; a WMA spokesperson confirmed that Bay has not been approached about the film. Bay said through a staffer that the site is operated by a fan and that he had no involvement in posting the logo. It remains unclear who put the tell-tale Superman logo on the site, but by 5 p.m. Thursday it had just as mysteriously disappeared.

## The latest Riddick BO numbers:

Monday: #13 - \$586,320

Tuesday: #13 - \$525,245

Wednesday: #13 - \$258,225

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Total Gross so far: \$52,521,495

## Theater count for this week:

12th widest release; losing 964 theaters from last week, Rid will be played in 1,479 cinemas this weekend.

## 7/1 The rumors are true: Michael Bay directs Superman

Look out for this lovely logo, that has just appeared on [Mr Bay's official site](#). So if Mr Bay does Superman, will Vin really play Lex Luthor?!

What makes things interesting is that Mr Bay is rumored to be the son of the late John Frankenheimer, who either fired Vin from Reindeer Games or Vin did quit, we'll never know for sure.- K

**TCoR: Butcher Bay coming on PC this decemeber, more sequels are now planned!!!**

[Variety reports](#): Get ready for a sequel to "The Chronicles of Riddick" -- several, in fact -- but don't look for them on the bigscreen. Despite disappointing reviews and B.O. for "Riddick" the film, the vidgame is a smash on both counts.

"Butcher Bay" sold 110,000 copies in its first three weeks of release and is on track to sell more than 250,000, translating to a gross of at least \$15 million. Execs at publisher Vivendi Universal Games are so pleased, **they already have a PC version timed for release with the DVD around the holidays and are strongly considering sequels.**

[full article is now up the message board](#)

### **Big Diesel Driven gallery update**

Updates have started again at [Diesel Driven](#), our co-image gallery. While Ms Mephsito is busy with real life events, I take care of her site - hopefully not messing up anything :) !

For starters, more than 200 images were added to the Riddick, Dark Fury, Riddick premiere, Vin scans, Misc Vin images, Wallpapers, Misc events 2004 and Pacifier categories.

All images posted on this site between April - June 2004 are now located at Diesel Driven. Thanks again to our regular contributors for the pictures, scans and wallpapers! - Kriszta

### **Windy's Weekly Question**

HALLMARK GREETINGS VIN:

I'm sure most of us have noticed how tired/sad Vin looks in the Maxim Much Music After Party pics. Could it be that he's tired? Possibly disappointed that maybe Riddick didn't do as well as he may have wanted it to do in the theaters?

Pretend you are writing your own GET WELL or Cheer Up letter to him personally; what would you say to bring back that million dollar smile, make him feel better, to give him (even) more confidence in himself and his career?

[Answer the weekly question on the message board!](#)

## **News Archive 2004. Oct. - Dec.**

### **12/30 2004 - A year in retrospect**

One more day - and we leave yet another year behind - [click on this link](#) and follow our journey through 2004, what all did happen, what was all important in the good old Vinland! - [Happy New Year!](#), - Kriszta, the webmistress

### **Windy's Weekly Question**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

A VERY VINNY NEW YEAR:

What would be your PERFECT New Years Eve Plan/party if you spent it w/ the Vinister???

[uncover your plans on the message board!](#)

### **12/15 TCoR:BB wins Best Movie Game Award**

"I guess this means that when we make games we don't play games," said action movie star Vin Diesel, whose own game company, Tigon Studios, shared in the Best Game Based on a Movie award for "The Chronicles of Riddick: Escape from Butcher Bay," last night at Spike Tv's 2nd

Annual Video game Awards.

Full list of winners [here](#); images from the event are up @ [Diesel Driven](#).

#### Other news updates:

- [Diesel's day in court...](#) - Night and Day magazine, 24 October
- [Sidney Lumet to Receive Honorary Academy Award®](#) - Find Me Guilty Director gets honorary Oscar
- [The Chronicles of Riddick: Escape From Butcher Bay - The Developer's Cut Hits Retail Stores in the US](#) - press release about the new PC game
- for lots more game news pls visit [PitcherBlacker.com](#)

#### **12/7-7 new pics from The Pacifier**

Due to the request of Buena Vista International, the new Pacifier stills had been removed from the image gallery. The photos were not yet cleared for Internet usage, so pls kindly delete your saved copies and sign up for an appointment with Dr. Howard Mierzwiak of [Eternal Sunshine of a Spotless Mind](#) and ask for the related brain cells' destruction, so when we can repost the images again, you can look at them as brand new Vin pics.

- Kriszta, VX webmistress

#### Two new scans

- [Disney Magazine Winter 2004/2005](#)
- [The National Enquirer Dec 13,2004](#)

thanks to DanistaBaby @ [UVDFC!](#)

#### And then, three hours later, Vin became a star

Harry Knowles, owner of the AICN website tells the tale of the Pitch Black screening at his BNAT festival: "I told him to drive around in the rain until the movie is over and think about the fact that now you are just an actor, but in three hours you'll be a star," said Knowles.

Just as Knowles hoped, Diesel "became a star," when he was honored with a standing ovation after the film, and BNAT "became a bit legendary in the end."

full article @ [The Daily Texan](#)

thanks to Annie!

#### W's Q&A 12/6: Vin vs.....some other sixpack.

We fans know that Vin has one of the sexiest sixpacks in show business(AKA tight,toned,muscular abdominals)! Even w/ his little bit of belly thrown in. But who else's sixpack rivals the Vinster's in your opinion???

To the MEN of the board,the female sixpacks you admire are welcome too!

[Brad Pitt of Troy or Ladies Love Cool James? name a guy on the message board!](#)

#### 12/6 VX readers' poll

##### My dearestest readers,

I have a school assignment to make, till the end of this week: so I am doing a VX reader survey: to know more about you, readers and your opinion on the site. Please [follow this link to the](#)

[message board](#) and answer the 27 question: because your word counts!!

**12/5 Riddick, PG-13 as always ...**

**Twohy talks Riddick: time to admit PG-13 killed Riddick.**

Spotted this [IGN DVD interview](#) via [Pitcherblacker.com](#), and pretty much felt like shivving myself softly to death:

**IGN DVD: Do you think staying within the confines of a PG-13 rating hurt the movie, or limited you in any way?**

Twohy: Oh, it certainly did. I knew I was being handcuffed when I had to go to the MPAA Church Lady board seven times. Each of those times I was having to take what I thought was the action of the movie, what they thought to be overly intense action, a.k.a. violence. So I was given an R six times, and only on the 7th time did I get a PG-13. All of that material that was taken out was put back into the unrated version of the movie. This was the first time I had to deal with the MPAA face-to-face like that.

Full txt of the interview can be read [here](#)

**Riddick DVD: Second week sales**

Out its second week, the unrated/wide Riddick fell 5 places back on the DVD sales list, ranked 7th between two new releases, the fullscren edition of Harry Potter 3 (Widescren leads list), and Steven Spielberg's Terminal. On the DVD/ VHS rental charts, Rid is ranked as #4, two places lower than its premiere week.

Position	DVD
1	HARRY POTTER: PRISONER OF AZKABAN-WIDE
2	ELF
3	SEINFELD: 1-2 SEASONS
4	SEINFELD: THIRD SEASON
5	SHREK 2-WIDE
6	HARRY POTTER: PRISONER OF AZKABAN-FULL
7	<b>THE CHRONICLES OF RIDDICK-UNR/WIDE</b>
8	THE TERMINAL-WIDE
9	THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW-WIDE
10	ALADDIN: SPECIAL EDITION

Data supplied by & more figures @ [Video Business Online](#)

## Big image Gallery update: 76 new images!!

- [photoshoot \(unknown year\) from Sjöberg. se site](#)
- [Starface photoshoot \(unknown year\)](#)
- [Vin & Alexa Davalos @ Amsterdam photocall and Vin @ Amsterdram TCoR premiere](#) (last ten pics on the page)
- [4 HQ pics from Robert De Niro's Tribeca Movie Festival & 2 pics from his 37th bday](#)
- [One new Pacifier promo still](#)
- [and finally 5 misc Vin pics](#)

thanks to Tracey S, NumbuhOneVinFan and DanistaBaby @ [UVDFC!](#)

## VX message board update: 5 posts needed b4 access granted to the NC-17 fics

The recent board membership update let us to realize, there were one too registered members on board, who posted only once, requesting the password, then never again. With the board clean – up, many of these local accounts were deleted, and access was removed from global account users. To keep some of these lurkers away, and encouraging the new members to participate on the board, in this community, we now require all new password requesters to have at least 5 posts on the board, before they can get the password and read the NC-17 rated fictions. The other requirements, full date of birth and valid email account / enabled ez-inbox are still in tact. For more, pls read this topic.

Changes are live, as of Dec 1st, 2004. december 1.

VX Board management

## 11/29 Vin smokin'drinkin'

### Starbucks cafee, but still :D

Vin, getting readyc for Find me Guilty, sports a lovely belly in this photo sent by Tracey S

[pic1](#) and [pic2](#) are now up at Diesel Driven

## 11/26 Three new/old Vin photoshoots

Three new/old photoshoots were added to [Diesel Driven](#), like the dreany Vin next to your left:

- NY Daily News Photoshoot  
March 8, 2003  
Photo by Rene Macura / ContourPhotos
- USA Today Photoshoot  
June 5, 2004  
Photo by Dan MacMedan / ContourPhotos
- Vanity Fair Photoshoot  
April 1, 1999  
Photo by Mike Ruiz / ContourPhotos

[pics can be seen @ DD](#)

## 11/25 Happy Thanksgiving to the US readers

### The very first, hairy Vin image from [Find Me Guilty!!!!](#)

image in full size with other cast members @ [Diesel Driven](#)

many thanks to WindMill71, who found this image @ <http://home.earthlink.net/~cruiserwt192/>

### Other new photo updates

- [Tribeca Film Fest & Armani Show \(High Resolution\)](#)
- [Some nice BIG Riddy screencaps - wallpaper ready!](#)
- [Zuma Press Photos](#)

Thanks to Mousedriver and NumbuhOneVinFan!

### DVD / VHS rental figures

[The Riddick DVD thread](#) has been updated with the DVD/VHS rental figure. Rid is #2 on both list; as expected after yesterday's figures, Elf holds the pole position.

## 11/24 Uncut Riddy debuts #2 on the DVD

### TOP VHS/DVD SELLERS FOR WEEK ENDED 11/21/2004

As expected, the unrated Riddick disc debuted among the top seller DVD movies last week, and ranked #2 after an other new release , Will Ferrel's Xmas comedy, Elf. Other new titles for the last week were and ranked: Buffy, 7th season (#11), Smallville, 3rd season (#12) and the Ultimate Christmas Pack Columbia (#16).VX's eversofavourite PG-13 cut never made into the Top 20 titles.So were not ranked any of the cuts among the Top 10 VHS sellers.

Position	DVD	VHS
1	ELF	SHREK 2
2	<b>RIDDICK-UNR/WIDE</b>	PASSION OF THE CHRIST
3	SHREK 2-WIDE	A CHARLIE BROWN THANKSGIVING
4	SHREK 2-FULL	SHREK
5	MICKEY'S TWICE UPON A CHRISTMAS	GARFIELD: THE MOVIE
6	THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW-WIDE	THE MOUSE ON THE MAYFLOWER
7	WHITE CHICKS-UNRATED	CINDERELLA
8	VAN HELSING-WIDE	BLUE COLLAR COMEDY TOUR
9	FRIENDS: EIGHTH SEASON	ELF

10	THE STEPFORD WIVES-WIDE	TOY STORY
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more charts, Rid's exact position at Amazon, Bestbuy, Blockbuster etc., open [this topic on the message board](#)

(data taken from Video Business Online)

## 11/22 Riddick Unrated Cut DVD review

### VX's Sandman77 reviews the new cut

Sandman77 from our message board have just gotten his Riddick DVD, took a in-sight look at the movie, and wrote an outstanding review of the new release :

"It's really hard to be neutral when being such a fan of Riddick. The first movie blew me away and I never saw it in the movies! I went and saw the theatrical version of this movie at the movies and was blown away again! I was looking so much forward to my unrated DVD copy that I waited to play HalfLife2 till my wife wanted to see it with me! That should say alot, and well I love directors cuts versions I feel this release lacks something. Maybe the participation of Vin Diesel? Ive heard rumors of another release coming with him in it... Lame if true but well I have the money to get it as well. ;)"

[click here to read the full review!](#)

## 11/20 Pacify Vin in Quicktime and Windows Media

### Pacifying a new server and Shane Wolfe

So, you might ask, what did happen yesterday? VX changed a server, thats why the missing updates from 17th and 18th for a while (now fixed), aaaaaaaaaand The Pacifier trailer debuted online. See Shane Wolfe and the babies @ [Yahoo! Movies!](#) ( Quicktime and/or Windows Media is required). The trailer also plays at ET last night; if yiu missed it, here's a [link to their website](#); [DieselFan's trailer screencaps](#) and one more to [Sprial's ET screencaps](#). And if you wanna see the trailer in large format, Doldy Digital sound and all, catch Nic Cage's National Treasure at the movies!

trailer alert thanks to DieselFan25, Jevin and Talya!

### Riddick DVD news, as they still come in:

- TCoR: Escape from Butcher Bay PC game gets a release day: 12/07 new preview and screencaps @ [gamespot.com](#)
- [Escape from Crematoria!](#) new webpage online.
- [Riddick DVD art & screencaps gallery](#) created at DD 103 images at your drooling pleasure
- David Twohy updated [his official site](#) with a news snipped, mentioning his wedding anniversary in Paris, Eiffel tower :-)
- [Twohy Relived Riddick On DVD](#) - article about the DVD commentary @ Sci Fi Wire
- Boxofficemojo's [yearly BO list](#) has been updated with Riddick's theatrical closure date of 8/22; total US gross for the movie: \$57,712,751. Current position on the yearly list: #42.
- The canadian Blockbuster video chain has a new deal: Buy the Chronicles of Riddick and you could enter to win an Actions star makeover. Details [on the board](#); scan in [the image gallery](#).
- EFBB news thanks to Kaheina, screencaps to [PitcherBlacker.com](#) and the Russian [Riddick site](#), Blockbuster news to Twistedtippy, ad scan to Ms Inspired!

## A virtual skyscraper for our super Vin Diesel

[Crazyhore](#) and the rest of the lovely ladies on the message board created a virtual skyscraper for Vin @ [www.topdogcity.com/vindiesel1.htm](http://www.topdogcity.com/vindiesel1.htm). Click on the link, add your brick and spread the Vinsanity.

## **11/18 Riddick sells well, Twohy reveals what the B stands for :)**

### **VX interview with David Twohy, director of the Riddick movie**

Being an overseas fan sure has its disadvantages, like a long wait for new movies and not being able to do the same phone interviews the US counterpart sites can do, but at times you've got advantages as well. When we learned that I was not able to interview David Twohy, Scott Essman, who was arranging the Riddick internet campaign asked for my questions and made the article for the site. Scott did not only ask my original questions, but went beyond and sent us a very good and professional interview discussing Vin's casting in Pitch Black, anti-heroes, fandom, special effects, rating and the answer to the burning question: what does the B stand for in Riddick's name :-)

[click here to read the conversation](#)

with many thanks to Scott Essman @ Visionary Media

### **'Riddick' runs with 1.5 mil in day 1 sales**

[The Hollywood Reporter](#) says that The Chronicles of Riddick sold about 1.5 million combined DVD and VHS units to consumers during its first day in release Tuesday, according to industry sources, a whopping number for a film that grossed \$57.6 million at the domestic boxoffice. Rental figures for the actioner from Universal Studios Home Entertainment won't be available until next week, but industry sources believe that it is expected to be one of the top 10-best-renting titles for this week.

In comparison Uni's other summer movie, Van Helsing sold 2,5 million copies on its first day of release; Dawn of the Dead, the hardcore horror 1 million copies and an other brainless summer fun, The Day After Tomorrow 2,6 million copies. Riddick's result is on par with Garfield, the movie and Denzel Washington's Man on Fire. (all data from HR)

Thanks to Waimeawahine!

## **Singer game for 'Service' with Tigon**

Bryan Singer is partnering with Vin Diesel's Tigon Studios to create an original video game franchise. It is the first time Hollywood talent of this caliber has become involved in a game not based on a movie or television series.

The working title of the property is "Secret Service," and it will be a character-driven, tactical action adventure based on the life of a Secret Service agent who has been assigned to the president's detail.

source & more @ [Hollywood Reporter](#)

Thanks to Waimeawahine!

## **W's Q&A 11/15: THANK YOU VIN!**

Since Thanksgiving is a week away here in the states, I was wondering :

What is it about The Vinster that you are thankful for???

\*Note: Windy will be away for the holidays, so there will be no new Q&A next weekend

[be thankful on the message board!](#)

## 11/17 Unrated Riddick kills PG-13 Riddick

The Unrated Riddick is now available in the stores; the Internet is now full with Riddick related articles. The following links are just a small taste of the news and features, submitted by readers and various news alerts. For an in depth commentary, come back tomorrow, when we take a look at the infamous RIP Riddick update and see what happened ever since, now and then. - Kriszta, the webmistress

- [Riddick Sets Up Trilogy](#)
- [Vin Video Interview at UGO.COM](#)
- [The Arrow interviews Vin Diesel](#)
- [Caps of Vin on E! 11-17-04 + wav](#)
- [TCoR & IG DVD reviews @ Boxofficeprophets](#)
- [Vin Diesel Talks About "The Chronicles of Riddick" DVD!](#)
- [DVDFanatic.com TCoR DVD review \(unrated version\)](#)
- [The Chronicles of Riddick: An Interview with Vin Diesel @ Blackfilm.com](#)
- [DVD Restores Riddick Action](#)
- [UGO.com Super Riddick feature](#)
- [Diesel's 'Giant' voice blows 'Riddick' away](#)
- [Diesel: Make Riddick 2 Cheaper](#)

articles thanks to Tracey S, Waimeawahine, Windmill71, NumbuhOneVinFan, DieselFan25 & Lisa!

## Win a TCoR Unrated edition DVD from DVDFanatic.com!

Enter for your chance to win The Chronicles of Riddick on DVD from DVDFanatic.com and Universal Home Entertainment! Clickie [here](#) to win the movie that changed the Universe .... well, in the Furyon/Necro dimension :)

thanks to Lisa @ [DVDFanatic](#) for the alert

## Butcher Bay Nominated for Spike TV Video Game Awards 2004

PR Newswire reports that Escape From Butcher Bay has been nominated in two categories of Spike TV'S 'VIDEO GAME AWARDS 2004':

### **BEST GAME BASED ON A MOVIE**

#### **The Chronicles of Riddick: Escape From Butcher Bay (Vivendi Universal Games)**

GoldenEye: Rogue Agent (Electronic Arts)

Spider-Man 2 (Activision)

Star Wars: Battlefront (LucasArts)

### **BEST PERFORMANCE BY A HUMAN-MALE**

#### **Vin Diesel - The Chronicles of Riddick: Escape from Butcher Bay (Vivendi Universal Games)**

Hugh Jackman - Van Helsing (Vivendi Universal Games)

Samuel L. Jackson - Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas (Rockstar Games)

Christopher Lee - GoldenEye: Rogue Agent (Electronic Arts)

Tobey McGuire - Spider-Man 2 (Activision)

You can now vote online on the following website:

<http://www.spiketv.com/events/vga2004/>

The show will be broadcast Tuesday, December 14 at 9 PM ET/8C.

thanks to Waimeawahine!

## Giacomo "Jackie" DiNorscio R.I.P

Variety reports: Jackie Dinorsio, a defendant in the longest mob trial in history, whose life story

is being filmed as "Find Me Guilty: The Jackie Dee Story," died Monday, producer Bob DeBrino reported. "Can you believe it? He was shot five times, had cancer, lived through a jail sentence -- and survived." Cause of death, DeBrino said, was kidney failure. The producer obtained the rights from reputed mobster Dinorsio five years ago when Dinorsio was serving a prison term for racketeering. The film stars Vin Diesel and is directed by Sidney Lumet.

thanks to windmill71!

### **11/15 The Fast and the Furious: the story goes on**

Talk about the third F&F movie started again last weekend, with both Paul and Vin commenting their new movie/DVD release. First word came from Paul Walker, who while promoting his new picture, Noel, said to [Cinecon.com](http://Cinecon.com): "I don't know what's going to happen with that. I'll tell you when you turn those things off."

Vin, on the other hand, seemed excited about the 3rd movie in his interview @ [Coming Soon!](#): "Diesel was dying to tell us what is going on with a potential third film in The Fast and the Furious series, which many consider to have been Diesel's big break. He wanted to "give us some juice so bad", but he said it was too political to talk about right now. He promised that he would be able to give us something "juicy" and "very New York" when he did the rounds for his new babysitting comedy The Pacifier, which comes out on March 4."

Two years ago, Vin turned down 2F2F for an other series, The Chronicles of Riddick. We all know how hard Vin wanted to have his own franchise, but neither XXX, nor Riddick turned to be his own trademark series. Ice Cube took over XXX2 and Riddick plain flopped at the movies; so its all back to the starting point now. One can just appreciate the irony of the whole situation. - K

### **Dark Fury on MTV 2!**

WarriorPrincess2004 posted this up on the [board](#): Dark Fury was on MTV2 this weekend and at the end there were clips of the extras from TCoR. Check out your local listings to see when it will be on again. Minniyar adds that its gonna be on tonight at 8pm, once more check your listings for the time zones. Happy Watching!!

### **Two new Twohy interviews**

" It took about four and half years to make "The Chronicles Of Riddick" after "Pitch Black." If the box office had been greater there would be no question, but we find ourselves with the DVD release of the "Unrated Director's Cut," which as you know is different from the PG-13 version that was released theatrically with richer character development and it is tougher and truer to my original vision. "

two new Twohy interviews @ [Pitcherblacker.com](http://Pitcherblacker.com) & [genreonline.net](http://genreonline.net)

### **11/14 Riddick DVD: ready? steady? go!!!!**

Two more days and that PG-13itis something will be history; the rewamped, unrated director's cut hits the stores. Ever since my promised preview copy from Universal has never arrived, I can only link you to what others have to say. Bruce has a very detailed, spoiler-heavy review at [PBer.com](http://PBer.com):

" The unrated new version of the movie is well worth the purchase price. No only does it add a fair bit of excitement and fun, it also does a lot of fixing. It fixes transitions, fixes motivations, fixes the fiction, and fixes characters. It's also pleasing to see the material drift away from it's theatrical PG-13, which perhaps wasn't the best idea when making a movie about a knife-wielding killer.

[...]

A lot of work was put into this DVD, all the way from the animated menus to what was probably

a considerable amount of effort editing the movie itself. Those of you that actually read all 8000 words of this review may have noticed what appear to be a lot of criticisms, and sure things aren't perfect here, but considering the movie's public reception I think the filmmakers and Universal went out of their way to put out a disk that fans can really enjoy. "

### **Easter Egg on Riddick DVD**

[Boston Herald](#) reports: This viewer found one Easter Egg. On the starting menu, select ``fight" and on the next menu, click to the left of ``play." This should highlight part of the weapon onscreen. Click ``enter" for a quick behind-the-scenes moment.

### **Riddick sequel depends on DVD sales**

Despite the financial failure, **Twohy** is still hopeful, as the DVD sales will help to make the sequel: "[Sequels are] still a possibility, but many eyes are watching this DVD release very closely," Twohy says, in reference to Universal's number crunchers." For more about Shirah, the sequel, go to [Now Playing Magazine](#).

Shirah herself, aka **Kristin Lehman** also talked her role, now featured in the director's cut, at [Sci Fi Wire](#). "I can tell you she was intended to awaken Riddick to his true identity, power and birthright: Furyan. She was essentially the keeper of the Furyan legacy, a warrior who served as a beacon to bring Furyans back."

Scifi.com further offers **3 video clips** from the movie; you can watch them here: <http://www.scifi.com/essentials/>

thanks to Tracey S, Seanvalen7 and July!

### **Vin interview @ CHUD.com**

CHUD's Devin Faraci sat down to talk to Vin about the new DVD and his upcoming movie, Find Me Guilty. "I've been working with Sidney Lumet for the last four weeks. I've gained weight, my whole look has changed. But I've been working with Sidney Lumet and I cannot tell you what an unbelievable experience it's been. "

[for more, visit CHUD!](#)

### **Ask Vin and Keith David**

BET.com is doing an interview with Vin & KD and are now awaiting your questions to ask. Hit [this link](#) to submit your questions to the Riddick guys!

Thanks to Kocovixen and DieselFan25!

### **W's Q&A 11/8: "He's A Native New Yorker!"**

They're known to be pushy, loud, aggressive, alert, shrewd, diverse, culturally aware, artistic, rough & tumble, classy, friendly, stylish, accepting of all kinds of things & people, progressive, loyal, independent, in recent years known to be RESILIENT IN THE FACE OF DISASTER, etc.etc.....

We all know how much Vin loves his native NYC; with the little or much you know about NYC & NYers(or what you think you may know), what makes The Vinster the QUINTESSENTIAL NEW YORKER ???

[answer here @ message board!](#)

### **11/10 Iron Giant and Riddick DVD goodies**

**The Riddick goodies of the day:**

We've got a nice ad clip of the unrated director's cut, available on Nov 16th! The clip is in Windows Media:

- [small resolution: 128 kb / s](#)
- [medium res: 300 kb / s](#)
- [high res: 700 kb / s](#)

DVD reviews are also coming in, can catch a review on the theatrical cut @ [DVD.IGN.com](#): they think that the movie is mediocre, the PG-13 rating is, but of course, wrong for the movie, but they have do appreciate Vin's Riddick performance. An other review @ [Filmcritic.com](#) (thanks to July for the tip), highlights the sets and costumes, and, as usually, notes the weak action sequences.

#### **Iron Giant SE in stores next week!**

**The Iron Giant** follows the incredible adventures of young Hogarth Hughes who late one night discovers and befriends an enormous robot fallen from the stars. But Hogarth now has a very big problem: how do you keep a 50-foot-tall, steel-eating giant a secret – especially when there's a nosy government agent asking questions in town and the combined land, sea and air power of the U.S. military mobilizing to demolish the "alien invader?"

In this sweet tale of trust and friendship, Vin voices The Giant, in a such a stelly voice that even Riddick envies :-)

#### **The Iron Giant Special Edition DVD include the following bonus materials:**

- 8 never-before-seen additional scenes with introductions by Brad Bird (Director), including an alternate opening sequence.
- 13 mini documentaries revealing the origin and the in-depth development process of The Iron Giant.
- Interviews with creative consultant Teddy Newton on the storyboard sequence development process.
- "The Voice Of The Giant": Brad Bird and Vin Diesel discuss voicing The Iron

The IG DVD hits the stores next Tuesday, on the same day Chronicles redeems itself with the unrated director's cut. See teaser [IG images @ DD](#) and [order your IG copy here from amazon!](#)

#### **Image gallery updates:**

- 10 new stills/DVD artwork in The Iron Giant Gallery
- Impact Issue 154 October 2004
- Madison magazine March/April 2000
- Italy magazine Film TV August 8 2004
- The Daily Telegraph Sydney Live July 29-August 4,2004
- The Sunday Mail Encore July 25,2004
- The Sunday Telegraph Express July 18,2004

all images are now archived in the [DD image gallery](#)

thanks to DanistaBaby @ [UVDFC!](#)

#### **11/9 Riddick DVD reviews arrive**

As the Riddick DVD premiere (11.16) arrives, we see many reviews online, this one from DVD talk first:

While The Chronicles Of Riddick doesn't match Pitch Black for sheer coolness in the sci-fi/horror hybrid field, it is a pretty decent brainless action movie set on an alien world. The effects are well done and there are plenty of big explosions that make for a fun, if rather unintelligent and soulless ride. Universal has done a nice job on this DVD release, and for those who don't need to think to be entertained (and I mean that in the nicest way possible and include myself in that category) this disc is recommended.

full review @ [DVD Talk](#)

#### **Riddick's spec effects for the Osacrs?**

Variety says that over the next several weeks, a committee from the visual effects branch of the

Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences will choose seven pics to compete at the annual bake-off, where members will vote on and decide the three noms that will move on to bid for Oscar gold. Right now 9 movies are up for the 7 nominee places, including our Riddick:

### **THE CHRONICLES OF RIDDICK (Universal)**

**F/x shops:** Rhythm & Hues, Hammerhead, New Deal Studios, Double Negative; **F/x supervisors:** Peter Chiang

**What's notable:** The creation of extensive digital and model settings, including spacecraft, the environments of the Necromongers and their mother ship, the Basilica; the hellish planet Crematoria, and its subterranean prison, the Slam; the cities of planet Helion; and the ethereal Aereon (played by Judi Dench) who appears translucent when she moves.

**the other 8 contenders are:** THE BOURNE SUPREMACY, THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW; HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN; I, ROBOT; LEMONY SNICKET'S A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS; SKY CAPTAIN AND THE WORLD OF TOMORROW; SPIDER-MAN 2; VAN HELSING

### **11/8 Pics and set report from The Pacifier**

#### **Screencaps from the unrated Riddick DVD**

Talya from the [Russian Riddick site](#) has alerted us, that they have screencaps from the unrated director's cut; like the Vaako kiss next to the txt. To see the full gallery, go [here](#). And don't forget to check out their main page - lovely new vid clips there!

#### **Pics and set report from The Pacifier**

NumbuhOneVinFan found this interesting set report with pics, featuring Vin from The Pacifier, dated this june, on the Inside O-Town Message Board:

" It was interesting to watch the process of filmmaking as I'd never been on a movie set before. Some guy was carrying around a lifesized doll that they were using as a stand-in for one of the kids (...). The doll looked so real (kinda creepy actually) and had its own wardrobe girl walking around with a set of clothes! "

click [here](#) to read the full report

#### **Extended plot summary**

ComingSoon.net posted up a more detailed plot summary, you can read it on our [Pacifier](#) fact sheet.

#### **USA Today previewed a few upcoming movies, among them Vin's Pacifier:**

To pacify die-hard fans, the film has some action elements. However, Diesel says, "I've wanted to do a movie that my nieces and nephews in grade school can go to, and this is that film."

full article [here](#)

Thanks to Annie!

#### **New player in Find Me Guilty**

Richard Portnow ("The Sopranos") has been tapped for a role in Sidney Lumet's "Find Me Guilty," co-produced by Stratus Films and Three Wolves Prods. He will play Max Novardes, second lead defense counsel to mobster Jack DiNorscio (Vin Diesel). Pic, based on the longest Mafia trial in U.S. history, also stars Peter Dinklage and Annabella Sciorra. Lensing is under way in Bayonne, N.J.

source: [Variety](#)

### **Riddick PC game details**

[PitcherBlacker.com](#) got news about the upcoming PC game, and lists the new features as:

- Player controlled Riot Guard - get in and attack
- Two NEW areas packed with high-action gameplay
- New enemies including inmates with body armor and other defensive equipment
- Exclusive "Developer's Commentary" allow players to hear what the developer of the game has to say

For more, as minimum requirements, visit the link above!

### **11/4 New Paci pic with Vin and Morgan York**

image taken from [Morgan York's official site](#);  
now placed in the [DD image gallery](#)

thanks to WindMill71!

### **Test screening notes from the IMDb board**

Two reviews showed up today on the [IMDb message board](#), marking that a pre-screening has happened and well... the short reviews are not that good, so they are obviously not studio plants. I quote from the shorter one, for the full & the other version, click on the link above!

"The only positive for the adults is the role played by Brad Garrett. He's hilarious as the Vice Principal/Wrestling Coach. There is a scene where he challenges Vin to a wrestling match that is pretty funny. Other than that the kids will like it and the parents won't. "

### **11/3 New scans and interview from Big Issue, August 16-22, 2004 (#604)**

"I DM-ed occasionally, but I wasn't the best DM [Dungeon Master], because to be a really good DM, you had to be a bit more objective than I can be. My favourite character? It depends on what era I was playing in. When I first started playing, when I was 12, I'd be a magic user. Then I started dabbling in multi-class characters. Then I went back to being a ranger—basically gave into the urge to be Aragorn. Then, when Unearthed [expansion pack] came out, when I was 19 or 20, the barbarian clan originated. I mean, I dabbled in stuff like the Paladin, but they were too restrictive—you had to be lawful. But once I became a barbarian, I became this solo artist."

you can read the rest of the interview [here](#)  
and see the scans [here](#) @ Diesel Driven Image Gallery

thanks to Pegasus Rose 99!

### **11/2 The Pacifier Publicity Image**

#### **Photo Still from Paci**

image can now be seen in the [Diesel Driven Image Gallery](#)

### **Harry Knowles's short Riddick DVD review**

THE CHRONICLES OF RIDDICK (Unrated Edition)

A few glimpses of Riddick's homeworld and his dreams are actually pretty nice. The FX all look better on the small screen than they did on the big screen. The new scenes have a slight glitch to them when they come in – little on the annoying side. Still hate the design of much of the film, but I liked it a bit more on DVD. The main thing is Vin and that hot as hell girl he's protecting... well – they're worth the dvd in my opinion. Extras aren't all that great, but the new scenes integrated into the film work.

taken from [Ain't It Cool News](#)

### **Lots more new / old Vin images**

[Armani Pics, Maxim100 Party, MTV Europe Awards & More ..](#)

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NumbuhOneVinFan posted up a major hunk of pics, Vin Fans & Droolers. These come from the wonderful ABACA Press: 15 minutes premiere, More Pics From the Armani Fashion Show, Maxim100 Party, MTV Europe, yes and More from the Riddick Premiere. She also have a link to video from the Premiere of the Fast & the Furious. It's an interview clip of Vin. Enjoy! - Thanks a lot :-)

### **W's Q&A 11/1: HAIL TO THE CHIEF--you sexy thang!**

If Vin was voted President of the USA or president/prime minister of your home country, what good do you think he would do for your nation ??? What would you like him to do for your nation?

And what kind of suit/ outfit do you think he'd wear on inauguration day(the day he's sworn into office)? What kind of suit/outfit would you like to see him in?

[vote or die on the message board!](#)

### **11/1 Paci trailer news**

#### **Paci trailer coming soon with National Treasure**

Grabbed this from an [IMDb message board post](#):

" It starts off with a narrator saying something like, "he's been to the far east, he's been, (a bunch of places), etc but he's never seen the likes of this..." or something like that and then Morgan (York opens the front door of the house, sees him, and screams. There's also a scene where Brittany (Snow) and Morgan are in the car - Brittany is driving - and there are a lot of jokes about what a bad driver she is. When they get to where they're going, which I think is the school, Morgan jumps out and very melodramatically throws herself on the ground and says something like, "Oh, land.....thank you!"

The trailer will begin showing before Nicholas Cage's new movie "National Treasure" which begins November 19th (which is also a Disney movie). "

### **New image additions to the gallery**

- [Vin @ Tribeca film fest, E3 game expo, his birthday party](#)
- [A new image from the Berlin Riddick premiere with Alexa](#)
- [A scan from Ocean Drive magazine, october issue](#)

thanks to NumbuhOneVinFan & [UVDFC!](#)

### **10/30 Happy Halloween to all!**

#### **Happy Riddick news to all from Bruce @ [PBer.com](#),**

who has just watched the unrated director's cut." Watched it last night with notepad in hand and spotted over thirty different places in the movie where things have been changed, either small additions of footage or massive additions or dialogue changes or dialogue removal (!) or complete reworking of every part of a scene. "

You might also wander over to his site to see a few new screencaps from the new and superior version of the previous release.

### **New topic from the message board:**

- [Vin interview on Riddick - he feels attracted to antiheroes](#)

- [More Photos From Riddick premiere](#)
- [Even More Pics From Riddick Premiere](#)

thanks to JsVineyard and NumbuhOneVinFan!

## 10/28 Vin, Vin, Vin ... who's that Ricky Martin again?

### Re-added / deleted scenes list from Riddick DVD

Bruce @ [PBer.com](#) got the goodies, aka the unrated director's cut. He lists the new scenes as:

#### *Deleted scenes-*

- \* Aereon and Imam talking in New Mecca
- \* Alternate Riddick/Toombs/Planet6-UV system
- \* Toombs' original death scene

#### *Added scenes (incomplete list)-*

- \* Shirah dream
- \* Kyra-put-in-hellhound-cage
- \* The Vaako's talking via the Quasi Dead
- \* Riddick showers in waterfall (clothed, sorry)
- \* The Vaako's 'sex' scene
- \* The Logan-Riddick 'sex' scene

### Ricky Martin is a mystery to Vin

Celebrities were ogling celebrities Tuesday night at Giorgio Armani's fashion show at Pier 94. In a crowd that included Martin Scorsese, Kim Cattrall, Glenn Close and singer John Mayer, Vin Diesel was overheard asking a friend, "Who is that again?" while pointing to a handsome hunk nearby. It was Ricky Martin ...

source: [NY Daily News](#)

### Annabella Sciorra joins Find Me Guilty

Annabella Sciorra has been cast in Sidney Lumet's drama "Find Me Guilty." Thesp joins Peter Dinklage and Vin Diesel in the pic, produced through Bob Yari's Stratus Films Co. Story is based on the trial of New Jersey's Lucchesi crime family, the longest Mafia trial in U.S. history. Lensing is under way in Bayonne, N.J.

Sciorra, who has Serenade Films' "12 and Holding" in the can, will be seen Sunday and Monday in telepics "The Madam's Family: The Truth About Canal Street Brothel" (CBS) and "Identity Theft: The Michelle Brown Story" (Lifetime), respectively.

source: [Variety](#)

thanks to July @ [Greetings 4rm Vin](#)

### 10/27 Mess board announcement

#### Dear board members and lurkers,

starting Nov2nd, we are updating the community members' list, and delete all inactive users from the board membership list. Those membership will be deleted who haven't posted since 2004. Sept. 20th.

[Please read this topic for further information!](#)

Kriszta

VX board administrator

### Vinterview & pics from Kravall.de

*K: Was it fun shooting 'The Pacifier'?*

VD: Yes, that was the funniest time of my career. I had a lot to do with children.

*K: You like children?*

VD: Yeah, most of the time I held a nine months old baby in my arms. That was a wonderful experience.

[full interview here](#); translation thanks to JsVineyard!

### **Vin at Armani Fashion Show**

Pics can now be found in the [Diesel Driven image gallery](#).  
thanks to our resident image mistress, DieselFan25!

### **Other recent gallery updates**

[a new pic from Contour Photos](#) - interesting color mix - thanks to NumbuhOneVinFan

two pics ([german TCoR premiere](#) and [interview pic](#)) from Kravell.de - thanks to JsVineyard!

three more images ([pic one with Alexa](#), [pic two with Alexa](#) and [three with Vin giving autographs](#))  
from the german TCoR premiere - thanks to Fran!

### **W's Q&A 10/25**

Special guest questioner NIQUE asks;  
If you can play any of Vin's leading ladies, which would you pick"?

[Fry? Letty? Yelena? Choose your role on the message board!](#)

### **Iron Giant DVD spec. ed. celebration & creative team reunion**

On Sat. Nov. 20, 3-6PM, Golden Apple (7711 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles) will host A celebration of the release of the special edition DVD of "The Iron Giant".

The afternoon will feature autographs, photo ops, lively Q&A and presentations. Ramin Zahed, Editor of Animation Magazine will moderate. This may be the ONLY chance to get this many of the Creative Team together to interact with fans.

Vin will not attend the event, but still it sounds very interesting to. If you are curious, you can read the full article at [silverbulletcomicbooks.com](#).

### **10/23 Diesel Driven gallery update**

#### **Our image gallery has just given a facelift, message by Ms Mephisto, DD mistress**

The site has just been upgraded to v1.3.2 and with it there are some new stuff like the choice of language for example. There will be a few more changes as well. If there is a problem viewing the site please let me know webmistress @ [vindieselgallery.net](mailto:vindieselgallery.net).

Thank you.  
/Ms Mephisto - Webmistress

### **New gallery addition: Riddick booklet given away in Ukrainian cinemas**

[scan 1](#) and [scan 2](#) are now archived in the blue gallery  
These unique scans were donated by Talya @ [The Russian Riddick fansite](#).

## 10/20 The Iron Giant in the top 50 Sci-Fi & Fantasy films

### The Mercs site is back

Good news folks, the [official Riddy fansite](#) is back into motion! Hopefully y'all got your gifts by now, and we'll see if they update their content soon with the DVD info. - Kriszta

### Gallery update: 10.20 Suzuki K 'Beige' & 'Purple' Phootshoots

12 images are up in [the image gallery](#), thanks to our new affiliate, Jody @ [Vin Diesel Media](#)

### FilmCritic.com listed their top 50 Sci-Fi and fantasy films and The Iron Giant came in at #42:

#### 42. The Iron Giant

An unjustly overlooked 1999 cartoon by Brad Bird, The Iron Giant owes a lot to E.T. and yet stands on its own with a salient anti-war message. In place of a cuddly alien there is a giant metal man (and who hasn't thought of making that substitution) who befriends Hogarth, a lonely young boy. Vin Diesel provides the robot's developing voice — easily his finest role to date. The film is deeply touching, and incontrovertible proof of 2-D animation's continuing potential. (JH)

Source & full list: [filmcritic.com](#)

thanks to July @ [Greetings 4rm Vin](#)

### Windy's Weekly Question: BUT WILL YOU LOVE HIM TOMORROW?

Part of Vin's sex appeal is his beautiful muscular body. Some feel this may limit his roles & a few here are afraid of him falling into only "action" roles like XXX.

The Vinstar is now expanding his horizons AND his waistline in order to play a "fat" gangster in "FIND ME GUILTY".

But are we REALLY ready to see a FAT VIN???

[tell us all on the message board!](#)

### 10/15 First pics from Dicky PC game; Vin loses power

#### Riddick PC game screenshots, more Riddy games coming!!

Vivendi-Universal Games has released a smattering of details and screenshots from the forthcoming PC version of Starbreeze Studios' The Chronicles of Riddick: Escape From Butcher Bay, and revealed that the game will be released in Europe this December - reports Eurogamer.net.

At the same time Tigon Studios, the firm fronted by actor Vin Diesel that worked closely with Swedish firm Starbreeze on the game's development, has reiterated that it hopes to see more instalments in the game series in the future.

full article is at [Eurogamer.net](#)  
press release at [Gamesindustry.biz](#)  
screen captures from the game at [Diesel Driven](#)

### EW's passion for Gibson, but not for Vin

In its latest issue, Entertainment Weekly has just published its yearly power list. EW proclaims the film "one of the most successful power plays in Hollywood history" - \$610 million in worldwide ticket sales.

Next to Mel Gibson, filmmaker Peter Jackson, Michael Moore, Tina Fey, Will Ferrell, Ben Stiller, Jamie Foxx, Johnny Depp, Dave Chappelle, Conan O'Brien, Ellen DeGeneres, Usher, Jay-Z and celebrity mag staple Lindsay Lohan are among those whose stock rose.

Those on the slide include Vin Diesel ("The Chronicles of Riddick"), the Olsen twins (flop movie

and an eating disorder), Janet Jackson ("Nipplegate," dud flick and slow album sales) and Harvey Weinstein ("finally picked a fight it seems he can't win" - with Disney).

source: [New York Daily News](#)

### **Vin's power list entry**

The seemingly preordained success of XXX gave him his choice of action scripts and the chutzpah to reportedly demand salaries in the \$30-million range. Now? After the demise of The Chronicles of Riddick and the lo-o-o-ng windup to his historical epic Hannibal, he's starring opposite children (children!) in a family action comedy called The Pacifier. Get those Kindergarten Flop puns ready....

taken from [EW online](#)

the big version of the image is at [Diesel Driven](#)

### **Wanna know where Find Me Guilty is being shot?**

The [Hudson Reporters](#) says: The Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority has also rented space in Building 73 to Just Find Me Guilty LTD. The film features a mobster (played by Vin Diesel) who decides to defend himself in court rather than ratting out his friends.

"It is a courtroom drama based on true story," Kist said.

The film is being directed by Sidey Lumet and is due for release sometime in 2005. The firm is renting the space from Sept. 1 to Nov. 30, 2004 for a rental amount of \$23,250 per month.

### **D&D is 30 years old: Vin's foreword in anniversary book**

This week celebrates Dungeons & Dragons, Vin's favourite role play game its 30th birthday. A forthcoming book on D&D's history, Thirty Years of Adventure, reports [National Review Online](#), includes a foreword by actor Vin Diesel.

Curious about the words? [You can now order the book via our webshop.](#)

### **10/14: W's Q&A: FIND US GUILTY!**

Which picture, poster, or photograph makes you have the "guiltiest" thoughts about the Vinster???

Tell us why. Censored or uncensored??? Its up to you(hee....heee...hee...)!

[Get convicted on the mesage board!](#)

### **10/10 Update**

#### **Message board users: Avatar update!**

Everybody please check out [Kaheina's post](#) in the Junkyard section about the lost avatars, and news about the new place of the images.

### **Riddick? William B. Riddick?**

[Bruce @ PBer.com](#) has a pretty cool update (dated back to 10/04), the first few paragraphs from the Wheat brothers' script, and some sentences about the rest of the script: "[...] an excerpt from the script for a movie called NIGHTFALL, dated September 9th, 1997. In this movie, beam-riders travel space, a convict named William B. Riddick has a really bad day, and giant creatures called plowheads lumber across the surface of a planet crawling with ravenous flying predators. "

William? Billy Riddick just somehow does not work :D - Kriszta

## **The Chronicles of Riddick: Butcher Bay game preview**

One thing is for certain, Butcher Bay is a really good looking game. It already looked very good on Xbox and they've ported it over with style. Everything is crisp and clear and detailed. We all figured it would look better on the PC, but even hardcore gamers that like to bash the smallest things should end up having nothing but good things to say about it.

the full article can be read at [pc.ign.com](http://pc.ign.com)

thanks to Annie!

## **Newsweek's interview with Peter Dinklage, Vin's new co-star in Find Me Guilty**

**I see you just signed to do a movie with Vin Diesel. I assume this isn't going to be Shakespeare.**

It's a Sidney Lumet movie. It's an honor to work with someone like that.

**You and Vin are always turning up on those "most sexy" lists. Will you be competing for women?**

Hardly.

**In other words, he can't compete with you?**

In other words, I find that stuff silly.

the full interview can be read [here](#)

## **W's Q&A 10/4: THE SOUND OF (DIESEL MOVIE) MUSIC:**

I love the music from PB & TCOR; its strong, forceful, powerful, like the Vinster himself. What is your favorite soundtrack of all of Vin's movies??? TFATF? SPR? BR? etc.,etc. Tell us why the soundtrack you picked is your favorite! Does it remind you of Vin(or his character) & why?

[sing a tune on the message board](#)

## **The latest additions to the image gallery:**

- Vox 2004/aug (Hungarian)
- DVD Extra 2004/oct (Hungarian)
- Serial Fan September/October 2004 (French mag)
- Fantastique July/August 2004 (French mag)
- Cinelive 2004 (French mag)
- The Sunday Times-Culture August 22,2005 (UK magazine)

all scans are up in the [image gallery](#)

thanks to Imi & [Danistababy!](#)

## **10/6 New actor in Guilty: Peter Dinklage**

### **Peter Dinklage in Find me Guilty**

"The Station Agent" star Peter Dinklage will star opposite Vin Diesel in Sidney Lumet's upcoming courtroom drama "Find Me Guilty." Dinklage will play defense attorney Ben Klandis, a sharp lawyer who befriends mobster Jack DiNorscio (Diesel).

Dinklage is also set to begin a recurring arc as a high school guidance counselor on the new ABC/Touchstone series "Life as We Know It." Dinklage is in previews for "Richard III," which opens Oct. 11 at New York's Public Theater. Upcoming features include IFC Films' "The Baxter" and "Little Fugitive." Credits also include "Elf," "Human Nature" and "Living in Oblivion."

source: [Variety](#)

### **10/4 Spy Chix are back, all right!**

the Spy Chix game is back and the team is looking after new agents, who are not afraid of the heavy tasks, difficult missions and shagging the various characters Vin have ever played :D

For more info, available male characters, previous seasons and future plans  
[visit our Spy Chix section](#)  
or  
contact the mods, MAV or Kriszta!

### **10/3 Guys & Puppies**

#### **Guys and Dolls in question**

An expert from [Variety's](#) look at the new musicals:

"Guys and Dolls" is further down the pipeline. The announcement of the deal attracted speculation about some wild casting ideas (including Vin Diesel as gambler Sky Masterson), but all of that guessing seems doubtful and the new screen version is still awaiting screenwriter attachments.

#### **Pics from Vin and his new puppy, 8/25/2004**

the set of 7 pics can be seen  
@ Diesel Driven [here](#) and [here](#)

#### **Vin is a teddy bear, says Maria Menounos**

Quote from The Trades interview with Maria Menounos:

As a household name on "Entertainment Tonight", Menounos interviews Hollywood's biggest stars. She ranks Vin Diesel, Jim Carrey, and Reese Witherspoon as three of the friendliest actors in the business. When asked if Diesel is as macho as he appears to be in his movies, she responds, "He's a teddy bear [laughs]! He's the sweetest thing. All he does is take care of the people around him, and he cares so much about people. And Jim Carrey's the same way. They're all just super nice." She remarks, "For the most part, you don't get to that level because you were mean or unkind."

full interview can be read [here](#)