Jason Statham's Biggest Sci-Fi Double Feature Officially Swims Onto HBO Max

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2026 hasn't been too kind to **Jason Statham** at the box office, with ***Mutiny*** grossing approximately $30 million worldwide on a budget of roughly $40 million, and ***Shelter*** raking in only $56 million after a $50 million budget. However, Statham is sure to return to **box office glory** when ***The Beekeeper 2*** lands in **January 2027**; **the original** made a whopping $126 million on a $40 million budget. Additionally, Statham has always found **massive success on streaming**, with underdogs including ***Operation Fortune: Ruse de Guerre*** and ***A Working Man*** finding plenty of viewers at home. Now, a classic Statham double feature is swimming back onto streaming, and sure to take a bite out of the competition.

In 2018, Statham wet-suited up as Jonas Taylor to face off against a **giant prehistoric shark** in ***The Meg***. After a submersible goes down in the Mariana Trench, Taylor must return to the scene of a previous tragedy to save the day. Along for the ride are **Li Bingbing** as Suyin, **Rainn Wilson** as Morris, and **Cliff Curtis** as Mac. While the creature feature earned middling reviews — 47% from critics and 44% from the audience on **Rotten Tomatoes** — it grossed $530 million worldwide on a budget of $175 million, earning **most of its box office from international markets**. It also earned enough to warrant a sequel, which has joined *The Meg* on HBO Max, as of November 1.

A few years later, in 2023, Statham returned to **shark-infested waters** for the sequel, ***Meg 2: The Trench***, which attempted to up the ante with even bigger threats. The sequel leaned further into the **campy B-movie action** of the first, adding dinosaurs and an even ***bigger*** **shark** into the mix. *Meg 2* brought **Wu Jing**, **Page Kennedy**, and director **Ben Wheatley** into the fold, but failed to impress critics who were lackluster on the premise to begin with. While its dismal 27% critics' score might spell disaster for some films, this Statham vehicle saw the audience vastly disagree, awarding it a 72% on the Popcornmeter. *Meg 2* knows what it is — Statham vs. giant monsters — and fans were more than happy to come along for the ride.

Meg 2 fell short of its predecessor's box office haul, but it still earned an impressive $398 million worldwide against a $130 million budget, proving that audiences loved the over-the-top premise. Despite the franchise's combined $930 million success, ***The Meg 3*** **has yet to be confirmed.** Director Ben Wheatley has previously expressed interest in returning for another installment, joking that the next shark would grow legs and attack people on land. Until such a terrifying day, Statham has plenty on his plate, including *The Beekeeper 2*, ***Jason Statham Sole My Bike***, and his reunion project with **Guy Ritchie**, ***Viva La Madness*****.** He's also expected to return for ***Fast Forever,*** although his involvement has yet to be confirmed.

The Meg and *Meg 2: The Trench* are both streaming on HBO Max now.