

“Taken 2” Movie review

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“Taken 2” is the sequel to the original movie “Taken.” In “Taken,” ex-CIA operative Bryan Mills allows his 17-year-old daughter Kim to go to Paris with her friend Amanda. While there, intruders abduct Kim and Amanda to sell them on the black market. Kim left her phone on while trying to describe the kidnappers to Bryan. Bryan talks briefly to the kidnapper, threatening to kill the kidnapper if his daughter wasn’t returned to him. The kidnapper replies only with a simple “good luck.” Bryan flies to Paris and hunts down the abductor. Throughout his journey to find his daughter, Bryan kills many people to get the information on where his daughter is.

In this action adventure-thriller, Murad, father of Marco, wants revenge on Bryan Mills for the death of his son and his men. Murad orders his men to kidnap Kim and Lenore, Bryan’s daughter and ex-wife. While in Turkey, Kim stays at the hotel, while Lenore and Bryan visit the marketplace. During their trip to the marketplace, Murad’s men pursue Lenore and Bryan. However, Bryan calls Kim and gives her instructions on how to evade the abductors and leave the hotel without being caught.

Lenore is caught, forcing Bryan to give himself over to the terrorists. He then wakes up in a dark room with his arms tied together. Calmly, he contacts Kim with a device hidden in his shoe. Bryan instructs her to shoot a gun and throw grenades out of the hotel. This allows him to discover his location in the city. He then, with Kim’s help, Bryan rescues Lenore and escapes. This action involves the deaths of multiple people, however.

In my opinion, “Taken 2” was a great action movie that was well planned. But, it was more a remake than a sequel. It recreated the original movie, instead of something completely new. The special effects and sound quality were amazing. It lacked the new “pizzazz” that brings the watcher into the movie. Liam Neeson and Maggie Grace played a very convincing part in the movie. The action in the movie kept me on the edge of my seat, but it seemed too similar to “Taken.” It is for these reasons that I would give “Taken 2” a 6.5 out of 10.