

'The Incredible Hulk' Jacked Up on CGI Roids, But Medusa's in His Face

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CHICAGO – Technology has done double-edged service and disservice to the legendary Hulk superhero character from Stan Lee's Marvel Comics.

In peering at the CGI-created ripped body of nothing remotely reminiscent of Edward Norton, the 2008 film iteration of "The Incredible Hulk" has a leg light years up on Lou Ferrigno's character in the 1978 television series of the "The Incredible Hulk".



Then, Ferrigno only had the luxury of makeup. The rest was the real deal. On the other hand, Ferrigno – who treats 2008 audiences in a gasping reveal when he appears in a brief cameo in the new Louis Leterrier-directed feature film – is still the soul, spirit and most critically the face of the green-skinned behemoth.

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Aside from Ferrigno's brief face time, he also lurks notably in the background as Norton's voice when he gets royally pissed and transforms into the Hulk. When Norton fumes past his human limit, honing in on the Hulk character's technologically enhanced face is awkwardly unrealistic and utterly painful.

It's like gazing into the eyes of the sea nymph Medusa whose monstrous face could threateningly turn onlookers to stone.

While Hollywood's big-budget technology department both strikes out and smashes a homerun with its revamped and roided-up Hulk character, Tim Roth's altered ego gets the just-right royal treatment.

When Roth becomes the Abomination to rival the Hulk, the abominable baddie is so disgustingly repulsive and out of such reality whack that his CGI renovation plays perfectly.

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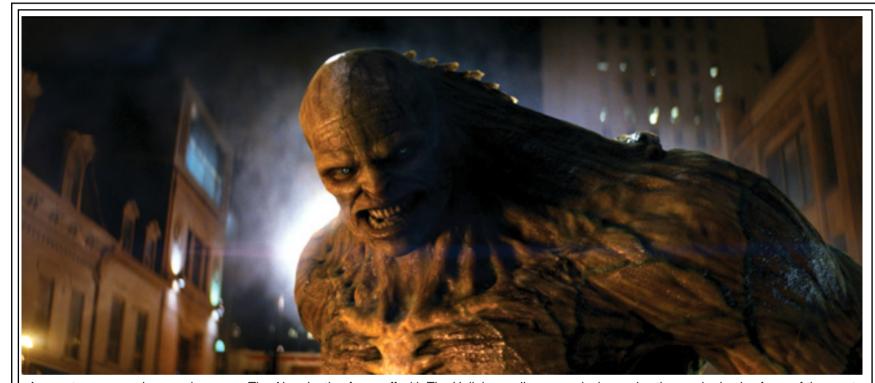
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The unbridled force of rage known as The Hulk on the streets of New York in an all-new, explosive and action-packed epic of one of the most popular superheroes of all time in "The Incredible Hulk".

Photo credit: Rhythm & Hues



A monstrous new adversary known as The Abomination faces off with The Hulk in an all-new, explosive and action-packed epic of one of the most popular superheroes of all time in "The Incredible Hulk".

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