

LIVE ACTION *MULAN* DISSAPPOINTS FANS

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The world awaited one of the most applauded Disney movie to be released as a live-action film. The animated Mulan movie has received universal recognition for cultural diversity, female empowerment and creative musicality. More than two decades later, the Mulan live-action movie was released, and original Mulan fans were eager to watch their favorite Disney movie come to real life. Although the live-action film was praised for its visuals and additional creativity, much controversy was aroused because not only did the directors of the live-action film modified significant components from the original Disney movie, but also filmed near the Ughyer concentrations camps in China. The Mulan live-action film made modifications to the original storyline and characters. The new movie added

the lucky cricket though both were major characters in the original movie. In addition to the removal of the characters, the new Mulan movie decided to extract the musical songs in the original Mulan film. One of the most praised components of the original Mulan movie were the catchy song breaks in between such as 'I'll Make A Man Out Of You'. Since there were removals of critical components from the original movie, the Mulan live-action movie was a disappointment to many. Moreover, the new Mulan Movie has evoked much controversy because of the locations where the movie was filmed. The UN has accused China of crimes against humanity because of the so-called 're-education camps' where millions of Muslims are being sent to modern day concentration camps. In these camps, China is violat-

ing the basic human rights of Muslims through torture and rape. Witnesses testify to Muslims being forced to eat pork which is against their religion, forcing women to swallow sterilization pills, and psychologically tormenting through brainwashing Muslim children who were torn apart from their families. The most dehumanizing act of humanity is forcibly denying freedom. The Disney movie that caterers towards an audience of children has filmed near the sites of modern-day genocide. The Washington Post has affirmed that "Disney has thanked four propaganda departments and a public security bureau in Xinjiang, a region in northwest China that is the site of one of the world's worst human rights abuses happening today." Disney could have filmed in other regions of China besides Xinjiang, but because of Disney's endeavors to please the Chinese government, they worked and thanked government depart-

ments who are carrying out the genocide. Ultimately, Disney is normalizing a crime against humanity.

Unfortunately, Disney has yet to respond or address these accusations. Despite Disney's intentions to produce a well-developed, modern day century Mulan live-action film, the drastic changes from the original movie and the controversy of the filmed settings have disappointed fans who were anticipating a new movie similar to the original animated one.

a powerful female character Xianniang who was shunned by her people and fights with the antagonists only because he's the only person who treats her as an equal and changed the original Captain Li Shang to a soldier training with Mulan. Unfortunately, alteration to the original plot also meant the removal of essential characters. The Mulan 2020 movie removed Mushu the dragon and Cri-

