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'Great White Hype'

worth checking out

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NEW YORK (AP) — The Rev. Fred Sultán is partial to color-coordinated suits and headgear, the kind a billionaire Middle Eastern oil sultanate might wear.

Except that the good Rev.'s kingdom is the boxing ring, and his playground Las Vegas. His faithful subjects are a host of spineless yes-men whose jobs are as stable as Sultán's whims and whose integrity went out the window with the star's static air.

Samuel L. Jackson stars as the sleazy boxing promoter and hustler in Twentieth Century Fox's "The Great White Hype," and he's beyond marvelous.

Dripping in jewels and glitz and oozing brotherly love for his fellow overbodys, Sultán makes Don King look like a Boy Scout. He's a control freak who suddenly finds he can't control everything, because boxing no longer is the sport of kings and

fewer people are willing to fill an arena to see two black men try to kill each other.

So Sultán decides to find a white boxer to challenge his prizefighter, heavyweight champ James "The Grim Reaper" Roper (Damian Wayne). He discovers him in "Irish" Terry Conklin (Peter Berg), a wiggled-out rocker who once defeated Roper when he was an amateur.

Sultán's machinations to bring off the biggest fight since Joe Louis bumped Max Schmeling shape the corps of this dark comedy, seamlessly directed by Reginald Hudlin.

Hudlin directs from a screenplay by Tony Hendra and Ron Shelton, who tap into the quirky nuances of boxing and its culture. There are many running gags, including one about cars: Sultán keeps giving the champ a new Rolls-Royce instead of paying him the millions owed under his contract. But lesser fighters are happy as clams with Cadillacs.

Sultán's entourage is larger than Roper's, and the newest member is Mitchell Kane (Jeff Goldblum), a documentary filmmaker who replaces Sultán's previous lack, Sol (Jon Lovitz), who is quickly dispatched after he, um, messes up. Sultán is such a smooth operator, he's able to quickly seduce Kane, who was out to expose him.

While Conklin works out to get back his fighting stance, Roper lays back, sucking up junk food like a blowfish. When weigh-in comes, Roper's belly hangs over the scales.

Who wins? It's worth checking out.

Though there are many players in this story, it's impossible to take your eyes off Jackson. But he gets excellent support from Goldblum, Wayne, Jamie Foxx as a rival manager and Lovitz as the hapless gofer.

"The Great White Hype" was produced by Fred Bruner and Joshua Dunne, with Barry Berg and Neil Leifer as co-producers.

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