



IMTA ALUM JESSICA BIEL SEEKS *TOTAL RECALL*

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Total Recall opens in nationwide release on Friday, August 3

“What would you really do if this was the person [you loved] and he really didn’t remember you? It’s the biggest nightmare isn’t it?” – Jessica Biel

With roles in films such as *Blade: Trinity*, *Stealth*, *The A-Team* and the Len Wiseman remake of *Total Recall*, IMTA alum Jessica Biel’s fans can legitimately claim her as an action heroine. But in truth, she’d really rather be doing comedy, specifically “raunchy girl comedy like *Bridesmaids*...I’d love to check that world out,” said Biel. Or “some kind of great epic, like *Elizabeth: The Golden Age*, playing an incredible woman in history who just made a major dent on the world. That would be amazing, something like that,” she added.

In *Total Recall*, Biel plays rebel agent Melina alongside Colin Farrell’s character Quaid, a factory worker who begins to suspect that he is a spy after a visit to ReKall — a company that provides its clients with implanted fake memories of a life they would like to have led — goes wrong. They find themselves on the run, being pursued by Kate Beckinsale, a woman with a Terminator-like mission to eliminate them. “It is relentless,” Biel said. “It’s like a bullet train that you jump on and can’t get off.”



Biel said working with Farrell was inspiring. “Colin has been one of the reasons that this experience has been so enjoyable. He’s just constantly doing something different, surprising me, surprising himself, wanting to push himself.” She went on to say, “I find his performances just continually layered and complicated and complex and interesting. We were constantly helping each other along; he was a great partner to go through all the experiences we did with our characters in the film. He’s also just fun and funny.”



Biel said she also had a memorable experience working with Beckinsale, particularly in one fight scene that takes place in an elevator car. “We were very polite about this fight, for sure,” says Biel. “We would be ripping each other’s throats out and then, the second Len [Wiseman] called cut, we were immediately apologizing. ‘Did I get you? Are you OK? I think I caught your hair. Oh my God, thank goodness!’ It was very funny.”

With all the success Biel has achieved, she has managed to remain level-headed about being an actress. “This job that we do is a super cool job, and it has amazing perks, and it’s really special, but it is just a job,” Biel said. “When you break it all down, you have to make a balance for your personal life. You have to make time to see your family, you have to make time to see your partner, your friends. You have to build that into your schedule. And if you don’t, I don’t know how anything works.”