

# Fish Called Wanda: A Hilarious and Intriguing Heist Caper



Fish Called Wanda is a 1988 British-American crime comedy film directed by Charles Crichton and written by John Cleese (who also stars in the film) and Charles Crichton. The film follows a group of diamond thieves who are

struggling to recover the stolen jewels after their heist goes awry. Fish Called Wanda is known for its witty dialogue, memorable characters, and slapstick comedy.



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### Plot

The film opens with a diamond heist being carried out by four thieves: Wanda Gershwitz (Jamie Lee Curtis), Otto West (Kevin Kline), George Thomason (Tom Georgeson), and Ken Pile (Michael Palin). The heist is successful, but Wanda double-crosses her accomplices and escapes with the diamonds.

The rest of the film follows the four thieves as they try to recover the stolen diamonds. Wanda, who is now hiding out in London, is being pursued by Ken, who is determined to get his share of the loot. Otto, who is a flamboyant and eccentric con man, is also on the hunt for Wanda, but he is more interested in finding the diamonds than in getting revenge. George, who is a nervous and insecure man, is caught in the middle of the conflict between Wanda and Otto.



As the four thieves search for Wanda and the diamonds, they get into a number of hilarious and dangerous situations. The film is full of slapstick comedy, including a scene in which Otto accidentally shoots George in the leg.

### **Characters**

Fish Called Wanda features a cast of memorable characters. Wanda is a beautiful and intelligent woman who is also a master manipulator. Otto is a flamboyant and eccentric con man who is always looking for a new scam. George is a nervous and insecure man who is easily manipulated by Wanda. Ken is a determined and ruthless thief who is not afraid to use violence to get what he wants.



The four thieves are all well-developed characters with their own unique motivations and flaws. The film's witty dialogue and hilarious situations allow the actors to shine in their roles.

## **Themes**

Fish Called Wanda explores a number of themes, including the nature of crime, the power of deception, and the importance of friendship. The film shows that crime does not pay, and that those who try to get rich quick often end up worse off than they started. The film also shows that deception can be used for both good and evil, and that it is important to be able to tell the difference. Finally, the film shows that friendship is important, and that it can help people through difficult times.

Fish Called Wanda is a hilarious and intriguing heist caper that is sure to entertain audiences of all ages. The film's witty dialogue, memorable

characters, and slapstick comedy make it a classic of the genre.

## Additional Information

\* Fish Called Wanda was nominated for six Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Writing. \* Kevin Kline won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his role as Otto West. \* The film was a critical and commercial success, grossing over \$180 million worldwide. \* Fish Called Wanda has been ranked as one of the funniest films of all time by several publications, including the American Film Institute and the British Film Institute.



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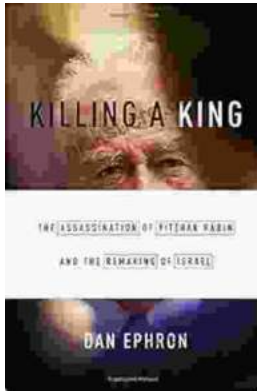
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