

Role Play is a 2024 action comedy film directed by Thomas Vincent, written by Seth Owen, produced by Andrew Rona and Kaley Cuoco. The film stars Cuoco, David Oyelowo, Rudi Dharmalingam, Connie Nielsen, and Bill Nighy.

Role Play was released by Amazon MGM Studios via Prime Video on January 12, 2024.

Plot

The story revolves around Emma (played by Kaley Cuoco), who leads a double life. To the outside world, she is a loving wife to Dave (played by David Oyelowo) and a mother to two beautiful children. However, she also secretly works as an assassin. Her frequent “business trips” create a rift in her family life, leading to missed anniversaries and strained attempts to maintain a connection with her loved ones.

In an effort to rekindle their relationship, Emma and Dave decide to engage in a role-playing game, meeting at a hotel as strangers. This game takes a dramatic turn when Emma’s two worlds collide, causing chaos and forcing her to flee to Europe. She must then fight to secure a normal and safe life for her family.

Cast

- Kaley Cuoco as Emma Brackett
- David Oyelowo as Dave Brackett
- Bill Nighy as Bob Kellerman
- Connie Nielsen as Gwen Carver
- Rudi Dharmalingam as Raj
- Lucia Aliu as Caroline Brackett
- Regan Bryan-Gudgeon as Wyatt Brackett
- Simon Delaney as Toby Berman

Production

In July 2020, it was announced that StudioCanal and The Picture Company had acquired *Role Play*, a thriller spec script written by Seth Owen, based on an original idea by George Heller, to be produced by Alex Heineman and Andrew Rona.^[4] In July 2021, it was announced that Kaley Cuoco was in negotiations to star in

Role Play	
 <div>Release poster</div>	
Directed by	Thomas Vincent
Written by	Seth Owen
Produced by	<div>Kaley Cuoco<div>Alex HeinemaAndrew Rona</div></div>
Starring	<div>Kaley CuocoDavid OyelowoRudi DharmalingamConnie NielsenBill Nighy</div>
Cinematography	<div>Maxime Alexandre</div>
Edited by	Gareth C. Scales
Music by	Rael Jones
Production companies	<div>StudioCanalPicture CompanyStudio Babelsberg</div>

the film, as well as produce alongside Heineman and Rona.^[5] In October 2021, it was reported that Thomas Vincent would direct the film, and Cuoco's roles as actor and producer were also confirmed;^[6] Cuoco would be producing though under her banner Yes, Norman Productions.^[1]

In June 2022, it was announced that David Oyelowo was cast as Cuoco's character's husband,^[7] and Billy Bob Thornton was cast as a "mysterious stranger who encounters the couple".^[8] In July 2022, it was announced that Bill Nighy had replaced Thornton, who had to leave the film due to a scheduling conflict.^[9] Connie Nielsen was also cast.^[10]

	<u>Yes, Norman Productions</u> ^[1]
Distributed by	<u>Amazon MGM Studios</u>
Release date	January 12, 2024
Running time	101 minutes ^[2]
Countries	<div>United States</div> <div>France</div> <div>Germany^[3]</div>
Language	English

Principal photography began in July 2022 at Babelsberg Studio in Berlin, Germany.^[9]

Release

In June 2022, it was reported that Amazon Prime Video was in final negotiations to release the film in the United States and several international territories.^[7] The sale was confirmed that same month.^[8]

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Reception

On the review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, 27% of 45 critics' reviews are positive, with an average rating of 4.9/10.^[11] Metacritic, which uses a weighted average, assigned the film a score of 38 out of 100, based on 11 critics, indicating "generally unfavorable" reviews.^[12]

Dennis Harvey of *Variety* wrote: "Luckily, *Role Play* is handled lightly enough by Vincent's direction and Seth Owen's script that we never feel the need to take it very seriously. Which is fortunate, because otherwise we'd have to ponder why we're rooting for an amorally ruthless hitwoman anyway".^[3]

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