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Photo Caption: Academy-Award-winning
director Christopher Nolan ("The Odyssey")

Q. What's up next for director Christopher Nolan? I feel like he can't really top himself after such epic masterpieces like "Oppenheimer" and "The Odyssey," right? —A.G.

A. It's hard to top the year that Christopher Nolan had in 2023, where he took home Academy Awards for Best Picture and Best Director for "Oppenheimer." However, he's already generating Oscar buzz for his most recent feat, "The Odyssey," which is the first feature film to be entirely shot on IMAX 70 mm cameras.

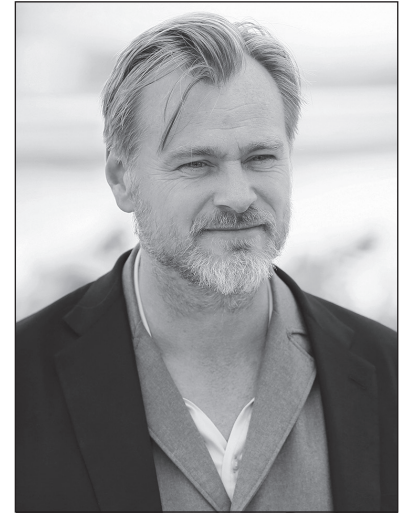
The man deserves a rest, however. In fact, he's publicly stated that fans will have to wait at least three years after the release of this summer's "The Odyssey" before seeing his name on the big screen again. Rumor has it that he'd love to direct a horror movie. He's also admitted that a comedy would be the ultimate challenge for him.

Q. What happened to the "Supergirl" movie? I think I missed it in theaters. Was it not a big hit? —C.A.

A. Yes, unfortunately, "Supergirl" came and went at the box office and is considered a bomb. This is surprising since the movie was predicted to be a hit after its much-talked-about teaser scene during the credits of the extremely successful "Superman" movie a year earlier. "Supergirl" also starred Milly Alcock of the hit HBO series "House of the Dragon," so it was assumed that her TV audience would follow her to DC. But this didn't happen either apparently.

"Supergirl" had an uphill battle to climb with its \$170 million production budget and \$120 marketing budget, as well as it being released during the ultra-competitive summer movie season. Its release was followed by the release of two other family-friendly flicks: Universal's "Minions & Monsters" and Disney's live-action "Moana." It probably didn't help that Supergirl was portrayed as intoxicated during the infamous teaser trailer from last year.

According to Variety writer Rebecca Rubin, "a movie on the scale of 'Supergirl' would need to earn at least \$375 million to break even because theater owners get to keep about half



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of box-office returns." In comparison, 2025's "Superman" eventually earned \$618 million globally, and its upcoming sequel, "Man of Tomorrow," is expected to be a surefire hit.

Q. What ever happened to the actress who played the hilarious, awkward teen Sue on "The Middle"? Wasn't she supposed to have her own show? —L.B.

A. Yes, actress Eden Sher, who played lovable, dorky teen Sue Heck on the ABC sitcom, was supposed to star in her own spin-off of "The Middle" when it ended in 2018. She even shot a pilot for the sitcom. It was tentatively titled "Sue Sue in the City," where a now-adult Sue had relocated from small-town Indiana to Chicago.

Sher's still acting and doing voiceover work. She had a guest-starring role on the recent reboot of "Night Court" and appeared in the Christmas movie "A Keller Christmas Vacation." She also hosts a rewatch podcast of "The Middle," titled "Middling with Eden and Brock." (Her co-host is actor Brock Ciarrelli, who played Sue's ex-beau in the sitcom.)

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