PULLING STUNTS

“Jumping out of windows and crashing fast cars is all in a day’s work for Nitasha Bhambree.”

A head-on collision with your husband coming from the other end of the road might seem scary, but for New York-based stunt performer Nitasha Bhambree and her husband, Declan Mulvey, it’s all part of the job. Bhambree has performed stunts in movies like The Dark Knight Rises and Now You See Me. We break her escapades down into easy-to-digest numbers:

- She trained for 15 years in martial arts – giving 10 years to taekwondo in high school, and later, dedicating 5 years to stunt fighting.
- She has 55 television and film stunts to her credit so far. But her big breakthrough came in Premium Rush in 2012. “We worked for five weeks to capture all the chase sequences in the film.”
- She has 1,000 extras, 50 stunt performers and a shoot spread over 6 days on the streets of New York” – that’s how Bhambree sums up her stint on The Dark Knight Rises, in which she played a cop and tackled Bane’s army.

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WALK THE LINE

British-Asian film-maker Pratibha Parmar’s latest, Alice Walker: Beauty In Truth, follows Walker’s rise from a sharecropper’s daughter to a Pulitzer Prize-winning author (The Color Purple). It features free-wheeling interviews in which Walker gets candid about her inter-racial marriage and the social constraints she dealt with. Bonus: Interviews with contemporaries Quincy Jones, Steven Spielberg and Whoopi Goldberg.

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