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"X-Men 3" filmmaker to direct Eddie Murphy and Chris Rock

Brett Ratner has signed on to direct Eddie Murphy and Chris Rock in an untitled heist drama.

Imagine Entertainment has put Brett Ratner in charge of an untitled heist drama being planned as a screen vehicle for comedy-legends Eddie Murphy and Chris Rock, according to Variety. Adam Cooper and Bill Collage are in talks to write the screenplay, while Brian Grazer is said to be the producer of the project which is currently untitled. The plot of the story, which revolves around two blue-collar workers who aspire to pull off the perfect heist, is rumored to have come out of a meeting between Grazer and Murphy, who have collaborated in the past on films like "The Nutty Professor" and "Bowfinger". Eddie Murphy wanted to work with Chris Rock, who is coming off "The Longest Yard" and voicing "Madagascar". Meanwhile, Brett Ratner (Rush Hour and Money Talks) is set to start filming on "X-Men 3".