Alien: Romulus sequel gets an exciting update

DIGITAL SPY — There's good news for fans of Fede Álvarez's *Alien: Romulus*, as the writer-director is spitballing ideas for a possible direct sequel.

While a follow-up to *Romulus* hasn't been greenlit just yet, Álvarez confirmed he and his writing partner, screenwriter Rodo Sayagues, are testing the waters on another movie following Cailee Spaeny's character Rain.

"Rodo and I are working on that right now," the filmmaker told *Empire*.



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"We're excited about where it can go. We've almost checked all of the boxes of things that I want to see [in *Romulus*] and brought back a lot of the things I hadn't seen in a while.

Wherever we go now, we can go into uncharted waters."

Speaking about potentially focusing on Rain, introduced in *Romulus*, Álvarez said: "I think it'll be so exciting to go with characters you know from this movie, to a place in the *Alien* franchise that we've never been before, and to discover things that you've never seen before."

Released in August 2024, *Alien: Romulus* is set between the events of 1979's *Alien* and its first sequel *Aliens*, released in 1986.

The movie, which just landed on Disney+ today (January 15), features some of Álvarez's signature gore whilst honouring the mythology of Ridley Scott's original.



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Romulus also tweaked one of its most controversial CGI inclusions for its home entertainment release.



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In the version out in cinemas, late *Alien* star Ian Holm – who died in 2020 – appears as a dismembered science officer named Rook. The cameo left some moviegoers puzzled by the heavy CGI involved, though Álvarez has assured the home video version sheds some of the computer-generated technology to revert to an animatronic of Holm.

"[Animatronic puppeteer] Shane Mahan actually did this animatronic of Ian Holm based on a head cast from *Lord of the Rings*, and that was the only one in existence," the director said. "What we did [for the home entertainment version] was revert a lot more to the puppet. It's way better."

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