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GREAT MOMENTS

They said it couldn't be done, and they were right! Not only did producer Dino De Laurentiis elbow out more responsible competition for the right to remake KING KONG...not only did he demean the bittersweet saga and cynically exploit worthwhile issues such as ecology and women's rights(''Put me down, you chauvinist pig ape!'')...not only did he forgo stop-motion for a man in a monkey suit...eliminate the dinosaurs in favor of a limp snake...but he spent two million dolllars on the forty-foot robot depicted below, easily one of the worst special effects ever, a stiff, clumsy, unconvincing travesty that, for all its cost, appeared on screen for only a few seconds. Yes, Dino, our very first El Rauncho Award goes to you for providing we, the fans, with this Great Moment in Fantasy.

