

## Time Out New York

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**WEIRD SCIENCE** The sinister Dr. Cube practices his skills on a helpless victim in a scene from *Kaiju Big Battel—Shocking Truth*.

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