

Oh Look, A New Batman Film

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On October 13th, DC Comics released the movie, *Batman: Death in the Family*. The film follows the storyline of how Jason Todd, the Robin of the timer period, died, originally released in 1988. DC has fallen into the same trap as Disney, remaking, or redoing old stories for new audiences. However, DC has been trapped there for years, taking a look at every Batman movie ever made. They're all the same thing, brooding billionaire, punching the Joker, being moody. Frankly, I've had enough. It's time for DC to pick a new storyline for their movies.

DC has come up with some new plots for shows, like Harley Quinn's animated series, Titans, as well as Young Justice. Even some movies like *Shazam*. But so many of their movies and shows are just what happens in comics that have been done to death. Origins of the Joker. Seen it. Birds of Prey. Which one? Flashpoint. Talk about overkill. Not to say these movies are bad, but they're fan-favorite comics that honestly need a break. It's time to let someone else have the spotlight for a little while.

DC has so many interesting characters that would make great movies. Characters like Zatanna, Jesse Quick, Killer Frost, even Clayface would make a good movie. There are even some silly characters like Matter-Eater-Lad and Polka-Dot Man that would make for some really good comedy movies. DC also has new comic storylines that would make great movies. Like DCEased, Harley Black+White+Red, Year of the Villain, Dial H for Hero, and Robin Wars. But they keep using the same characters and storylines, Batman, Superman, Joker. Yes, people like these characters, but they're overdone and need a break. There are 16 movies about Batman or feature Batman as a main character. And with an average of 71% audience score on Rotten Tomatoes, it's time for a change.



DC knows this too. With the creation of DC Future State, DC is creating a whole new world with a whole new lineup of superheroes. Yes, with Future State we've heard the names before Superman, Wonder Woman, Batman. And we've even seen some characters, Jon Kent and Damian Wayne. But we've never seen them in this way. Damian taking the mantle of Batman. Yara Flor as Wonder Woman. A nonbinary version of the Flash, who's aunt is the famous speedster Jesse Quick. Clark Kent banished from Earth. It's new and exciting. So why can't DC do this with their movies?

Honestly DC, it's time for a change. It's time to put Batman on the shelf and take down your new exciting heroes to play with. We know you can. Maybe you should take your own advice and "look to the stars - for hope burns bright."