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The Dark Knight Rises (2012) review.

Well... where to start?

How about by summing up this movie as boring?

Oh, the production values were very high, the acting was okay, (batman's mask still looks dorky), and YAWN (Batman is an incompetent slow moron in this movie)! The following review contains spoilers.

Got into the theater late, missed a bit of the opening.

What I saw was an airplane being hijacked by a bunch of thugs leading to one handsome thug being left behind.

Well, following an implausible rescue of one hostage we move onto a Bruce Wayne in-home social event (he rebuilt his mansion that was burned down by Ra's al Ghul's thugs in the first movie pretty quick we see).

A woman dressed as a maid steals some pearls from Bruce Wayne's safe and escapes through a window after a short interaction with Bruce Wayne. Later we find out that she is Selena Kyle (Catwoman) and has so very inconsistent value systems and also has taken a copy of Bruce Wayne's fingerprints (very easy to obtain usually by handing his playboy character a drink at a party, taking the glass, and recovering those fingerprints from that, of course you could just use a touch of superglue on the fingertip to screw those up).

This eventually leads to more boredom, the reemergence of Batman, a highly unsafe flying vehicle (exposed rotor blades on the underside) and the usual criminal hijinks. Some aspects of Chris Nolan's writing are retained (the clever twists in the "Always have an exit plan" during the fingerprint exchange, the bombing AGAIN of Gotham City -- Nolan is a secret admirer of Michael Bay in making things go BOOM, and the emergence of Talia al Ghul -whom actually has some passing Arabic facial features). Problems come with making Batman slow and horrifyingly dim-witted in this movie. Yet again the wealthy billionaire superhero is facing large numbers of very spread out foes indicating that his biggest weakness is "crowd control" and he needs "strength in numbers". No amount of gadgets beyond a robot army would correct that painfully obvious tactical weakness so the logical fix is to create a series of "anti-terrorist cells" using trustworthy operatives (Warrin Ellis's "Global Frequency" comic series for the Wildstorm lineup would be just one example). In fact, with all of the bodily damage Bruce Wayne is listed to have suffered in his visit to the hospital as an excuse to interview Jim Gordon, you'd think Batman would be exclusively doing long-range attacks when possible.

Batman still does not use handguns, but certainly enjoys using

military-grade mobile firepower platforms in blasting his enemies into machine-gun riddled corpses or throws an incendiary or concussion Bat Grenade at your location. Oh no, he won't intentionally kill you with a HAND-gun unless he has to retreat to his Multi-Rotor Batcopter "The Bat" and launch heat-seeking missiles at you while he machine-guns you with a 30-millimeter M230 Chain Gun or blows you away using the weapon platforms on the Bat-Cycle "The Batpod". No psychological break there folks, Batman just won't use HAND-guns to kill you (usually).

Anyhoo, let's get back to the boring longass story made into a mostly horribly written (it has moments of goodness) illogical mess of a movie.

Bane (voiced by Doctor Henry Killinger & his Magic Murder Bag or maybe a less slobbery Baron Werner Underbheit) wears a pretty idiotic looking metal Helmet Mouth Piece held in place by a techno-jockstrap. Bane, being an idiotic strongman (in the comics powered by Joker Venom) would present less of a threat than an angry wet kitten to a Batman with a utility belt full of sleep-gas, portable explosives, Bat-Lasers, and Bat-Tasers. In fact, in close combat, the new Bat-Armor Suit could just gut Bane like a trout using the curved ARM SPIKES in the Bat-Armor (1 minute 25 seconds into the below linked video). So any fight between Batman & Movie Bane would be laughably short - LAUGHABLY SHORT. To correct this they've made Bane into the new head of the League of Shadows (at first) and given him a terrorist army. The bad guys also removed Bruce Wayne's riches by a stock market hijacking with a street chase so as to bring Bruce Wayne "to the people's level".

Batman Tech Bat Armor & Cape

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CdiSk8XyBu8

Bane, however, in a fair fight manages to beat Batman with a few simple strong man moves and very little grappling indeed, breaking Bruce Wayne's back and then leaves Bruce Wayne in an escapable prison WITHOUT GUARDS inside a well with a video link to the suffering of Gotham (so escapable, only a moron could not get out by chiseling handholds given the decades of free time on the prisoner's hands plus the large amount of labor to achieve it). Bane steals Bruce Wayne's fusion generator, rigs it up into slow-decaying bomb status, blows up a large portion of Gotham to isolate it. traps the police down in the sewer tunnels under Gotham, blows the bridges into Gotham, and then fake-stages a "People's Revolution" (which leads to lots of poverty and suffering) all so that they could futilely die when the Fusion Generator/Bomb goes boom in 5 months anyway. Whereas a sneaky program of chemical Eugenics into the water supply would eliminate all Gotham Citizens from breeding out another generation of violent jackasses without a fuss, but then we wouldn't see the Michael Bay Fanclub lighting their farts into grandiose explosions (using overlaid concrete infused-with-explosives underground rather than replacing plus repouring) now would we?

Bruce Wayne manages to get his back fixed by the prison doctor and then

escapes from foreign well prison otherwise known as THE MORON HOLE to anyone whom is not a drooling moron smearing feces on themselves could easily exit. Bruce Wayne also then throws the escape rope on the side of THE MORON HOLE back into THE MORON HOLE so that the soon-escaping prisoners can enjoy a night of raping & murdering the innocent (because Batman is a "Hero to the People") in the nearby city outside of THE MORON HOLE. By the way, THE MORON HOLE was declared to be a "Deep Dark Pit where the worst of the evil people were thrown in to be forgotten to endlessly fight amongst themselves leaving only one victor and then Bane alone escaped that Hell Hole" to show us all that Bane was indeed a Badass-Chief-Amongst-Badasses. Yeah, that plot point sure paid off didn't it.

Then in a plot twist, we find out that Miranda Tate is actually a villain too.

Then in a plot twist, apparently Batman is too stupid to have any anti-missile systems on his Batcopter (Multirotor Vehicle), especially against his own missiles. We find out that Commissioner Gordon is too stupid to spread himself out flat on an ice floe to prevent falling into a frozen river. We find out that Alfred the Butler is a gutless whiner whom will abandon Bruce Wayne at the drop of a hat if "it makes Alfred feel icky inside". We find out that the people of Gotham are unable to organize themselves effectively for any reason unless they are police. We find out that although Bane has trapped the police underground for 5 months, the police, when emerging are not starved mentally-dysfunctional smelly cannibals (because Bane was feeding them very well the whole time, I guess) suffering from chronic Vitamin D deficiency and frozen to death from the winter weather, because the plot needs an army of disposable live healthy police bodies in full CLEAN neat dress uniforms at that point. We find that wearing a metal-mouth techno-jockstrap on the face "alleviates dental pain" (without making you sound like Fat Albert's MushMouth character) and instead allows you to sound like Doctor Henry Killinger whereas mere eating should be a serious problem and a rich long-lived organization like "The League of Shadows" apparently won't pay for reconstructive dental surgery plus neural transplants. We find that Batman can be beaten soundly by a bit of muscle, a bit of grappling, and he will instantly forget all of his nifty kill-gadgets, training, grappling gun, and fight moronically fairly hand-to-hand when there is zero advantage to do so. We find that Hindustan (filmed in India) Prisons For Morons built inside wells are co-ed (HAHAHAHAHA!), the prisoners speak English, there are no guards to prevent prisoners escaping AT ALL, prisoners are fed very well in their little Oubliette at least long enough to live there for six years pregnant then later with a small child, sanitation obvious is no problem along with obtaining water. A billionaire recluse can evade the corporate board meetings for 8 years (without seeking high-end expensive medical treatment for his very serious bodily injuries) and somehow not lose control of his corporation or be in constant unending agony. A skin-tight black bodysuit and heels are appropriate burglary & combat outfits and not somehow a recipe for chronic heatstroke, broken ankles, and lots of stretch-abrasions (Indian

Rubs) inside of the bodysuit. We find out that an orphan policeman (John Blake) with the name "Robin" can discover Batman's secret identity very easily (duh), take over Batman's cave at the end of the movie, and really screw up a potential live action TEEN TITANS movie. We find out that Ra's al Ghul (Head of the League of Shadows) was a military mercenary at some point (?) who fell in love with an Arabic/India girl and gladly abandons his past loves to a prolonged death. We find that within 5 months, a rope around the body, pushup exercises, and jumping then falling 2 times with a rope around the body a distance of 30 feet will not increase the damage of a crippling back injury.

At least they abandoned the whole "Harvey Dent: A Symbol To Gotham" syrupy moronic nonsense with the deep lasting emotional appeal of a pillow fart.

Do you know the last name of your city's District Attorney? Go ahead folks in the crowd, raise your hands. How about the Lieutenant Mayor? How about the Secretary of State? Really?

In a plot twist, "The Wayne Manor Home For The Spiritual Reconstruction Of Damaged Young Men" does not somehow sound like an overly long location title and like a place no sane young man should ever visit if they value an intact rectal sphincter.

WHAT A TWIST! (Ugh! - Worst Batman Movie next to "Batman & Robin" in 1997.)

Ah, well, at least the upcoming live action JUSTICE LEAGUE movie in 2015 and the next Batman movie in Winter 2014 will be less suck-tacular and mentally stimulating.

Also a good review.

The Dark Knight Rises: A Comprehensive Review http://www.comicbookmovie.com/news/?a=64336

Really hankering for a full-out Red Letter Media foaming-at-the-mouth review of this "The Dark Knight Rises - Plothole Mania" now in the theme of the Star Wars movie reviews (hopefully hitting the trio of movies). This mushy weak review is so pathetic I want to force feed that duo Pizza Rolls until they choke.

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