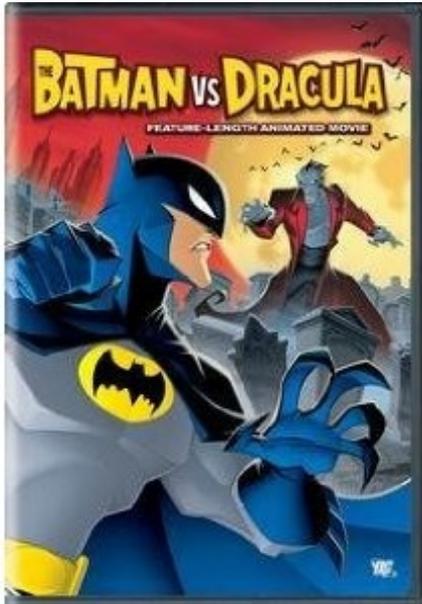


# DVD Review: Batman vs. Dracula

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The inmates are escaping the asylum...Arkham Asylum to be more exact. That's how we start off Batman vs. Dracula. Yes, I know, from the title alone you're sure to be in for a fun time. Interestingly, Penguin and Joker are featured most notably. I am, however, not so enamored with this version of Joker because he looks odd and seems much more insane without the side of mesmerizing that I've come to know and love. I can't say I love this version of Penguin either, but he was never a favorite Batman villain of mine. However, since he raised Dracula and set into motion the movie's ultimate showdown, I can't fault him too much.

And then there's Dracula. This vampire doesn't sparkle and he's not a handsome guy. Instead, he's King of the Undead and more than lives up to his title. He can turn a

victim quickly and control them just as easily. He even asserts his power of Penguin, which says a lot about the guy. We get a little backstory of how he managed to end up in Gotham, with a bit of darkness thrown in for good measure. He and his minions are taking Gotham by storm. Okay, mostly his minions because why should Dracula have to fight when he has people for that? Honestly, seeing Gotham over-run by vampires is a good time in my book. The repetition of seeing the cardiac system in every human Dracula looks at, however, was a bit redundant. We know! They're alive and have blood, you are thirsty and want to drink their blood.

So, did the battle between the Dark Knight and the Dark Prince live up to the hype? Well, considering it was drawn out for almost an hour, I'd say it was a bit slow-going. The most excitement was seeing Joker return from the "dead" since Dracula started to bore me with his 'all talk, little action.' But when you combine Joker with vampire, you have one crazy convict. I still find it interesting that, throughout every incarnation of Batman, he always seeks to save Joker rather than just letting him die. It's a problem he has...or some may call it morals, same difference.

What were my final thoughts on [Batman vs. Dracula](#)? The animation was good, but the plot was disjointed and the voice work was lacking. I wouldn't recommend renting this one. Instead, seek out some more memorable Batman animated movies to pass the time.

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