

Film Review: Freaky Villains is Where ‘Suicide Squad’ Works Best

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CHICAGO – DC Entertainment, feeling the heat from Marvel Studios and the tepid response from “Batman v Superman,” comes back stronger with “Suicide Squad,” an overblown yet psychological comic book film about sociopathic villains who somehow have to save the world.



Rating: **3.0/5.0**

The premise and villains are what makes it savory, the action sequences and problem-to-solve are what make it overwrought. The highlights in the film are anything not having to do with the standard issue comic book plot, and more with spending time with the squad itself. The interpretations of The Joker and Harley Quinn, in addition to the lesser known villains such as Deadshot and Killer Croc, put enough weirdness in the film to keep it interesting in parts. This is definitely not Shakespeare, nor close to the best of what Marvel Studios offers, but it’s a decent enough popcorn movie for summertime escape.

Amanda Waller (Viola Davis) is an ambitious politician looking to make her mark in government, and sees an opportunity post the chaos depicted in “Batman v Superman.” She wants to have a plan against “meta-humans” like Superman, in case this type of force goes rogue, and concocts one by proposing the recruitment of a “squad” of super villains.

They include the deeply psychotic Harley Quinn (Margot Robbie), the expert assassin Deadshot (Will Smith), the fiery El Diablo (Jay Hernandez), the bizarre Killer Croc (Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje) and the flipped-out Boomerang (Jai Courtney). Together, they are led by Army Special Ops Rick Flag (Joel Kinnaman) and must stop an ancient force known as Enchantress (Cara Delevingne). All the while, The Joker (Jared Leto) monitors the activities.

“Suicide Squad” opens everywhere on August 5th. Featuring Will Smith, Margot Robbie, Jared Leto, Common, Jai Courtney, Jay Hernandez, Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje, Cara Delvingine, Viola Davis and Joel Kinnaman. Written and directed by David Ayer. Rated “PG-13”



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The Cast Takes a Class Picture in ‘Suicide Squad’
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