

BEST MOVIE EVER: BATMAN AND ROBIN

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BATMAN AND ROBIN

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Characters: 7/9

Batman

Robin

Commissioner Gordon

Mr. Freeze

Poison Ivy

Bane

Batgirl (optional)

R. Kelly (recommended)

Announcer Voice (optional)

Suggested intro: When *Batman and Robin* was released in 1997, critics agreed that as an action movie, it was a failure. But as a comedy... it was a triumph. From the actual studio script, *BATMAN AND ROBIN*, by Akiva Goldsman

Note: The script has two advantages: a) no one will see it coming and b) none of the characters have the slightest inkling at how bad their lines are. If you play any of them as being in on the joke, the whole thing falls apart.

That being said, exaggerating the movie personas is probably the best option. Batman's 'poses' are for mocking George Clooney, and while I can imagine Mr. Freeze as something other than Arnold's voice, I couldn't imagine why. Don't worry if you can't do a good impersonation/accent. Any Arnold impersonation is a good one. Hell, Arnold's performance in the film was a bad Arnold impersonation. That's the point.

Bane's 'lines' are taken from the movie, in the screenplay, he just grunts a lot.

The lines and sequence in brackets are all of Batgirl's dialogue. It is entirely optional. I think it's funny how useless of a character she is, but on the other hand, she is a completely useless character. Up to you.

The R. Kelly singing at the end and the final text announcement, while unquestionably in the movie, may be semi legal and not to your taste. If that's the case, simply end the cutting with Freeze's last bit. Maniacal laughing is always good.

Final advice: There is no such thing as too over the top with this piece.

-Olaf.

Operatic sounds. Screeching. Drums. Build up. Bat wings. Climax.

ROBIN: I want a car! (wipes snot from nose) Chicks dig the car.

BATMAN, (poses) This is why superman works alone.

GORDON: (on the phone, incontinent) Batman!

Batman is disturbed.

GORDON: There's a new villain in the Gotham Museum! He's turned security guards into blocks of ice, he's freezing everything in sight! He's calling himself Mr. Freeze.

BATMAN: Hmm... Mr. Freeze.

ROBIN: He's going to steal the giant diamond!

BATMAN: No, Robin. (poses) He's going- (poses) to Jail.

Intro. Dramatic music. Etc.

MR. FREEZE: (enters cackling) In life, there is but one absolute... everything... FREEZES!

BATMAN: (kicks a door open) Hi, Freeze. I'm... Batman.

MR. FREEZE: I was hoping you might drop in.

Freeze freezes Batman to the wall. Batman is disturbed.

MR. FREEZE: Can you feel it coming? The icy cold of space. (They contemplates this, then) At 30,000 feet your heart will freeze! And beat no more.

BATMAN: Freeze, you're insane. If you were to do this, you'd turn Gotham into a crater.

FREEZE: Ha ha! Freeze well, Batman.

Freeze exits. Robin jumps in

BATMAN: Who invited you?

ROBIN: (helps unfreeze Batman) I was just hanging around.

BATMAN: I thought you were gonna stay in the museum. Round up some thugs.

ROBIN: How 'bout, "Nice to see ya? Glad you're here to save my life."

BATMAN: I'll thank you later. Right now, we have to stop Freeze.

ROBIN: I see him! I got him!

BATMAN Robin! NOOOOOOOO-

Robin runs, in slow motion.

BATMAN: OOOOOOOO-

Freeze laughs, in slow motion, and fires gun.

BATMAN: OOOOOOOO-

Robin is frozen, in slow motion, tongue hanging out-

BATMAN: OOO! (pose) No...

FREEZE: Can you be cold, Batman? You have eleven minutes to thaw the bird. What will you do, chase the villain or save the boy?

Batman ponders this. For a long time. Finally:

BATMAN. Damn.

FREEZE: You're emotions make you weak, Batman- that's why this day is mine! I'll kill you next time!

Freeze leaves, possibly via Tricycle. Batman unfreezes Robin.

ROBIN: (tongue still frozen) Did whe ghet thim?

BATMAN: Ha. (poses) He went after the Diamonds. So it's Ice- (pose) The Ice Man wants. Hmmm....

Scene change. Music. Product placement.

GORDON: Ladies and Gentlemen. I welcome you to the gem of our evening. The famed Heart of Isis, on loan from the Collection of Bruce Wayne. Tonight, on auction, an opportunity to dine with one of our fabulous flowers, the famed diamond draped around her neck. And you are...

IVY: Ivy. (shoves him out of the way) Poison. Ivy. And this is my associate, Mr. Bane.

BANE: BANE! BANE!

IVY: Yes. And some lucky boy's about to hit the honey pot. The winner will receive an evening of my company. I'll bring everything you see here, plus, (puts microphone in breasts) everything you don't. Shall we start the bidding at-

BATMAN: One million dollars.

ROBIN: Two million dollars!

BATMAN: (to Robin) You don't have two million dollars. 3 million!

ROBIN: (to Batman) I'll borrow it from you. 4 million!

BATMAN. Five million.

ROBIN: That's a utility belt, not a money belt!

BATMAN: Oh? (whips out his card) The Bat American Express Card. I never leave home without it.

IVY: You two boys aren't going to fight over little old me, are you?

FREEZE enters with a bang.

FREEZE: Alright everyone! Chill!

ROBIN: It's the most sinister man in Gotham City!

IVY: That's not a man! That is a GOD!

FREEZE: Let me guess, Plant Girl? Vine Lady? Ms. Moss? Hand over the Diamonds, Garden Gal- Or I'll turn you into mulch.

IVY: If you insist.

FREEZE: Clever little clover.

BATMAN: You get the ice. I'll get the ice-man.

ROBIN: C'mon, Batman!

FREEZE: That's my exit cue. Cool party! (leaves)

IVY: Enough Monkey Buisness. We have work to do.

BANE: WORK! MONKEY WORK! (they leave)

ROBIN: This is no partnership. You're never gonna trust me! It's your house, it's your rules, it's your way to the highway! It's Batman and Robin, not Robin and Batman, and I'm sick of it! I'm going solo! (goes to leave, then) And she loves me and not you!

BATMAN: Am I really... Pig Headed? Is it really... my way or the highway? Why... yes! (pose)
Commissioner, you have 11 minutes to thaw these people.

Scene change.

FREEZE: Allow me to break the ice. My name is Freeze. Learn it well. For it is the chilling sound of your doom.

IVY: Well, I, my most unabominable snowman, have been impressed by you.
In fact I propose a pairing.

FREEZE: An enticing offer. But what does the lady want in return?

IVY: Let's cool it for now. There's someone I want you to meet.

BANE: BANE! BANE! PUPPY! (picks up a puppy, pets it, crushes it) BANE!

IVY: You leave Batman and Robin to me.

FREEZE: Their bones will turn to ice. Their blood will freeze in my hands!

IVY: Why stop there? I have created a race of plants with the strength of the deadliest animals. Once you have frozen mankind, my mutants will overrun the globe. The Earth will become a brave new world of only plants. And we shall rule them. For we will be the only two people left in the world!

BANE: ... Bane?

FREEZE: Yes. Adam and Evil! I shall repay the world for sentencing me to a life without the warmth of human comfort. I will blanket the city in endless winter.

IVY: First Gotham- and then the world!

FREEZE: You will distract the bat and bird while I prepare to freeze Gotham.

IVY: The Robin is young. If I could get him alone-

FREEZE: One kiss and you could lift the mask from his lifeless eyes!

IVY: I'm hungry. I feel like poultry.

FREEZE: If revenge is a dish best served cold, then put on your Sunday finest. It's time to feast.

Evil laughter. Scene Change.

IVY: There's just something about an anatomically correct rubber suit that puts fire in a girl's lips.

ROBIN: Why is it that all the beautiful ones are homicidal maniacs? Is it me?

IVY: Stop living in the shadow of the big bad bat. You don't need him.
You deserve your own legend. Your own bright shining signal in the sky.

ROBIN: I want us to be together. But I need to know you're serious about turning over a new leaf. I need a sign.

IVY How about dangerous curves?

ROBIN: Tell me your plan.

IVY: Freeze has turned the new telescope into a freezing gun. He's about to turn Gotham into an ice cube. Now, one kiss for luck-

They kiss. He's horribly, horribly awkward about it.

IVY: Time to die, little Robin.

ROBIN: Then you never loved me?

IVY: Love you? I loathe your bipedal arrogance, your animal superiority. My only joy is knowing that even now my poison kiss is sucking the life from your ape-like face.

ROBIN: Sorry to disappoint you. But rubber lips are immune to your charms!

BATMAN Robin and I found the cure to your evil spell. And that's teamwork.

IVY: I'm a lover not a fighter. That's why every Poison Ivy action figure comes complete with...him!

BANE: BANNNNE!

Robin screams like a little girl. Batman is disturbed.

BATMAN: Wait. What is Batman? If not an effort to master the chaos that sweeps our world, an attempt to control death itself. I have done everything in my power to control the fates. But I can't, can't I? No. None of us can.

BANE: Bane?.... (explodes)

IVY: Bane!

BATMAN: Ms. Ivy, you're going to Jail!

[IVY: Sorry, boys, my vines have a little-

BATGIRL: You're about to become compost!

BATMAN: And you are?

BATGIRL: Batgirl!

BATMAN: That's not awfully PC. How about Batwoman? Batperson?

BATGIRL: Using feminine wiles to get what you want. Trading on your looks. Exploiting men's weakness for sex. Read a book, sister. That passive-aggressive crap went out in the seventies. Chicks like you give women a bad name. You're going to jail!

IVY: So many people to kill, so little time!

BATMAN: We have 11 minutes to thaw the city.

Scene change.

FREEZE: Ivy has failed me. But no matter. Tonight, Hell freezes over!

BATMAN: Freeze, you're the common cold. And we're the cure.

FREEZE: You're not taking me to the cooler!

Batman kicks away his gun.

FREEZE: How disarming.

ROBIN: Time to melt, snowman!

BATMAN: It's payback time.

Batman punches him in the face, busting his nose.

FREEZE: AARGH! FREEZE IN HELL BAT-!- (is defeated)

BATMAN: Robin, I'm not going to lose everyone I've ever loved. So I'm asking you now, friend, partner, brother- will you trust me?

[BATGIRL: Hey, I'm the one who kicked Ivy's botanical butt. Personally. Me. I did.]

ROBIN: Partners?

BATMAN: Partners.

[BATGIRL: Partners!]

ALFRED: We're going to need a Bigger Cave!

BATMAN: Alfred?

Alfred looks around. Then, quietly:

ALFRED: We have eleven minutes to thaw the city.

Scene change. Last one. I promise.

IVY: He loves me, he loves me not... he loves me, he loves me not... he loves me-

FREEZE: Not. Surprise. I'm your new cellmate. And I'm here to make your life a living hell.

IVY: Please, Freeze. Show some mercy?

FREEZE: Mercy?? I'm afraid my condition has left me cold to your pleas for mercy. Prepare for bitter harvest. Winter has come at last!

As he rides away with her on his tricycle -

R. KELLY: CITY OF JUSTICE! CITY OF LOVE! CITY OF PEACE! FOR EVERY ONE OF US!
GOTHAM CITAHII!!! OOOOhhhhhhhh YEEEcaahhhhh....

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