

Fielding questions on the red carpet at Wednesday's London premiere of "The Dark Knight Rises," Nolan came to the defense of his fans that are taking heat for their responses to negative reviews. "I think the fans are very passionate about these characters the way a lot of people are very passionate. Batman's been around for over 70 years and there's a reason for that. He has a huge appeal, so I think you know people certainly respond to the character," he said. Nolan also touched on the lunacy surrounding conservative 'pundit' Rush Limbaugh's assertion that the choice of Bane as a villain is somehow a reference to Mitt Romney's connection to Bain and a left-wing conspiracy. "I'm not sure how to address something that bizarre, to be honest. I really don't have an answer for it, it's a very peculiar comment to make," said Nolan. Morgan Freeman, a man who isn't afraid to speak

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