

6 List: Inspired Comic Book Movie Villains In the 1995 film "Angus," the title character's grandfather teaches a universal truth when he says about Superman "He's smart, handsome, even decent. But he's not brave. No, listen to me. Superman is indestructible, and you can't be brave if you're indestructible." While completely accurate in his assessment of bravery, Angus' grandfather wasn't much of a comic book fan. If he were, he would know that Superman was brave, thanks to Supervillains. Superman was indestructible under most normal situations, but when the likes of Lex Luthor or General Zod stepped on the scene even the Man of Steel was put in legitimate peril. Superheroes make stories spectacular, but it is the supervillain that makes them special. Our heroes are shaped more by the monsters they face than the environment that made them. Nicholson's Joker made us care about Keaton's Batman, because he was inspired and inspiring.

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