

The New York Times have run an editorial by a group of forensic psychiatrists who shared their thoughts on the portrayal of "mentally ill" villains in the DC Universe. While you may think it's somewhat petty, they do in fact raise a few good points! Here are a few excerpts from the editorial, but you can read it in full by clicking on the link below to head on over to the site. Comic books have long relied on mental disorders to drive their most memorable villains. Consider the Batman line, in which the Joker, Harley Quinn and other "criminally insane" rogues are residents of Gotham City's forensic psychiatric hospital, Arkham Asylum. Introduced in 1974, Arkham grossly confuses the concepts of psychiatric hospital and prison. Patients are called "inmates," decked out in shackles and orange jumpsuits, while a mental health professional doubles as the "warden." Even the antiquated word "asylum" implies that the

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