

The last time we saw Popeye on the screen was the live-action version directed by Robert Altman and starred Robin Williams as the sailor with a spinach addiction. The fictional cartoon character was created by Elzie Crisler Segar, and first appeared in the daily King Features comic strip Thimble Theatre in 1929. In later years Popeye became the strip's title. The usual plot of a Popeye story is that Olive Oyl is kidnapped, usually by Bluto, and Popeye must figure out who did the deed. Once he figures it out he gets into a slug fest with the villain, and uses the power of spinach to overcome his enemy. Sony Pictures Animation has turned to its The Smurfs scribes, Jay Scherick & David Ronn to script Popeye, the animated adaptation of the comic book. SPA and Avi Arad are producing Popeye, which will be a 3D stereoscopic effort. "Scherick & Ronn have a

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