

Like it or not Tom Hardy has some big shoes to fill. No, I don't mean Jeep Swenson's performance as Bane in *Batman & Robin*. I'm talking about being the next main villain in a Nolan Batman film. Having to be the guy that follows an Oscar-winning performance like the one Heath Ledger gave in *The Dark Knight* would probably be overwhelming to most actors, but not Tom Hardy. Did you have any apprehension for being the guy that would follow Heath Ledger's Joker? Hardy: No, I don't think absolutely. That would be putting myself in a competition with somebody who's clearly brilliant. And it's not a question of whose talent is greater or whose work is greater. It's just trying to be the best that we can be, rather than trying to be better than somebody else. I'm not trying to be better than somebody else. What

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