

Twitch Film reports that after talks between 20th Century Fox and Jessica Biel broke down for the role of 'Viper' in The Wolverine, a far lesser known actress is now "expected to close the deal quickly" to play the villain. Svetlana Khodchenkova is 29 years old, and the Russian actress is more than likely not that well-known to Western audiences. However, she most recently had a role in Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy as 'Irina'. Viper (often referred to in the comic books as 'Madame Hydra') has a storied history with Wolverine and even once blackmailed him into marrying her in order to secure her criminal empire in Madripoor. As Marvel Studios hold the rights to Hydra, don't expect to hear her go by than moniker in James Mangold's film, although it's likely her relationship with the Silver Samurai WILL be explored. Sound off with your thoughts on this news below.

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