

Shortly after the success of 2008's *The Dark Knight*, Christopher Nolan and David Goyer sat down for lunch to discuss a third Batman film. They ran over ideas, looking for a way to top their last effort. At some point while scarfing down their meals they began to envision the final scene of the third film, that would become *The Dark Knight Rises*. "The final scene of *The Dark Knight Rises* is exactly that scene we talked about then," says Goyer, speaking to *Empire* from his LA office almost four years later. "It remained completely unchanged. We both knew in our hearts that we were onto something special. I have to tell you, having finally seen everything strung together a little while ago and seeing that scene, I got a complete lump in my throat." With a hint like that *Empire* Magazine pressed Goyer a little further. Nolan, it would seem, is committing commercial

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