

Bloodsport, Peacemaker Debut
in James Gunn's R-rated 'The Suicide
Squad' Trailer

James Gunn's not kidding around with his new DC superhero movie "The Suicide Squad." With F-bombs and people being ripped gorily in half, the director's gone far afield from, say, a youngster-friendly talking raccoon and alien tree.

That's not to say the "Guardians of the Galaxy" filmmaker hasn't found something amazing with his new crew of misfits. The gleefully NSFW first trailer for the action extravaganza (in theaters and streaming on HBO Max Aug. 6), a soft reboot of 2016's "Suicide Squad," dropped Friday with the return of Margot Robbie's Harley Quinn, introduction to Idris Elba and John Cena's debuting characters, and an appearance from a monstrous starfish that will warm comic-book nerds' hearts.

Like Gunn's "Guardians" trailers for Marvel, a little classic rock sets the stage for the new footage. Steely Dan's "Dirty Work" plays as Task Force X rookies like Blackguard (Pete Davidson) and Weasel (Sean Gunn) appear.

And Amanda Waller (original "Squad" star Viola Davis) down the rules: Supervillains at Belle Reve prison working for the government get 10 years off their jail time for a successful mission, and have their heads blown off if they fail. The mission at hand involves going to the guerilla-filled enemy island of Corto Maltese and saving the world again.

But Gunn puts the emphasis on colorful characters, with King Shark (voiced by Sylvester Stallone) eating a dude headfirst and the stoic Bloodsport (Elba) bickering with Peacemaker (Cena), a jerky Captain America type with boulders for biceps who will go to extremes for "liberty."

Starro the Conqueror shows up in the trailer — in the comics, the antagonistic starfish was the first villain faced by the Justice League in the 1960s. Yet he's not nearly as fun as Robbie's ultra-wacky Harley, seen here wielding a bazooka, shooting bad guys, threatening new teammates and just enjoying the weather: "I love the rain. It's like angels are smooching all over us."

'The Suicide Squad': James Gunn reveals first look at cast with Margot Robbie, Idris Elba

The Suicide Squad is back, baby, and this time, we're going to see all the bloody details! Guardians of the Galaxy filmmaker James Gunn has his hands on the DC property following David Ayer's 2016 movie, and it's generating a lot of buzz already. The red-band trailer for the summer release dropped one week ago and has already broken a major record. James Gunn announced that the first trailer for the movie coming in August has received the most views in a single week of any red-band trailer yet.

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