

# PITCHING NEW GODS

## NOTES

- This film will be inspired by the *Orion* comics by Walt Simonson, featuring Orion as the main character. Bekka, Mr. Miracle, Big Barda, Lightray, Highfather and Metron will be included as well, with Darkseid's inner circle of henchmen being showcased. Characters such as DeSaad, Granny Goodness and her Furies, Darkseid's son Kalibak and his sister Grail. Mantis may even make an appearance either as a minor character or a cameo.
- *New Gods* will be a film along the lines of an epic, Shakespearean drama of mythological proportions.
- This film will chronologically take place before *Justice League* but be released after said film, with *Justice League* serving as the audience's introduction to Steppenwolf, DeSaad, Darkseid and Apokolips.
- Perhaps we can include Steppenwolf's betrayal in this film and answer some questions left behind by *Justice League*.
- Show the Guardians of Oa communicating with Highfather about the state of the galactic cold war and Darkseid's activity.
- **The Galactic Cold War:** After coming to an uneasy truce with New Genesis, Apokolips has not been in open war for some time. Darkseid fully intends to break the truce but is biding his time. The only reason he agreed to the truce was so Apokolips could recover from the centuries-long war with New Genesis. Darkseid wants to regain his full strength and rebuild his numbers so that he can launch an ultimate campaign that will see the universe bending to his will. So, in the meantime, New Genesis and Apokolips have been engaged in a cold war. Never officially engaging one another in open combat, but supporting opposing factions in wars across the galaxy, similar to how the Vietnam War played a role in America's Cold War with Russia. This is another reason why Darkseid only sends the exiled Steppenwolf to Earth and not any of his other vassals or champions, so that if Steppenwolf were to be caught, Darkseid can publicly disown Steppenwolf as an exiled fugitive from Apokolips and claim that his banished and disgraced nephew acted alone in his attempt to conquer Earth. What the Suicide Squad is to Amanda Waller, Steppenwolf is to Darkseid, as this is part of Steppenwolf's atonement for affiliating himself with the rebels who attempted to usurp Darkseid's throne.
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