[Template:Multiple issues](/wiki/Template:Multiple_issues" \o "Template:Multiple issues) [Template:Infobox comics character and title](/wiki/Template:Infobox_comics_character_and_title) **Deathstroke** (real name **Slade Joseph Wilson**) is a [fictional character](/wiki/Fictional_character) who appears in [comic books](/wiki/Comic_book) published by [DC Comics](/wiki/DC_Comics). The character was created by Marv Wolfman and George Perez. He is a [mercenary](/wiki/Mercenary) and [assassin](/wiki/Assassination) who first appeared in [*The New Teen Titans*](/wiki/Teen_Titans#New_Teen_Titans) (vol. 1) #2 ([1980](/wiki/1980_in_comics)).[[1]](#cite_note-1) [*Wizard*](/wiki/Wizard_(magazine)) magazine rated him the 24th greatest villain of all time.[[2]](#cite_note-2) Also, in 2009, Deathstroke was ranked as [IGN's](/wiki/IGN) 32nd greatest comic book villain of all time.[[3]](#cite_note-3) Originally a villain of the Teen Titans, writers have developed him over the years as an adversary of other heroes in the DC Universe. Parallels have been established between him and [Batman](/wiki/Batman), and he has a deep-seated grudge against [Green Arrow](/wiki/Green_Arrow). The character has been substantially adapted from the comics into multiple forms of media, including several *Batman* related projects and the [*Teen Titans*](/wiki/Teen_Titans_(TV_series)) animated series. Slade Wilson/Deathstroke later appeared on [The CW's](/wiki/The_CW) live action TV series [*Arrow*](/wiki/Arrow_(TV_series)), where he is portrayed by [Manu Bennett](/wiki/Manu_Bennett).

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## Publication history[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=1)]

[Template:Expand section](/wiki/Template:Expand_section) Deathstroke the Terminator first appeared in 1980, in the second issue of the book *New Teen Titans*. He was originally introduced as "the Terminator", a mercenary who was completing the terms of a contract undertaken by his son [Ravager](/wiki/Ravager_(comics)).

Due to his popularity, Deathstroke received his own series, *Deathstroke the Terminator*, in [1991](/wiki/1991_in_comics).[[4]](#cite_note-4) It was retitled *Deathstroke the Hunted* for issues #0 and #41-45; and then simply *Deathstroke* for issues #46-60. The series was cancelled with issue #60. In total, *Deathstroke* ran for 65 issues (#1-60, plus 4 annuals and a special #0 issue).

Following his injury in *DC Universe: Last Will and Testament*, Deathstroke appears in one of the four [*Faces of Evil*](/wiki/Faces_of_Evil) one-shots, written by [David Hine](/wiki/David_Hine). Hine has explained that the series is part of the set-up for future stories: "All of the characters in this ‘Faces of Evil’ series were selected for their potential as major players in the coming year."[[5]](#cite_note-5) Even though the character of Deathstroke the Terminator predates [James Cameron's](/wiki/James_Cameron) film [*The Terminator*](/wiki/The_Terminator) by four years, the Slade Wilson character is now simply called Deathstroke, even by characters who had called him Terminator for decades. The full title has not completely fallen out of use, having been referenced as recently as [*Justice League Elite*](/wiki/Justice_League_Elite).

## Fictional character biography[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=2)]

### Origins[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=3)]

Slade Wilson was sixteen years old when he first enlisted in the [United States Army](/wiki/United_States_Army), having lied about his age. After serving a stint in Korea, he was later assigned to Camp Washington where he had been promoted to the rank of Major. In the early 1960s, he met Captain Adeline Kane who was tasked with training young soldiers in new fighting techniques in anticipation of brewing troubles taking place in Vietnam. Kane was amazed at how skilled Slade was and how quickly he adapted to modern conventions of warfare. She immediately fell in love with him, and realized that he was without a doubt the most able-bodied combatant she had ever encountered. She offered to privately train Slade in guerrilla warfare. In less than a year, Slade mastered every fighting form presented to him and was soon promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Six months later, Adeline and he were married and she became pregnant with their first child. The war in Vietnam began to escalate and Slade was shipped overseas. In the war, his unit massacred a village, an event which sickened him. He was also rescued by SAS member [Wintergreen](/wiki/Wintergreen_(comics)), to whom he would later return the favor.

Chosen for a secret experiment, the Army imbued him with enhanced physical powers in an attempt to create [meta human](/wiki/Metahuman) [super soldiers](/wiki/Supersoldier) for the U.S. military. Deathstroke became a mercenary soon after the experiment when he defied orders and rescued his friend [Wintergreen](/wiki/Wintergreen_(comics)) sent on a suicide mission by a commanding officer with a grudge.[[1]](#cite_note-1) However, Slade kept this career secret from his family, even though his wife was an expert military combat instructor.

A criminal named the Jackal took his younger son [Joseph Wilson](/wiki/Jericho_(comics)) hostage to force Slade to divulge the name of a client who had hired him as an assassin. Slade refused, claiming it was against his personal honor code. He attacked and killed the kidnappers at the rendezvous. Unfortunately, Joseph's throat was slashed by one of the criminals before Slade could prevent it, destroying Joseph's [vocal cords](/wiki/Vocal_folds) and rendering him mute.

After taking Joseph to the hospital, his wife Adeline Wilson was enraged at his endangerment of her son and tried to kill Slade by shooting him, but only managed to destroy his right eye. Afterward, his confidence in his physical abilities was such that he made no secret of his impaired vision, marked by his mask which has a black, featureless half covering his lost eye. Without his mask, Slade wears an eye-patch.

### The Teen Titans[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=4)]

Slade has a long history as an enemy of the [Teen Titans](/wiki/Teen_Titans), beginning when his other son Grant received superhuman enhancements from the [H.I.V.E.](/wiki/H.I.V.E.), dubbed himself [Ravager](/wiki/Ravager_(comics)), and accepted a contract from them to kill or capture the Teen Titans. However, Grant's enhancements proved fatal, and Slade agreed to complete the contract. His first mission involved stealing the element Promethium from [S.T.A.R. Labs](/wiki/S.T.A.R._Labs) and selling it as the ultimate weapon. He then kidnapped the Titans and placed them in the path of a Promethium bomb to test his device for the buyers, effectively killing two birds with one stone. The Titans escaped and pursued Deathstroke, but he severely wounded [Beast Boy](/wiki/Beast_Boy) in his escape. This would be the start to a lasting animosity between the two.

Deathstroke next appeared in New York, holding officials hostage in order to lure the Titans into confronting him. [Terra](/wiki/Terra_(comics)), a new ally of the Titans, and Beast Boy were the only ones available to answer the call. Terra knocked Beast Boy out and fought Deathstroke single-handedly in an effort to prove herself worthy of being a Titan. Deathstroke escaped as the other Titans arrived, but by then Terra had proven herself and the team offered her membership. Later that night, it was revealed that Terra and Deathstroke had conspired to fake the fight in a plot to infiltrate the team.[[6]](#cite_note-6)

### Judas Contract[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=5)]

The Titans eventually entrusted Terra with all of their secret identities. Once Slade had this information, he used it to systematically take down each of the Titans, exploiting them at their weakest moments. [Donna Troy](/wiki/Donna_Troy) was gassed at her photo studio, Changeling was poisoned with tainted envelopes while responding to fan mail, [Victor Stone](/wiki/Cyborg_(comics)) was electrically shocked by a chair in his own apartment, [Koriand'r](/wiki/Starfire_(comics)) was ambushed with a device that affected her powers, and [Raven](/wiki/Raven_(comics)) was taken down by Terra herself. [Nightwing](/wiki/Dick_Grayson) was last to be attacked and he was confronted by Deathstroke himself. He narrowly avoided being captured and soon discovered that his team mates had already been taken. Nightwing arrived at [Titans Tower](/wiki/Titans_Tower) to discover Slade's ex-wife and son. She told Nightwing that Terra was a traitor, how each of his teammates were captured, and related the origin of Deathstroke.

Nightwing, in order to confront Deathstroke and the [H.I.V.E.](/wiki/H.I.V.E.), joined [Jericho](/wiki/Jericho_(comics)) (Joseph Wilson). During the confrontation, Deathstroke recognized Jericho as his son which caused him to hesitate. Jericho freed the Titans by possessing his father's body. Terra died during the battle, Slade was then taken into custody.

Slade was put on trial for his crimes, but the trial was deliberately sabotaged by Changeling so that he could kill Slade himself, believing he was responsible for Terra's betrayal of the Titans. Slade agreed to the confrontation, but showed up out of costume. Changeling found himself unable to kill Slade, so instead they talked. Feeling some empathy for his grief, Slade explained his past with Terra, and Changeling realized Slade was not to blame for the choices Terra had made. The two men parted on peaceful terms, with Slade returning to Africa with [Wintergreen](/wiki/Wintergreen_(comics)).

### Titans Plague[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=6)]

Months later, Slade encountered the Titans again while they were investigating mysterious attacks and disappearances. [Donna Troy](/wiki/Donna_Troy) is attacked by a group of strange beastmen and barely survives the encounter. Meanwhile, while attending a fundraiser with his father, [Gar Logan](/wiki/Beast_Boy) recognizes Slade trying to maintain a low profile. When he finally catches up with Slade, he finds him about to kill the host of the fundraiser Walter Lanier. He stops Deathstroke, but is surprised when Lanier turns into a bat-like creature and flies away. Slade reveals to the Titans that he was responsible for smuggling the drug the bestiamorphs were using to transform others, but did not realize what it was until it was too late. After Jericho and Raven were stricken by the plague, he aided them in destroying the beastmen and finding a cure for the contagion.

### Titans Hunt[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=7)]

Shortly after this, he came to the Titans' assistance again during the *Titans Hunt* storyline. The members of the Titans, as well as many inactive members, all disappeared in a manner very similar to how they were abducted during the *Judas Contract*. [Mento](/wiki/Mento_(comics)), an on-and-off member of the [Doom Patrol](/wiki/Doom_Patrol), hires Deathstroke to find the missing Titans. He eventually discovers with Nightwing that the abductions were the work of the [Wildebeest Society](/wiki/Wildebeest_(comics)), and that their leader was none other than Titan member Jericho, Deathstroke's son.

It was revealed that Jericho had been possessed by the corrupted souls of [Azarath](/wiki/Azarath) as they were using him to capture the Titans and use them as physical hosts in order to survive. During the transfer process, Jericho's true self resurfaced briefly, begging his father to kill him. To spare his son any more pain and save the remaining Titans, Slade was forced to drive a sword through Jericho's heart, seemingly killing him. This act still haunts him to this day.

Afterward, Slade continued his life as a mercenary, but also acted as an occasional ally to the Titans, aiding them when mutual threats outweighed their rivalry, most notably during the *Total Chaos* storyline when the [Team Titans](/wiki/Team_Titans) arrived in the 20th Century to assassinate Donna Troy before she could give birth to her son, who in their timeline had grown up into the tyrannical despot, [Lord Chaos](/wiki/Lord_Chaos_(DC_Comics)). Slade also met Pat Trayce, a tough former cop who would become the new [Vigilante](/wiki/Vigilante_(comics)). Pat Trayce became Slade's lover later on, and the two developed a romantic as well as professional relationship.

### Family business[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=8)]

After Slade failed an assassination attempt on the [President of the United States](/wiki/President_of_the_United_States), he was subsequently framed for the murder of a U.S. Senator. The man responsible had taken on the identity of the Ravager and was hunting down Slade's friends and loved ones. Eventually, with the help of the Titans and [Sarge Steel](/wiki/Sarge_Steel), Slade was able to prove his innocence and the true culprit was revealed to be Steve Dayton, under the alias of the Crime Lord, who had again succumbed to mental instability caused by his Mento helmet.

Meanwhile, Slade's relationship with his estranged wife Adeline took a tragic turn as Slade underwent a process to gain the ability of physical regeneration, allowing him to survive any wound so long as his brain is intact (but this power is limited as Slade cannot regenerate his lost eye because that injury happened before he gained his healing factor). After gaining this power, Slade was forced to give his wife a blood transfusion to save her life, resulting in her gaining a similar healing factor which manifested itself as a form of immortality. This alteration of her DNA drove Adeline insane, shaming Deathstroke into going into a semi-retirement state.

In *Titans* (vol. 1) #12, Deathstroke teamed up with the Titans to face his wife Adeline, who in her insane state had revived the H.I.V.E. and sought to rid the world of all superhumans, blaming them for Jericho's apparent death. During the battle, interrupted by [Vandal Savage](/wiki/Vandal_Savage) and a band of villains that he had organized from recent Titans battles, Adeline's throat was slit. In a brief return of sanity, she begged Slade to kill her, requesting him to reunite her with "my... *our* children..." because her version of the healing factor would not heal the wound, but only allow her to live in spite of it. Deathstroke refused, but Koriand'r shocked her teammates and Deathstroke by using her starbolt blast to disintegrate her completely, per Adeline's wishes. This was a turning point, as Deathstroke renounced all ties with the Titans as a result of Starfire's act.

It was then revealed that Jericho managed to transfer his consciousness into Deathstroke in the instant before his death. Taking control of his father, Jericho forced Deathstroke to murder his longtime butler, mentor and confidant Wintergreen. He then launched a series of attacks against the current Teen Titans, most notably shattering [Impulse's](/wiki/Bart_Allen) knee with a shotgun blast, before leaving his father's body. Deathstroke has since manipulated his one remaining child [Rose Wilson](/wiki/Rose_Wilson) into the mercenary business as the new Ravager, in order to find and kill Jericho, using a specially designed serum to heighten her hostility and push her over the edge. Unfortunately, the process also resulted in her being driven at least partially insane, to the extent that she cut out her own left eye in an attempt to prove to her father that she was just like him.

### Nightwing and Birds of Prey[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=9)]

Deathstroke appeared in [*Nightwing*](/wiki/Nightwing) #23 as a mercenary against [Black Canary](/wiki/Black_Canary) and [Conner Hawke](/wiki/Conner_Hawke) as part of the "Brotherhood of the Fist" tie-in to the [*No Man's Land*](/wiki/No_Man's_Land_(comics)) story arc.[[7]](#cite_note-7) Deathstroke also appeared in [*Birds of Prey*](/wiki/Birds_of_Prey) #22-24, where he was sent to [Gorilla City](/wiki/Gorilla_City) by [Blockbuster](/wiki/Blockbuster_(DC_Comics)) to get an ape-heart. He is accompanied by [Lady Vic](/wiki/Lady_Vic), [Grimm](/wiki/Grimm_(DC_comics)), and Black Canary, who is posing as [Oracle](/wiki/Barbara_Gordon).

### Identity Crisis[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=10)]

In the [*Identity Crisis*](/wiki/Identity_Crisis_(DC_Comics)) miniseries, Deathstroke was enlisted as a bodyguard for [Doctor Light](/wiki/Doctor_Light_(Arthur_Light)), who was being pursued by the [Justice League of America](/wiki/Justice_League) as a suspect in the murder of [Sue Dibny](/wiki/Sue_Dibny). In the ensuing battle, Deathstroke nearly beat the team of [Elongated Man](/wiki/Elongated_Man), [Flash](/wiki/Wally_West), [Zatanna](/wiki/Zatanna), [Hawkman](/wiki/Hawkman), [Green Arrow](/wiki/Green_Arrow), [Black Canary](/wiki/Black_Canary), [Atom](/wiki/Atom_(Ray_Palmer)) and [Green Lantern](/wiki/Kyle_Rayner). He systematically took out every member except for Rayner, whom he had the potential to disable through trying to usurp his ring's energies using his own formidable willpower. Fortunately, before the outcome of this conflict with Green Lantern ended, Green Arrow stuck an arrow in Deathstroke's right eye socket, enraging him. Slade went ballistic, which derailed his pre-planned strategy and began to beat Green Arrow, but was stopped when the majority of the team tackled Deathstroke to the ground. Dr. Light used his powers to allow the two to escape. Near the end of *Identity Crisis*, Deathstroke confronts Green Arrow on a rooftop. Arrow sees his reflection in the windows of a nearby building, but when he turns to confront Slade, Deathstroke is gone. Instead, Green Arrow finds Slade's cowl and a note stuck to the wall by the very arrow he stabbed in Slade's eye socket. The note reads "*This is yours - We're not done*.".

### Infinite Crisis[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=11)]

Deathstroke was a founding member of [Lex Luthor's](/wiki/Lex_Luthor) [Secret Society of Super Villains](/wiki/Secret_Society_of_Super_Villains) in the [*Infinite Crisis*](/wiki/Infinite_Crisis) storyline. He was seen in *Infinite Crisis* #1, hiding in a warehouse south of [Metropolis](/wiki/Metropolis_(comics)) waiting to ambush the [Freedom Fighters](/wiki/Freedom_Fighters_(comics)) with several other members. The battle didn't last long, and by the end, Deathstroke had killed the [Phantom Lady](/wiki/Phantom_Lady). Slade is also the one who landed the final stroke on Uncle Sam by shooting him in the back (and leading to his apparent death).[[1]](#cite_note-1) He was the employer of Nightwing, whom he hired to train his daughter Rose. However, after the two had a confrontation with [Superman](/wiki/Superman), Deathstroke discovered that Nightwing had been teaching Rose the values of heroism. He could not kill Grayson in front of his daughter, because doing so would undo all of Slade's teachings. Nightwing offered a deal: he would stay away from Rose if Slade would keep the [metahuman](/wiki/Metahuman) villains out of [Blüdhaven](/wiki/Blüdhaven). The deal held for 34 hours until *Infinite Crisis* #4, when Slade, under the orders of [Alexander Luthor, Jr.](/wiki/Alexander_Luthor,_Jr.), the real leader of the Society, went with several villains (including old Titans and Doom Patrol foes and [Brotherhood of Evil](/wiki/Brotherhood_of_Evil) members [Monsieur Mallah](/wiki/Monsieur_Mallah) and [Brain](/wiki/Brain_(comics))) to drop [Chemo](/wiki/Chemo_(comics)), another fellow villain who appeared to be a nearly brainless monster made of pure energy and radioactive chemicals, on [Blüdhaven](/wiki/Blüdhaven), killing over one-hundred thousand people. Slade gave the explanation to the Brotherhood that Nightwing should be made to believe that he can never go home again.

Nightwing took the first of his revenge by bursting in on Deathstroke and Rose's training session, revealing to the latter that the [Kryptonite](/wiki/Kryptonite) that Deathstroke had implanted in place of her missing eye was radioactive and deadly to humans as well as to [Kryptonians](/wiki/Kryptonian) (as revealed by Luthor's old possession of a Kryptonite ring that forced him to transfer his brain to a cloned body). Angered, Slade went after Nightwing with a grenade, only to have Rose try to stop him. Amid the smoke of the resulting explosion, Rose fled, telling her father that she hated him. Nightwing disappeared as well, but not before leaving a note for Slade warning him that he would be back to make him pay for Blüdhaven.

At the climactic Battle of Metropolis at the conclusion of 'Infinite Crisis', Slade was confronted by [Batman](/wiki/Batman), [Robin](/wiki/Tim_Drake) and Nightwing. During the struggle, he was questioned regarding his motives for aiding the Secret Society. His claims of monetary motivation were deemed unsatisfactory; Batman accused him of having forsaken his code of honor, and Nightwing said it was because his family had abandoned him. Enraged, Slade said that was because of Nightwing, and that it was always because of him, before Batman told him to take responsibility for his actions and he was rendered unconscious.

### One Year Later[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=12)]

[thumb|left|250px|Cover to *Teen Titans* #43: Titans East Part 1. Art by](/wiki/File:Titanseast.PNG) [Tony Daniel](/wiki/Tony_Daniel). Slade appears in the *Green Arrow* series after the [one year jump](/wiki/One_Year_Later) in DC Comics' storylines. Apparently in hiding, he nearly murders a crony of several [Star City](/wiki/Star_City_(comics)) businessmen who want to hire him for a murder. Before finishing his violent refusal, he asks the name of the target. When informed that it was to be the mayor of Star City, Oliver Queen (whom Deathstroke knows is secretly Green Arrow), he spares the lackey and decides to take the job.[[8]](#cite_note-8) However, things do not quite go according to plan, with Green Arrow using the resources of both his identities, trapping him within a ring of armed [National Guardsmen](/wiki/National_Guard_of_the_United_States).[[9]](#cite_note-9) The fight ends with Deathstroke's arrest[[10]](#cite_note-10) and subsequent conviction and incarceration;[[11]](#cite_note-11) however, this is revealed as a ploy to gain access to [Constantine Drakon](/wiki/Constantine_Drakon), another jailed foe of Green Arrow who has information on the hero's activities in the lost year,[[12]](#cite_note-12) which include Green Arrow studying under [Natas](/wiki/Natas_(comics)), an assassin who once trained Deathstroke himself.[[13]](#cite_note-13) Deathstroke is also active behind the scenes in *Teen Titans*, currently in the process of organizing a counter-team of teen superhumans that will be known as [Titans East](/wiki/Titans_East). The current Titans team included Ravager, who now wanted nothing to do with her father. Deathstroke seemingly intended to "reclaim" Ravager and a recently resurrected Jericho from the Titans or, if that failed, to crush them along with the rest of the team. For these reasons, he specially selected each member of Titans East, believing that, overall, each member would successfully counteract every member of the current Teen Titans line-up.

As indicated over the course of the subsequent issues, Deathstroke was manipulating every member of his new team in one way or another. He had blackmailed former Titan [Risk](/wiki/Risk_(comics)) while at the same time offering him an outlet for his rage; was drugging [Batgirl](/wiki/Cassandra_Cain) with the same serum he had used on Rose; and supplied [Inertia](/wiki/Inertia_(DC_Comics)) with a formula which granted superhuman speed to compensate for the loss of the [Speed Force](/wiki/Speed_Force) following the initial battle with [Superboy-Prime](/wiki/Superman-Prime). His team, however, slowly fell apart over the course of the attack, as Robin managed to free Batgirl of his mind control serum and Raven convinced [Duela Dent](/wiki/Duela_Dent) to switch sides. Slade and his remaining Titans subsequently faced off against both the current Titans and a group of old Titans led by Nightwing. Although he was defeated, he still managed to escape with the aid of Inertia. In the end, however, it was revealed to the readers that Slade's real mission was to provide his children with something he could never offer them: a real family, in the form of the Teen Titans. By attacking the Titans, he insured that Rose and Jericho would become more trusted by their associates, and thus grow closer to the team.

Recently, Deathstroke took credit for somehow twisting (through unknown means) the powers of [Geo-Force](/wiki/Geo-Force), the half-brother of the original Terra, into the same powers as his traitorous sister. Using this leverage, Deathstroke offered to reverse the process only if Geo-Force became his own personal spy within the Justice League. Unfortunately for Deathstroke, Geo-Force alerted Batman, [Superman](/wiki/Superman) and [Wonder Woman](/wiki/Wonder_Woman) of Deathstroke's scheme, which culminated in Geo-Force alerting the League that Deathstroke (whose rivalry with Green Arrow has reached vendetta-level proportions) planned on using an army of supervillains to crash Green Arrow and Black Canary's wedding. Weeks later, Geo-Force was tortured by [Gorilla Grodd](/wiki/Gorilla_Grodd) after the League was kidnapped by the [Injustice League](/wiki/Injustice_League), and ultimately transferred to Batman's newest incarnation of the [Outsiders](/wiki/Outsiders_(comics)) afterward, robbing Deathstroke of his potential pawn.

Deathstroke can be seen as a member of [Libra's](/wiki/Libra_(DC_Comics)) Secret Society of Super Villains.

Deathstroke is gravely injured with his own sword by Geo-Force in *DC Universe: Last Will and Testament*. Following his injury, he is recuperating at [Belle Reve](/wiki/Belle_Reve) while doctors labor to save him. Deathstroke dreams of his family members and all of the people that he has let down. When he awakens, he vows that he will never again be haunted by the past.

Ravager comes to visit him, but in fact, wants to finish her father off. She tries to strangle him with a plastic wire, but Deathstroke is recuperated enough that he can fend off her attack. He escapes from the facility and steals a helicopter. Later, Deathstroke finds a young street urchin that he decides to take under his wing.[[14]](#cite_note-14)

### Blackest Night[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=13)]

In the *Teen Titans* (vol. 3) tie-in to the [*Blackest Night*](/wiki/Blackest_Night) crossover event, Deathstroke is living in the deceased Wintergreen's house and reading his journal, when he is attacked by Rose again. During the fight, the two are attacked by their deceased relatives Grant, Wade, and Adeline, who, along with Wintergreen, have all been reanimated as [Black Lanterns](/wiki/Black_Lantern_Corps). Deathstroke and Rose are forced to work together and fight for their lives against the Black Lanterns.[[15]](#cite_note-15) The two hopelessly fight the regenerating Black Lanterns until Jericho, cured from his earlier insanity, arrives and turns the tide of the fight. During the course of the battle, Deathstroke confesses to his children that part of the reason why he menaced the Teen Titans for so many years was that he felt that by forcing his children to hate him, they would have a chance of escaping the sorrow and pain a life with him would entail. Just as Slade is overwhelmed and about to be killed, Jericho somehow uses his abilities to sever the connection between the Black Lanterns and their [power rings](/wiki/Power_ring_(DC_Comics)), permanently sending them back to the grave. After realizing that her mother was not reborn as a member of the Black Lantern Corps, Rose comes to the conclusion that she must somehow still be alive, and leaves after threatening to kill Slade if he tries to stop her. Jericho chooses to stay with his father, reasoning that only Slade would have the courage to kill him if he were to ever return to madness.[[16]](#cite_note-16)

### Batman and Robin[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=14)]

Recently, Deathstroke has been seen working with [Talia al Ghul](/wiki/Talia_al_Ghul), controlling the body and physical actions of the current [Robin](/wiki/Damian_Wayne) in order to kill the recent [Batman](/wiki/Dick_Grayson). Deathstroke is able to control Robin's actions thanks to a neural-implant inserted into Robin's spine by his mother while it was being surgically replaced. Batman defeats Deathstroke by taking advantage of the two-way connection between him and Robin by using a taser on Robin, the resulting electric shock overwhelming Deathstroke's enhanced senses. He then tracks Slade down and attacks him in his hospital bed for controlling Robin and for the Chemo attack, informing Slade that what happened then, is just a 'trailer' for what he will do later.[[17]](#cite_note-17)

### Titans: Villains for Hire[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=15)]

Following the encounter with black Lanterns, Deathstroke recruits a team of supervillains consisting of [Tattooed Man](/wiki/Tattooed_Man), [Cheshire](/wiki/Cheshire_(comics)), [Osiris](/wiki/Osiris_(DC_Comics)), and the new character [Cinder](/wiki/Cinder_(comics)) following the launch of [*Brightest Day*](/wiki/Brightest_Day). The team ambushes [Ryan Choi](/wiki/Ryan_Choi) in his home, and then battles him. This ends with Deathstroke driving his sword through Ryan's chest, killing him. He then gives the deceased hero's body to Dwarfstar.[[18]](#cite_note-18) Following the assassination of the Atom, Deathstroke and the Titans are hired to kill Lex Luthor during his stay in [Midway City](/wiki/Midway_City). The attack is revealed to be a ruse crafted by Slade and Luthor in order to draw out a traitor on Luthor's security staff who is revealed to be a shape-shifting assassin named Facade.[[19]](#cite_note-19) After the Titans capture Facade and turn him over to the scientists at [LexCorp](/wiki/LexCorp), Luthor rewards Slade by examining technology that he had earlier ordered Tattooed Man and Cheshire to steal. Slade claims that this will bring him one step closer to his true goal: the ability to somehow cheat death itself. He also succeeds in recruiting [Arsenal](/wiki/Roy_Harper_(comics)), a former member of the Teen Titans and Justice League, into the team.[[20]](#cite_note-20) Shortly after inducting Arsenal into the team, Slade accepts a mission to rescue a child from a drug lord named Elijah. After discovering that Elijah is using the bodies of kidnapped children to create an addictive drug called Bliss, the Titans promptly kill the gangster and shut down his operation. As the Titans are preparing to return to the Labyrinth, Cheshire notices that Slade has tied up DJ Molecule, a powerful metahuman who was working for Elijah as a bodyguard. When asked what he is doing with the young man, Slade cryptically responds by saying that he only accepted the mission in order capture Molecule for some unknown purpose.[[21]](#cite_note-21) Afterward, Slade and his team arrive at South Pacific Island to kill cult leader Drago over the arena production of blind warriors; however, his team, Arsenal, and Cheshire betray him, revealing that they had been working with Drago. While Slade is held captive, Drago arrives and reveals to him that he is actually Slade's old friend, Corporal Daniel Rogers, who abandoned him during the civil war in Afghanistan. Drago then gouges out Slade’s left eye making him blind.[[22]](#cite_note-22) Slade is then imprisoned along with Arsenal and begins to tell him about his past with Drago.[[23]](#cite_note-23) Later, Drago takes a trip down memory lane with Slade, explaining how he lost his sight, and basically re-telling his origin and how it involved Jeremiah, right before he throws Slade beneath the complex to fend for his life against a crazed subhuman.[[24]](#cite_note-24) During the fights, Slade's left eye was restored due to his metahuman healing factor, and the Titans arrive to rescue him. Slade and the Titans break into Drago's mansion in attacks. Slade drugs him that he cannot focus his telepathic mind. When Drago was defeated, Slade allows him to live and the Titans then leave from his island. While returning to the labyrinth, Slade and the Titans are approached by the [Atom](/wiki/Atom_(Ray_Palmer)) and the Justice League attempt to arrest them for the murder of Ryan Choi.[[25]](#cite_note-25) During the battle of Slade's Titans against the Justice League in [Khandaq](/wiki/Khandaq), the battle was stopped by [Isis](/wiki/Isis_(DC_Comics)), who forces them to choose between leaving or continuing the fight and starting [*World War III*](/wiki/World_War_III_(DC_Comics)). The Justice League chose to retreat and Slade retrieves from [Supergirl's](/wiki/Supergirl_(Kara_Zor-El)) Kryptonian blood. Upon returning to the labyrinth, with his workers, [Doctor Sivana](/wiki/Doctor_Sivana) and [Doctor Impossible](/wiki/Doctor_Impossible), Slade reveals to the Titans that their efforts support creation of a diabolical invention call the "Methuselah Device" for his dying son [Jericho](/wiki/Jericho_(comics)).[[26]](#cite_note-26) The machine successfully heals Jericho, and Slade offers its abilities to all the Titans, offering to restore their deceased loved ones as payment for their services. All agree but Cinder, who does not want her brothers to live forever, as she claims to be doing. She attacks Cheshire and Osiris, and is then joined by Tattooed Man and Arsenal. As the Titans come to blows, Deathstroke attempts to take Jericho and leave, but Jericho, disgusted at what his father did to achieve his restoration, takes over his body, intending to destroy first the Methuselah Device, then himself and Deathstroke.[[27]](#cite_note-27) While the Titans fight over the Methuselah Device, its power source, a metahuman named DJ Molecule, is released. DJ Molecule blasts Slade, knocking Jericho out of his body. Arsenal then attacks him for stealing the Titans legacy. Slade escapes and the Methuselah Device is destroyed by Cinder. Afterwards, Slade berates himself and becomes Deathstroke once more.[[28]](#cite_note-28)

### The New 52[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=16)]

#### Deathstroke[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=17)]

In [The New 52](/wiki/The_New_52) (a reboot of the DC Comics universe), Deathstroke is known as a top mercenary around the world.[[29]](#cite_note-29) Deathstroke is hired by a man named Cristoph for a mission that forces him to work with a team of younger mercenaries known as the Alpha Dogs. Their target is Jeffrey Bode, an arms dealer traveling on a plane. After discovering that the weapons Bode is trafficking are clones of the villain [Clayface](/wiki/Clayface), Deathstroke and the other mercenaries are able to dispatch them, killing Bode in the process and retrieving a suitcase he had in his possession. Deathstroke subsequently betrays and kills the Alpha Dogs, enraged by the notion that his employers feel he is unable to accomplish his tasks alone. Deathstroke then begins to take on increasingly dangerous missions in an effort to prove his worth but is also spurred on by the contents of the suitcase he retrieved from Bode - namely the mask and knife belonging to his son [Grant](/wiki/Ravager_(comics)), both of which were stained with fresh blood indicating that he may be alive.[[30]](#cite_note-30) During this time, Deathstroke is pursued by a new villain known as Legacy.[[31]](#cite_note-31) Deathstroke kills Legacy, but another Legacy, donning the same colors as the last one, appears again, and again. It turns out the parents of one of the Alpha Dog members have hired multiple mercenaries to kill Deathstroke, all donning the green and purple color, to get revenge on him. Deathstroke tracks them down, but is confronted by his son Grant. It is revealed that all of this has been a plot to lure Deathstroke to him. Although Deathstroke manages to kill both the parents, Grant defeats him, claiming superior of Deathstroke. Grant is about to finish Slade, but he hesitates, and leaves. Recovering from his injuries, Grant takes another contract, Slade happy that his son has become a better warrior than him, and then visits his father's hospital bed to mention he has grown up to be a greater man than him.

Slade takes a contract from Harvest, to bring the [Ravagers](/wiki/Ravager_(comics)) back to the colony. He does this in exchange for his daughter [Rose](/wiki/Rose_Wilson) and [Terra](/wiki/Terra_(comics)). It turns out that [Lynch](/wiki/John_Lynch_(comics)), the leader of [Team 7](/wiki/Team_7_(comics)) had needed Terra to stop a rampaging [Majestic](/wiki/Mr._Majestic), who was thought to be killed by Dinah Drake's sonic scream. For a plan B, to Slade's dismay, he calls in [Joseph Wilson](/wiki/Jericho_(comics)), now going by the name Jericho, with Adeline and Grant, to stop Majestic. Instead of stopping Majestic, Jericho takes control of Majestic, Adeline, Grant, and Terra to kill his father. Adeline dies, buried in the rubble caused by Majestic's stampede. Jericho momentarily loses control by this, and Slade, Rose, and Terra manages to restrain Majestic, with the help of Rose's Gen-factor. However, Jericho retains control over Grant and Terra. When Slade knocks Terra unconscious, a cornered Jericho threatens to stab himself and Grant with a sword. Deathstroke, without hesitation, drives the sword into both of them, killing them instantly. But a later scene suggests Jericho has escaped, since there is shown a worker with glowing green eyes walking out of the clean-up scene, strongly implying Jericho has possessed the man to flee.

#### Origins[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=18)]

Deathstroke's altered origin is introduced in *Deathstroke #0*. The fact that he participated in the military at 16 and met Adeline has not changed. Already a legend in the army, Slade was drafted into Team 7 and went on many missions. In one mission, Slade was gravely injured and had to go under an operation that enhanced his abilities, making him virtually a super-human. After this, he married Adeline and had two sons, Grant and Joseph. Around this time, Slade received intel that informed his best friend, Wintergreen was caught in Somalia. He donned a mask and flew to Somalia to rescue Wintergreen, slaughtering all the captors. Deathstroke the Terminator was born. As his fame grew, his enemies did too. An attack targeting his house seemingly killed Joseph and Adeline. With evidence that the attack was from North Korea, Slade vengefully killed a pack of North Korean soldiers, but lost his right eye in the process. It is later shown that Joseph and Adeline are still alive.

This origin was again changed in *Teen Titans: Deathstroke #1*. After a mission that involved detonating a children's hospital which Slade was unaware of, he quit the army. After Team 7's termination, Slade started to operate under the Deathstroke identity. He took Grant on his mission, considering him as not only his son, but as a business partner, and the only person he could trust. But during in a mission in North Korea, their refuge was infiltrated and North Korean soldiers barged in, firing into the house. Grant was shot, and as Slade looked backwards at his son, a bullet penetrated through his right eye, blinding it. Enraged, Slade went on a massacre and slew the soldiers. However, Grant was presumed dead. Now, Slade works for the sake of his daughter Rose, as he knows the only thing that will keep Rose safe after he's gone, is money. It is unclear if Rose's mother is Adeline or not.

#### Team 7[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=19)]

Five years before taking the contract from Harvest, before taking the name Deathstroke, Slade once operated with *Team 7*. With metahuman threats rising, *The Majestic Project*, a plan to control future metahuman threats was schemed by John Lynch. And to secure the project, Team 7 was created and Slade was recruited. The first mission was retrieving the [Eclipso](/wiki/Eclipso) Gem, where Slade was possessed by Eclipso and Alex Fairchild had to drive a sword through his chest to save him. Their next mission site is the Advanced Prosthetic Research Center. [Dr. Henshaw](/wiki/Hank_Henshaw) is tasked into reactivating the android Spartan. But the Spartan Subject is activated, infecting everyone in the center to be turned into mindless cyborgs including [Caitlin Fairchild](/wiki/Caitlin_Fairchild). Team 7 is sent to the spot. Pilot Summer Ramos is killed by a cyborg. The team breaks into the facility, intending to bottleneck them. Caitlin appears out from a door. Relieved to see his daughter, Alex Fairchild rushes to her and hugs her, but actually infected, Caitlin stabs her father to death. In a fit of rage, Slade chases after her and dispatches her. Then from behind, Henshaw, temporarily free of the Spartan virus, explained that this was a distraction by the Spartan Subject to target agent James Bronson, currently at his home. A Spartan Cyborg breaks into his apartment, and attacks, activating Majestic. Majestic actually turns out to be agent Bronson's gen factor, which was activated when the Kaizen, the dictator of the island nation of Gamorra sent the cyborg to trigger the Majestic Persona. It is later explained by Lynch that another purpose of Team 7 was to activate potential meta-genes in the agents to create powerful human weapons, which would make America invincible to other nations. Agents like Slade, [Dinah Drake](/wiki/Dinah_Drake), and [Cole Cash](/wiki/Cole_Cash) had gained their meta-human abilities by Lynch. Bronson was planned to be Majestic, but the activation of the gene just then had been unexpected.

Team 7's last mission was to salvage Pandora's Box. The Team, with new pilot [Steve Trevor](/wiki/Steve_Trevor) is sent to Gamorra. The Kaizen, who possessed Pandora's Box, prepared to unleash its power. When they reach the Kaizen's palace, the child precogs show the Team a future where Kaizen Gamorra has opened the Box, and the whole world is going off the rails. Hearing the precogs say the Kaizen had to be stopped to prevent this fate, Majestic flies up into space, and impacts the coast of Gamorra with the force of a comet, creating a massive tidal wave, annihilating five million residents. But the Kaizen's palace stood however, and the team couldn't defeat him, until Majestic burst in. The Kaizen explains that Majestic is the key to opening the box, which also explains why he targeted Bronson in the first place. Majestic kills the Kaizen with a single blow. But he subdues to the Box's power, and starts attacking the team. Dinah lets out a canary cry that destroys the entire palace. In the chaos, Lynch is possessed by the box, but [Amanda Waller](/wiki/Amanda_Waller) knocks the box from his hands and tells Dinah to take the box away as far as possible. Lynch tries to take down the helicopter containing Dinah and the remaining team agents, but Waller shoots him from behind, seemingly killing Lynch and leading to Team 7's dissolution.

#### Forever Evil[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=20)]

During the [*Forever Evil*](/wiki/Forever_Evil) storyline, Steve Trevor encounters Deathstroke, [Copperhead](/wiki/Copperhead_(DC_Comics)), and [Shadow Thief](/wiki/Shadow_Thief) at the White House when he is looking for the President.[[32]](#cite_note-32) Later, the party turns up in [Wayne Industries](/wiki/Wayne_Industries) with [Power Ring](/wiki/Power_Ring_(DC_Comics)) to fight [Batman](/wiki/Batman), [Lex Luthor](/wiki/Lex_Luthor), and other heroes and villains who are against the Crime Syndicate. Deathstroke has Lex Luthor's life in his hands, but Lex Luthor persuades him that it will do him no good if the Syndicate takes over the Earth. Slade has a change of mind and shoots Copperhead in the head, killing him. After they defeat the rest of the gang, Deathstroke remarks that Lex Luthor ought to pay him a big fat check after this is over.[[33]](#cite_note-33) Deathstroke then joins Batman and Luthor in the battle against the syndicate he is seen battling Deathstorm when the Syndicate attacks the fallen watchtower. The syndicate later retreats when they find out that Alexander Luthor has been freed, Deathstroke witnesses the only "hero" from Earth-Three kill Deathstorm and steal his abilities. Alexander Luthor then attacks Deathstroke shattering his helmet while he a lets out a string of obscenities directed at Luthor.

## Powers and abilities[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=21)]

Deathstroke possesses various enhanced abilities granted by the experimental serum, which are stated to be well beyond those of an average human. According to several character bios, his physical attributes border on superhuman.[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed) These include having the strength of ten men, and possessing heightened speed, stamina, endurance and reflexes. His enhancements made it possible for him to press about 1 ton. He has the capacity to [use up to 90 percent of his brain](/wiki/Ten_percent_of_the_brain_myth) at any one time, making him a tactical genius, adept at turning his opponents' own abilities against them; this can also be attributed to his years in the military and combat with various heroes. Deathstroke also possesses a healing factor in his blood that enables him to recover from physical injury much faster than a normal person; however, it does have limitations, as it could not heal his missing eye and cannot regenerate entire limbs. This enables him to recover from what would otherwise be fatal injuries, though recovering from such injuries renders him insane and animalistic for a short period. Deathstroke is also a formidable martial artist and hand-to-hand combatant. He proved himself to be one of the best fighters in the United States Army and, through his martial arts training, he would later be highly skilled in [Boxing](/wiki/Boxing), [Karate](/wiki/Karate), [Jujitsu](/wiki/Jujitsu) and [Ninjutsu](/wiki/Ninjutsu). In addition, he has demonstrated multilingualism, being able to speak various languages such as Russian, Japanese, and Korean.

*Green Arrow* (vol. 4) #66 claims that an assassin known as [Natas](/wiki/Natas_(comics)) taught Deathstroke "almost everything he knows" (a retcon of his origin in *The New Teen Titans: Judas Contract*, where his future wife, Adeline Kane, trained him while he was in the military). Deathstroke is also skilled in the use of various weapons, including swords and firearms, which are among his current weapons of choice. His signature weapon is a power staff that fires lethal and non-lethal energy blasts from both ends. In some more realism-focused versions of Deathstroke, his staff fires bullets and miniature cannonball-like pellets instead of energy blasts. His staff can bend and stretch to include both of his martial art forms. He is also seen with a wide array of swords, including giant broadswords and katana swords.[[34]](#cite_note-34) Typically in combat, he will only use his staff as a last resort, after his other weapons are rendered useless. His body armor is composed of a mesh-woven, [kevlar](/wiki/Kevlar), chainlink [mail](/wiki/Mail_(armour)), capable of stopping small arms fire. Most of the metal he wears and uses is Promethium, the volatile variety which he's immune to thanks to his physical prowess. However, in the New 52, he wears a full suit composed of Nth metal. This armor allows him to absorb blows from some of the mightiest DC beings, as evidenced by it being able to absorb numerous blows from [Lobo](/wiki/Lobo_(DC_Comics)), although it could not withstand the power of [Mazahs](/wiki/Captain_Marvel_(DC_Comics)#Mazahs).[[35]](#cite_note-35)

## Other versions[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=22)]

### Deathstroke: Journey's End[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=23)]

The *Deathstroke* annual for 1994 was an [elseworlds](/wiki/Elseworlds) story featuring Deathstroke in a post-apocalyptic world. Deathstroke fights a legion of mutants and desperately tries to help humanity rise from the ashes of its ruined civilization.[[36]](#cite_note-36)

### Uncanny X-Men/Teen Titans[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=24)]

In the [intercompany crossover](/wiki/Intercompany_crossover) *The Uncanny X-Men and The New Teen Titans*, Deathstroke meets his [equal](/wiki/Deadpool) in the form of [Wolverine](/wiki/Wolverine_(character)); the two fight to a near standstill. At the same time, however, he proved skilled enough to defeat [Colossus](/wiki/Colossus_(comics)) in a one-on-one fight despite the latter's superior physical strength. Colossus, however, isn't known for his fighting prowess on the level of Wolverine and Deathstroke.

### Amalgam Comics[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=25)]

In [Amalgam Comics](/wiki/Amalgam_Comics), Deathstroke is combined with Marvel's [Daredevil](/wiki/Daredevil_(Marvel_Comics)) to become "Dare the Terminator", real name Slade Murdock. Unlike Wilson and Murdock, Dare is a woman. Though Dare is legally blind, she wears an eye-patch because of her mangled right eye. She also has horns surgically attached to her forehead. She uses a sword in combat.[[37]](#cite_note-37)

### Tangent Comics[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=26)]

In [Tangent Comics](/wiki/Tangent_Comics), Deathstroke is an armored supervillain and a member of the [Fatal Five](/wiki/Fatal_Five). This version exists on Earth-97 of the [Old Multiverse](/wiki/List_of_DC_Multiverse_worlds#Original_Multiverse) and Earth-9 of the [New Multiverse](/wiki/The_52).

### Mash-Up[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=27)]

In the [Superman/Batman](/wiki/Superman/Batman) storyline "Mash-Up", elements of Slade are combined with parts of [Doomsday](/wiki/Doomsday_(comics)), creating the villain "Doomstroke".[[38]](#cite_note-38)

### Flashpoint[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=28)]

In the [*Flashpoint*](/wiki/Flashpoint_(comics)) reality, Deathstroke is a pirate, searching with his crew formed by [Sonar](/wiki/Sonar_(comics)), whom he broke out of a floating prison, [Icicle](/wiki/Icicle_(comics)), [Fisherman](/wiki/Fisherman_(comics)), [Clayface](/wiki/Clayface), [Machiste](/wiki/Machiste) and [The Eel](/wiki/List_of_Flashpoint_(comics)_characters#Villains) for any sunken loot to steal in the flooded remains of Paris, and also for his daughter [Rose](/wiki/Rose_Wilson), who has been kidnapped by persons unknown.[[39]](#cite_note-39) Deathstroke and his crew were however soon attacked by [Aquaman](/wiki/Aquaman) and his brother the [Ocean Master](/wiki/Ocean_Master).[[40]](#cite_note-40) Aquaman stabs Deathstroke in the chest with his trident telling Ocean Master "no survivors".[[39]](#cite_note-39) After the attack, Deathstroke was saved from death by [Sonar](/wiki/Sonar_(comics)), who demanded to be made second-in-command in return. While continuing their journey, the pirates were ambushed by the fleet of [Warlord](/wiki/Warlord_(comics)) and forced to surrender, but are then saved by Jenny Blitz who destroyed one of Warlord's ships.[[41]](#cite_note-41) Afterwards, Blitz agrees to join Deathstroke in searching for his daughter and developed a relationship in-between. Soon Deathstroke and Blitz were alerted that his crew were planning a mutiny. Deathstroke and Blitz fought and killed the treacherous crew, but Sonar manage to contact another pirate fleet under the leadership of the Caretaker before Deathstroke shot him. Later, Deathstroke and Jenny approaches the Caretaker's fleet and discovers Rose is being held captive. Deathstroke formulates a plan by offering to exchange Caretaker with a stasis-like Jenny for Rose's freedom. However, the Caretaker double-crosses on their deal and have his crew to attack him. But Deathstroke unleashes Jenny from her stasis upon Caretaker's fleet. During the battle, Deathstroke ignited a grenade at a weapon stockpile which destroyed Caretaker's ship and its crew with it. Deathstroke and Blitz were rescued by Rose. Reunited with his daughter, Deathstroke sails towards an unknown destination.[[42]](#cite_note-42)

### Superman: American Alien[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=29)]

Deathstroke appears in *Superman: American Alien*, where he was sent by Carmine Falcone to assassinate a young Bruce Wayne who's supposedly on a yacht party. However, like everyone else on the boat, he mistakes a young Clark Kent for Bruce and is surprised when the neurotoxin he put in Clark's drink just makes him dizzy instead of killing him. He tries cutting him up with his sword, but the sword breaks over Clark's durable skin, and Clark simply flicks him off of the yacht to defeat him.[[43]](#cite_note-43)

## Collected editions[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=30)]

Part of the [eponymous](/wiki/Eponym) series has been collected into a [trade paperback](/wiki/Trade_paperback_(comics)):

* *Deathstroke the Terminator: Full Cycle* (collects *Deathstroke the Terminator* #1-5 and *New Titans* #70, [Template:ISBNT](/wiki/Template:ISBNT))
* *Deathstroke: The Terminator Vol. 1: Assassins* (*Deathstroke the Terminator* #1-9, *New Titans* #70 [Template:ISBNT](/wiki/Template:ISBNT))
* *Deathstroke: The Terminator Vol. 2: Sympathy For The Devil* (*Deathstroke the Terminator* #10-13, Annual #1, Superman Vol. 2 #68 [Template:ISBNT](/wiki/Template:ISBNT))
* *Deathstroke, the Terminator Vol. 3* (*Deathstroke the Terminator* #14-20, [Template:ISBNT](/wiki/Template:ISBNT))
* *Deathstroke Vol. 1: Legacy* (collects *Deathstroke* Vol. 2 #1-8, [Template:ISBNT](/wiki/Template:ISBNT))
* *Deathstroke Vol. 2: Lobo Hunt* (*Deathstroke* Vol. 2 #0, #9-20)
* *Deathstroke Vol. 1: Gods of Wars* (*Deathstroke* Vol. 3 #1-6 [Template:ISBNT](/wiki/Template:ISBNT))
* *Deathstroke Vol. 2: God Killer* (*Deathstroke* Vol. 3 #7-10, Annual #1 Sneak Preview from Convergence: Batman: Shadow of the Bat #2 [Template:ISBNT](/wiki/Template:ISBNT))

## In other media[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=31)]

### Television[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=32)]

#### Live-action[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=33)]

* An assassin by the name of Deathstroke appears in the [*Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman*](/wiki/Lois_&_Clark:_The_New_Adventures_of_Superman) episode "Bob and Carol and Lois and Clark", played by [Antonio Sabàto, Jr](/wiki/Antonio_Sabàto,_Jr). Deathstroke is a former scientist who was exposed to magnetic particles, permanently altering his body and granting him magnetic powers. His assistant becomes his wife (played by [Sydney Walsh](/wiki/Sydney_Walsh)) and helps him create a special suit to contain his powers, preventing metal from being drawn to him while out in public. Becoming an international assassin, Deathstroke begins murdering his targets by magnetizing the iron in their blood cells, causing a figure-eight mark on the chest as the person dies of a heart attack. The couple later take the name **Bob Stanton** and **Carol Stanton** when they arrive in Metropolis. They become friends with Clark Kent and [Lois Lane](/wiki/Lois_Lane), as they discover that Lois will be interviewing an eccentric billionaire. The couple plan to assassinate the billionaire before he goes public, taking his identity and thus his fortune. But the plan is foiled when [Superman](/wiki/Superman) interferes and destroys Deathstroke's containment suit, causing him to be magnetically drawn to a steel pillar until the police arrive.
* Slade Wilson appears in the tenth season of [*Smallville*](/wiki/Smallville), portrayed by [Michael Hogan](/wiki/Michael_Hogan_(Canadian_actor)). This version is a [United States Army](/wiki/United_States_Army) [Lieutenant General](/wiki/Lieutenant_general_(United_States)) behind the anti-superhero Vigilante Registration Act legislation that he has propagated while under [Darkseid's](/wiki/Darkseid) influence. [Lois Lane](/wiki/Lois_Lane_(Smallville)) confronts Slade and discovers that he is a suspected war-criminal known for illegal methods of torture and interrogation. Slade later loses his right eye in an explosion, and gains advanced healing abilities (described as "advanced Military tech"). After demonstrating these new abilities, Wilson tells Clark that he is 'beyond Death's stroke now', so Clark uses a [Kryptonian](/wiki/Krypton_(comics)) [crystal](/wiki/Kryptonian_crystal) to send him to the [Phantom Zone](/wiki/Phantom_Zone). [Zod](/wiki/General_Zod) later sends Slade back to Earth, albeit unconscious and with no memory of his time away or Clark's identity.

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* The **Deathstroke** identity has been assumed by numerous individuals in [The CW's](/wiki/The_CW) [Arrowverse](/wiki/Arrowverse):
  + Jeffrey C. Robinson portrays [**Bill Wintergreen**](/wiki/Wintergreen_(comics)) on [*Arrow*](/wiki/Arrow_(TV_series)), where he serves as the show's first incarnation of Deathstroke.[[44]](#cite_note-44) When [Oliver Queen](/wiki/Oliver_Queen_(Arrow)) gets stranded on the island of [Lian Yu](/wiki/Starfish_Island), he encounters Wintergreen, who is under the employ of [Edward Fyers](/wiki/Eddie_Fyers). Wintergreen is a former member of [ASIS](/wiki/Australian_Secret_Intelligence_Service) who was working with Slade Wilson when they made it to the island to rescue Yao Fei. But Wintergreen betrays Slade and begins working with Fyers. When Fyers captures Oliver Queen, Wintergreen begins torturing him for the location of Yao Fei. However, Queen escapes with the help of Yao fei himself, and encounters Slade and [Shado](/wiki/Shado_(DC_Comics)). Slade and Shado then begin training Queen to defend himself as the three of them plan to escape the island. They eventually overcome Fyers' forces as Slade battles Wintergreen. After a brutal fight, Slade kills Wintergreen, stabbing him in the eye.
  + [Manu Bennett](/wiki/Manu_Bennett) portrays Slade Wilson on [*Arrow*](/wiki/Arrow_(TV_series)). This iteration is of [Australian](/wiki/Australian) descent, and is a former [ASIS](/wiki/Australian_Secret_Intelligence_Service) agent stranded on the island of Lian Yu with Oliver Queen five years before the series begins. In season one's flashbacks, Slade trains the shipwrecked playboy in martial arts and archery, and together they overcome the mercenary unit led by Edward Fyers. In season two's flashbacks, Slade comes to despise Oliver when [Dr. Anthony Ivo](/wiki/Anthony_Ivo) kills Shado, Oliver's girlfriend on the island whom Slade secretly fell in love with. Having taken Ivo's mirakuru supersoldier formula, Slade is granted superhuman strength and reflexes, but also begins to lose his sanity, prompting Oliver to kill Slade on the [Amazo](/wiki/Amazo) freighter. As revealed in the tie-in novel, *Arrow: Vengeance*, Slade swam back to civilisation and returned to Australia, where he reunited with Adeline and Joe, his ex-wife and son. After rejoining the ASIS, Slade discovered that his mirakuru powers somehow disappeared, so he frequently sparred with [Digger Harkness](/wiki/Captain_Boomerang) to try and regain them. Five years later, Slade saw an announcement that Oliver had been found alive and snapped, killing several ASIS officers with his regained mirakuru powers. During the fight, however, both Adeline and Joe were accidentally killed, prompting Slade to start a new life as an international mercenary, dubbed "**Deathstroke**" by [A.R.G.U.S.](/wiki/A.R.G.U.S.) In season two's present day narrative, Slade attempts to wreak havoc on Oliver's life, even killing his mother and later overwhelming Starling City with mirakuru-enhanced soldiers. At the end of the season, Slade and Oliver engage each other again, and Slade is injected with a mirakuru cure, which weakens him enough for Oliver to defeat him and place him in a government-maintained prison under Lian Yu. In season three, Slade returns when he escapes his underground confinement and torments Oliver and his sister during their training session on Lian Yu, but they eventually defeat and recapture him. When Oliver attempts to learn how to counter [Damien Darhk's](/wiki/Damien_Darhk) magic in season four, he is subjected to the very source of Darhk's magic and experiences visions of his greatest enemies, including Deathstroke, the [Dark Archer](/wiki/Merlyn_(DC_Comics)) and Darhk himself.
  + Slade's son, [Grant Wilson](/wiki/Ravager_(comics)#Grant_Wilson), appears as Deathstroke in DC's [*Legends of Tomorrow*](/wiki/Legends_of_Tomorrow), portrayed by Jamie Andrew Cutler in the episode "Star City 2046". When Rip Hunter's team travel to Star City in the year 2046, it is discovered that Grant Wilson has taken up his father's mantle and conquered the entire city, where the population consists entirely of criminals. However, [Connor Hawke](/wiki/Connor_Hawke) and an aged Oliver Queen help Rip Hunter and his team defeat Grant, ending his reign.

#### Animation[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=34)]

[thumb|185px|Slade in the](/wiki/File:SladeTTanimated2003.jpg) [*Teen Titans*](/wiki/Teen_Titans_(TV_series)) animated series.

* The character appears in the [*Teen Titans*](/wiki/Teen_Titans_(TV_series)) animated series, voiced by [Ron Perlman](/wiki/Ron_Perlman). This incarnation simply goes by his first name "Slade", as Deathstroke was not considered suitable for a series aimed at children. Underneath his mask, his face is silhouetted by a shadow (with brightly colored slicked back hair) with a scar running through his right eye socket. He is changed from an assassin to an enigmatic criminal mastermind, dispatching slews of super villains and android ninjas to kill the [Teen Titans](/wiki/Teen_Titans). He had access to nearly unlimited resources and a vast army of robotic [minions](/wiki/Henchman). However, Slade's most notable quality is that he is a master of manipulation and psychology, allowing him to get his foes to do almost anything he wants through shrewd manipulation. Slade has superhuman physical attributes, an enhanced healing factor, and training in many forms of combat. However, he was also easy to anger, which was eventually taken advantage of. In the first season, Slade seeks out [Robin](/wiki/Robin_(comics)) as an apprentice, coercing the hero into obeying him by threatening to kill the other Titans with [nanobots](/wiki/Nanorobotics). In the second season, Slade seeks [Terra](/wiki/Terra_(DC_Comics)) as another apprentice, manipulating her into betraying the Titans and serving him. However, Slade is seemingly killed when Terra drops him into a lava-filled pit. In the third season, Slade apparently returns to exact revenge on Robin, but is later revealed to be a hallucination. In the fourth season, Slade returns as [Trigon's](/wiki/Trigon_(comics)) undead servant, now empowered with vast [pyrokinetic](/wiki/Pyrokinetic) abilities and other supernatural powers to rival Trigon's daughter, [Raven](/wiki/Raven_(DC_Comics)). However, Trigon betrays Slade, so the villain later helps Robin save Raven and the world, restoring his mortal form in the process. However Slade vanishes after the chaos In the fifth and final season, Slade appears when Terra returns and appears to have lost her memories and powers. Slade later confronts and attacks [Beast Boy](/wiki/Beast_Boy), but is later revealed to be another robot duplicate. Slade's overall fate beyond this point is unclear.
* Deathstroke appears in [*Young Justice: Invasion*](/wiki/Young_Justice_(TV_series)), voiced by [Wentworth Miller](/wiki/Wentworth_Miller) (in "True Colors") and by [Fred Tatasciore](/wiki/Fred_Tatasciore) (subsequent appearances).[[45]](#cite_note-45) In "True Colors", he appears as [The Light's](/wiki/Secret_Society_of_Super_Villains) new enforcer, and intercepts an assassination attempt on [Black Manta](/wiki/Black_Manta) by [Sportsmaster](/wiki/Sportsmaster). In "The Fix", Black Manta enlists Deathstroke and [Tigress](/wiki/Tigress_(DC_Comics)) to capture [Miss Martian](/wiki/Miss_Martian) in order to restore [Aqualad's](/wiki/Aqualad_(Jackson_Hyde)) mind. At a junkyard, Deathstroke easily defeats [Lagoon Boy](/wiki/Lagoon_Boy) and successfully captures Miss Martian. In "Complications", Sportsmaster and Cheshire infiltrate Black Manta's sub, and while Deathstroke battles Sportsmaster, Miss Martian takes the opportunity to escape. Deathstroke is then temporarily immobilized by Miss Martian, allowing Sportsmaster and Chesire to escape without blowing Tigress' cover. In "The Hunt", [Lex Luthor](/wiki/Lex_Luthor) sends Deathstroke to infiltrate the [Warworld](/wiki/Warworld) and steal the Key that operates it. In the episode "Summit", Deathstroke is present at a meeting between The Light and [The Reach](/wiki/Reach_(comics)), but was revealed to be Miss Martian in disguise.

[310px|thumbnail|right|Deathstroke in *Beware the Batman*.](/wiki/File:Beware_Deathstroke_the_Terminator.png)

* Deathstroke appears in [*Beware the Batman*](/wiki/Beware_the_Batman), voiced by [Robin Atkin Downes](/wiki/Robin_Atkin_Downes). Slade Wilson was originally a CIA agent before being [terminated](/wiki/Burn_notice_(document)) for his ruthless methods. Now operating as the international assassin Deathstroke, Slade planned to exact his revenge on his former mentor ([Alfred Pennyworth](/wiki/Alfred_Pennyworth)) for reporting him. Once in Gotham, Slade assumed the identity of "Dane Lisslow", becoming the head of [Harvey Dent's](/wiki/Two-Face) Special Crimes Unit to study Alfred, and soon discovered Batman's secret identity of Bruce Wayne. Deathstroke is later hired by Dent and [Anarky](/wiki/Anarky) to kill Batman, but things go south when Deathstroke kidnaps Dent to serve as bait. After an intense fight with Batman, Deathstroke faked his death and goes into hiding to plan his revenge. Deathstroke later poses as the Dark Knight, framing him for killing "Dane Lisslow" to ruin Batman's reputation, scarring Dent's face in the process. In the series finale, the mystery behind Deathstroke is revealed, and Batman tricks the mercenary into revealing himself. However, Deathstroke discovers the location of the [Batcave](/wiki/Batcave) and holds Alfred hostage. But despite rigging the cave with explosives, they were all disarmed, and Deathstroke ends up losing his right eye during the battle. Threatening to expose Batman's secret identity to the world, Deathstroke is ultimately reduced to an amnesiac when [Metamorpho](/wiki/Metamorpho) uses a chemical compound erase the villain's memory. Unlike most of his counterparts in the comics and other forms of media, this version of Deathstroke has no augmented or superhuman powers.

### Film[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=35)]

* A parallel universe counterpart of Slade Wilson appears in [*Justice League: Crisis on Two Earths*](/wiki/Justice_League:_Crisis_on_Two_Earths), voiced by [Bruce Davison](/wiki/Bruce_Davison). He is depicted as the [President of the United States](/wiki/President_of_the_United_States) in the world controlled by the [Crime Syndicate of America](/wiki/Crime_Syndicate_of_America), and wears an eyepatch on his left eye, as opposed to his right. Although he retains his supervillain counterpart's backstory of being a former soldier, he never becomes an assassin, and tries to work for the betterment of the American people through his political career. Despite his daughter, [Rose Wilson](/wiki/Rose_Wilson), publicly speaking out against the Crime Syndicate, Slade is initially reluctant to wage war against them due to his concerns for his daughter's safety. But after Rose's attempted murder, Wilson decides to strike back at the Syndicate with the Justice League's aid, along with that of his world's Lex Luthor. Slade personally leads the [United States Marine Corps](/wiki/United_States_Marine_Corps) into the battle and, after the Syndicate leaders' defeat, he orders the National Guard to work with law enforcement agencies to arrest the remaining members of the CSA.
* Deathstroke appears in [*Justice League: The Flashpoint Paradox*](/wiki/Justice_League:_The_Flashpoint_Paradox), with Ron Perlman reprising his role.[[46]](#cite_note-46) In the distorted 'Flashpoint' timeline, Deathstroke is the captain of the ship, the *Ravager*. He and [Lex Luthor](/wiki/Lex_Luthor) set out to find [Aquaman's](/wiki/Aquaman) [Doomsday Device](/wiki/Captain_Atom), but the ship is suddenly attacked by the Atlantean army led by Aquaman. Deathstroke uses his superior fighting skills to cut through hoards of Atlanteans before confronting Aquaman. He manages to overpower [Garth](/wiki/Garth_(comics)) and [Kaldur'ahm](/wiki/Aqualad_(Kaldur'ahm)) but is presumably killed by [Black Manta's](/wiki/Black_Manta) optic blasts.
* Deathstroke appears in [*Son of Batman*](/wiki/Son_of_Batman), voiced by [Thomas Gibson](/wiki/Thomas_Gibson).[[47]](#cite_note-47) This version originally was a member of the [League of Assassins](/wiki/League_of_Assassins), serving as [Ra's al Ghul's](/wiki/Ra's_al_Ghul) right-hand man and future successor until his actions deemed him unworthy. Feeling denied his right, Deathstroke stages a coup d'état where he kills his mentor and takes control of the League. During the chaos, [Damian Wayne](/wiki/Damian_Wayne) manages to stab Deathstroke's right eye. After escaping with Ubu's help, Deathstroke goes to Kirk Langstrom to work on a project initiated by Ra's to use Langstrom's [Man-Bat](/wiki/Man-Bat) gene splicing formulas on members of the League. He kidnaps Langstrom's family and [Talia al Ghul](/wiki/Talia_al_Ghul) as insurance. In the final climax, Deathstroke shoots Talia and engages Batman in single combat. As Batman resuscitates Talia in a [Lazarus Pit](/wiki/Lazarus_Pit), Deathstroke and Damien, now known as Robin, engage in a fight which ends with Deathstroke defeated and sinking to the seas, presumably deceased.
* Although not appearing at all nor mentioned in the DTV movie [*Batman: Assault on Arkham*](/wiki/Batman:_Assault_on_Arkham), Deathstroke is referenced in an interview with co-director [Jay Oliva](/wiki/Jay_Oliva) in a 2014 [TV Guide](/wiki/TV_Guide) feature, where he explained that Deathstroke's absence in the film despite [Amanda Waller](/wiki/Amanda_Waller) having offered him a place in the [Suicide Squad](/wiki/Suicide_Squad) in [*Batman: Arkham Origins*](/wiki/Batman:_Arkham_Origins). Oliva estimated that the film shows the Squad's ninth outing and by that time, Deathstroke has escaped Waller's clutches.[[48]](#cite_note-48)\* Deathstroke appears in the animated film [*Lego DC Comics Super Heroes: Justice League vs. Bizarro League*](/wiki/Lego_DC_Comics_Super_Heroes:_Justice_League_vs._Bizarro_League), voiced by [John DiMaggio](/wiki/John_DiMaggio).[[49]](#cite_note-49) He is among the villains [Gorilla Grodd](/wiki/Gorilla_Grodd) mind-controls into doing his bidding. When he is freed from Grodd's control, he discovers (to his anger) that Grodd made him steal a crate of bananas. Deathstroke is later defeated by [Plastic Man](/wiki/Plastic_Man) and arrested by the police.
* Deathstroke appears in [*Lego DC Comics Super Heroes: Justice League: Attack of the Legion of Doom*](/wiki/Lego_DC_Comics_Super_Heroes:_Justice_League:_Attack_of_the_Legion_of_Doom). He is among the villains who try to join the Legion of Doom and is the last villain to use the obstacle course. He manages to evade every obstacle and literally destroy the course. Lex Luthor disqualified Deathstroke after he overheard Black Manta and Sinestro quoting that Deathstroke should lead the Legion of Doom.
* Deathstroke appears in [*Lego DC Comics Super Heroes: Justice League: Gotham City Breakout*](/wiki/Lego_DC_Comics_Super_Heroes:_Justice_League:_Gotham_City_Breakout) voiced again by [John DiMaggio](/wiki/John_DiMaggio). He is portrayed as a former classmate of Batman's during their childhood learning martial arts before dropping out due to envy of Batman being the favourite student.

### Video games[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=36)]

* On August 20, 2008, [Ed Boon](/wiki/Ed_Boon) announced Deathstroke as one of the DC villains who would appear in [*Mortal Kombat vs. DC Universe*](/wiki/Mortal_Kombat_vs._DC_Universe),[[50]](#cite_note-50) played by Chris Matthews and voiced by [Patrick Seitz](/wiki/Patrick_Seitz). He is a counterpart of [Baraka](/wiki/Baraka_(Mortal_Kombat)). In the story, Deathstroke appears in Metropolis where he beheads a thug who paid him the money he owed Deathstroke late. Then Deathstroke is attacked and defeated by Flash. When in Gotham City, he attacks [Sub-Zero](/wiki/Sub-Zero_(Mortal_Kombat)) (who is trying to hunt down Scorpion) seeing this new assassin as an enemy. Sub-Zero wins the battle, but does not bother finishing off Deathstroke fearing the essence of the Netherrealm that leads to Scorpion would become too weak to follow if he wasted any more time. Later, Deathstroke teams up with Lex Luthor and the [Joker](/wiki/Joker_(comics)). He helps Joker try to take on [Sonya Blade](/wiki/Sonya_Blade) and [Kano](/wiki/Kano_(Mortal_Kombat)). Joker fights Sonya while Deathstroke battles Kano. In the middle of his fight, Deathstroke is pushed aside by Joker who defeats Kano and turns on Deathstroke when the Combat Rage takes over Joker. Deathstroke's game ending has him realizing that other-worldy assassins are seen as unwelcome competition. As a caution, he creates an army of assassins in his image, becoming the leader of the "Deathstrike Clan" (the DC Universe's version of the Lin Kuei).
* Deathstroke appears in [*DC Universe Online*](/wiki/DC_Universe_Online), voiced by Tracy W. Bush. He is a member of the [Secret Society of Super-Villains](/wiki/Secret_Society_of_Super-Villains), and appears in multiple Instances and Alerts. During the Batman story quest line, he is sent by the [Joker](/wiki/Joker_(comics)) to assassinate the [Riddler](/wiki/Riddler) for informing the heroes of the source of Joker's new venom. In the Villain's campaign, he will join the player in a fight against [Bruno Mannheim](/wiki/Bruno_Mannheim) to steal the Bible of Crime. Players that use a Hero character will also encounter Deathstroke and [Killer Croc](/wiki/Killer_Croc) on the Cape Carmine Lighthouse duo. In the Smallville alert, he appears as part of a Strike Force alongside [Killer Frost](/wiki/Killer_Frost), [Bizarro](/wiki/Bizarro) and [Solomon Grundy](/wiki/Solomon_Grundy_(comics)) sent to aid Villain players in their battle against [Doomsday](/wiki/Doomsday_(comics)).
* Deathstroke appears in [*Injustice: Gods Among Us*](/wiki/Injustice:_Gods_Among_Us) as a playable character,[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed) voiced by [J. G. Hertzler](/wiki/J._G._Hertzler).[[51]](#cite_note-51) The mainstream version is hired by Lex Luthor to spring the Joker from [Arkham Asylum](/wiki/Arkham_Asylum) but is defeated by [Batman](/wiki/Batman). The alternate incarnation is seen in [Ferris Aircraft](/wiki/Carol_Ferris) being tortured by the Regime's [Cyborg](/wiki/Cyborg_(comics)) and Raven until the [Green Lantern](/wiki/Hal_Jordan) appears and escapes during the fight. Later on, he joins up with the Insurgency and helps the mainstream version of Cyborg into taking control of the Watchtower's teleportation system. In Deathstroke's ending, new governments start to form to replace Superman's. With new governments comes new orders for assassinations, insurrections to cause and revolutions to support, too much for even Deathstroke to handle. Using his skills to hunt down hidden Regime soldiers, Deathstroke forms a clan of the world's most successful political assassins called the New Titans. A [Red Son](/wiki/Red_Son)-in game exclusive skin was released as part of [DLC](/wiki/Downloadable_content).
* Deathstroke appears in [*Scribblenauts Unmasked: A DC Comics Adventure*](/wiki/Scribblenauts_Unmasked:_A_DC_Comics_Adventure). He appears as one of the villains summoned by [Brainiac](/wiki/Brainiac_(comics)) to collect starites. This version appears to have taken aspects from the *Teen Titans* animated series (battling Cyborg and being referred to as "Slade") He and Doppelganger arrive on the Watchtower to find a starite but are defeated by Maxwell and Cyborg. They are teleported away by Brainiac but not before they free [Amazo](/wiki/Amazo). Deathstroke can then be spawned by the player and is playable in the Wii U version. He is not seen on the final battle, unless spawned by the player, leaving his fate unknown.

#### Lego series[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=37)]

* Deathstroke appears in the [Nintendo 3DS](/wiki/Nintendo_3DS) version of [*Lego Batman 2: DC Super Heroes*](/wiki/Lego_Batman_2:_DC_Super_Heroes).
* Deathstroke appears as a playable character in [*Lego Batman 3: Beyond Gotham*](/wiki/Lego_Batman_3:_Beyond_Gotham), voiced by [Liam O'Brien](/wiki/Liam_O'Brien).[[52]](#cite_note-52) Additionally, the *Arrow* version of Slade Wilson is playable via downloadable content.

#### Batman Arkham[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=38)]

Deathstroke appears in the Batman Arkham series, where he is voiced by Larry Grimm in *Arkham City Lockdown*, and by [Mark Rolston](/wiki/Mark_Rolston) for subsequent appearances.

* In [*Batman: Arkham City Lockdown*](/wiki/Batman:_Arkham_City_Lockdown), Deathstroke is hired by Professor [Hugo Strange](/wiki/Hugo_Strange) to kill Batman, but he ends up defeated and is sent to [Blackgate Penitentiary](/wiki/Blackgate_Penitentiary).
* Deathstroke appears in [*Batman: Arkham Origins*](/wiki/Batman:_Arkham_Origins).[[53]](#cite_note-53) In addition to being a boss, he is also a playable character in the game's challenge maps, through a pre-order bonus and DLC, with two alternative skins inspired by the *Judas Contract* story arc and the *Injustice: Gods Among Us* video game. Among the eight assassins hired by [Black Mask](/wiki/Black_Mask_(comics)) to kill Batman, Deathstroke appears on the [Penguin's](/wiki/Penguin_(comics)) ship, the Final Offer, and attacks Batman during his interrogation of the Penguin regarding Black Mask. Despite proving a superior opponent being capable of countering Batman's attacks, Deathstroke is ultimately defeated, and his remote claw gadget is confiscated by Batman. He is encountered later in the game at Blackgate Prison during the Joker's uprising, still confined to his cell. Deathstroke claims the Joker refused to release him because he was "afraid of him", and goes on to state that he has no interest in facing Batman again unless he is hired to do so.[[54]](#cite_note-54) After completing the game, Deathstroke is once again shown in a special post-credits scene, featuring [Amanda Waller](/wiki/Amanda_Waller) visiting him in prison to give him a confidential file marked "Suicide Squad", offering him the choice to stay in prison or work for her.[[55]](#cite_note-55) During an interview regarding the animated movie [*Batman: Assault on Arkham*](/wiki/Batman:_Assault_on_Arkham), co-director [Jay Oliva](/wiki/Jay_Oliva) confirmed that Deathstroke escaped Waller's clutches by the Squad's ninth mission.[[48]](#cite_note-48)\* In [*Batman: Arkham Knight*](/wiki/Batman:_Arkham_Knight), Deathstroke replaces the Arkham Knight as [Scarecrow's](/wiki/Scarecrow_(DC_Comics)) second-in-command towards the end of the game. Before the events of the game, the Arkham Knight sought Deathstroke out, telling him that he was the "toughest bastard" Batman had ever faced. He was then hired by the Arkham Knight and Scarecrow to serve as an advisor of their siege of Gotham, and to oversee their campaign against Batman. Deathstroke stood by for most of the night, and even watched the Arkham Knight fail to beat Batman with the Cloudburst tank. After the Arkham Knight was defeated and unmasked as [Jason Todd](/wiki/Jason_Todd), Deathstroke took his place as commander of the Knight's militia, seeking to even his score with Batman. After Batman eliminates the last of the militia's encampments throughout the city, Deathstroke uses a special tank with a 360 degree field of vision to fight the Batmobile. Once the tank is destroyed, Deathstroke leaps out and attempts to kill Batman personally. However, Batman launches himself from the Batmobile and slams Deathstroke onto the street, subduing him. The Dark Knight then proceeds to lock Deathstroke up in the Gotham Police Department with all the other apprehended villains, with Deathstroke vowing to escape the prison and kill Batman for free. After Batman's true identity as Bruce Wayne is revealed to all of Gotham, Deathstroke states that he does not care who is under the mask, as he plans to kill Batman all the same. Although this final installment in the franchise is set ten years after the events of [*Batman: Arkham Origins*](/wiki/Batman:_Arkham_Origins), Deathstroke still wears the same dark blue and orange armor he did a decade ago, making him the only character in the series besides [Two-Face](/wiki/Two-Face) to not have changed their costume.

### Toys and collectibles[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=39)]

* An unmasked figure of Deathstroke was released in the New Teen Titans line.
* A masked Deathstroke figure from the same line was later released as part of a collector edition "75 years of super powers" wave.
* Several "Slade" figures have been released based on his appearance in the *Teen Titans* animated series.
* DC Universe has also released two Deathstroke figures, a masked version and an unmasked variant.
* A Deathstroke figure was released in an Action League two pack along with Batman.
* A Dark Knight figure of Deathstroke was also released (even though he was not in the movie).
* A Deathstroke figure was included in an Injustice Gods Among Us two pack along with Green Arrow.
* DC Collectibles released an *Arrow* Deathstroke figure based on his appearance in the second season of the TV show.
* Five Funko POP Vinyl figures of Deathstroke have been released: A regular New 52 version, an unmasked New 52 version, a metallic New 52 version, a regular *Arrow* version, and an unmasked *Arrow* version.
* Funko Mystery Minis has released a Deathstroke minifigure in their DC Comics line.
* A Deathstroke [minifig](/wiki/Minifig) was packaged with Batman and Robin in a [Lego](/wiki/Lego) set featuring them in combatting boats. The set was packaged with a comic.
* A 4-inch *Arkham Origins* Deathstroke figure was released in [Mattel's](/wiki/Mattel) DC Comics Multiverse line.

### Miscellaneous[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=40)]

* Slade was seen in [*Teen Titans Go!*](/wiki/Teen_Titans_Go!) #16. His daughter Rose also made an appearance in #49, as the Ravager. A painting of Slade, without his mask, is briefly seen in the comic book.[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed)
* In the [*Robot Chicken DC Comics Special*](/wiki/Robot_Chicken_DC_Comics_Special), Deathstroke is seen with various other [super villains](/wiki/Legion_of_Doom_(DC_Comics)) inside the cake horse as they are about to attack the Justice League.
* Deathstroke was a combatant in the online series DEATH BATTLE! by [ScrewAttack](/wiki/ScrewAttack), where he was pitted against Marvel's [Deadpool](/wiki/Deadpool) and lost because he lacked the means to put Deadpool down for good. He reappeared in Season 1 of another ScrewAttack show, One Minute Melee, where he fought Deadpool again, but this time, he won.

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