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Konami circles 'Castlevania'

Wan in talks to direct, Jeffers to script film

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"Castlevania," a live-action adaptation of the videogame, has gained new life as game publisher Konami is in final negotiations with "Saw" helmer James Wan to direct and Ian Jeffers to script.

Crystal Sky Entertainment topper Steven Paul ("Ghost Rider") is producing.

The project centers on the battle between Dracula and the Belmont clan of vampire hunters in a labyrinthine fortress in the Carpathian mountains.

Wan's first film was "Saw," followed by "Dead Silence" and "Death Sentence," which Jeffers scripted. Wan completed a comedy short, "Doggie Heaven," last year.

"Castlevania" debuted as a videogame in Japan in 1986. Crystal Sky acquired the feature rights in 2005 and attached Paul W.S. Anderson to direct, followed by Sylvain White in 2007, with Rogue co-producing, but the project stalled during the WGA strike.

Wan's attachment was first reported by the Bloody Disgusting website.



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