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Sorry, Johnny: Sixth 'Pirates of the Caribbean' Movie Looks Like a Reboot

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It looks like the sixth *Pirates of the Caribbean* movie will have a new Captain Jack Sparrow... or none at all. Johnny Depp has played the eccentric, drunken pirate in five *Pirates of the Caribbean* movies: *The*

Curse of the Black Pearl, Dead Man's Chest, At World's End, On Stranger Tides, and Dead Men Tell No Tales.

In an interview with [ComicBook.com](https://comicbook.com), producer Jerry Bruckheimer dropped the news that the sixth *Pirates of the Caribbean* movie will set sail without Depp. "We're gonna reboot *Pirates*, so that is easier to put together because you don't have to wait for certain actors," said Bruckheimer as a side note when asked a question about *Top Gun*. To date, the *Pirates of the Caribbean* movies have made \$4.5 billion for Disney.

Two Different 'Pirates of the Caribbean' Movies Were in Development at Disney a Few Years Ago

Two years ago when Depp was busy with the *Depp v. Heard* defamation trial, [Disney juggled two different options](#) for continuing the profitable *Pirates of the Caribbean* franchise. One was a reboot starring a pre-*Barbie* Margot Robbie, and the other was a sixth film in the original franchise written by Craig Mazin and Ted Elliott.

In an interview with [Los Angeles Times](#) last year, Mazin expressed his surprise that Disney signed off on his “weird” script. “We pitched it and thought there’s no way they’re buying it, it’s too weird,” said Mazin. “And they did! And then [we] wrote a fantastic script and the strike happened and everyone’s waiting around.”

In an interview with [Vanity Fair](#) in November 2022, Robbie talked about her *Pirates of the Caribbean* pitch. “We had an idea and we were developing it for a while, ages ago, to have more of a female-led — not totally female-led, but just a different kind of story — which we thought would’ve been really cool,” said Robbie. “But I guess they don’t want to do it.”

Actually, Bruckheimer said that Robbie's *Pirates* movie is not completely dead — just on the back burner. According to [Variety](#), Disney is prioritizing the Mazin-Elliott script. In an interview with [The Sunday Times](#) in May 2022, the interviewer asked Bruckheimer if Johnny Depp was a part of *Pirates of the Caribbean 6*. “Not at this point,” said Bruckheimer. “The future is yet to be decided.”

Depp, who earned a Best Actor nomination for playing Captain Jack Sparrow, has slowly rebuilt [his career](#) and reputation after *Depp v. Heard* ended mostly in his favor — especially in the court of public opinion. Depp plays King Louis XV of France in *Jeanne du Barry*, which opens in theaters April 19. Watch the trailer below.

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