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Maybe its time to look at science, technology, engineering, and mathematics stories over more superhero films featuring Batman and Spiderman

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It's award season and Hollywood could use a few more engineering and manufacturing stories. For every new *Batman* script, there's 15 engineering and manufacturing tales that would make far more interesting origin stories. Here's some thoughtful and funny quotes from some of our personal favorites:

***Tucker: The Man and His Dream* (1988)**

Abe (Martin Landau) while discussing Preston Tucker's (Jeff Bridges) concept for an automobile:

"Einstein's in the idea business; he makes up numbers so high only dogs can hear them. But what does it cost him? A piece of paper, a couple of pencils."

***Gung-Ho* (1986)**

Hunt Stevenson (Michael Keaton) leads his American workers to try and compete with automobile production numbers in Japan. Chaos ensues:

"Now on these last few we might need to cut a few corners. Just little things, like... engines."

***The Martian* (2015)**

Mark Watney (Matt Damon) tries to stay alive on Mars:

"I'm left with only one option, I'm gonna have to science the sh#\$ out of it!"

***Hidden Figures* (2016)**

Mary Jackson (Janelle Monáe) discussing the obstacles as her and her coworkers attempt to move their way up the NASA pipeline.

"Every time we have a chance to get ahead, they move the finish the line."

***Steve Jobs* (2015)**

Steve Wozniak (Seth Rogan) discusses Steve Jobs (Michael Fassbender) potential legacy:

"We will know soon enough if you are Leonardo da Vinci or just think you are."

***Real Genius* (1985)**

Professor Hathaway (William Atherton) tries to understand what's going on inside the head of uptight teenage prodigy Chris Knight (Val Kilmer).

Professor Hathaway: When you first started at Pacific Tech you were well on your way to becoming another Einstein and then you know what happened?

Chris Knight: I got a haircut?



***Black Panther* (2018)**

Shuri (Letitia Wright) spends much of the film in her state-of-the-art lab in Wakanda rolling her eyes at the people around her:

"Just because something works doesn't mean it can't be improved."

***Ford v Ferrari* (2019)**

Carroll Shelby (Matt Damon) discussing the difference in vehicles:

"We're lighter, we're faster, and if that don't work, we're nastier."

***The Aviator* (2004)**

Howard Hughes (Leonardo DeCaprio) and Glenn Odekirk (Matt Ross) discuss airplane engineering issues:

Hughes: So, if the struts won't sustain the engine we need—then we gotta get rid of them.

Odekirk: Then the top wing falls off.

Hughes: Let it.

Odekirk: What?

Hughes: Who says we need a top wing? Who says we need anything?

***Fletch* (1985)**

Ace reporter Irwin M. 'Fletch' Fletcher (Chevy Chase) pretends to know his way around an airplane and responds humorously to a mechanics question about the bypass line:

"It's all ball bearings nowadays. Now you prepare that Fetzer valve with some 3-in-1 oil and some gauze pads, and I'm gonna need 'bout ten quarts of anti-freeze, preferably Prestone. No, no make that Quaker State."

Okay, maybe *Fletch* isn't exactly a movie that focuses on manufacturing, but we absolutely love the line, "It's all ball bearings nowadays," and should really consider making some *Power Transmission Engineering* T-shirts with this quote! **PTE**