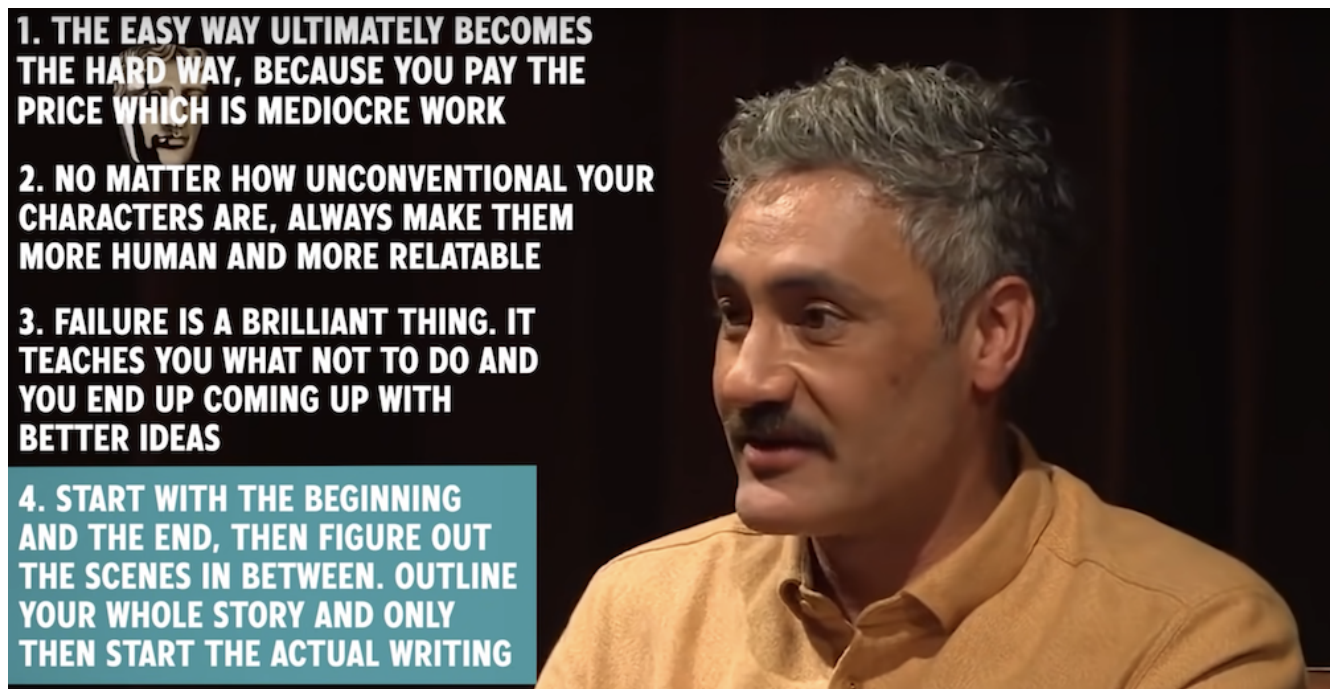


# Video: 10 Screenwriting Tips from Taika Waititi

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Interview with the screenwriter and director of *Jojo Rabbit*.



Outstanding Screenplays with a video compilation featuring the talented writer-actor-director Taika Waititi. His writing credits include *JoJo Rabbit*, *Thor Ragnarok*, *Boy*, and *Hunt for the Wilderpeople*.

Here are some of those writing tips:

*The easy way ultimately becomes the hard way, because you pay the price which is mediocre work.*

*No matter how unconventional your characters are, always make them more human and more relatable.*

*Failure is a brilliant thing. It teaches you what not to do and you end up coming up with better ideas.*

*Start with the beginning and the end, then figure out the scenes in between. Outline your whole story, and only then start the actual writing. tip*

*Filtering your writing is key to ensure your scripts aren't bloated.*

*Remember that film is an escape, so don't be afraid to embrace human absurdity in your writing and find the right balance between humor and drama.*

Watch the rest of the video for the rest of the ten tips.

What a sense of humor Waititi has. Another example: This video for the rollout of the 2020 Black List.

For more reflections by Waititi on screenwriting, check this out:

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