Godzilla Minus One gets a surprise Netflix release

Written and directed by Takashi Yamakazi, *Godzilla Minus One* goes back to the giant radioactive kaiju's origins. It's set just at the end of World War II after the US nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The film follows a kamikaze pilot named Kōichi Shikishima (Ryunosuke Kamiki), who after deciding to land on Odo Island rather than sacrifice himself for the war becomes one of the only survivors of a Godzilla attack on the island.

Critics received the movie well when it hit theaters in December. *The Verge*'s own Charles Pulliam-Moore called it "a spectacular disaster movie" that "feels more than the sum of its parts." *Godzilla Minus One* also picked up several awards, including an Academy Award for visual effects back in March.

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