



# Movie Dunce

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## THE DEATH OF A SUPERHERO

By the Movie Dunce

This year has been peppered with such entertaining films as "Thor", "Green Lantern", "X-Men: First Class", and "Captain America". One might even call 2011 the year of the superhero. But even superheroes don't last forever, and one day while bored out of my mind at work I thought to myself, "How would I kill off the superheroes?"

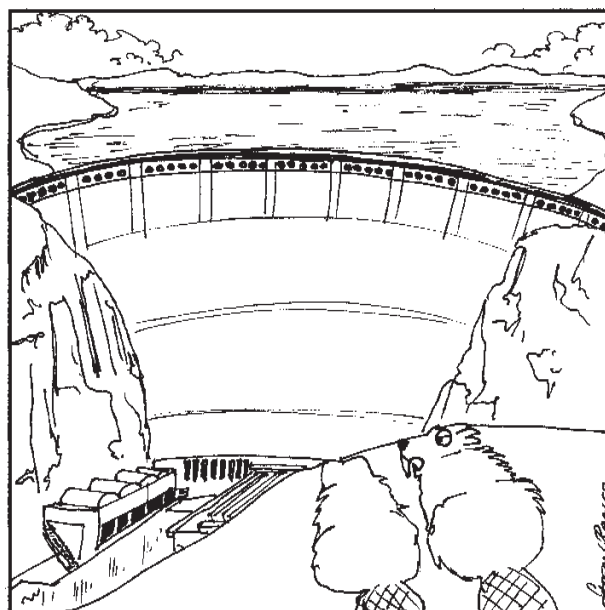
Some, like Batman, were easy, and as it turns out, ironic. Batman is considered to be the biggest badass among the superheroes in addition to being the most relatable, because like us he has no superpowers. He is a creature of pure intellect and will power. He has battled the likes of Two-Face, the Joker, and even a Mexican wrestler named Bane who broke his back, but he has stood triumphant over all of his enemies except for one, the memories of the death of his parents that haunt him. The manner in which I think Batman should die, should not be in glorious battle with a colorful foe, but in the everyday crimes which created him in the first place. While on his routine rounds about Gotham, I would have Batman spy a family being mugged at gunpoint in a back alley behind a theater. Flashing upon his own past, Batman swoops down to the rescue, to

prevent from happening to them what happened to him as a child, chiefly the parents being shot for some lousy jewels while the child is orphaned and traumatized. So the manner in which I would have Batman die is thus. He saves them, and takes down the muggers, but the patriarch of the family that he saves is so freaked out by the sight of the Batman that he pulls out a revolver and shoots him dead. Batman is not taken out by a major villain, but by an ordinary everyday joe on the street, whom he is trying to save, because Batman was not born of a Supervillain, he was born of Joe Chill, just an ordinary everyday criminal that would never be known if not for one thing, his double homicide lead directly to the creation of Batman.

My idea for the death of Superman, was virtually identical to the plot of the cartoon hit, "Megamind", which I realized only upon seeing it. It was pure coincidence, but leads me to believe I may be on the right track. Lex Luthor uses the talents of every other Superman villain to have the Man of Steel racing around Metropolis and the world. As Superman is exhausting himself with all of these ventures, he does not

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## GREY MATTER



"DREAM ON, BOB. DREAM ON."

## THE ZODIAC

**ARIES:** Tonight your wife will go from zero to bitch in six seconds flat.

**TAURUS:** Just because you like the Beatle's White Album doesn't mean you're a racist.

**GEMINI:** Just because you like Metallica's Black Album doesn't mean you're cultured.

**CANCER:** On the Fourth of July everyone is American, similar to how on St. Patrick's day everyone are a--holes.

**LEO:** The speed of light is 186,292 miles per second; almost as fast as it took you to prematurely ejaculate last night.

**VIRGO:** Why don't you like your nickname? I thought "crotchslug" was cute!

**LIBRA:** Not to say that you like to whack off, but your palms are hairier than Robin William's back.

**SCORPIO:** Not to say that you're ugly, but the Elephant Man just looked at you and winced.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Not to say that you're annoying, but Gallo is trying to find a way to bottle your whine.

**CAPRICORN:** Is it bestiality if the dog does all the work?

**AQUARIUS:** If you milk an old cow, does the milk come out clumpy? No? Well, what if you nurse an old woman?

**PISCES:** I'm truly sorry about that last one. It made me throw up in my mouth a little.

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# Movie Dunce Reviews

## Key to the Dunce Caps Ratings System (for idiots).



Four Dunce Caps means it's Freakin' Awesome!



Three and a Half Dunce Caps means that it's Really Good.



Three Dunce Caps means that it's Good.



Two and a Half means it's Pretty Good, it maybe worth watching.



Two means it's Just Okay.



One and a half means it's still crap, but it has a moment of merit.



One means it's just plain crap!!

*By the way, there is no listing for BOMB or just a 1/2 Dunce Cap rating because as bad as the movie may be the people still made a freakin' movie, which is a lot more than I can say about my own accomplishments.*

## Captain America: Nazi Killer

By the Movie Dunce

America's rootin'est, tootin'est, fightin'est, shootin'est Nazi fighter cum Avenger finally comes alive in his own feature film...again! In it, super Nazi mastermind/Hydra founder, the Red Skull (Hugo Weaving) and his league of presumably blond haired, blue eyed steroid driven Nazi stormtroopers attempt to conquer the world through the perverted use of science, something the good Allied countries like the United States and Britain would never do, so America and Britain set out to stop them by taking a blond haired, blue eyed soldier and injecting him with steroids and handing him our latest scientific gadgetry to take the bad guys down! Wait a minute, which ones were the bad guys again?

Okay, for the I'm going to assume that Captain America must be the good guy, because a) he's wearing the American flag for a suit, although that doesn't seem to mean as much now as it used to, when you can now find diapers made from the American flag, and I'm not even going to try to think about what that symbolizes, and b) Cap is played by Chris Evans who is generally the good guy in all of the other comic book superhero movies that he's been in (He was Johnny Storm in the "Fantastic Four", did a voice in a Ninja Turtles movie, and was the comic relief in "The Losers, all based on comic books, to say nothing of "Push" where he again had super powers). Where was I?

Dammit! I lost my train of thought again. I hate it when that happens. Let me back track a second...okay, Skull and Cap are flip sides of the same coin...wait a minute, Skull and Cap? Skullcap! That's funny! That's freakin' hysterical! BWAHAHAHAHA! HAAAA! HAAAA! HAAAA! But that still wasn't my point. I don't think you'd see Roger Ebert doing a review like this. I don't think you'd see him doing much of anything now. Least of all a chick. Great, now not only do I have no idea of where I was going with this, but I also now have a mental image of Robert Ebert doing a chick...from behind with the remains of his cancerjaw flapping in the wind. I want to feel kind of bad for the guy, but he's still richer, thinner,

smarter, and getting more action than I ever will. Frankly I'm a little jealous. Alright, pull it together! Skull and Cap (teeheeheehee!) and then I go off on a tangent. Holy crap! Is that all I've got? No wonder I don't have any readers! I can't even write a review! Ebert has bested me once again! But I won't give up. I'll be like Cap and keep on fighting. Fighting for the words to come out that will make this a good review. Best review ever! One that is fair, concise and accurate. One to let people know whether or not to spend \$10 to see it! I've got it! I can sum it up in three words! "Cap was good." That's a Duncencap per word, folks! Enjoy the rest of the issue.=



### LETTERS! LETTERS! LETTERS!

Hot damn! We go a letter! This one was in response to the e-mail we sent out informing the unfortunate and miserable few (by that I mean our subscribers) about the new web reviews we posted. We wrote: *Is "Rango" appropriate for children? Is "Arthur" appropriate for children? Is anything on the Movie Dunce website appropriate for children?*

Someone wrote back: *Lets hope not!!! It would defeat the purpose/mission/goals of MD! --D. C.*

And now for our response back to you: *D. C., It is clear that you are both deranged and a hazard to all children and the future of the world. You are a megalomaniac, have delusions of grandeur and are a blight on society. Would you seriously sacrifice the welfare of our children for a few dick and fart jokes in a monthly newsletter that almost nobody reads? That is nothing short of monstrous! MONSTRUOUS! You have no taste, no soul, and clearly are an uncivilized Neandertal. In other words...you are just the kind of reader that we're looking for. Keep up the good work!*

# New On Video

## THIS MONTH ON VIDEO

### August 9

- Paul
- Your Highness
- Mars Needs Moms
- Super

### August 16

- The Ward
- Jane Eyre
- Grace Card
- Hoodwinked Too: Hood Versus Evil
- Conspirator

### August 30

- Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family

### August (TBD)

- Rio
- Sympathy For Delicious
- Win Win
- Jumping The Broom
- Priest

## ALREADY IN STORES!

### July 19 Limitless

Have you ever wanted to know what it would be like to be super-awesome? To have mind powers that would put Rain Man to shame? To be able to learn a new language in hours, the guitar in minutes, or to be able to make a million dollars on the stock market overnight? To be able to outsmart every person in the room, and bed any one of them that you deem worthy of your greatness? If so, then have have a glimmer, the faintest hope, the most infinitesimal whisper, the teeniest tiniest most indescribably, unimaginably, unattainably, and unbelievably small taste of what it's like to be me. See what a website can do for you? "Limitless" gets Three

Duncecaps, but I get the stars. And by that I mean that someday I'm gonna nail Winona Ryder.

### Peepshow

I know what you're thinking, and no, this is not a porno. This is an ensemble piece from the Independent Film Channel (which ought to tell you something right there) about a messed up family who has had a tell-all best selling book written about them by the youngest sibling in their clan, and this is about how they all deal with that as they prepare for the annual birthday dinner they throw for their father, which none of them want to go to. It has profanity, circumstantial nudity (naked lady posters in the background) but is otherwise a mish-mash of good and bad storytelling. It has an all-star cast, and has the potential to be terrifically funny, but comes across more like the pilot for a television series, one that I probably wouldn't watch. As far as movies go, it's just okay, and as such it gets only Two Duncecaps.

### Take Me Home Tonight

This one is the story of my life, folks. After graduation, smart guy gets a job at a video store to pass the time as he figures out his next move in life. Cut to several years later when his high school crush walks in the door which sends him into a frenzy trying to keep her from finding out that he still works there and lives with his parents. The film and I part company here because he goes on to woo his crush at a party all night long, while I avoid party's like the plague and

## The Two-Word review

**Batman:** Good start

**Batman Returns:** Great sequel

**Batman Forever:** Best yet

**Batman and Robin:** Worst yet

**Batman Begins:** Great start

**Batman Dark Knight:** FUCKING AWESOME!!!

**Bat-21:** Not Bat-sequel

**A Beautiful Mind:** Crazy genius

**Beauty and the Beast (Disney):** Animated hottie

**Beavis and Butthead Do America:** Teenage troublemakers

didn't even have the balls to speak to my crush. Well, that's not exactly true, I did but I think I ended up coming across as a stalker. Be that as it may, This is an entertaining film that is a blend of harmless comedy, gratuitous nudity, and a little bit of cocaine. Overall a fun time is to be had by all. Might be worth your while. Two and a Half Duncecaps.

### July 15 Arthur

Whoever's idea it was to take a classic movie like "Arthur" (1980) and to cornhole it up its ass with an outboard motor until it bleeds bloody chunks like Niagara Falls needs to have his hand shaken because that takes balls the size of the Chrysler Building! Not only does Russel Brand sound as though he's doing an impression of Dudley Moore throughout the entire movie, they don't even bother trying to take the film in another direction, or make it their own until the final five minutes of the film. I mean, if all I wanted to do was to watch "Arthur" all over again, I would go down to the video store and rent it, not pay ten bucks to see big name actors do characterizations of their favorite scenes in what is essentially one long

You Tube video. Make it a different movie, make it a social drama, make it an action movie, make it a frickin' porn, I don't care! Just do something other than film the same film all over again! "The Mummy" was a remake, and it was great. The same goes for the new "House on Haunted Hill", "Bourne Identity", "Italian Job" the list goes on and on. I am not against doing a remake. What I am against is not even bothering to try. Arthur gets One and a half Duncecaps.

### Rango

The question of the day: Is this cartoon suitable for children? Me? I say yes, but then I was raised on Looney Toons, Tom & Jerry, The Secret of NIMH, and countless other cartoons that had death and violence, just like "Rango". The problem is that today a lot of parents are just a bunch of pussies about letting their children see anything. I still remember going with my Mom to see "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" at the drive-in before I was even in my teens, which is mild compared to most horror films today. Back when I was growing up you could have nudity in a PG movie, and swearing was the standard. That's what

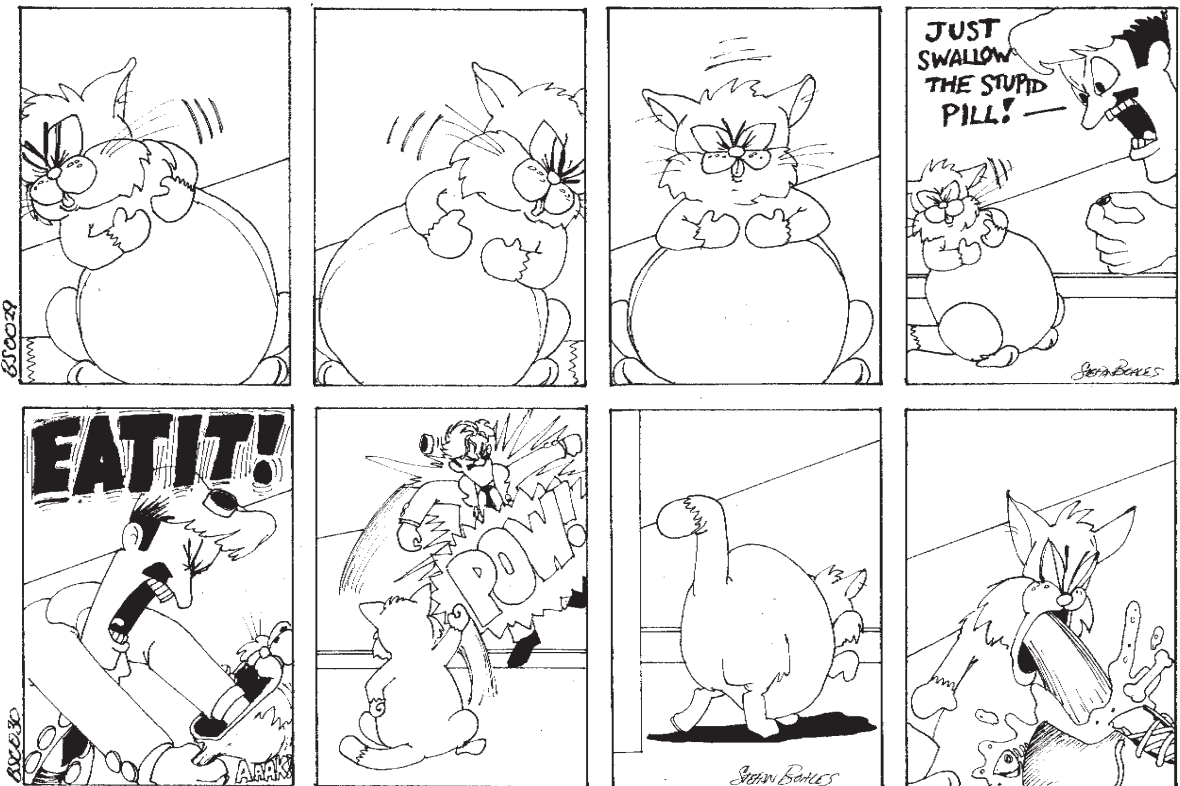
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# COMICS, COMICS, COMICS!

## THE BOOBS



## BUCKY AND SCRAPPY



## Other stuff...

### SUPERHERO DEATH CONT.

realize that they are all one big red herring as Luthor brings down a big-ass kryptonite meteor upon Metropolis. Superman realizes his evil scheme only at the last moment and takes out the meteor, saving metropolis, but only at the cost of his own life. Luthor wins the day, and there is a very lovely funeral for Superman. But wait, there's more! Luthor finds that without a good guy to balance out all of the evil, chaos is reigning supreme in Metropolis, and that is something that he did not expect. Luthor only then, belatedly realizes that Metropolis needed a Superman, so in a final act of irony, the death of Superman leads to his greatest villain, Lex Luthor into becoming a good guy, and the savior of Metropolis, battling all of her evil foes.

And finally, since I am running out of space, the deaths of two of my favorite superheros, Blue Beetle and Booster Gold. I know, most of you who don't read comic books are wondering who in the hell those two people are. Think of them as the Hope and Crosby of the superhero world. They brought humor to the Justice League, and always had a get rich quick scheme up their sleeves. Proverbial sleeves, since like all superheros they wore spandex. I would have Booster and Beetle retire to a life of luxury after producing a popular line of workout tapes. One night while having a celebratory dinner at a fancy restaurant, Beetle takes the cherry from his ice cream sundae and tosses it into the air, catching it in his mouth, and accidentally chokes to death on it. Booster, who is with him, dies

a short time later of a heart attack, which trying to give his good buddy the Heimlich Maneuver.

Anyways, I hope you enjoyed this little foray away from the movies, and I hope that you enjoy the rest of the issue.

### NEW ON VIDEO CONT.

got it the PG rating in the first place: Parental Guidance is suggested. But now they slap a PG-13 on it if anybody even smokes a cigarette. Parents, your children were serial killers and rapists long before the invention of cinema, and will continue to be long after. Stop blaming it all on the music and movies, and put the blame where it belongs in the first place. Blame it on your own children because those stupid little sh-ts never listened to you in the first place! "Rango" gets Two and a half Dunces.

### July 12 Insidious

"Insidious" is unique for a horror film in that it combines the daring combination of being both uninteresting, unscary as well as being not gory which is just the cherry on the top. Most horror films will mix one or the other, but rarely do you find a gem like this which blends all three elements, especially a film with relatively big name actors in the cast. The plot (such as it is) is that ghosts seem to be following a family around from house to house and they don't know why. Who ya gonna call? Ghostbusters! They ain't afraid of no ghosts. And besides, bustin' makes them feel good. Oh, if only they had called them instead, this would have been a totally

different review. Instead they call in the paranormal researchers from "Poltergeist" to save the day. They had everyone in it but Zelda Rubinstein, whom must have been dropped out lest they have their asses handed to them in court on a silver platter (makes for an interesting image, doesn't it?). Ironically, these three rip-offs provide the only relief from the banality that is "Insidious" before it attains its humdrum 'it's over...or is it?!' ending. Save yourself ninety minutes and rent "Adventures in Babysitting" instead. It is far more entertaining, far more suspenseful, and you have the benefit of seeing the lovely Elizabeth Shue throughout. "Insidious" gets only One and a half Dunces.

### Lincoln Lawyer

It's a movie about Matthew McConaughey as a lawyer, and it's not based on a John Grisham novel? What the f-ck?! Are you trying to disenfranchise all of America? Well, can you at least let him take his short off at some point? He does? Thank God he still had that stipulated in his contract. It starts as your run of the mill tale of a sleezy lawyer who takes on the case of a man who desperately claims to be innocent while at the same time withholding vital information, and the lawyer in the process of defending him gains a conscience. You know, that kind of a movie. It gradually gets better in spite of itself, though it is burdened by more endings than the third "The Lord of the Rings". You'll survive if you miss this one, but still, it's worth checking out. Three Dunces.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Brought to you by

Darin G.

"You're the one who wants all the penis!"

## TOP TEN

*Most Disturbing Movies I've Seen*

Honorable Mentions:

Catch 22

10. Crumb

9. Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me

8. Event Horizon

7. Natural Born Killers

6. Jacob' Ladder

5. Hostel

4. House of 1000

Corpses

3. 8MM

2. Caligula

1. Eraserhead

## COMING SOON TO MOVIE DUNCE

*Movie Dunce's Back To School Special!*

### June 28

#### Barney's Version

No, this is not about Barney Rubble. This is a romantic drama about a man who is accused of murder. A man whose first wife dies, second is a philandering shrew, and hopefully third is perfect for him, with the exception being that he meets her ten minutes after marrying wife number two. He also may or may not have killed his best friend. Come to think about it, this is about Barney Rubble! Three Dunces.

**THIS MONTH IN STAR TREK:  
GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD...**

August 19, 1921 Gene Roddenberry is born.  
August 19, 1952 Jonathon Frakes is born.