



Movie Dunce

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THE ART OF WORK

By the Movie Dunce

I have got to be honest with you, I have one of the funnest jobs in the world, next to porn star and politician, which are really the same thing if you think about it, because they both get paid to f-ck people. Me? I work at a video store.

The owner is nice, my co-workers are nice, and even most of the customers are nice, because most people go in there to have a good time. But you would not believe some of the conversations that go on there. I mean, they're right out of a comedy. Like the time when the owner complimented somebody, saying, "You have a nice smile," and the customer replied, "No I don't, they're not my real teeth." But nobody believes me when I tell them that this is what it sounds like where I work, that our store is essentially a sit-com, so I decided to write down, verbatim, some of the gems that I've heard over the years.

For example, there was a little girl who ran up to her father with a DVD in her hand, yelling out, "Daddy! Gimme, gimme, gimme! Gimme, gimme, gimme!" Her father shouted back, "NO! You stay away from her! She's the devil!" We asked him, "Who's the devil?" and he replied, "Hannah Montana."

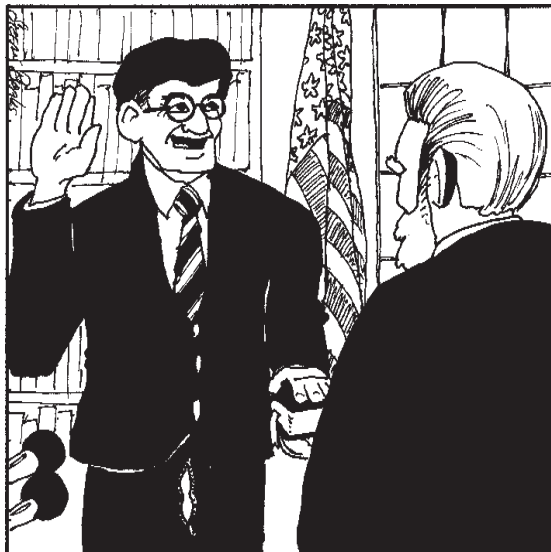
Of course there are the silly questions we often get, such as

with the recent near-apocalypse, we had a customer ask us, "So, if the world comes to an end, do we get an extra day on the videos?" But you do also have to deal with the stupid questions, such as, "I haven't seen any movies for the last two years, and I only want to see the good ones. Do you have a list?"

You often have to read between the lines for movie titles. Because Will Smith put out the two movies "Hitch" and "Hancock", we still have people asking for the Will Smith movie, "Hitchcock."

Speaking of "Hancock", one time a person brought up to me two versions of it, one was the "rated" version, and the other "unrated". They asked me, "Which one is the real version of Hancock?" After explaining that they were both the real version of "Hancock", they asked me, "So, is this the one where he plays the street magician? The one who plays the cello?" I said, "You mean 'The Soloist' with Jamie Foxx." "Yes," they said, "The Soloist." I said, "Yes, we have 'The Soloist in stock.'" "Oh," they said, "Do you have it?" I sighed and said, "Yes, it's straight back and to the right." So naturally they walked to the far left. That actually happened. I swear to God.

GREY MATTER



"THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION WENT OFF WITHOUT A HITCH...UNTIL SOMEBODY LOOKED DOWN."

THE ZODIAC

ARIES: When an old lady f-cks, does dust fly out of her crack?

TAURUS: Your ass is like Jupiter, gigantic, full of gas, and with a big red spot in the middle.

GEMINI: Never dip your nut sack in and out of a bear trap to try to impress your friends.

CANCER: One thing will impress your friends though, the ability to pee up your own ass.

LEO: It's not your low self esteem; you really are an ugly, acne-ridden loser without a future.

VIRGO: When life gets tough, I tell most people to push on through. But in your

case it's really not worth it. Not for the rest of us, at any rate.

LIBRA: Hey lady, you're pretty hot! At least you will be when you lose that moustache.

SCORPIO: It's okay, I like the smell between your legs.

SAGITTARIUS: Let me tell you a story my Father once told me..."Once upon a time, SHUT UP!"

CAPRICORN: Does it hurt when you pee? Would you like it to?

AQUARIUS: Have you ever considered suicide? Could you? Please?

PISCES: I don't know why we need old people; they're just going to die anyways.

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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.

X-Men: First Class

By the Movie Dunce

X-Men once again blasts its way into theaters worldwide with it's fifth entry "X-Men: First Class" which may or may not be a desperate attempt of their part to legitimize the fact that it's a sequel. Don't get me wrong, I love sequels. From "The Empire Strikes Back" to "Lethal Weapon 2" to any number of the Hope and Crosby "Road" movies which only seemed to get better as they went. Sequels I don't have a problem with. The person that comes up with the titles for them I do have a problem with. Stop trying to hide the fact that it's a sequel! I'm talking to you Mr. Let's title the fourth ones "Rambo", "Fast and Furious" and "Final Destination!" at least the people behind the second "Fantastic Four" movie had a good reason for using the subtitle "Rise of the Silver Surfer" instead of the number two. Because if they didn't, people would be asking for tickets to see "The Fantastic 42". Now, that being said, I admit that my whole argument is fallacious in terms of "X-Men: Wolverine" and "X-Men: First Class" because technically they are not sequels, they are in fact prequels, and damned entertaining ones to boot.

Now I could go on about how they are trying to show how the X-Men came to be formed in the summer of 1963, during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and have just about every sixties reference short of an ancient Austin Powers,

while fighting the evil Hellfire Club which came out during the comics in the 1980's.

While I'm at it, I could point out that the original X-Men are Beast, Angel (who they introduced in "X-Men 3", not the dragonfly lady in this one), Havoc's older brother Cyclops who is the young eye beam shooter from the first three "X-Men" movies, his girlfriend Jean Grey from the first three films, who went on to become Phoenix, and last but not least Iceman who based on the timeline of this movie must have been an embryo when he joined.

I could also point out how dissappointed I was that Havoc's white hot plasma beams had been turned into red hula hoops as yet another sixties homage. Or that the villainous Sebastian Shaw had Wolverine-like muttoncops, and a ponytail while wearing Louis the Fourteenth Sun King style clothing with a big belly, not a Hefner-like smoking jacket and sideburns that don't even give Elvis a run for his money. I think the belly might have been the same though.

And if I really wanted to be a jerk, I could beg the question of accents, such as why Banshee and Moira McTaggart, whom I believe are both Scottish, have American accents, while Professor X, who is American, has a British accent, and is ironically played by a Scot. To be fair though, I think we can all agree that Professor X suddenly and unpresumptuously gained a British accent

in all of our minds the second we took one look in 1987 at the new commander of the starship Enterprise, Jean Luc Picard.

Or how about how the White Queen, Emma Frost, the sexy siren of the comics, renowned for wearing her white leather boustiers with loose laces from her thighs to her eyes, could actually seem a little less sexy in the film where she apparently preferred to wear a wonderbra and a bath towel.

Yes, I could point out all of those things, but that would be nitpicking, and above all nerdy. But it was in fact quite an entertaining little movie, so I won't point any of those flaws out. Not a one. "X-Men: First Class" gets Three Duncencaps.

It also has, by the way, one good cameo, and one great cameo that has the best damned line in the movie, for which probably earned it the PG-13 rating. But sadly there is nothing at the end of the credits for you to stick around for, so don't bother. There was a scream of outrage and disappointment at the theaters when the screen fluttered and went black. Those "Avengers" teasers have spoiled superhero movies for all of us.

Well, I seem to have an extra little bit of space here, so let me say how much I appreciate that you all enjoy my bits of wit, and that I hope that I will never run out of spac



New On Video

THIS MONTH ON VIDEO

June 7

- Blue Crush 2
- Sanctum
- True Grit
- Another year
- Just Go With It
- Company Men

June 14

- Hall Pass
- Red Riding Hood
- Battle: Los Angeles
- Big Momma 3

June 21

- Adjustment Bureau
- Eagle
- Unknown
- Cedar Rapids
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2

June 28

- Barney's Version
- Beastly
- Season of the Witch
- Warrior's Way

NEXT MONTH ON VIDEO

July 12

- Lincoln Lawyer

July 15

- Rango

July 26

- Source Code
- Trust

ALREADY IN STORES!

June 7

Just Go With It

Although it's an Adam Sandler movie, Jennifer Aniston is the real star and gives us her "A" game, and reminds us of why she is paid so much money. A thoroughly entertaining comedy with lots of bikinis. The highlight for me is the hula showdown between Aniston and Nicole Kidman, but true fun awaits for everyone (Hey, that rhymed!). Three Dunces.

True Grit

Good remake, but it could have been great, partly because you don't see the villain until the movie is nearly over, and then you feel a little let down. That being said, the real star is not Jeff Bridges, but little Hailee Steinfeld who steals every scene she's in, and was well deserving of the Oscar she was nominated for, for this performance. She's going to give Chloe Grace Moretz a run for her money as best current child actor, and I'm looking forward to her next project, and not just because I'm a pervert. True Grit is worth watching, and gets Three Dunces.

May 31

Drive Angry

This film made me angry. It's essentially an exploitation film in the same vein as "Piranha" only with a lot more guns and a couple less fish. There's lots of fighting and lots of f-cking, and often at the same time. It could have been great, it should have been great, but just makes you feel kind of dirty after watching it. It's a step down for Nicholas Cage in what should have been another great action role for him. You, my dear readers, will probably love it, but in all honesty, I can only give it a Dunces and a half because I liked William Fichtner in it as the accountant.

May 17

The Mechanic

This is the Jason Statham remake of the Charles Bronson action classic. Lots of guns, explosions, and visceral fights. But the true highlight is the garbage disposal scene. This

The Two-Word review

Back to the Future: Biff rules

Back to the Future II: Biff rules!

Back to the Future III: BIFF RULES!

Bad Boys: Wiseass cops

Bad Boys II: More wiseassery

Bad Day at Black Rock: Kickass cripple

Bad Lieutenant: Keitel naked

Bad News Bears (Matthau): Loveable losers

Bait: Before Oscar

Ballistic: Sever vs. Ecks: Snoozefest...EXTREME!

is one that action lovers have to see. Three Dunces.

The Rite

In this one Anthony Hopkins plays an exorcist showing a skeptical new kid the ropes. Nothing too frightening about it, and if you skip it, you won't have missed anything memorable, but it's a nice dramatic/thriller. For a good visceral Hopkins, go see "Thor" instead. Two and a half Dunces.

May 10

No Strings Attached

No acting attached either. This is just your usual romantic comedy by the numbers with naked celebrities ala Maxim magazine. In other words, you see squat. Kutchner is alright, but Portman gives her usual Vulvan-like performance, which is fine in most of her roles, especially the one she got an Oscar for, but in a romantic comedy you need to be a little more animated like she was in "Thor". If you're looking for something just okay, this is your movie, but you could do better. Two Dunces.

May 3

The Dilemma

The real dilemma should be whether or not to demand your

money back for seeing this piece of garbage. Even that P.O.S. "Cop Out" didn't waste its cast as much as this one did. Vince Vaughn does his mile-a-minute schmoozing schtick and discovers that his best bumbling oaf, played by Kevin James as a mechanical Rain Man, is being cuckooed by his cheating wife played by Winona Ryder, and must decide whether or not to tell him. I can settle it right now. Tell him so you can end this God awful movie! It's like an indy comedy in that it's 90% drama. Do yourself a favor and avoid this film. Even "Paul Blart: Mall Cop" was better than this. One and a half Dunces.

Green Hornet

"The Green Hornet" is a superhero movie both written by and starring Seth Rogen, so expect pot jokes and groin shots aplent. In spite of all the weight he lost, Rogen is still a large-framed fat-bodied superhero who plays a bumbling oaf from first to last. The only heroic part of him is his desire for justice and willingness to put his family fortune to that end. As long as you don't even try to take it seriously you'll do just fine. Lots of groin shots and explosions for the kiddies, and one liners for the

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Other stuff...

NEW ON VIDEO CONT.

grownups. It's entertaining, enjoyable, and will never win an Oscar. Three Dunces.

April 19

Gulliver's Travels

You know how Jack Black is known for his edgy but juvenile sense of humor? Don't expect any of that here. In fact take every word out of that sentence except for 'juvenile' and you'll be hitting much closer to the mark. This one is strictly for the kiddies, which adults will find only tolerable. Although you do get to see him piss in a guy's mouth, who seems to take it all in, mouth agape. It was supposed to be funny, but just seemed dirty to me. In fact, I think the Germans have made a million dollar industry off of just these sorts of videos. I'm just saying. This one only gets Two Dunces.

King's Speech

The "K-k-k-k-king's Speech" K-k-k-k-kicks ass! It looks like another stuffy costume drama, but like Amadeus before it, it is amazingly refreshing and funny, and Geoffrey Rush steals every scene he's in. Totally worth watching, in spite of being hindered by the stigma that it was the Best Picture Winner. Check it out! Three and a Half Dunces!

Somewhere

Some review of "Somewhere" somehow deserves some grade...someday. But not by me.

April 15

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part

One

Does anybody remember when the Harry Potter series used to be about cute kids learning about magic in a funny way while going on rousing action filled adventures? Now it's turned into one long series of depressing cliffhangers after another as you wonder which character they plan to kill off this time. I'm now starting to hope for the end of the series. Well, at least Hermione is getting hotter in each film and Daniel Radcliffe keeps his clothes on. Well mostly, at any rate. Three Dunces.

April 8

Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader

"Dawn Treader" is the third of the seven Narnia movies, and at the rate of their declining popularity maybe their last. It's not a bad film, it's just okay, but with its budget and the number of films they're planning to make, it better be more than just okay it better be freakin' awesome! On the plus side, it's a fun faith-based family fantasy that flies in the face of the rule that all Christian movies suck (except for Christmas ones)! Plus I loved the books as a kid. I'll give it Two and a Half Dunces.

April 5

Casino Jack

This is the true life story of America's superlobbyist, the man with the plan, the man that made corruption cool, Jack Abramoff. It's funny of its depiction of just how corrupt democracy can be until you realize that this actually is how our government works, then you stop laughing and begin

to weep uncontrollably. But whatever you do, don't watch the documentary *Inside Job* right after this or you'll probably go on a shooting spree. Two and a Half Dunces.

I Love You Phillip Morris

This one starts out okay, gets good, then gets really good. I know that you guys out there don't want to see it because it not just a romance movie, but its also a gay romance movie and that just freaks you out to no end, and you're afraid that you're going to see Jim Carrey making out with some guy, which does happen, but if you could just put that aside for a moment, and maybe also the scene where he pounding another dude from behind, then you should really see this movie because it is really good and Jim Carrey is really funny in it as a completely incorrigible con-man. I'm giving this one Three Dunces.

Little Fockers

Not bad considering this is Focker number three and could have easily smelled like number two. DeNiro's comedy has much improved since that POS *Analyze This*, but sadly he has now fallen into the arena of dick and fart jokes. And I mean that literally, they cover them both in this movie. I wouldn't pay theater price for it, but you'll do okay on video. Two and a Half Dunces.

THIS IS A
SPACEFILLER.

YOU CAN TELL WHAT
IT IS BY THE SPACE
THAT IT FILLS.

(MADE IN TAIWAN)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Brought to you by

Darin G.

"He didn't take it out, so I couldn't see it."

TOP TEN

Guilty Pleasures

10. Brady Bunch Movie
9. Godzilla (1998)
8. Can't Hardly Wait
7. Hackers
6. Bring It On
5. Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure
4. She Gets What She Wants
3. Dude, Where's My Car
2. Cannonball Run
1. Just One of the Guys

COMING SOON TO MOVIE DUNCE

Blah, Blah, Blah!
Movies!

Blah, Blah, Blah!
Star Wars!

Blah, Blah, Blah!
And Of Course
Something About
The 4th of July!
(seriously, does anyone read these?)

THIS MONTH IN STAR TREK: THE MONTH OF DEATH FOR PROGRAMS & PEOPLE! (FOR NERDS ONLY)

June 2, 1999

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine is cancelled

June 3, 1969

Star Trek: The Original Series is cancelled

June 11, 1999

Deforest Kelley is cancelled. And by that I mean he died.