

Classic Movie Endings Made Better

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No matter how much you have loved the entire movie, sometimes the endings just do not feel right. Here's a list of classic movies which could have ended differently. Movies are a form of escapism; we see no need to give our favourite characters a sad ending in the fictional universe like one would have in real life.

Titanic

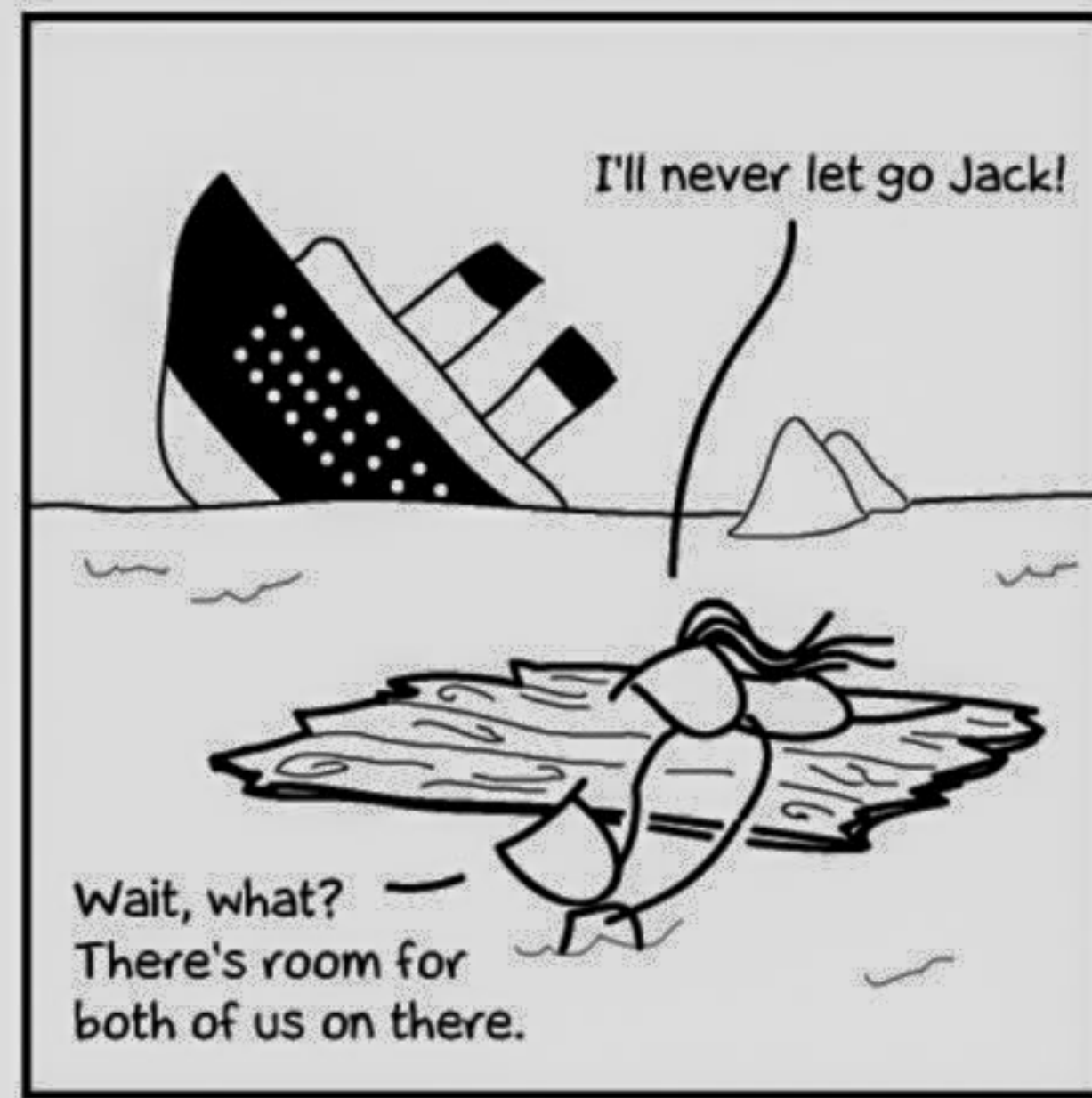
I have watched this movie umpteen times and every time it equally hurts seeing Rose be an idiot and not fit Jack on that floating wooden door. It has actually been scientifically proven keeping all the variants (the size of the door, mass of Jack and Rose) in mind that Jack could have been saved.

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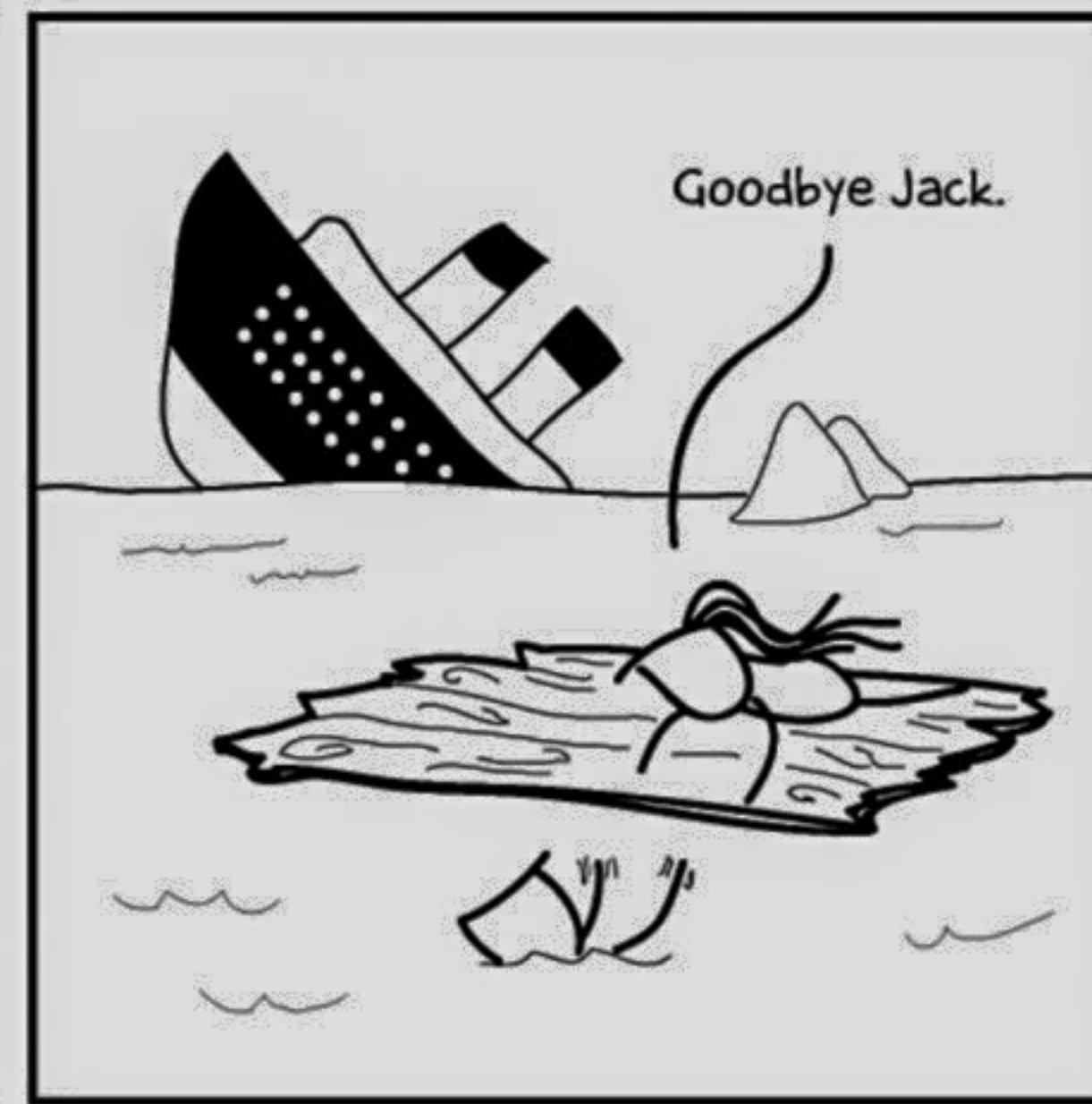
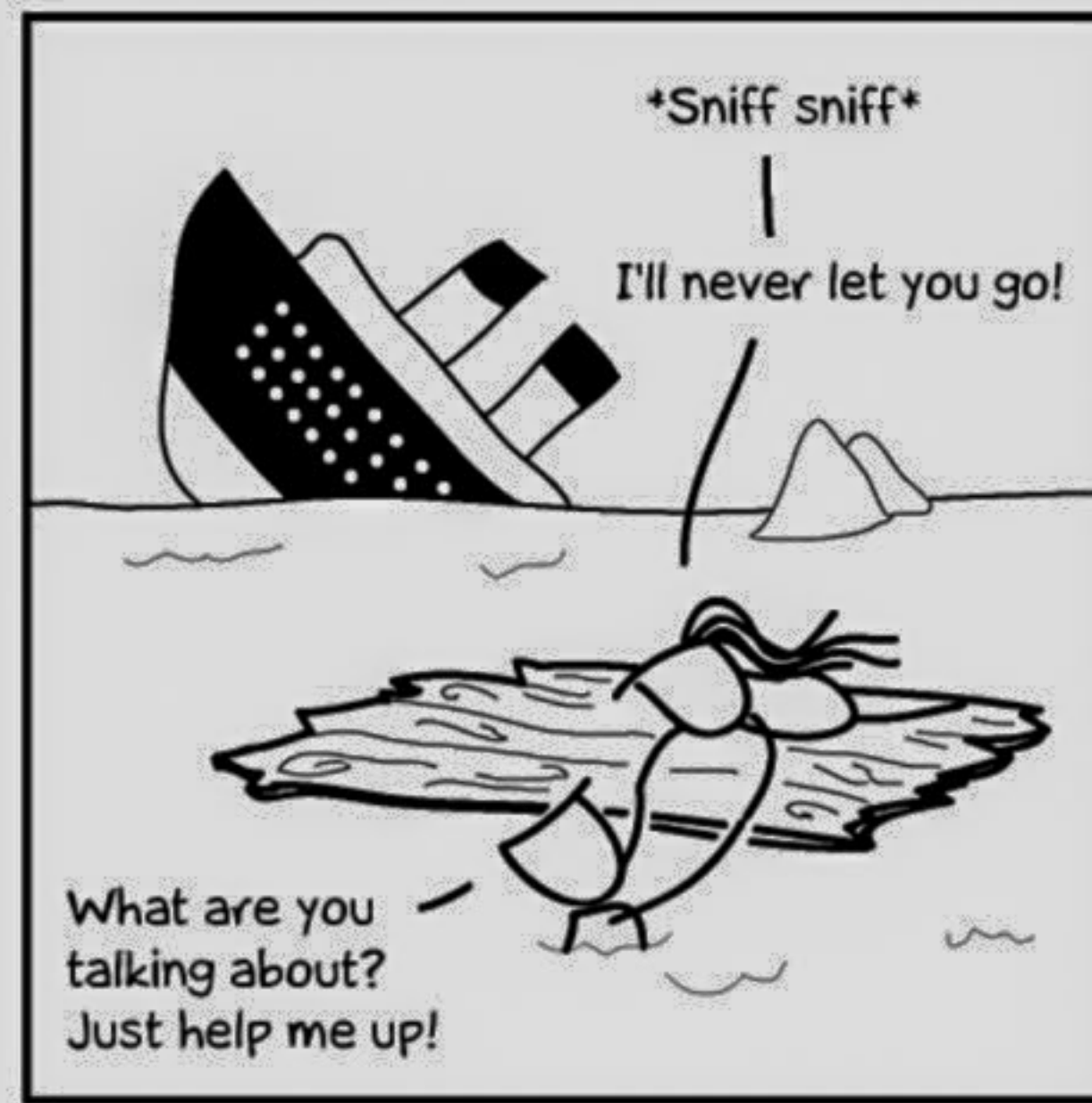
Everything hurts. A classic drama by one of the greatest minds of his time has the loveable duo of siblings broken and the audience sobbing. Durga, sister of Apu, passes away due to having caught a fever and inadequate medical care. In a perfect world, we would not allow this to happen.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

I suggest this on popular demand. The



Doghouse Diaries



fandom is torn between deciding whether to love or hate Severus Snape. For those who love, we would see to an alternate ending where Harry Potter's children get to grow up being loved by the bravest man their father had ever known. We don't suggest the kids get too cosy with Snape though, he would hate it.

Sholay

This Bollywood classic would be so much more electrifying, had Thakur

gotten a pair of bionic arms. If left to us, we would like to make Gabbar's laugh more hysterical and get toddlers to sleep early by making them listen to it.

Into the Wild

For the most part, I have my life figured out and very few movies make me question my life choices. This is one of those masterpieces which simply does not end in movie credits, it makes you stop and think whether what you are doing is

what you are supposed to do. I was really rooting for McCandless to make out of it alive. Though a biography, the alternative to him dying would bring dreamers much more hope.

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The Horrible Practice that Needs to Go

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Recently, I came across a picture on social media showing a family eating at a restaurant, while their domestic help sat separately nearby without any food. The post has stirred up a bit of controversy, and rightfully so.

This is nothing new in our society. For as long as I can remember, I have seen this happen more times than I could count. Many well-off people take their domestic help to restaurants and social events, mostly so that their children can be taken care of while they eat and enjoy their time with friends and family. The help is not allowed to sit at their table, and are often not given food. Even when they do get a bite or two to eat, it is usually the leftovers.

There are so many glaring problems with this practice. Firstly, in doing so we are denying these fellow human beings – people who tend to our chores and practically raise the children of our families – their dignity. It sends out a message loud and clear that we, the seemingly educated and civilised, are superior to them. We are discriminating against them by refusing them equality as we make them sit separately and not give them the same food we are having.

Stop and think for a moment, how would you feel if you were on the receive-



Representational image

ing end of such treatment, that too in a public place? Unfortunately, the domestic help are not in a position to say anything

due to their socioeconomic status. Their livelihoods depend on being in the good books of the people who treat them as

subhuman. Hence, even when not treated with respect, they don't react the way you and I would.

But there's more to this horrendous practice than meets the eyes. The children we leave with the domestic help are exposed to this kind of behaviour. As a result, they grow up thinking that this is the norm, and that this kind of behaviour is socially acceptable. In essence, we're planting the seeds of discriminatory attitude in the next generation.

While the public discrimination of the domestic help in restaurants and social events is common, times are changing. There are compassionate people who refrain from such awful practice and treat domestic workers with respect. The good news is, their number is growing. And that is how it should be.

We have a long way to go. It doesn't really take much to be respectful. People working for you are also people, with feelings as you have. Just because fate has not rationed out the resources to them fairly, doesn't mean that we can't do our small bit.

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