

EVIL REBORN

If you remember your childhood as screaming along to the likes of *Hakuna Matata* and *Under The Sea* while your parents fought in the other room, we sure can relate. If *Disney* was just as integral a part of your life as it was ours, it can easily be said that live-action remakes of old *Disney* movies are like a *Rolls Royce* – extremely desired, but hardly acquired. Then comes the topic of *Disney* princesses; all you girls wanted to be one, there's no shame in admitting it. If you're like

us, Aurora was the most iconic of them all. Her golden locks and tailored blush dress made you either want to be her or have a crush on her. Oh, how much we hated Maleficent for cursing her. But, in the first *Maleficent* movie, we got to see another side of the apparently cruel and evil fairy. Finally, days of idolising Aurora were long gone, and we began loving Maleficent. The fact that Angelina Jolie played the character also added a few brownie points. If you couldn't already

tell, a sequel is coming, titled *Maleficent: Mistress of Evil*! The trailer, which was released in July, showed Prince Philip asking Aurora to marry him, to which she agrees. Although Maleficent is completely against it at first, she reluctantly agrees to meet the family, whereupon she's insulted by Phillip's mother, Queen Ingrid, played by Michelle Pfeiffer (hats off to the casting directors). This is followed by Maleficent attacking them, which turns into an epic rivalry. It is also seen that other beings like

Maleficent exist. We're all thinking, "But, we thought Maleficent was good. What on earth happened?" Fans are coming up with theories which imply that Ingrid might be the true villain here; posing to be a good mother, and making Maleficent look bad, to fulfil her ulterior motives. While this does seem highly likely, we'll only be sure when we watch the movie on the 18th of October.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST

ROMAN HOLIDAY



RELEASED ON: August 20, 1953
DIRECTED BY: William Wyler
DID YOU KNOW: It almost starred Cary Grant and Elizabeth Taylor, and Frank Capra was supposed to direct it. Gregory Peck met his second wife, Veronique Passani during the shoot.

CHOKHER BALI

RELEASED ON: October 2, 2003
DIRECTED BY: Rituparno Ghosh
DID YOU KNOW: In *Chokher Bali*, actor Bipasha Basu was supposed to play the role of Binodini. It is the first film where Aishwarya Rai left behind her glamorous heroine roles and played the role of a simple, yet strong and determined widow.



S H O L A Y

RELEASED ON: August 15, 1975
DIRECTED BY: Ramesh Sippy
DID YOU KNOW: Nobody watched *Sholay* when it was first released. Real bullets were used during the shooting, and reportedly, a bullet nearly missed Amitabh Bachchan. One of the most interesting lesser known facts about the cast of *Sholay* is, Jaya Bachchan who

played the role of Thakur's widowed daughter-in-law was actually pregnant in real life. She was pregnant with her daughter Shweta during the shooting of the film and later during the premiere of *Sholay*, Jaya was expecting her son Abhishek.

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