

Extinct (film)

Extinct is a 2021 animated [science fiction](#) [comedy](#) film directed by [David Silverman](#), and co-directed by [Raymond S. Persi](#), from a screenplay by [Joel Cohen](#), [John Frink](#), and [Rob LaZebnik](#).^[6] The film features the voices of [Rachel Bloom](#), [Adam Devine](#), [Zazie Beetz](#), [Ken Jeong](#), [Catherine O'Hara](#), [Benedict Wong](#), [Reggie Watts](#), and [Jim Jefferies](#). Its story follows Op and Ed, two adorable [cat-like](#) creatures with giant holes in the center, called the "flummels", that find themselves transported from their island home in the year 1835 to modern day [Shanghai](#).

Extinct was released in Russia on February 11, 2021, then theatrically by [Sky Cinema](#) in the United Kingdom on August 20, 2021, and then was released worldwide on [Netflix](#) on November 19, 2021.

Plot

Op and Ed are fluffy [cat-like](#) creatures known as the "flummels", who are native to the [Galápagos Islands](#). The flummels are ostracized by their community, due to Op's proneness to disaster, and are labelled weird by mallei. Just before [Charles Darwin](#) discovers their island during one of his voyages, Op and Ed find and fall into a large flower that teleports them to modern-day [Shanghai](#), where they meet and befriend a white poodle named Clarence. The flummels learn their species is now extinct after Darwin found the island destroyed by a volcanic eruption.

Clarence brings them to the Time Terminal, a pavilion where Clarence's owner, Dr. Lee Chung, kept and studied the flowers and their seeds, which have time-traveling properties. Op accidentally knocks some seeds out, causing the Terminal to malfunction and sending Clarence to 1915 Antarctica, along with the seed that leads the flummels home. In Antarctica, Clarence is captured by [Ernest Shackleton](#)'s expedition team. With the help of the Extinctables — a team of extinct animals composed of Dottie, a [dodo](#) bird; Burnie, a [Tasmanian thylacine](#); Alma, a female *[Macrauchenia](#)*; and Hoss, a male *[Triceratops](#)*, who were bought by Dr. Chung to the Terminal — Op and Ed travel through each seed in order to find the one that can bring them home and rescue Clarence.

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Official exit poster

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Following a falling out with Ed, Op returns to the flummels' time, where she attempts to warn the rest of the flummels about the volcano. Clarence imprisons her, telling her that flummels ruined his life and that he is actually behind their extinction. Clarence had been adopted by Dr. Chung, but after Dr. Chung was charmed by the adorable flummels, Clarence went Maverick, pushing Dr. Chung into one of the flowers and destroying the seed that would send him back. He then caused the flummels' extinction by planting a drone bomb. Following Ed's arrival after seeing the video Op made, they make several attempts to escape and stop the bomb, eventually deploying a seed to move the entire island into the present day. Clarence survives, but Dr. Chung arrives and punishes him by sending him back to 1915 Antarctica, thanking the flummels and the Extinctables.

A year later, Op and Ed are finally accepted by their community, while Dottie surprises Ed by laying a blueish egg shaped like a flummel. The egg hatches, but the creature inside the egg is unknown.

In a mid-credits scene, Op surprises Ed by pulling Wally into the Time Terminal. Wally exclaims that they have so much to talk about, while Op leaves to "get him a glass of water".

Cast

- Adam DeVine – Edward "Ed" Flummel, a grumpy male grey flummel. He is Op's brother.
- Rachel Bloom – Oppy "Op" Flummel, a happy-go-lucky female brown and cream-coloured flummel. She is Ed's sister.
- Zazie Beetz – Dottie, a blue-feathered dodo-bird who is the leader of The Extinctables. She is Ed's love interest.
- Ken Jeong – Clarence, a white poodle dressed in a red sweater. He is an arch-enemy of Op and Ed.
- Benedict Wong – Dr. Lee Chung
- Jim Jefferies – Burnie, a thylacine ("Tasmanian tiger") who is a member of the Extinctables.
- Catherine O'Hara – Alma, a female *Macrauchenia* who is a member of the Extinctables.
- Reggie Watts – Hoss, a male *Triceratops* who is a member of the Extinctables / Ernest Shackleton.
- Nick Frost – Captain Robert FitzRoy, captain of *HMS Beagle*.
- Tom Hollander – Charles Darwin
- Henry Winkler – Jepson, a large, grey male flummel and Mali's son.
- Alex Borstein – Mali, a female brown flummel and Jepson's mother.
- Richard Kind – Wally, a talkative blue whale.
- Jon Lovitz – Conch

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Edited by	Steven Liu
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- Sydney Malmberg Liu – Bo
- Maria Bamford – Bo's Mom
- Raymond S. Persi – That Guy / Booby, a blue-footed booby-bird.
- Terry Gross – Bomb (voice)
- David Silverman – Geng, a Cyclops / Donut-Store Clerk.
- Kelly Hu – News Reporter
- Tom Kenny – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- Jason Hightower – Narrator

Production

The film was first announced on September 3, 2019, as a new animated feature in production at Cinesite Animation directed by David Silverman with Raymond S. Persi as co-director. The announcement revealed Adam DeVine, Rachel Bloom, Zazie Beetz and Ken Jeong as cast members.^[7]

Release

The film was released in the United Kingdom in August 20, 2021 by Sky Cinema.^[8] The film was also released in Russia theatrically on February 11, 2021. The film was released worldwide on Netflix on November 19, 2021. *Extinct* was in the Top 10 most watched English films on Netflix during the first week of its release.^[9]

Critical reception

Review aggregator Rotten Tomatoes reported a score of 43% based on seven reviews, with an average rating of 4.90/10.^[10] Steve Rose for *The Guardian* gave the film 2 out of 5 stars, writing that: "In the Darwinian world of kids' entertainment, *Extinct* looks like an evolutionary dead end."^[11]

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External links

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