

Ways of Dying 1.5
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20 tossups

After a character dies in this manner in the live-action *The Jungle Book*, the Cary Elwes played antagonist notes “let’s not be discouraged by every little thing.” After escaping death in this way, a character attacks his tormentor, resulting in the line “tell him that I said OWWWWW!” Characters almost die of this fate in a film in which the protagonist is urged to “grab the rope” because he is afraid of snakes. After his plane crashes, Captain Havelock’s plane suffers this fate in *The Mummy*. Bart hits Taggart in the head after almost dying in this manner at the beginning of *Blazing Saddles*. It takes place in a swamp, but this is the highly traumatic way Atreyu’s horse dies in *The Neverending Story*. For 10 points, name this method of death in which people drown in some muddy like thing.

ANSWER: **drowning in quicksand/swamp**

In a film showing many people dying in this manner, General Slater wonders if history will blame him for Houston being on fire, while Brad Crane notes the antagonists have “always been our friend.” This fate happens to a man whose slave father became rich after developing a system for mass producing shoes during the Civil War. That character was an artist who had a hand cut off and replaced with a hook after impregnating a white woman. It doesn’t kill him, but this happens to Henry Winkler twice in the film *Little Nicky*. This is how the title killer in *Candyman* and the Macaulay Culkin played character dies in *My Girl*. For 10 points, name this method of death in which people are killed in the movie *The Swarm* after being stung a lot.

ANSWER: **stung by bees/hornets/wasps**

The *Twilight Zone* episode “The Rip Van Winkle Caper” has this fate kill the first of the gang to die. Bill and Matthew must repopulate the human race after this fate happens to the other characters on a non-Titanic episode of *NewsRadio*. The female astronaut dies in this manner in *Planet of the Apes*. Burke plans to use this method to kill the Marine team in *Aliens* and HAL uses this method of killing the three scientists in *2001*. This fate is the offscreen method of death for those of Khan’s men who did not survive into the future in the *Star Trek* episode “Space Seed.” For 10 points, name this method of death that kills people who do not have properly maintained freezing conditions for their preserved body.

ANSWER: **dying due to faulty cryonics/cryogenics**

This happens to a man at the end of *The Silence of the Hams* at the hands of Dr. Animal Cannibal Pizza. This is what happens to a character right after she takes out a piece of paper and subtracts \$124.12 from \$700 using a First Security Bank of Phoenix bank book. It happens to an Anne Heche played character in a reviled 1998 Gus Van Sant film. This is how a woman who embezzled money and is dating Sam Loomis dies. In filming this method of death, the director used Bosco chocolate syrup to represent blood. In its most famous depiction on film, Bernard Hermann’s score plays yelping violins as it appears to be carried out by an old woman. For 10 points, name this method of death that kills Marion Crane in Alfred Hitchcock’s film about Norman Bates, *Psycho*.

ANSWER: **being stabbed in the shower**

In one film this fate befalls a dog, although the original version shows it happening to an ox. After this kills a man in a film, two characters at a bar instantly say “Check please.” This kills a man who notes “the first thing that I’m gonna do when I get back is to get some *decent* food.” A woman throws herself into a prison furnace as this fate is happening to her, and it happens to a potentially already dead “Engineer” on the moon LV-223. In one film, a character moans “Not again” after this happens to him in a bar; that was a reference to him playing Kane in an earlier film. “Hello! Ma Baby” is played after this happens to a man in *Spaceballs*. It is usually what kills people who have been exposed to a “face hugger.” For 10 points, name this method of death that also results in an alien being born in the *Alien* movies.

ANSWER: **alien explodes from your chest**

This is how a man who dies whose last words are explaining that it doesn’t matter if someone else closes his eyes. This fate happens to a man who notes the experience could result “in nosebleeds, earaches, stomach cramps, nausea.” Simone Rovellini runs a Tumblr showing various actresses dying in this fashion as part of his “subversive vision.” Its most famous scene on film features it happening to a victim of the Michael Ironside played Darryl Revok, a rogue agent of ConSec. This is what happens to invaders when they hear the Slim Whitman song “Indian Love Call” in *Mars Attacks!* A famous Internet gif shows this happening to victims in the film *Scanners*. For 10 points, name this fate in which the top part of body explodes.

ANSWER: **head blows up**

This is not so much a death, but a fate.

This is what the psychopath Jacob Goodnight does to his victims in the only starring role to date for the wrestler Kane. A character who suffers this fate enjoys the word “gargantuan” and gives directions to find the lonely grave of Paula Schultz. This fate affects someone code-named “California Mountain Snake.” It happens to Mr. Burns in *The Mummy* shortly after he breaks his glasses. It happens to a woman who calls Pai Mei a “miserable old fool,” and that woman suffers this fate again at the hands of Beatrix Kiddo. This happens twice to Elle Driver in the *Kill Bill* movies, the first time of which explains why she wears a patch. For 10 points, name this nasty fate in which a person’s organs used for seeing are removed.

ANSWER: **eyeballs ripped out**

This is how a character who was once engaged to Willow Woodward dies. Another character who suffers this fate matches the criteria of coming of his own free will and being still a virgin. It is what kills a man who wears a bear costume after punching out Sister Honey. In one film, Neil Howie recites Psalm 23 as this happens to him while a crowd sings “Sumer Is Icumen In.” This is the fate that befalls police officer Edward Malus on an island as a crowd chants “The drone must die,” since they think it will restore honey production. It happens after the protagonist is tortured by insects and screams “Not the bees!” in one film. For 10 points, name this method of death that kills the Nicolas Cage played protagonist in *The Wicker Man*.

ANSWER: **being set on fire in a wicker man**

An ill-advised Nick Petrilli liveblog thread continually asks how this method of death could take place on a boat before it is closed. In a film set in San Diego, a character who inexplicably tries running inside a Blockbuster Video instead of down a street suffers this fate. It happens to Dr. Burke shortly after he freaks out upon realizing he has a snake on his shirt. In a music video, this

fate befalls a character before Weird Al notes “Well, I suppose that proves they’re really not all bad.” Peter Ludlow, the CEO of InGen, dies in this way, as does lawyer Donald Gennaro, who hides in the bathroom. Dr. Alan Grant avoids this fate by not moving in *Jurassic Park*. For 10 points, name this method of death in which one becomes food for the “King of the Dinosaurs.”

ANSWER: **being eaten by a Tyrannosaurus Rex**

On one television series, an insane potential nanny named Monica dies in this way before she can blackmail Sean McNamara. The Zelkjo Ivanek played “Edmund Burke” suffers this fate, shortly after his ex-wife jokes about it happening on an episode of *Lost*. It happens to a girl who tells the other characters to “drop fucking dead” in the first *Final Destination* film. At the end of one film, it almost happens to three high school students before the narrator says “Just kidding.” A character suffers this fate immediately after calling someone else “a home-schooled jungle freak who’s a less hot version of me.” Regina breaks her pelvis when suffering this fate in *Mean Girls*. For 10 points, name this method of death which could happen to you if you do not look both ways before crossing the street.

ANSWER: **being hit by a bus**

In the film *Unfaithfully Yours*, Alfred wishes that Daphne’s father died in this manner, which Daphne believes involves cards. Fredrik would have died in this manner in *Smiles of a Summer Night* if the Count did not remove a certain object. A character who dies in this manner becomes the “meal ticket” of the Frenchman Julien Grinda. The depiction of this type of death on screen was criticized by Pulitzer winning reporter Peter Arnett as “simply a bloody lie,” even though it was defended by director Michael Cimino. The most famous film character to die in this way is killed right after saying “One shot” and is a red headband wearing former Vietnam P.O.W. This is how the Christopher Walken played Nick dies at the end of *The Deer Hunter*. For 10 points, name this method of death which can happen to losers in a game involving a revolver with only one round.

ANSWER: **shooting yourself in Russian Roulette**

Albert Potato does this in *Top Secret*, and it inexplicably results in him being the only one to survive. In one film, a character performs this action after his superior ponders sending him off to “some Third World country.” That character, Nick, despite doing this at Club Scum, later turns out to only require bandages and crutches. Besides that scene in *Hobgoblins*, a Chris Evans played character’s attempt at doing this results in the line “He’s still skinny.” Even though it is a fake, Steve Rogers’ attempt to perform this action in *Captain America* impresses his superiors as a way of showing his selflessness. For 10 points, name this method of death, usually involving self-sacrifice in saving a platoon from an explosive.

ANSWER: **jumping on a grenade**

Mrs. Streck kills herself in this way in *The Astronaut’s Wife*, and the title character’s attempt to kill herself in this way only succeeds in destroying the body of her husband. Before reanimating her as a doll, Chucky kills the human version of Tiffany in *Bride of Chucky* in this manner. This is how the Mel Gibson character acquires his powers in the film *What Women Want*. A famous film occurrence of it ends a teaser in which the protagonist destroys a heroin-filled banana factory and changes out of a wetsuit into a tuxedo. After it happens at the beginning of

Goldfinger, Bond says “Shocking. Absolutely shocking.” For 10 points, name this method of death which could happen if you kept an appliance in your bathroom.

ANSWER: **electrocuted in a bathtub/shower**

In the *Millennium* episode “The Judge,” the title character is killed in this manner. This method of death is shown after the line “You could always say it was me” is spoken in one film. A non-*Jurassic Park* character avoids death in this way by remaining motionless while holding a woman in his arms. A character who dies in this manner is a former child molester in a wheelchair who was disfigured by his court-appointed therapist. That man who dies in this way is slain by the Zelkjo Ivanek played Dr. Cordell upon the suggestion of Hannibal Lecter. This is how Mason Verger is killed in the film *Hannibal*, even though he specially bred animals for this purpose. For 10 points, name this method of death involving being consumed by oinking animals.

ANSWER: **eaten by pigs/hogs/boars**

This is how the “ailing buzzsaw baron” J.P. Cubish dies in the classic film *Daffy Duck’s Quackbusters*. Legend says that Scottish polymath Sir Thomas Urquhart died in this way after Charles II retook the throne. In one film, models Candy Walker and Amanda Keeler presumably die in this manner, as does a reporter named Becky whose death precedes a fake commercial which uses the model’s corpses. An attempt to create a weapon that can kill people in this way results in a sentence about a “salted peanut.” Jerry’s friend Fulton seemingly dies in this manner in the *Seinfeld* episode “The Stand-In.” Chrysippus supposedly died in this way after he saw a donkey eating figs, and the weasels in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?* mostly die in this manner. For 10 points, name this method of death potentially caused by watching comedies.

ANSWER: **laughing yourself to death**

A character who dies in this manner claims to have “files, tapes, and books,” which the hero notes “you better have them in your pocket right now” before killing him. That character is the John McGinley played MacGruder in the Steven Seagal film *On Deadly Ground*. Another character who dies in this way notes “Too bad...I kinda liked you” before being told “I got enough friends.” That character, Major Grant, dies right before Colonel Stuart tells John McClane “time for the main event” in *Die Hard 2*. Another character who dies in this way is killed right before Indiana Jones frees Marian Ravenwood from the “Flying Wing.” This is how the bald Nazi mechanic dies in *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. For 10 points, name this method of death in which a person is sliced up by a part of an airplane or helicopter.

ANSWER: **getting chopped by an airplane blade/propeller/engine** [accept **helicopter** instead of airplane]

This is the surprisingly grim manner in which the villainess in *The Hugga Bunch Movie* dies. In Janet Leigh’s last film, *Bad Girls from Valley High*, the villainess played by Julie Benz dies in this matter after eating poisoned chocolate and ends up in Hell. This is how the title character in the *Twilight Zone* episode about Walter Jameson dies. In one film, a character dies in this way after receiving intentionally poor advice from Dr. Elsa Schneider. In the terrible film version of *League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*, Dorian Gray dies in this manner shortly after seeing his own portrait. After one film character dies in this matter, an elderly knight notes “He

chose...poorly.” For 10 points, name this method of death which kills villain Walter Donovan after he drinks from the wrong Holy Grail in *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*.

ANSWER: **rapidly aging to death**

Near the beginning of the Stephen King film *Maximum Overdrive*, a kid on a baseball field is killed in this way. In one film, a man suffers this fate at the hands of a man who shouts “Revenge!” in reference to his victim eating a fish. In that scene, the victim mocks his attacker by saying he’s “c-c-c-oming to k-k-k-kill me!” Despite it taking about two minutes to take place, a guard played by Michael McDonald is killed in this manner in the first *Austin Powers* film. Although he doesn’t die, Otto suffers this fate at the hands of Ken near the end of *A Fish Called Wanda*. Judge Doom reveals himself to be a Toon after showing he doesn’t die in this manner in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*? For 10 points, name this method of death in which someone is crushed by a slowly moving piece of construction machinery.

ANSWER: **being run over by a steamroller**

While Vera is retrieving Shelly’s wallet, Jason kills her in this manner in *Friday the 13th Part III*. Andrew Hart noted one of my VCUO Trash tossups could have used a fuller description of this type of death scene. This is how a villain who “does not drink, does not smoke, and does not make love” dies in a movie. In one film, a villain is killed in this way after the hero notes “You’re out of bullets,” while in another movie, a thug dies in this way after the hero says “compliments of Sharkey.” This is also how Harlan Rook, the villain is killed in the Dirty Harry film *The Dead Pool*. After James Bond kills Emilio Largo’s thug Vargas in this way in *Thunderball*, he says “I think he got the point.” For 10 points, name this method of death involving a gun used by divers to kill animals.

ANSWER: **being shot by a harpoon gun**

After a character dies in this manner, the antagonist notes “they’re not kid gloves,” while his thug jokes about a “dead shoe.” right before he is kicked in the crotch. After a character dies in this manner, onlookers note he wasn’t a rabbit or a duck or a dog or a wooden boy. This is what kills a guy who memorably says “WHEN I KILLED YOUR BROTHER, I TALKED JUST LIKE THIS” before daggers emerge from his eyes. That character plans on building a freeway and is opposed by private detective Eddie Valiant. This is what kills Judge Doom. For 10 points, name this fate that is the only thing that can kill Toons in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*?

This kills a character who objects that “nose” doesn’t rhyme with “walls” ANSWER: **being melted in Dip**