

Disney’s Dead Parents

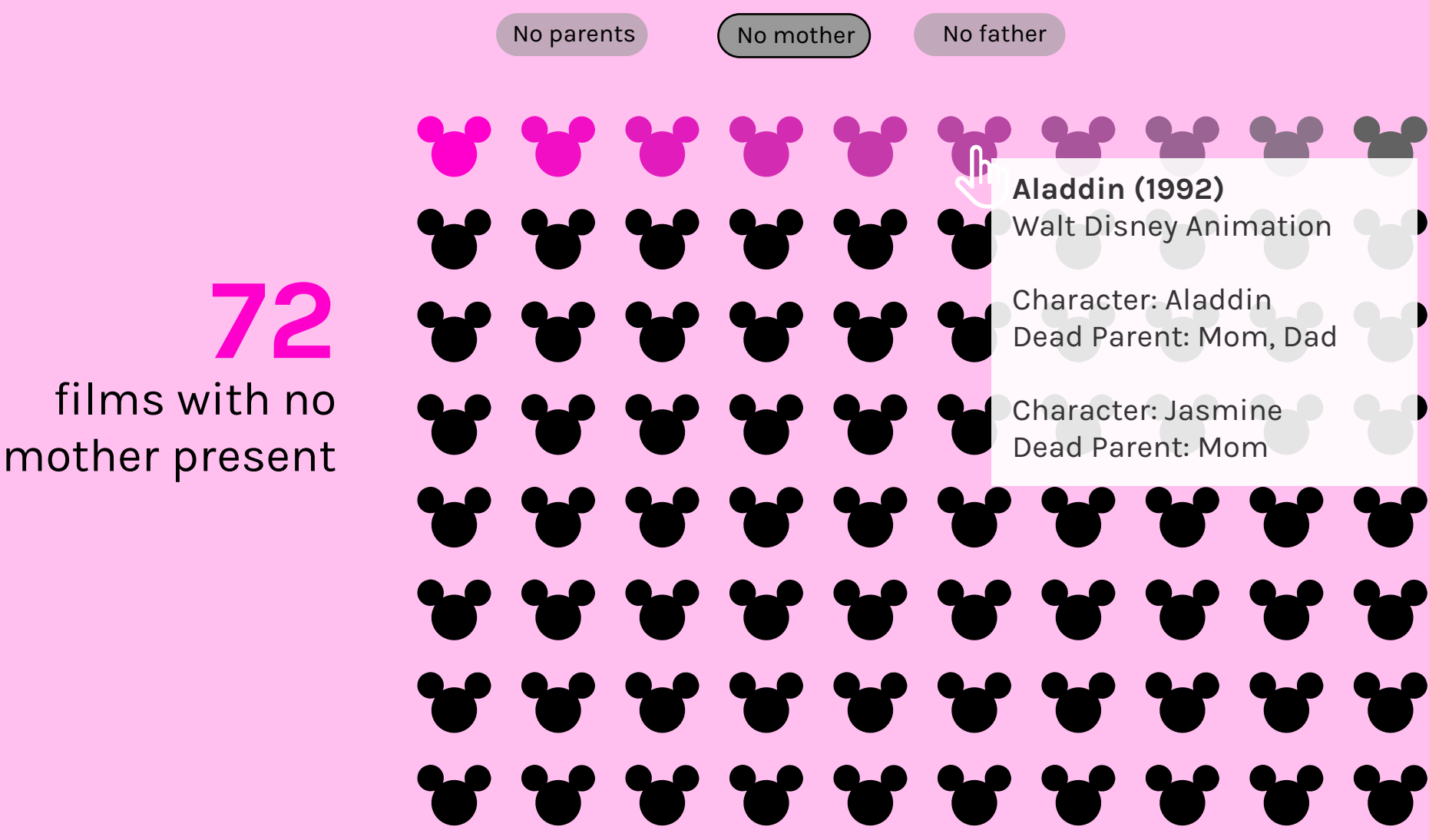
Exploring the high rate of parental demise and unexplained absence in Disney’s animated films

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“Disney taught us that, ‘when you wish upon a star, your dreams come true.’ Unfortunately, if your dream is to have both of your parents live to see you succeed, you’re sheer out of luck.”

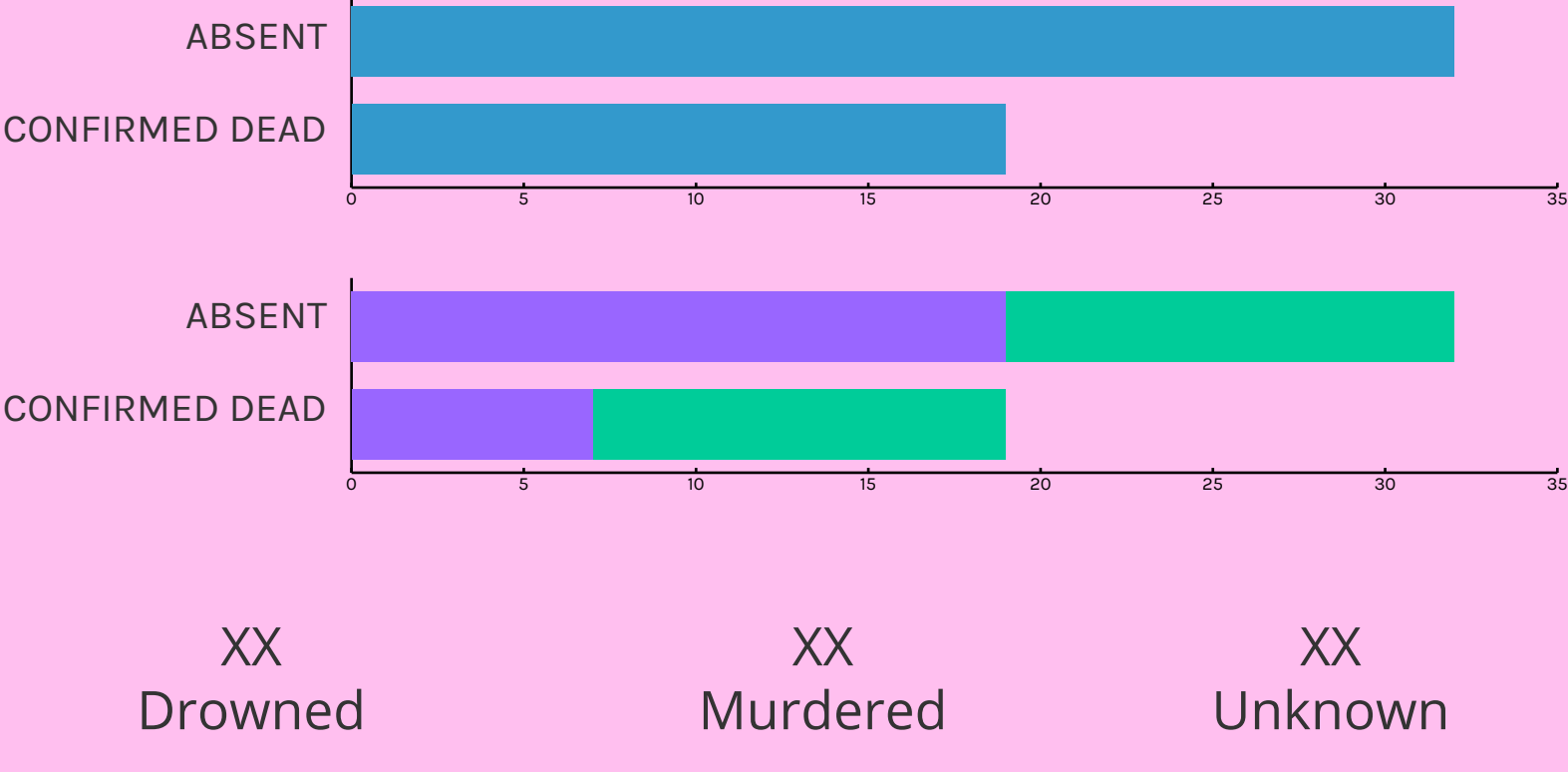
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So, where have all the parents gone?

Out of 10 missing parents from 10 movies, 5 are confirmed deceased and 5 have no explanation for their absence. The exceptions are Jim's father in Treasure Planet (2003), who is said to have left the family many years prior to the start of the film, and Aladar's mother in Dinosaur (2000), who was forced to abandon her eggs after a vicious attack from a local carnivore.



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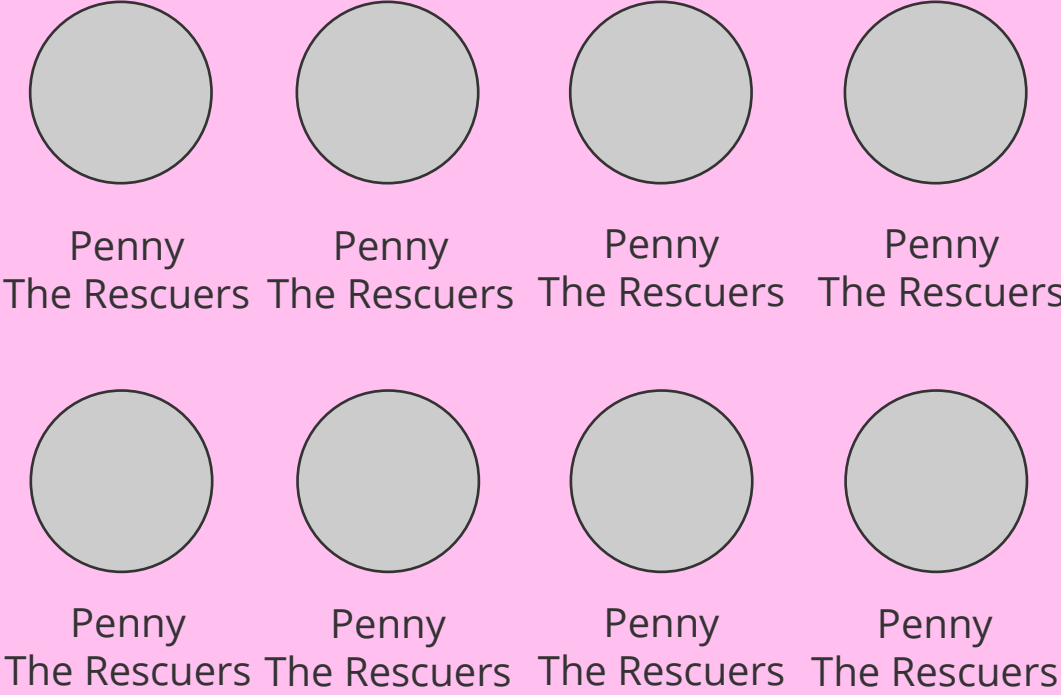
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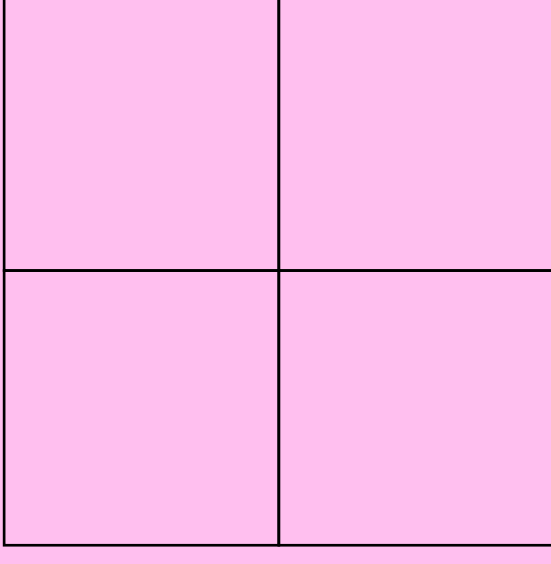
The Lion King (1994)

Simba is helpless as he watches his father Mufasa plummet towards a death by stampeding gazelles after his uncle Scar pushes him off of a cliff.

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