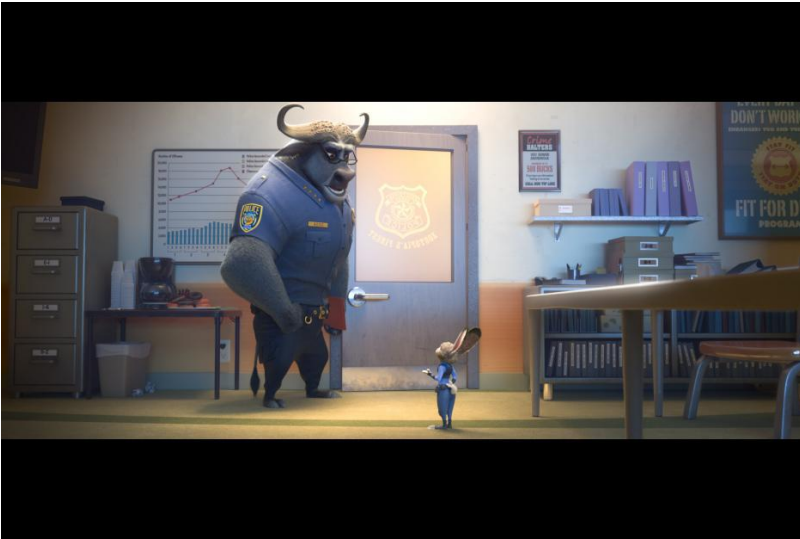


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ZOOTROPIA



A delightful animation with an excellent script and effective voice work. While the characters all look a bit as if they've migrated from any number of Disney films, that is soon forgotten by the thrust of the story and the jokes that come thick and fast. It starts a little slowly in cutesy 'bunny' land, but once the rabbit heroine, Judy Hopps (Ginnifer Godwin), travels to Zootopia and comes across her nemesis the fox, Nick Wilde (Jason Bateman), things really liven up. And Idris Elba as the buffalo police chief Bogo is a stand-out.

TRUTH



You have to feel sorry for the producers of TRUTH in that another film about journalistic investigation has been released and garnered so many award nominations/victories. SPOTLIGHT has set the standard and TRUTH doesn't quite match up to it. The events depicted are fascinating and the process of uncovering the 'truth' equally so, but it is overlong and a bit repetitive - how many times do we need to be reminded that some politicians can't be trusted and that the State can cover up when they need to? That said, the performances are excellent with Cate Blanchett giving another brilliant performance - her speech to the panel at the dénouement should have won her another award. And Robert Redford's classy style adds so much to the weight of the story.

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