Disney Hits \$3.5 Billion for Movies in 2019 After the Release of New Frozen Movie Frozen 2 Earns Biggest Box Office Opening Weekend for an Animated Movie of All Time *Jenna Heinz*

2013 was a big year for the movie world; the hit movie Frozen made its debut in theaters. Frozen earned \$67.4 million over the 3 day opening weekend and overall a worldwide total of \$1,276,480,335. Frozen was a household name quickly after its release. Kids all around the world loved the movie and it became a quick favorite. Frozen 2 was set to come out on November 22nd, 2019 and make a predicted \$100+ million opening weekend.

The sequel opens up with a flashback scene similar to that of the first movie with Anna and Elsa as young girls. The king, their father, then tells them about the Nothuldra tribe, people in the forest that could interact with the spirits there. When he was a young child, he and his father traveled into the forest and offered a dam as a peace offering to the Nothuldra people who lived there. Somewhere in the midst of things, war breaks out. Anna and Elsa's mother, who we later find out is a Nothuldra herself, saves their father. He then warns them that forest may wake again and bring danger to them.

When we are brought back to the present day, Elsa hears something calling her. Because of this, she wakes the forest and spirits that then get angry and start to destroy Arendelle. Anna, Elsa, Olaf, Kristoff, and Sven then embark on a journey to the mysterious forest. Here, they hope to settle the spirits, discover what has been calling Elsa, and find the truth about their past. When they get to the forest, they meet the Nothuldra tribe and encounter a few of the four spirits: fire, air, water, and earth. One of the Nothuldra people tells Elsa about a fifth spirit that connects the spirits. Throughout the rest of the movie, the sisters continue on the journey of figuring out how to stop the spirits from attacking their kingdom. We learn more about their family's past, the mysterious voice calling Elsa, and what the fifth spirit is.

One of the most loved parts of Frozen was the soundtrack. Families spent movie night belting out some of the hit songs from the movie including "Let it Go," "Do You Wanna Build a Snowman," and "In Summer." A question many wondered when hearing about the sequel was could any song be as good as Let it Go? The sequel consists of a whole new soundtrack with the main new song being "Into the Unknown" sung by Elsa. While Kristoff's character has fewer lines, he does have his own song; a balled. "Lost in the Woods" is sung by Kristoff after feeling lost and confused about his relationship with Anna.

Like any other movie, there are many underlying themes. Unlike many other movies where love is represented between one of the characters and a significant other, the Frozen movies represent the love between the two sisters. In the first movie, Anna and Elsa's

relationship builds after having spent little to no time together ever since they were little. In Frozen 2, Anna doesn't want to leave Elsa's side in fear of losing her again. In the end, they realize that they don't have to be together for their love to remain.

This leads to the evolution of each character. In this movie, each character goes on an emotional journey to find themselves. Anna and Elsa find their rightful places and Kristoff discovers where he wants to be. Olaf dealt with his own emotions throughout the movie as well. At the beginning of the movie, he sings "When I am Older." This song talks about how Olaf doesn't understand everything but believes that it will all make sense when he is older.

Overall, Frozen 2 was a hit. In the first three days of being in theaters, it made a global total of \$350 million dollars. This makes it the biggest box office opening weekend for an animated movie ever. Frozen 2 is expected to make much more due to the movie coming out the weekend before Thanksgiving and Christmas to come.



Elsa stands worried about who is calling her and why.