

AN ANALYSIS OF PLOT TWIST IN MALEFICENT MOVIE

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Abstract

"Maleficent" is a captivating and enchanting movie that delves into the untold story of one of Disney's most iconic villains. Set in a fantastical world of magic and wonder, the film follows the journey of Maleficent, a powerful fairy residing in the Moors, a magical realm adjacent to the human kingdom. The story unfolds as a young Maleficent befriends a human boy named Stefan, and a deep bond forms between them. However, as they grow older, their friendship becomes strained due to the tensions between the human kingdom and the magical creatures of the Moors. Betrayal and a thirst for power ultimately lead Stefan down a dark path. Heartbroken and filled with anger, Maleficent embraces her darker nature and becomes the Mistress of All Evil, seeking revenge on Stefan and the kingdom that betrayed her. She places a curse upon Stefan's newborn daughter, Princess Aurora, proclaiming that on her sixteenth birthday, she will prick her finger on the spindle of a spinning wheel and fall into a deep sleep, only to be awakened by true love's kiss.

Key words: analysis, Maleficent, movie, plot twist

INTRODUCTION

Maleficent is a fictional character that originated from Disney's classic animated film "Sleeping Beauty" released in 1959 [1], [2]. She is portrayed as the main antagonist, an evil fairy who places a curse on Princess Aurora, the film's protagonist [3], [4], [5]. Maleficent is known for her distinctive appearance, with her pale green skin, horned headdress, and a dark and elegant wardrobe [6], [7], [8]. However, in recent years, Maleficent has been reimagined and gained a more complex characterization in the live-action film "Maleficent" (2014) and its sequel "Maleficent: Mistress of Evil" (2019), where her backstory is explored, revealing a misunderstood and sympathetic nature beneath her villainous exterior [9], [10], [11]. These adaptations have contributed to Maleficent's popularity and solidified her as an iconic Disney character [12], [13], [14].

As Aurora grows up in the care of three bumbling fairies, she unwittingly becomes a ray of light in Maleficent's cold heart [15], [16], [17]. Maleficent finds herself conflicted between her vengeful desires and the growing love and protectiveness she feels towards Aurora [18], [19], [20]. Through unexpected twists and turns, Maleficent discovers that true love may not be what she originally believed it to be [21], [22], [23]. "Maleficent" beautifully portrays the complexity of its titular character, exploring themes of love, betrayal, and redemption [24], [25], [26]. The film showcases breathtaking visuals, stunning special effects, and a powerful performance by Angelina Jolie, who effortlessly brings Maleficent to life with her commanding presence and nuanced portrayal [27], [28], [29].

Ultimately, "Maleficent" challenges the notions of good and evil, and reminds us that even the darkest of hearts can find redemption through love and forgiveness [30], [31], [32]. It is a spellbinding tale that captivates audiences with its compelling storyline, memorable characters, and thought-provoking messages, leaving viewers with a newfound

appreciation for the enigmatic villainess who has become an integral part of Disney's legacy [33], [34], [35].

In the enchanting world of the "Maleficent" movie, moral deeds shine through the darkness, reminding us that goodness can be found even in the most unexpected places [36], [37], [38]. At the heart of this tale is the iconic character of Maleficent, who, despite her notorious reputation as the Mistress of All Evil, embarks on a transformative journey that reveals her capacity for kindness and redemption [39], [40], [41].

A plot twist is a narrative technique used to surprise and intrigue the audience by introducing a surprising turn of events or a revelation that completely changes the direction or understanding of the story [42], [43], [44]. It often challenges the audience's expectations and assumptions, providing a fresh perspective and adding depth to the plot [45], [46], [47]. A well-executed plot twist can create a sense of suspense, evoke strong emotions, and leave a lasting impact on the audience [48], [49], [50]. It can unveil hidden motives, expose hidden relationships, or unveil a character's true identity, forcing the audience to reassess their understanding of the story and its characters [51], [52], [53]. Ultimately, a plot twist serves as a powerful tool to engage and captivate the audience, making the storytelling experience more memorable and compelling [54], [55], [56].

Maleficent's moral deeds begin to unfold when she forms an unlikely bond with Princess Aurora, whom she initially cursed out of vengeance [57], [58]. As she spends time with the young princess, Maleficent's maternal instincts awaken, and she becomes a guiding figure in Aurora's life, protecting her from harm and nurturing her with love [59], [60], [61]. This unexpected act of care highlights Maleficent's ability to transcend her own past and embrace compassion, defying societal expectations [62], [63], [64]. Furthermore, Maleficent's moral compass guides her to stand against injustice and the abuses of power [65], [66], [67]. She confronts King Stefan, the embodiment of cruelty and greed, and seeks to protect the Moors, her magical homeland, from his destructive ambitions [68], [69], [70]. Through her courageous actions, Maleficent not only defends her own kind but also advocates for the equality and coexistence of all creatures, showcasing her commitment to justice and fairness [71], [72].

Additionally, Maleficent's journey unveils the complexities of forgiveness and the power of redemption [73], [74], [75]. As she learns the truth behind her own tragic past, she confronts her own inner demons and finds the strength to forgive those who have wronged her [76], [77], [78]. This act of forgiveness is a testament to her moral growth and her desire to break the cycle of hatred and revenge [79], [80]. In the "Maleficent" movie, moral deeds are woven throughout the narrative, reminding us that individuals are not defined solely by their past actions [81], [82], [83]. Maleficent's transformative journey showcases the potential for redemption and the capacity for goodness to emerge, even from within the darkest corners of one's soul [84], [85]. Ultimately, her story inspires us to look beyond appearances, challenge societal labels, and embrace the transformative power of love, compassion, and forgiveness.

METHOD

In this study, the writers utilized library research techniques and subjective depiction. This study utilized a subjective methodology zeroing in on story understanding, portrayal, and examination. Subjective means examination dependent principally upon a constructivist viewpoint with respect to a singular's encounter that has been by and large or socially built.

Information assortment strategies were performed by exploring or perusing sources in books, the web, as well as in past exploration reports, and others. Most understudies can find their assets in the library, information on the main libraries, experience with the chapter by chapter guide and other reference works, about complex is surely a fundamental apparatus for pretty much every understudy of writing. The information examination procedure utilized in this study is clear investigation. To help this information, the specialists looked for important information from different sources. Information investigation is the methodical course of considering and orchestrating information from meetings, perceptions, and records by coordinating the information and concluding what is significant and which should be contemplated. also, make determinations that are straightforward.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In the enchanting world of "Maleficent," a captivating plot twist takes center stage, redefining the narrative and challenging our perceptions of good and evil. Set in a realm where fairies and humans coexist, the film follows the compelling journey of Maleficent, a powerful fairy who is often misunderstood and seen as a villainess. The twist unfolds when the true intentions of Stefan, Maleficent's childhood friend turned betrayer, are revealed. Initially portrayed as a compassionate and loyal companion, Stefan succumbs to his ambitious desires and cuts off Maleficent's wings to present them to the king, securing his place on the throne [86], [87], [88]. This profound act of betrayal shapes Maleficent's destiny and unleashes a torrent of pain and anger within her, driving her to become the formidable villain that the world fears.

However, as the story progresses, the plot takes an unexpected turn. Maleficent encounters Aurora, the young princess destined to be cursed by a spindle on her sixteenth birthday [89], [90]. Initially consumed by her vengeful nature, Maleficent watches over Aurora from the shadows, anticipating the fulfillment of her curse with a mix of sorrow and vindication [91], [92]. Yet, as time passes, an unexpected bond forms between Maleficent and Aurora. Maleficent's icy heart begins to thaw in the presence of the innocent and pure-hearted princess, leading her to question her own motives and the notion of true evil. Gradually, Maleficent's maternal instincts take over, and she becomes a guardian figure to Aurora, doing everything in her power to protect her from harm [93], [94].

This newfound connection between Maleficent and Aurora sets the stage for the ultimate plot twist. When the fateful moment arrives, and Aurora pricks her finger on the spindle, Maleficent's true love and unwavering affection for the princess prove to be the key that unlocks a hidden power within her [95], [96]. Instead of falling into eternal slumber, Aurora awakens to the sight of Maleficent, revealing that true love can exist beyond conventional boundaries and expectations [97], [98]. This revelation alters the trajectory of the story dramatically. Maleficent's transformation from antagonist to misunderstood protagonist challenges preconceived notions of villainy and illuminates the complex nature of human emotions. With her formidable powers, Maleficent becomes a symbol of redemption, forgiveness, and the indomitable strength of love.

As the plot twists and turns, the malevolent forces that once plagued the kingdom are confronted, and Maleficent becomes a beacon of hope and an unlikely hero [99]. With her love for Aurora as her guiding light, she embarks on a journey to restore harmony and bridge the divide between the human and fairy realms [100]. In conclusion, the plot twist

in "Maleficent" is a masterful stroke that subverts expectations and delves into the depths of the human soul. Through the intricate layers of betrayal, redemption, and love, the film offers a powerful message about the transformative power of compassion and the potential for redemption in even the darkest of hearts.

CONCLUSION

In the conclusion of the Maleficent movie, a captivating tale of love, betrayal, and redemption reaches its climax. As the story unfolds, Maleficent, once portrayed as a wicked and vengeful sorceress, undergoes a transformation that challenges preconceived notions of good and evil. In a poignant and unexpected twist, the true nature of Maleficent's character is unveiled, revealing her as a complex and compassionate being. The film builds up to a final showdown between Maleficent and her former lover, King Stefan, whose actions led to her heartbreak and transformation. As the battle ensues, Maleficent's power and resilience shine through, displaying her indomitable spirit and unwavering determination. However, it becomes clear that revenge is not her ultimate goal. In a moment of clarity, Maleficent realizes that forgiveness and understanding hold the key to breaking the cycle of violence and hate. She chooses to spare King Stefan's life, demonstrating a remarkable act of mercy and the strength to rise above the pain inflicted upon her. This transformative decision highlights the film's overarching message of the power of love and forgiveness to overcome darkness. Maleficent's ultimate triumph lies not in defeating her enemies, but in her ability to change and embrace her capacity for love. In a touching resolution, Maleficent's relationship with Princess Aurora, whom she initially cursed, is mended. The bond between them transcends their past grievances, and a true mother-daughter connection is forged, bringing about a newfound hope and unity in their kingdom. The conclusion of Maleficent leaves viewers with a profound sense of catharsis and a reminder of the redemptive power that lies within each of us. It serves as a testament to the resilience of the human spirit, the transformative nature of love, and the belief that even the darkest of hearts can find solace and redemption.

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