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MLIA:

Today, my friend and I were coming out of the movie theater, when there was a little girl, who kept asking for a guy named "John". Her mother kept telling her that there was no John, and to come along. I then proceeded to shout, "JOHN! THERE YOU ARE!" The little girl whipped her head around. I feel evil, but it was worth it. MLIA.

Dark Disney Conspiracies:

Finding Nemo:

The fan theory suggests that there are no survivors of the Baricuda attack on his family and that Marlin's vision of Nemo (which means "nobody" in Latin) is just a manifestation of his grief.

Some fans even managed to tie Marlin's journey across the ocean to the five stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, despair and acceptance. There were even those who believed that the fish tank scene in Sydney was actually just Marlin projecting these images to counteract his grief.

Peter Pan:

As we get a bit older, we come to realize that Peter Pan was a pretty [questionable](#) character. Even in the original stories, Peter has been written as a cold-blooded murderer. In fact, many see Peter, as we know him, to be the villain, which in turn completely changed the way we look at our supposed villain Captain Hook.

One theory actually paints Hook to be the true hero, suggesting that he is on a mission to prevent Peter from kidnapping innocent children.

This idea is actually somewhat believable. In fact, you'll notice that throughout the movie, Hook never goes after the children. It's always just Peter. The theory suggests that Hook's pirates are actually children who Hook has saved from Peter.

The Little Mermaid AND Peter Pan:

It's safe to say that the whole "Hook is good" idea doesn't translate to this hypothesis. Instead, Hook is very much a baddie and his villainous exploits exist not only in *Peter Pan* but also in *The Little Mermaid*. The theory states that he, in fact, is the one who [killed](#) Ariel's mother.

Not only do we see the mermaids in *Peter Pan* visibly scared of Hook – suggesting that he has a bad reputation amongst the mermaids, but one of them definitely resembles Ariel.

In the prequel to *The Little Mermaid*, we find out that Ariel's mother was indeed [killed](#) by pirates, which led many to believe that the *Peter Pan* and *Little Mermaid* universes are the same, and Hook was responsible for Ariel's mother's death. This theory could kind of make sense, but it would probably counteract the idea that Hook is actually good.

The Little Mermaid and Hercules are cousins:

Searching for a little genealogy, Disney and Greek mythology style? See if you agree: Ariel's father is King Triton, the son of Poseidon. Poseidon is Zeus's brother. Hercules is the son of Zeus. King Triton and Hercules are first cousins, making Ariel and Hercules first cousins once removed.

Toy Story: Andy's mom was Jessie's Owner:

So many things help line up the [theory](#) that Andy's mom is Emily. Andy wears a Jessie hat, not a Woody hat in the original *Toy Story*; Emily probably wanted to share a piece of her childhood when she got him Woody, one of the Roundup Gang.

Also, Emily decorated her room with '60s era pop culture so she'd be the right age, in her thirties, when the *Toy Story* trilogy begins

Anna and Elsa are Rapunzels Cousins:

When King Agnarr and Queen Iduna sail off, they may have been heading to [Rapunzel's wedding](#). When Rapunzel turned up for Elsa's coronation, fans definitely saw these two events as a sign that Anna, Elsa, and Rapunzel are related. They argue that Rapunzel wouldn't make the journey from Germany just for any royalty. (Rapunzel and Flynn are seen in frozen walking into the castle for the coronation.)

There's also a theory that the blond cousins carry the magic in the family. Rapunzel's superpower hair and Elsa's freeze ray powers are no accident. And King Agnarr and Queen Iduna may have very good reasons for hiding their daughter away after seeing what happened to her cousin Rapunzel.

It's also said that the ship wreckage that Ariel sees in the Little Mermaid is Elsa and Anna's parents ship that sunk.

Belle and Beast's granddaughter is Tarzan's "Jane":

Here's why fans believe this. Jane understands Tarzan, so she must be fluent in Beast, like her grandmother; they resemble each other; and Jane has some pretty fancy plates in the jungle that seem like something her grandmother would have handed down. The tea set that the gorillas are smashing on during the "trashin' the camp" scene looks suspiciously like Mrs. Potts.

Bing Bong from Inside Out is a monster from Monsters Inc

This rumor has been floating around for a while, but the co-director of *Frozen*, Chris Buck, reignited the rumor during a [Reddit AMA](#). The theory goes like this: King Agnarr and the pregnant queen of Arendelle survived their shipwreck and ended up in the jungle. Although Queen Iduna gives birth to a boy who turns out to be Tarzan, she and her husband don't fare so well.

He saved Joy so she could save Riley, but the good news is that maybe he's [not gone forever](#). We learn from *Monsters, Inc.* that children outgrow their childhood fears, so the theory holds that Bing Bong was a monster from *Monsters, Inc.* and didn't really perish inside Riley's mind, it was only her memory of him that perished. Maybe he'll live on behind the door of another child.

Carl is actually dead in UP:

Depending on who you ask, this [theory](#) could be seen as either very sweet or very sad. Just before Carl goes to the retirement home, he passes in his sleep, and the rest of the movie is his journey through the afterlife. Russell, according to this theory, is an angel guiding Carl and will get his wings/badge when he has reunited Carl with Ellie.

Perhaps Dug is a delightful talking dog spirit guide who wishes that all squirrels will rot with Hades.

The villain witch from Tangled is the villain witch from Snow White:

The Evil Queen in Snow White is Mother Gothel from Tangled. There's the dagger they both use; Gothel keeps hers in a box, while the Evil Queen gave hers to the Huntsman to end Snow White.

Then, there's the obsession with perpetual youth, and when they both turn into crones, they look pretty similar.

Tangled Predicted COVID-19:

coronavirus. Fans quickly noticed an [eerie parallel](#) between the conditions of the world in 2020 and Disney's 2010 animated feature *Tangled*.

Tangled tells the story of Rapunzel, a young princess who has magic hair that keeps her mother from aging. Her mother decides to lock her away in a castle to keep herself looking young. The town Rapunzel is isolated from, however, is called Corona.

Fans quickly took to Twitter suggesting Disney predicted the spread of the coronavirus, and that the town of Corona in the film represents the pandemic, while Rapunzel represents people all around the world who are self-isolating.

Monsters Inc. and Toy Story Connection:

In *Monsters Inc.* there is a moment where a monster comes out of a door and the kid in the room scared him. When that door is closing you can see a poster on the wall. It is the exact same poster from Sid's room in *Toy Story*.

The trolls in Frozen got to Hans and turned him into a villain

A common *Frozen* theory is that Hans truly did love Anna, as can be seen when she crashes into him at the beginning. No one noticed him as he watched, awestruck, as Anna ran back to the palace. Hans didn't start moving for the throne until after the trolls sang their song. In fact, the trolls stated very plainly, "*Get the fiancé out of the way and the whole thing will be fixed.*"