

## Ne Zha shaping up to be movie of the summer

A crossover video featuring Nezha and **Monkey King**, two of Chinese people's favorite **mythological** figures, was released Monday to promote the animated feature Ne Zha which hit the big screens across China Friday.

Monkey King 美猴王

mythological 神话的

Weibo users commented that the fun interaction between the two **legendary** heroes **convulsed** them with laughter with many tagging their friends to watch the video.

legendary 传说的

convulse 使震撼

On China's major film reviewing site Douban, the film has scored 8.8 points out of 10. "**Epic!** I finished watching Ne Zha in tears. The content-rich story, vivid characters, and amazing visual effects, work together to create a 110-minute **roller-coaster** watching experience," a Douban user commented.

epic 史诗；宏大的

roller-coaster 过山车

In many audiences' minds, Ne Zha and Monkey King share a lot in common. On the one hand, both are lone **dissidents** and fighters, refusing to resign themselves to destiny. On the other hand, the two mythological figures have been recreated with **bold** innovation, giving audiences a brand-new take on the two classic images through animation.

dissident 异端的；叛逆的

bold 大胆的；英勇的

The first-ever interaction between Ne Zha and Monkey King was made possible thanks to the friendship between Ne Zha's director Jiaozi, and Tian Xiaopeng, director of Monkey King: Hero is Back.

Tian knew of Jiaozi and reached out to him following the success of his **maiden** film. Days earlier, Tian also posted a blog on his Weibo account suggesting that Jiaozi and Ne Zha have unlimited potential.

maiden 少女；处女

Jiaozi also commended Tian's influence on him. The *sweeping* success of Hero is Back enabled many domestic animators to see Chinese audiences' support for quality animation productions, which reinforced the young director's determination to go all out to create premium animations.

sweeping 席卷的；影响广泛的