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Why Stranger Things is more consistent than any other series?





The new and exciting season of *Netflix's Stranger Things* is here and the excitement is over the roofs. With the latest season online, we can say that the season does not disappoint and satisfies all the hype that was built for the series.

Stranger Things is one of the most consistent series if not the consistent. Compared to some other series across platforms, there are many cases where the first season

is a banger and consequently, later seasons turn out to be sub-par and mediocre. Although, the hype for expecting the same level for later seasons from any series is partly responsible for the mediocrity. Despite these cases, **Stranger things is an exception** and deliver magnificent consecutive 4 seasons. (till date)

For example, Money Heist is a prime example of later seasons' declining quality as compared to the first season. As we are introduced to money heist's world, we come to understand and feel Professor. So, in later seasons audience becomes privy to all the twists and surprising moments which undermines the value-adding moments that the show expects the audience to experience.

Let's analyze why Stranger things do not experience the same as money heist.

Some people judge the series b based on just horror/thrill content due to which the seasons might seem inconsistent. But there isn't just one aspect. There are three aspects that Stranger Things follows throughout its seasons:

College/School Life



college moments

College life is a part of life that anyone can relate to no matter the age or place. Stranger Things portray college/school life in such a way that the audience doesn't get bored with it. Here also lies the reason for consistency.

In season 1, There wasn't much college/school life as we dive into action right away as *Will* is missing. But, it is enough for the first season to build a solid foundation for the rest of the seasons. This college aspect also includes character moments and feel-good moments that the audience craves for a successful series.

In later seasons, we get much more character moments with unusual pairings such as Steve and Dustin, and new characters like Max and Billy who fit in perfectly for the story and lead characters. Due to these moments, we forgive the series if the horror aspect is not on par with the previous season. For example, the season 2 villain was not that scary but it was because of this aspect that elicits emotions from the audience that we forgive even if the antagonist isn't scary.

The Character interaction and unusual pairings catch viewers off guard and somehow the writers utilize the pairings in such a way that elevates the story as well as the characters. we just can't help but binge-watch the season no matter how much we avoid it.

Investigation Storylines



Gang finding clues

The aforementioned aspect of Stranger Things is probably the most interesting aspect that hooks the audience while also serving as a great tool for foreshadowing and build-up for the thrilling/horror moments.

The Kids' gang, the Teenager gang, and the adults all investigate the situation according to their perceptions. It is fascinating to see children finding clues and information that is more accurate and useful than the older characters which is a consequence of the close-mindedness of adults who refuse to believe anything supernatural. Kids, on the other hand, believe and try to find clues about their theory.

Consequently, the investigating concept can get old as we know in the case of *Money Heist*. But, Stranger things always constructs the story in such a way that does not feel like repetition or defying the laws that were introduced as part of world-building.

Viewers want the characters to experience the journey of investigating and finding clues themselves along with the characters which elicit a feeling of pride and intelligence. In the case of Money Heist lot of the Story, seemed unrealistic, especially in the last season. Stranger Things treads carefully and delivers a proper well-told story with heartfelt moments.

Now, the Final Aspect that makes Stranger Things consistent is,

Horror/ Thriller Aspect



Horror Stuff

Here comes the meaty stuff that most people focus on and have a love/hate relationship.

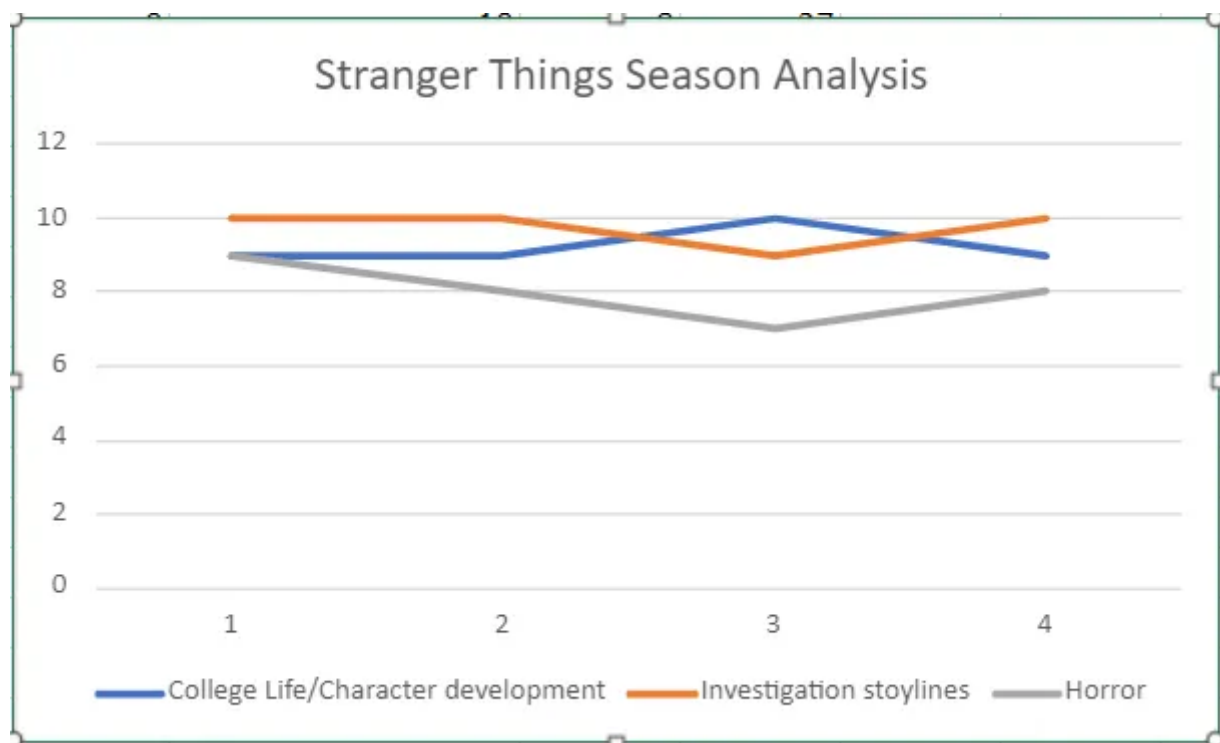
Many would judge the series based on this sole aspect and conclude by saying Stranger things was at prime in season 1. Season 1 was amazing and its antagonist was also scary and it as it was season1, there wasn't anything to compare the season with. Consequently, it was the best one.

But, One should not judge a series on basis of one parameter. Now let's analyze this aspect, Horror in Stranger Things is scary but it does not exceed a certain threshold. The previous aspects help build up the horror moments which also include important character deaths.

The series catches the audience off guard with character twists and emotional endings such as Billy. You hate him but by the end, u root for him and feel empathy and pity. These emotions elicit when the antagonist is attacking. So the antagonist itself may not be atrocious but in the context of the story and characters, it creates an impact.

This phenomenon is constant across seasons till the present which overall gives the audience a wholesome horrific story that we will remember for a long long time.

To quantify we can construct a simple graph for more understanding.



Thank you for reading this far, I hope that you managed to enjoy the analysis and gain some insight from this article.

Stranger Things

Analysis

Season 4

Stranger Things Season 4

Stranger Things Season 2