

= Despicable Me 2 =

Despicable Me 2 is a 2013 American 3D computer @-@ animated comedy film and the sequel to the 2010 animated film Despicable Me . Produced by Illumination Entertainment for Universal Pictures , and animated by Illumination Mac Guff , the film is directed by Pierre Coffin and Chris Renaud , and written by Cinco Paul and Ken Daurio .

Steve Carell , Russell Brand , Miranda Cosgrove , Elsie Fisher , and Dana Gaier reprise their roles as Gru , Dr. Nefario , Margo , Agnes , and Edith respectively . Kristen Wiig , who played Miss Hattie in the first film , voices agent Lucy Wilde , while Ken Jeong , who played the Talk Show Host , voices Floyd Eagle @-@ san . New cast members include Benjamin Bratt as Eduardo " El Macho " Pérez and Steve Coogan as Silas Ramsbottom , head of the Anti @-@ Villain League (AVL) .

The film premiered on June 5 , 2013 in Australia , and was theatrically released in the United States on July 3 , 2013 . The film received mostly positive reviews from critics , and was nominated for Academy Award for Best Animated Feature and for Academy Award for Best Original Song (for " Happy ") , losing both to Walt Disney Animation Studios ' Frozen . Grossing over \$ 970 million worldwide against its budget of \$ 76 million , the film became the second @-@ highest @-@ grossing animated film of 2013 and the third @-@ highest @-@ grossing film of 2013 . It is also the most profitable film in the 101 @-@ year history of Universal Studios .

A prequel / spin @-@ off film , Minions , focusing on the little yellow henchmen before they met Gru , was released on July 10 , 2015 . A third film , Despicable Me 3 , is scheduled for release on June 30 , 2017 .

= = Plot = =

A mysterious vehicle using a huge magnet steals a highly potent mutagen known as PX @-@ 41 from a secret laboratory in the Arctic Circle . The Anti @-@ Villain League (AVL) , headed by Silas Ramsbottom , tries to recruit former supervillain , Felonious Gru , to track down those responsible and recover the mutagen , but Gru refuses , claiming that he is now a legitimate businessman as well as the devoted father of Margo , Edith , and Agnes . Dr. Nefario , Gru 's friend and assistant , tells Gru that he " misses being evil " , and opts to leave him for new employment . Gru reluctantly agrees to investigate the theft of the mutagen , and is partnered with undercover AVL agent Lucy Wilde . The pair begin their search in the Paradise Shopping Mall , disguised as bakery employees . Gru immediately comes to suspect Mexican restaurant owner , Eduardo Pérez , of being the infamous " El Macho " , a legendary supervillain who supposedly died after skysurfing a shark into the center of an active volcano . Gru and Lucy break into Eduardo 's restaurant at night , but find nothing to prove that he is the culprit . Meanwhile , Agnes confides her dream to one day have a mother , and believes that Gru will fall in love with Lucy , but , despite her excitement , Gru tells her that his relationship with Lucy is strictly professional .

Although still suspicious of Eduardo , Gru agrees to pursue other suspects , including wig merchant Floyd Eagle @-@ san . However , after witnessing Eduardo 's two @-@ timing son , Antonio , sweep Margo off her feet , and invite everyone , including Margo , to his Cinco de Mayo party , Gru renews his focus on Eduardo . Afterwards , Gru is set up on what transpires to be a horrible dinner date with a vacuous woman named Shannon . During the meal , Shannon notices Gru 's wig and is about to humiliate him when Lucy , visiting the restaurant herself , renders Shannon unconscious with a tranquilizer dart . They take Shannon home and , after spending personal time with Lucy , Gru comes to realize that Agnes was right ; he has fallen in love with Lucy .

The next day , the AVL arrest Floyd Eagle @-@ san after an almost @-@ empty jar of the PX @-@ 41 mutagen is found in his shop , and Ramsbottom declares the investigation closed . Lucy is reassigned to Australia , but before leaving she gives Gru her lipstick Taser as a reminder of her . Realizing that he genuinely loves Lucy , Gru is heartbroken , yet still cannot find the courage to ask her out on a date . Instead , he brings the girls to the Cinco de Mayo party and , whilst there , finds undeniable proof that Eduardo is indeed " El Macho " . Gru discovers that El Macho and his partner , none other than Dr. Nefario , have been abducting Gru 's Minions and using the stolen PX @-@ 41

serum to mutate them into insanely savage , purple , hairy ' Evil Minions ' . El Macho announces his plan to launch rockets full of the mutated Minions into major cities in order to achieve world domination . He makes Gru an offer , proposing that they team @-@ up , but Gru leaves without giving an answer .

On her flight to Australia , Lucy realizes that she has also fallen in love with Gru . Using a backpack hang @-@ glider , she jumps out of the plane and hang glides down to the party , only to be captured by El Macho after his pet chicken , Pollito , retrieves her AVL ID badge from her purse . Fortunately , Dr. Nefario informs Gru , and to rescue Lucy , Gru visits Macho along with two Minions covered in purple paint , pretending he was captured by them . Fighting alongside his daughters and Nefario , Gru and his team spray all of the mutated Minions with jelly containing a powerful antidote that Dr. Nefario made , whereupon they revert to their friendly yellow state . Macho then takes the mutagen himself , but Gru and Dr. Nefario overcome him using Lucy 's lipstick Taser and a fart gun .

Gru sees Lucy strapped to a TNT @-@ loaded shark rocket and starts to untie her , but Pollito launches the rocket , sending the rocket flying towards the same volcano where Macho previously faked his death . Lucy accepts Gru 's invitation for a date , and the pair dive into the ocean seconds before the rocket enters the volcano .

After 147 dates , Gru and Lucy are married and Margo , Edith , and Agnes finally have a mother . The Minions close with a rendition of " I Swear " and " Y.M.C.A " as the whole family celebrates .

= = Cast = =

Steve Carell as Felonius Gru , a former villain turned father .

Kristen Wiig as Lucy Wilde , an Anti @-@ Villain League agent and Gru 's love interest . Wiig also voiced Miss Hattie in the first film .

Benjamin Bratt as Eduardo " El Macho " Pérez , the owner of Salsa & Salsa , a Mexican restaurant in the Paradise Mall , and the mastermind behind the theft of the PX @-@ 41 serum . Al Pacino was originally cast in the role , but left the film due to creative differences .

Miranda Cosgrove as Margo , the oldest of the three girls and the most overprotective of the trio .

Elsie Fisher as Agnes , the youngest child of the three girls , who is obsessed with unicorns

Dana Gaier as Edith , the middle and tomboy of the three girls

Russell Brand as Dr. Nefario , Gru 's elderly , hearing impaired gadget man

Ken Jeong as Floyd Eagle @-@ san , the owner of Eagle Hair Club , a wig store in the Paradise Mall . Jeong also voiced Talk Show Host in the previous film .

Steve Coogan as Silas Ramsbottom , the head of the Anti @-@ Villain League

Moisés Arias as Antonio Pérez , Margo 's love interest and Eduardo 's son

Nasim Pedrad as Jillian , Gru 's irritating matchmaking neighbor

Kristen Schaal as Shannon , Jillian 's superficial friend

Pierre Coffin as Kevin the Minion , Bob the Minion , Stuart the Minion , Additional Minions , and Evil Minions . According to Coffin , he lent his voice to 899 Minions .

Chris Renaud as Additional Minions , Evil Minions , and Italian waiter

Vanessa Bayer as Flight Attendant

Nickolai Stoilov as Arctic Lab Guards

= = Production = =

Chris Meledandri , CEO of Illumination Entertainment , said in July 2010 that a sequel was in the works . Release was tentatively scheduled for July 3 , 2013 . Miranda Cosgrove stated on her official Facebook and Twitter page on October 14 , 2011 that she had recorded her first lines , while Meledandri confirmed in February 2012 that they had started working on the film .

= = = Casting = = =

In February 2012 , it was reported that Al Pacino had joined the cast to voice the villain , Eduardo . In April 2012 , producers confirmed that Steve Carell , Russell Brand , Miranda Cosgrove , Dana Gaier and Elsie Fisher were returning to reprise their roles . Kristen Wiig , who voiced Miss Hattie in the original film , voices Lucy Wilde , an agent of the Anti @-@ Villain League (AVL) who recruits Gru to track and take down a tough , Mexican villain named El Macho . Steve Coogan joined the cast as Silas Ramsbottom , the head of the Anti @-@ Villain League .

On May 3 , 2013 , just a month before the film 's premiere , producers announced that Al Pacino had left the film over creative differences about how his character should come to life . At the time of his departure , Pacino 's character had already been fully voiced and animated . Chris Renaud , co @-@ director of the film , commented on Pacino 's departure : " So we don 't want an unhappy actor , and we want something that is well @-@ realized on all sides . If you don 't see eye to eye , sometimes it 's easier to (part company) and move on from there . " Benjamin Bratt , who had already been considered before Pacino , stepped in to voice Eduardo . Chris Meledandri , producer of the film , admitted that he was not " aware of any of the major animated films of the last 15 years that has brought an actor in at such a late stage " . Due to the finished animation , Bratt had to match his timing exactly to the character 's mouth movement . Initially , during his five @-@ day recording , he tried to imitate Pacino 's voice , but found it impossible , saying " no one can out @-@ Al Pacino Al Pacino " . He ended up only using Pacino as an inspiration , and resolved to go with his own interpretation of the character . His work was commended by Variety , saying : " You 'd never guess he wasn 't the filmmakers ' first choice . "

= = Release = =

Despicable Me 2 premiered on June 5 , 2013 , at Event Cinemas in Bondi Junction , New South Wales , Australia . Steve Carell and Miranda Cosgrove were present at the red carpet premiere . In France , it premiered on June 12 , 2013 , as part of the Annecy International Animated Film Festival . The American premiere was held at Universal CityWalk in Los Angeles on June 22 , 2013 ; Steve Carell , Miranda Cosgrove , Kristen Wiig , Benjamin Bratt , Ken Jeong , Elsie Fisher , Dana Gaier , Nasim Pedrad and composer Pharrell Williams were present at the " yellow carpet " premiere . The film was theatrically released in the United States on July 3 , 2013 . It was digitally re @-@ mastered into IMAX 3D format and released in select international IMAX theatres . This film was also shown in the 4DX format , featuring tilting seats , water sprays , strobe lightning , aroma , wind , pops , and ticklers , in selected countries . Cinépolis opened its first 4DX room at the Centro Comercial Limonar Premier mall in Cali , Colombia , with the release of the film .

As with the first film , which did not have a theatrical release in China , the film 's distributor Universal Pictures had troubles releasing the sequel . When it was reported in July 2013 that the film had been denied a theatrical release in China , then the second largest film market in the world , some analysts attributed this to the protection of locally produced animation . There were also rumors that the film 's release was banned in China because the film 's minions too much resembled former Chinese president Jiang Zemin . China 's Film Bureau was " furious " about the negative comments , stating that the film was not submitted for censorship approval . In fact , there was reportedly a " commercial conflict " between Universal and Edko Films , the film 's local distributor , over which titles are to be imported . Edko had decided that the film " would not do well in China and decided against using one of the precious quota slots for the film . " In December 2013 , a few weeks after the Universal Pictures ' announcement that it would open a Beijing office , it was reported that Despicable Me 2 would be theatrically released in China on January 10 , 2014 .

= = Marketing = =

A blimp dressed to appear as a Minion , named " Despicablimp , " toured the United States from March 2013 in a six @-@ month tour to promote the film 's release . As one of the largest airships in the world , measuring 165 feet (50 m) in length , 55 feet (17 m) in height , and weighing 8 @,@ 000 pounds (3 @.@ 6 t) , it crossed the country three times during its 20 @,@ 000 miles (32 @,@

000 km) -long tour , visiting hundreds of events , including the film 's premiere in Hollywood . The blimp , an American Blimp Corporation A @-@ 150 model , could be tracked in real @-@ time via GPS at the Despicablimp Command Center website , which allowed fans to post photos of sightings , and compete for various prizes , including for a ride in the blimp .

A free mobile action video game inspired by the Despicable Me franchise , titled Despicable Me : Minion Rush , was released on June 13 , 2013 . The game , developed by Gameloft , was adapted for iPhone , iPad and Android devices . Played as one of the Minions , it allows customization of the character , who must perform various tasks , including defeating Vector and a new villain created for the game , to earn the title of Minion of the Year . The game was downloaded more than 100 million times in the first three months after its release , and won a BAFTA 's British Academy Children 's Award in the category BAFTA 's Kids Vote . For the film 's release , Roblox , a massively multiplayer online game , released two virtual items , a Minion and goggles . Six books were released for the film : The Junior Novel , The Anti @-@ Villain League Handbook , Undercover Super Spies , Attack of the Evil Minions ! , Make a Minion , and Meet the Minions .

Universal Pictures and Illumination Entertainment partnered with more than 100 licensing and promotional partners in a deal valued at an unprecedented \$ 250 million . One of the partners was McDonald 's , which included in its Happy Meals various Minion toys , some of them unique to a specific country . To take advantage of banana @-@ loving Minions , Chiquita Brands International ran various sweepstakes , and a Minion , voiced by Pierre Coffin , performed the song " Chiquita Banana " in the film . Thinkway Toys released various toys and figures , and Hasbro made special Monopoly and Operation games . Custom 3D glasses , modelled after the Minions ' goggles , were released exclusively at Best Buy and Look3D , the producer of the glasses , for use in RealD 3D theatres and with passive 3D home theatre systems .

= = = Home media = = =

Despicable Me 2 was released in Digital HD on November 26 , 2013 , and on DVD and Blu @-@ ray on December 10 , 2013 . The DVD and Blu @-@ ray combo pack features three " mini movies " titled Puppy , Panic in the Mailroom , and Training Wheels . A Walmart exclusive Blu @-@ ray / DVD combo pack included two limited edition Minion toys . In its first week of home entertainment release , 4 @.@ 5 million physical and digital units had been sold , earning \$ 80 million and breaking several records . The film had the highest first @-@ week sales for a digital title ever and became the best selling animated Blu @-@ ray title in its first week , surpassing its predecessor , which previously held the record . Despicable Me 2 was the best selling Blu @-@ ray of 2013 with 4 @,@ 689 @,@ 747 sold for a total of \$ 93 @,@ 734 @,@ 824 in sales . It was also the second best selling DVD for the year 2013 with 4 @,@ 566 @,@ 911 sold for sales totaling \$ 77 @,@ 250 @,@ 269 . As of January 2015 , Despicable Me 2 has sold 6 @,@ 998 @,@ 018 DVDs and 5 @,@ 560 @,@ 038 Blu @-@ ray discs totalling \$ 112 @,@ 572 @,@ 748 and \$ 114 @,@ 061 @,@ 866 respectively totalling \$ 226 @,@ 634 @,@ 614 in North America .

= = Soundtrack = =

Despicable Me 2 : Original Motion Picture Soundtrack is the soundtrack album for the film , released on June 18 , 2013 through Back Lot Music . The original music was composed by Heitor Pereira and Pharrell Williams . The album was promoted by the highly successful single " Happy " performed by Williams .

= = = Track listing = = =

All music composed by Heitor Pereira , except where noted .

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= = Reception = =

= = = Critical response = = =

Despicable Me 2 received generally positive reviews from critics . The review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes reported a 73 % approval rating with an average rating of 6 @. @ 6 / 10 based on 172 reviews . The website 's consensus reads , " Despicable Me 2 offers plenty of eye @-@ popping visual inventiveness and a number of big laughs . " Another review aggregator , Metacritic , which assigns a normalized rating from mainstream critics , gave the film a score of 62 out of 100 , based on 39 critics , indicating " generally favorable reviews " . The film earned an " A " from audiences polled by CinemaScore , on an A + to F scale .

Michael Phillips of the Chicago Tribune gave the film two and a half stars out of four , saying " Steve Carell 's Slavic inflections as Gru do the trick , as before . Wiig 's clever hesitations and comic timing help save the day . " Michael Rechtshaffen of The Hollywood Reporter gave the film a negative review , saying " The new edition doesn 't quite catch that inspired spark . " Stephen Whitty of The Star @-@ Ledger gave the film three out four stars , saying " Not only a fun cartoon but ? that rare thing ? a sequel which actually improves on the original . " Elizabeth Weitzman of the New York Daily News gave the film two out of five stars , saying " Armed with masses of minions and an excess of adorability , Despicable Me 2 is guaranteed to charm anyone who 's out of school and already bored . " Soren Anderson of The Seattle Times gave the film two and a half stars out of four , saying " It 's fun . It 's cheerful . It 's lollipop colorful . Best of all , it features lots of minion mischief , which guarantees plenty of laughs . But what it doesn 't have is an edge . " Peter Howell of the Toronto Star gave the film two and a half stars out of four , saying " It feels at times as if Despicable Me 2 actually is The Minions Movie . Coffin and Renaud and returning screenwriters Cinco Paul and Ken Daurio haven 't managed to come up with a dastardly plot to rival the shrinking and stealing of the moon from the previous film . "

Stephen Holden of The New York Times gave the film two and a half stars out of five , saying " It is consistently diverting and so cute you 'll want to pet it . Yet it is also weightless and lacks a center . " Rafer Guzman of Newsday gave the film two and a half stars out of four , saying " Better , or at least sweeter , than the first , with Wiig adding some much @-@ needed romantic charm to the toddler @-@ level humor . " Tirdad Derakhshani of The Philadelphia Inquirer gave the film two and a half stars out of five , saying " If you 're looking for quality prepackaged , predigested Hollywood family fun this summer , you could do a lot worse than Despicable Me 2 . " Keith Uhlich of Time Out gave the film three out of five stars , saying " A fleeter film than its predecessor , Despicable Me 2 delights more often than it disappoints . " Alonso Duralde of The Wrap gave the film a negative review , saying " The minions are still wacky scene @-@ stealers ? and once again , we don 't get nearly enough of them ? but Gru and his daughters have been blanded down to bad @-@ sitcom level . " Claudia Puig of USA Today gave the film two out of four stars , saying " With its predecessor having made a whopping \$ 540 million globally , it 's no wonder that Universal saw fit to order a sequel . But it 's not enough just to trot out legions of minions and cobble together a plot . Audiences deserve more imagination and inventiveness than this wan recycling . " Owen Gleiberman of Entertainment Weekly gave the film a ' C ' grade , saying " By the end , every child in the audience will want his or her own monster @-@ minion toy . Adults will just regret the way that Despicable Me 2 betrays the original film 's devotion to bad @-@ guy gaiety . "

Sara Stewart of the New York Post gave the film three out of four stars , saying " Sure , it 's not as novel as the first time we were here , but directors Pierre Coffin and Chris Renaud stay true to the clever , slapstick vibe . " James Berardinelli of ReelViews gave the film three out of four stars , saying " Despicable Me 2 feels like an opportunity to get together with some old friends , hang out , and discover what they 've been up to . " Tom Russo of The Boston Globe gave the film a positive review , saying " The scope of the 'toon espionage @-@ adventure goings @-@ on is surprisingly limited . But the filmmakers so clearly love working on these characters , their creative joy is

infectious . " Stephanie Merry of The Washington Post gave the film three out of four stars , saying " The animation is beguiling , particularly when Lucy drives her car into the ocean , transforming it into a submarine that scoots around sharks and fish . " Peter Debruge of Variety gave the film a positive review , saying " While not quite as charming or unique as the original , Despicable Me 2 comes awfully close , extending co @-@ directors Chris Renaud and Pierre Coffin 's delightfully silly sensibility to a bit larger universe . " Peter Hartlaub of the San Francisco Chronicle gave the film three out of four stars , saying " It 's a credit that the writing can be so funny in the moment , that it takes time to realize there 's no cohesive story , zero dramatic tension and nary a practical lesson for either the characters in the film or the people watching in the theater . "

James Rocchi of MSN Movies gave the film four out of five stars , saying " Heartfelt and hilarious , smart and silly , action @-@ packed but never violent , Despicable Me 2 is that rare sequel that outshines its beginnings . " Colin Covert of the Star Tribune gave the film three out of four stars , saying " For an adult , the predictability could turn you blasé . For kids , revisiting these jokes is a howl . Pinkie promise . " Mary F. Pols of Time gave the film a positive review , saying " As a sequel it stands level with the first film , and may have the edge on it . " Peter Travers of Rolling Stone gave the film three out of four stars , saying " Co @-@ directors Chris Renaud and Pierre Coffin , who do Minion voices expertly , never let up on the laughs . A fart joke in 3 @-@ D may not be three times as wacky , but the high spirits of Despicable Me 2 are irresistible fun . " A.A. Dowd of The A.V. Club gave the film a ' C ' grade , saying " What 's missing ? and this was the crucial component of part one ? is a little sour to undercut the sweet . Like its protagonist , a bad guy gone boringly good , Despicable Me 2 has no edge . It 's fatally nice and insufficiently naughty . " Laremy Legel of Film.com gave the film a 6 @.@ 3 out of 10 , saying " Despicable Me 2 is fun , especially near the culmination . Structural issues aside , it 's impossible not to like these characters , all of them , rendered with love , always entertaining even when the story around them doesn 't make much sense . "

= = = Box office = = =

Despicable Me 2 grossed \$ 368 million in North America , and \$ 602 @.@ 7 million in other countries , for a worldwide total of \$ 970 @.@ 8 million . Calculating in all expenses , Deadline.com estimated that the film made a profit of \$ 394 @.@ 5 million . It is currently the twenty @-@ eighth highest @-@ grossing film , the fifth highest @-@ grossing animated film , the third highest @-@ grossing 2013 film (behind Frozen and Iron Man 3) , the second highest @-@ grossing 2013 animated film , the highest @-@ grossing Illumination Entertainment film , and the second highest @-@ grossing Universal Studios film (behind Jurassic Park) . With a budget of \$ 76 million , the film is the most profitable film in the 101 @-@ year history of Universal Studios .

North America

Despicable Me 2 is the twenty @-@ sixth highest @-@ grossing film , the fourth highest @-@ grossing 2013 film , the sixth highest @-@ grossing animated film , the seventh highest @-@ grossing 3 @-@ D film , and the highest @-@ grossing Illumination Entertainment film . It is the sixth animated film to pass the \$ 300 million mark . Box Office Mojo estimates that the film sold more than 40 million tickets in North America . The film opened on Wednesday , July 3 , 2013 at first place with \$ 35 @.@ 0 million (including \$ 4 @.@ 7 million from Tuesday night showings) . Its opening @-@ day gross stands as third highest for an animated feature , and the seventh highest among films opening on a Wednesday . The film then dropped 30 % to \$ 24 @.@ 5 million on Thursday , marking the second @-@ largest non @-@ opening Thursday gross . Over the five @-@ day Independence Day weekend (Wednesday @-@ to @-@ Sunday , including Tuesday night showings) , the film earned \$ 143 @.@ 1 million , the highest five @-@ day start for an animated film (ahead of Toy Story 3 's \$ 141 @.@ 0 million five @-@ day debut) . During the traditional three @-@ day opening weekend (Friday @-@ to @-@ Sunday) , the film earned \$ 83 @.@ 5 million . The film 's three @-@ day opening @-@ weekend gross was the largest among Illumination Entertainment films , the third largest for an Independence Day holiday , the fourth largest among animated films , the seventh largest among films released in July , and the tenth largest among films

not released on a Friday . The film remained in the first position at the box office for two consecutive weekends .

Other countries

Despicable Me 2 is the twenty @-@ seventh highest @-@ grossing film , the third highest @-@ grossing animated film , the fourth highest @-@ grossing Universal film , and the third highest @-@ grossing 2013 film . It is also only the fourth animated film to have grossed over \$ 600 million . On its first weekend , Despicable Me 2 opened only in Australia with \$ 6 @. @ 66 million , ahead of Monsters University which opened on the same weekend . The film set an opening @-@ day record in Latvia . In total , it opened at number one in 67 territories , and set opening @-@ weekend records among animated films in Latin America , Indonesia , Malaysia , Philippines , Vietnam , and Lebanon , as well as opening @-@ weekend records among all films in South Africa and Venezuela . The film remained in the first position at the box office for two consecutive weekends during July 2013 . The film 's largest openings occurred in the United Kingdom , Ireland and Malta (\$ 22 @. @ 5 million) , China (\$ 15 @. @ 4 million) and Mexico (\$ 14 @. @ 9 million) . In total earnings , its largest markets were the United Kingdom , Ireland and Malta (\$ 72 @. @ 2 million) , China (\$ 53 @. @ 0 million) and Mexico (\$ 47 @. @ 7 million) .

= = = Accolades = = =

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A prequel feature film titled Minions , featuring the Minions as the main characters , was released on July 10 , 2015 . Written by Brian Lynch , it was directed by Pierre Coffin and Kyle Balda , and produced by Chris Meledandri and Janet Healey . The film , set in the 1960s , focuses on the Minions before they met Gru , where they compete for the right to become henchmen of an ambitious villain , Scarlet Overkill , voiced by Sandra Bullock .

= = = Sequel = = =

On January 15 , 2014 , it was announced that a sequel , titled Despicable Me 3 will be released on June 30 , 2017 .