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## **JUMANJI, WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE & The Universe Of A Magical Board Game**

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### **THE STORY**

In 1996, teenager Alex Vreeke (Logan Grove - Nick Jonas) receives the Original Jumanji Board Game after his Father (Tim Matheson) finds it while jogging on a Beach, but puts it aside, dismissively noting that Nobody plays Board Games anymore, instead playing a Video Game involving Motorcycles. Overnight, the Game changes so that the Box's Contents are now a Video Game Cartridge, but when Alex puts it in his Console and turns it on, he vanishes.

Twenty Years later, High School Student Spencer Gilpin (Alex Wolff - Dwayne Johnson) is sent to Detention for helping his Former Best Friend, Anthony "Fridge" Johnson (Ser'Darius Blain - Kevin Hart) , with his Homework by writing Fridge's Essays for him. They are joined by Bethany Walker (Madison Iseman - Jack Black), a Beautiful Girl who was caught talking on her Phone during a quiz, and Martha Kaply (Morgan Turner - Karen Gillan), a Socially Awkward Girl who objected to being made to participate in Gym Class. For Detention, they are charged by Principal Bentley (Marc Evan Jackson) with removing the Staples from Discarded Magazines in an Old Storage Area, but Spencer discovers the Console containing the Jumanji Game and convinces the others to play it with him. They are unable to access one of the Five-player Options, a Pilot, but once all four others have been selected, the Game draws them all inside it....

### **OUR REVIEW**

The Original Film "Jumanji" was a Fantasy Romp about Children being whooshed into the Universe of a Magical Board Game, where a Former Kid Player played by Robin Williams had grown to Adulthood, having been marooned there. When it was announced that Sony would be heading back to the Jumanji Landscape, many Fans were understandably outraged. Robin Williams´ 1995 Original

was an Instant Classic that is still beloved to this Day.

Despite Women's early concerns of Hollywood Sexism about Karen Gillan's Tiny Costume (looking completely Unfit for the Jungle) the Move seems to be one of Satire, remarking on the Silliness of how Women like Lara Croft are portrayed in Video Games.... There are also Amusing Scenes in which Shelly must get used to urinating with a Penis, and deal with those Moments in which one's Penis can give away Private Emotional Turmoil.... It's Fine and Enjoyable up to a Point, but the Film lacks what made the Original a Timeless Classic.

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