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Gru (Steve Carell) has grand plans for his future in "Minions: Rise of Gru."

'Minions: The Rise of Gru'

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You can't help but be charmed by the current of weirdness that washes through the computer-animated "Despicable Me" franchise.

Take, for instance, "Minions: The Rise of Gru" — the second prequel to the main movie series and the sequel to 2015's "Minions."

It introduces a collection of colorful new villains, including Jean Clawed, who's voiced by Jean-Claude Van Damme, and Nun-chuck, a Lucy Lawless-voiced character who, yes, is a nun-chucks-wielding nun.

Yet while a young version of the series' antihero, Gru (voiced, as always, by Steve Carell), is front and center in this romp, the draw continues to be the Minions. The odd but obedient little yellow fellows — voiced distinctly and clever again by the uniquely gifted Pierre Coffin — are worth the price of a ticket.

Well, with no ifs, ands or buts, we can say this is another clever, weird and, again, entirely Minion-y experience.