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Kingdom Hearts Series

The series starts with Kingdom Hearts, where a 14-year-old boy named Sora is separated from his friends [Riku](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Riku_(Kingdom_Hearts)) and [Kairi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kairi_(Kingdom_Hearts)) when their home [Destiny Islands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universe_of_Kingdom_Hearts#Worlds) is consumed in darkness. At that moment Sora obtained a weapon called the Keyblade that allows him to fight the Heartless, creatures that originate from the Realm of Darkness, before ending up in another world, Traverse Town, where he meets [Donald Duck](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donald_Duck) and [Goofy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goofy), two emissaries from Disney Castle sent to find the Keyblade wielder under orders from their missing king, [Mickey Mouse](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mickey_Mouse). As the three band together and travel to save various worlds from the Heartless while searching for their companions, encounter a group of Disney villains whose ability to control the Heartless was given to them by [Maleficent](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maleficent), who enlists Riku's aid in seeking seven maidens called the [Princesses of Heart](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Princesses_of_Heart) whose power would open the way to Kingdom Hearts, the heart of all worlds. Though eventually defeating Maleficent and reunited with Kairi after sacrificing himself to restore her heart to her body, Sora learns that Maleficent was manipulated by a sentient Heartless who claims himself as the Heartless researcher Ansem and has possessed Riku's body. Though Sora defeats Ansem, his act of sealing the door to the Realm of Darkness trapped Riku and Mickey there as he resolves to find them while Kairi remains at the Destiny Islands for their return.

In Kingdom Hearts: Chain of Memories, Sora, Donald and Goofy's search for Riku and Mickey leads them to Castle Oblivion, a fortress controlled by a mysterious group of non-existent "[Nobodies](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universe_of_Kingdom_Hearts#Nobody)" called [Organization XIII](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Organization_XIII), the castle's overseer Marluxia using the power of a girl named [Naminé](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Namin%C3%A9) to alter the group's memories for his agenda. After defeating Marluxia, the three are put to sleep for a year by Naminé to restore their original memories while losing the memories of their experience in Castle Oblivion.[[66]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_Hearts#cite_note-66) Meanwhile, Riku arrives in the basement of the castle and ascends to the surface with the aid of Mickey. Discovering Sora's sleeping state while joining forces with the mysterious [DiZ](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Characters_of_Kingdom_Hearts#Ansem_the_Wise), Riku helps Naminé keep Sora safe until he is awoken. In Kingdom Hearts 358/2 Days, a snag in the plan over the year forces Riku to capture [Roxas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roxas_(Kingdom_Hearts))—Sora's Nobody and Organization XIII member that came into being when Sora briefly became a Heartless in the first game-after he was forced to defeat and absorb Xion, a Replica of Sora in Kairi's image.

In Kingdom Hearts II, after Roxas was integrated back into him, Sora awakens from his sleep as he and his friends resume their search for Riku and King Mickey, the latter's mentor [Yen Sid](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Characters_of_Kingdom_Hearts#Yen_Sid) re-familiarizing the trio with the Nobodies and Organization XIII's remaining members whom they deal alongside Maleficent and her right hand [Pete](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pete_(Disney)). The three reunite with King Mickey and encounter [Xemnas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Organization_XIII#Xemnas), Organization XIII's leader and the Nobody of the Heartless Ansem. The Organization's plan is also revealed: they seek to regain their lost hearts by creating their own version of Kingdom Hearts from the sum of all the hearts released from the Emblem Heartless slain by Keyblade users. Axel, a rogue member of the Organization who is Roxas' friend and first encountered Sora in Castle Oblivion, abducts Kairi in an attempt to see Roxas but ended up giving his former friend Saix leverage to force Sora to finish what Roxas and Xion began. Axel sacrifices himself to help Sora's group reach The World That Never Was (Organization XIII's headquarters) and team up with Riku as they reunite with Kairi. DiZ, revealed to be the real Ansem, attempts to dissipate some of the artificial Kingdom Hearts before being engulfed in an explosion when his extraction device self-destructs and is sent to the Realm of Darkness. Sora and his friends then battle Xemnas. After Sora and Riku defeat Xemnas, they get trapped in the Realm of Darkness, but a letter from Kairi summons a gateway for them, and the two are reunited with their friends at their home.

Sometime later, Sora, Riku, and Kairi receive a letter from King Mickey. The letter, written by Mickey during the events of Kingdom Hearts Coded, describes the parts of their past that Naminé learned while restoring Sora's memory.As they read the letter, they learn of [Xehanort](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xehanort)'s true identity as a Keyblade Master who sought the secrets of the Keyblade War which created that current reality and the fates that befall the apprentices of his friend Eraqus during the events of Kingdom Hearts Birth by Sleep: [Terra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terra_(Kingdom_Hearts)) having ended up possessed by Xehanort and made into the original being of Xehanort's Heartless and Xemnas were split from; [Ventus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ventus_(Kingdom_Hearts)) sacrificing his heart by fighting his dark counterpart Vanitas while to prevent Xehanort from recreating the legendary [χ-blade](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universe_of_Kingdom_Hearts#%CF%87-blade) which allows the user to control Kingdom Hearts and hiding within four-year-old Sora's heart; and new Keyblade Master [Aqua](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aqua_(Kingdom_Hearts)) getting trapped in the Realm of Darkness during her attempt to save Terra from Xehanort. King Mickey also discovers that the destruction of "Ansem" and Xemnas has led to the restoration of Xehanort. To combat the new threat Xehanort poses, Sora and Riku take an exam to attain the Mark of Mastery that will allow them to become Keyblade Masters themselves.

During the test in Kingdom Hearts 3D: Dream Drop Distance, Sora and Riku enter the Realm of Sleep where they encounter a young version of Xehanort who can travel through time. The two Keyblade wielders also learn how Xehanort has long manipulated events since Birth by Sleep with Organization XIII's true purpose in providing thirteens vessels for him to inhabit and use against seven hearts of pure light in an ultimate battle to recreate the χ-blade. Sora is narrowly saved from being Xehanort's final vessel with the aid of Lea (Axel's original self) and Riku learns about data that Ansem the Wise had implanted within Sora during his year-long sleep, which may be used to save those connected to Sora. At the end of the exam, Riku is declared a Keyblade Master; in Kingdom Hearts HD 2.8 Final Chapter Prologue, Sora embarks on another journey to regain his missing power, while Yen Side proceeds to train Kairi and Lea to help the other Keyblade users defend the Princesses of Heart and combat the new Organization XIII.

In Kingdom Hearts III, Sora is accompanied by Donald and Goofy and travels the worlds to regain his "Power of Waking" while Riku and Mickey retrace Aqua's steps to find her and Terra. Sora later discovers Eraqus's Keyblade on the beach and uses it to open a door to the Realm of Darkness, finding Aqua who has been consumed by darkness after Ansem was abducted by Xehanort's Heartless. Once Aqua is purified by Sora and Riku, she leads them to Castle Oblivion which she restores to its true form as the Land of Departure to revive Ventus despite Vanitas attempting to stop them. Later joined by Kairi and Lea, the group face Xehanort at the Keyblade Graveyard where they are joined by Roxas as they manage to free Terra and Xion from the Organization's control with only Xehanort remaining once his forces have been defeated. But Xehanort kills Kairi to force Sora to manifest the χ-blade, using the weapon to summon the true Kingdom Hearts and act on his scheme to wipe the slate on reality clean before Sora and his friends finally defeat him. Xehanort departs with Eraqus's spirit into the light as Sora closes Kingdom Hearts, sacrificing himself to revive Kairi. Sometime later, everyone and Naminé celebrate victory at Destiny Islands. But Xigbar (Xehanort's right hand) is revealed to be the current incarnation of the ancient Keyblade Master Luxu from the time of the Keyblade War who proceeds with the next phase of his mission.