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An Urban Legend... from Japan

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Kuchisake-onna (pronounced 'Koochee – sarkee – onna')

The malevolent ghost, whose name literally means 'slit-faced woman', is from a Japanese folk legend. She appears as a woman with the lower half of her face covered, usually by surgical mask, and approaches her target, men and children. She will ask them if she is beautiful and will kill them no matter what, but this seems to vary.

In the original version of the story from feudal Japan and tells the tale of a woman being unfaithful to her husband. Enraged, he cut her face from lips to ear, and asked 'Who will find you beautiful now?'. She died and returned as a malicious spirit, who asked men if she was pretty. If they said 'Yes' or screamed, she would mutilate them to look like her, and if they said no, she would appear to leave him be, but secretly follow him home and savagely murder him at night.

In 1979, this legend resurfaced, with rumors spreading about a woman who matched the appearance killing people, but it was never confirmed. It panicked most of Japan, and schools had escort policies for children and increased police presence. In the modern version, she will ask the same question with the mask on. If they say no, she kills them with scissors, but if they say 'yes', she'll take the mask off and say, 'How about now?'. If you say yes again, she'll make you look like her, and if you say no, she cut you in half. The only way to escape is when you answer the second question, say 'maybe' or 'so-so', which'll confuse her long enough for escape

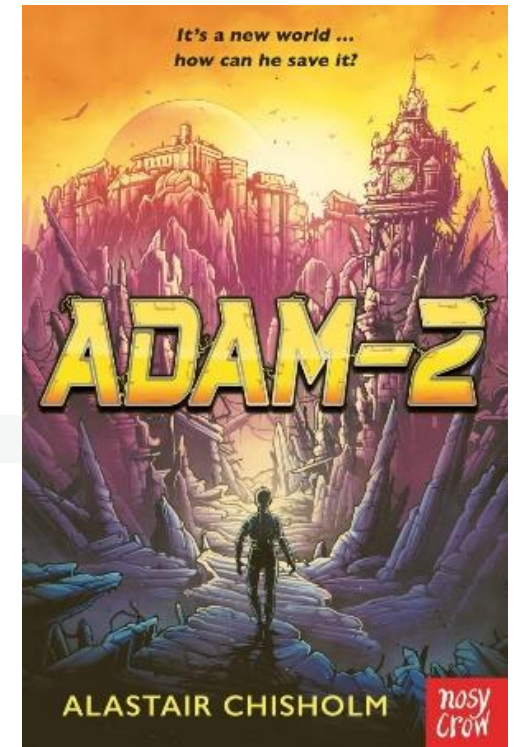
Book Review

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Adam-2 by Alastair Chisholm

Are you bored? Want to get sucked into a new world? Well, meet Adam-2. After being locked in the basement of a lost building, Adam finally sees the outside world again. However the world has now turned into a giant battle field, humans vs advanced intelligence. Adam is not in the best situation as both sides hunt him down. An end to the war would be great and it turns out Adam has the power to do this. He has to destroy one side and save the other but in order to choose which side to team up with, he must find out what, and who, he actually is.

This is a story suitable for those who love a jam-packed action novel, with twists and turns I am sure you will never predict. Join Adam on his wild adventures and find out the truth about him.



Film News

Elliot Richardson Bushell

Dr Strange of the Multiverse of Madness – coming soon!

With the next Marvel film coming up, everyone is holding their breath to see what happens. Starring Benedict Cumberbatch, Elizabeth Olsen and Benedict Wong all confirmed to be in this film. It hits the cinemas in America and the UK on 6th May.

There are several rumours of different characters from Marvel's many franchises being in this film, especially X-Men, including rumors of James McAvoy as Charles Xavier, Ryan Reynolds as Deadpool and Hugh Jackman as Wolverine. Marvel have been keeping quiet, denying all claims but they have done lots of times in the past and the most wished for characters have appeared in the film. As well as these famous faces, Thomas Cox made a slight cameo in Marvel's Spiderman: No Way Home.

We see stories from previous films playing a part in this one: including Supreme Strange and Hydra's monster both making appearances in the trailer. Many people are excited to see what stories it follows up. There are some thoughts about it following up several of the projects including Wandavision, Eternals and Spiderman: No Way Home.

Nearly everyone will be very excited when this film releases and it is thought to be one of the most hyped Marvel films yet.



Sports News

William Mayall

21 Titles for Nadal

Rafael Nadal has done it! The new number one of tennis has won his 21st title. This is not only a monumental moment in Rafael Nadal's career but for the whole of the tennis world. Daniil Medvedev (second place in Australian Open) will be kicking himself after he didn't win the title after two brilliant sets. However he couldn't keep up with the brilliant comeback of Rafael Nadal. Is he the new GOAT (greatest of all time) of tennis?

In the women's final, the American Danielle Collins had a shock loss against Ashleigh Barty an amazing Australian tennis player who is an up and coming talent in the ranks. Danielle Collins now goes 27th in the women's ranking in tennis whilst Ashleigh Barty goes 1st. We can all however say this has been a competition to remember and to pass down the generations.



Gaming News

Frederyk Oliver

Pokémon Arceus Review

Hisui is an older version of the beloved Sinnoh region, with the starters, Rowlet, Cyndaquil and Oshawott. Instead of the usual rinse and repeat of catching Pokemon , they can attack you. In fact there are even “alpha” Pokémon with glowing red eyes that act as the mini bosses. This game is different to previous installments in the series, it seems more like a typical “monster hunter” game than the usual repetitive nature of Pokémon. Overall it is a fun combination of the role playing game and action genres for even people who haven’t played Pokemon before. Personally I find it quite challenging and the brutal combat mechanics and the “alpha” Pokemon can seriously test you.

I love this new style of the game and highly recommend it!



Political News

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‘Benefits of Brexit’ report published by the government

Last week the government published a report which lists the benefits of the Brexit deal and how it has helped the economy of the United Kingdom. However many experts say that this has distorted and masked the ways the Brexit deal has failed. The problems became so acute that, as you may remember in mid-December, military personnel were required to deliver fuel to petrol stations. In order to address these labour shortages, the government was forced to make thousands of emergency visas available to EU workers and this somewhat undermining its new immigration laws. Another problem is that UK farmers are struggling with a lack of seasonal staff who previously came from the EU. The report also claims that it has restored democratic control over UK laws, which has itself become a hotly debated topic, with many observers being of the view that Johnson has not restored power to the British people but has monopolised power with the cabinet. Moreover, critics of the government say that since Brexit, it has actively pursued authoritarian legislation that will in fact diminish the powers and freedoms of the British people - including laws to criminalise protests, disenfranchise marginalised voters, arbitrarily strip citizenship, and deny the right to asylum. Furthermore, with the publishing of the Sue Gray report, some people have gone as far as to say that Boris Johnson is no more than a madman clinging on to power.

Shrove Tuesday

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Shrove Tuesday, also known as pancake day, is celebrated on Tuesday 1st March. It is the feast before lent (the 40 days that lead up to easter) starts. The reason we celebrate with pancakes is to get all the sugar and fatty foods out of the cupboards, before the fasting period starts, to alleviate temptations. In the UK, pancake races form an important part of the Shrove Tuesday celebrations – an opportunity for large numbers of people, often in fancy dress, to race down streets tossing pancakes. The object of the race is to get to the finishing line first, carrying a frying pan with a cooked pancake in it and flipping the pancake as you run. However, pancake day is celebrated differently around the world. For example, in Denmark they hit a pinata and the Spanish eat omelettes instead of pancakes! It depends on the town but generally there is also a feast that takes place in your local town square.

