

# HOT PEOPLE PACKET 5

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## Tossups

1. **This character uses Augerin Canyon as a training site and obstacle course for new SEATs. This character's former role as an actor is hinted at by Cad Spinner when he is told he is "less famous" than the new arrival. This character's use of his (\*) hoist is the subject of a drinking game by his colleagues. Prior to his current profession, this character starred on the TV show *CHoPs* alongside Nick "Loopin'" Lopez. After saving Dusty's life on several occasions, this character crashes on takeoff, putting him out of action until reappearing during a climactic rescue at Whitewall Falls. For 10 points, name this Chief of Fire & Rescue at Piston Peak Air Attack.**

ANSWER: **Blade** Ranger [or Blazin' **Blade**]

<Andrea>

2. **This stud's middle name stands for both "Dangerous" and "Dokonokuminomonjawareshumakinishitshizumetarokakora." This stud killed his guardian at age 7 and then was raised by either the Eye of Michael in the manga or Chapel the Evergreen in the anime. ":" ("colon closed-parenthesis") and "invisible to light mode" are known for fangirling over this stud in the (\*) UW Bio Discord, including a gif of this stud kneeling with his signature weapon overlaid with the text "RIP BOZO." That gif is taken from the episode "Paradise," in which this stud ruminates over their sins in a church after telling their friend that Knives is in Demitrihi. The 60 Billion Dollar Man uses this stud's gun, "Punisher," to defeat Million Knives in the climax of this stud's 1998 anime adaptation. For 10 points, name this stud, who wields a giant cross shaped machine gun and is Vash's sidekick in the anime *Trigun*.**

ANSWER: Nicholas D. **Wolfwood** [accept **Woowoo**]

<Euan>

3. **In order to avoid broadcasting restrictions, a song addressed to this character includes the repeated line "You make me complete," with heavy emphasis on the first syllable of "complete." In one scene, this character describes herself and her girlfriend as "lesbian, gay-type lovers" when asked about their relationship. This (\*) nerd's first partner was portrayed by Seth Green, and her last partner may be the most hated character in the series. This character repeats the line "Bored now" before flaying a man alive and then incinerating him. For 10 points, Sarah Palin probably didn't name her daughter after what redheaded witch portrayed by Alyson Hannigan in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*?**

ANSWER: **Willow** Rosenberg

<Sonya>

4. **A character in a movie played by this actor was rumored to have had sex with a robot. In another TV show with this actor, the character he plays screams in agony when he meets actor LeVar Burton instead of getting**

**a signed photo of actor LeVar Burton. This actor is also an accomplished (\*) comedian and singer/songwriter.** In his first EP, he sings the lyric “E.e. Cummin' on her face, now that's poetry in motion.” In a song about infinity, this person raps he has a stripper similar to a certain Palestinian exclave. Recently, this actor played Aaron Davis in a *Spiderman* movie. For 10 points, name this African-American actor whose stage name is Childish Gambino.

ANSWER: Donald **Glover** [prompt on Childish Gambino]

<Henry>

**5. One character with this name was formerly assigned to task force MTF Omega 7 “Pandora’s Box” alongside SCP-076-2 “Able” after beating him in a challenge using her reality-bending abilities. A Greek goddess with this name was born to Thaumás and Electra and serves as Hera’s personal handmaiden and messenger. A guest party member in *Final Fantasy XV* with an unusual pronunciation of this name is the (\*) younger sister of Gladiolus Amicitia. Another character with this name was born and raised in the Village of Dragons and is the only one of Ash Ketchum’s companions to become a Champion. That character is fought in Opelucid City in *Pokémon White*, and her pokémon include Druddigon and Haxorus.** For 10 points, give the name of the Greek goddess of the rainbow, which can also refer to an anatomical structure surrounding the pupil.

ANSWER: **Iris** (the characters mentioned are Iris Thompson from SCP 105, Iris Amicitia from Final Fantasy XV, and Iris from *Pokémon*)

<Ali>

**6. This person wrote the lyrics “You were the sun / On the wave / Come daylight” in a song written about a woman who they wed several years later. That song written by this person, “ohNadine (You Were in My Dream),” appears on their only released album, 2014’s True That. A former costar once described this person as a “weird little freak” when recounting how the two of them were nearly (\*) married in Vegas.** That person is Aubrey Plaza. This actor found adolescent success after appearing on *Arrested Development* as George Michael Bluth but rose to stardom acting alongside Jonah Hill as Evan. For 10 points, name this Canadian actor known for his work in *Superbad* and *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World*.

ANSWER: Michael **Cera** (fancam must legally be played afterwards (<https://youtu.be/pLgduG0seIo>))

<Haylee>

**7. This girlfriend-haver came very close to dying in a 2017 Amtrak incident. He is a self proclaimed “megafauna stan” and *Jeopardy!* enjoyer. In one year, this person visited five national parks over spring break. He once played blackjack for more than three hours on a flight from Portland to Heathrow. His girlfriend was the winner of the 2022 (\*) Dubs Challenge, which she achieved by “befriending random freshman boys who can run fast.” He’s not Euan, but this person also has English relatives and hails from Washington state. While suffering from COVID-19 symptoms, this UW quiz bowler read for Canadian Novice. This person has lived in Haggett, Willow, and Mercer.** For 10 points, name this UW quiz bowler and trumpet player whose research focuses on modeling hummingbirds and shares a last name with the author of “The Garden Party.”

ANSWER: **Lucas** Mansfield

<Phoebe & Henry>

**8. In one story, this mother of Telegonus turns the Italian king Picus into a woodpecker for rejecting her advances. Virgil’s Aeneid describes her home as sounding like “the roars of lions that refuse the chain, / The grunts of bristled boars, and groans of bears, / And herds of howling wolves that stun the sailors’ ears.” One of this figure’s potions caused dogs to spring from a bather’s (\*) thighs and turned her into a monster in a famous Greek epic. This creator of Scylla is the daughter of the sun god Helios and a sea nymph. Other hot people in her bloodline include Aeëtes, Pasiphaë, and Medea. She’s not Calypso, but this enchantress also lives on an island with a weird name. Madeline Miller published an eponymous 2018 novel about, for 10 points, which woman who turned Odysseus and his men into swine?**

ANSWER: **Circe**

<Phoebe>

9. **This character hides bombs in objects like a present and a basketball. Pink petals fall while this character sings about the forbidden love that they feel for the player. On a restaurant's wall, this character leaves several reviews, including "My face tastes beautiful," referencing a steak that's served there. The player flies upward with their jetpack while dodging (\*) cooking ingredients that this character drops. When first meeting this character, they ask the player, "Would you smooch a ghost," to which the answer is "Heck Yeah." In that quiz show segment, this character also presents a math question about two trains, asking how long until they pass each other. This character is the star of the TV show "Cooking with a Killer Robot." For 10 points, name this box-shaped robot built by Alphys, first encountered in the Hotlands.**

ANSWER: **Mettaton** [do not accept "Mettaton EX" or "Mettaton NEO"]

<Rosie>

10. **In a documentary produced by VICE News, this man recalled that the CEO of Bear Stearns called him on his birthday while he was eating at a Greek restaurant. He reportedly "thought about thinking about" starting a presidential campaign in 2018 and stated that he could beat Donald Trump in an election but ultimately decided against it. In 2005, he became the (\*) CEO of what is now the largest bank in America after it merged with Bank One. His pay was cut in half after the 2012 "London Whale" incident that resulted in over \$6 billion in trading losses for that bank. For 10 points, who is the current CEO of JPMorgan Chase?**

ANSWER: Jamie **Dimon** [or James **Dimon**]

<Michael>

11. **In one movie, this character makes a deal with the Stabington Brothers but later betrays them and allows them to get arrested. In the opening to that movie, this character knocks over a basket, causing them to lose access to a magical item. This character tells her adoptive daughter that she should stay in a certain (\*) building to avoid things like "poison ivy" and "quicksand" and describes her as "ditzzy" and "vague" in a song. A man whose real name is Eugene kills this character by cutting that adoptive daughter's hair before this character falls out a window and turns into dust. For 10 points, name this character, Rapunzel's hot mother who knows best in *Tangled*.**

ANSWER: Mother **Gothel**

<Jayden>

12. **In an interview by *The Standard*, this individual claimed they were either 49 or 47 percent woman, depending on the day. In 2019, Justin Bieber posted results of an ancestry DNA test, where, upon learning this person was his 11th cousin once removed, claimed it was the best day of his life. This performer held vocal and bass guitar duties while in a gothic rock band. While in said rock band, he went by the stage name "Baby Goose." In 2014, Vine user (\*) Ryan McHenry uploaded a series of shitposts where this man is fed cereal. Upon McHenry's passing, this man recorded & posted himself eating cereal as a tribute. This actor has inadvertently spawned a series of edits depicting himself, often portraying the condition of male loneliness and isolation. Those edits are most often paired to Simpsonwave1995 or "A Real Hero." In a Jimmy Kimmel interview, this man revealed a main inspiration for taking on a recent role was stepping into his backyard and seeing a depiction of said role face down in the mud next to a squashed lemon. For 10 points, name this Canadian actor and Golden Globe Recipient who besides literally being me, has appeared in *Drive*, *Blade Runner 2049*, and *Barbie*.**

ANSWER: Ryan **Gosling** [prompt on me, literally me or other equivalents until read]

<Richard>

13. Description acceptable. **In one scene, these people are said to resemble Botticelli's *The Birth of Venus* and evoke the goddess of love. In a later scene, these people appear to join a coven and attempt to cast a spell to make someone fall in love with them. One of these people wears a purple outfit and is the only one of her**

**peers who is not released from her prison in a symbolic and foreshadowing scene. Another one of these people sits and sips wine while watching his co-star climb onto the (\*) table and sing about how he only puts up with her love in their theatrical relationship instead of celebrating it. The objectively hottest one of these people has gone viral for his provocative dancing and iconic wink at the end of "Lavender Haze." For 10 points, name this group of people including Raphael Thomas and Jan Ravnik who accompany the artist of songs like "Tolerate It" and "Lover" on her 2023-2024 world tour.**

ANSWER: **backup dancers** for Taylor Swift's **Era's Tour** [accept equivalent descriptions; prompt on Taylor Swift's backup dancers by asking "for what event?"; do not accept or prompt on "Taylor Swift"]

<Elliana>

**14. While this game normally encourages the player to play in a stealthy manner, one section of this game gives her a grenade launcher, something the character also quite clearly enjoys as moves through the Solarii ("SOL-ar-ee") fortress. Under normal gameplay, this character's primary weapon is a bow and arrow, which often starts as one she makes herself and includes arrow types such as explosives, fire, poison gas, and with rope attached. In the first game of this character's rebooted game series, she ends up shipwrecked on the island of (\*) Yamatai, which is surrounded by supernatural storms that prevent anyone that lands on the island from leaving. A recurring enemy for this character is the ancient conspiracy Trinity, which aims to control artifacts and shape the world as they see fit. Said group's high council is killed entirely offscreen with no input in the third game of this character's series. One document covers the time this character locked her butler in the freezer, referencing something that could be done in this franchise's original continuity. For 10 points, name this acrobatic archaeologist protagonist of the *Tomb Raider* series.**

ANSWER: Lara **Croft** (from the "Survivor" trilogy)

<Jesse>

**15. In one tweet, this person said that their Turkish ancestry causes them to grow hair really fast. This person once tweeted that a common question they get is how they do "the :3 ("colon-three") thing with their mouth"; they claimed that it just sits that way naturally. A tweet from this person states that being transgender is a "real joy" and that being around other queer people is a really positive experience. A popular tweet by this person is a picture of herself in the hospital with a caption that implies (\*) Hasan Piker is the reason for it, many people reference that tweet in the replies of her other tweets. Her profile icon is inspired by Cabanel's painting *Fallen Angel*. For 10 points, name this trans woman on Twitter with the nickname "estrogen angel."**

ANSWER: **Cloudy** [or **@oncloud\_e**]

<Rosie>

**16. These people were the subject of a November 2021 limited edition BT21 merch collaboration, which was promoted by a claymation trailer. In a manga one-shot written by Berabou [BEH-ra-bow], one of these people dies after making fun of another's fried egg, and another kills himself after part of his hair breaks off. Some of these people's pets include a hamster named Hammy and a one-eyed dog. With the exception of Fortegreen ("FORTE-green"), who weighs 132 pounds, these people weigh (\*) 92 pounds. In May 2021, a McDonald's BTS meal included a chicken nugget shaped like one of these people, which sold for 99,997 USD on eBay. A 2022 April Fool's prank involved replacing these people with horse-like creatures. For 10 points, name these characters, who were featured on a viral Twitch stream held to encourage voting in the 2020 election and were played by Ilhan Omar and AOC.**

ANSWER: **Among Us crewmates** [or **Among Us impostors**; prompt on description of characters from Among Us]

<Fish & Shoe>

**17. According to the autobiography from the *Player's Tribune* website, this person's parents fought the Spanish law that obligates the paternal surname to be put first. Originally trained in her home province, this player once considered leaving for the United States to continue her professional (\*) soccer career but ended up**

playing in Europe. She has been in the starting lineup in 4 of 5 most recent UEFA Women's Champions League finals and was named Player of the Match of the final in 2021. For 10 points, name this Barça ("BAR-sah") midfielder who won the FIFA Women's World Cup and the Ballon d'Or Feminin in 2023.

ANSWER: Aitana Bonmati Conca

<Mingcan>

18. **On a cruise to Japan, this woman jumped into the swimming pool of a ship fully clothed and invited a Congressman to join her, an incident that she later claimed "would only have been outrageous had [she] removed [her] clothes."** For unrelated reasons, she was also banned from the White House by two separate presidential administrations. This figure who kept a pet snake named Emily (\*) Spinach served as an unofficial political adviser to her father for much of his political career, including during his stint as President of the United States. Though she developed breast cancer twice over her lifetime and received a double mastectomy, this woman managed to be the longest-lived child of a US President, dying at the age of 96 of emphysema and pneumonia. Known for dramatics, it is said she cut her wedding cake with a sword, campaigned against her own husband, and, in the span of 15 months, attended 407 dinners, 350 balls, and 300 parties. For 10 points, name this eldest child of US President Theodore Roosevelt, for whom a shade of blue is named.

ANSWER: Alice Roosevelt Longworth [prompt on "Roosevelt" until read]

<Phoebe>

19. **Although known for various Mexican films and shows, this actor guest starred as Jack Duquesne ("du-KANE") in Marvel's Hawkeye. A character played by this actor is introduced cooking and jovially singing to loud music in stark contrast to the rest of his infamous family. That same character by this actor (\*) interrogates another character about his trip to pick up money repeating the phrase "Tell me again." He later goes to Germany to seduce the wife of the late Werner Ziegler, to uncover a hidden construction project.** For 10 points, name the actor who plays Eduardo, a maniacal Salamanca, better known as Lalo in Better Call Saul.

ANSWER: Tony Dalton

<Gavin>

20. **Despite having access to firearms, this character is able to successfully use a bow and arrow to kill targets who are otherwise wearing extremely effective armor by aiming for gaps in said armor. This character is shown to be willing to bend the rules of the hotel she works at, allowing Nobody to keep his dog in the hotel room. After the hotel's deconsecration by the High Table and the subsequent battle that results in the death of her father, this character vows to (\*) John Wick that if he doesn't end up Caine then she will, something she is shown to be trying to do in the post-credits scene of the film she appears in.** For 10 points, name this character played by Rina Sawayama who worked as the concierge at the Osaka Continental Hotel in *John Wick: Chapter 4*.

ANSWER: Akira Shimazu [accept Osaka Continental concierge before last line]

<Jesse>

21. **This character's signature drink is a can of 100% caffeine-free "orthodox cola drink" that should be "enjoyed calmly" and is one of six options offered at vending machines. A discarded portrait of this character can be found in a cordoned-off area of a museum, placed next to an easter egg that briefly plays Clair de Lune. In one cutscene, this character's desktop is shown containing a folder containing cat gifs and a window titled "Top 5 ways to make your boss happy." This character's main theme is (\*) "Negotiation," the only boss fight theme to be an original composition. In a PA announcement, this character asks why a coffee machine needs a firmware update. An antagonist that attempts to kill this character with a giant laser laments that he did not use a flamethrower, due to this character being fired shortly prior. To S-rank Track 7, this character must be successfully caught during a quick-time event after her boss battle.** For 10 points, name this character who has gained a large simp following for her ambiguously Scottish accent and pinkish-red hair, the head of security in *Hi-Fi* ("high-fye") *Rush*.

ANSWER: Korsica

<Fish>

22. It's not Euan, but this character claims to hate "kids, animals, and women with attitudes." A grotesque facial expression made by this character appears on the cover of an album that includes the songs "Bad Dog No Biscuits" and "Waltz for Zizi." This character's eyes are said to be different colors even though they are only distinguished in extreme closeups. A forgotten lobster comes back to life to terrorize this character in a spoof of *Alien* which concludes with the lesson, "Don't leave things in the fridge." This (\*) Martian shares a name with a previous Hot People Packet answer, a rival of Angel. For 10 points, name this protagonist of the only good anime, a fuzzy-haired cowboy who lives with Edward Wong Hau Pepelu Tivrusky IV on the *Bebop*.

ANSWER: Spike Spiegel

<Sonya>

23. This actor received their television debut on the *Law & Order: Criminal Intent* episode "Self-Made," appearing as Chayne Danforth. Nando v Movies selected this actor as his number one pick to play Mr. Fantastic, and later expressed disappointment when this actor appeared as a far more obscure character in the MCU. One character played by this actor is an (\*) anthropology student who neglects to inform his friends of the significance of a certain ritual. That character played by this actor is later distracted by someone he believes to be his friend Mark. A different character played by this actor is noted as being from Senegal and speaking French yet speaks French zero times in the series he appears in. For 10 points, name this actor who played Quaz in *Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania*, as well as Chidi in *The Good Place*.

ANSWER: William Jackson Harper [accept William Fitzgerald Harper]

<Truman>

24. The menu of the redux version of the series featuring this character shows said character pacing around a room roughly 20 years after the events of the series. This character has an unfortunate habit of being captured, once by communists after a raid on a church, and another time by cannibals in the bunker meant to house the Russian leadership in the event of nuclear war. This character is the daughter of the leader and founder of the Moscow Metro's (\*) SPARTA Order and specializes in sniping, which can be less than useful in the cramped tunnels of a metro line. In *Metro: Exodus*, this character falls into a bunker filled with gas from decaying ammunition, severely damaging her lungs and forcing the crew of the Aurora to go to the severely irradiated Novosibirsk to find a cure, an expedition that kills her father in the process. For 10 points, name this *Metro* series sniper and wife of the main character Artyom.

ANSWER: Anna Miller (from *Metro: Exodus*)

<Jesse>

25. This character is first seen sitting in the row behind the protagonist in class twirling a golden pen and making incredibly homosexual eye contact that is never addressed. He later approaches that protagonist at a bar and asks him, "Have you figured it out yet?" and when prompted elaborates on "Who the best is." Both him and the protagonist somehow leave this conversation thinking they are, in fact, the best, and will spend the next 90 minutes trying to prove this assumption to the other. This character and his now rival are the only students who successfully take down Jester, though this character's RIO Slider claims that only their victory counts, as the protagonist flew below the hard deck and they did not. Keep in mind that this entire very tense conversation happens in a locker room with very few clothes involved. They'll never beat the allegations, I'm afraid. It wouldn't be a movie from the eighties if there wasn't a weirdly sexual game of beach volleyball and this one doesn't disappoint, as this character sexily spins a volleyball on his finger before he and the protagonist go head to head alongside their respective partners. After the protagonist leaves early to engage in some compulsive heterosexuality with his teacher, this character heckles his rival's RIO, yelling out, "Mother (\*) Goose you pussy!" That line ages badly, as that character is later killed in an accident caused by this

character's jet wash, which leads to his rival contemplating dropping out of the Top Gun program. We've still got time to kiss and make up however, as this character ends up in a dog fight with his rival, right after graduation of all things! This character is almost shot down by the fictional MiG-28 before he is saved by the protagonist Maverick, who he later tells, "You can be my wingman anytime." For 10 points, name this primary antagonist and arguable love interests of movie Top Gun, whose frosted tips and cool demeanor earn him his callsign.

ANSWER: Tom "Iceman" Kazansky [accept either underlined portion]

<Emma>

26. **This character's dwelling features background music that is played entirely by a harp. When the player wears a certain scent, this character joyfully recognizes it as one belonging to a former friend. A knight lost her life to defend this character against a band of traitors, and her corpse is found outside this character's dwelling. Because this character has become blind and does not leave their dwelling, they are unaware of (\*) Dryya's death. In one line of dialogue, this character describes her "voracious desire to spread seeds upon the land" and "to breed." She is found after killing the Traitor Lord, and many corpses of mantis traitors are seen outside her dwelling. She helped create all of the Vessels, with the exception of Hornet. This character resembles a tree, and branches can be seen growing out of her cocoon-like dwelling. For 10 points, name this former Queen of Hallownest, the wife of the Pale King who gives the player half of the Kingsoul charm.**

ANSWER: White Lady

<Rosie>

27. **This lead singer of a Canadian indie rock band spent two years living in a loft in Brooklyn with people that would later go on to be members of groups such as Yeah Yeah Yeahs and TV on the Radio. This singer has also collaborated with Broken Social Scene, notably contributing vocals for their album *Lover's Spit* and the song "Anthems for a Seventeen-Year-Old Girl." The appearance of Envy Adams from (\*) *Scott Pilgrim* is partly based on this singer, whose band also contributed the song "Black Sheep" for the film adaptation. Albums by the band fronted by this singer included *Grow Up and Blow Away*, *Synthetica*, *Formentera*, and *Fantasies*. For 10 points, name this lead singer of Metric.**

ANSWER: Emily Haines

<Jesse>

28. **The opening song of a musical states that this character "is hot" while another character "is a slut." This character originates in a novel which is frequently referenced in the Peanuts franchise. In the musical, this character is portrayed by Lucas Steele, whose performance was inspired by David Bowie. In one song, this character longs for "her arms, her shoulders, her neck, her feet" in reference to a character who was once portrayed by (\*) Audrey Hepburn. In the novel, this character is forgiven by Andrei, which does not prevent this character's leg from being sawn off. For 10 points, name this no-good Russian aristocrat, the brother of Pierre's wife Helene and the son of Vasili Kuragin in *War & Peace*.**

ANSWER: Anatole Kuragin [prompt on Kuragin until read]

<Sonya>

29. **This man describes himself as a very amateur guitarist and has recorded three singles, including "Lip Service," which can be listened to on Spotify. In September 2023, this man launched the Global Music Diplomacy Initiative, at which he played and sang Muddy Waters' "Hoochie Coochie Man." He's not really a world leader, but he appears in a video titled "Surprising World Leaders By Speaking Their Languages," in which he speaks French. Despite condemning the genocide in Gaza, this man said in an October meeting with the Israeli prime minister that "as long as (\*) America exists... we will always be there, by your side." He has condemned the ethnic cleansings in China and Ethiopia and has made several trips to Ukraine. In his first year in his current position, this man rejected the hierarchy of rights presented in the Commission on Unalienable Rights, headed by his predecessor Mike Pompeo. For 10 points, name this current United States Secretary of State.**

ANSWER: Antony **Blinken**

<Rosie>

30. **In one movie, this person appears in a fourth-wall-breaking segment where they explain mortgage bonds. A character played by this person has their life spared when Tex changes his plans and breaks into the house next door, intending to kill Cliff Booth. In another movie, this person exclaims "you killed my sandwich" before kicking a woman through a window. One movie depicts an alternate history in which the Manson family are unsuccessful in killing (\*) Sharon Tate, who is played by this person. This person's costars in one movie include Ewan McGregor, who plays the villain Roman Sionis; that movie is *Birds of Prey*. In a recent movie, this person plays a character who is told to "get in the box" at Mattel's headquarters. For 10 points, name this Australian actress whose roles include Harley Quinn and Barbie.**

ANSWER: Margot **Robbie**

<Rosie>

31. Note to players: you already know who wrote this, have fun! **A 1968 "Forward Thrust" ballot measure would have built something resembling this system but failed to gain the required supermajority. One product used by this system is made by Kinki Sharyo and is known for its rounded design and overall inferiority to the S500 that succeeded it. One member of UW Quizbowl once described part of this system as "made by a drunk toddler" for its low catchment area. (\*) Bruce Harrell proposed a controversial "Shifted West" location for one part of this system, which will be single-tracking in January for repairs to its Downtown Transit Tunnel. This system will open a "starter line" on the Eastside before its full East Extension in 2025. For 10 points, name this second-hottest light rail system on the West Coast, which currently runs from Angle Lake to Northgate in the greater Seattle region.**

ANSWER: **Link** Light Rail

<Catherine>

32. **This person solicited drummer Stevo Jocz ("YOH-tch") to record parts for the songs "contagious" and "one of those girls" after he requested only a black bean burrito as compensation and then proceeded to mess up his order. After winning a radio competition at age 14, this person was invited to sing on stage at the first concert they ever attended, alongside Shania Twain. It's not Miley Cyrus, but this person's song "F.U." comes from a 2022 album which features Machine Gun Kelly, Blackbear, and Travis Barker. This singer's younger sister is married to the bassist of ONE OK ROCK, and she has a tattoo on her right wrist of a heart surrounding the letter D, a reference to her first husband. Her most famous album includes the singles (\*) "Hot," "When you're gone," and a chart-topping hit whose music video became the first to surpass 100 million views on youtube. She sang her newest single live in a recent surprise appearance with All Time Low in Las Vegas as well as her legendary hit "sk8er boi." For 10 points, name this Canadian Queen of pop-punk, who clearly doesn't like your girlfriend.**

ANSWER: Avril **Lavigne**

<Ali>

33. **This man persuaded Eduardo Ribera to start a company to manufacture a signature good specially for him. It's not David Bowie, but in 1983, this man's iconic style earned him a spot in the Fashion Hall of Fame by People Magazine. This politician wore MINFAR dress for much of his career but later would switch to wearing (\*) tracksuits, including famously at a meeting with Pope Francis. He was not American, but was often seen wearing a ridgeway cap following a revolution. This man gave examples of his signature accessory to political leaders, and the United States attempted to assassinate him with an exploding version. For 10 points, name this Cuban revolutionary and leader, known for his rough beard and signature cigar.**

ANSWER: Fidel **Castro**

<Jayden>



34. **This person claims that she was bullied for her appearance when she lived in Arlington, Virginia. In 2019, the New York Post published a story about a woman who claimed that “My husband dumped me for” this person. This person studied at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs in a state that never voted for Ronald Reagan. This politician was sworn in on the (\*) Quran after winning an election in the fifth congressional district of that state. For 10 points, name this first Somali American member of Congress who currently represents Minneapolis in the House of Representatives.**

ANSWER: Ilhan Omar

<Sonya>

35. **Character and specified depiction required. This character discovers Amazo upon finding Professor Ivo dead. This man later teams up with Ray Palmer in order to prevent Amazo’s return to earth. In his first appearance, this character’s mech suit is “hijacked” by mercenaries, though it is later shown that this character willingly gave the suit to Kaznia. This character indirectly causes Billy Batson’s true form to be revealed during a scheme he devised involving a campaign for (\*) U.S. President. After discovering he has cancer, this man recruits The Shade, Star Sapphire, and several others into the first Injustice Gang. An alternate version of this man unwittingly creates the Justice Lords after executing the Flash and himself being killed by the heat vision of a certain Kryptonian. For 10 points, name this Clancy Brown-voiced supervillain, a traditional foe of Superman.**

ANSWER: Lex Luthor in the DCAU [accept either underlined portion; accept equivalent descriptions; accept Justice League, Justice League: Unlimited, or Superman: the Animated Series for “DCAU” until read; prompt on partial answers; Prompt on DC Universe; do not accept or prompt on any other DC universe because his VA isn’t goated in the other ones]

<Truman>

36. **The August 2016 issue of *Lego Club* magazine listed this character as being in a romantic relationship with another character but a correction in the next issue said that they are actually best friends. Although this character has a canonical appearance, their skin and hair were made slightly darker in one spin-off, and alternate depictions of them include a dark-skinned tennis player and a blond-haired blue-eyed Swede. This character is often thought to be gender-neutral due to a 2012 creator post confirming that (\*) gender does not exist in-universe. However, that post pre-dates the 2014 release of this character, who is canonically female and was at least partially designed for increased female representation in gaming. Until seven new default characters were introduced in October 2022, this character was one of two default characters whose models only differed by the width of their arms. For 10 points, name this pale-skinned character with orange hair and a green tunic, the default female skin from *Minecraft*.**

ANSWER: Alex

<Fish>

37. **He was a former biochemistry major at Cornell University but thankfully did not complete that degree because of World War II enlistment. Ironically, this author was an ROTC member but lost his spot as a result of a satirical article he published in the *Cornell Sun*. In a section of his most famous work, he says that he “has this (\*) disease late at night sometimes, involving alcohol and the telephone.” This University of Chicago alumnus and Hugo Award winner satirizes the corporate ladder in his first book, *Player Piano*, which centers on Dr. Paul Proteus, whose management of Ilium Works mirrors this man’s experience at General Electric. A concept in one of his works was the namesake of an American heavy metal band from Massachusetts. Ice Nine Kills takes their name from, for 10 points, a novel by which science fiction author, whose novel about the firebombing of Dresden is subtitled “The Children’s Crusade: A Duty-Dance with Death?”**

ANSWER: Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

<Phoebe>

38. Note to players: This tossup will be read to the end without interruption. **In a meeting with Mao Zedong, this person replied, "It is such a novel proposition, we will have to study it" after Mao offered ten million Chinese women. Despite being a Jewish refugee who escaped Nazi Germany, this person said, "any people who has been persecuted for 2000 years must be doing something wrong." This person supported (\*) Mobutu Sese Seko ("SAY-say SAY-ko") and the apartheid government of South Africa in his efforts to quell the uprisings in Angola. Because of this man's policy of bombing Cambodia, Anthony Bourdain once wrote that he wanted to "beat [this person] to death with his bare hands." This former secretary of state received a Nobel Peace Prize for negotiating the end of the Vietnam War. For 10 points, name this hot person who is currently burning in hell.**

ANSWER: Henry Kissinger

<Rosie>

39. **During a tense scene, this non-religious character whispers, "God, please" before firing a shot. This character, who a phrenology-obsessed man describes as "paedomorphic," suggests that the next racist he meets will grant him and another character three wishes. This RCM officer can be convinced to dance inside an abandoned church, but he will never kiss another character. This character considers himself a true Revacholian ("re-vuh-SHO-lee-an") even though two of his grandparents come from (\*) Seol ("SEE-ol"). Seol is a fictional country, but this character's first name is a common Korean surname. For 10 points, name this best written character in any video game, a lieutenant who serves as the protagonist's partner in *Disco Elysium*.**

ANSWER: Kim Kitsuragi [accept either underlined portion]

<Sonya>

40. **In 2009, this actor guest starred on *Pozner* as an interviewee. As of now, this actor has been in 113 episodes of *Bild Live*, a tabloid German news show. A polyglot and writer, this person speaks 9 languages fluently along with writing novels like *Time and People*, *Feather of the Black Vulture*. This person's regional birthplace is included in the title of a documentary of that country's president visiting that region. That film is about (\*) Russian president Vladimir Putin fishing in Tuva. For 10 points, name this Russian Minister of Defence.**

ANSWER: Sergei Kuzhugotovich Shoigu

<Gavin>

41. **For Christmas 2021, this person appeared in a McDonald's commercial where they serve Mariah Carey dipping sauce on a tray. In 2022, this person appeared alongside Paula Abdul at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on a float designed like a giant golden turkey. This person won two awards for best dancer in (\*) Slovenia and worked as a choreographer with the Slovenian Olympic committee. In one number, this person wears a puffy red vest and red pants, while in another he stares at the audience while dancing behind a purple ladder. For 10 points, give the name of this dancer, who holds an umbrella over Taylor Swift's on the Eras Tour.**

ANSWER: Jan Ravnik [accept either underlined portion; accept descriptions of the really hot dancer from the Eras Tour movie until read]

<Jayden>

42. **You may find this character to be suspicious of a certain pigeon, who is voiced by the same actor as his ultimate enemy. If your dream is to be like Mary Shelley, then you should attempt to romance this character, as success will allow you to fuck him on his own grave, though ironically, his eventual aversion to sex resulting from a history of abuse has actually made this character a favorite among asexual fans in addition to you horny motherfuckers. The song "I Want to Live" by Borislav Slavov, which can be heard at multiple points in the background of the game in which this character appears, is his unofficial theme and can be found in the Spotify playlist his voice actor created for him. If you encounter a monster hunter while traveling with this character, he will ask for your permission to kill them and will disapprove if you say no. That monster hunter**

is from the same race of people who nearly beat this character to death and are also conspicuously and uncomfortably based on the Romani people. Don't worry, he got the last laugh by kidnapping a group of their children, though this act was arguably involuntary. Though little is known about this character's relatives, he does have six "siblings" that are part of his not found, but rather forced, family who will at one point attempt to kidnap him and bring him back to their "home" for the completion of the (\*) Black Mass, a ritual to which he is bound by the infernal contract carved into his back. This character can kill you the first time you allow him to feed on you if you fail a skill check, though either way he will inform you that you were "his first." His first time drinking human blood, that is, as his diet has previously consisted of animals, including an exsanguinated boar you can find and question him about. Allowing this character to feed on you in the future will result in the "bloodless" status, which will hinder you during fights. For 10 points, name this silver-haired vampire spawn from the critically acclaimed video game *Baldur's Gate 3*.

ANSWER: Astarion Acunin

<Emma>

43. Though this character is only present in two out of the 144 episodes of the series she appears in, I am not exaggerating when I say she is my Roman Empire. This character is in a romantic and extremely sexual relationship with her childhood best friend, which is the writers' way of telling the audience, "Yes, you are completely right about the tension between these two characters, we just hate you." Unlike her alternate universe counterpart, this character undergoes a transformation early in the timeline of the series that should really make me less attracted to her but alas results in the opposite. This character is killed by the high school students Larry and Oz immediately after being returned to her home dimension from which she was originally pulled during a failed attempt to retrieve the Symbol of Anyanka. During a villain arc as a dark witch, the alternate universe version of this character eventually takes up her catchphrase "Bored now," which is often stated before unspeakable acts of violence. Horny bitch that she is, this character expresses sexual attraction to the alternate version of herself, who describes her as "skanky and kinda gay," though she has no room to judge, given that in several seasons she will take part in a musical episode in which she eats out her lesbian lover. We meet this character in the episode "The Wish" in which Cordelia has her wish for the titular character of this series to have never come to Sunnydale granted by a vengeance demon. This sends her to an alternate dimension in which the Order of Aurelius has successfully completed the Harvest ritual from season one and the Master has taken over the town. One of this character's favorite activities is torturing the captured (\*) Angel, who is a vampire that has been cursed with having a soul and is referred to by this character as her "puppy." When this character is transported to the main universe in the episode "Doppelgangland," Giles, Xander, and Buffy are distraught to see her, thinking that their close friend has died. For 10 points, name this character in the 1990's series *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, who is the fanged counterpart to the third member of the Scooby gang.

ANSWER: Vampire Willow Rosenberg [prompt on Willow Rosenberg by asking "what happened to her?"; accept Willow from the Wishverse, accept alternative universe Willow, but pause for a little while to make them nervous]

<Emma>

44. As punishment for holding Calliope captive, this character curses an author by forcing him to have an uncontrollable stream of book ideas. One of this character's creations wears sunglasses, hiding their eye sockets which are instead filled with teeth. The Corinthian is destroyed by this character at a (\*) convention of serial killers. In a battle against Lucifer, this character describes the universe as "All things encompassing, all life embracing" and wins by saying "I am hope." This character and their siblings are collectively known as the Endless; those siblings include Death and Desire. This character summons the three Fates to ask where his belongings are after being captured for a century. This character wears a mask made out of a god's spine and also possesses a ruby and a pouch, all of which are stolen from him when he is captured. For 10 points, name this character created by Neil Gaiman, the personification of dreams who was played by Tom Sturridge in a recent Netflix show of the same

name.

ANSWER: The Sandman [accept Morpheus; accept Dream of the Endless before last line]

<Rosie>

45. **This character's attempts at using a dating service are documented in a dossier in a DLC for the game this character appears in. All of the entries related to this end in her abruptly disconnecting. The player's first introduction to this non-villain character involves her shooting someone that had been your squadmate for the opening mission of this series' second mainline game. This character's first appearance in the series was actually in a 2009 game for iOS, *Mass Effect (\*) Galaxies*. This character, modeled after and voiced by Yvonne Strahovski, is a heavily genetically modified opposite sex clone of an extremely wealthy, extremely egotistical businessman. Depending on player choices, this character may also kill said businessman without much compunction in *Mass Effect 3*. For 10 points, name this Australian-accented *Mass Effect 2* biotic squadmate responsible for leading Cerberus's efforts to resurrect Commander Shepard.**

ANSWER: Miranda Lawson

<Jesse>

46. **This character canonically weighs 8140 pounds with her weapons equipped, and one of her abilities was first created in development as a modified version of the ability "depth charge" using herself as the projectile instead. Upon escaping a violent confrontation with her sister, this character is abducted by a childhood friend who notes that she still blocks punches with her face. This champion's hottest skin features her with dark brown hair and mystic Jade (\*) gauntlets as "the mighty enforcer of Azir's will." That theme is shared by champions including Azir, Jarvan IV, Katarina, and Garen. She is voiced by Hailee Steinfeld in *Arcane*, which sees her younger sister Powder's transformation into the terrorist criminal Jinx. For 10 points, name this pink-haired Hextech-wielding *League of Legends* champion who works alongside Caitlyn in the Piltover Police department and is commonly played in the Jungle.**

ANSWER: Vi (the skin referenced is Warring Kingdoms Vi)

<Ali>

47. Vague descriptions acceptable. **Despite appearances on Brazilian soaps with banger titles like *Shades of Sin* and *The Mutants: Pathways of the Heart*, this woman's sole IMDB credit is for a 2020 short called *The Widower*. In response to one of this woman's performances, BossManTee commented, "If she was my math teacher in high school, I would be in harvard right now." This woman chuckles and says, "no, I don't think so" while flirtatiously describing how a certain algebraic structure may not be closed under division. In that video, this woman seductively stares into the camera after saying, "what happens in the (\*) ring, stays in the ring." For 10 points, name this Ecuadorian telenovela actress who is better known in the Anglosphere for explaining mathematical concepts on a YouTube channel named for an early Greek philosopher.**

ANSWER: Liliana Rezende de Castro [accept the hot teacher from Socratica, accept "the hot teacher from 'The Definition of a Ring'" until read, accept anything involving Socratica]

<Kevin>

48. **In an outtake that made the official blooper reel for its show, this person threw a flashlight and hit their castmate in the face. In the press for that same show, this person stated that they used to perform autopsies on dead lizards and other animals found in their backyard. Another character played by this person has the instagram handle @ellie-eyeballs, which could be a nod to her well-established horror persona in real life. One of this actress' first roles was the (\*) younger version of Gina Rodriguez' character on *Jane the Virgin*, which she struggled to land due to there being few roles for Latinas in Hollywood. This actress resigned from the cast of *Scream 7* shortly after her castmate Melissa Barrera was fired for protesting the Israel-Palestine conflict. For 10 points, name this Mexican and Puerto-Rican successor of Christina Ricci who went viral for a dance she choreographed herself in *Wednesday*.**

ANSWER: Jenna **Ortega**

<Ali>

49. **An exclusive LEGO Minifigure of this character was included in a 2020 character encyclopedia. At a 2022 event, the actor who voices this character generated a large amount of cheering by screaming the name of this character's most hated adversary. The episode in which this character is killed is the 6th highest rated episode of the show it is a part of on IMDB. That episode is (\*) "Twin Suns."** In the episode of that show that this character first appears in, he introduces himself as "Old Master" upon being discovered on Malachor. This character executes Pre Vizsla and Duchess Satine after his takeover of Mandalore. This character says that he "was hoping for Kenobi" after he is challenged by Ahsoka Tano. For 10 points, name this leader of Crimson Dawn and former Sith Lord, the main antagonist of the final arc of *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*.

ANSWER: Darth **Maul** (in *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* and *Star Wars: Rebels*)

<Truman>

50. **An employer of this character was once an angel of Lathder before becoming an archdevil and falling into the nine hells to lead the fight in the Blood War. Another of this character's employers was famous inventor of the Steel Watch was Lord Enver (\*) Gortash.** It was he who sold this character to the Duchess of Avernus, and Archdevil: Zariel. While fighting in the Blood War in service to Zariel, this character's heart was replaced with an infernal engine, which had the notable effect of making her burning hot to the touch. Before meeting the player character, she is hunted by Wyll at the behest of his patron. For 10 points, name this red-hot Teifling barbarian recruitable as a companion in the video game *Baldur's Gate 3*.

ANSWER: **Karlach** [prompt on advocatus diaboli by asking "what's her real name, smartass?"]

<Matt>

## Bonuses

1. It's Cars time. For 10 points each answer some questions that might stray from Cars at my own discretion, and if all of this goes dead, I do not care.

[10] In *Cars 3*, Lightning McQueen is told his racing days are at an end and is given the ultimatum of retiring if he cannot win the Florida 500 by this rich business mogul of Rust-eze.

ANSWER: **Sterling** Burnish

[10] Sterling is voiced by Nathan Fillion who also voices this character not in the *Cars* universe known for his comic relief amongst the *Destiny* franchise. Name this exo hunter a part of the elite Vanguard who coordinate the defense of the Last City.

ANSWER: **Cayde-6**

[10] Cayde-6 died in the beginning of Forsaken at the hands of Uldren Sov, a brother and betrayer to this ruler of the reef. Uldren's motive for releasing the Scorn was to enter the Dreaming City where he believed this Awoken Queen was imprisoned.

ANSWER: **Mara** Sov

<Gavin>

2. Pardon me for getting Carrawayed. For 10 points each name these hot characters from *The Great Gatsby*.

[10] Nick meets this handsome photographer in chapter 2 and is later assumed to have sex with him.

ANSWER: Mr. **McKee**

[10] Mr. McKee, his wife, and his sister in law join Nick, Tom, and Myrtle for an alcohol induced party in New York City. The next time Nick is in New York City he goes to lunch with Gatsby and this extremely reputable businessman who fixed the 1919 World Series.

ANSWER: Meyer **Wolfshiem**

[10] Neither of those two men are at all attractive, but I promise this last one is. This absolute GILF that Jay Gatsby saved from his boat that was about to wreck itself later taught Gatsby everything he knows.

ANSWER: Dan **Cody**

<Henry>

3. Justin Lin reportedly liked this character so much he retroactively rewrote the series to give this character more screen time. For 10 points each:

[10e] Name this *Fast & Furious* character. His lover Gisele was unceremoniously killed off in *Fast & Furious 6* and never mentioned again. In that film's final scene his death in an *earlier* film was retconned to be at the hands of Deckard Shaw.

ANSWER: **Han** Lue

[10m] This character is first shown being kidnapped by Mose ("m-OH-z") Jakande and taken to the Caucasus Mountains. Name this hacker and creator of "God's Eye," the only main *Fast & Furious* character who cannot drive.

ANSWER: **Ramsey**

[10h] This character places second to Brian O'Conner, beating Slap Jack and Orange Julius, in the opening scene of *2 Fast 2 Furious*. This leader of an all-female street race crew and off-and-on girlfriend of Tej Parker is characterized by her bright pink convertible.

ANSWER: **Suki**

<Truman & Stella>

4. Holy shit, Richard was right, red hair is hot as fuck. For 10 points each, name some things about people with reddish hair.

[10e] This character with short red-pink hair has a small tattoo of her name on the left side of her face, and her backstory with her sister Jinx is the focus of Netflix's *Arcane*.

ANSWER: **Violet**

[10h] In the opening cutscene of *Control*, redhead protagonist Jesse Faden says, "we live in a room, and there's a poster on the wall" in reference to this movie, where a poster of Raquel Welch plays a key role in the plot.

ANSWER: **Shawshank Redemption**

[10m] This ginger character's realistic appearance caused some misogynists to be really mad in 2021, with one viral post complaining that she looks "masculine as hell." That post included a photoshop of this character that gives her heavy makeup and says Sony should "hire fans lol."

ANSWER: **Aloy**

[10??] This character is told, "you don't have to be gay to appreciate a man's beauty," to which he replies, "Nah bro, I'd fuck you." One popular 2021 meme featuring this character starts with him asking, "Bro, are you flirting with my sister?"

ANSWER: **Knuckles** the Echidna

<Fish>

5. I wish these women were real. These somewhat obscure answer lines about indie games are specifically curated for people who are hopefully here today. For 10 points each:

[10] Niko meets this head engineer of the Barrens, who helps them fix the rowboat so they can go to the Glen. This character, created by Kip, is one of the only tamed robots in the World.

ANSWER: **Silver**

[10] This horror game tells the best love story I've seen all year, maybe ever. The player controls Elster as she searches for her missing partner through the distorted reality of Eusan. I need what they have.

ANSWER: **SIGNALIS**

[10] I'd have written more about *SIGNALIS*, but I don't want to spoil anything. Instead, name this android from a different game, the monarch of Cyber World and final boss of *Deltarune*: Chapter 2. This character's final fight is skipped if the player chooses the Snowgrave route.

ANSWER: **Queen**

<Rosie>

6. Answer a few questions about one of my favorite actors of all time, who is a recipient of the Helen Keller Achievement Award and unfortunately also British. For 10 points each:

[10m] Said to come from beyond the Wall, this character appears to be thrown overboard after mentioning that he is from England. He defeats his undead uncle Septimus to become the rightful king of Stormhold. This character marries Yvaine in a movie adapted from a novel by Neil Gaiman.

ANSWER: Tristan **Thorn**

[10h] Tristan Thorn is portrayed by this man in *Stardust* (2007). This man attended New York Comic Con but was able to fly under the radar dressed as Bluey. This English actor's former roommates include Andrew Garfield and Robert Pattinson.

ANSWER: Charlie **Cox**

[10e] Charlie Cox's most notable role is as this titular character in a television series. Like Cox himself and UW QB member Henry Smith, this character is canonically Catholic. This blind MCU character was able to catch a flying brick because he is simply "a really good lawyer."

ANSWER: Matthew Michael **"Matt" Murdock** [or **"Daredevil"**]

<Phoebe>

7. Name some video game characters that are so hot, you don't even get to see their faces in-game. For 10 points each:

[10e] This character's face is usually obscured or missing in most in-game appearances, but going out-of-bounds during a post-credits scene allows the player to see his full model. In that scene from *Resident Evil Village*, Rose pays her respects to this character's grave before getting into a black car.

ANSWER: **Ethan** Winters

[10h] The only mention of this character's name is in a black box data file, and his face is never seen in-game, only shown in the official art for the game. This character served as the non-essential systems maintenance chief on the Aurora before it crash-landed on 4546B.

ANSWER: **Ryley** Robinson

[10m] Although Stanley's face cannot be seen for most of *The Stanley Parable*, one ending that allows the player to see and change Stanley's appearance involves repeatedly jumping into this exhibit.

ANSWER: **Mostly Infinite Hole**

<Fish>

8. Why are there so many hot characters in the *Pokémon* franchise? For 10 points each:

[10] This *Pokémon Shield*-exclusive rival of the Isle of Armor is a Psychic-type trainer who later becomes a Gym Leader. Like his *Pokémon Sword* counterpart, Klara, his ace is a Galarian Slowbro, though he exchanges it for a Slowking once he is a Gym Leader.

ANSWER: **Avery**

[10] In a battle at the Old Castle in Galar, this character terastalizes his Charizard to become Dark-type, giving him the upper hand against Amethio's Ceruledege. This character is also the leader of the Rising Volt Tacklers and saves Liko from the Explorers in Kanto.

ANSWER: **Friede**

[10] A *Pokémon* originally discovered in Galar, Thievul, is based on this animal. Other *Pokémon* inspired by this animal are Braixen and Ninetales.

ANSWER: **foxes**

<Rosie>

9. I couldn't fit enough characters into the previous *Pokémon* bonus. For 10 points each:

[10] Bosses of this group of trainers are all unreasonably attractive. These bosses include Atticus, Mela, and Eri, who I'd let step on me.

ANSWER: Team **Star**

[10] This character with long blue hair was leaked by CentroLeaks on Twitter with the caption "He/Him." He became the Ice-type leader of the Glaseado Gym after a snowboarding accident.

ANSWER: **Grusha**

[10] A character with this occupation in the Teal Mask, Perrin, asks for your help in finding the Bloodmoon Beast. She accidentally angers the Bloodmoon Beast when her camera's flash accidentally goes off.

ANSWER: **photographer**

<Rosie>

10. None of these characters are people. That's right, this next bonus is about the bugs of *Hallownest*. For 10 points each:

[10] Throughout *Hallownest*, the player will encounter Cornifer, the mapmaker and husband of this character. This character used to be a warrior but recently set down her weapon and now runs a shop in Dirtmouth.

ANSWER: **Iselda**

[10] It's customary to bow to this character before fighting him, because he immediately goes into the balloon attack if interrupted. There's no bow before fighting this character's Nightmare King variant though.

ANSWER: **Grimm**



[10] Two answers required. I don't find these characters hot, I just love women. Only one of these characters is still alive, and she asks the player to deliver a flower across Hallowmest to the other character's grave. I'd do anything for that couple, really.

ANSWER: **Grey Mourner** [or **Ze'mer**] and **Traitor's Child** [accept equivalents of the **Traitor** Lord's **daughter**]  
<Rosie>

11. Anything with curves can be hot. For 10 points each, answer some questions about the antimeridian otherwise known as the International Date Line.

[10] As we make our descent from the initial curves to keep Alaska on the east and all of Siberia on the same calendar day, the line goes through these 2 islands, one of which is owned by the US government and the other by Russia.

ANSWER: **Diomed** Islands

[10] With an established military base not on the same calendar day as the Pacific Fleet Headquarters in Hawaii, the US shifted the International Date Line west of this atoll. The Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands that were acquired by the US after WWII, eventually gained independence and dissolved into the nations of Palau, Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands. As a result the Marshallese government effectively deleted August 21, 1993 in this atoll.

ANSWER: **Kwajalein** Atoll

[10] There is a notable point slightly further south where the Date Line shifts almost 30 degrees eastward in order to keep all of this nation's islands on the same day.

ANSWER: Republic of **Kiribati** ("KIR-ih-BASS")

<Gavin>

12. I love Ryan Gosling. For 10 points each, name these Ryan Gosling characters.

[10] In one film, this character is approached by a prostitute named Mariette and is asked about a tree after being told, "you don't even smile." Later in the film, this character is illuminated in purple due to a holographic depiction of an Ana de Armas character.

ANSWER: Officer **KD6-3.7** [prompt on **Joe**]

[10] Description acceptable. This character has largely gone viral due to a clip where he claims to perform his film's titular action. This attention has seen him featured in edits of car crashes and traffic-related mishaps, while Nightcall by Kavinsky is played in the background.

ANSWER: the **Driver** [accept equivalents describing the guy who drives]

[10] This Gosling character appears in a non-marvel Russo brothers film, in which he is offered freedom from past crimes if he works for the CIA. Within the film, he obtains a drive detailing corruption of CIA officials.

ANSWER: Courtland **Gentry** [accept **Sierra Six**]

<Richard>

13. Answer the following questions about a book by American fantasy author Leigh Bardugo about which I am deeply fucking mentally ill. For 10 points each:

[10h] This girl is recruited by a secret society named after a river in Hades for her abilities to see "Grays," or ghosts. This protagonist of Ninth House becomes the Dante of Lethe.

ANSWER: **Galaxy Stern** [or Galaxy "**Alex**" **Stern**]

[10e] Ninth House takes place during Alex Stern's freshman year at this school, which is also the alma mater of author Leigh Bardugo. Speaking of hot people, its famous alumni include Maya Lin, Nathan Hale, and J. Willard Gibbs. This university, one of the Holy Trinity, has the motto "Lux et veritas."

ANSWER: **Yale** University :(

[10m] Though Ninth House centers around ghosts and the dead, it does not mention this allegedly superstitious woman from New Haven, whose father-in-law founded a rifle company in that town. Contrary to legend, it was her lifelong interest in architecture and real estate, not a fear of vengeful ghosts, that inspired her to build her eccentric mansion in San Jose, California, which is now a namesake tourist attraction sometimes considered "one of the most haunted places in the world."

ANSWER: **Sarah** "Sallie" Lockwood **Winchester** [prompt on **Winchester**]

<Phoebe>

14. Species in this group include *atlas*, *polyphemus*, and *hercules*. For 10 points each:

[10e] This paraphyletic group of insects consists of non-butterfly *Lepidoptera*. These insects have feathered antennae, in contrast to butterflies' thin, club-shaped antennae.

ANSWER: **Moths**

[10h] This Pokémon's signature ability is Ice Scales, which halves damage from special attacks. It, along with its pre-evolution Snom, are the only Pokémon with an ice/bug type combination.

ANSWER: **Frosmoth**

[10m] In the game *Hollow Knight*, the character Myla becomes hostile towards the player because of the influence of this higher being. This final boss of *Hollow Knight* has an "Absolute" version found at the end of the last pantheon.

ANSWER: The **Radiance**

<Michael>

15. For 10 points each, name these studs who make music on the internet.

[10e] This stud wrote "The Perfect Pokérap" including all Pokémon released at the time and then performed the 9 minute song live at PAX East 2019. He also applied to Polygon via a music video named this video got me a job and propositioned their audience to buy their bed in another song.

ANSWER: Brian David **Gilbert** [or **BDG**; prompt on partial answers]

[10m] Brian David Gilbert also recently collaborated with this stud on the song "Beautiful Mind." This stud wrote a song specifically making fun of an Australian Radio music host called Weird Dude and is definitely not a cop.

ANSWER: Tom **Cardy**

[10h] in 2018 Brian David Gilbert collaborated with this stud on their song, "Thumbnail." This stud wrote a series of songs involving ghosts called "ghost choir 🎵👻," ("ghost-emoji, music-note-emoji") "ghost + guest 🎵👻," ("ghost-emoji, music-notes-emoji") and "Ghost Janitor." This stud also released remixes of "Rhythm Heaven Fever" called "Rhythm Hell" and "Rhythm Purgatory."

ANSWER: Louie **Zong**

<Euan>

16. For 10 points each, name some things about my favorite *Among Us* streamer.

[10e] This YouTuber initially gained his popularity through his *Among Us* impostor gameplay but more recently has been known for his participation in Minecraft Championship. His mascot and Minecraft skin is a turnip with a scarf.

ANSWER: **5up**

[10h] The most popular video on 5up's channel is the release trailer for this fan-made *Among Us* map, which takes place underwater.

ANSWER: **Submerged**

[10m] 5up's *Among Us* skin is typically a pink crewmate wearing a scarf and this hat, which has a canonical name, but I'll accept a description.

ANSWER: **Snowmate** [accept answers similar to or describing a **snowman**]

<Fish>

17. This character's death in a fiery explosion, which is shown reflected on a TV screen, is arguably the most graphic to be shown in the film it occurs in. For 10 points each:

[10m] Name this Michigander, who places a device carrying information on another character before being captured and killed by agents of Professor Zündapp. That act by this character, which occurs in a bathroom in Tokyo, kickstarts the main plot of a 2011 Pixar sequel.

ANSWER: **Rod** "**Torque**" **Redline** [accept any underlined portion]

[10h] This agent of C.H.R.O.M.E is the only named representative of the sexiest mode of transportation, high speed rail, in the *Cars* franchise. He is contacted by Finn to provide transit between Paris and Porto Corsa.

ANSWER: **Stephenson**

[10e] While regrettably being modeled after a Tesla, this statistical analyst and commentator is the most prominent EV representation in the *Cars* franchise. She appears as a correspondent to Chick Hicks' talk show in *Cars 3*.

ANSWER: **Natalie Certain**

<Truman>

18. For 10 points each, answer the following questions about Bollywood actresses other than Priyanka Chopra who have managed to break into Western media.

[10h] This woman generated a national media frenzy in 2016 after appearing in Coldplay's "Hymn for the Weekend" music video and later stated that she only did it in hopes of getting free Coldplay tickets. She shares a last name with megastars such as Ranbir and her father Anil.

ANSWER: Sonam **Kapoor** (author's note: she's kinda mid tbh)

[10m] This actress portrayed the villain Sonia in the *Pink Panther 2* and famously married into the Bachchan family in 2007. She won the 1994 Miss World pageant and, throughout the 2000s and 2010s, was widely cited as the most beautiful woman in the world.

ANSWER: **Aishwarya Rai** Bachchan

[10e] This woman portrayed Vin Diesel's love interest Serena Unger in *XXX: Return of Xander Cage* and introduced the 2023 Oscars performance of "Naatu Naatu" from *RRR*, wherein she referred to the song as a "total banger." The saffron-colored swimsuit she wore in the song "Besharam Rang" ("BEH-sure-um RUNG") nearly caused the film *Pathaan* to be banned by right-wing Hindu groups.

ANSWER: Deepika **Padukone**

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