

4. **The first use of this technique occurs in a 1942 film produced by Val Lewton, as Alice attempts to escape Irena on a deserted street. Because a bus is central to its use in that Mark Robson film, this technique is sometimes known as the Lewton Bus. A character played by (*) Regan MacNeil has proved central to many modern examples of this technique. This technique appears at the end of a Flash game called The Maze and a commercial created by the German company K-Fee in which a car drives down a winding road. William Afton is central to the lore of a game series that was described as “perfect for livestreaming” due to its use of this technique, Five Nights and Freddy’s. For 10 points, name this technique, often considered a cheap way to get a reaction using abrupt surprises.**

Answer: jumpscare <Isaac>

6. **This character is called out for procrastination after ending a writing assignment with the line “I want breakfast”. This character is the only one to not physically appear in Act 2 of the work they feature in, although a black-and-white photo of their most iconic scene occasionally appears in the background. After the protagonist admonishes this character for (*) taking better care of him than herself, he buttons up her blazer. Regardless of whether the protagonist accepts or rejects this character’s confession, her depression worsens. This character was expertly and emotionally voiced by Isaac in the club’s playthrough of the game she appears in. For 10 points, identify this childhood friend of the protagonist, whose door is opened in the turning point of Doki Doki Literature Club.**

Answer: Sayori <Isaac>

7. **The introduction of corn-heavy diets led to a supposed epidemic of this condition, as this condition shares similar symptoms to pellagra, a vitamin B3 deficiency. Individuals with catalepsy were sometimes thought to have this condition, as their long bouts of paralysis were mistaken for death. Several symptoms of this condition have been attributed to the buildup of porphyrins, as the excitation of porphyrins in the skin can lead to inflammation and pain. Deposition of porphyrins in other parts of the body can cause symptoms of this condition, such as receding gums and discolored (*) teeth. Records of this condition correlate with a 1720’s eastern European epidemic of a disease with similar methods of transmission; that disease is rabies. For 10 points, name this fictional condition that was historically confused with diseases that cause light sensitivity, spread by biting and bloodsucking.**

ANSWER: vampirism (or anything about being a vampire) <fish and euan>

8. **A work in this genre ends with a character getting shot after remarking that “We are the madness that lurks within you all, begging to be free at every moment”. The title character of a work in this genre signs off a blog post with “See all of you soon, with a lot of answers!”, before he embarks on an exploration mission. That work, (*) "Ted the Caver" is often considered the first work in this genre. Alex Hall is an influential author in this genre who began his most well-known series with an arc known as The Haunted Cartridge. That work in this genre focuses on how Matt’s copy of Majora’s Mask contains the title “drowned” character. BEN is, for 10 points, a character from this internet-based horror genre, whose other notable title characters include Jeff the Killer and Slender Man.**

Answer: creepypasta (prompt on internet horror) <Isaac>

11. **They're not finches, but one of these organisms named for Darwin is able to reproduce infinitely directly after being born. Ant queens have been called natural examples of a Darwinian one of these things, as changes in reproductive efforts don't affect their life expectancy. Laplace explained causal determinism on a scientific basis using one of these (*) beings capable of predicting the history and future of every particle. Another one of these beings was given its name by Lord Kelvin, and can "open and shut valves," causing a temperature difference without expending any energy. For 10 points, identify this type of being, the most famous scientific example of which appears in a 2nd-Law-of-Thermodynamics-violating thought experiment by James Clerk Maxwell.**

Answer: **demons** <Isaac>

15. This thought experiment was proposed on the assumption of local realism. A response to this thought experiment was later given by John Stewart Bell, who argued that "if a hidden-variable theory is local it will not agree with quantum mechanics, and if it agrees with quantum mechanics it will not be local." One of the physicists involved in this thought experiment, who once said "God does not play dice", described entanglement as "spooky action at a distance"("spukhafte Fernwirkung"). For 10 points, name this thought experiment which indicates that "the description of physical reality provided by quantum mechanics is incomplete".

Answer: Einstein–Podolsky–Rosen paradox (EPR paradox) <mingcan> (i forgot to add power lol - lucas)

16. **In a Robert Bloch short story, this is the final character to be abducted by a time traveler and sent to be tortured to death in a sex dungeon as a title "Toy for Juliette". In Harlan Ellison's sequel to that story, this character is psychologically manipulated and left to aimlessly wander the title "City at the Edge of the World". A widely criticized 2014 novel titled for this man opens with 4th-graders discovering the corpse of a man with a baseball bat shoved up his rectum. That (*) Isabel Allende novel centers on players of an online RPG named after this man attempting to solve real crimes. Because this man was "in a class by [himself]," George Orwell excluded his actions from analysis in the essay "Decline of the English Murder". Lewis Carroll was once theorized to be, for 10 points, what famous unidentified serial killer who stalked the streets of London in 1888?**

Answer: **Jack** the **Ripper** (or the Whitechapel Murderer or the Leather Apron; accept Ripper) <Isaac>

20. **In one film an alien creature referred to as the Hungry Beast is taught the word for this object to help calm it down. Olivia Curry writes that one Hideo Nakata film "...radically subjectifies..." this seemingly innocuous object. In a different film, a child wearing a pumpkin mask, collapses to the ground after looking at this object followed by various bugs and snakes crawling out of his face. A mission is founded with these objects as the focus by someone with the last name O'blivion in a 1983 film. That same founder stated that these objects are(*) reality, and that reality has become less than these objects. In a different film, while in the presence of one of these objects, one character sees a burning tree followed by a finger getting pierced by a nail and a giant pile of maggots. In another film, following an earthquake one character who was entranced by this object promptly declares "They're Here". Max Renn decides to stick his head into one of these objects while in his apartment in one Canadian horror film directed by David Cronenberg. For 10 points name this object where Samara's ghost in The Ring crawls out from to kill someone and gets whipped by Max Renn in Videodrome.**

ANSWER: **Television** <Connor>

21. **Description acceptable. Richard Nevis discovers that this is the answer to the title question, Whatever Became of the McGowans?, in a work by Michael G. Coney. In a Philip K. Dick short story, Henry Harris investigates why soldiers believe this process is occurring after they encounter the title “Pipers” on the asteroid Y-3. In a novel, one character begins doing (*) handstands for long periods and refuses to talk unless pushed over after they believe this process has begun. After the title character of a short story undergoes this process, her husband remarks that she “had never been so beautiful.” For 10 points, identify this process which begins with the appearance of unexplained bruises and ends with the production of berries in Han Kang’s “The Fruit of My Woman”.**

Answer: **becoming a plant** (or descriptions; accept thinking they are a plant; do not accept or prompt on dying or descriptions of dying) <Isaac>

46. **In Red Rising, Darrow is asked to choose from two cards, one bearing an image of this thing and the other a lamb. In a book series titled for this thing, Carson Lusk sabotages a nuclear reactor to blow up a Mars colony, causing humanity to largely abandon the pursuit of space travel. In that book series, Carson later leads a “new order” whose followers are identified by the gemstones they attach to their robes. In one animated series, a character who perpetually causes bad luck is wounded by a (*) scorpion stinger before it is cut off by one of these weapons, which is described by its owner as also being a “customizable, high-impact sniper rifle”. In the Bad Apple!! animation, a petal transforms into Komachi carrying one of these weapons on a boat, and later Elly picks up one of these weapons as it transforms from an umbrella. Because of their similar appearance, Minecraft adventure map creators often rename hoes to this objectively cooler farming tool. For ten points, name this realistically kinda shitty weapon wielded by the Grim Reaper.**

ANSWER: **scythe** [do not accept or prompt on sickle; I took extra care to make sure none of the clues would be ambiguous for sickle vs. scythe but I might have fucked up anyway sorry] <fish>

Bonuses:

1. A pre-Among Us social deduction game named for this city included the roles Vigilante and Mafioso. For 10 points each:

[10e] Name this city that is also the namesake of Sabrina the Teenage Witch’s Cat. Three witches are revived after the virgin protagonist unintentionally fulfills a curse in a movie set in this Massachusetts city.

ANSWER: **Salem**

[10h] Heinrich Kramer wrote this text on witches and how to prosecute them after becoming a little too concerned with the sexual habits of a certain woman and getting kicked out of his diocese. This text was a key factor in the witch trials that plagued Europe during the Protestant Reformation.

ANSWER: **Malleus Maleficarum**

[10m] Kramer's diocese included this Alpine city that the trial of Helena Scheuberin took place in. This two-time host of the Winter Olympics is the largest city and capital of Austria's Tyrol region.

ANSWER: **Innsbruck**

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2. When a savant explained his interpretation of this story, the author said the savant was "stuffed right full of wild blueberry muffins" as no complex meanings had been intended. FTPE:

[10h] Name this story, which is deemed "positive, humanistic, and upbeat" by its author as it shows how people "can be godlike if only we struggle toward such a goal," despite the unfortunate fate of its narrator, Ted.

Answer: **"I Have No Mouth and I Must Scream"**

[10m] Ted utters the title phrase after this sadistic computer condemns him to eternal torture for mercy killing the final humans on earth.

Answer: **AM** [pronounced like the word] (Accept **Allied Mastercomputer**; Accept **Adaptive Manipulator**; Accept **Aggressive Menace**)

[10e] Printings of "I Have No Mouth and I Must Scream" are intended to include breaks formed by lines of computer tape, upon which is printed this phrase. After achieving sentience, AM renames itself after this phrase, first coined by René Descartes.

Answer: **"I think therefore I AM"** [with capital AM or without, not that it matters] or **"Cognito ergo sum"**

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3. In Electric Lit's "A Perfectly Normal Interview with [this author] Where Everything is Fine," the interviewer is rendered physically unable to speak after rudely demanding answers. FTPE...

[10h] Name this author who titled a story after a controversial procedure in which a woman's vagina is surgically tightened after giving birth to enhance her partner's pleasure during future sex. That story, opens this author's debut horror collection, Her Body and Other Parties.

Answer: Carmen Maria **Machado** (please read the full name of the author if they don't say it)

[10m] In the introduction to her edition of this novel, Machado claims it was based on the life of Marcia Maren, a name which unscrambles to Carmen Maria. The title character of this Sheridan Le Fanu novel similarly uses anagrams to hide her past from Laura.

Answer: **Carmilla**

[10e] Le Fanu may have intended vampirism to represent this trait, shown by Laura experiencing a racing heart, rapid breaths, and a "convulsion in which [her] senses left" after she dreams of Carmilla biting her neck. Machado's note on this passage, stating "If this isn't an orgasm, nothing is," emphasizes her belief that Carmilla and Laura possessed this trait.

Answer: **lesbianism** (accept being gay or homosexual; accept attraction to other women or liking women or equivalents)

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4. During a 1982 film, the expansion form of this cinematographic effect is used as Diane Freeling attempts to save Robbie from being sucked into a portal to another dimension. FTPE:

[10m] Identify this effect, which one director was unable to perfect for his film Rebecca. After getting help from Irwin Roberts, that director used this effect to help convey the title sensation of a different film 18 years later.

Answer: **dolly zoom** (or **Hitchcock shot** or **Vertigo shot** or **Jawseffect** or **Zolly shot**)

[10h] In addition to the dolly zoom, Alfred Hitchcock used this cinematographic technique to create a feeling of dizziness in his film Vertigo. In Stanley Kubrick's The Shining, this type of shot is used to track the swinging of the axe in the iconic "Here's Johnny!" scene.

Answer: **whip pan** shot (or **swish pan**; prompt on **pan shot**)

[10e] Hitchcock also popularized the use of this other cinematographic effect, which, despite its name, originated in Germany. The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari was the first film to achieve this effect, although in that film, it was done by creating a tilted set rather than tilting the camera.

Answer: **Dutch angle** (or **Dutch tilt** or **canted angle** or **oblique angle**)

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5. You can't remember much, but Dr. Bright just informed you that you're going to have to relearn the basics of your job. FTPE:

[10e] Dr. Bright tells you that you are a member of this organization, tasked with dealing with all the paranormal aspects of our existence. Dr. Bright then hands you a file stamped with this organization's motto, "Secure, Contain, Protect".

Answer: the **SCP** Foundation

[10m] Reading the file, you learn that your memory troubles come from the fact that you appear to be part of this division of the SCP Foundation titled for an idea with self-censoring properties, "which by its very nature, discourages or prevents people from spreading it." However, it's unclear to you if this division actually exists or not.

Answer: the **Anti-memetics** Division

[10h] The source of all this confusion about anti-memes appears to stem from this Keter-class SCP somehow contained within Site 19. All the information you have about this SCP is that it is definitely not a sphere and that it is your sole job to remember that it does in fact exist. Shouldn't be too hard to do...whatever it was you were supposed to do, right?

Answer: SCP-**055**

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6. This element is the 25th-most abundant element and the most common of the lanthanides. Besides the oxidation state of +3 characteristic of the series, a stable +4 state of this element that does not oxidize water also exists and such property can be utilized to extract this element from its ores. The hexahydrate nitrate salt of this element can serve as a component in a burn treatment cream. YAG (Yttrium Aluminium Garnet) phosphor doped with this element is used in conjunction with blue light-emitting diodes to produce white light in most commercial white LED light sources. Name this rare-earth element with atomic number 58.

Answer: **Cerium (Ce)**

When cerium(IV) sulfate mixes with potassium bromate, malonic acid and citric acid in dilute sulfuric acid, the ratio of the concentration of the cerium(IV) and cerium(III) ions oscillates, causing the color of the solution to switch between yellow and colorless. Name this oscillating chemical reaction that serves as a classical example of non-equilibrium thermodynamics.

Answer: **Belousov-Zhabotinsky reaction (B-Z reaction)**

Belousov's attempt to publish his findings was rejected at first because it was difficult to explain the mechanism of the chemical oscillator. Theoretical chemistry study afterward revealed that chemical reactions do not have to be dominated by equilibrium thermodynamic behavior. Name this Russian-Belgian physical chemist who won the Nobel Chemistry Prize in 1977 for his contributions to non-equilibrium thermodynamics, particularly the theory of dissipative structures.

Answer: Ilya **Prigogine**

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7. POV: You are Dracula. You are starting to get a bit lonely in your castle only running into other undead, so you decide to start your own menagerie to spice things up. Name some animals you decide to buy at Bed Bat and Beyond, for ten points each:

[10m] Your first purchase is to acquire this deep-sea cephalopod for your 40 million liter aquarium. Its common name is derived from the unusual black webbing that connects its spiny arms, giving it a cloak-like appearance as it moves through the water.

ANSWER: **vampire squid** [prompt on squid]

[10h] Amused by the name, you decide to continue with the vampire naming theme and add a vampiric species of this songbird to your backyard aviary. It is able to subsist on the blood of Nazca and Blue-footed Boobies and has a distinct intestinal microbiome from the other songbirds in their family on the Galapagos.

ANSWER: vampire ground **finch**

[10e] Although you're worried it might be too cliché, you decide to get a few of the vampire type of this animal, the only mammal to sustain itself exclusively on blood. It is considered a pest due to its ability to transmit rabies when feeding on livestock.

ANSWER: **vampire bat**

[10??] As a jumpscare, here's a surprise fourth bonus part, because we—I mean, Dracula—couldn't stop finding animals named after vampires. The vampire type of this arthropod is named for its bright yellow eyes. This arthropod is often mistakenly thought to not have an abdomen, since it is greatly reduced and held tightly against the thorax, hiding it from view.

ANSWER: vampire **crab**

[10eh] You are absolutely tickled to learn this arthropod species is named after Dracula due to feeding on the hemolymph, or blood, of its larvae. This arthropod's bite—which causes its jaws to snap closed at a speed of 90 meters per second—is the fastest movement recorded of any animal on Earth.

ANSWER: Dracula **ant**

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8. In an interview, Lisa Guerrero exasperatedly states "I'm right here" after a member of this profession asks her if she is currently missing. FTPE:

[10e] Identify this scammy profession. Robert Browning once tackled a member of this profession, who was pretending to be an apparition of Browning's dead son during a seance.

Answer: **psychics** (or **mediums**; prompt on magicians or performers or con artists)

[10h] This prolific psychic-debunker claimed to have investigated over 1000 psychics without finding any who were legit. When asked to testify before Congress, this woman caused chaos by revealing that several senators and President Coolidge had sought psychic readings.

Answer: Rose **Mackenburg**

[10m] Mackenbug was hired to a team of investigators by this man. This skeptic debunked psychics from beyond the grave by creating a secret code with his wife to prove posthumous contact. The code was never authentically imparted, despite 10 years of annual seances after this man's death in 1926.

Answer: Harry **Houdini** (or Erich Weisz) <isaac>