

COW NEWS

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Attack!**

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On a nice afternoon of October 28th, 2009, a little bird was quietly flying on Peace Avenue and decided to settle on an electric wire. At that moment, the innocent bird didn't know it had just interrupted the phone call between Boucherie Sanzot and Château de Moulinsart, and, more importantly, between John Smith and NASA (as his name indicates, John Smith works for NASA; all NASA workers are named John Smith, and vice-versa). Mr. Smith was waiting for NASA to call back, but he wanted to get his baguette from the baker's which was supposed to close at 2:00 pm. It was already 1:57 pm so he decided to run to the baker's. As he was in a hurry, he accidentally (and stupidly) left his wallet there, with his NASA video store loyalty card inside. Bread Pitt, the baker, who coincidentally worked for NSA (not NASA), picked it up. Furious at such a lack of professionalism, he decided to send an e-mail to NASA, to tell the story. Once they received it, NASA workers, who enjoy a bit of fun, started to arm a nuclear missile and replied to Mr. Pitt that they were going to send it onto NSA HQ, to teach

them to mind their own business. They weren't in any danger as the only way to launch the missile is to push a 4-meter-high red button behind a glass locked with 3 keys hidden in different countries. Unfortunately, Miss Carmen Howl, the cleaner (of course, her name isn't John Smith as she is a woman) who was busy waxing the floor, happened to read the e-mail. Then she started to laugh very loud, so loud that the glass broke. John Smith (not the one who lost his wallet but the one who has a beard) ran to get a ladder to replace the glass, then slipped on the (recently) waxed floor, and the ladder fell exactly onto the red button, which launched the nuclear missile.

NASA hopes you will forgive them for such a silly accident and advises you to stay calm and eat your five pieces of fruit and vegetables a day. The best ornithologists are currently looking for the main actor responsible for the disaster. It is said to have at least one beak and two feathers. Once it is caught, it will have to stop the missile... or repair any damage, should it be too late.

Washington Bank robbery

The Washington Bank, known for its very high security system, was finally robbed on Monday afternoon.

John Cash, the bank manager, had planned a robbery exercise for that day, but Arnold Armstrong, the security manager, spilled the beans the day before. Indeed, Mr. Armstrong was in a pub on Sunday. As he had drunk a bit more than usual, he mentioned the robbery exercise. The waiter, Gus Sip, who was one of the bankers' brothers, heard the conversation and called his sister, Gin Sip, to tell her. Ms. Sip informed all the other bankers, plus her best friend Jolly Jumper.

On Monday, at 1:35 pm, three men with hoods and guns entered the bank, asking the bankers to open the strongroom. Some quietly obeyed, the rest of them stayed put, smiling, hands raised, one of them even kept on knitting a scarf. At 2:29 pm, the men left.

One hour later, at 3:43 pm, three other men, with hoods and guns too, entered the bank and asked the bankers to open the strongroom. The bankers, realizing they were faced with "real" robbers, got an idea. They indeed open the strongroom, then, when the robbers came in, immediately closed it – anyway, there wasn't any money in it anymore.

At 4:30 pm, Mr. Cash, who had the day off, was wondering why the fake robbers he had hired still hadn't called to report the exercise. So he decided to go to the bank. The happy bankers told him the good news, but he realized the men caught by the bankers were the fake robbers.

An investigation by the police revealed that the real robbers were three brothers living with their mother, Jolly Jumper. They are still on the run.

Recipes

Chocolate Milk

1. Put chocolate powder into a bowl.
 2. Put milk into the same bowl (if you're under 18, ask a parent to do so).
 3. Blend.
 4. You're all set!
- N.B.: To make water, you can use water powder and water too.

Butter Biscuits*

Ingredients:

- Some flour.
- Some water.
- Some butter.
- Some eggs.
- Some time.

Recipe:

1. Put the flour F into a container C.
2. Cut the butter into little regular octahedrons of 2 cm edge length and put them into the container C.
3. Rotate C by 90 degrees.
4. Add the sugar S (into container C again, be careful!) then try to model a Pisa Tower P1 with the whole mixture M. (very difficult and optional)
5. Make a hole into your Pisa Tower P1 or your mixture M and break the whole egg into it.
6. Blend until you get a blue dough, or until you get fed up.
7. Put the container (with the dough in it) to the fridge F. (Don't forget to close the door of the fridge.)
8. One hour later, take your dough out (it's in the fridge F, remember) and cut it into small biscuits that you lay on a tray T.
9. Put the tray T into the oven.
10. Let it cook for 12 minutes at 300 °F (if you're in a hurry, you can put it for 6 minutes at 600 °F and so on).
11. Taste one of the biscuits. If it's not good, try another one. If the result is the same, throw it all and go to the shop to fetch butter biscuits.
12. You're all set!

* You can make Better Biscuits adding some cinnamon and Bitter Biscuits replacing sugar with orange peel (use with caution).

Victoria's Secret

Part II of V

She was staring at him and thinking of what he had just said. He was right. That made her regret what she had done an hour earlier.

Eve: I'm sure we can find a way to arrange this.

Kyle: I don't think so. We don't have much time. In a couple of minutes, they will be here.

She took the white powder and started to make a line with it.

Kyle: Don't do this! You've already taken too much of this!

Eve: Let me do it! I'm the one in charge!

Kyle: I don't want you to do the same thing as last year.

Eve: Are you talking about Victoria?

Kyle: You let her sink! I just wanted you to fix things.

Eve: Yeah, but why did you give me such a big hammer for this?

Kyle: I thought you knew how to use it properly.

Eve: It all was an accident.

Kyle: Anyway ... She's gone. Forever.

The door opens.

Josh: Mum, Dad, here I am with my friends! Is the cake ready?

Kyle: Sure, kid. [then, to his wife] Let's hope they won't notice you put too much cinnamon in it, like I said.

Eve: That's why I wanted to cover it with icing sugar ... [to the kid] Happy birthday, Josh!

Josh: Where are my gifts?

Kyle: Look, in the garden! In the swimming-pool.

Josh: A boat! But why is it called "Victoria II"?

Eve: Actually, last year, I ...

Kyle: Let's say Victoria couldn't keep afloat.

Suddenly, the phone rang.

Obituary

Last night, at the ENS Lyon, five people were playing hopscotch with real Scotch, in the garden. One moment later, they decided to play hide-and-seek inside instead. During the game, the fire alarm rang (it was a training exercise). But only two of them went out. The other three were found dead several minutes later (incidentally, the headmaster scolded the Pôle Patrimoine et Logistique because he thought they had set real fire to the school for the exercise). Miss Scarlett is among the victims, but a letter was found in her bag: "I killed somebody, but I won't tell who, else it would spoil the game.", so she is among the suspects too.

Here you have a grid, made up of 3 subgrids: Suspects vs. Victims, Suspects vs. Rooms, Rooms vs. Victims.

Each case matches a statement (e.g. "Miss Scarlett vs. Kitchen" means "Miss Scarlett killed someone in the kitchen.") and has to be filled with a T if the statement is true, with an F if it isn't. As we know that all the suspects have committed a crime, it is logical that, in each subgrid, there should be exactly one T per row, and one T per column (if Professor Plum killed Colonel Mustard, he couldn't kill Miss Scarlett too).

The "Clues" are some true statements that help you to fill the grid.

Who killed who and where?

		Victims			Rooms		
		Miss Scarlett	Colonel Mustard	Reverend Green	Kitchen	Lounge	Library
Suspects	Miss Scarlett						
	Mrs. Peacock						
	Professor Plum						
Rooms	Kitchen						
	Lounge						
	Library						

Clues

1. Colonel Mustard was killed in the kitchen.
2. Nobody committed suicide.
3. Professor Plum would never hurt a woman.
4. Miss Scarlett is allergic to books.

Quiz

What kind of worker are you?

1° What field are you working in?

A: Computer Science.

C: Video games.

B: Other. (go directly to 3°)

D: You are not working. (go directly to work)

2° Do you really think you are working?

B: Yes, I do.

A: Well, less than in other fields.

D: At least I'm answering this quiz.

C: It depends on your definition of "working."

3° If you had to do an assignment that has to be corrected by Thursday by your teacher, when would you send it?

B: On Tuesday. (go directly to 5°)

A: On Wednesday, just before another lesson where I will be late, or where I won't go at all :(

C: On Friday.

D: What assignment, again?

4° Why so late?

B: Because I'm such a perfectionist that I'm looking on the Internet for the correct typography for minor details (e.g. is it 1°), 1) or 1°? Is it "a." or "a".? Is it "a?" or "a"??), and it takes time while I am already in a hurry.

C: Because I had lots of other things to do.

A: B and C.

D: I said: "What assignment, again?" (go directly to hell)

5° What other things do you do?

B: I cook, water my plants, iron my clothes and I'm pretty good at cup and ball.

A: I design posters for some clubs, rehearse with my friends for tomorrow's concert, prepare oral examinations in Mathematics. (go directly to... well come on, overcome your pride!)

C: Things.

D: Well, the other day I remember asking a friend to get a baguette at the baker's for me.

6° Do you know that you must give priority to your work?

D: Well, give me some.

B: What else could I give priority to?

C: Hey, that's a good idea. I'll think of that.

A: Yes. But sometimes I happen to forget it (due to the numerous clubs, I always have something to do).

7° Isn't this quiz a kind of confession, a way to do and justify your work without doing it really?

B: Not at all.

D: I prefer not doing it at all, if you want my opinion.

C: (laughing, embarrassed)

A: ... Yes.

Results

If you got a majority of A: You're the egocentric creator of this quiz.

If you got a majority of B: You're (maybe too) serious about your work, or you're a liar.

If you got a majority of C: You like to play with words. That's quite a hiding place! No-one can really know what you're thinking. You should be a politician.

If you got a majority of D: You're ... such ... a ... lazy ... guy ...

If you got a majority of E: Well, restart the quiz.

Movie Reviews

Des serpents dans l'avion (1999)

This French film, directed by Kaa Python, is a remake of the 1942 film *Star Wars*, where stars have been replaced with snakes and space with sky. Jean Dupont wants to spend his holiday in Hawaii but meets a snake in the plane, which he kills. Then, another snake appears, which he kills, and so on for 3 hours and a half. At the end, in Hawaii, when he gets out, he slips on a banana peel and breaks his neck. This movie won the César du meilleur premier film, which is incredible because it was Python's first film.

Dessert pend dans l'avion (2004)

Kaa Python, determined to win another César du meilleur premier film, made a sequel to *Des serpents dans l'avion*. This is a horror movie in which, following a looping, all of the jelly desserts hang from the ceiling, which is an horrible sight. As the pilot has jelly on the dashboard too, he can't control the plane so it crashes. The movie was poorly received. On IMDb it gets the relatively bad mark of 0.7/10.

Des cerfs pendant l'avion (2010)

Probably Python's masterpiece. As the title indicates, it has something to do with deer. We discover that the plane, already seen in *Dessert pend dans l'avion*, actually crashed on the Moon. Hitomi Kanzaki, the only survivor, tries to find a phone booth but meets "beers", a special form of bizarre deer, that want to hang the plane. Very moving.

Kaa Python is currently shooting *Dés serrent paons dans l'avion* (something about peafowls that play *jeu de l'oie* (snakes and ladders) in a plane). We will inform you as soon as we get news.

Interview

COW: Mr. Python, I will start this interview with the most obvious question that everybody wants to ask: "Why are all your movies about planes?"

P.: I like planes. I like Geometry.

COW: Well, OK. In your third film, the leading character has a Japanese name. Why?

P.: People say mangas make money, I wanted to give it a try. Today, young people remember names that they

can't even pronounce more easily.

COW: Where do you find the inspiration that helps you to write such scenarios?

P.: I watch a lot of American soap operas like *The Young and The Restless* or *Days of our Lives*.

COW: Now, more personal questions. You are fond of Mathematics, aren't you?

P.: I'm used to calculating pi decimals between two shoots, indeed.

COW: I heard that you kept counting everything. Is it true?

P.: That's funny, you're the sixth person to ask. That's not really true. I only count when I'm annoyed.

COW: A last word?

P.: Six, rather. Please watch my movies!

COW: Thanks for your time!

P.: These 34 minutes were a pleasure.

Ads

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- Honest Italian flour millers are looking for a nice person to deliver flour bags. Well paid. Please contact cosa.nostra@ens-lyon.fr.
- Angry head of the household is still looking for that f***** remote control!
- Little girl is looking for a clever way to be published in COW News.
- PhD student is looking for friends, please write to me! (*editorial note: actually, he forgot to mention his address*)
- Angry head of the household is cooking for the whole family tonight and is still looking for the f***** salt!
- Writer is looking four puns.
- Challenging child is looking any way to speak English correctly.

Agony Aunt

- Dear Jane,
I'm writing today because I'm very disappointed: in the last Cow News, you published the ranking of the 100 most intelligent people in the world. When I read it, I was surprised not to find myself in the first rank, so I checked the second one, it wasn't me either, so I checked the third, and so on until the end of the list. Please correct this right now, else I will be obliged to warn my father, who knows the dog of the cousin of the brother-in-law of your boss very well, and you will be fired.

Henri-Alexandre des Chutes du Ventoux de
La Rochebière

- Dear H-A,
I'm really sorry, but due to obscure reasons (technical difficulties, to be more precise), we can't correct the ranking. But don't worry, you are a serious candidate for so many rankings (100 most pretentious people, 100 people having the longest name, 100 most dangerous people for the sake of humanity, 100 living proofs that evolution is possible ...) that I think you'll soon appear in our newspaper.
Best (if I may say so),

Agony Aunt

- Dear diary,
Today I met Brandon, who is really the man I want to marry. His yellow shirt is so cute, and matches the dress of his chihuahua so well! So far I have known him for 3 years and 2 days and I haven't talked to him yet. I'm sure he doesn't know of me. But we will end up together and have 4 children I will call Huey, Dewey, Louie and D'Artagnan. Oh and I nearly forgot, last night I dreamed that my room was repainted in pink with yellow polka dots. It was wonderful!

Susie Clumsy

- Dear Susie,
I think you should check your diary, there you may find the letter you wanted to send us (don't worry, that kind of mistake happens to nearly anyone). Oh and you should talk to this Brandon. He may dislike Uncle Scrooge, which would lead to the total annihilation of your so-well-mapped-out future.

Agony Aunt

Horoscope

ARIES

Love: If you weren't so abrupt, it would be easier to find your soul mate.

Work: You're so clumsy that you can't help ramming into people, doors...

Health: You'll suffer from insomnia. Try counting sheep.

TAURUS

Love: You'll fall in love with a cow-boy or cow-girl today.

Work: Stop rushing blindly, and avoid red. People think you are impulsive.

Health: Don't be such a cow. You eat too much!

GEMINI

Love: You are too narcissistic to love anyone ... except yourself.

Work: Don't try to send your twin brother to do your job at your place!

Health: You'll feel a bit schizophrenic today. But in the twinkling of an eye, it will turn out right.

CANCER

Love: Bring your soul mate to a "concert".

Work: You work too much. Why don't you try crab-fishing instead?

Health: Stop smoking.

LEO

Love: One boy/girl at a time. Please.

Work: You always want to be the king, to carve the lion's share! Your workmates don't appreciate this.

Health: Don't forget you may die tonight.

VIRGO

Love: Be patient. It will come.

Work: You should take a break to "reinvirgorate" in the mountains.

Health: Your mind goes blank. You should write important things on virgin paper.

LIBRA

Love: You hesitate between two persons.

Work: The balance of payments of the company you're working in isn't doing well. Be careful, you may be fired.

Health: Check the scale: you are fat. A balanced diet would be better for you.

SCORPIO

Love: People seem to avoid you. It feels as if you were in a desert.

Work: Your vocation is to work in a needle factory.

Health: You should try acupuncture.

SAGITTARIUS

Love: Stop betting on the horses and go get a boy/girl!

Work: You aim a bit high.

Health: You eat like a horse!

CAPRICORN

Love: You are such a goat! Being capricious, you move from one girl to another...

Work: You like to act the goat, which seems to annoy your boss.

Health: You "go at" top speed.

AQUARIUS

Love: Stop shedding tears and go get a boy/girl!

Work: You should consider working as a lifeguard.

Health: "Drink 1.5 litres a day" is just a selling point.

PISCES

Love: With girls, you seem like a fish out of water.

Work: People want to rip you off. Don't take the bait.

Health: Calm down. Everything seems to give you hives.