

Episode 193

With Vanguard Anticheat coming to a League of Legends near you, it's worth knowing more about how it works and why it isn't the saviour you might think it is. We discuss the history of cheating, and why Anticheat never seems to work properly.

GRRM has some things to say about toxicity and the AntiFan. The AntiFan is a creature of hatred, dedicated to tearing down creators. But why?

You probably have some bad habits that you won't admit to. But if you pick your nose you might want to think twice, because nose picking might be linked to Alzheimers

Topics

Riot Games' Vanguard more like VanDon't

- [The Cracks in Riot Vanguard's Shield: Anti-Cheat and The Secret Battle With Hackers - Esportsheaven](#)

George R Martin : "Toxicity Is Growing"

- ['Game Of Thrones' Creator George R.R. Martin Says "Toxicity Is Growing" In Fandom Culture, Laments How "Social Media Is Ruled By Anti-Fans" Who "Delight In Dancing On The Graves Of Anyone Whose Film Has Flopped" - Bounding Into Comics](#)

Nose picking is linked to Alzheimer's

- [New research links the habit of nose picking to Alzheimer's disease | - Times of India](#)

Other topics discussed

Dell advertised a new laptop in China by claiming it was great for cheating at PUBG

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GunZ: The Duel (**GunZ: The Duel** ([Korean](#): 건즈 온라인), or simply **GunZ**, was an [online third-person shooting game](#),^[1] created by [South Korean](#)-based [MAIET Entertainment](#). It was [free-to-play](#), with a [microtransaction](#) business model for purchasing premium in-game items. The game allowed players to perform exaggerated, gravity-defying action moves, including wall running, stunning, tumbling, and blocking bullets with swords, in the style of [action films](#) and [anime](#).

- [GunZ: The Duel - Wikipedia](#)

Enhanced Games (a planned international sports event where the athletes will not be subject to [drug testing](#). It is headed by Aron D'Souza, Australian businessman, and meant to take place in December 2024.)

- [Enhanced Games - Wikipedia](#)

Russia Embroiled In Another Olympic Drug Scandal. Here's How It All Started.

- <https://www.forbes.com/sites/annakaplan/2022/02/09/russias-embroiled-in-another-olympic-drug-scandal-heres-how-it-all-started/?sh=665830531882>

Exclusive: Doping-Education first but drug-testing in gamers' future, says WADA

- [Exclusive: Doping-Education first but drug-testing in gamers' future, says WADA | Reuters](#)

Can someone explain the network bubble

- https://www.reddit.com/r/dayz/comments/1kxwuj/can_someone_explain_the_network_bubble/?rdt=34508

Combating Unfair Play: Anti-Cheating Policies and Tools for Online Chess Tournaments

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MSI's 240Hz 4K OLED monitor uses AI to turn you into a League of Legends god

- [MSI's 4K OLED monitor uses AI to turn you into a League of Legends god | PCWorld](#)

Starship Troopers (film) (a 1997 American [science fiction action film](#) directed by [Paul Verhoeven](#) and written by [Edward Neumeier](#), based on the [1959 novel of the same name](#) by [Robert A. Heinlein](#). Set in the 23rd century, the story follows teenager Johnny Rico and his friends serving in the military of the United Citizen Federation, an Earth [world government](#) engaged in [interstellar war](#) with an alien species of Arachnids. The film stars [Casper Van Dien](#), [Dina Meyer](#), [Denise Richards](#), [Jake Busey](#), [Neil Patrick Harris](#), [Patrick Muldoon](#), and [Michael Ironside](#).)

- [Starship Troopers \(film\) - Wikipedia](#)

Starship Troopers (a [military science fiction](#) novel by American writer [Robert A. Heinlein](#). Written in a few weeks in reaction to the US [suspending nuclear tests](#), the story was first published as a two-part serial in [The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction](#) as **Starship Soldier**, and published as a book by [G. P. Putnam's Sons](#) on November 5, 1959.)

- [Starship Troopers - Wikipedia](#)

Cowboy Bebop (2021 TV series) (a 2021 American [space Western streaming television](#) series. It is a [live action](#) series based on the 1998 Japanese [anime](#) television series [Cowboy Bebop](#) and the 2001 Japanese anime [Cowboy Bebop: The Movie](#).)

- [Cowboy Bebop \(2021 TV series\) - Wikipedia](#)

8+ years of awful, politicized English localizations in games and anime

- [8+ years of awful, politicized English localizations in games and anime - Niche Gamer](#)

The Witcher (TV series) (a [fantasy drama](#) television series created by [Lauren Schmidt Hissrich](#) for [Netflix](#). It is based on the book series [of the same name\[a\]](#) by Polish writer [Andrzej Sapkowski](#). Set on a fictional, [medieval](#)-inspired landmass known as the Continent, *The Witcher* explores the legend of [Geralt of Rivia](#), [Yennefer of Vengerberg](#) and [Princess Ciri](#). It stars [Henry Cavill](#), [Anya Chalotra](#), and [Freya Allan](#).)

- [The Witcher \(TV series\) - Wikipedia](#)

Velma (TV series) (an American [adult animated mystery](#) television series that was based on the character [Velma Dinkley](#) from the [Scooby-Doo](#) franchise. Developed and created by [Charlie Grandy](#) for [HBO Max](#), it stars executive producer [Mindy Kaling](#) as the voice of the titular character, with [Sam Richardson](#), [Constance Wu](#) and [Glenn Howerton](#) in supporting roles. Grandy also serves as the showrunner of the series. It revolves around Velma Dinkley and the other human members of Mystery Inc. before their official formation, making it the first television series in the franchise to not feature the character [Scooby-Doo](#).)

- [Velma \(TV series\) - Wikipedia](#)

[penguinz0](#) - Hate Watching

- [Hate Watching](#)

Netflix's Avatar the Last Airbender showrunner says there is no war in Ba Sing Se

- <https://twitter.com/SierraWhiskey9/status/1755019429585551651>

The MCU Writers admit that they do not know anything about comics

- <https://twitter.com/Geekdaddy75/status/1754518658758402371>

Avatar: The Last Airbender' showrunners say they needed balance so the show would appeal to the original fans, along with people who liked 'Game of Thrones'. "It couldn't just be for kids... it had to feel grounded and mature and adult in that way."

- <https://twitter.com/screentime/status/1753415694392189383>

Spiders Georg (an [Internet meme](#) that began circulating on the [microblogging](#) website [Tumblr](#) in 2013. It was created by Max Lavergne as a humorous post involving a [common misconception](#) about the average number of [spiders](#) accidentally swallowed per year by each human, and saw an increase in popularity the following year.)

- [Spiders Georg - Wikipedia](#)

Danger triangle of the face (The **danger triangle of the face** which consists of the area from the corners of the [mouth](#) to the bridge of the [nose](#), including the nose and [maxilla](#). Due to the special nature of the [blood](#) supply to the [human nose](#) and surrounding area, it is possible for retrograde infection from the nasal area to spread to the [brain](#), causing [cavernous sinus thrombosis](#), [meningitis](#), or [brain abscess](#).)

- [Danger triangle of the face - Wikipedia](#)

Mucus (a slippery aqueous secretion produced by, and covering, [mucous membranes](#). It is typically produced from cells found in [mucous glands](#), although it may also originate from mixed glands, which contain both [serous](#) and mucous cells.)

- [Mucus - Wikipedia](#)

Cerebrospinal fluid (a clear, colorless [body fluid](#) found within the [tissue](#) that surrounds the [brain](#) and [spinal cord](#) of all [vertebrates](#).)

- [Cerebrospinal fluid - Wikipedia](#)

The Body Snatchers (a science fiction novel by American writer [Jack Finney](#), originally serialized in [Collier's](#) magazine in November–December 1954 and published in book form the following year.)

- [The Body Snatchers - Wikipedia](#)

Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1978 film) (a 1978 American [science-fiction horror film](#)^[1] directed by [Philip Kaufman](#) and starring [Donald Sutherland](#), [Brooke Adams](#), [Veronica Cartwright](#), [Jeff Goldblum](#), and [Leonard Nimoy](#). Released on December 22, 1978, it is based on the 1955 novel [The Body Snatchers](#) by [Jack Finney](#). The novel was previously adapted into [the 1956 film of the same name](#).)

- [Invasion of the Body Snatchers \(1978 film\) - Wikipedia](#)

Space Shuttle Challenger disaster (On January 28, 1986, the [Space Shuttle Challenger](#) broke apart 73 seconds into its flight, killing all seven crew members aboard. The spacecraft disintegrated 46,000 feet (14 km) above the Atlantic Ocean, off the coast of [Cape Canaveral](#), Florida, at 11:39 a.m. [EST](#) (16:39 [UTC](#)). It was the first fatal accident involving an [American spacecraft](#) while in flight.)

- [Space Shuttle Challenger disaster - Wikipedia](#)

Barack Obama citizenship conspiracy theories (During [Barack Obama's campaign for president](#) in [2008](#), throughout [his presidency](#) and afterwards, there was extensive news coverage of Obama's religious preference, birthplace, and of the individuals questioning his [religious belief](#) and citizenship – efforts eventually known as the "**birther movement**", by which name it is widely referred to across media.)

- [Barack Obama citizenship conspiracy theories - Wikipedia](#)

Obama lampoons Trump, releases 'birth video' at annual dinner

- [Obama lampoons Trump, releases 'birth video' at annual dinner - CNN.com](#)

Everything Is AWESOME!!! -- The LEGO® Movie -- Tegan and Sara feat. The Lonely Island

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Shout Outs

Messed Up Moment in Nerdom #2 : Here come the pod people - Invasion of the Body Snatchers - [The Most Messed-Up Sci-Fi Movie Moments](#)

The 1978 remake of *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* is playing on some really primal fears. We've got body horror, doppelgängers, and people afraid they might die in their sleep. And in a movie filled with screwed-up scenes (that freaky dog), maybe the most disturbing moment comes when we finally see the pod people in action.

To set the scene, Dr. Matthew Bennell (Donald Sutherland) is a San Francisco psychologist who stumbles upon an extraterrestrial conspiracy. Creatures from another world have infiltrated Earth, and they plan on creating emotionless clones of human beings using gigantic vegetable pods. That might sound corny, but it's actually pretty disgusting when we see their methods firsthand, as Matthew takes a nap next to a garden full of alien pods.

As he tries to sleep, one of the pods bursts open, and little tendrils wrap around Matthew's arm, sucking his life force and creating his mirror image. Soon, the pod gives birth to a slimy, silk-covered fetus, one that shakes and groans and drips with goo. In just a matter of seconds, the monstrous clone starts resembling Matthew, but fortunately for our hero, he wakes up in time to find a garden full of gelatinous pod people, all writhing, wriggling, and covered in slime.

Disgusted and horrified, he grabs a gardening hoe and goes to town on his clone. By the time it's all done, even the thought of a salad is enough to make us sick.

February 07, 2024 - 40th anniversary of [Space Shuttle program](#): [STS-41-B](#) Mission where astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart make the first untethered space walk using the Manned Maneuvering Unit (MMU). - [STS-41-B - Wikipedia](#)

On 7 February, the fourth day of the mission, astronauts McCandless and Stewart performed the first untethered spacewalk, operating the Manned Maneuvering Unit (MMU) for the first time. At 8:25 a.m. EST, pulsing the MMU's thrusters, McCandless ventured out of *Challenger's* payload bay, and reached 98 m (322 ft) from the orbiter. Stewart tested the "work station" foot restraint at the end of the Remote Manipulator System (Canadarm). On the seventh day of the mission, both astronauts performed another extravehicular activity (EVA) to practice capture procedures for the Solar Maximum Mission (SMM) satellite retrieval and repair operation, which was planned for the next mission, STS-41-C.

Astronaut Bruce McCandless II sued singer [Dido](#) in 2010 over the use of a public domain photo of him in space on this mission on her 2008 album [Safe Trip Home](#).

Feb 7 2024 - 50th anniversary of Blazing Saddles

- [Blazing Saddles - Wikipedia](#)

- [Blazing Saddles \(1974\) - IMDb](#)

Blazing Saddles is a 1974 American [satirical postmodernist Western black comedy film](#) directed by [Mel Brooks](#), who co-wrote the screenplay with [Andrew Bergman](#), [Richard Pryor](#), [Norman Steinberg](#) and [Alan Uger](#), based on a story treatment by Bergman. The film stars [Cleavon Little](#) and [Gene Wilder](#). The film received generally positive reviews from critics and audiences, was nominated for three [Academy Awards](#) and is ranked number six on the [American Film Institute's 100 Years...100 Laughs](#) list.

The film is full of deliberate [anachronisms](#), from the [Count Basie Orchestra](#) playing "[April in Paris](#)" in the Wild West, to Pickens's character mentioning the [Wide World of Sports](#).

The idea came from a story outline written by Andrew Bergman that he originally intended to develop and produce himself. "I wrote a first draft called *Tex-X*" (a play on [Malcolm X](#)'s name), he said. "[Alan Arkin](#) was hired to direct and [James Earl Jones](#) was going to play the sheriff. That fell apart, as things often do." Brooks was taken with the story, which he described as "hip talk—1974 talk and expressions—happening in 1874 in the Old West", and purchased the film rights from Bergman. Though he had not worked with a writing team since [Your Show of Shows](#), he hired a group of writers (including Bergman) to expand the outline, and posted a large sign: "Please do not write a polite script."

The original title, *Tex X*, was rejected to avoid it being mistaken for an [X-rated film](#), as were *Black Bart* – a reference to [Black Bart](#), a white [highwayman](#) of the 19th century – and *Purple Sage*. Brooks said he finally conceived *Blazing Saddles* one morning while taking a shower.

When the film was first screened for Warner Brothers executives, almost none of them laughed, and the movie looked to be a disaster that the studio would not release. However, [Mel Brooks](#) quickly set up a subsequent screening for the studio's employees. When these regular folks laughed uproariously throughout the movie, Warner Brothers finally agreed to take a chance on releasing it.

(at around 41 mins) Supposedly, this movie officially marks the first time the sound of farting has ever been used in a film (at least according to the filmmakers in the DVD documentary). According to [Mel Brooks](#), they came up with the idea after watching numerous old westerns where cowboys only consume black coffee and plates of beans, concluding that such a food combination would inevitably lead to farting.

During a speech honoring [Mel Brooks](#) as a Kennedy Center Honoree, former President [Barack Obama](#) mentioned going to see this film at the age of 12. When Brooks asked how he got in with the ratings restriction, Obama replied, "I think I had a fake ID, that I got with my fake birth certificate" before adding, "The statute of limitations has passed."

Feb 7 2024 - 10th anniversary of the Lego Movie

- [The Lego Movie - Wikipedia](#)

- [The Lego Movie \(2014\) - IMDb](#)

The Lego Movie is a 2014 animated [adventure comedy film](#) co-produced by [Warner Animation Group](#), [Village Roadshow Pictures](#), [Lego System A/S](#), [Vertigo Entertainment](#), and Lin Pictures, and distributed by [Warner Bros. Pictures](#). It was written and directed by [Phil Lord and Christopher Miller](#) from a story they co-wrote with [Dan and Kevin Hageman](#), based on the [Lego](#) line of construction toys. The film stars the voices of [Chris Pratt](#), [Will Ferrell](#), [Elizabeth Banks](#), [Will Arnett](#), [Nick Offerman](#), [Alison Brie](#), [Charlie Day](#), [Liam Neeson](#), and [Morgan Freeman](#). A [collaboration](#) between [production houses](#) from the United States, Australia, and Denmark, its story focuses on Emmet Brickowski (Pratt), an ordinary [Lego minifigure](#) who helps a [resistance movement](#) stop a tyrannical businessman (Ferrell) from gluing everything in the Lego world into his vision of perfection.

The Lego Movie was strongly inspired by the visual aesthetic and stylistics of [Brickfilms](#) and qualities attributed to [Lego Studios](#) sets. The film received a great deal of praise in the respective online communities from filmmakers and fans, who saw the film as appraising nod to their work.

The creators deliberately tried to make the movie feel like stop-motion animation, and avoided making the computer-generated effects look too obvious. This was done, to make the movie look like it contained real LEGO.

With the exception of unique pieces for the characters in the film (President Business's hair and evil helmet) every LEGO piece in the movie exists, and can be used in sets.

In order to add more realism to the movie, the LEGO bricks have scratches, fading, and even fingerprints to make the movie look like someone was manipulating real bricks in a stop-motion fashion. The bricks are also affected by their locations, with the bricks in The Old West realm being more dusty and faded from the sunlight.

Vitruvius' ([Morgan Freeman](#)'s) staff is actually a chewed up lollipop, and in most cases, the stick of a lollipop will fit a minifigure's hand.

This is the first animated film for [Morgan Freeman](#).

Everything in the movie was designed to look as if built out of LEGO pieces. This even includes effects like water, fire, laser bolts, explosions, and smoke. For instance, the lasers are actually transparent LEGO rods (commonly known as "Lightsaber blades"), while smaller puffs of smoke are LEGO ice cream pieces. This is in contrast with the direct-to-video LEGO movies and cartoon series, in which parts of the sceneries and most of the effects were made to look realistic.

Wacky movie

7th February 1952 – **The Thing From Another World** premiered in Italy

- [The Thing from Another World - Wikipedia](#)

- [The Thing from Another World \(1951\) - IMDb](#)

On this day in 1952 (in Italy), **The Thing From Another World** was one of the first SciFi films to bring the seminal creature down to Earth. Starring Kenneth Tobey, Margaret Sheridan, and James Arness,

"Scientists and American Air Force officials fend off a bloodthirsty alien organism while at a remote arctic outpost."

In an unusual practice for the era, no actors are named during the film's dramatic "slow burning letters through background" opening title sequence; the cast credits appear at the end of the film.

Appearing in a small role was [George Fenneman](#), who at the time was gaining fame as [Groucho Marx](#)'s announcer on the popular quiz show *You Bet Your Life*. Fenneman later said he had difficulty with the overlapping dialogue in the film.

The film was partly shot in [Glacier National Park](#) with interior sets built at a [Los Angeles](#) ice storage plant.

The scene where the alien is set aflame and repeatedly doused with kerosene was one of the first full-body fire stunts ever filmed.

The film took full advantage of the national feelings in America at the time in order to help enhance the horror elements of the film's storyline. The film reflected a post-[Hiroshima](#) skepticism about science and prevailing negative views of scientists who meddle with things better left alone. In the end it is American servicemen and several sensible scientists who win the day over the alien invader.

The skeleton crew at the South Pole Telescope station have a tradition every winter-over of watching this movie, and the other two adaptations on the very first night after the departure of the final plane of the season.

Directors [Ridley Scott](#), [John Frankenheimer](#), [Tobe Hooper](#), and [John Carpenter](#) all cited the movie as a key, influential film in their lives. Carpenter famously re-adapted the film in 1982.

[Howard Hawks](#) asked the U.S. Air Force for assistance in making the film. He was refused, because the top brass felt that such cooperation would compromise the U.S. government's official stance that U.F.O.s didn't exist.

The final line of dialogue, where Scotty admonishes his radio audience to "Keep watching the skies," became an iconic quote considered to be emblematic of the 1950s sci-fi film genre, as it evokes the flying saucer hysteria of the day as well as the Red Scare and the threat of nuclear war. It has been reused as is and referenced in modified form countless times by movies, TV shows, theatrical productions, song lyrics, book titles, and websites, usually with humorous intent.

Some critics have interpreted *The Thing from Another World* to contain commentary on the threat of [Communism](#) in America during the [Cold War](#). Program notes from a Cinema Texas screening of the film stated that "The film is seen as being symbolic of [McCarthyism](#) and the fight against communism on the home front."

Film critic [Roger Ebert](#) wrote about *The Thing from Another World* in a 1982 review of the [John Carpenter](#) film, *The Thing*, stating "The Two 1950's versions ... (*The Thing from Another World* and *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*) were seen at the time as fables based on McCarthyism; communists, like victims of The Thing, looked, sounded, and acted like your best friend, but they were infected with a deadly secret." Film critic Nick Schager also wrote on the films' themes, stating "An early remark by one military official concerning the burgeoning [Soviet](#) presence in the North Pole reinforces the Thing's allegorical status as communist 'other' (one can deduce that Hendry fears the creature not only because it's emotionless and sexless, but also godless)."

Intro

Artist – Goblins from Mars

Song Title – Super Mario - Overworld Theme (GFM Trap Remix)

Song Link -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-GNMe6kF0j0&index=4&list=PLHmTsVREU3Ar1AJWkimkl6Pux3R5PB-QJ>

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