

Episode 233

The rumours are flying that Half Life 3 might be close to done. We're trying not to get too hyped just in case, but this might actually be happening this time.

Alan Moore spoke about his new novel, The Great When from The Long London Quintet. Lots of parallel universe shenanigans seem to be heading our way.

2025 has some great astronomy opportunities coming up in Australia, from the possibility of more auroras, some great meteor showers and the temporary disappearance of Saturn's rings.

Half Life 3 news

- [Why Half-Life 3 speculation is reaching a fever pitch again - Ars Technica](#)

How to write like Alan Moore : The Novel

- [How Alan Moore's new novel builds on his iconic comics](#)

2025 in Astronomy

- [Meteor showers, eclipses and supermoons. What you can expect for 2025 in astronomy - ABC News](#)

Other topics discussed

Half-Life 2: Episode Two (a 2007 [first-person shooter](#) game developed and published by [Valve](#). Following [Episode One](#) (2006), it is the second of two shorter [episodic games](#) that continue the story of [Half-Life 2](#) (2004).)

– [Half-Life 2: Episode Two - Wikipedia](#)

Half-Life 2: Episode Three (a canceled [first-person shooter](#) game developed by [Valve](#). It was planned as the last in a trilogy of [episodic games](#) continuing the story of [Half-Life 2](#) (2004).)

– [Half-Life 2: Episode Three - Wikipedia](#)

The Gamer - Half-Life 3 Has Reportedly Begun Active Playtests

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Mike Shapiro tweet as G-Man

– <https://x.com/mikeshapiroland/status/1874213952680607922?mx=2>

Half-Life 3 Confirmed Meme

– [Half-Life 3 Confirmed | Know Your Meme](#)

[Cusack Creatures](#) - Gabe Newell at E3

– [Gabe Newell at E3](#)

Games Radar : Half-Life voice actor Mike Shapiro teases "blast from the past" game in development

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Destruction (a feature in the [Battlefield series](#) debuting with [Battlefield 1942](#), but appearing to a much greater extent in the games utilizing the [Frostbite Engine](#).)

– [Destruction | Battlefield Wiki](#)

Levolution/Battlefield 4

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[r/valve](#) - Valve is currently developing a new game codenamed "White Sands"!

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https://www.reddit.com/r/valve/comments/1ek5yw9/valve_is_currently_developing_a_new_game/?rdt=54357

[r/GraphicsProgramming](#) - How do you think Counter-Strike 2's "reactive smokes" are implemented?

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Half-Life 2 Ending HD - Gman

– [Half-Life 2 Ending HD - Gman \(1080p\)](#)

Half-Life 2 Episode 2 Ending / Credits

– [Half-Life 2 Episode 2 Ending / Credits HD](#)

Combine Advisor (The **Advisors**, also known as "**Shu'ulathoi**" by the [Vortigaunts](#), are a race of alien beings responsible for overseeing the [Combine](#) occupation of Earth.)

– [Combine Advisor | Half-Life Wiki](#)

Half Life 2 Episode 1 Ending

– [Half Life 2 Episode 1 HD Ending](#)

The Direct : Rockstar Staff Reaffirms GTA 6 Release Window In New Post

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Half-Life: Alyx (a 2020 [virtual reality](#) (VR) [first-person shooter](#) game developed and published by [Valve](#). It was released for [Windows](#) and [Linux](#), with support for most PC-compatible [VR headsets](#).)

– [Half-Life: Alyx - Wikipedia](#)

r/ValveDeckard

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Blade Runner (a 1982 [science fiction film](#) directed by [Ridley Scott](#) from a screenplay by [Hampton Fancher](#) and [David Peoples](#).)

– [Blade Runner - Wikipedia](#)

Source 2 (a [video game engine](#) developed by [Valve](#). The engine was announced in 2015 as the successor to the original [Source](#) engine, with the first game to use it, [Dota 2](#), being ported from Source that same year.)

– [Source 2 - Wikipedia](#)

Flatland (a [satirical](#) novella by the English [schoolmaster](#) [Edwin Abbott Abbott](#), first published in 1884 by [Seeley & Co.](#) of London. Written pseudonymously by "A Square", the book used the fictional [two-dimensional world](#) of Flatland to comment on the hierarchy of [Victorian](#) culture, but the novella's more enduring contribution is its examination of [dimensions](#).)

– [Flatland - Wikipedia](#)

Halley's Comet (the only known [short-period comet](#) that is consistently visible to the [naked eye](#) from [Earth](#), appearing every 72–80 years, though with the majority of recorded apparitions (25 of 30) occurring after 75–77 years.)

– [Halley's Comet - Wikipedia](#)

Carrington Event (the most intense [geomagnetic storm](#) in recorded history, peaking on 1–2 September 1859 during [solar cycle 10](#).)

– [Carrington Event - Wikipedia](#)

Mami Tomoe (a magical girl who rescues [Madoka](#) and [Sayaka](#) from a witch in episode 1. She is already contracted to [Kyubey](#) and offers to act as a mentor to the pair should they choose to become magical girls.)

– [Mami Tomoe | Magical Girl Madoka Magica Wiki](#)

Joe Rogan's blunt view of Hawk Tuah girl Haliey Welch's failed meme coin

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Shout Outs

Messed up moments in Nerddom #39: Madoka Magica's First Death

–  Mami Death

3 January [2009](#) – The first block of the blockchain of the decentralized [payment system Bitcoin](#), called the Genesis block, is established by the creator of the system, [Satoshi Nakamoto](#)
- [Bitcoin - Wikipedia](#)

Wacky movie

3rd November 1974 – Horror Express premiered
- [Horror Express - Wikipedia](#)
- [Horror Express \(1972\) - IMDb](#)

On this day in 1974 (in West Germany), terror streamed down the tracks with the theatrical release of Horror Express. Directed by Eugenio Martin, the Horror/Fantasy starred Christopher Lee, Peter Cushing, and Alberto de Mendoza. According to our friends at IMDB.com, here's the plot summary:

"While travelling on the Trans-Siberian Express, an anthropologist and his rival must contain the threat posed by the former's cargo: a prehistoric ape which is the host for a lifeform that is absorbing the minds of the passengers and crew."

For the record:

To the film's credit, Horror Express enjoyed a wee bit of praise from screenings on the film festival circuit. Also -- in 2019 -- the Arrow Films home video release of the picture enjoyed a 2019 Saturn Award nomination in the category of 'Best DVD/Blu-Ray Special Edition Release.'

Intro

Artist – Goblins from Mars

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

Song Link - [📺 Super Mario - Overworld Theme \(GFM Trap Remix\)](#)

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