

# Cheap Newspaper Vol.4

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## Hot News

Okay, now we are publishing on a weekly basis - new volume every Monday. That way the WNP (Worth No Penny) Press gives you an opportunity to start the week with your favourite garbage reading. If we are lucky enough, in each volume we'll have a short story and an interview with someone from CTG. Also, there is an ads section, so feel free to PM or e-mail Louigi Verona if you want your advertisements to be posted. As for today's release, someone special has kindly agreed to give us an interview and his name is Cooth! You can find an interview with him on the second page.



## Popular Books

This article is dedicated to books (those funny rectangular objects with paper stuck inside). After reading this short essay, you'll now know what to look for once you are in a book store. Let us start from the most known and loved titles.

### Sherlock Holmes

This is a mystery. You get stories about bandits, killers and robbers, while two gentlemen - Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson - are after them. Sherlock Holmes is a freaking genius, while Dr. Watson comes as a good example of a mind without any signs of imagination. If you read those stories already, prove it by answering a simple question - what is the first name of Dr. Watson? The winner gets everybody's respect - results in forthcoming Cheap Newspaper volumes.

### Mary Poppins

A magical English nanny arrives to the residence of the Bank's family to take care of children. She is odd, funny and quite charming.

### Jane Eyre

A novel about the life of Jane Eyre, whose childhood as an orphan is miserable and adulthood is difficult. Deep love, catastrophe, romance. What else a good book needs? Oh, almost forgot - a happy end!

But those are the shadows of the past. When you get acquainted with them, you may want to read some modern stuff. Let us discuss the hits of the season.

### Mary Poppins vs. Harry Potter

A piece of great prose about a Mortal Combat tournament between an English nanny and a young magician. First three chapters offer detailed description of their melee combats, with lots of blood, broken arms, glasses, torn out legs and squashed noses. The next couple of chapters are more fantasy-like, with fireball throwing, mind torturing and spell chanting. The final is a dazzling ten chapter dragon race'n'fight, where you can expect lots of fly tackling, pushing, fire breathing and corner bumping. All in all, the book gives an impression of real salt to earth literature, with striking characters and variegated landscapes.

### Sherlock Holmes and UFO Pizza

This brilliant science fiction novel was written by Patrick N. Boredom. His talented storytelling brings us into the world of future London (FSOL :P), where Sherlock Holmes spends his retirement days in a secret residence so that the reporters don't know and don't bug him with stupid questions. Spoiled by fame, his character is awful, he doesn't like Watson and they are in a state of a never-ending quarrel. But suddenly a pizza delivery brings them a mysterious pizza that can talk! Now doesn't the imagination of the author show a wonderful example of originality? Buy this book to find out that the killer is Thomas, the baker!

### Alice in Dreadland

This time the girl had a slight overdose. See her through her nightmares, with lots of ork fighting and gum chewing. While visiting the shores of the Beer Sea, she meets many nice fish people and becomes their queen. The book features explicit instructions on how to prepare the right kind of mushroom and seven ways to inhale it.

### Did you know that...

$$\sin(3x) = 3 \sin(x) - 4 \sin^3(x),$$

$$\cos(3x) = 4 \cos^3(x) - 3 \cos(x),$$

$$\tan(3x) = [3 \tan(x) - \tan^3(x)] / [1 - 3 \tan^2(x)].$$

$$\sin(4x) = 4 \sin(x) \cos(x) [2 \cos^2(x) - 1],$$

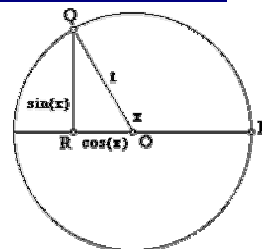
$$\cos(4x) = 8 \cos^4(x) - 8 \cos^2(x) + 1.$$

$$\sin(5x) = 5 \sin(x) - 20 \sin^3(x) + 16 \sin^5(x),$$

$$\cos(5x) = 16 \cos^5(x) - 20 \cos^3(x) + 5 \cos(x).$$

$$\sin(6x) = 2 \sin(x) \cos(x) [16 \cos^4(x) - 16 \cos^2(x) + 3],$$

$$\cos(6x) = 32 \cos^6(x) - 48 \cos^4(x) + 18 \cos^2(x) - 1.$$



## Interview with Cooth.

Q: You are quite known at CTG as a person who has a handful of good thoughts and advices in his pocket. Where does it come from? Do you think a lot about life and if yes - why? Usually when a person is unsatisfied and understands that it is his attitude of mind he has to work on, he longs to search for a meaning in life. Is this your case?

A: Introvert people have this, they tend to stay within their heads from time to time. And the more you have seen, the more you've heard - the more aspects you take into account before forming an opinion. Some people don't really believe in obvious and definite answers - I'm one of them. Looking for meaning of life and happiness is what we all share, just that we differ in ideas on how to find those and where they are. I believe attitude is just one element; there is a social, personal and material minimum we require to set our minds free from those down-to-earth worries. I know, we're often unaware of what we really need and what the minimum is for which aspect.

A'propos happiness and ways to find it... A while ago, I read an article saying that (especially) wealthy parents tend to try to give their children better future possibilities, better education and make them superior over other children. It's the parent's ambition to make their kids 'successful'. Here's my question: why do parents think their children will benefit from joining the rat race just because they have good starting positions?

Q: Life is an experience which many people believe to be a school that gives us a chance to become better, kinder, more tolerant. Do you feel that growing up has changed your attitude to life?

A: We all change with age, really... I can see that, all the people I've known for a while seem the same and different at the same time. I suppose that's the case with me as well. You wrote about contexts in this Newspaper. :-) I think growing makes you know the context of your life better.



Q: Your music is very jazz influenced. How did you come across jazz? Word is around that your uncle was Louis Armstrong himself. Is it a lie?

A: Oh? If so, there are some family secrets viciously hidden from me! I started to love jazz after I fell for blues. It was about 2000/2001, when I decided to learn harmonica. I bought a practice book by Slawek Wierzcholski, a Polish bluesman and harmonica master. Soon it turned out, Slawek was to have a gig in a local pub, some 50m from my place! Slawek is the man I must say, made me love blues; also, as it was more or less the time of my biggest depression and loss of faith and meaning in life - I found some relief in such values as friendship, bluesy optimism, and also the kind of "positive melancholy" as I'd call it. So as I fell in love with blues, I soon got to check out some jazz as well, especially the climate. It's worth mentioning, the game "Jack Orlando" had a role in it. So nice atmospheric music by Harold Faltermeyer and the climate of evening in a harbour town.

Q: Your English is very good, by the way. Have you ever been abroad?

A: The only trip worth mentioning is Germany, about 2001 as well. It's the only time when I actually spoke English (my German isn't too good I'm afraid). I was in Czech Rep. by bike and long ago in Bratislava and Vienna on a school trip. No language skill required.

Q: Do you drive a car? If no - do you want to?

A: I would like to have a car, but the maintenance would be too much for me - as for now. Maybe in the future, if I finally stop having to pay for studies and perhaps get some raise (or better job).

Q: Do you like to read? What is literature for you - art that you really need or just something to kill time in a bus?

A: Terry Pratchett rocks I love his cynical, philosophical "Discworld" filled with English humour. Apart from that, I may get to like a book of any genre... Just that some of them don't grab me in a given moment.

Q: Our traditional question: do you agree that garbage literature is preferable because not only you can read it, but also wrap stuff in it?

A: From my experiece: it either has to look good (present) or there's one of those small plastic bags around for sure (lunch). So - I never use any literature to wrapping stuff.

Q: What makes Cooth unhappy? Is there a problem that absolutely spoils your day?

A: You don't want to open the box. :o)  
I am still unsatisfied with myself -that already explains the rest of grievances. If only I was smart and strong enough to do something with my weaknesses and problems resulting from those, there'd be nothing left to wish.

Q: Thanks for the great interview. Before ending it, last question: what can you say about messy hair?

A: I can have tidy hair, very short hair, or "angry Chopin" looks. Nothing in between. My hair's thick and dense you know.

-----> This fantastic interview was sponsored by WNP Press and Cooth's time.

### Super Mario Bros. Secrets



(material from The Mushroom Kingdom site)

#### Multiple 1-Ups: World 3-1

At the end of World 3-1, two Koopa Troopas walk down the staircase leading to the flagpole. Let the first one go by, then move as far to the right as possible on one of the steps. As the second Koopa Troopa comes down, jump *straight* up to stomp it, then don't hit another button on the controller. If done correctly (a quick, short jump usually works), Mario will kick the shell into the stair and stomp it again as it ricochets, starting a chain reaction. The points will start to rack up, eventually awarding you 1-Ups for the consecutive stomping. If the chain reaction stops, which may happen sometimes, just press A and the cycle will start again. Try not to get more than 128 extra lives in reserve or your game will end next time you lose a life.

#### Bonus fireworks

If you touch the flagpole when the last digit of the timer is a 1, 3, or 6, fireworks will go off, giving you 500 points each. The number of fireworks you get matches the last digit on the timer.

#### Stupid squids

In water levels, the Bloobers can't touch you as long as you're walking on the sea floor.

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### -A short story-

The doorbell rang and I was thrown back into reality.

Giving a good yawn and a stretch, I got out of bed and looked at the clock. It was 6:32 in the morning. The doorbell rang again and hastily searching for my pants, I wondered who might that be.

-Good morning, sir, - said a man when I opened a door. - Can you please tell me what time it is?

I looked at him in amazement. He was very well dressed and gave an impression of a professor of literature.

-Um... It's about six thirty, I guess... Six thirty five, to be exact.

-Yes, try to be as exact as possible, my friend. You see, I am the Clockman. I visit peoples' homes, asking what time it is. That way I always know the exact time reality I live in. It is very important not to get lost in this confused world.

The man waved his hat good-bye and left, having puzzled me for good. "The guy probably had a tough night," - I thought.

It was early morning, so I tried to go back to sleep, but this clock fellow really woke me up, so I just went to the kitchen and made myself a coffee. I am a big fan of coffee, you know. There's nothing better than a morning drink, the taste, the mood, the aroma...

But before I could make a second sip, the doorbell rang.

-Huh? Again? - I exclaimed.

I didn't open the door widely this time, expecting to see the crazy guy one more time. But it indeed was a morning of surprises, because through a slit I saw a little girl. She just stood there, shifting from one foot to the other, clasping a teddy bear to her bosom and looking anxious.

I opened the door and stepped out.

-Hi there.

-Hello, - said the girl and suddenly smiled a smile of relief.

-Can I help you? - I asked.

-Oh, you just did, - she said. - You see, I am the Hellogirl. I visit peoples' homes and greet them. It is very important to be polite.

She waved good-bye with her teddy bear and left.

Not knowing when to expect the next visitor, I returned to the kitchen and finished off a cup of coffee with one big gulp. The process was spoiled anyway. I felt laughed at, spit at and shown at, wondering who set me up. Crazy ideas filled my mind and I thought that maybe it was me who's crazy. Maybe I just imagined the Clockman and the Hellogirl? After all, I had no real evidence they exist. No one will believe me.

My thoughts were interrupted by a loud doorbell ring. I gave a start and approached the door angrily. Behind it stood a very fat woman. In her arms she had a sleeping baby.

-What? - I asked.

-Will you marry me? - she said.

-No, of course, not!

-I am used to that, - she said sadly. - You see, I am the Will-You-Marry-Me Woman. I visit peoples' homes, asking them to marry me. But as you, of course, understand, it is better that they would say "no". Otherwise, I'd have a thousand husbands by now...

I closed the door right in front of her face. Then suddenly I remembered that I need proof, so I rushed to my room for the photo camera and then back to the door, but the Will-You-Marry-Me Woman was gone.

The situation seemed totally unexplainable until later that morning the doorbell rang again. I took a baseball bat and went for the door. In my back pocket I had a gun just in case.

When I opened a door, two gentlemen in police suits greeted me:

-Is this Mr. Smith's residence? We are from the Police Anti-Drug Department.

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### Internet and Education

People say that they can find stuff in the Internet and that there is everything. I claim this to be very far from truth. For example, you won't find much about old movies, actors and writers. There is absolutely no or very little info on theatrical plays, applied physics, mazes, philosophy and gardening. But since it probably sounds unbelievable, let us face the facts of Internet search.

Case 1. "I can find a lot on the subject".

This is most definitely a perfect case. We won't speak about it much. Of course, there are many things which can be found in the World Wide Web without any problems. The aim of this article is to show that Internet isn't that 'full' of information as it seems. But, of course, it is still very big and grows bigger each day, so this article may become not actual in a couple of years.

Case 2. "There are only popular <your search>!"

This is a very usual result. For example, you are searching for English poets who worked in the period of 1550-1660 and most of the links would lead to William Shakespeare as if other poets didn't exist. Of course, this is only the example, maybe not the best one, but it shows the situation. People tend to web-popularise popular stuff. If you are searching for a poet who isn't that known among the mainstream public, chances are you won't find info on him.

Case 3. "There are a lot of links, but they all have the same text!"

This situation turns up also very, very often. For example, someone researched the matter and wrote an essay. Someone else just copies the material or links to it. So do many other people. This leads to a fake impression that there is a lot of info, while there is not. Try searching for mazes or philosophers or physics. These are the cases I have encountered, but there are more. In our country most of the older actors don't have a single site, yet they are loved and remembered and still play in movies and theaters.

Case 4. "Info is lame! I can't seriously believe it."

This is the most frequently occurring case. Many people don't even realise that tons of information in the Internet is written by amateurs, fans and non-specialists. The popular Wikipedia is the most bright example, but, of course, thousands of sites on different subjects offer unchecked and often unaccurate information.

These are the problems as I see them. But maybe things aren't that bad. Let's look what can be done to solve the problems.

Solution 1. "Learn to search correctly".

Many people don't realise how Internet search skill matters. It all comes with experience, but you have to keep in mind the ground rules:

- 1). Don't use uppercase letters! If you limit yourself to lowercase, you'll find more. (example: 'Donkey Kong' will give out less results then 'donkey kong')
- 2). Try a different word order! (This can really help)
- 3). Some sites are not indexed in browsers. Use forums and ask people if you need to get something badly! Underground Internet is a much greater experience (and more useful, too).

Solution 2. "Learn to read and go to the library".

We are used to think that sitting all day before a computer is easier then going to the library. But it is just a fake stereotype. Experience shows that things you can hardly spot in the Internet often can be easily found in a decent library, the one you got next block. Besides, you'll have a wider choice and you won't have to register and log in everytime you liked something. Just pick a book and read it.

Solution 3. "Communicate".

Professionals can tell you more then any resource in the Internet. Value live communication! If you have a choice - search for your history report in the WWW or talk to your teacher and actually get an interesting topic, choose the second option! (Of course, if you do want to make a good report and find out many interesting things. If you just want to write it off and go play Warcraft, it is stupid not to use the great Internet.)

Conclusion:

Internet is a valuable resource, but it's significance is way overpriced. Ordinary paper books, live communication and a desire to educate yourself can provide with a wider, high quality information. Internet is for fast, not serious results. Use it for an overview. Use books for detailed education. Of course, if you do want to get educated. If not, get the latest Warcraft patch and don't bother reading newspapers!(except for cheap ones, like the one you are reading now ;)

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