

Hit or Myth

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**1. A pilgrim accused of stealing silver was saved by one of these creatures in a story originating in 17th century Calgary. A white one of these creatures was found beside the box containing Gim Al-ji, protegee of the Gim royal clan of the Silla dynasty. Although not an Ox, one of these creatures in the Talmud is stoned to death for killing an infant. According to an Andhra Pradesh tradition, releasing one of these creatures westward during the Rohini Nakshatra is bad luck, because Brahma's vision is obscured. A mythical figure named for these creatures fell asleep while (\*) guarding the door to Aphrodite's bedroom, and flags depicting these creatures include the flag of Wallonia and the flag held by Murugan. For 10 points, name these creatures, exemplified by Foghorn Leghorn.**

Answer: Roosters

**2. Although not Djinns, one of these creatures received his name by hastily answering a question at a "moot" of these creatures. One story suggests that trolls were created as imitations of these creatures, but were unable to match their power. These creatures are tasked with protecting a slower-moving companion race called Huorns. The complicated tonal and grammatical structures of these creatures' language led to a practice of not saying anything unless it was (\*) worth taking a long time to say. During the War of the Ring, these creatures assisted by flooding Isengard, and were accompanied by Merry and Pippin. For 10 points, name these creatures tasked with guarding the forests, led in the third age by Treebeard.**

Answer: Ents

**3. The Brazilian name for this creature is "Ze do Picadinho", and one person who was told of this man screamed 27 times afterward. In one story, this creature crosses the street without looking both ways, "because he is already dead." When one person uses(\*) suction cups to mop the ceiling, the sound is mistaken for this creature. Nosferatu was mistaken for this creature, before smiling and turning away from the viewers. Signs that this creature is approaching include a phone ringing with no one on the line, the walls oozing green slime, and the lights flickering on and off. Most people who see this creature call it the Ha-uaaaagh because that's all they have time to say before he gets them. For Ten Points, name this frycook monster whose hand was cut off and who was fired after being hit by a bus, that comes back every Tuesday night to haunt the Krusty Krab.**

Answer: The Hash Slinging Slasher

**4. A 1981 April Fools article about this figure went unchecked for 16 years, and described posters and lessons glorifying this figure at West Point. In one story, this figure secretly worked on a quilt and then wouldn't come forward when its owner asked who had fixed it. A suspicious photo of this person shows him in studio lighting (\*) reading a book at night by flashlight. This figure is behind famous one liners such as "All high buildings and large mansions are built brick by brick. Why can I not be a brick?" and this person was killed at the age of 21 when a truck backed into a telephone pole, which fell and crushed him. For 10 points, name this semi-legendary Maoist revolutionary, whose posthumous diary is studied on a Chinese holiday.**

Answer: Lei Feng

**5. In this book, an obese king is stabbed in the stomach, causing him to leak excrement everywhere. In this book, a character ties two sticks together to represent a reunited Israel, and another is told to anoint(\*) Jehu as king. In this book, God makes bears kill 42 boys for mocking someone's baldness, and this book one figure declares "All rivers run unto the sea, and there is no new thing under the sun. Vanity of vanities - all is vanity, and even vanity is but vanity." One character in this book must speak to god's backside so that he does not see his face. One character feeds many people with not very much bread and fish. For Ten Points, name this book that is important to a lot of Christian people.**  
Answer: Bible (do not prompt or antiprompt)

**6. Description acceptable. Imap Umassoursa is an Inuit one of these. The speaker foolishly suggests "Let us run, / Or dance, or lie down in the sun!" in a poem about one in *The Adventures of Tom Bombadil*, which was inspired by an Old English poem which suggests that these things use their "secret power" to incite men "to the corruption of good deeds." A Norwegian educational text from around 1250 gives a description of one of these known as the Hafgufa, which would attract its prey by belching out food. Zaratan is one of these creatures mentioned in al-Qazwini's "The Wonders of Creation" and in *One Thousand and One Nights*. A Magic the Gathering creature inspired by one of these creatures is a 6/8 blue summon island creature that costs 8 combined mana and can basically never attack. In an Irish legend, Saint Brendan celebrates Easter on one of these creatures called (\*) Jasconius. In the allegory of the *Physiologus*, one of these represents Satan. That same animal is called a Fastitocalon in an Old English poem called "The Whal," in which sailors climb up on the back of one of these because it has an appearance of a rough boulder, leading it to drag them and their ship under the water. For ten points, name these massive aquatic creatures that deceived their victims by looking like floating land features.**

Answer: aspidochelones (or "sea monsters that look like islands") <EH>

**7. In China, the inscription on this object was incorrectly reported as a secret Taoist charm. The creator of this object wanted to see someone "boiling in oil" and the invention of a "healthy cigarette" using it. One person who repeatedly uses this object notes a little old man's knobbly knees are like his. The writing on this object, in a foreign and probably dead language, ends with "stra ehru oyt ube cafru oyt on wohsi." One character is warned about this object when an old man says "It does not do to dwell on (\*) dreams and forget to live," for "men have wasted away before" this object, which may be thought of as the exact opposite of a Boggart. An enchantment on a certain stone guards it in this object for only someone who wants to find it, but not use it. An old wizard would probably see his sister Adriana alive and performing magic with this object, although he says he would only see a pair of thick, woolen socks using it. For ten points, name this reflective object that shows Harry Potter what he most deeply desires.**

ANSWER: The Mirror of Erised (accept desirE fo rorriM) <EH>

**8. The first earthquakes are attributed to the birth of this figure. In one encounter, this mythological figure crosses a river by riding on the back of a crocodile for the first half and the back of a shark for the second. This figure once killed a bull by being swallowed whole and then pulling apart the bull's organs from the inside. This character's disguise is ruined after he**

**demonstrates his skill in playing the zither, and he defeats his archenemy at a game of (\*)** catching-sticks. This figure's mother swallowed a banana with a knife in it while pregnant so that this figure could cut his way out of her womb, ending a ten-year pregnancy. This figure arranged his marriage to Girl of Grace before his birth, and spends the duration of the story he appears in trying to rescue her from her kidnapper, Stone Man. For 10 points, name this epic protagonist of an eponymous epic poem from Madagascar.

Answer: **Ibonia**masiboniamanoro ("He of the Clear and Captivating Glance")

**9. A famous statue depicting one member of this group of creatures has a runic inscription which reads "the creator of parallel dimensions.../Alive, yet not alive.../Everything drifts in space.../To arrive in the same universe." Creatures from this group can be summoned using an object called the red chain, which must be made from three legendary gems. In one encounter, a fight between two members of this group of creatures ended when a bystander played the song "Oración" from the top of a pair of towers. The creator of this group used its (\*)** thousand arms to build the universe, and has four gems on its body that can change between 18 different colors. One member of this group was banished to the Distortion World by the Original One, where its body takes on a different form and can levitate. These creatures each have unique attacks, which include Roar of Time, Spacial Rend, and Shadow Force. For 10 points, name this trio, a group of legendary pokemon which control the space-time continuum.

Answer: Dialga, Palkia, and Giratina (Creation Trio | Dragon Trio | Deity Trio)

**10. Although not primarily Jewish or Irish, members of this ethnic group trace their heritage back to thirteen tribes, five of which worked together to create the Crystal City. Members of this ethnic group believed in a collection of five deities known as the "Guiding Hand," which fought against each other in the God War. Members of this ethnic group believed that they could communicate with their creator god through the "Matrix of (\*)** Leadership" and believe in an afterlife where all individual past sparks of life are combined into one essence. Religions practiced by this ethnic group include Clavis Aurea, which teaches not to replace lost body parts unless they are essential, and holy texts pertaining to this group include the Primal Prophecies and the Covenant of Primus. For 10 points, name this species, exemplified by members such as God Ginrai and Optimus Prime.

Answer: Transformers (Cybertronians |autobots or decepticons is fine, just note it is not specific to either)

**11. In one story, this person used his gun to scare an animal called an Auger into digging holes for his fences, and this person scared off the coyotes with a species called the whimpering wingding. This figure was said to have hybridized bees with eagles in order to create giant bees which could be attached to plows to carve "Bee-lines."This person gave his cows green-tinted glasses to make them eat sand, and invented popcorn balls when rain flooded his sugarcane and sun popped his corn. This person teamed up with (\*)** Paul Bunyan to defeat a tribe called the Dirtylegs, and it was through this person's influence that the government decided to run the Platt river through Nebraska and not Kansas--for 10 points--name this Swedish-American cloudbuster and lumber dealer, a folk hero from Gothenburg, Nebraska.

Answer: Febold Feboldson

**12. This figure once robbed a jewelry store and later threw an iron pole at an enemy, only for the pole to grow back into a lamp-post. In one incident, this figure was forced into self exile after stealing an apple and becoming disgusted at the tree that bore it. This figure once razed an entire world by uttering the (\*) "Deplorable Word," and was freed from hibernation when children rang a bell in the Hall of Images. This person possesses a wand that can turn people into stone, and executed an enemy at the stone table after agreeing to release Edmund. For 10 points, name this evil figure who began the long winter and ruled Narnia until her demise at the claws of Aslan.**

Answer: Jadis (The White Witch)

**13. In an interview with Vice, one of these beings says "Hehe, daddy taught me this one...Cogito Ergo Sum." A community of furies and bronies on reddit that believe in these beings were studied by McGill professor Samuel Veisseire. These beings' GoneWild subreddit is surprisingly tame, because they cannot be seen by people other than their (\*) "mancers." The first Western account of these beings comes from Belgian-French spiritualist Alexandra David-Neel, who claims to have manifested one of these beings which looked like Friar Tuck. In the Twin Peaks reboot, these beings are created with the DNA of humans, becoming clones of those humans. For 10 points, name these pseudo-Buddhist creatures, similar to thoughtforms, which are mentally manifested and gain their own consciousness.**

Answer: Tulpas

**14. In Fire Emblem, Reinhard owns a weapon whose German name is a translated name for this mythical weapon. In one legend, this object was impaled into an enemy's head, imprisoning that enemy by turning him to stone. In another, this object was used to repel fog which would turn this object's owner into a (\*) wolf. During this object's creation, it was bathed in three sacred flames to strengthen it, and this object can be used to travel through time by placing it in the Pedestal of Time. In some stories, this weapon is hidden deep in a secluded forest, and can only be drawn out by the Hero of Time. This object is called the Blade of Evil's Bane in some legends, and will release a projectile in Smash Ultimate if it's user has 0 damage. For ten points, name this magical object, a legendary weapon from the Zelda universe.**

Answer: Master Sword

**15. This group essentially believes in two creators, one who made everything and a second who had completely terraformed the land by the time his body finished growing. This group's trickster figure was painted black as punishment for filling a bucket up with sand and stealing meat from a pair of blind men, and once tried to out-shout a waterfall. This tribe's thunderbird is called Pamola, and inhabits Mt. (\*) Katahdin. In addition to the god Gluskab, these people believe in the chaos spirit Malsumis, who put the thorns on plants. This people's God Odziozo created Lake Champlain to separate these people from the Mohawk tribe. For 10 points, name this Algonquian-speaking tribe native to Western Maine.**

Answer: Abenaki (idk prompt on what you want to. "Algonquin" isn't a tribe tho so dwtwyw)

**16. Due to an extinction event, a subspecies of this animal which had white ears and a distinct tail pattern was eliminated, leaving only brown-eared phenotypes. A set of armor designed for one of**

**these animals allowed two water barrels to be attached to their sides, and saw use near the end of the Hundred Year War. The last creature of that phenotype was frozen in a block of ice for (\*) one hundred years before emerging unscathed, and these animals use their giant manatee-like tails to control themselves in the air. Tamers of these creatures use the command "yip-yip" to make them fly. For 10 points--name these creatures, the primary mode of transportation for the Air Nomads, the most famous of which was named Appa.**

Answer: Sky Bison (Flying Bison, Air Bison)

**17. Although not the Inferno, punishments inflicted in this locale sometimes reflected Dantean *contrapasso*, with punishments including pixelation of vision, being rendered unconscious by chloroform, perceiving litter and leaves as money, and having to reassemble one's own (\*) heart as a puzzle. Members of the secret organization known as the "Rare Hunters" would be banished to this locale if they failed in their duties, and this locale could be reached using one of seven golden artifacts from ancient Egypt. People who have been sent to this location twice include Titan and Ghost Kaiba, and this locale was created for the American dub to avoid mentioning death or dismemberment. For 10 points, name this locale from Yu-Gi-Oh, where you could possibly be sent for losing to Yugi or Pegasus.**

Answer: Shadow Realm

**18. A movie that would have centered on this character was not filmed possibly due to Writers Guild of America Strike. A music video that depicted this character showed him in a wheeled stretcher while mouths appeared at the top of the screen, while he says "swing" and asks(\*) "how am I going to get to sleep?" That music video was Art of Noise's "Paranoimia." This character plays a role in Eminem's Rap God music video and Usher's OMG music video. This character's suit was made of shiny fiberglass and this character told viewers to "C-C-C-Catch The Wave" in a fad New Coke campaign. In a famous scandal, the Dr. Who episode "The horror of Fang Rock" was interrupted by a man wearing a mask of this character, who proceeded to spank his companion with a flyswatter. For 10 Points, name this 1980s television computer character, with slick blonde hair and a stuttering voice.**

ANSWER: Max Headroom

**19. A supposedly haunted one of these objects in Ely, Nevada looks very much like a hoax. A Stockholmer myth about a silver ghost of one of these objects led to the expression "Bara de döda stiger av i Kymlinge." A ghostly light associated with one of these objects has been seen near St. Louis, Saskatchewan, and may actually be caused by diffraction of light from a nearby highway. The comedic Linux terminal command `-sl` draws one of these objects, and a famous haunted one of these objects can stop nearby (\*) watches and clocks. That object repeatedly retraces its route between Washington D.C. to Springfield, and originally carried the unembalmed body of Abraham Lincoln. For 10 points, name these spooky objects, unpossessed versions of which include the California Zephyr and the Orient Express.**

Answer: Trains

**20. When walking through a graveyard, it is common to whistle to placate Anufat, a spirit native to this place who has wounds in his head stuffed with ferns. In one story from this place, the waters nearby were made safe when a figure began perpetually riding on the back of a sea monster.**

**Although not the Philippines, a mermaid from this region can only be caught with a net of human (\*) hair, and is named Sirena. A young woman named Veronica climbed a rainbow to avoid being killed on this island, and in one story from this place, two rival chiefs paddled the same canoe in opposite directions until their strength split the canoe in half. That story provides the source of several memorials and a petroglyph in Inarajan. For 10 points, name this island, home to the maga'lahi Gadao and other legendary Chamorro people.**

Answer: Guam (p "Marshall Islands")