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"THE HACKSMITH" SHOCKS THE WHOLE STAR WARS FANBASE WITH ITS 4000°F LIGHTSABER.

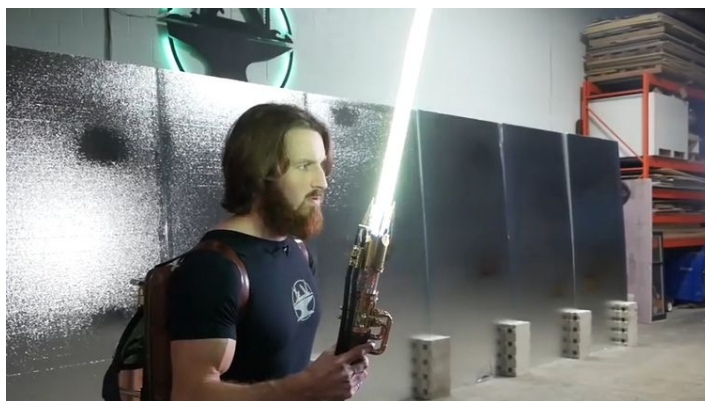
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After months of preparation in his lab, the famous youtuber "The Hacksmith" succeeded on creating a real lightsaber. His channel actually has created a great amount of lightsaber prototypes - or "protosaber" - in the years and this is probably the most successful one. The new prototype has been announced when in October, one of the creators of the channel, James Hobson, posted a video on social media giving plenty of details on how

along with particular tools to help the existence of the blade, like for example the highly-priced and specialized gas nozzle used to eject the gas. Leaving aside the more technical - and boring - part of the project, the smiths chose as design for the handle one of my colleagues' favourite themes: steampunk. This consists of the union between modern technology and gears, tubes and many concepts from anachronistic technology from the past.



their efforts gave birth to the blade, which consists mainly on a plasma beam that makes it retractable. The problem from which they started was how to contain the gas output, and to do so they had to put aside the original idea of a magnetic field that would have ruined the whole project. Fortunately, they came with a new, brilliant idea, called "laminar flow". It is a cool phenomenon resulting in a continuous concentrated flow of the gas, caused by the combination with oxygen. For the creation of the saber, a lot of new industrial machines were introduced in the lab,



The handle is connected directly to the bag that contains the various components - like gases and batteries - that give life to the protosaber, capable of cutting through any ordinary metal and even damaging titanium. Without any doubt, the project result gives to all Star Wars' fans, like me, hope that in a search future we will be able to see what was lost many years ago, in a very faraway galaxy.

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NAVIDAD EN ESPAÑA

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La Navidad es una de las fiestas religiosas más importantes para los cristianos.

El día 24 de diciembre se celebra la Nochebuena. Esa noche las familias se reúnen cenando todos juntos. Después de cenar, las familias asisten a la Misa del Gallo.

El día 25 es el día de Navidad.

Es un día que se pasa en familia, cantando villancicos y tocando la pandereta delante del belén y comiendo dulces típicos navideños: turrónes, mazapanes y polvorones.



El 28 de diciembre se celebra el día de los Santos Inocentes y todos se gastan bromas.

Mucha gente pone monigotes en la espalda de otras personas.

El día 31 es la Nochevieja, la última noche del año.

A las doce en punto se celebran las doce campanadas. La gente sigue las campanadas desde sus casas en la televisión o desde el reloj de la plaza mayor de los pueblos y ciudades.

En Madrid, por ejemplo, se sigue desde la famosa Puerta del Sol.

La tradición consiste en comer doce uvas, una por cada campanada.

Después se brinda con champán y se felicita el año nuevo.

Multitud de jóvenes pasan toda la noche fuera de casa, en fiestas con amigos.

El día 1 de enero es el día de Año Nuevo.

El 6 de enero se celebra la fiesta de la Epifanía.

Según la tradición los tres Reyes Magos: (Melchor, Gaspar y Baltasar) fueron de Oriente a Belén para adorar al Niño Jesús y le ofrecieron oro, incienso y mirra.

Actualmente, los niños, que antes han escrito una carta a los Reyes Magos pidiendo regalos y juguetes, ponen sus zapatos en el balcón el 5 de enero por la noche.

Este mismo día por las calles de las ciudades hay una cabalgata o procesión de los Reyes Magos.

El 6 de enero por la mañana cuando se levantan reciben muchos regalos y se come el típico roscón de Reyes, que es un dulce relleno de nata que suele llevar dentro dos sorpresas, una buena y otra mala.

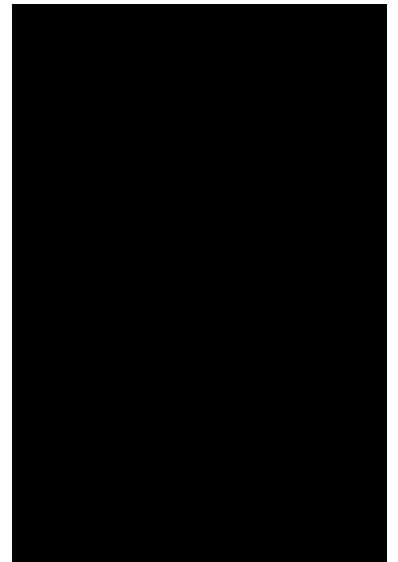
A quien le toque la mala, normalmente una judía blanca, tendrá que pagar el roscón.



CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

Asia Crudo

1. Mariah Carey - All I Want for Christmas Is You
2. Wham! - Last Christmas
3. Bobby Helms - Jingle Bell Rock
4. Robbie Williams - Can't Stop Christmas
5. John Lennon - Happy Xmas (War Is Over)
6. Dean Martin - Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!
7. Ariana Grande - Santa Tell Me
8. Taylor Swift - Christmas Tree Farm
9. Little Mix - One I've Been Missing
10. Justin Bieber - Mistletoe
11. Sia - Underneath The Mistletoe
12. AURORA - Exist For Love





Horóscopo de Navidad 2020

Chiara Tinelli

Aries ♈ Estos días tendrás unos momentos de tranquilidad: estarás relajado y sin pensamientos. En Navidad recibirás muchos regalos y disfrutarás de unas tazas de chocolate caliente en frente de la chimenea. Pero recuerda que después de mucho sol llega la lluvia y por eso tendrás que estar preparado a todo.

Tauro ♉ Tu carácter fuerte y decidido te llevará a cometer errores. Ten cuidado con las personas que te rodean. Pasarás la Navidad en familia aunque puede que la persona que tanto querrías a tu lado no esté presente.

Géminis ♊ Eres una persona muy cuidadosa, pero a veces no consideras los detalles, que son lo más importante. El día de Navidad recibirás el regalo de tus sueños solo si terminas el primer trimestre del año escolar con un promedio de calificaciones de 8.

Cáncer ♋ Siempre odiaste preparar la cena de Navidad, pero este año tu glotonería superará el límite, comerás muchos dulces y bombones, pero sobre todo tendrás mucha suerte en el juego de bingo.

Leo ♌ La Navidad es una alegría para ti. En comparación con años anteriores, tendrás más suerte en el amor que en el juego.

Virgo ♍ Sin contar algunas preocupaciones sobre la situación que estamos viviendo, disfrutarás de unas vacaciones tranquilas. Saturno y Júpiter mejorarán tu organización, no tienes nada de que preocuparte.

Libra ♎ Quieres complacer a tus seres queridos pero también, con un toque de egoísmo, hacerte un regalo especial. Las clásicas cenas para 20/30 personas serán menos numerosas, pero no te va a importar, no permitirás que este maldito virus arruine tu Navidad.

Escorpio ♏ ¿No te sientes comprendido o apreciado en el amor? Puede que tengas sus razones, pero es mejor posponer las discusiones hasta 2021.

Sagitario ♐ Durante este tiempo te darás cuenta de quiénes son realmente las personas que quieres a tu lado. Entenderás que los buenos momentos son la esencia de la felicidad.

Capricornio ♑ Sin embargo, a diferencia de otros años, no querrás organizar nada excesivo, una cena con algunos amigos cercanos estará bien. Aprovecha esta oportunidad para pasar tiempo con las personas que quieres, dejando de lado tu trabajo y compromisos diarios.

Acuario ♒ Gracias a Marte y Venus, la pasión y el romance calentarán las veladas familiares. Experimentarás emociones intensas y olvidarás por un momento el terrorífico momento histórico que estamos viviendo.

Piscis ♓ Neptuno y Venus te invitan a dejarte llevar, a experimentar algo nuevo y original. Vivirás momentos intensos de alegría y felicidad, pero también otros más nostálgicos. Rodéate de gente que te quiera, que te haga olvidar, al menos por esos días, el horrible momento que nos vemos obligados a vivir.



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HARRY POTTER HOUSE QUIZ

Silvia Piancazzo, Carlotta Bottegal and Laura Lozupone

1) The word that best describes you is:

- A. Courage
- B. Determination
- C. Intelligence
- D. Generosity

2) Choose one element:

- A. Fire
- B. Water
- C. Air
- D. Land

3) Your favourite teacher is:

- A. Minerva McGranitt
- B. Pomona Sprite
- C. Filius Vitious
- D. Severus Piton

4) You are a student at Hogwarts and have to choose one course:

- A. Flight
- B. Transfiguration
- C. Spell
- D. Divination

5) A place of Hogwarts that you prefer is:

- A. Hagrid's house
- B. The Quidditch field
- C. The library
- D. Your common room

6) Suddenly, you inherit a lot of money... what do you do with it?

- A. You give yourself some small gifts and put away the rest
- B. Give your friends some gifts right away
- C. You put them away and don't touch them if not in a moment of extreme need
- D. You buy all the things you've always dreamt

7) Someone makes a joke on you in the big room and the whole school starts laughing ... what are you doing?

- A. you start laughing too
- B. you start crying
- C. you plan a counter joke
- D. you get angry and start screaming





In what house of Hogwarts will the talking hat sort you in?

Gryffindor (a majority of A)

The Gryffindor wizards are mainly known by their boldness and loyal behaviours. They are not the kind of people who leave those they care about or run away in times of trouble: they will stay by your side until the end. They are even ready to go out of their way for the peers they like the less. At the same time, if you are their friends, you could wake up one morning and find out you're suddenly family. Never betray them or their friends, you won't forget it.



Despite all their virtues, Gryffindors are also arrogant and impulsive. Due to their constant need to let off steam you can always find them testing themselves and trying to surpass their limits, however when they fail their challenging personalities often backfire leading to things they would regret deeply later on being done and said. They rarely think twice before speaking and therefore it's not unusual for them to hurt others (especially if caught up in a particular moment). Gryffindors may tend to be quite narcissistic which ends up making them feel justified (and maybe a little proud) when putting others down. Never betray them or their friends

Still, they are akin to guilt and have the potential to be the best of friends or the worst of your enemies.

Hufflepuff (a majority of B)

The Hufflepuff wizards are pacifists, the children of nature, generally calm and patient. Born feeling a stronger spiritual connection with the natural environment than other people they are, for this same reason, strongly opposed to violence. The last thing they want is to upset the natural balance of things.



Probably the best huggers out of your entire group of friend, they will know when you are feeling down and to everything they can to make yours a happy day, even if they don't know you. Hufflepuffs have a large number of acquaintances rather than a large circle of friends. That's okay though: true friendship is hard to find but very, very important to treasure and if they can be a source of happiness while searching it their journey will be even better.

They are very hard workers and once you have earned their respect it is very hard to lose it. Wizards from this house are known for their fairness and their easygoing personalities. If they are often shunned and considered meek by their schoolmates, you could be sure they are well recognized as the most mature by their teachers and they will probably be the most qualified to enter the world of the adults.

Ravenclaw (a majority of C)

The Ravenclaw wizards are the ones that shine for their brains. They are often portrayed as glasses-wearing teens leaning over their old and heavy books in the big library. And that could be true, but it is not all. Ravenclaws are focused and determined on the achievement of their goals, they are curious and eager to learn, not for their notes (that aren't always excellent, that's a big fat lie) as some say but for the thrill of it, for knowledge itself. They are passionate, but they would never rush into a situation without losing the big picture (Gryffindors, they are looking at you).

However, as the attentive young minds they are, Ravenclaws are very aware of this fact, even too much. They are proud and, more than often, a little too trusting in their abilities, yes they can easily stun grown-ups with their words, but that doesn't mean they can masquerade their insults with politeness. Their thirst for knowledge can be, sometimes, a little overwhelming reflecting on stiff and inflexible behaviours and a (nearly) obsession for perfection.

Their incredible brightness in some areas can be evened out by lacking in others, like social ones. Because of this what they search for a friend is someone who can return their loyalty and guide them in this new (and admittedly scary) waters, someone who can be a real challenge to them, and not only on an academic level. They search for someone whom they can help without the fear of upsetting them, knowing they can rely on them too.

The main trait of Slytherin wizards (and any could be surprised by this, but really should not) is the ambitiousness and not the evil disposition (what a shock, am I right?). Just like the Ravenclaws, they are very bright and self-confident, they are however a lot more focused on their goals, Slytherins strive to reach them. And are nearly often successful. Thanks to their incredible resourcefulness, determination and willpower. Just like Gryffindors, they are very prideful and self-centred, but they would never act solely on emotions and are not easily swayed by anything or anyone, if there is a thing they would never cross, that's their ideals.

Slytherins (a majority of D)

Slytherins are perfectionists and can get extremely frustrated and when things don't go the way they want (but really, who doesn't?), however, most of the time they will find a way and if in the need of help, they will have it: capable of doing what they want without the need of approval if you earn their respect they will have your back. They are very protective of their own, be it their house-mates or their friends, and don't hesitate to resolve to pettiness if be it needed.



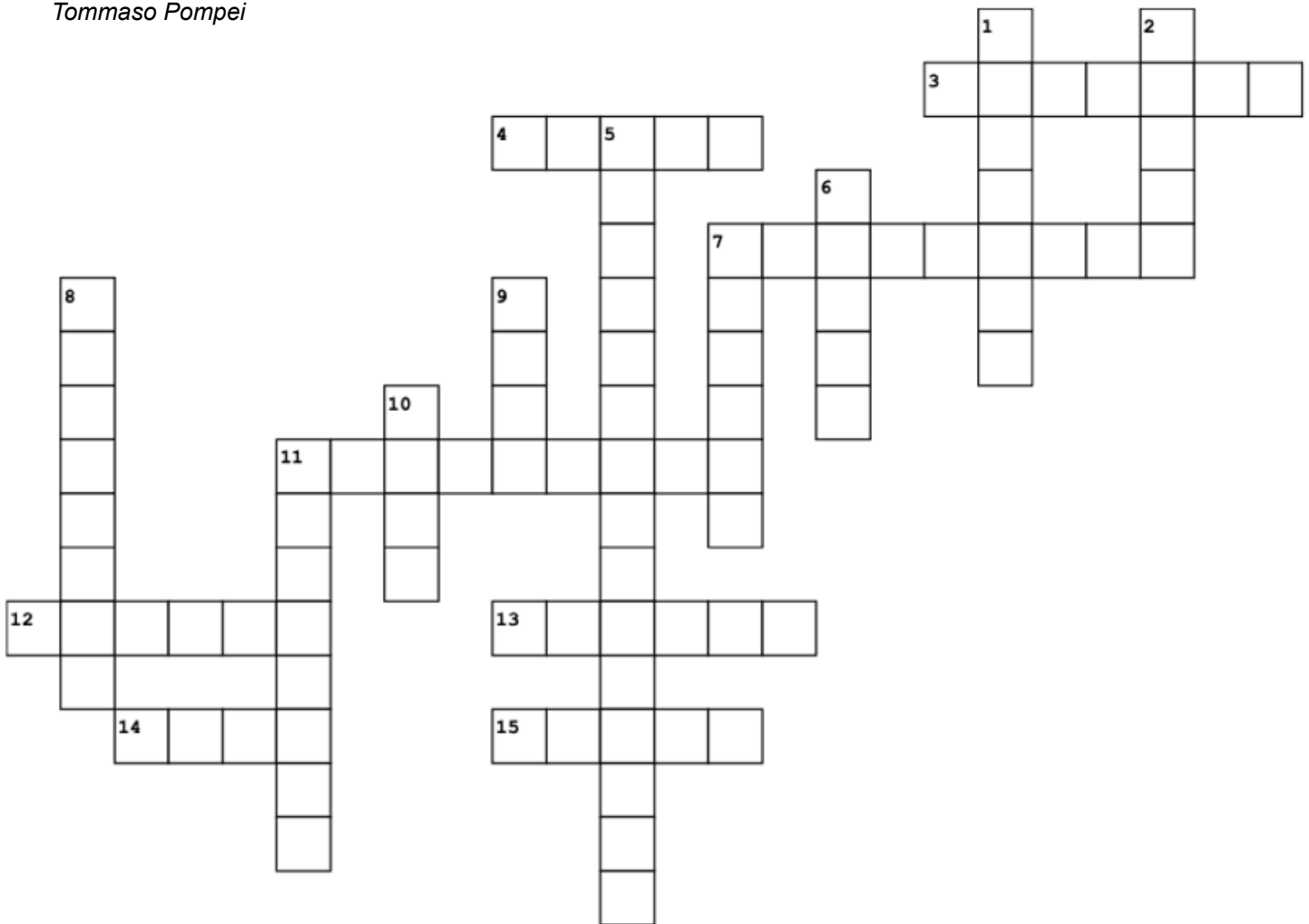
They know what they want and they will get it, not needing rights but taking them. As in behaviours, as in words: Slytherins are extremely blunt, despite it, if their friends are sad, they can say the sweetest of things, just don't tell anybody. They have a face to save.





How well do you know Christmas traditions?

Tommaso Pompei



Across

3. A deer with a red nose
4. The person whom we celebrate during Christmas
7. We wear them over the year but during Christmas, they are usually pinned to a fireplace
11. Santa is said to live here
12. It is attached to doors during Christmas
13. An evil being who always wants to ruin Christmas
14. Bad kids receive this instead of normal presents
15. Santa's original dress colour

Down

1. A very famous English Christmas dessert
2. The small creatures that help Santa make presents
5. The largest gift that was ever given on Christmas
6. A star that represents Christmas Eve
7. The season during which Christmas is celebrated in the Southern Hemisphere
8. They are given away for Christmas and are usually accompanied by the word "ugly"
9. It is usually eaten instead of meat on Christmas Eve
10. Most families have one in their house, while others bring it to life in public
11. In Germany, he brings gifts to children on December 6th



LE SOUPIR DE PARIS

Camilla Ceoldo and Lucrezia Sammartano

Madame Michel's silhouette was the first I was able to recognise within the crowded but still elegant chaos of my bistro: it seemed as her delicate and abundant body was perpetually dancing, conferring the woman the idea of constant movement; the right hand, placed on the chalice's base, was rotating the glass by making circular movements, while the left one was running down the neck looking for long-lost necklaces and treasures. During her youth Madame Michel was defined by an extremely particular and special beauty, resulting from the balance between highly singular flaws and a perfect symmetry.

At the age of 21, she married the man who would forever remain the love of her life, a young poet named Jeremy Bonnet, as well as her source of absolute happiness for a long time. It was when she was 25 years old that her life took a completely different direction: after gradually departing from her while hiding between lounges and meetings, Jeremy revealed he had fallen in love with a man with whom he would have left soon.

Madam Michel and Jeremy spent their last night together sitting on a bench along the Seine while drinking hot chocolate mixed with a shot of brandy: they spoke of the past and the future, they spoke of grief and distance, they spoke making love with

words as they never did with their bodies, they spoke hoping that the dawn would never come. And then the dawn came, Jeremy departed and left his beloved after giving her one last red rose.

From that day on Madame Michel decided to sell red roses to lovers to spread among people love fragments that were still stuck in her. Eventually, in the evening, after these long working days, she would walk through the door of "Le soupir de Paris", where she would look at me, smile, give me a red rose and I would offer her a glass of wine of the same colour.



A LITTLE RIDDLE

Francesco Becchetti

I am celestial. I work only on 25th December and my family is famous in Norway. Who am I?



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