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# Kim Jong Un and Putin meet



On Wednesday 12th September, Kim Jong Un paid a highly scrutinised visit to Eastern Russia via a distinctive, dark-green bulletproof train, where him and Putin discussed military arms for the war in Ukraine.

(Read page 2 to find out more).

## G20 Summit

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Read on to find out the key takeaways of this year's event. (Read page 3 to find out more)



## Women's Football

This page covers the 2023 World Cup, and the Rubiales controversy. (Read page 11 to find out more).



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# Kim Jong Un and Putin meet for arms talks

## Kim Jong Un arrives in Russia via a bulletproof train:

Earlier this week (went to press on 13th September), footage reported showing a bullet-proof train near Vladivostok (a far-eastern Russian city near the Chinese and North Korean border) was released. The distinctively dark green train was going at a slow, steady speed of 28mph and is believed to have hosted the North Korean Supreme leader, Kim Jong Un. Kim chose not to fly due to his descendants travelling around by train. His journey was marked as a long trip to Russia, the first time he had left North Korea in 4 years, to meet President Putin for talks about the war in Ukraine.

## Where was the summit and what happened?

The summit, which took place in the Vostochny Cosmodrome, a space centre in the Amur region of Russia's far East, came as North Korea launched multiple short-range ballistic missiles.

The two leaders met in a highly scrutinised event to discuss possible military cooperation against Ukraine, which Putin later said was a possibility. The US claimed that weapons have been traded between them but this is not confirmed and denied by both of the leaders, however Moscow has stated that they will give food and advanced astronomical technologies including satellites to North Korea in return after failed attempts at building their own spy satellites.

Quoting an old phrase from when the USSR controlled North Korea, Putin greeted with a proverb "an old friend is better than 2 new ones." Kim expressed support for Putin's war in Ukraine by saying, "Russia has risen to a sacred fight to protect its sovereignty and security against the hegemonic forces" of the West. Mr Kim continued, "We will always support the decisions of President Putin and the Russian leadership... and we will be together in the fight against imperialism" (the desire and idea of having a big empire). Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, has also asked Putin for submarines and ballistic missiles however, many claim that Putin will not comply to these demands from North Korea.

## How have other countries responded?

The day prior to the summit, The head of US state department spokesman reiterated that any talks between the trade or transfer of arms to aid Russia against Ukraine would violate UN security Council resolutions and would be "a sign of the desperate state that which the Russian government finds itself" (amid the Ukrainian war). He also mentioned "we will not hesitate to take action against those accountable if necessary." The Kremlin had said previously that the matters of Russia and North Korea were important, not "warnings from Washington." With Russia signed up to UN resolutions, he later said that "there are certain limitations" to military co-operations with North Korea.

Russia is particularly keen on North Korean arms as they are compatible with those that the Russians use. Artillery shells and ammunition are at the top of Putin's wishlist with supply lowering by the day in the brutal fights of the war. Even despite depleting Russian supplies, a military deal would not have much impact strategically. "It would kill more Ukrainians. But it will not kill Ukraine," an expert on Russia's military state said. "Even a desperate war machine does not trade its military crown jewels for old, dumb munitions," said Leif-Eric Easley, a professor at Ewha Womans University in Seoul, South Korea. North Korea is also worried that possible more sanctions may be issued by NATO if they break any international laws - the Asian country is already starved by economic sanctions and can't afford to lose more money. More Ukrainian war analysis is likely to come in future issues.





# Key take-aways from the G20 summit

## What is the G20 and which countries are members?

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For the first time in history, the G20 (The Group of Twenty) invited the African Union (a group of 54 countries from Africa like the European Union). From this year onward, the African Union will be a member of the G20 alongside the European Union, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the UK and the US. A handful of those just mentioned also participate at the G7 (the world's seven most industrialised countries).

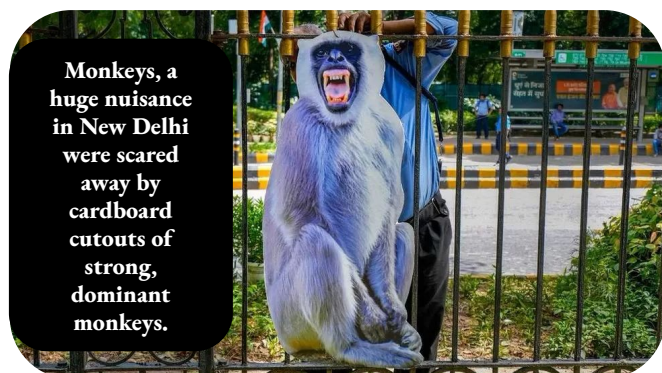
## When was it formed and for what purpose?

The G20 was formed in 1999 after the Asian financial crisis in which many south-east Asian countries in particular fell into an economic disaster. Its job was to stabilise economies, establish international corporations and in recent years discuss wars and climate change.

## What did the G20 achieve this year?

The group condemned human suffering from the war in Ukraine however avoided blaming that Russia was at fault for starting it directly. The Ukrainian Government has said this is "nothing to be proud of", with Russian officials praising the G20 as a 'milestone'. The G20 members also announced that they have reached a 100% consensus to "pursue and encourage efforts to triple renewable energy capacity globally through existing targets and policies". The G20 accounts for over 75% of greenhouse gas emissions. However many have claimed that wise words have been addressed but no action has taken place to combat climate change. India's PM, Narendra Modi, said he wishes that the summit will influence the rest of the world that India is a major superpower. This comes just a week after India landed on the moon for the first time in history (read issue 38 on the issue stand to find out more). Modi has previously said that if he is elected again in Spring 2024, he will try to change the name of India to 'Bharat' which is the word for the country often used in many parts of India and is derived from Sanskrit (the ancient and classical language of India).

A new network of shipping and railway routes has also been agreed by the US, Saudi Arabia, the EU and India to increase trade between South Asia, the Middle East and Europe. President Xi Jinping and Putin of China and Russia, did not arrive at the summit for political reasons including Putin's international arrest warrant. Rows broke out in May when India and China both claimed parts of other countries that controversially weren't theirs.



Monkeys, a huge nuisance in New Delhi were scared away by cardboard cutouts of strong, dominant monkeys.



# Bellingham shines as England beat Scotland

England Football team take the 3 points in a 3-1 win vs Scotland in a promising international friendly on Tuesday 12th. England wear an anniversary tee for warm up, marking 150 years of an iconic fixture playing at Hampden Park in Scotland. Phil Foden, Harry Kane, and Jude Bellingham all got on the scoresheet, and Harry Maguire scoring the own goal for Scotland. Following the squad announcement for this international break, many were questioning Southgate. Some controversial picks are Sam Johnstone (GK), Harry Maguire (CB) and Jordan Henderson (CM). Maguire's own goal on Tuesday did not help matters. Southgate commented after the game after being asked about Harry, "I've never known a player treated the way he is. He's been an absolute stalwart for us in the second most successful England team for decades - he's been an absolutely key part of that. I've talked about the importance of our senior players, he's been crucial among that. Every time he goes on the field, the resilience he shows is absolutely incredible. He's a top player and we're all with him and our fans were brilliant with him". We now head back to club football, the next upcoming international break is October the 13th, and we play Italy & Australia. Come on England!



# Around The World



## Ukraine claims to have retaken gas drilling rigs

Ukraine has announced that they have successfully recaptured 4 gas drilling rigs in the north Black Sea, close to the Crimean Peninsula. Special forces have removed Russian military equipment. Russia first took control of the Boko-towers back in 2015, shortly after their illegal annexation of Crimea, and there has been a battle for control over these strategic waters since last year. A video of the operation has been released.

## Man escapes China on jet ski

A man, who was once jailed for criticising the Chinese President, Xi Jinping, has managed to escape China via jet ski. The man, who is named Kwon Pyong, travelled over 180 miles before his jet ski got stuck off the coast of South Korea. He has been arrested for entering the country illegally, and he is currently seeking protection to avoid deportation (Being expelled from a country on grounds of illegal status) back to China.



## Powerful earthquake hits Morocco

A powerful earthquake with a recorded magnitude of at least 6.8 has hit central Morocco, taking the lives of at least 820 people, and caused damage in multiple areas. The epicentre was located in the High Atlas Mountains, roughly 71 km away from the city of Marrakesh, where many people are believed to have died. The earthquake occurred at 23:11 on Friday, quickly followed by a 4.9 magnitude aftershock, occurring 19 minutes later.



## Egypt angry As Ethiopia fills Nile dam reservoir

Egypt has spoken out in anger towards Ethiopia after they filled the reservoir behind the extremely controversial hydroelectric dam situated on the Blue Nile.

Ethiopia has an ongoing dispute with Egypt over the megaproject, as the Nile supplies Egypt with almost all of its water needs.

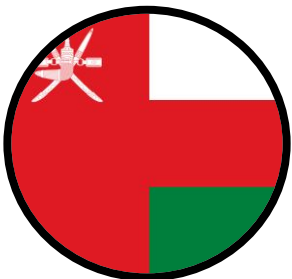
Egypt is concerned that Ethiopia is not caring for the interests of downstream countries, and their dependence on the Nile.



## Oman unveils new 'Smart' city

Plans for a new "Smart" city located just outside Oman's capital, Muscat, have been unveiled. The city, which will be named Sultan Haitham City, will be designed to house 100,000 people, and use technology such as sensors and cameras to measure and give updates on air quality and traffic, as well as managing the city's water supplies. The purpose of the smart city is to use collected data in order to provide better public services.

Construction is expected to begin next year.





## New invention could be a 'Battery revolution'

Researchers have recently invented a new battery that could prove essential for the transition to renewable energy sources, and have a profound effect on the future of renewable tech and energy storage. The lithium-based redox-flow battery, which was invented by a team at the University of Cincinnati, could be vital for large scale wind and solar operations, where huge battery supplies are required to store excess energy in overproduction, and to be released when production slows or stops. Jimmy Jiang, who led the research claims that "Energy generation and energy consumption is always mismatched. That's why it's important to have a device that can store that energy temporarily and release it when it's needed." The new battery design removes the membrane that separates the negative and positive sides of the battery, the part of which is one of the most expensive components and has previously hindered development. The battery was capable of demonstrating high-voltage and energy density, which could hold the potential to meet energy storage demands of large scale green operations, coupled with economically achievable cost for the first time ever. Soumalya Sinha at the University of Cincinnati, who was involved in the research, has stated that "This design significantly decreases material costs."



## Government may have broken sewage laws

The UK environment watchdog has suspected that the government may be held accountable for breaking laws over how they regulate sewage releases. This suspicion has followed a recorded 825 sewage releases per day over the last year. Many opposition MPs and campaigners have called the regulators "complicit", for allowing this level of pollution, however, the government has stated that they do not agree with the "Initial Interpretations" from that Office for Environmental Protection. A BBC investigation is reported to have located possibly hundreds of illegal dry sewage spills across England last week.

The government responded to the announcement by stating: "The volume of sewage discharged is completely unacceptable. That is why we are the first government in history to take such comprehensive action to tackle it". However, despite this, campaigners have rebelled at the government's record for sewage pollution, and in 2022, water companies in England have been recorded to have released sewage waste for a total of 1.75 million hours. Releasing sewage can have a number of negative effects on the surrounding environment, and can cause a build-up of algae, which can produce toxins fatal to pets, and dangerous to humans, as well as starving local wildlife of oxygen.



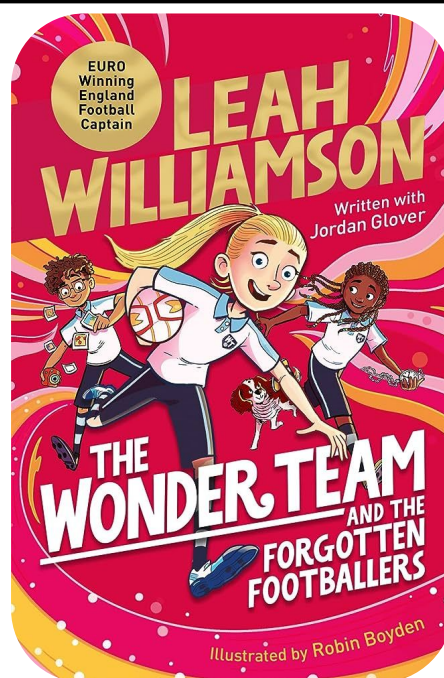
# Book of the Week

## The Wonder Team and the Forgotten Footballers

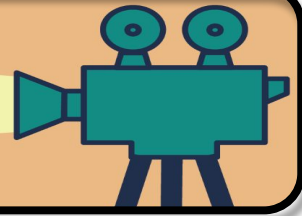
A time-twisting adventure from Leah Williamson, captain of the Euros-winning women's England team, written with debut author Jordan Glover, including illustrations by Robin Boyden. This book is loosely based on one of Leah Williamson's big inspirations, the Dick Kerr Ladies and their brave protest against the ban on women's football, *The Wonder Team and the Forgotten Footballers* is a fun adventure that comes from the heart. When Leah unearths a mysterious time capsule in her local park with her two best friends Mimi and George, she opens up a whole new world of adventure. Transported a hundred years back in time, she finds a women's football team in crisis. Can she and her friends lead them back to victory?

### Age Rating:

This book is for anyone 10+, so fine for anyone in the school to read as per!



# Media Review



## Heart Stopper – have you watched it?

*\*may contain spoilers*

### Introduction:

Heart Stopper... possibly the greatest show of all time, but probably not, is pretty much the best show to be released on netflix this summer. The show stars Nick Nelson (played by Kit Conner) as the hot, emotionally intelligent rugby lad, and Charlie Spring (played by Joe Locke) a cute and lovable nerd who plays the drums.

### Season 1:

Season one introduces them and their relationship as well as Tara and Darcy. The first season also sets up Tao and Elle's relationship as the token straight couple. Season one has a lot of romantic turbulence, however unlike a lot of romantic comedies the rockiness does not feel forced, it feels natural and not just to serve the drama.

### Season 2:

Trying not to spoil it, basically in season two, Nick And Charlie are exploring their ability to come out as boyfriends. Whilst this is going on Elle begins to realise her feelings for Tao. The trip to Paris only accelerates the shenanigans when Tao and



Elle kiss in the Louvre. Tensions have risen but in true Heartstopper fashion enough is resolved in the end to feel satisfied but still wanting more.

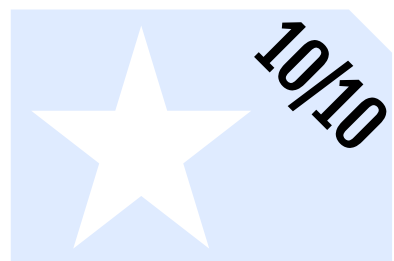
### Season 3:

To move onto season three. Season three has been confirmed and we can be expecting two more releases after that considering the success of the previous two seasons and since there are 5 graphic novels that were written by Alice Oseman. The release date of season three has not yet been confirmed however we can guess that it might be next year around summer time when considering the previous releases. Make sure to check out Heartstopper on netflix.

“Go watch it.  
It’s great.”  
- *George Moir*



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# Music Review

## Top of the charts

1. Paint The Town Red  
*Doja Cat*
2. Cruel Summer  
*Taylor Swift*
3. Vampire  
*Olivia Rodrigo*
4. What Was I Made For  
*Billie Eilish*
5. (It Goes Like) Nanana  
*Peggy Gou*
6. Desire  
*Calvin Harris, Sam Smith*
7. Prada  
*Casso, RAYE, D -Block Europe*
8. Disconnect  
*Becky Hill, Chase & Status*
9. Adore U  
*Fred Again, Obongjayar*
10. Baddadan  
*Chase & Status, Bou, Flowdan etc.*

## Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift is, at the time of writing this, currently on tour. Her venues include: Tokyo Dome, Accor stadium and Wembley stadium. Taylor Swift's shows have sold out completely, at the peak selling 2.5 million tickets in one day. This means that Taylor Swift's 'Eras tour' is the highest grossing tour ever. It has grossed approximately \$2.2 billion. The previous record holder was Elton John's 'Yellow Brick Road' tour which generated over \$887 million. Swift's shows have not only sold out the seats, but has also gathered crowds of Swifties outside of the stadiums to sing along to Taylor's concerts.



## Guess the song:

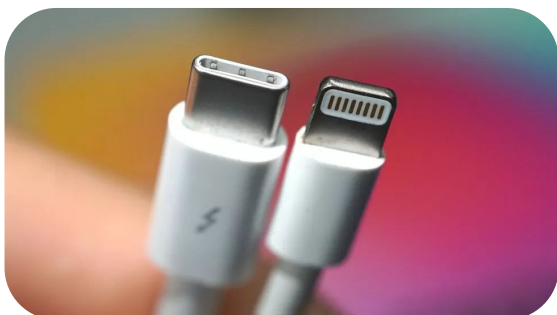


**\*Answers will be on next week's puzzles page**

# Latest Tech News

## Apple forced to ditch its lightning charger.

A few days ago at the iPhone 15 reveal, Apple confirmed that the new iPhone would not feature the lightning charger port under pressure from the EU. They also released a USB-C lightning port adapter for £29. It connects the lightning port accessories to its new USB-C ports without the need to get rid of them. It is the first phone since 2012 to feature an alternative charging port. They said the new USB-C charger already works with its laptops and iPads, and on all new types of its AirPods. The EU told them to make this change to make it easier for consumers, save money and reduce e-waste. However, some warn that it will increase the amount of discarded cables. Perhaps in a response to this, they made a series of environmental pledges about its new devices. The company also said they would stop using leather in their accessories alongside achieving carbon neutrality by 2030. Apple boss, Tim Cook, said that the iPhone 15 was the most capable iPhone they have ever made. Some new features/changes to the iPhone include a titanium frame and the Pro and Pro Max models; the Pro and Max also have an Action button in the place of the old Mute button and the iPhone 15 and 15 Plus have been given brighter screens and improved camera systems.



# SPORTS NEWS

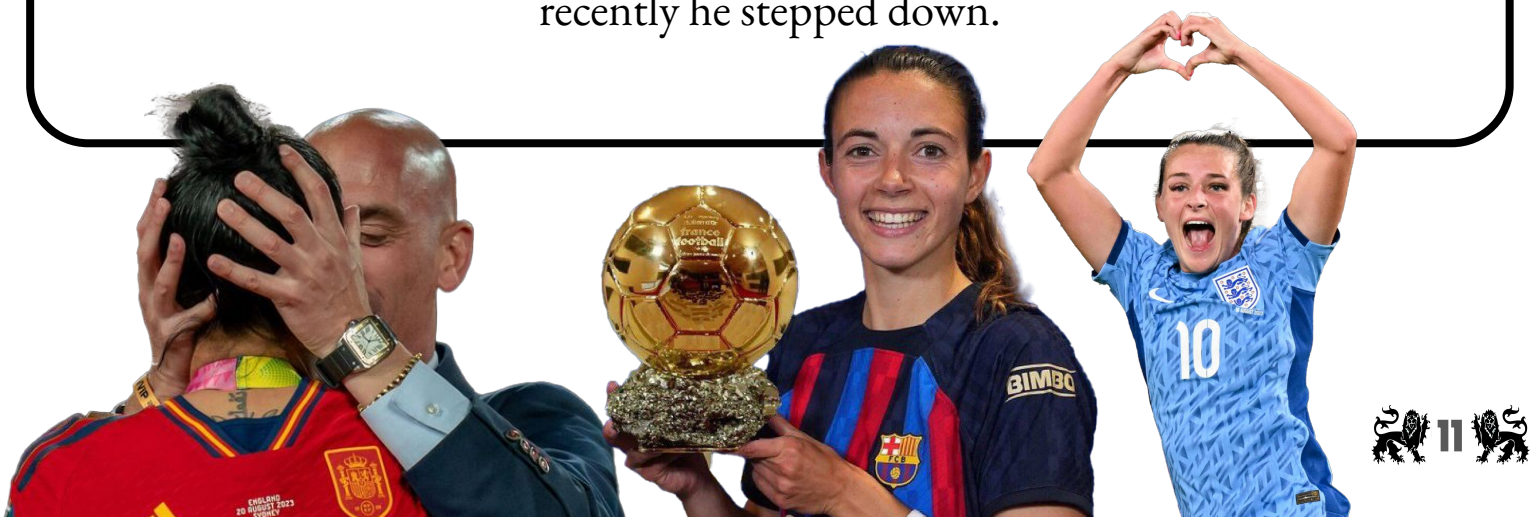
## Football

### Women's Football

England fell short this year, losing 1-0 to an excellent Spanish side. Spain beat the odds, as The Lionesses were tipped to win the final, and USA were expected to win from the start. England were clearly missing Leah Williamson (She released a new book featured in this weeks Book Review, go to page 7 to read about it) and Beth Mead, both out with ACL injuries. The Spanish women's team excelled throughout though, even with the obstacles with the coaching staff. Midfielder, Aitana Bonmatí, ran the show in the final, with Jenni Hermoso alongside her and Salma Paralluelo up top, the 3 of them combined to make flawless passing triangles which England could not handle. Bonmatí deservedly took the women's Ballon d'Or 2023, without a doubt deserving it.

As mentioned earlier, Spain faced obstacles with their coaching staff. Reports say that Jorge Vilda (head coach) had a frosty relationship with players in training during the world cup was going on, not much detail about the situation has been confirmed, but the coach omits 15 players after Spain mutiny. On the 5th September Jorge was sacked from the national team by the Spanish Federation.

Another controversy took place on the day Spain won the world cup. Luis Rubiales (Spanish Federation president) kissed Spain player Jenni Hermoso, whilst Spain were collecting their medals before the cup lift. This situation was taken very seriously, and Rubiales was forced to resign, it all took a while but recently he stepped down.





# Puzzles

## Riddles

Easy - Which word in the dictionary is spelled incorrectly?

Medium - What can you put in a bucket to make it weigh less?

Hard - What is the longest word in the dictionary?

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\*(This sudoku will be cut out next to the issue stand for you to complete)!

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## Last Issues Answers

Easy - A goldfish, Medium - The Dock, Hard - A Kitten  
& Music - Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

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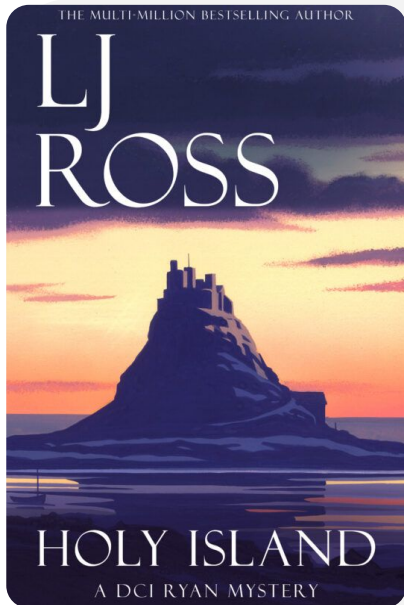
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# Musk's Mission to Mars

This Week's Book of the Week Is...

# Holy Island: A DCI Ryan Mystery



## Review of: Holy Island

By LJ Ross

**Overview:** This fantastic story places the reader in the misty, mysterious and marvellous world of LJ Ross' murder mystery 'Holy Island', set in Northumberland. When, on a gloomy morning, a village woman stumbles upon a corpse, something that has not happened in this tightly-knitted community in many, many years. On leave from work, DCI Ryan takes the tolling job of finding the person or *people* responsible for this murder...

### Positives

First, let's start with the positives, one of which being the satisfying ending and fantastic writing. The beauty of Northumberland can be seen through photos and videos and even being there in person. L.J. Ross manages to transport you into the magnificent island which the book takes place on. Asides from the landscape, the gripping romance of the book is, also, incredible

Age Rating:

# 12+

For mature readers. Some sexual aspects and light, infrequent swearing but nothing to stop you from reading this amazing book!  
**Enjoy the read!**

### Negatives

Whilst there are many positives, we must address the negatives. L.J. Ross certainly left the climax to the very end, which if done well can be a fantastic feature of a book. However, at many points during the beginning to middle of the story, I found myself wanting to stop reading the book. This is because it simply did not have many events going on at this point of the book.

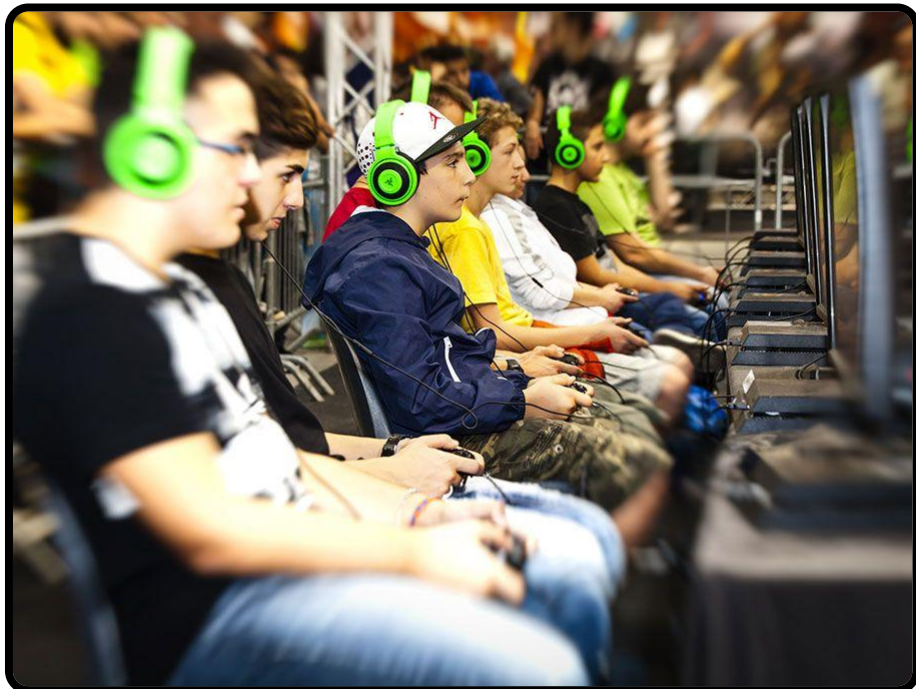
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# We should ban the sale of violent video games to minors

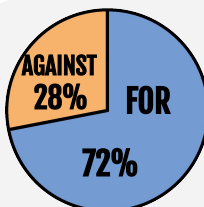
## FACTS:

- In 2011, the US Supreme Court ruled against the notion of banning the sale of violent video games to minors in California, which would have imposed a \$1000 fine on stores who sold video games to children!
- In case you are confused at what exactly makes a video game violent, the California law determined violent video games as "[Games] in which the range of options available to a player includes killing, maiming, dismembering or sexually assaulting an image of a human being".
- Furthermore, They then intimated that their reasoning for the notion was because the government felt violent video games "lacked serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value."



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**MIRACLE**  
CALVIN HARRIS/ELLIE GOULDING  
COLUMBIAN



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## Review of: Pink and White

By Frank Ocean

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## Guess the song:

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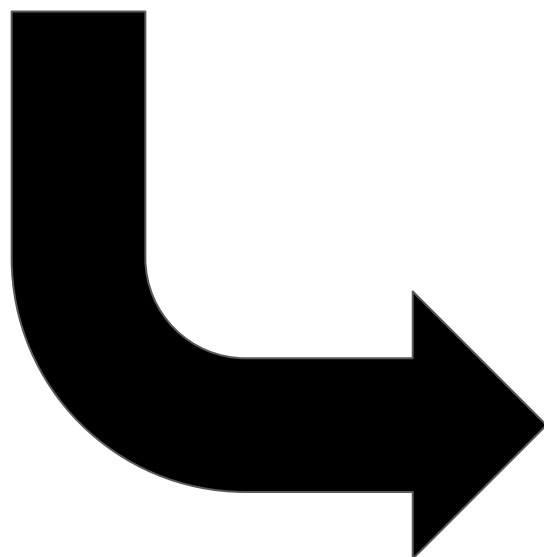
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