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HUMAN-VAMPIRE AFFINITY

By Salah Al-Sayer

The world has known Dracula's character from the novel written by the Irish novelist Bram Stoker in 1897. This Dracula myth has been shown through many varied horror movies produced in Hollywood and it still appeals to and attracts viewers. The most recent release of this series is a 2015 American 3D animated fantasy-comedy film 'Hotel Transylvania II', which is the sequel to the 2012 film 'Hotel Transylvania', which tells the story of Dracula.

In this film, Mavis (Dracula's daughter) gets married to a human called Jonathan, and they have a child they name Dennis, who is a hybrid between man and beast. Nearing his fifth birthday, Dennis has yet to grow his fangs, which worries Dracula that his grandson might not gain vampire powers. So, throughout the comedy film, Dracula tries to get his grandson closer to vampires, and when

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other beasts learn about this affinity, they attack Transylvania Castle that includes the hotel where Dracula and his family live side by side with 'tamed' beasts and human guests. A battle ensues and Dracula and his human/vampire grandson emerge victorious over the evil beasts.

The movie is very enjoyable and conveys a very important message and moral lesson about the possibility of achieving coexistence with others different from ourselves, because good and virtue is not limited or restricted to some of us, as even freaks and beasts have good ones amongst them, such as the mummy, Frankenstein and the werewolf characters who fight bad guys. It is a message that needs to be read and clearly comprehended by our plagued and snobbish world that claims to monopolize good and ethics without knowing that such an illusion is evil in itself and that it contradicts with good morals and ethics.

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LAND TO AIR MISSILES

By Sami Al-Khorafi

A close friend recently told me the story of his cousin, and asked me to write about it so that people could learn the same lesson she learnt. I know the story's topic might already have been tackled by so many writers, but I hope this story may become of benefit and act as a reminder for us all. My friend told me that his cousin, her mother and her nephew went to Europe to purchase her wedding needs. Whenever she bought something, she immediately posted a video or a photo of it on social media so that her acquaintances back in Kuwait could see it. Oh, how well-meaning she was because she did not realize that what she did would bring her evil.

One day before the wedding, her father had a terrible accident but he luckily escaped it unharmed. Her mother slipped and fell during the wedding, breaking her leg. Later, she got divorced in her honeymoon! Do you know the reason for such jinx? Well, there so many other similar stories.

People are starting to brag with everything and immediately post it on various social media with good intentions or even out of boasting about owning this or that luxurious item. For instance, some mothers would post their kids' photos asking everybody to vote for them in a 'most beautiful child competition' without knowing that some people would enviously respond. "Wow, how beautiful this child is," they would say, and the child might suddenly become so ugly or unable to walk.

Some other people would post a photo of a brand new vehicle they had just bought, and it ends up in Amgharah scrapyard in no time, as a result. There are endless examples.

For God's sake people. Others need not to know where you have been to, what you had or what you have seen there. It does not matter to them whether you ate sushi or a simple traditional dish. It is you who are making them watch you with envious eyes!

We have been brought up to the principle of 'do things discreetly if you wish to accomplish any' because people may enviously stare at whatever virtue of blessing one has and some eyes are terribly envious. The Prophet himself (PBUH) called for Islam and migrated to Madinah in secrecy to avoid all eyes and reach his destination safely. In Surat Yousuf, prophet Ya'qub ordered his son, Yousuf not to tell his dream to his brothers.

Many people still fail to understand why certain bad things happen to them but once they rethink the whole issue, they would find out that the reason was what they, themselves, had posted on social media, having people gaze with gasps at the photos, sending 'land to air missiles'. To those with envious eyes, people, please! You have to rid the people of your evil eyes. Say Mashallah whenever you behold something you like!!!

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THOSE WHO BLAME OTHERS

By Nermin Al-Houti

Among the most beautiful moments in my life that I still remember and will not go away from my memory, is when I used to sit with my grandmother, may Allah bestow his mercy on her, and learn from her. Although she was illiterate, she had much knowledge. I remember when I used to go to her and talk about some behaviors of some people which I used to find strange, and which did not have any relation to what they said during their gatherings, she used to say: They blame people, while the blame is on them.

That saying was constantly repeated by my grandmother, and now I repeat it a lot about many of those who we run into and find that they have 'dual personalities', as what they advise and urge others to stay away from, they do it themselves! Here are some of these 'bad things' that are flaws in the persons who cite them in others.

- Those who blame the liar while they have never

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known truth in their lives!

- Those who blame those who do not read, while they do not even know the meaning of book!
- Those who blame the one who does not pray, while he himself has never prayed!
- Those who blame people for gossiping, while all his talk is gossip!
- Those who blame those with no mercy, while they do not have any mercy in their hearts!
- They blame those who do not donate in charity while they do not know how to give zakat!
- They blame those who do not have sympathy for others while they do not know how to have sympathy with themselves!
- Those who blame those who oppress, while they are oppression personified!

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Crime

Report

FISHERMEN FIND HASHISH BAGS

KUWAIT: Seven Indian men who were fishing near Kubbar Island were surprised when they found 50 pieces of hashish in their fishing nets. They said the place where the drugs were found was close to the route of Iranian boats that bring goods to Kuwait. The drugs were found in two heavyweight bags, and each contained several pieces of hashish. The men informed their sponsor of their find, and the Kuwaiti man called police. Security officers went to the area and collected the two bags. The bags were sent to the Drugs Control General Department. Investigations are underway.

Motorcyclist hurt

A delivery man was run over in Fahad Al-Ahmad, while the driver escaped. The delivery man was on his way to deliver an order using a motorcycle, when he was hit and then run over. He was taken to Adan Hospital for treatment. Ahmadi detectives are working on the case.

Thieves caught

Criminal detectives arrested a 3-member gang, containing one expatriate and two bedoons, who used knives and air rifles during their crimes. The three confessed that they robbed camps at knife and gun points in several areas. Their houses were searched and many stolen items were found there. They said some of the items were already sold in the used items market. One of the suspects was asked to call person who bought the items despite knowing they were stolen, and he was arrested in a set up. Several electric generators were found in his house.

Reckless driver

A reckless driver hit an Indian man's car in Sabah Al-Salem. The Indian went to the police station and told them that someone who was driving recklessly hit his car before escaping. Authorities are looking for the culprit. Separately, Jahra police stopped a reckless driving session by a group of men in Saad Al-Abdallah. One of the suspects was found to be a National Guard's officer. —Alrai

KD 110 MILLION ALLOCATED TO DEVELOP FIFTH RING ROAD

KUWAIT: The State Audit Bureau recently approved a tender on the Fifth Ring Road development project with a total cost of KD 110 million, inclusive of all works needed for the project, said official Ministry of Public Work sources. All paper work and documents needed for the tender are being prepared pending signing its contract within the coming few days, the sources added. The Fifth Ring Road serves around six areas that overlook it, and the project mainly aims at improving the services it provides. The project would increase the road's lanes to four in addition to creating emergency and service lanes, as well as changing current intersections to free flow ones. —Al-Anbaa



EQUATE HONORS PUBLIC AUTHORITY FOR INDUSTRY

KUWAIT: EQUATE Petrochemical Company, Kuwait's first international joint-venture in this industry, honored the Public Authority for Industry (PAI) for its continuous support and cooperation. During the ceremony to honor PAI, EQUATE Vice President for Technical Services Tareq Jafar Al-Kandari said, "Our overall ties with PAI have truly been a reflection of EQUATE's 'Partners in Success' slogan. Throughout the years, PAI has truly been a partner for EQUATE in all relevant fields, especially during our

Turnaround 2014 (TA 2014). The amount of support and collaboration from PAI has enabled EQUATE to finalize the TA 2014 within 30-days with the participation of over 12,000 employees and contractors. That is truly a world-record breaking achievement for petrochemical plants and was done through the support of our stakeholders, especially the PAI. In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to express EQUATE's appreciation and thanks to PAI's management and staff for sharing and supporting

our objectives for overall sustainability throughout Kuwait, namely the industrial sector."

The celebration was attended by several representatives from PAI and EQUATE. PAI's attendees included the Manager of Cooling Water Stations Mohammad Al-Adwani, Cooling Water Stations Advisor Yousef Al-Kandari, Section Head of Mechanical Maintenance Meshari Al-Anzi, Section Head of Electrical Maintenance Yousef Al-Mulla, Section Head of Operations Walid Al-Fadhli,

Senior Specialist for Operations Mustafa Isamil and Mechanical Specialist Ahmed Dashti. In addition to Al-Kandari, EQUATE was represented by Utilities Leader Mohammad Al-Mutairi, Procurement Director Muayad Al-Faresi, Corporate Communications Leader Kholoud Al-Feeli, Utilities Operations Leader Mohammad Al-Ali, Senior Production Engineer Paneerselvam Senthilkumar, Senior Production Engineer Shaikhah Al-Hasawi, Production Engineer Fahad Al-Hajri and Production Engineer Jasem Al-Temimi.



TEN BUSINESSES QUALIFY FOR FINAL JUDGING ROUND IN KIPCO TMKEEN AWARD FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

KUWAIT: Ten young entrepreneurs running media and technology businesses in Kuwait have qualified for the final judging round in the first ever KIPCO Tmkeen Award for Young Entrepreneurs. The award is a collaboration between the Youth Empowerment Organization and KIPCO - Kuwait Projects Company (Holding).

Eligible applicants gave a 5-7 minute presentation about their businesses in the preliminary judging round. Business professionals from the KIPCO Group - including Burgan Bank, OSN, Gulf Insurance Group, KAMCO Investment Company, United Real Estate, Qurain Petrochemical Industries, AUK, AUS, United Networks and Marina FM - sat on the judging panels. Eman Al-Awadhi, KIPCO's Group Communications Director, said:

"During the preliminary judging round, KIPCO Group professionals had the opportunity to interact with young entrepreneurs who have dedicated a lot of time and effort to turn their ideas into a reality and create sustainable businesses that make a positive impact on the community in which they operate every day. As business professionals with different backgrounds, our judges gave feedback and comments to the young entrepreneurs, which we hope will be the beginning of a dialogue to mentor and support them as they grow their businesses. The selection process was not an easy one, and we wish everyone all the very best in the final judging round."

Meanwhile, Ali Al Ibrahim, CEO of the Youth Empowerment Organization, said: "The KIPCO Tmkeen Award for Young Entrepreneurs has

taken our work to empower youth to a whole new level. Through our annual Youth Empowerment Symposium, we inspire young people to establish their own businesses by bringing to them renowned business leaders from Kuwait and across the world who share their life-changing stories. This award, however, has allowed us to actively support entrepreneurial projects through the mentorship, experience and services of the KIPCO Group companies."

Finalists

The ten finalists are MyU app (@myu_app), Coded (@joincoded), Bookr (@letsbookr), Ajar Online (@ajaronline), Vitesse Technologies (@vitesse.kw), Q8Desserts.com (@q8desserts), Bilbayt.com (@bilbayt), ZEENA (@zeena.app),

Studio AIO (@studioaio), and Doctoruna.com (@doctoruna1).

The final judging round will take place on Saturday and the panel includes the Co-Founder and CEO of Storehouse, Mark Kawano; Founding Director of the American United School of Kuwait, Dr Jennifer J Beckwith; Kuwaiti IT expert, Eng Manar Al-Hashash; and General Manager of Ghaliyah online communications agency, Abdulrazag Al-Mutawa.

KIPCO Group is offering the winner a bundle of services valued at \$100,000. The services include a wide range of financial, strategic and operational consultation sessions, market studies, insurance coverage and advertising services. The winner of the grand prize will be announced at the opening of the Youth Empowerment Symposium on November 9.