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Resident Evil 6 ANNOUNCED!

Perhaps the biggest news of the year for gamers. The highly anticipated game of this Survival-Horror Franchise is announced at last confirming the rumours that had been running all over the world. **WHAT'S MORE:**

LEON RETURNS!

THE ZOMBIES ARE BACK!

Another important feature is that after much persuasion and demands, the franchise is featuring its two classic hero all in one package at last. Yes! Leon and Chris in the same game for the main storyline with a new protagonist. The story line is revealed as follows in the official trailer:

“President of U.S. is going to reveal the world the threat of bio terrorism and what happened in the Raccoon City incident. Beside him is his close friend, Leon S. Kennedy, now aged 31. A sudden attack leaves the president in a state beyond recognition and so Leon has to kill him and escape. At the same time, Bioterrorism Security Assessment Alliance member Chris Redfield arrives in China, itself under threat of a bioterrorist attack. With no country safe from these attacks and the ensuing outbreaks, the entire world's population is united by a common fear that there is no hope left.” The Game is going to be released on 20th of November 2012 for PC, XBOX 360 and PS3. The game was confirmed on 19th of January 2012.

An Year Full of Resident Evil

Resident Evil: Revelations released in January.

Resident Evil Damnation to be released somewhere in summer. It is a CGI movie which is sequel to Degeneration and the story revolves around Leon S. Kennedy.

Resident Evil Retribution: The fifth installment in the live action film is going to be released in September 2012.

Resident Evil 6: The most highly awaited game of the year. Just wait for it and all those in possession of the consoles immediately grab hold of this Wonderful Game.



Film Updates



The Hobbit was the first Fantasy Novel written by JRR Tolkien and was published in 1937 to a wide critical acclaim. The tale won many awards and is recognized as a favourite English Classic. The Hobbit was written before The Lord Of The Rings which is the “The Third Best Selling Novel Ever Written.”

The story is now ready to be released in a two part adaptation directed by the director Peter Jackson, the director of The Lord Of The Rings Trilogy. The Hobbit’s first part is going to be released on the December,14th,2012 while the Hobbit: There and Back Again is scheduled for December 13th,2013 in 3D. The films are being shot back to back in New Zealand.

The Hobbit is a story of a young Hobbit called Bilbo Baggins, who is one day visited by Gandalf the Grey who offers him part in an adventure. Bilbo being a Baggins refuses this offer due to his clans respect and invites Gandalf on a tea party the other day. Exactly on the next day Bilbo is visited by Thorin and his band of Twelve Dwarves and Gandalf Greyham who persuades him into taking his part in their quest to reclaim the captured treasure of Dwarves from Smaug, The Fierce Dragon, who now dwells in the heart of Lonely Mountains.

Although Bilbo is first a trouble for the dwarves but after finding the Magic Ring which makes him invisible, he is able to earn their respect and thus their quest continues and they pass through many perils until they arrive at the Desolation of Smaug. Will they be able to reclaim their treasure, find out in the upcoming wonderful live action adaptation of this classic tale. Though the films were meant to be made before the Lord of the Rings Trilogy but due to certain troubles of rights, the films could not be made. So don’t miss the wonderful prelude to the Trilogy and do watch the extremel thrilling trailer.

For this prelude much of the old cast is returning to take part: Elijah Wood as Frodo, Andy Serkis as Gollum, Ian McKellen as Gandalf the Grey, Ian Holm as old Bilbo Baggins, Orlando Bloom as Legolas, Cate Blanchett as Gladrie, Hugo Weaving as Elrond and Christopher Lee as Saruman the White.

The Story of M.Rafay*(Episode 4)**By SOT ZAIDI*

The door of the room parted with an electronic click and the man enter inside it.

“So Dr. You needed to share some information, didn’t you,”

Said a cold voice which sent cold shivers down the mans spine.

The Dr. coughed and said, “Ah well yes. We have been successful in tracking the boy, sir.” “You came here to give me such petty news. What did I ORDER TBE DONE? Huh,” said the voice coldly with suddenly rising in a pitch causing Dr. Idrees to cover before him.

“Well Sir, we can but he is surrounded by the members of Anti Bio Experiment League. We can not take risks, chief.”

“Master,” spat the chief, “From now on you will refer to me as Master. I am the ultimate human.” Then after a moment of silence, “Why not use our agent. Our old and most wonderful weapon against them. Yes Fetch her Doctor. Go IMMEDIATELY”

The man rushed out of the room as if he had seen a ghost.

After a few moment, the doors of the room opened and inside entered a girl, clad in black leather clothing and armour, with eyes full of a menacing fire. She did not flinched or felt any fear as she gazed upon the chief. “You called Sir.”

“The chief smiled a very menacing smile and said, “Nothing gives you chills, does it?”

The girls lip curled into a smile ; a very chilling smile, “Who can give chills to the one who herself is Fear.”

“Indeed. Now I have a mission for you. Go back and prepare. This will be perhaps the most important mission of your life. You understand what I am saying don’t you.”

“Yes, Its torture time,” said the girl contorting her face into an evil smile.

I could hear the zooming voice of the chainsaw. He was somewhere near; close to me. Waiting for a movement so that he could slice me with his chainsaw. I felt another purge to vomit as I remembered the chainsaw man slicing the women. I could see the fountain of blood which flew in the air. Then suddenly I got Oz’s eye, he told me to creep out now. How could I trust Oz when even he had failed to kill the murderous monster.

As Oz had shot the bullets on the monster they had just got stuck in his big bulk and then he healed and rushed towards us. We all ran as fast as we could and hid at various position. The zombies

were scattered every where in the streets. I rushed out from behind the cupboard and we crept out of the barn. “Well Oz?” I said looking at him questioningly.

“I am worried about Zee. Where did she go in the frenzy?”

Then suddenly the sounds of whoozing grew loud and with a roar a shadow jumped upon us from the barn’s roof.

“RUN RAFAY RUN NOW.”

I began to run as fast as I could through the bushes and hedges, crossing the private properties of people without permission. Oz was with me and it was not long when the hungry zombies joined in the hunt.

“Now what,” I shouted to Oz. I felt a strange surge building up through me as if energy wanted to break through me. A sharp pain erupted in my chest and I felt as if a volcano was going to burst out from me. In that agonizing moment I heard the air fill with blasts of a shotgun. Many of the zombies fell on the floor now at peace at last. The pain began to fade but the zooming sound did not

stop and cutting his way through the hedge, the chainsaw maniac came roaring at us crazily. It was a kind of hunting cry or the enthusiasm of victory, however his force was cut off by Hassan jumping in our way with his shield on. There was a cry of the chainsaw hitting the metal shield and then a "thwak" sound. Hassan had stabbed his sword right in the maniac's head and left it there. The maniac dropped on the grass with a thump.

"Where is Zee?" asked Oz in a worried voice.

"I don't know. I thought she was with you people."

"Oh my God. I have to ... I mean We have to find her. NOW!" said Oz.

We began to run in search of Zee.

In a very dark barn, Zee was panting hard. She staggered on the floor, to hide under a cover. Someone knocked over the door. Then everything went deadly quiet. Zee's heart began to beat very hard. Suddenly there was a zoom and a crash as a chainsaw pierced through the wood of the door and screaming crazily, a chainsaw break through the door and lunged at Zee, who dodged him and was lucky enough to cause the chainsaw to stumble and fall. Zee gasped and began to run. The chainsaw groaning got up and started his chainsaw and with another cry he

began to run after Zee who had barely had enough strength left in her to run. Alas she fell on the road out of breath and saw death in the form of chainsaw maniac approaching her. Then someone jumped through the air and blocked the chainsaw man from attacking. The chainsaw man waved his deadly weapon in the air but the attacker was too agile and dodged it. The maniac gave a cry of rage and this time attacked with his hand causing the beaming face to fall. He then put his foot over the attacker's chest and waved his chainsaw in victory. A fire blazed in Zee's eyes. A fire of fear and worry and she screamed, "OZ NO."

As I arrived on the spot where the shouting was coming from, I saw a very dangerous scene. Oz had fallen and the chainsaw was waving his weapon ready to attack. Suddenly there was a roaring sound of a vehicle and a sound as if a cannon blasting and I saw the chainsaw's head explode in a fountain of blood. There was a large circle in his head now from which dark red blood was oozing. A motor cycle came roaring in site and I saw the beauty it was. A glossy and cool looking piece of machin-

ery it was with many weapons attached with it. The biker was clad fully in a black leather dress and the head was covered with a helmet. Oz got up gasping for breath and Zee helped him get up. He was smiling. Hassan also arrived panting.

"Well Well. This is LXCZ 500. Completely automatic and fully computerized with an assortment of weapons. This is the best vehicle of war available for anyone," said Oz in a hushed voice which showed that he admired the bike as well.

"I think I need a little introduction as well. Oh well, Never mind. All every one needs to know is that I am Oz's savior from today."

It was a feminine voice. The biker was a girl.

"Well everyone, meet Agent Rushna, expert in mastering of vehicles and a good soldier," said Oz and then added, "Is fine enough for you now!"

RUSHNA! Another girl from my class. What was this going on. Rushna removed the helmet and said, "So any info what's going on here."

"No, I thought you would know!" said Oz.

"Me why would I?"

"Well I thought that you went

to the HQ to get the bike.”

Rushna smiled and said, “Oh no, I booked it 2 days ago for a mission.”

Suddenly I felt the pain in my chest reappear; it was a burning sensation and I saw a hoard of zombies or the monsters attacking for food. Hem to my horror, I saw the chainsaw maniac rising; the wound had disappeared and he was ready to attack again. I felt anger, pain and fear and the pain within my chest increased. I felt the wind compressing around me and then I felt relaxed as the gust of energy left me. There was a blast and all I was able to see was a cloud of dust and rubble around me before I hit the ground unconscious.

When I woke up, Oz was up and looking at me without any expression. He for the first time where I could remember looked serious in his life.

“Who are you, Rafey and where did you got this power?” said Oz.

“What power?”

“Take a look at your surroundings.”

I looked around and realized that all of us were in a small depth crater with a wide radius. The place had turned into a barren piece of land. “

“This is not a normal power. There is something queer about you and I will find it out. And I promise you, my methods will not be painless so it is better if you reveal who are you,” said Oz in a deadly whisper.

“I promise you Oz that I don’t know anything that happened here and I don’t understand what you are talking about,” I pleaded.

Oz’s stern expression softened and he said, “I can believe you Rafay but my duty does not allow this. However we should move somewhere safer.”

“Wait! How did I fell unconscious and how can cause this crater?” I asked feeling really tensed up.

“When the zombies attacked us, we all felt a strange wave pass through us. Then there was a sort of rumbling which caused this crater and the force caused the zombies to be crushed in the air, while miracu-

lously we stayed safe. Then you fell unconscious,” said Zee also eying me with great suspicion.

“So...So how can you blame me?”

“Blame You! We can prove that you caused the crater. First of all, you were the centre of the crater,” said Zee.

“Secondly, you were on fire when we touched you. It was like as if a deadly fever had attacked you,” explained Oz.

“Come on. We should get somewhere better,” said Rushna, “There you can test your theories. Damn that blast damaged the bike as well.”

We walked through the desolate place. The weather was dusty. Oz had my hands tied and Hassan was responsible to carry me on his back. Then after we reached a barn, he cut my hands and said, “I don’t want to blame myself for your death. Anything can happen in this time so it is better if you are free. Besides I doubt that your power would be unable to set you free from my grasp.”

Then Oz entered a barn and came out looking sick. “I don’t think anyone should go in there. You will be sick at the scene specially girls.”

He looked really sick.

“Oh come on, how horrible could it be. Let me have a look,” said Rushna and peered in pushing Oz aside. She gasped and then screamed.

I entered the barn and behind me others followed. Oz was right, the scene was sickening.

It was Shanzah, another girl from my class. Half of her body was tied with a rope while the legs were cut up and thrown aside. Clearly she had been tortured by someone. Furthermore, her throat was cut and fresh blood was oozing out from it. It was an indication that the kill was recent. Behind me Zee screamed and both Rushna and she hugged each other and began to cry. Hassan had turned

his face and looked deadly pale. Oz looked sick and serious while I felt my head zooming. This was perhaps the most horrible event I had encountered yet. Oz said, “This is clearly not the work of a monster for they prefer quick kill. This is a murder and I promise you I will find out who is responsible for it no matter what.”

I looked at his stern face and saw the certainty in his eyes and I knew that he was going to do it. Then Oz began to examine the area for certain clues while I and the others left the barn sick of that sight. I looked at the sky which was beginning to turn dusky and wondered how long it would be before we suffer the same fate.

The small screen on the small watch blinked and jumped into action. The girl peered into it to see the chief who was smiling strangely. He said, “Well what is your status.”

“All witnesses removed. We are closing in on the coordinates. Your work will be done soon.”

“Good VERY GOOD. That is what I like about your style, agile and full of stealth. You will be very successful in the world I have envisioned Agent Sofia. You just wait.”

With this the screen turned off and the girl began to laugh crazily with a new blaze of menace in her eyes. She was ready to wipe out anything in her way of success. She was ready to fulfill her task and win the war against her enemies.

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History Corner

The French Revolution

Background: *France* was the most powerful country in *Europe*. The absolute power of monarch was not broken as easily or quickly as it was in *England*. The *French* had an assembly called "*States General*" which consisted of 3 groups. This assembly did not meet for 175 years [1615-1789]. The problems started when *Louis 14* came to throne in 1643 and took power in 1661 after the death of his Chief Minister, *Mazarin* [who ruled the country until his death]. *Louis 14* made a huge army which was equipped with latest weapons of that time. The nobles and clergy did not pay taxes. *Louis* made a palace at *Versailles* which was for luxury. After 1687 *France* was constantly at war with its neighbors. The treasury was nearly empty. Taxation was very high. *France* was desperate. The *French Revolution* was still 75 years away but it was now inevitable.

States General:

The *French* assembly was known as *States General* which had not met for 175 years. This assembly had been captured by the king years ago and left out of power. It consisted of 3 *Estates* which were of:

Clergy,

Nobles,

Ordinary people and Middle class professionals.[which were left in the lowest class]

As there was no power of the states general there was absolute king and no reforms were made.

The storm breaks:

The resentment increased in *France* as in 18 century against the nobles and clergy. The nobles and priests were not paying taxes while the ordinary people had to pay 3 types of taxes:

To local land lords.

To government

And to the church

Now the people were left without money and there were no resources given to them. The tax they gave was

used for the luxury of the king and nobles. The serfs and peasants alone had to serve the army. Now the *educated middle class people* [these were lawyers and merchants] thought that this *un-fair* treatment was wrong.

France was constantly at war with *Spain*, *Germany* and *Netherlands* in 1687 but the war with *England* totally drained the treasury. *France* was bankrupt because of the *extravagancy of the court* and the several wars [it was bankrupt by 1780]. The resentment increased and people became angrier because of a series of *bad harvest*. Many people were starved to death. It has been told that a group of people went to the king *Louis 16* of *France* and asked him what to do now there is no bread. The king joked and said that eat cakes. The people were very angry and this reaction of the king increased resentment and became a cause of *French* revolution.

When the situation got worse the weak king tried to make reforms but it was too late. Now there was only one hope so the advisors advised him to call the *States General*.

The *first and second estate* outvoted *3rd estate* which represented 95% of the population. The people became angry and refused to help and they said that their parliament should be modeled to the *English one* and that they were the *real rulers* of the country. They still had little power and the king arrested many *educated middle class professionals* and drove out the other people. People refused to obey and met in an *indoor tennis court* where they were joined by some *nobles and clergymen*. They vowed that they would not disperse until a proper government was set up. This was just the start of *French* revolution.

The Fall of Bastille **(14-July-1789)**

The national assembly had little control over people. Rioting

mobs roamed in the streets of *Paris*. On *14th July 1798* they attacked and captured the king's fortress called *Bastille*. They broke the doors and windows. Although they were only able to free 7 prisoners but this incident was a symbol of revolution. The *national day of France* is still celebrated on *14th of July*. In the next two years the *National Assembly* with the help of other 2 countries where revolutionaries had seized power made sweeping changes. *Serfdom* was abolished and everyone had to pay taxes. They however issued the most important document called "*Declaration of the Rights of Man*". This document contained the following points:

All power belongs to the state through parliament.

All people are born equal and have equal rights.

All people have freedom of speech, expression, thought and religion.

No one can be arrested except for breaking the laws of the state.

Everyone is innocent until proved guilty.

The execution of the king

The king, *Louis XVI* of *France* tries to escape with his wife, *Marie Antoinette*, to *Belgium* but was caught by Revolutionaries and brought back to *Paris* where they were executed. *France* was declared republic in 1793. *Austria* and *Prussia* were afraid that the revolutionaries might break among their own people so they invaded *France* but were driven out by Revolutionary armies but after the execution of the king *Britain* joined them.

The Reign of Terror **[1793-1794]**

The revolutionaries wanted revenge for the problems they had faced before the revolution. The *extremist revolutionaries* like *Robespierre* [The main leader], *Marat* and *Danton* took control of the government and abandoned *The Declaration of Rights of Man*. They started executing people. The country fell into an age of killing and terror. Tens of Thousands of

nobles, priests, political rivals, personal enemies and even those totally innocent people whose name the revolutionaries disliked were executed on the guillotine.

Even leaders were beheaded as new came to power. *Christianity* was abolished and replaced with a new religion called "The Religion of Reason". The months were given new names and dating began with 1st year of revolution as year one. This reign lasted nearly 1year.

The Directory

The assembly [after the bloodshed] decided that the parliament should be reinstated and modernized to the British style. 2 houses [or groups as in the book] were made. 1st house consisted of 500 elected representatives. It was known as the lower house. While the 2nd house had "250 Ancients" [senior politicians] and they were technocrats [politicians who are expert in any department] in their work. Above these 2 was the Directory which was responsible for solving the problems which were being faced by France. The Directory consisted of 5 men one of whom was replaced each year.

Life in *France* returned to normal as dance, restaurants and gambling halls reopened and people started to dress up in high fashion. The directory had to deal with many problems. One of them was the *political situation of France* in which there were *rebellions* by people. Some wanted the old *monarchy system* and the others wanted a kind of *social state* and there was constant threat of attack from outer nations. In *Economical situation* the directory had to finish the bankruptcy of France.

The *Directory* was *very weak* until it fell into the hands of a young army general whose name was *Napoleon*. He had also taken part in the revolution. From 1796 to 1797 he led an army which captured most of the *Northern Italy*. The directory hoped that the army would help in the maintenance of *law and order* but in 1799, *Napoleon* abolished the directory and made himself the *Consul*. Actually he was a dictator and soon in 1804 after fighting several successful wars against rest of the *Europe* he declared himself as the *Emperor*.

In *eleven* years the people of *France* had over thrown monarchy but were again under the ruler ship of an *Emperor*. However the great changes made could not be reversed.

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A Review of January's Events

