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# The Oblivion

*THE DROPLETS OF RAIN*

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APOCALY FFC  
THE STORY OF M RAFAY  
(EPISODE 9)

Their hearts thudded with fear with each boom that filled the forest. Oz knew they were dead. The approaching zombies were not a problem but the monster that approached was far worse than anything evil that existed at that moment.

A small mob of zombies surrounded them. Quick as a lightning Oz pulled Zee tightly towards him and shot a grappling gun at a high branch of a tall tree and as soon as they grabbed the branch, Zee climbed up and took out her gun but held her fire.

“What are they doing?” said Zee.

“They have formed a circle around us. Strange but they are not attacking,” replied Oz his voice quivering as he heard another thud echo in the forest.

The zombies had started to move around in a circle holding their hands and as the lone souls looked at them, then they heard a least expected sound; A Creak.

“Hun what was that?” said Zee.

Suddenly there were numerous crackling sounds and the tree began to wob-

ble precariously. It was at then that they saw the thick trunk being crushed by several tentacles entwined around it.

With a loud cracking sound, the tree creaked down throwing the two in the air who landed at the feet of a terrible monster covered all over with mucous secreted by each cell over its body.

“Finally Oz. You fall at my feet.”

“I WILL NEVER SUBMIT to a callous heart, Moosa.”

“Don’t babble Oz. Your time is over. Look at the army of undead I command ... A new age is beginning. And you belong in it.”

“How far do you think you and your Mistress can wreck havoc in the world . It would finally be alerted. There are others who will come to stop you.”

“OUR ALLIANCE OZ IS FAR GREATER THAN YOU OR YOUR COMPANIONS CAN IMAGINE,” said Moosa.

From the mist appeared five shadows behind Moosa equally distanced

from each other.

“Oh my God...the chainsaw maniacs!” exclaimed Zee remembering her last encounter.

“Oz meet my new friends, “The Shades Of Misery,”” said Moosa, “I could command them and in an instant you will be dead.”

“So that’s it,” said Oz,” You depend on others to do your dirty jobs. Don’t have the heart to fight me yourself wimp. A huge monster wimp”

Moosa growled and said, “I know you are powerless against them. But I will show you what pain feels...myself. Under my wrath you will die a thousand deaths!”

As the time of awakening came, I woke up from my dream. The forest was bent on me, the small clearing lit by faint light that passed through the fog. I felt dazzled by daylight, it seemed that as if I had been preserved in one time frame, however I must have spent days or months in my dream. I felt a rush of excitement pass through me; I was feeling stronger than ever. I knew my body better than before and could perform skills with great potency.

A drop of rain fell on my head and I felt

some thing strong yet ancient fill me: My heart filled with despair as if a friend had departed from this world and I was left all alone. Drops began to fall one by one when the silence was broken by a roar of victory. A roar of victory of something evil and my heart became even more heavy.

Then from the forest emerged the great monster who would haunt the dreams of anyone who knew what he had been once.

“Don’t cross way with me Moosa. You’ll regret it.”

“Weakling, Human. I don’t care about killing you anymore... Not yet but I’ll be back soon. I have earned my victory! RAFAY! Go look in the woods and look at your friends: Dead.”

“No” I said my eyes opening with shock.

Moosa grabbed his arm like a greased lightning and threw him hard into air where he smashed into a tree.

“OZ” screamed Zee wincing.

Moosa pointed at Zee and the shades of Fear began to run after her.

Zee took out her grapple gun and shot at a tall tree. She was at a top branch in no time.

Moosa while jumped at Oz who had

barely got up and kicked him in the air with a strong force smashing him in the ground.

Oz could feel the pangs of pain as his body broke but he struggled to get up, however Moosa was not going to let this chance slip by and immediately two tentacles grabbed Oz tightly and started crushing him.

On the other hand , the shades of fear pursued Zee, with the zombies following them, who began to climb the tree . One of the shades threw his chainsaw at Zee but she dodged it. She could hear Oz scream in agony and tears leaked from her eyes. She could not watch this kill. She again shot her grapple to reach towards the one who loved her.

Moosa was enjoying the screams and then he smashed him hard several times on the floor and laughed. Oz mouth was gushing blood. His whole body was broken. Really gory blood leaked out through his nose and several parts of his body were bruised.

Finally out of his body, a disgustingly sharp tentacle emerged to finish Oz pain forever. Oz could barely breath and he felt the light from his eyes fade away, when he heard a shout , "Leave us For God's sake Moosa. Leave us

alone."

Zee flunged her arms around Oz's face to protect him though knowing that she was powerless. Moosa approached Oz then stopped as if freezed in that time period. He slowly turned without saying a word and walked away, his army dispersing slowly in different directions.

Zee looked at Moosa disappear and then turned to face Oz's face which rested in her lap.

"Oz come on wake up. For God's sake wake up."

But Oz did not reply. Zee began to sob.

"Zee...good bye."

"No Oz. You can't leave me alone in this world."

"It was...your... choice. I... Love you."

"My choice was you Oz, I just couldn't mention it. I was shy. You kept asking me and I kept quiet always thrilled in my heart. Oz I have loved you and will love you forever. Please Oz don't leave me."

This time Oz did not reply. Zee began to sob and touched her forehead with Oz's for head. At that moment, the whole clearing lit up with a sharp light and then Zee and Oz were no more in this world.

"You lie," said Rafay.

"I don't need to lie Rafay. Go see for your self and tell the news to the others. Mind YOU I'LL BE BACK."

Rage lit up Rafay and he took out his gun and shot without caring to aim at Moosa's dangling eye. The shot burst that eye and Moosa screamed in pain. His screams rang through the whole forest. Rafay began to run in the direction Moosa came from disappearing in the darkness of the forest.

I had not gone far when a shot nearly hit my feet. I turned and looked around. Numerous soldiers armed and masked stood behind me.

"Leave me!"

"We have orders that must be followed. Surrender or we will capture you by force and that would be quite agonizing," said a girl among them.

"I am not an easy pill to swallow but if you ask for it," I replied furious and took out my gun and my knife quickly shooting six shots at the standing men while moving towards them agilely and then struck one of them with a knife.

The soldiers fell but the girlish voice laughed maliciously. So she was not

among them.

"Impressive," said the voice. And then more soldiers began to jump from the trees. They held tranquilizers in their hand which they shot at me but I used my acrobatical skills to dodge each of them and then I began to fight this menace.

Not far from the scene, Rushna hid behind a tree watching everything but she was powerless. She could see the Rafay pound bodies reducing them to broken bones and then fall in the heavy rain. The soldiers began to carry him.

Rushna took out her cell and dialed a number. After a minute she said, "Report to base. Subject captured while Two are down and with that she lost her voice as tears began to fall with the rain.

*(To be continued in the upcoming Last Episode)*



The sequel to the highly acclaimed video game, "Arkham Asylum" was released on 18th October 2011 and went on to be declared as "The Game of The Year" on multiple sites just like its predecessor. The storyline has been written by the veteran Batman writer, "Paul Dini" and notable characters from the previous game like the Joker, Harley Quinn, Riddler and Victor Zsasz, return alongside new enemies like the Mad Hatter and Ras al Gull.

6 The story line of this 3rd person action adventure game follows One-Year after events of Arkham Asylum where a whole chunk of Gotham is forced away releasing the prisoners of Asylum and Black gate Prison in it. Batman is also captured by Tyger operatives under command of Hugo Strange who is making plans of activating a certain "Protocol 10". Batman ventures in the city defeating criminals protecting the trapped people eventually getting poisoned by joker who is on the verge of death due to the Titan Formula he took in the first game. Batman now ventures to find the cure. The dense plot fills itself with exciting events and huge twists finally ending on Joker's death.

The gameplay mechanics have been improved quite a lot and the City has been given a open world feel to it where the protagonist can select side-quests. Combat has been improved with more action and a heavy reliance on the gadgetry. The detective Vision has been tone downed a bit to make the game challenging while the game offers a variety of bonuses throughout the gameplay.

The game received several accolades, like Best Voice Acting for Joker, Best Graphics, Best Original Score, Best Xbox 360 game, best Adapted Video Game and many more. Critics have commented on the game being as dark as the comic "Return of the Joker" and offers an authentic Dark Knight experience.

The game also offered several DLC content, the most important being the Cat woman's adventures in the City. This game is a must play for all hard core gamers.

# The Lovely Bones

Alice Sebold

**“These were the lovely bones that had grown around my absence: the connections—sometimes tenuous, sometimes made at great cost, but often magnificent—that happened after I was gone. And I began to see things in a way that let me hold the world without me in it. The events my death brought were primarily that the bones of a body that would become whole at some unpredictable time in the future. The price of what I came to see as this miraculous lifeless body had been my life”** (Susie Salmon narrating the conclusion of the novel)

The highly critically acclaimed novel of Alice Sebold was published in 2002. It follows a girl named Susie Salmon as she watches her family breaking away and then struggling to move on with their lives from her personal heaven after she is abused and murdered with her body being locked away in a safe by her neighbour, George Harvey.

Sebold's novel was a surprise success when it was first published, mainly because it was written by a young author known only for one other book. In addition, the plot and narrative device are unusual and unconventional. It would have been considered a success by Little, Brown and Company had it sold 20,000 copies, but it ultimately sold over a million and remained on the New York Times hardback best-seller list for over a year.

Critics also helped the novel's success by being generally positive, many noting that the story had more promise than the idea of a brutally murdered teenage girl going to heaven and following her family and friends as they get on with their lives would have suggested. "This is a high-wire act for a first novelist, and Alice Sebold maintains almost perfect balance", wrote Katherine Bouton in The New York Times Book Review.

The Lovely Bones was later adapted into a film by Peter Jackson who personally purchased the rights. The film was released on January 15 internationally and eventually earned an Academy Award (Oscar) for the Best Supporting Actor, Stanley Tucci who portrayed the role of antagonist George Harvey.

# TIME LINE

**August:** The Holy Month of Ramazan passes during this period. Many events happened specially the Summer Holidays, announcement of Cambridge Examination Results, EID UL FITR and release of "The Dark Knight Rises" in Pakistani Cinemas.

**13th of August:** Cambridge results announced. Congratulations to all who received their desired grades. Perhaps the most wonderful results shown in the O Levels by Class C3

**21st August:** Eid-ul Fitr. No idea what happened in FFC but Eid is generally fun and tiring of course. The Day of Celebration after the End of Ramazan opened with blessings on the people of Pakistan.

**The Dark Knight Rises releases in Pakistani Cinemas. Nearly all shows booked on the first 4 days of Eid. A wonderful and emotional Movie ending the Christopher Nolan's Batman Trilogy**

**Mid-September:** Witness the Great Flood of FFC and the breaking of the spine road. 2 holidays from school. Pakora Party.

Perhaps the most important period was the Great Flood. All previous Rain records were broken with the rain flooding the school grounds and Café Lawns. Water accumulates in the Cinema and Multi Purpose Complex road. MCG ground also disappears under the water while many homes are short circuited and flooded with the sewage bursting back from the gutters into the homes. Quite a lot of damage to the colony with problems enunciated with the broken Spine Road (Main Road).



Some say that Silent Hill has fallen of the great wagon of fear it had started under the direction of Team Silent 13 years ago. Producing 3 hit sequels to the first game, Team Silent surprised the world with the terror inducing monsters, disturbing plots implying many taboo topics (notably Silent Hill 2) and very creepy environments and locals. Furthermore the experience was enhanced by the series main composer Akira Yamaoka who made a very excellent use of music to strike fear and suspense in a player's heart.

However Konami's new Silent Hill sequel has got neither the inspiring direction of team Silent or the very awe striking score of Yamaoka who left Konami after the release of the last Silent Hill game. However the new team Vatra games does have promises to give the player the experience of survival and psychological fear similar to that in Silent Hill 2. It is commendable to say that Vatra succeeded in designing a great plot with great twists and suspense and also wonderfully executed it in the game however it did not succeed in every feat.

Critics had pretty much panned Downpour but its atmosphere and story was what saved it. In general, most critics were split on the game's story and atmosphere yet criticized the combat and technical performance. Games Radar gave it a 7/10, stating "In spite of its flaws, Silent Hill: Downpour does manage to be smart and imaginative in bursts...The actual gameplay leaves a lot to be desired, but as recent Silent Hills go, this is one of the better ones." Gamespot gave the game a 7.5/10, saying "Downpour makes some questionable tweaks to the established formula, but those decisions distinguish it from the rest of the series." Official Xbox Magazine summed up its review with "the game's many puzzles and open-world areas did leave us aimlessly wondering and wandering. But varied gameplay, solid combat, and an effective mix of psychological scares and freaky encounters make Downpour a worthwhile trip.", giving the game a 7.5/10. IGN gave the worst score 4.5/10 while most sites awarded it a mild rating on scale.

Released on XBOX 360 and PS3, set in the multiverse, the game based on the eponymous fictional town of Silent Hill where Murphy Peddleton, a prisoner, struggles to escape the town after crashing in it. This time the otherworld is based on Rain which falls in real time. This time the soundtrack has been composed by the renowned composer of Dexter Series Daniel Licht. His music not as great as Akira's has been commended by critics. Silent Hill Downpour is still a quite nice game to play specially for the long time fans.

## Resident Evil: Retribution 3D

Perhaps the first Resident Evil Movie which received positive reaction from the critics, the Fifth installment in the Resident Evil movie Franchise immediately follows the events from the previous movie "Afterlife" where now Alice fights Jill Valentine and gets captured by the Umbrella Corporation. Alice now must escape facing monsters, zombies and follow a highly confusing plot to the climax where everything will become clear like water.

IGN gave the film a 6 out of 10, saying, "Even with all of its dopey dialogue, wooden characters and 'been there, done that' elements, Resident Evil: Retribution is pretty amazing as far as entries in this series go. It certainly feels more like a video game and has a bit more emotion to it than some of the past Resident Evil sequels.

Resident Evil has many recurring characters who died in the previous films and yet new characters like Leon Kennedy and Ada Wong. Albert Wesker returns in this film while the pathogen used this time in the film is Las Plagas taken from Resident Evil 4.

The film has remained strongest in Asia where it became the best 2012 Hollywood debut so far and has its box office earning is \$ 200,700,000.

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## The Hobbit

With Director's like James Cameron and Peter Jackson, films have seen a great change in their style and way of production. Not long ago, James Cameron came with the craze of 3D technology which now every film tries to follow and now Jackson has introduced a new feature, shooting the film in 48 Frames per Second. Dividing the Hobbit now in 3 making it a trilogy as well, Jackson intends to film it in 24fps, Imax 24Fps and 48fps. Lets see how Jackson's new Technology will fare in the coming generation.

The first Hobbit film trilogy is planned as follows: **An Unexpected Journey;**  
**2. The Desolation of Smuag; 3. There and Back Again**



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Don't miss the last episode of story of M Rafay.

**From SOT ZAIDI.**

**Top 5 Silent Hill soundtracks**

**The Theme of Laura. (SH2)**

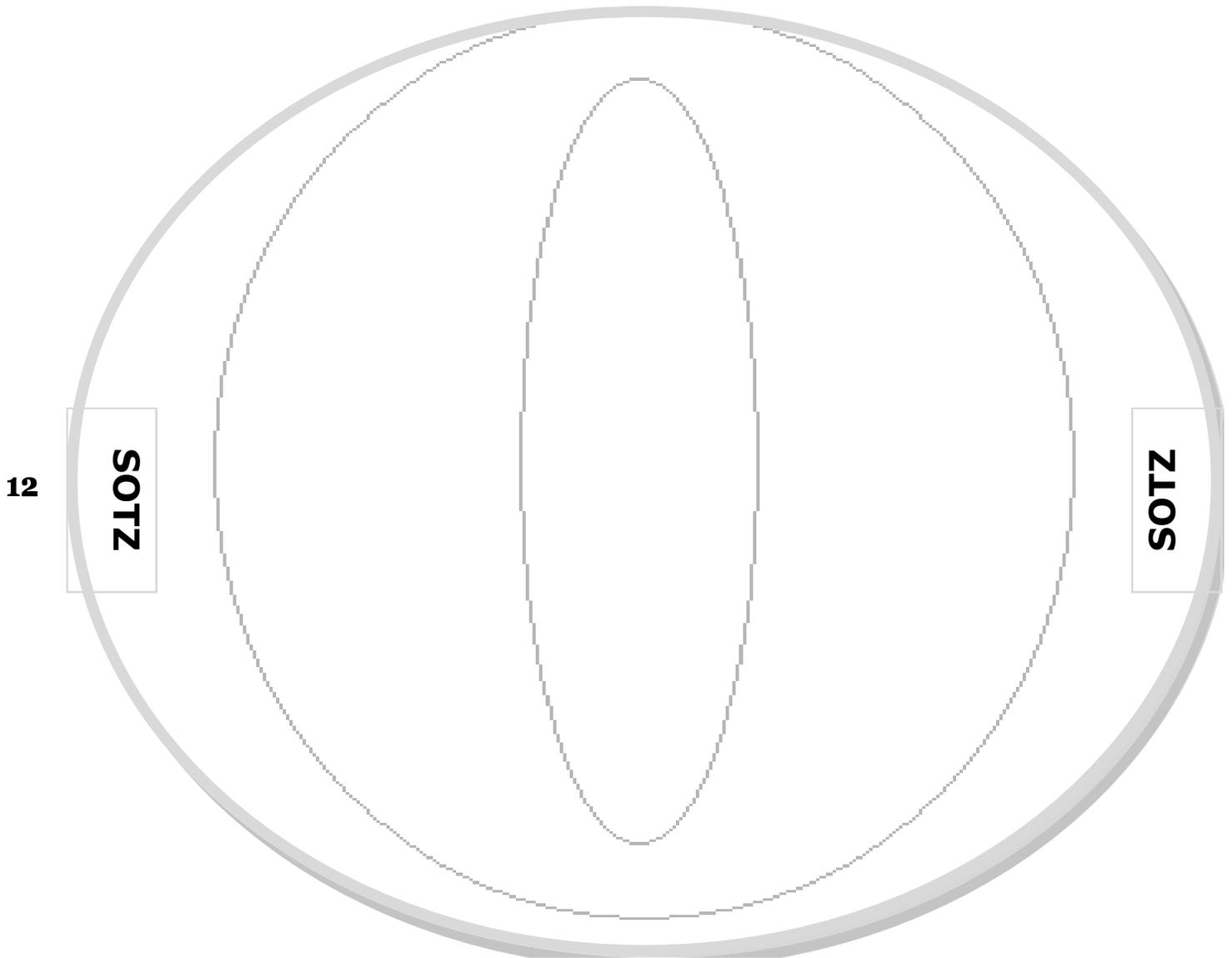
**Innocent Moon. (SH3)**

**White Noize (SH2)**

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**Silent Hill (SH1)**

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