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Factual

## Secrets of the Masters

The extreme claims made for martial arts can sound ludicrous; more akin to bizarre fiction. In *Secrets of the Masters*, martial arts master Chris Crudelli reveals there is compelling evidence to the contrary; credit cards can be offensive weapons, Bruce Lee's one-inch punch does exist and some people enlist ghosts as sparring partners.

As one of the few Westerners able to penetrate the veil of secrecy surrounding these ancient skills, Chris is uniquely regarded by the various oriental masters as an equal. His skills encompass a variety of disciplines including Tai Chi, Chi Gong, Kung Fu, and Chi Gong.

Taking him from the streets of Britain, to various parts of China, Japan, Taiwan and the Philippines, Chris meets the masters of martial arts, sharing in their secret knowledge. Uncovering some of their claims, Chris recreates their techniques and witnesses their impossible physical feats.



## The Trouble with Black Men

Author and journalist David Matthews is a black man who thinks his brothers need to get their act together. He can't understand why so many of them are hooked on a lazy way of life, why they get through so many relationships and why they're obsessed with masculinity and the tough-guy image.

David thinks it's time to tear up the PC rulebook and pull black men up on their shoddy behaviour. Some people think that black men are ruining the black family with their testosterone-fuelled promiscuity, and their fixation with gangster rap, fast cars and aggressive driving. David unpicks these stereotypes to discover the real problems facing black men in Britain today.





## Gory Greek Gods

The Olympians - the mythical Greek Gods - were almost like a fantasy family firm of mobsters. While not dealing directly in crime, these ancient-world Sopranos were certainly in the protection business... divine protection.

Presented by Ninia Benjamin of 3 Non-Blondes fame, Gory Greek Gods illuminates the sometimes outrageous world of these mythical gods and their ancient worshippers.

In Divine Violence and Divine Sex, rotoscope animation is used to bring to life the world of the gods in all its gory detail, while the documentary explores the life and legacy of the ancient Greeks.

## Body Hits

Body Hits, BBC Three's topical science strand, returns for a third series in which presenter Dr John Marsden looks at how the choices people make in their lives impact on their bodies.

He examines how the food people consume can make them age quicker, how sexually transmitted diseases can affect fertility, and why the body's bacteria help create a person's personal smell.

Along the way, Dr Marsden has an ultrasound scan to discover if the sun has damaged his skin, highlights his own diet's deficiencies through hair mineral analysis, unravels the myths behind moisturisers, and has his urine tested for banned substances that would prevent him from becoming a professional athlete.

## Ruby Does the Business

Ruby Wax gets under the skin of big business, using her trademark irreverence and insatiable curiosity to offer a unique insight into some of the UK's leading companies and the many faces behind them.

From the assembly line to the boardroom, Ruby is on a mission to discover the key to each company's success, how they make their money and the truth about what goes on from day to day. Mingling with the entire workforce, from the cleaner to the chairman, no staff member escapes Ruby's roving eye and sharp questions.

Sitting in on top-level meetings with the power players, as well as attending training workshops and brainstorming sessions, Ruby gets the low-down on what makes some of Britain's biggest businesses tick.



## Dangerzone

There are conflicts around the world, regularly featured in the news agenda, whose details and origin have become hazy to many people. Dangerzone is a stylish, fast-paced and intelligent examination of feuds across the globe briefing viewers on the complex subtleties of these deep-rooted disputes.

Contemporary and informative, Dangerzone combines archive footage with compelling human interest testimonies from young people whose lives are directly affected by the conflicts in Northern Ireland, Tibet, Israel and Chechnya.

Dangerzone has been commissioned in response to the 2003 RTS award-winning Nuclear Paradise - India v Pakistan.

## Spy

Eight ordinary people are leaving behind their old lives, saying goodbye to their families, relocating to a new city and assuming a whole new identity in a bid to become a Spy.

For two months, these raw recruits will undergo a rigorous training programme consisting of missions and challenges conducted in the real world, designed to help them reinvent themselves as undercover agents. The training is overseen by a team of experts, who are responsible for selecting, instructing and continually assessing the recruits.

The wannabe spies are pushed to their psychological limits, as they attempt to prove they've got what it takes to make it in the notoriously secretive world of espionage.

## Water for Life

Alan Hunt is an unlikely pioneer. Together with a team of scientists from the UK and US, the ex Royal Marine turned-lawyer has perfected a way of taking the most polluted water anywhere in the world and making it fit for human consumption. Now, he wants to put his revolutionary discovery into action to help the forgotten and displaced refugees of the atrocities in central Africa.

Hundreds of thousands of refugees are dying from drinking the diseased waters of the Rwandan river, Umuvumba. But all this is about to change. Water For Life follows Hunt to Rwanda as he embarks on an ambitious scheme to use his radical new water treatment system to help save the lives of the area's desperately poor and dispossessed.





## Inner Spaces

Inner Spaces looks around amazing homes, owned by design-conscious celebrities who are passionate about architecture and interior design.

A celebration and exploration of individual taste, each show focuses on the inspiration behind the celebrity's design choices and discloses which architects and designers helped them to create it.

Presenter Lucy Jules takes viewers on this exciting journey of discovery, from Formula One driver Eddie Irvine's modern masterpiece in Dublin, via Fay Ripley's converted Hoxton lunatic asylum, to designer Roberto Cavalli's luxurious home in Florence.



## From Bard to Verse

From Bard to Verse is Shakespeare's greatest hits packaged into bitesize chunks and performed by the UK's hottest acting and comedy talent, including Simon Pegg, Fraser James, Mark Lamarr, Meera Syal, Daniela Nardini and David Walliams.

Each 15-minute episode consists of a series of monologues taken from the full range of Shakespeare's complete works - both plays and soliloquies. The extracts are filmed in modern, resonant locations and packaged together using contemporary, upbeat graphics and music.

The overall effect gives From Bard to Verse an accessibility not usually associated with interpretations of the "Bard".



## Being Positive

Across two straight-talking documentaries, personal stories are combined with the latest scientific research and intriguing statistics to give the definitive story of HIV and AIDS: what causes the disease, where it came from originally and how it spreads within communities and around the globe.

The programmes also explore how people perceive risk. It offers a realistic assessment of the likelihood of any individual in the UK actually contracting or dying from the disease, and explains why the odds of picking up the virus can vary depending on various physical, social and behavioural factors.





## Entertainment



## End of Story

A thrilling new chapter in short story writing - with some of the top names in popular fiction - is set to take the genre to a 21st-century level on television and interactive media.

A major new project from BBC Three, End Of Story, presented by Claudia Winkleman, has lined up eight top authors - Ian Rankin, Joanne Harris, Marian Keyes, Ed McBain, Fay Weldon, Alexei Sayle, Sue Townsend and Shaun Hutson - to write the first half of a short story. Then, members of the public are being given the opportunity to complete the stories and eight winners will have their entries published.

Full details of the project will be announced on the website [www.bbc.co.uk/endofstory](http://www.bbc.co.uk/endofstory) in mid-April. Free, limited-edition books, featuring all eight half stories, will be circulated throughout the UK via bookstores, libraries and other public places.

BBC Talent is running writing workshops throughout the country to tie in with the competition.



## The Interrogators

It's a game of psychological survival as The Interrogators puts contestants under pressure in one of the toughest challenges on TV.

Fronted by investigative journalist Paul Kenyon, the series has been developed in conjunction with some of the UK's top police and military interrogators and challenges two contestants to survive a gruelling non-stop eight hour grilling.

Contestants will have earlier hidden £10,000 in a public place. The question is will they crack under the pressure allowing their inquisitors to work out where the cash is, or will they keep the secret - and the cash - to themselves. Contestants who successfully survive the intensive psychological marathon - amateurs relying on skill and cunning to beat the professionals - will walk away with the money. But if the interrogators prise the information out of them in this battle of wits, the contestants get nothing.

## Strictly Come Dancing

BBC Three's Strictly Come Dancing has all the news from behind the scenes of the weekly BBC One show, which teams eight celebrities with leading professional dancers as they bid to prove they've got what it takes to become top at the tango and sensational at the salsa.

Highlights include interviews with competitors and news from the rehearsals as well as exclusive footage of the teams in training. There will also be sneak previews of the following week's competition, including a look at the costumes and a guide to the dance moves.

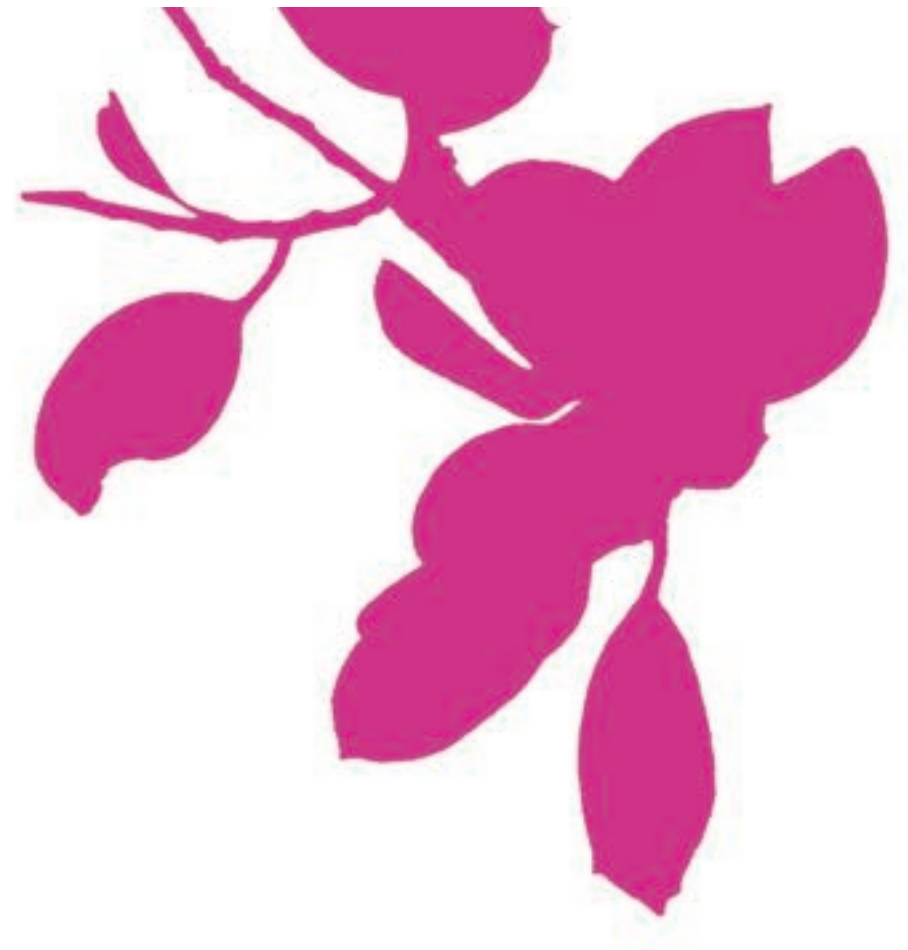
## Glastonbury 2004

It is, without doubt, the festival in the musical summer calendar. Having grown from a tiny, free event into a massive, multi-staged musical extravaganza, Glastonbury 2004 is coming and the BBC will be there in full force.

Both BBC Three and BBC Two are on site to broadcast the amazing performances by the bands from all the major stages, as well as traversing the fields to find the stranger artists who descend on Glastonbury.

Glastonbury isn't only about music, it's about the whole festival experience; the people who buy the tickets; the vendors who sell all manner of things; and the more freaky sights and sounds.

Artists appearing are still to be confirmed but, as ever, the rumour mill has already gone into overdrive. All that's certain at the moment is that the line-up will be incredible.



## My Big Fat Greek Olympic Dream

As a gangly teenager, BBC Radio 1 DJ Nemone Metaxas had two big dreams; one was to become a Radio 1 DJ and the other was to run the 400 metres at the Olympic Games.

A decade on and she's already a regular on Radio 1 but her other ambition has, until now, been just out of reach. In *My Big Fat Greek Olympic Dream*, cameras follow Nemone as she trains in a bid to be fast enough to compete at the highest level.







## Comedy





## The Mighty Boosh

After a pilot show on BBC Three last year, The Mighty Boosh returns to the channel with its first series.

Written by and starring Noel Fielding and Julian Barratt, The Mighty Boosh is an off-the-wall adventure based on their Perrier Award-winning comedy show.

Vince Noir (Fielding) and Howard Moon (Barratt) are zookeepers at the dilapidated Bob Fossil's Zoo-Niverse. They are the programme's unsuspecting heroes - Vince is a regular "Mowgli in flares", due to his affinity with animals and adoration for all things Seventies, whereas Howard likes to think he is more the brains of their zoo-keeping outfit, destined for better things.

Noel and Julian's first Edinburgh show won them the Best Newcomer Perrier Award in 1998.



## The Smoking Room

There's only one place in any large corporation where shop talk is banned, where rank means nothing and where the persecuted minority gather for regular support - The Smoking Room.

This new comedy series, set entirely in a smoking room, explores the foibles and suppressed longings of an oddly assorted bunch of employees, united purely by their shared love of nicotine.

Among the permanent fixtures in the smoky retreat are Robin, whose passion for the post boy is the company's worst-kept secret; Len, the grouchy maintenance man; and Heidi, whose return from maternity leave, complete with pictures of her monstrously ugly baby, causes revulsion within the group.





# Drama

## Grease Monkeys



The sexually irrepressible and morally irresponsible Dave Dhillon returns to cause more trouble in Grease Monkeys, the dark comedy series that centres on a dysfunctional family in Manchester, all of whom work at Grand Trunk Garage.

The Garage is owned by patriarch Mo, who spends his time worrying about his daughter, Rita, an ace car mechanic, and his son, Dave, who runs the sales side of the business - mostly into the ground. Mo also has to contend with the ghost of his dead wife, Jasbir.

Karl Collins joins Grease Monkeys as Dave's old school mate and ex-con Trevor Baptiste. Trevor, depressed and suicidal, blames Dave for his demise, but is persuaded to work at the Garage and soon becomes the best car salesman in town.

Dave is played by Ahsen Bhatti, Mo by Madhav Sharma, Rita by Archie Panjabi and Jasbir by Pooja Ghai.

## Bodies



Dark and disturbing yet rich in humour, Bodies is the ultimate antidote to mainstream medical drama. Laced with action, scandal and sex, and complex in its handling of moral dilemmas, this is a uniquely visceral and compelling view of hospital life, inspired by former doctor Jed Mercurio's acclaimed debut novel.

When Rob Lake starts work in a city maternity unit, he soon suspects that his new boss, Roger Hurley, is error-prone. He tries to turn a blind eye - until a young mother is left brain-damaged and her baby stillborn. Rob must risk his career to put a stop to Hurley's negligence.

Rob Lake is played by Max Beesley and Roger Hurley by Patrick Baladi. The cast also includes Neve McIntosh, Keith Allen, Susan Lynch, Tamzin Malleeson, Preeya Kalidas and Karen Bryson.





News and Current Affairs





## Underworld Rich List

Reporter Raphael Rowe draws up a roll of Britain's richest villains - the Chief Executives of the criminal world.

The programme shows how Britain's richest criminals made their ill-gotten gains, laundered it and spent it. Underworld Rich List features the crème de la crème of wealthy lawbreakers - Colombia's Cali cartels' "man in Europe" and the number one fraudster, said to be as rich as The Queen. Revealing a story of ruthlessness and excess, Rowe meets former associates of the criminals and the estate agents and plane dealers who have come into contact with them.

## Outrageous Fortunes

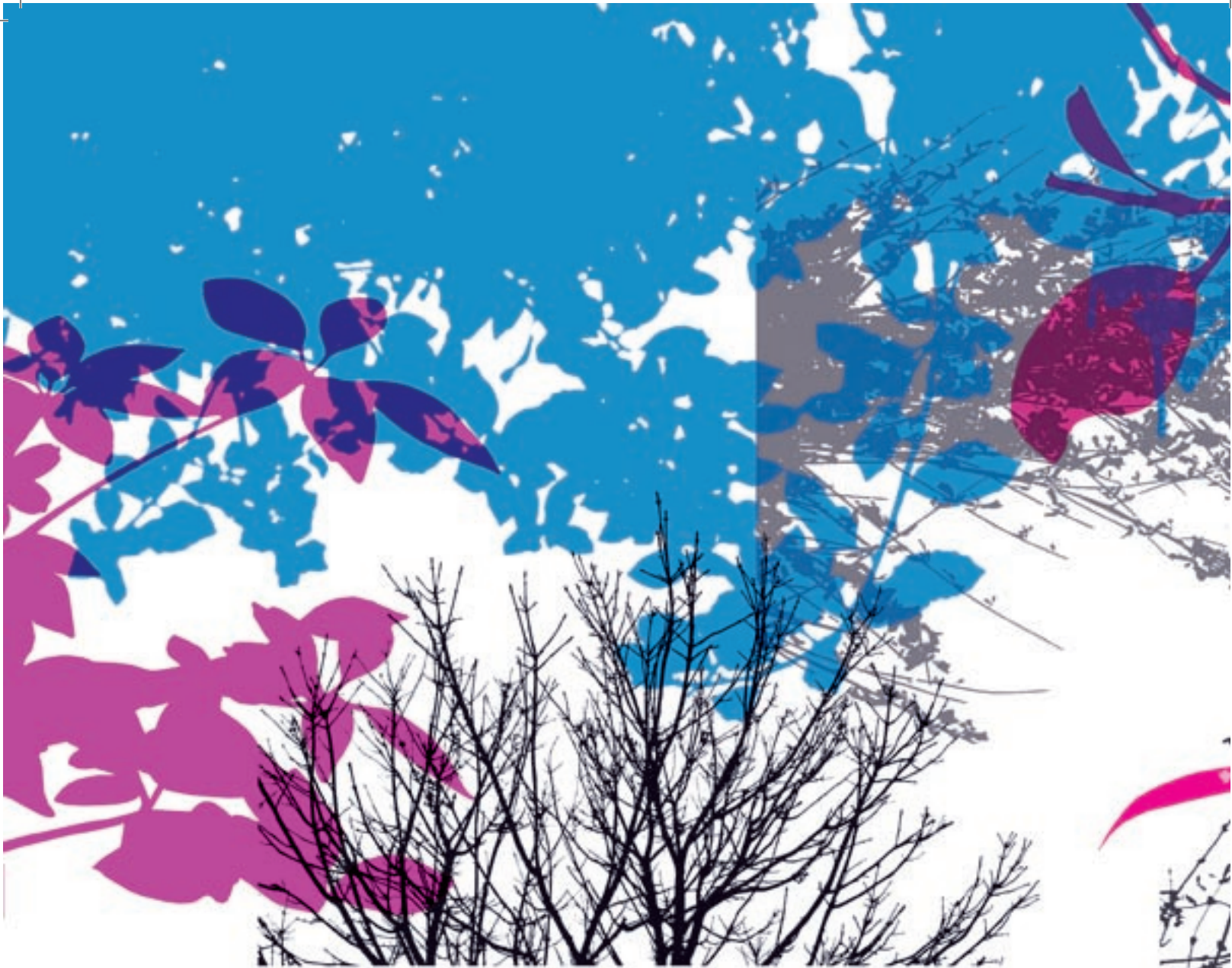
BBC Three goes in search of the truth behind the biggest brands in the world and the families that control them. Bacardi, Nintendo and Disney have all been created by powerful dynasties. This series, presented by Libby Potter investigates the real stories behind the success of these companies and questions at what price have the families made their millions.

## 7 O'clock News

From May the 7 O'clock News will be extended to 30 minutes. The weekday news programme will bring the latest national and international news, together with an analysis of how the key stories are being reported domestically and abroad. There'll also be sport and entertainment news plus special in-depth reports on stories and issues of particular relevance to the BBC Three audience.

## 60 Seconds

Presenters Sevan Bastajian and Tazeen Ahmad provide BBC Three viewers with an up-to-the minute summary of the latest national and international news on the hour, throughout the evening.



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