

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR TABLOID NEWS

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A Short Film

INT. NEUTRAL SPACE - PERHAPS A PLAIN, WHITE BACKGROUND

FADE IN:

Computer generated words appear full-screen on neutral space/background. Pleasant instrumental music (possibly acoustic guitar) underscores throughout. There is no dialogue, and there are and no sound effects throughout.

TEXT CARD #1:

In the last year, there sure has
been a lot of news!

DISSOLVE TO:

A made-up tabloid cover story printed on an actual piece of paper that can and will be folded into a piece of origami art later. The title of this tabloid is THE INTERNATIONAL CHATTERER. The tabloid title appears at the top of the page (which is also the top of the screen). The cover story is entitled SASQUATCH TESTS POSITIVE!!! Cover story art: We see an over-the-top, exaggerated, cartoonish picture of Bigfoot wearing a surgical mask and latex gloves. He holds a cell phone to his ear. He talks on said cell phone and is also in the process of fainting at the news coming from the other end. Presumably, he is receiving his horrible diagnosis: he tested positive for COVID 19. He - most likely - is shocked, because he took all of the necessary precautions and still became sick! However, the audience arrives at its own conclusion. We do not state this directly in text or audio.

DISSOLVE TO:

TEXT CARD #2:

Much of it is bad news!

DISSOLVE TO:

A second made-up tabloid cover story printed on an actual piece of paper that can and will be folded into a piece of origami art later. The title of this tabloid is THE DIZZY GLOBE. The tabloid title appears at the top of the page (which is also the top of the screen). The cover story is entitled ALIENS BREACH BORDERS!!!

Cover story art: We see an obvious, cartoony space alien (perhaps a little green man or some such) standing beside a big table with a giant map stretched across it. The alien has a small body and skinny arms; however, its hands are unusually large. It uses both hands and all fingers to point to country borders on the map (it doesn't matter which countries). There is a caption (or a word or thought bubble near his head) on the tabloid newspaper; the caption reads "Ha, ha, ha! Take that!" You got it: He is 'breaching borders' by pointing furiously at them and laughing simultaneously.

DISSOLVE TO:

TEXT CARD #3:

It sure is scary, isn't it???

DISSOLVE TO:

A third made-up tabloid cover story printed on an actual piece of paper that can and will be folded into a piece of origami art later. The title of this tabloid is YOUR DAILY CHEESE. The tabloid title appears at the top of the page (which is also the top of the screen). The cover story is entitled THE GHOST OF INTERNET PAST HIJACKS VIDEO GAMES!!! Cover story art: We see an obvious, cartoony monster/ghost/ghoul seated at a desk. It plays an intense video game on a PC with a very large monitor. The arms and hands of people and other spirits appear in the image; they clamor for a turn! However, this alien has monopolized the game . . . And probably will stay there for some time. No one else will have a chance to play while he's there!

DISSOLVE TO:

TEXT CARD #4:

But YOU can do something about bad news . . .

DISSOLVE TO:

TEXT CARD #5:

In fact, YOU can do something GOOD with bad news!

DISSOLVE TO:

TEXT CARD #5:
Yes! YOU!

DISSOLVE TO:

TEXT CARD #6:
What is it, you ask? Why, just
simply . . .

DISSOLVE TO:

TEXT CARD #7:
Be the king or queen of your own
castle!

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. NEUTRAL SPACE - PERHAPS A PLAIN, WHITE BACKGROUND

A human hand swoops into the white space and retrieves
tabloid story #1 (printed on a piece of paper) about
Sasquatch. The hand folds the paper into a nice, neat, cute
little origami crown. Stop motion animation is employed, so
it seems that the paper is folding itself. It's magical!

DISSOLVE TO:

TEXT CARD #8:
Take lemons and make lemonade!

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. NEUTRAL SPACE - PERHAPS A PLAIN, WHITE BACKGROUND

A human hand swoops into the white space and retrieves
tabloid story #2 about the alien border breach. The hand
folds the paper into a nice, neat, cute little flower. Stop
motion animation is employed, so it seems that the paper is
folding itself. It's magical!

DISSOLVE TO:

TEXT CARD #9:
Turn the blues into a bluebird!

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. NEUTRAL SPACE - PERHAPS A PLAIN, WHITE BACKGROUND

A human hand swoops into the white space and retrieves tabloid story #3 about the internet ghost. The hand folds the paper into a nice, neat, cute little bird. The finished bird is attached to a string, and the bird seems to fly away after it has been created in full. Stop motion animation is employed, so it seems that the paper is folding itself. It also looks as if the bird flies away on its own accord, completely unassisted (thought we don't see where it lands eventually). It's magical!

DISSOLVE TO:

TEXT CARD #10:

In other words . . .

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. NEUTRAL SPACE - PERHAPS A PLAIN, WHITE BACKGROUND

The origami bird sits atop the flower. A human hand places the crown on its head. If the crown slips down around its neck or falls down completely, then its okay! We're gonna make the best of whatever happens! It'll be adorable! Most important, it's magical!

DISSOLVE TO:

TEXT CARD #11:

Recycle that news cycle!

The camera lingers on the final card with the huge, happy letters that spell RECYCLE!

IRIS OUT TO
BLACK.

QUICK FADE UP TO
AN UNEXPECTED
CARD.

TEXT CARD #12:

Recycle, reuse, and RECOVER!!!

IRIS OUT TO
BLACK.

ROLL CREDITS
OVER MUSIC.

THE END.