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1. Superman performs this action in order to defeat Krona, who had made a bet with the Grandmaster. A frog named Puddlegulp is transformed into a superhero after he performs this action. The first character not from a particular race to perform this action is a cybernetic being that protects the Korbinites named Beta Ray Bill. In an internet meme, Spider-Man can’t use the toilet because he’s unable to perform this action. In *Avengers: Age of Ultron*, Captain America and Iron Man discuss whether an elevator can perform this action, and in another film, the title character is unable to perform this action until he proves himself worthy. For 10 points, name this action performed by a god of thunder to arm himself for battle.

ANSWER: **lift Thor’s hammer** [accept **wield Mjolnir** and other equivalents; accept “use Captain America’s Shield” before “frog”; Superman did it in the *JLA/Avengers* crossover]

1. This is the nickname of the power forward who was the first Chinese basketballer to play in the Euroleague, Shang Ping. Along with “Double X”, this is the nickname of the second player to hit 500 home runs in Major League Baseball, Jimmie Foxx. This is also the nickname of the tennis player who accompanied Victoria Azarenka to win the mixed doubles at the 2012 Olympics, Max Mirnyi. Maxi Rodríguez is known by the Spanish equivalent of this nickname, which is also applied to Júlio Baptista, Brian Jensen, and Adebayo Akinfenwa. Yohan Blake is known by, FTP, which nickname which implies animal strength.

ANSWER: “The **Beast**” [accept “La **Fiera**” the Spanish equivalent from Spanish speakers]

1. One song released in this year has a music video depicting the female singer’s car breaking down in the desert only to be rescued by little aliens in silver costumes. A UK one-hit wonder from this year encouraged you to be kind to your knees and do one thing every day that scares you. As well as Baz Luhrmann’s Everybody’s Free (To Wear Sunscreen) and Lift Me Up by Geri Halliwell, this year saw the first UK number ones for Christina Aguilera and Britney Spears. This year saw Westlife’s first of 14 No 1s and Cliff Richard’s last of 14 No 1s, the latter featuring the Lord’s Prayer sung to the tune of Auld Lang Syne. FTP, Prince once claimed he was gonna party like it was which year?

ANSWER: **1999**

1. This celebrity turned down a role in *Marge vs. the Monorail* as he didn’t want to make fun of public transport. A prank on *The Howard Stern Show* involved Artie Lange pretending to come out to this celebrity. He appeared in a controversial episode of *The Twilight Zone*, in which he kills a potential employer with a Samurai sword. This celebrity, who released a men’s fragrance called *Eau My*, has appeared in the play *Allegiance*, which was based upon his experiences in an internment camp. In his most famous role, he played the helmsman on the *USS Enterprise*. FTP, name this actor who appeared as Hikaru Sulu in *Star Trek*.

ANSWER: George (Hosato) **Takei**

1. In an episode of Hill Street Blues a homeless man with this condition throws himself out of an apartment block. Artemis Fowl develops this condition as a result of his Atlantis Complex, and Dawn French plays a cheese factory worker with this condition in Jam & Jerusalem. In *Heroes*, Nikki Sanders has this condition, and Toni Collette plays a housewife with this condition in *The United States of Tara*. An unnamed insomniac narrator develops this condition after visiting a testicular cancer support group, and in another film, a character develops this condition due to his obsession with a magical ring. For 10 points, Gollum and Tyler Durden result from which mental disorder?

ANSWER: **dissociative identity** disorder [or **multiple personality** disorder, accept **split personality** and equivalents]

1. In one show, this comedian mocks emus for being unable to understand Germaine Greer or play the clarinet, and he discovers that men in pubs are being fed information in order to appear knowledgeable about football. In another show created by this comedian, Charlotte Church vomits herself inside out and Michael Fish dies of “anal trauma” during an episode of *Rape an Ape*. As well his eponymous show and *Time Trumpet*, he co-created a show in which he appeared as Hellwyn Ballard, *The Day Today*, and created another show in which Lord Goulding leads an enquiry into leaks from the Department of Social Affairs and Citizenship. FTP, name this Scottish writer and comedian who created *The Thick of It*.

ANSWER: Armando **Iannucci**

1. Kim Amb is a javelin thrower from this country. A high jumper from this country painted rainbows on her nails to protest a Russian ban on “gay propaganda”. As well as Emma Green, this country’s high jumpers include the man who holds the record for height jumped above own height along with Franklin Jacobs. Runners who represent this county include Mustafa Mohamed and Abeba Aregawi. This country is home to twin hurdlers who once finished first and second at the European Indoor championships, Susanna and Jenny Kallur, as well as the only three-time world champion heptathlete. FTP, name this country home to Stefan Holm and Carolina Klüft.

ANSWER: **Sweden**

1. In this film, the death of one character is shown from a number of different angles: above a ceiling fan, through a keyhole and through a wooden wheel. That character in this film is shot dead in Sloppy Joes after revealing that he’d recently named his yacht The Live-4-Ever. This film’s protagonist is told that his gun is too big and that he must “go by the book”, so he shoots the book through a wall and quips, “Bye, book!” At the unveiling of the drug Swank, organised by the cartel-leading Senator Mendoza, this film’s protagonist emerges from a smaller-than-him ice sculpture before being incapacitated by an adulterated salmon puff. FTP, identify this film starring Rainier Wolfcastle as the title character, a thickly-accented action hero from the Simpsons.

ANSWER: **McBain**

1. In the Secret History of the board game Dominion, designer DXV revealed that a card named after this creature was his favourite. It was also the first pure action card in Dominion to have a supply pile containing more than ten cards. One trainer using a Pokémon based on this animal is the notoriously tough Team Rocket grunt in the original Mount Moon. In Magic the Gathering, these “Relentless” animals can ignore the usual four-in-a-deck rule. Others using a Pokémon inspired by this mammal are a trainer who likes shorts because “they’re comfy and easy to wear” and Youngster Joey. That Pokémon’s signature moves are Super- and Hyper Fang. For 10 points, identify this animal, which can be lured away by the Pied Piper in a certain plague-themed game.

ANSWER: **Rat**s

1. After losing three matches in a row, this manager quit one club by boarding the opposition team bus and returning to his home town. This football manager was the highest paid in the world when he signed with Uzbek club Bunyodkor in 2009 and has recently led Guangzhou Evergrande to win the ACF Champions League. He is the most recent manager to win every match at a World Cup. This manager led another national team to a 1-0 defeat to Greece in the finals of Euro 2004, and he spent seven months as Chelsea manager. More recently he managed a team that lost 7-1 at home to Germany. FTP, name this manager who led Brazil at the 2014 and 2002 World Cups and is known as “Big Phil”.

ANSWER: Luiz Felipe **Scolari**

1. This album’s central track features hammered tone clusters on a prepared piano and an unusual all-D guitar tuning, previously used by the band’s frontman on The Ostrich when performing as The Primitives. This album’s opening track was transformed by a found celesta and the addition of a section beginning, “Watch out, the world’s behind you.” Another track describes “rushing on my run” and “put[ting] a spike into my vein”. FTP, with songs including All Tomorrow’s Parties, Sunday Morning and Heroin, identify this debut album by Lou Reed’s band and a German singer, with a peelable banana on its cover.

ANSWER: The **Velvet Underground and Nico** [do not accept or prompt on ‘The Velvet Underground’, which was their third album]

1. This actor starred as the title outlaw in *Dirty Dingus Magee*. He demanded that production of *The Naked Runner* be moved to Palm Springs after his helicopter got lost in the London fog. In one film, he plays a card dealer whose drug withdrawal ruins a drumming audition, and in another film he tries to deprogram his former staff sergeant who was brainwashed by the North Koreans. As well as starring in *The Man with the Golden Arm* and *The Manchurian Candidate*, he won an Oscar for his role as Maggio, a bar-brawling army Private, in *From Here to Eternity*. FTP, name this actor, better known as a singer nicknamed “Ol’ Blue Eyes”.

ANSWER: (Francis Albert) “Frank” **Sinatra**

1. In, AKA Ladies Night, the opening episode of this TV show, the title heroine sees Hope Shlottman murder her parents without having any control over her actions. Rachael Taylor plays Patsy Walker, the heroine’s adoptive sister and best friend, while Mike Colter plays boyfriend Luke Cage who has unbreakable skin. The main villain of this TV show was born Kevin Thompson and has acquired an airborne virus with which he exerts mind control powers. FTP, David Tennant stars opposite Breaking Bad actress Krysten Ritter in which November 2015 Netflix release based on a character from the Marvel Comics Universe.

ANSWER: **Jessica Jones**

1. One film by this director sees Nagiko write each book of her novel on a man’s body, and this director’s adaptation of *The Tempest* featured a small urinating boy on a swing. As well as *The Falls*, *The Pillow Book*, and *Prospero’s Books* he directed a film in which an artist has his eyes burnt out after he is accused of murdering his employer and features a score by Michael Nyman. He also directed a film in which Helen Mirren plays a character who forces her husband to eat her dead lover. FTP, name this director of *The Draughtsman’s Contract* and *The Cook, The Thief, The Wife & His Lover*.

ANSWER: Peter **Greenaway**

1. Despite being from Brazil, Renato Gomes and Jorge Terceiro compete for Georgia in this sport, which was developed in Santa Monica in the 1930s. Peeling is a tactic in this sport, in which players retreat from a block to a down defensive position. Players use hand signals to indicate blocking tactics to the server in this sport, in which Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor have won three Olympic gold medals. This sport’s governing body requires competitors to wear swimwear, and at London 2012 this sport took place at Horse Guards Parade. For 10 points, name this outdoor variant of an Olympic sport, which may be popular with nudists.

ANSWER: **beach volleyball**

1. Mel Farr and Lem Barney provide background chatter on this track, such as “Take it home!” and “Get the football!” Eli Fontaine was “goof[ing] off exquisitely” when he produced this song’s opening saxophone line. This song’s B-side opens with the line “Don’t go and talk about my father” and was God Is Love. This song was inspired by an act of police brutality witnessed by Obie Benson of the Four Tops. This song claims “we’ve got to find a way to bring some loving here today” after lamenting that “there’s too many [mothers] crying” and “far too many [brothers] dying”. FTP, name this protest song and title track of a 1971 Marvin Gaye album.

ANSWER: **What’s Going On**

1. One film from this country is based on a Portuguese novel, and features a girl dying during a backstreet abortion arranged by the priest who impregnated her. That film was *The Crime of Padre Amaro*. Another film directed by a film-maker from this country, sees people defecate in public but eat in private. One film from this country sees a film actor adapt *What We Talk About When We Talk About* Love for Broadway, and another sees the Hubble Telescope destroyed by debris. FTP, name this home country of the last two Oscar-winning directors, Alfonso Cuarón and Alejandro González Iñarritu.

ANSWER: **Mexico** [The un-named films are Buñuel’s *Phantom of Liberty*, *Birdman*, and *Gravity*]

1. This boxer’s first fight was a win against the Norwegian Jack Kracken. Following a split decision from the judges, a referee controversially awarded this boxer a fight against the Chilean Arturo Godoy. In his early career this boxer recorded wins against Jack Sharkey, Max Baer and Primo Carnera and he originated the phrase “he can run, but he can’t hide” when discussing his lighter opponent, Billy Conn. He beat James Braddock to win the world championship, which he eventually lost to Ezzard Charles. Ranked as the “Greatest Puncher of All-Time” by The Ring magazine, this boxer made a record 25 title defences. FTP, name this boxer who was heavyweight champion between 1937 and 1949.

ANSWER: Joe **Louis** [or Josephe Louis **Barrow**]

1. A shoegaze band from this country sang, “I’m such a cripple and I just get in the way” in The Others’ Way. As well as The Cat’s Miaow, this country is home to a guitarist who sings, “If you’ve got a spare half a million you could knock it down and start rebuilding” on the song Depreston. In another song she speak-sings, “Put me on a pedestal and I’ll only disappoint you.” Another band from this country sings, “Every part of me says go ahead / I got my hopes up again,” in a song from their 2012 album Lonerism. FTP, ‘Pedestrian at Best’-singer Courtney Barnett and the band behind Feels Like We Only Go Backwards, Tame Impala, are artists from which antipodean country.

ANSWER: **Australia**

1. This actress plays a reporter who is killed in an assassination attempt on the US President in the film *Vantage Point*. In one film, she plays a woman who asks her bipolar husband to look after their children while she earns an MBA, and in another film she played an assassin who would leave an orchid at the scene of her kills. As well as starring *Infinitely Polar Bear*, and *Columbiana*, she played Anamaria in the *Pirates of the Caribbean* films, and played the daughter of the leader of the Omaticaya clan who helps to lead her people against the RDA’s forces to defend Pandora’s wildlife. FTP, name this actress who plays Uhura in the rebooted *Star Trek* film series and Neytiri in Avatar.

ANSWER: Zoe **Saldana**

1. A fan-made music video for a song by this band features the muppets rocking out in Brighton, with Kermit singing, “Present company excepted: present company except the worst.” The film of this band’s last concert got its name when Arcade Fire’s Win Butler shouted, “Shut Up and Play the Hits!” In a 2007 song that begins with a relentless piano playing a single chord, this band sings, “You spend the first five years trying to get with the plan and the next five years trying to be with your friends again.” FTP, identify this James Murphy-led band whose 2016 reunion shows may feature songs like Dance Yrself Clean and All My Friends.

ANSWER: **LCD Soundsystem**