



# WHEN YOU HAVE A CURFEW AT HOME

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Although some parents are slightly more lenient than others, most of them are very strict about the curfews they impose on their children. We have all had to deal with curfews and questions like "Where are you going? Who will accompany you? Who will drop you home? Will someone have a car? Come home before 9." While hanging out with friends, the curfew looms like a dark shadow above us, often causing us to keep worrying and even missing out on the fun for various reasons. Here are some of the things that you might go through when you have a curfew to maintain.

#### GETTING PHONE CALLS REPEATEDLY

Even though you have told your parents over and over again that you would be back before the curfew they have set for you, you keep receiving phone calls and being bombarded with questions including "When will you start for home? Where exactly are you right now?" Can you really enjoy spending time with your peers if you keep receiving phone calls every twenty minutes?

#### WORRYING CONSTANTLY

"Will I be able to get home on time? If I reach home twenty minutes after my curfew, will I be scolded? What if I am never allowed to go outside again?" These are just some of the questions that my incorrigible overthinking mind often presents me with when I am out with my friends. If you are as prone to anxiety as I am, you probably keep having similar worries. This makes it much more difficult for you to have fun (even though everyone else enjoys themselves).

#### MISSING OUT ON THE EXTENSION OF THE PLAN

Your friends are planning to go for ice cream after dinner but you can't join them because you need to be home in twenty minutes. You get home and get upset seeing your friends' Instagram stories. Things like this keep happening to me (and to many of my friends as well) just because of the strictness with which the curfew is being imposed.

#### BEING MISUNDERSTOOD BY FRIENDS

Not everyone has a strict curfew and because of this many of your friends don't understand the fact that if you don't go home before your curfew, you will need to face conse-

quences. They keep asking you to stay back over and over again and when you say sorry for the umpteenth time and leave, you incur their wrath. You apologise to them a thousand times, but they don't seem to understand the situation. Upset and nervous, you come to the conclusion that you can't make them realise how seriously your folks take curfews. As the saying goes, only the wearer knows where the shoe pinches.

#### INCURRING YOUR PARENTS' WRATH

If you don't get home before the curfew because of the traffic or perhaps because you wanted to stay with your friends a bit longer, you are scolded by your folks. You might even get grounded for the next few weeks, and even though you have always tried your best to get home before your curfew, your past record is thrown out and they will remind you of this one act of disobedience whenever they are displeased with you again.

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## TV SERIES REVIEW

# Less love, more robots

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**WARNING:** The show contains adult themes. Viewer discretion is advised.

In recent years, anthology TV series have been slowly climbing back into popularity. We've seen the extreme levels of popularity *Black Mirror* generated, and now a reboot of the *Twilight Zone* is in the works.

*Black Mirror* is probably the best example of such a series, with each of its episodes being stand-alone while also including a somewhat shared dystopian future.

However, *Black Mirror* does have one major factor holding it back from mainstream popularity, and that is its run times. The shorter episodes run around 40 minutes, and the longer ones go well over the hour mark.

Not everyone has the patience, or sometimes even the time, to sit through such lengthy episodes of a show where there is no correlation between episodes.

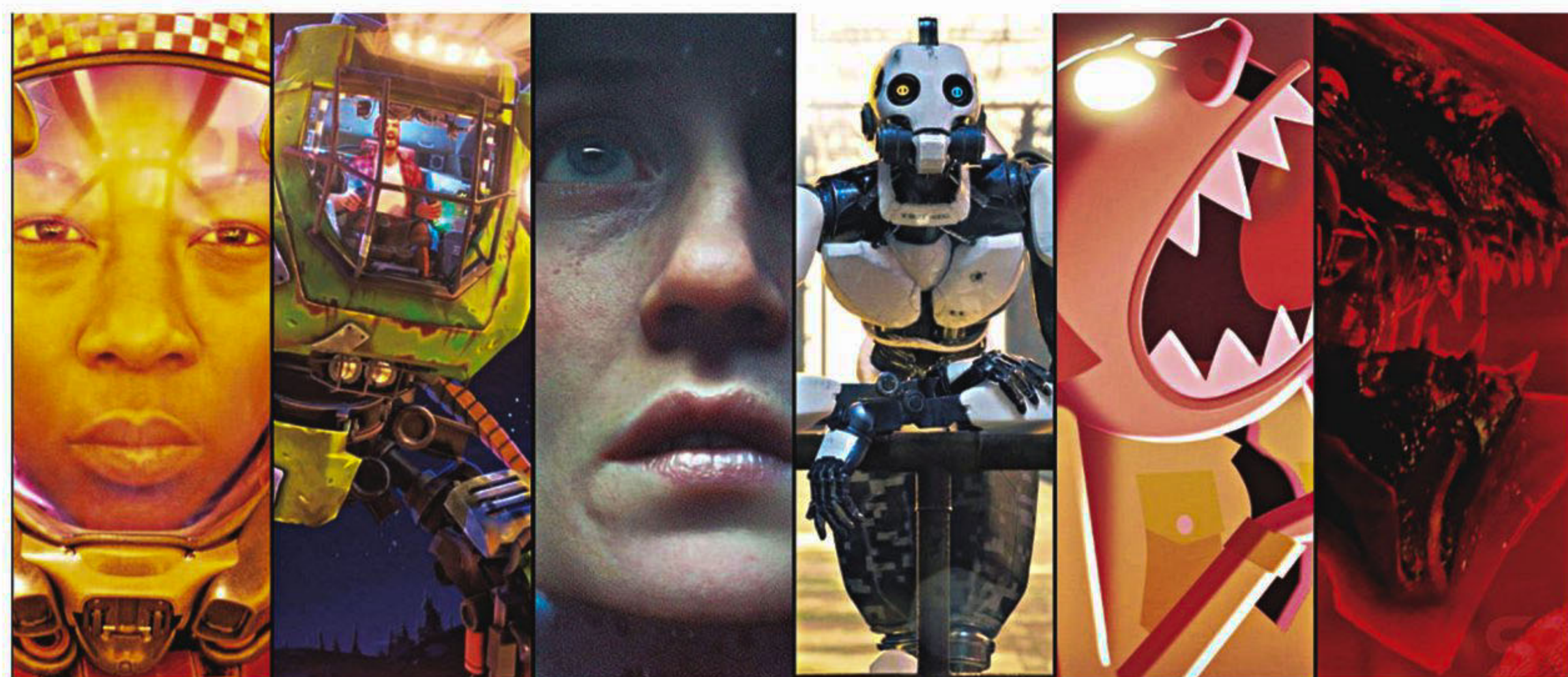
Thankfully, *Love, Death & Robots* (LDR) is now finally here to fill that gap, with episodes spanning between 6 and 17 minutes only.

Having released on March 15, 2019, the show is already receiving rave reviews and critical acclaim, with a 9/10 rating on IMDB and an 8.8/10 Metacritic user score.

LDR is, in its most bare form, a series of animated stand-alone short stories across a variety of genres. However, added on top of that are layers of intricate storytelling and beautiful animation styles.

The team behind LDR has a few renowned names from the industry with the likes of David Fincher, of *Fight Club* fame, and Tim Miller, the director of *Deadpool*. It's the experience of such individuals present in every aspect of the show that makes it such a masterpiece.

Now, that isn't to imply that every episode of LDR is



perfect. There are definitely a few episodes that feel sluggish and badly done, with poor and uninteresting animation work when compared to the rest.

However, that is only a few episodes out of the total 18 included in the first season of the show. Encompassing a variety of genres such as sci-fi, horror, comedy, and drama.

You're highly likely to get hooked from the first episode. Titled *Sonnie's Edge*, the episode is set in a dystopian future where underground arena battles are held between monsters controlled by people. If that felt like a lot of information, guess what? There are 17 more episodes to go.

In contrast to the serious tone of episode one, episode six titled *When the Yogurt Took Over* is the story of a sentient yogurt that not only takes over the world but also

brings about peace and harmony.

Then there's *The Witness*, episode three of the show, and its animation is nothing short of gorgeous. Slightly reminiscent of *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-verse*, the comically styled, adrenaline rush fuelled episode is a spectacle to behold.

What LDR knows how to do best, is captivate its audience. Shorter episodes ensure that people don't just stop watching when a slow episode comes around.

Netflix has invested such a large sum of money into producing shows; it's likely there'll be at least four to five amazing shows each year, and for 2019, LDR is one of them.

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