

CHERNOBYL: HBO'S HARROWING NEW MASTERPIECE

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"There was nothing sane about Chernobyl" – this very line in the series trailer is enough to explain what you are about to witness in the series itself and how the events unfolded at the site. But to be honest, nothing can prepare you for what you will witness as you immerse yourself into this eerie docudrama, which will seem like a story based off of a dystopian world.

HBO's Chernobyl will take you back in time to 1986 Ukraine of the then Soviet Union where reactor no. 4 of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant suffered a colossal explosion that exposed different parts of the Soviet Union and western Europe to high quantities of radiation. This five episode miniseries tells the harrowing story of the immediate aftermath of the explosion, the fallout, and the cover up operation following the accident.

Chernobyl asks one very daunting question, "What is the cost of lies?" which in this case, is human lives. The one asking this question is Valery Legasov (played by Jared Harris), the man who led the Chernobyl investigation and our protagonist for this series. Legasov's fate is determined



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within the opening scenes of the series, but as the show goes on, you will find the answer to his question in the most frightening ways possible. It also does an excellent job of portraying the actual events in a way that is both convincing and scary to the point that it will make you question the safety of modern day technology especially that used in nuclear plants. The attention

to detail is also something that deserves praise.

Many of us have perhaps watched documentaries related to the accident. But unlike the series, those films will not be able to make you live through it all. Another thing that is vividly portrayed is how the men in power handled the grave situation at hand. The accident was dealt with denial

and deception as bureaucrats prioritised their nation's reputation instead of the lives of millions. Their ignorance regarding the matter affected the rescue and response efforts that were taken after the disaster struck.

Chernobyl will appeal not only to the typical sci-fi and dystopian theme lovers, but also to those who enjoy a bit of drama. At the same time, if you are someone who enjoys the suspense and terror that can be experienced from every good horror movie, this miniseries is something you wouldn't want to miss. It can easily be tagged as a horror series despite missing most of the elements a typical modern day horror show would have. This just goes on to prove how frightening reality can often be.

Irrespective of the genre you're fond of or the excitement you're looking for, this series might end up infusing panic into your heart and leaving you a bit paranoid to say the least. It has a 9.6 on IMDb and a 95 percent score on Rotten Tomatoes, and is leaving its viewers mesmerised while at the same time, making them fearful of how ignorance can lead the human population to their own destruction.

Why it's the best time to get back into Rocket League

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Ever since it came out in 2015, there has never been a game quite like Rocket League. The idea of playing sports with vehicles was such a novel idea that it took the world by storm. Over time, almost everyone has tried it at least once and been amazed at how fun it is to pick up and play. I'm here to tell you why now might be the best time to recover the game from the depths of your library.

One of the biggest changes for the game came this January, with Psyonix announcing that cross-platform play would be supported in the game. More exciting than being able to play with friends on different platforms, however, is the recent acquisition of Psyonix by Epic Games. On May 1, Psyonix announced that it had joined the Epic Games family. This partnership could have big implications for the game. On one hand, Epic have expressed intent to put the game on the Epic Games Launcher and remove it from Steam. They will continue to support people who own the game on Steam, though, so if you want to keep a Steam copy of the game now would be the time to get it.

In addition to potential changes in platform, Psyonix have also stated that they will receive more resources to beef up their e-sports scene. Currently we're in Season 7 of the Rocket League Championship Series, the premier series for pro players. This series, however, only takes place in the four regions of North America, South America, Europe and Oceania. The Oceania region covers so



many different countries, however, that it would not be surprising to see them split the region to give more chances to teams from different countries. With more investment from Psyonix we could see more tournaments and leagues set up in Asia in the future, with a scope for Bangladeshi teams to make it into the big leagues eventually.

Right now, there are only a handful of games with a strong e-sports scene in Bangladesh, and Rocket League is not one of them. If any of you regretted not putting enough hours into getting good

at CS:GO or R6:Siege before they got big, this could be your chance to establish yourself in competitive gaming. Just grab two of your friends and start playing the game. Spend enough time in the competitive playlists and you'll see yourself getting better than you ever imagined. If you get enough of your friends into it, you could even start organising local tournaments to garner more interest. From there, who knows where it could take you. The entirety of the vehicular sports world is your oyster.

Because Rocket League is such an

entertaining game, even if you don't get good enough to go pro you'll still get hours of entertainment out of it. That sounds like a pretty good deal to me, especially since the game is only USD 20 on Steam right now. If you do become a pro player, however, please let me join your team. I promise I'll help.

Wasique Hasan came to Bangladesh to eat mangoes and get heat-stroke, and he hasn't found any mangoes yet. Send him information that will lead to the acquisition of mangoes at [fb.com/hasique.wasan](https://www.facebook.com/hasique.wasan)