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Terror Island - Web Comic

As the newspapers continue to provide bland and consistently boring comics I look to the web for salvation. *Terror Island*, created by Lewis Powell and Ben Heaton, is an original, clever, and refreshing, little treat that supplies a great comic fix three times a week.

In this photo-based web comic, roommates Stephen and Sid, played by a rook and Professor Plum from Clue respectively, are in an ongoing struggle to persuade the other to go shopping. Don't be fooled by the simple premise though, the writers often invent very drawn out and intricate plotlines that usually elicit a combination of laughter and confusion. The beauty of this comic comes from the cleverly juxtaposed, surreal personalities of the *Terror Island* characters. The game pieces are intelligent and perhaps even educated, but at the same time utterly unable to resolve their grocery problem. Other challenges

they struggle with include everything from spelling bees to demonic possession.

Another great part to the *Terror Island* experience is the ongoing commentary from its two creators. With each strip both writers write their thoughts and feelings that range from philosophical ponderings, factoids about the strip, links to other web comics, or even computer drawings of a merdog (like a mermaid) named Scruffy McBubbles (see strip #12).

The fact that the characters are just game pieces is enough to make you chuckle once you realize how involved in their lives you've become. Unfortunately to be fully involved and get all the jokes one must go back and start with the very first strip, of which there are currently 125. Once up to date though, *Terror Island* is sure to make you bypass the newspaper and go straight to the internet for all your comic needs.

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