

PETS' MEWS

The MewsPaper for Instagramming Pets, Plushies and their People

Part of Your (Human's) World

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Being a plushie I sometimes find it hard to understand the human world. A few weeks ago, I was flying around the block. When I passed the children's playground, I met our neighbours, little Paulina and her mom. Beaming with delight Paulina showed me her first watch. It was twinkling, turquoise and the clock face showed a picture of Disney's Ariel. I was blown away. I love mermaids, especially Ariel and when I began to enthusiastically speak about the remake of "The little Mermaid" which Disney is planning to release, I suddenly saw how Paulina's smile vanished and her mom's countenance darkened. "I don't like the new Ariel", Paulina said defiantly, and her mother nodded in agreement. I was irritated and asked, "Why not?". And Paulina replied without hesitation: "Because she's black".

Virus Attack

At home I felt sick. My chest was heavy. I went to see the plushie doctor and told him that I might be infected with the coronavirus. "It's not the coronavirus you are suffering from," he said. "Unfortunately, it's a far more dangerous, sometimes even deadly virus and it has been infectious over millennia. The virus is called racism and there is no vaccine against it".



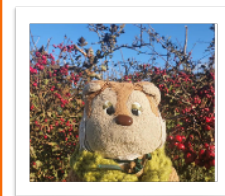
Hello Everyone,

How are you all doing? We hope everything is going well for you.

Here in the UK, October has been dedicated to Black History Month, and there's been a lot of focus given to some heart-breaking stories of suffering, as well as ways we can tackle the problem of racism and inequality together. We've also heard of the wonderful legacy of black and ethnic minority people, and so many positive stories of communities coming together to fight adversity and live together as we are, one people, in one world - with lots of plushies of course.

In this issue of Pets' Mews, our very own German translator and correspondent, @ausruheulen writes about the problem of racism, which to us plushies, is a hard one to contemplate. You can read a longer version on our [blog](#), and it's well-worth a read! By the way, the art work is all Miu's work too - isn't it great?

Thank you for reading PM - together, us plushies can build bridges and change the world!



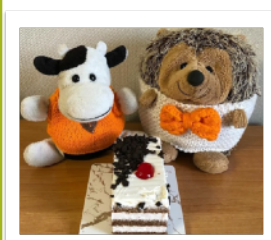
Don't forget to check out the Good Mews' Photos - and let us know if you ever have a photo or article you'd like to feature - we would love to include you in a future issue :)

Lots of love, Topsy xxx



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Understanding the history

Panic rose in me, but the doctor explained that there's a far easier way to fight the virus, much easier than researching a vaccine. "All you need to do is read", he said. "The first step of the solution is understanding the history of racism!" That's all? Really? So why haven't more people tried to get rid of racism yet? Probably the world could have already been free at least from that kind of pandemic. Humans are strange. If they know how to make it right, then why don't they just make it right?

Ariel's questions

I guess, if Ariel had met Paulina and her mother that day, she would have changed the lyrics of her song "Part of your world" into: "I'm ready to know what the people know. Ask them my questions and get some answers. What is racism? Why does it burn? ". Well, what I know about racism is that different human races do not exist. So, racism is obviously an invention of the human mind. It's an idea. Not a good idea obviously as it claims that some humans have a higher value than others. Those who created racism created inequality.

Why was racism invented?

Humans created racism to have a clear conscience while acting inhumane. This fact made me lose my trust in humanity. People were aware that in God's eyes everyone is equal. Developing a racist theory helped them to justify their crime against those who were "no real" humans. Did they really think an omniscient power could be fooled by that predicable story?

The earliest traces of racism

Well, at least there were enough foolish humans who bought into this long before. As cheap employees were already needed in ancient times, Aristoteles just decided to dislike people who came from a different cultural area. He also claimed that any culture that was different to his own was on a lower stage of development. From this interpretation he concluded that people with a different cultural background were mentally inferior and therefore meant to be slaves (barbarian racism). In the further course of world history people invented a racism based on religious motives and divided humanity into heretics and the chosen ones. Such racist world-views have also been the justification for the colonial politics of the Europeans and later of the US Americans, the Japanese and the Russians.

How can your human become a part of the solution?

- By admitting that due to the fact that all humans live in a post-colonial world they have all been racially socialised. That's neither good nor bad. It's simply the result of their history. Their responsibility now is to reflect their own thoughts, language and behaviour and deal with racism in a sensitive way.
- By being aware of their privileges when they are white and by being allies to black and indigenous people and people of colour.
- By speaking up and teaching those who don't know in a peaceful, inviting way



This is just a rough summary of what I have learned about the human world. I think, the human world can learn a lot from the plushie world. There is no "the best versus the rest" – mentality among us. Maybe that is why so many humans who long for a world with more harmony love plushies so much.

Good Mews Photos: All Seasons Plushies

There's been a great variety of weather on display on Instagram of late. [@doll_n_teddy_life](#) are in perfect wintery camouflage - well, apart from the blue legs that is - can you spot her? (Top left). Javier [@theintrepidpenguin](#) is definitely full of autumn colour (top right), but might also be hiding hehe. [@hedgehogworld](#) is celebrating springy flowers (middle left), and it's definitely summer for [@liontravelleo](#) (bottom left) who are soaking up the sunshine. And talking about enjoying the rays, [@suess_sauer_ente](#) (bottom right) is definitely doing just that!



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PLUSHIE SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

This December there is a new edition coming out of [#lambearkesadventcalendar2020](#). Another advent calendar with heartwarming messages, greetings, wishes and pictures from your plushie friends. Would you like to contribute too? That would be woinkeful. Please, DM [@lambearke](#) and tell him behind which door you would like to leave a text and/or picture. The more join, the more joy we'll have this December. Me look forward to hearing from you. Your piggy friend Lambearke.

