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Hi, and welcome to Newsreel. I'm Carrie Morrison. Coming up:

- Toxic behaviour in online gaming

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But first...

Boohoo Breaking Ethical Promises

The fast-fashion company, Boohoo, has broken its pledge to make its clothes fairly and ethically.

Three years ago, the company admitted that it was treating its staff and its suppliers badly and promised to change.

But an investigation by the BBC found that it's still using unfair business practices to keep prices low. A reporter who went undercover found that staff were encouraged to lie to their suppliers.

They also found that employees were made to work very long hours.

In response Boohoo has said it's investigating the claims.

Toxicity in Online Gaming

Now, have you ever seen toxic behaviour online?

Online gaming can be a very toxic environment, especially for female players and people of colour.

It's well-known these groups face sexism, rape and death threats on a daily basis.

The online gaming company Ubisoft - who make games like Assassin's Creed and For Honour - has published a booklet to try to tackle the problem.

The Good Game Playbook will be sent to players who've been reported for abusing other players. It contains tips for anger management and tries to make people aware of how their behaviour affects others.

I spoke to young people in London about this, to get their thoughts on the issue. I first spoke with Brandon.

Carrie: Have you experienced this kind of abuse before?

to break a pledge

att bryta ett löfte

fairly

rättvist

to admit

att erkänna

supplier

leverantör

to encourage

att uppmåna

investigation

granskning

business practices

affärsed, kutym

claim

påstående

behaviour

beteende

environment

miljö

rape

våldtäkt

on a daily basis

dagligen

booklet

broschyr

to tackle a problem

att ta itu med ett problem

anger management

aggressionshantering

abuse

trakasserier

Brandon: *Thankfully, I've never actually been, like, targeted in an online game, but, you know, everyone's been subject to slurs and such... all sorts of nasty language, especially back when I used to play Call of Duty.*

I've also been speaking to Anita.

Anita: *I definitely have seen this type of behaviour online in online gaming. I do have friends who definitely had experiences where they themselves get angry and say something mean or shout through a headset, or they have received insults or mean comments from other people.*

Carrie: And why do you think it happens especially when people are online?

Anita: *I do think part of the reason why this toxic behaviour might manifest online is just to do with the stressful environments that we go through day to day, regardless of age. It's far easier to let out horrible things or say mean things in an anonymous environment because it's not face to face.*

Carrie: And what do you think, Brandon?

Brandon: *You know, no one calls people these things in person without expecting some consequence. But because you don't have your name, you don't have your face, you know, it's all behind a pre-made avatar and a name that can be pretty much anything you want.*

And do you think this booklet will help people behave better when online gaming?

Brandon: *I don't think there's any chance this book will do anything but make things worse. Like how when Facebook put out those extremist content warnings, people were posting about, 'Oh, look, I've got this extremist content warning. Isn't it funny?' It'll become a game to people.*

What do you think, Anita?

Anita: *I don't necessarily think a book is the right way to deal with this type of issue, but it is a start.*

Thanks to Brandon and Anita.

Death Metal Band Meets Suburban Choir

[A Maiden's Scorn by Ghosts of Atlantis]

That's 'A Maiden's Scorn' by the death metal band Ghosts of Atlantis. The singing you can hear under the guitars is by the Pop Chorus, a choir from Surrey in the South of England.

The leader of the choir, Yula Andrews, offered the choirs' services in a social media post, and the band replied to say they'd like them on their next album.

They recorded three songs at the Burstall Village Hall. And Yula said it was more 'tea and biscuits' than rock and roll.

That's all for this week.

I'll be back on the 2nd of December.

Goodbye!

to target

att rikta sig in på

slur

nedsättande uttalande

insult

kränkning

to manifest

att visa sig, att ge uttryck för

anonymous

anonym

to expect

att förvänta sig

content warning

varning att innehållet kan vara

stötande

choir

kör

to reply

att svara

to record

att spela in