

## The city of witches



**Not many people know that Principality of Nysa was a place of murder of witches.**

**Did you know...?**

*The reason to burn on the stake or hang some for example: red hair, high-bridged nose or an indemonstrable charge. In the area, in the Middle Ages probably about 250 people were killed. The cases were so common that in September 1636 the authority built special furnaces, There they burnt "fairly*

*condemned sympathizers of the devil, witches and dark ghosts". .In Głucholazy the victims were examined in a cellar on " the throne of witches" (a chair with nails). The tortures usually lasted 8 days. there were a lot of ways to prove somebody's fault, f.e. a fire test (a person had to walk barefoot over the fire.*

*If the wound healed well after 3 days, the person was innocent) or a water test (a torturer bound a suspect and threw him into the water. If the victim drowned it meant he or she was innocent. But if the person ran away- well...). Think about the ghosts of witches which can circle around you in the evening!*

- Ireland is typically believed to be the birthplace of Halloween  
- The first known mention of trick-or-treating in print in North America occurred in 1927 in Blackie, Alberta, Canada  
- Halloween is the second highest grossing commercial holiday after Christmas  
- There is a fear of

Halloween called **Samhainophobia**  
- The largest pumpkin ever measured was grown by Norm Craven, who broke the world record in 1933 with a 836 lb. pumpkin  
- Scarecrows symbolize the ancient agricultural roots of the holiday

## The fans of *Supernatural*, who create one of three most active fandoms, are now celebrating the new season of their favourite American series



from left: Dean, Sam and Castiel

A few years ago Eric Kripke created a TV show concerning paranormal phenomena. On August 13<sup>th</sup> 2005 the first episode was aired. The story begins when a demon kills Mary Winchester, a

mother of two small boys. After that, her husband becomes a hunter – the person fighting against evil creatures like demons, ghosts, vampires or shape-shifters. The action starts when his younger son, Sam,

gives up the hunts, lives with his girlfriend and studies to become a lawyer. But suddenly his brother Dean arrives and asks for help. Sam agrees to go with him, only for this time. Then he wants to come back to his ordinary

life. However, after returning he finds his girlfriend murdered in the same way as their mother had been. He decides to join his brother. They travel across the USA in the old Chevrolet Impala, helping people and having a lot of strange adventures

At first the series was planned to be performed in three seasons, then in five. But the popularity of *Supernatural* made the authors change their minds. On October 7<sup>th</sup> the first episode of the 10<sup>th</sup> season was aired. It was watched by over 2,79 bln people.

I think the series is quite good. I especially like the idea of obeying the old myths, such as using salt, iron and holy

water to kill evil creatures. The brothers are interesting and amusing. I totally love the way they treat each other. Normally they fool around, sometimes they argue. But when one of them is in danger, the other one would do everything to help him. Even make a pact with a demon. Oops... spoilers!

The episodes are really various. Some of them are scaring, others have magnificent scenes or incredibly funny moments. In a few there's a brilliant idea to make them. These are really worth seeing. But some don't bring anything important to the plot, don't contain amusing scenes. Watching them is a kind of wasting time. Fortunately, there are very few of them.

The *Supernatural* series has won a lot

of awards, such as *People's Choice Award for the favourite sf/fantasy series* or *the favourite TV drama*. Jared Padalecki and Jensen Ackles, starring Sam and Dean Winchester, are really adored by fans. Except for them, the most beloved are Misha Collins (Castiel, angel helping the brothers) and Mark Sheppard (Crowley, demon, king of Hell).



'67 Chevrolet Impala



behind the scenes



with fake FBI badges

### 'No chick-flick moments.' 'Alright... lerk ' 'R\*\*\*eh'

Special effects are sometimes very simple, but the heroes are very well-created and not simply 'black-and-white'. What is characteristic to the series, it's really hard to kill the Winchester brothers. They've been black hurt and close to death for many times, even dead once or twice, and somehow are still alive.

I think despite of it's small weaknesses the series is worth seeing – at least a few episodes. The main advantages are definitely the main heroes, the variety of creatures and adventures and, of course, Dean's black '67 Chevrolet Impala.

## USUAL PLACES WITH UNUSUAL HISTORY THE BŁĘDNE SKAŁY-rock formation



rocks

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I am not a fan of mountains. I definitely prefer seas. But when I heard about this place called The Błędné Skály- I decided to go and see it! What I saw made me impressed. Let me tell you about this wonder of nature.

The Błędné Skály formation is a micro-land in The Table Mountains located in the south west of Poland. The director of „*The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian*” saw its fairy charm. A team of

director built a stage in a studio in New Zealand which was based on photography. Anyone who saw a film can recognize The Błędné Skály formation in the scene of Lucy's dream.

In The Błędné Skály formation there are amazing rock formations, which form a maze. It is hard to get out of it without tips including directions.

There are such narrow corridors, that only a child has no problem to go through them. There are many nooks, where snow stays even in May! Water sometimes makes little lakes.

„Labyrinth”. There is also a lookout located on the rock called „Rock bowls”. You can see Szczeliniec the great and Szczeliniec the small from there.

The Błędné Skály formation is located near the Polish-Czech border. A lot of rocks have been called by people, for example one rock is called „Tunnel”, the other

How did the formations arise? Many centuries ago there was a sea. In this area on the bottom of it thick layers of sandstones accumulated.

In the Alpine Orogeny they were raised with all the Sudety. Then process of erosion of rocks began. As a result of uneven resistance on decay very deep corridors appeared there.

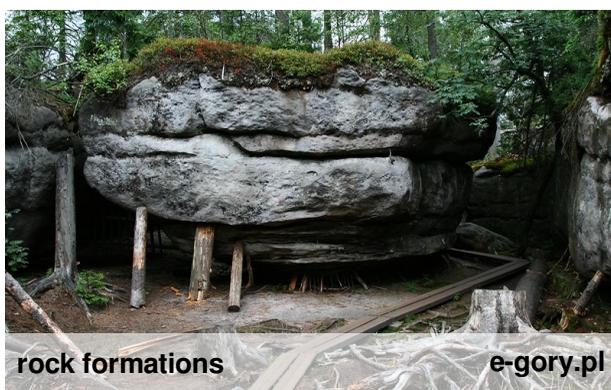
and vegetables. They prayed for happiness and safety. Suddenly a hooded man appeared. People paid no attention to that person. Then the main priest tried to persuade the newcomer to say prayers, but he couldn't say anything. He lost his voice. The man took off the hood and people recognized The Ghost of Mountains called Liczyrzepa.

There is one legend connected to this place. It tells how The Błędné Skály rock formation arised. Once upon a time near the peak of mountains, there was an assembly of followers. They sacrificed animals

### In 1957 people founded a natural reserve there.

Instead of a fear they started laughing. Nobody believed that Liczyrzepa still exists. It was only a story. The Ghost felt insulted. He stamped his foot and the hell sparked off. Thunders, heavy rain.. It seemed the peak of the mountain would fall over. And it actually happened. It is how The Błędné Skály formation arised.

It is a beautiful place, with full of magic. I hope you will visit it in future, and would like to know more about interesting myths, legend connected to mysterious nooks of our country.



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# E-lympic Games



Over the last several years computer games have been greatly developed. The most promising additions that are the online feature at present contain the player versus player (PvP) modes, which make the gameplay

much more competitive and demanding. The whole idea of the rivalry between users has been expanded and the concept of esports has been created. But what exactly esports is? Most basically it is a

term for video game competitions, often on a professional level. As mentioned above, many games offer the availability of playing online with other people. However some genres such as multiplayer online battle arena (League

of Legends, Dota 2), first person shooter (Counter Strike: Global Offensive) and real-time strategy (Star Craft II) are more popular than other types.

There are many internationally famous tournaments held all over the world amongst which Intel Extreme Masters, World Cyber Games and Evolution Championship Series seem to be real hits. The events are supported by many live broadcasts and the competitors can win cash prizes depending on the place they have achieved.

The interest

in the esports is steadily increasing and so is the number of broadcasting platforms. At the beginning the competitions were featured in newspapers and magazines such as *Life* and *Time*. Starcade TV show aired esports events between 1982 and 1984. It showed players trying to beat each other's high scores on an arcade game.

In the 1990s the competitions were shown by GamesMaster and Bad Influence! TV shows. There was also an Australian coverage of the electronic rivalries: Amazing television programme reported such a competition. In the XXI century in South Korea 24-hour cable game channels were launched. In other parts of the world airing of the events was not so popular. Nevertheless, the creation of Internet

platforms such as Twitch contributed to a rapid growth in number of viewers. The games themselves offer spectators modes to let all the users enjoy and follow the action without using any other Internet site.



## Winning a fortune

The progress of esports has eliminated the physical barrier between the gamers and the athletes. Furthermore, real professional sportsmen are surprisingly paid less than the gamers who have won a tournament. The winners of The International 2014 for Dota 2 won slightly over 5 million dollars!

This means that each team member got one million dollars. Compared to San Antonio Spurs, the winners of the NBA Finals, who got 4,1 million dollars, The champions of Dota 2 won a fortune. NBA prize had to be divided between thirteen players, so each player earned only 315 thousand dollars.