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ZOMBIES

What is a Zombie?

A zombie is a (fictional!) dead person that is brought back to life through a curse (voodoo, necromancy) or a mutation and has recovered some vital functions like movement.

Where are they from?

Zombies are omnipresent in the folklore of Haïti, where they are created by voodoo, an African type of black witchcraft. These zombies can be controlled since they are near-mindless, possessing little reasoning power, though many can perform "remembered behaviours" from their mortal existence.

Are they real?

There are a significant number of researchers who believe **zombification** to be an actual practice, achieved not through magic and ritual, but rather through certain powerful drugs. These drugs make a person seem dead through extensive intoxication and slowing of the bodily functions. When they are revived, they are so brain-damaged that they cannot remember who they were or who their family was. There are numerous hypotheses about the composition of the drug: the active ingredient that causes this "death-in-life" effect is known as **tetrodotoxin**. Tetrodotoxin is a potent marine neurotoxin, named after the order of fish from which it is most commonly associated, the Tetraodontiformes (*tetr*-four and *odontos*-tooth), or the **tetraodon pufferfish**.

"Zombie biology"

<http://homepage.powerup.com.au/~vampire/day/d-biol.htm>

<http://zombies.monstrous.com/>>

How do you know a zombie is tired? He's dead on his feet!