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THE PAINTED VEIL (12A) Thu: 12.30, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45pm
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THE LIVES OF OTHERS (15) Thu: 2.00, 5.00pm

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ALPHA DOGS (15) Thu: 2.45, 5.45, 8.30pm, Fri: 12.45, 6.15, 11.35pm

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STRAIGHTHEADS (18) Thu: 1.00, 3.00, 5.15, 7.30, 9.40pm
 Fri: 11.55pm

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 Fri: 12.30, 2.45, 5.15, 7.30, 9.40pm

Nicolas Cage and Julianne Moore peer into the future.

SHOOTER (15) Thu: 1.15, 4.45, 8.00pm, Fri: 11.30pm

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BLADES OF GLORY (12A) Thu: 1.45, 4.15, 6.45, 9.15pm
 Fri: 11.55pm

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WILD HOGS (12A) Thu: 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00pm
 Fri: 12.15, 3.00, 5.45pm

Taravita in slightly slapstick road movie with gangsters.

MR BEAN'S HOLIDAY (PG) Thu: 3.15, 5.30, 7.45pm
 Fri: 12.30, 2.45, 5.15, 7.30, 9.40pm

The spider suit turns back Peter Parker develops new and strange powers.

FRRACTURE (15) Thu: 12.50, 3.00, 6.40, 8.45pm, Fri: 8.15, 10.45pm

Anthony Hopkins as charming wife-murderer in battle of wits against DA Nyong-Golding.

SPIDERMAN 3 (12A) Fri: 11.00, 12.00, 1.00, 1.30, 2.00, 1.15, 4.30, 5.00, 5.30, 7.00, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00, 10.10, 11.15pm

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THE CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER (15) Thu: 3.00, 4.45, 8.30pm

Corsetry, courtesans and controlled courtship in China.

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BLADES OF GLORY (12A) Thu: 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00pm

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THEATRE REVIEW

Secret Love In Peach Blossom Land

Burton Taylor Theatre, Tue May 1st - Sat May 5th, 7.30pm

Few titles could be as engnatic and poetic as *Secret Love In Peach Blossom Land*. But this quietly promoted, easy to overlook production is as intriguing as it sounds - and more fun.

Two plays simultaneously book the same theatre. One, *Secret Love*, is a modern tragedy about an old man's reminiscence over a long-lost love while the second, *Peach Blossom Land* is a broad comedy about a cuckolded man who finds his way into the fabled utopia of Peach Blossom Land. But as the two productions bustle for control of the stage, the plays' themes interweave.

As bawdy as Chaucer, and as touching as Rattigan, *Secret Love In Peach Blossom Land* is an unusual experience. All credit to Oxford University Chinese Drama Society for staging it - in Mandarin with English subtitles - with a gung ho bravado that carries the day. The tiny Burton Taylor theatre is an ideal location, lending a believable edge to the reggae scene changes between the rival plays.

But the OUCDS fill the space with a riot of colour, costume and character. It's invidious to pick out names from such a faultless cast. Yet Xiechao Gu, as the hapless husband who finds utopia, gives a dynamic performance in a demanding role. Acting honours, though, go to Xiaoyang Yu as Zhifan, the girl who's loved and lost in *Secret Love*; rarely can anyone this young have given such a thoroughly convincing performance of an old lady - finely honed and sweetly done.

THE TRINITY SERIAL

Chapter 2: In which Rob stubbornly persists in his absence and Kate fails to stroke a feline predator...

I was alone. It wasn't just that I couldn't see Rob, but the air had a solidly undisturbed feel, like a dust haze in a shaft of sunlight. I said, called, shouted his name. I could hear my voice rising from its in-this-a-joke questioning to high-pitched hysteria. Rob never plays practical jokes - that kind of mischief doesn't go with his vacant academic persona. I thought simultaneously of a hundred unlikely possibilities, and for a few seconds felt hot, cold, faint, sick and desperate for the loo. I rushed out of the shop, in my haste dislodging a rack of shoes which scudded across the floor. I yanked the door, and the jangle of the bell woke me up. There was no way Rob could have left through this door silently. I went back in. There was really nowhere to hide, without burrowing under piles of clothes. I clambered over the pile, and at the back was a kitchen, and a small door. It was locked.

At least I had a rational explanation as to how he'd gone. Now I just needed to know where. The Pitt Rivers seemed obvious, so I set off. When I arrived at the museum a small bird was using one of the dinosaur footprints as a birdbath. I rushed through the airy Natural History Museum, ignored the stuffed cheerah and headed through to the Pitt Rivers. At first glance I couldn't see anyone else there at all. I bent down to look for legs. It was hard to see through the gloom. I felt like running around madly but my mother always says you can't find things unless you look carefully, so I calmed myself down.

Then I saw Dexter, the Keble MCR president. He was the last person I wanted to talk to, and before I could stop myself I'd darted round the far side of a case. The only thing I know about Dexter is that he seduces fair maidens by accosting them in libraries, appearing to be sensitive because he's a vegetarian, and then playing Belinda Carlisle at them. He's never seen with the same girl twice and it's rumoured he really does make natches on his bedpost. Since he lives in rented accommodation this strikes me as foolhardy as well as unsavoury. I was not surprised when he dropped a piece of paper as he passed me: he has never struck me as a careful man.

My inner Good Citizen wrestled with my desire not to speak to Dexter. But in the end I went out and picked up his litter. It turned out not to be a piece of paper, but an envelope, with Rob's name on. It was the same handwriting as the one in Unicorn, but addressed only to Rob this time. Why? My head was full of ways, and no because.

I opened the envelope. Inside was a brass key, mortice-type, with a long narrow shaft. I held it in my hand, cold and heavy, and wondered just how many keyholes there were in Oxford.

To be continued...

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