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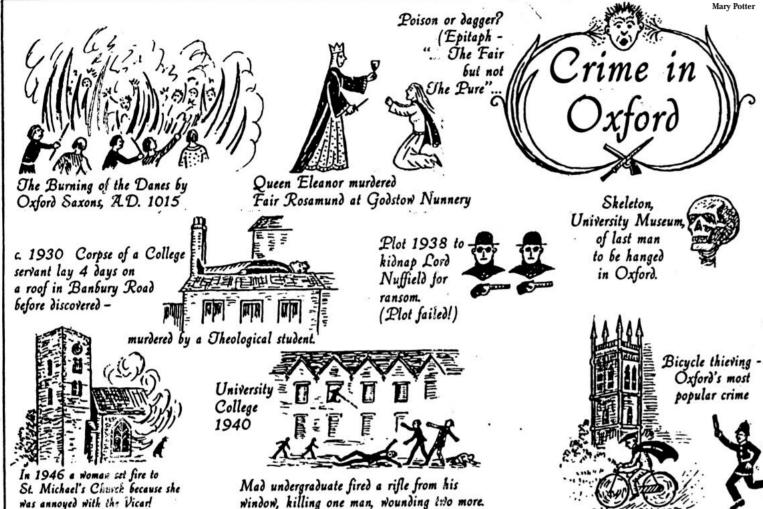
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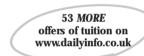
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from the engaging characters, the entertaining caricatures, and the bizarre way it all fits together.

Another strange aspect of the film is that it uses depth of field in its composition and has a slightly slow frame rate. Most of



France: 2003), 78 mins, animation.

> the colours are slightly subdued giving it a rather timeless feeling. The progression of the film is very smooth with every scene relating to, and fading into, the one imme-diately after. The use of this combined with the more traditional practices of photographic filming - demonstrates the flexibility of animation as an artistic medium, and it elegantly refutes those critics who regard 'cartoons' as an out-of-date format because of the advancement of computer graphics.

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