

60 Photos Of The Game Of Thrones Cast You've Never Seen Before

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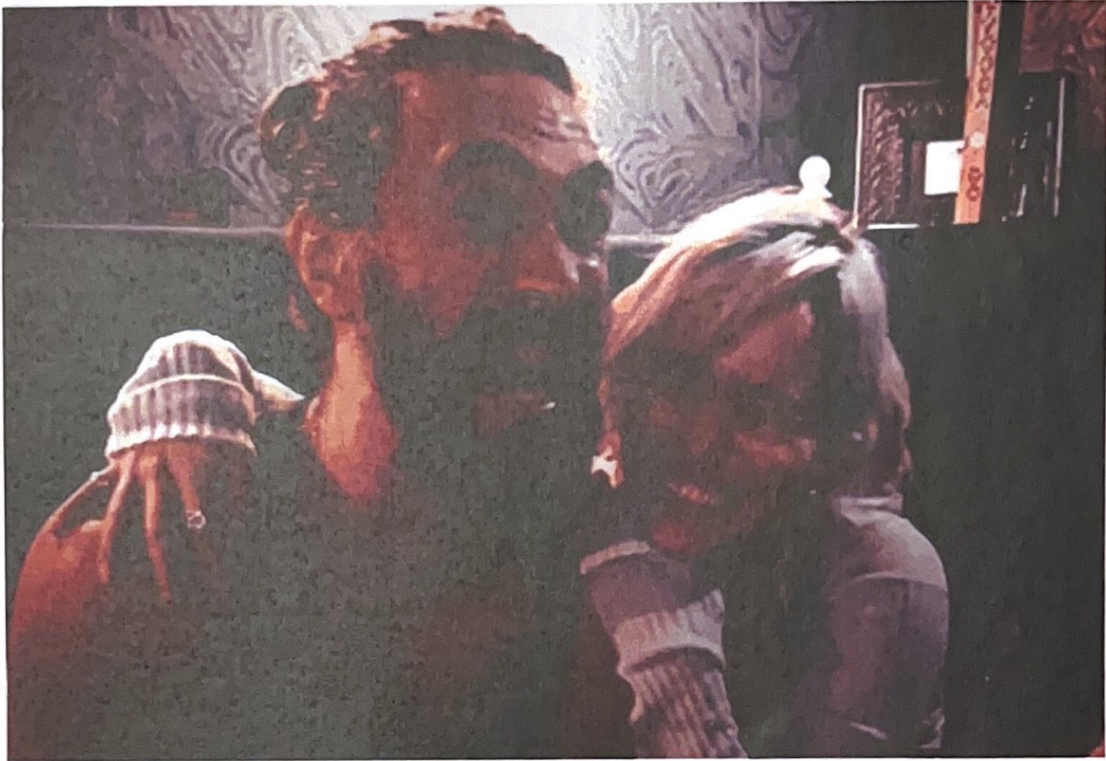


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When ***Game of Thrones*** ends, the show itself won't be the only thing we lose. We'll also lose the *Game of Thrones* cast, who has spent the past decade of their lives painstakingly making the *GOT* world a reality. Along the way, many of them have made careful attempts to document the filming of the show, even as they try not to spoil anything. These pictures show us that not every member of the cast is as serious as they might seem on screen. Although they're all professionals, they like to have fun when they can.

Of course, some members of the cast are more willing to pose than others. But you get the sense in every one of these photos that the show's cast is a family. They've been working together for years, and they clearly have a lot of love for one another. This lovable cast has had a lot of faces over the years. Here are some of the very best behind-the-scenes photos of them that you've never seen before.

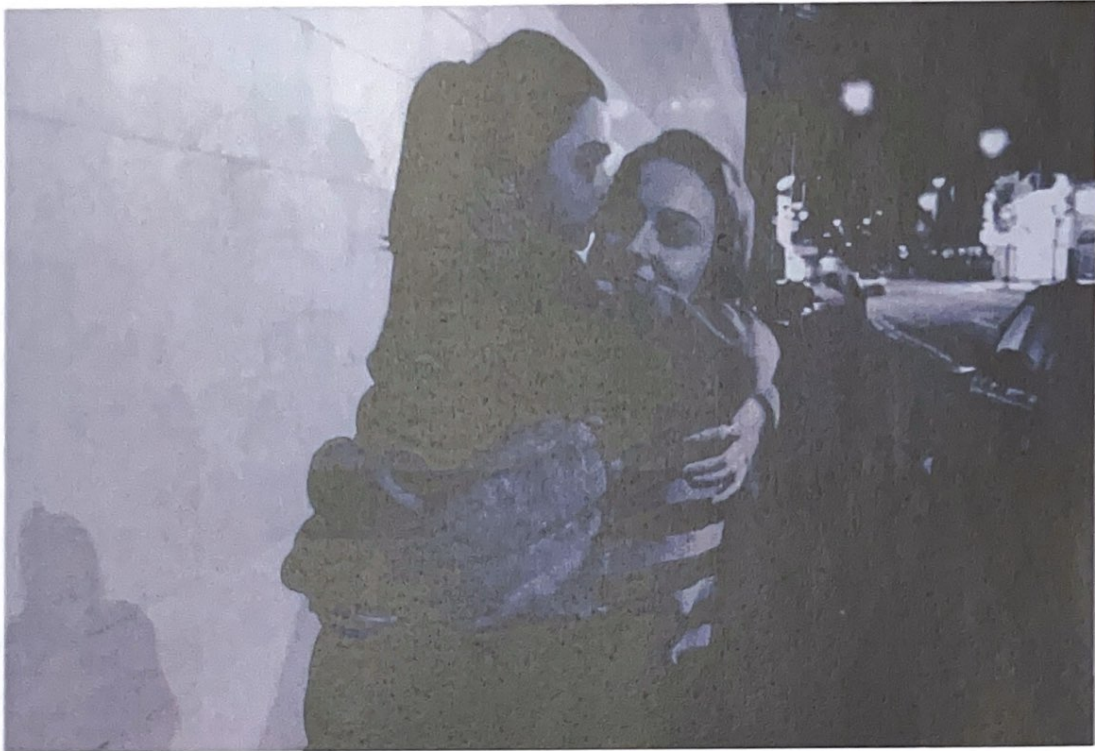
Sun and Stars



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Because Jason Momoa and Emilia Clarke are just too cute, here's another photo of them hanging out off set years after Momoa's departure from *Game of Thrones* (RIP Khal Drogo). Emilia's caption explains that he was in her city (London) and she "gained five grins." They both appear to be laughing and having a great time. It's really wonderful to see that they stayed so close and for so long despite their short time working together.

Mophie



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There is no *Game of Thrones* couple we stan more than besties Sophie Turner and Maisie Williams. The onscreen sisters are just as close, if not closer, in real life, and this photo of Sophie holding Maisie is an adorable way of showing it. Maisie has her arms and legs wrapped around his sister from another mister, kissing her head, and the caption reads “#Mophie.” They even have a couple-name. These two ladies are the absolute cutest, and definitely friend goals.

The Night is Dark and Full of Terrors



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Carice van Houten, who plays the Red Priestess Melisandre, posted this behind the scenes photo of what she says was one of her favorite scenes to shoot. This scene from season five was likely the shocking moment she burned Stannis's daughter Shireen at the stake as a "sacrifice" to end a snowstorm. In addition to Melisandre, Stannis, and a few of his men, we also see a cameraman and sound operator in the photo, giving us a true look behind this scene.

Sansa and her Hubby



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Ramsay Bolton was a truly sadistic, evil man on *Game of Thrones*, but it seems that actor Iwan Rheon is nothing like his character in real life. In this photo posted by Sophie Turner, the two appear to be laughing about something and enjoying each others' company. Sansa, played by Sophie, was forcibly married to Ramsay, who tortured her in almost every way possible. Sophie simply captioned the photo "Hubby," in reference to the characters, although this photo is much sweeter than their relationship was ever portrayed on the series.

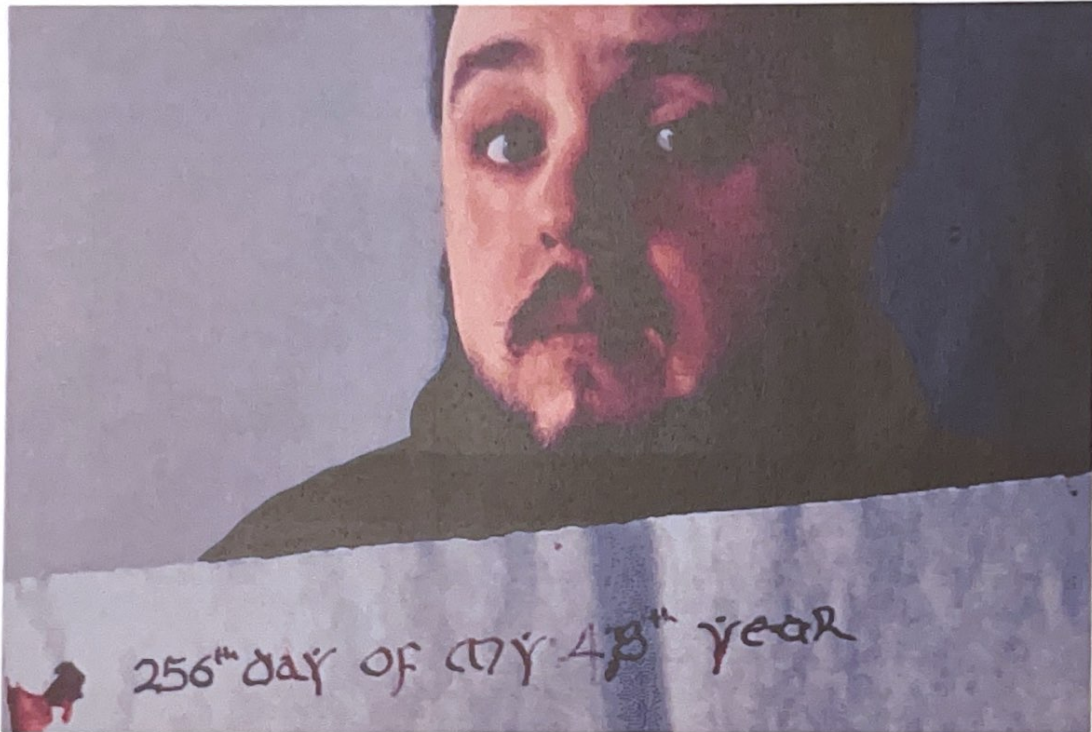
Khaleesi and Ryan Gosling



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Emilia Clarke posted this photo of herself in the white blonde Daenerys wig, for some unknown reason pointing to a cut-out of **Ryan Gosling**, the day before the *Game of Thrones* Season 6 premiere. Why was a fake Ryan Gosling involved with *Game of Thrones*? Only Emilia knows (#thisisonetimeatgameofthronescamp), but according to the caption, they were both caps-locked EXCITED about the new season. We can't blame them.

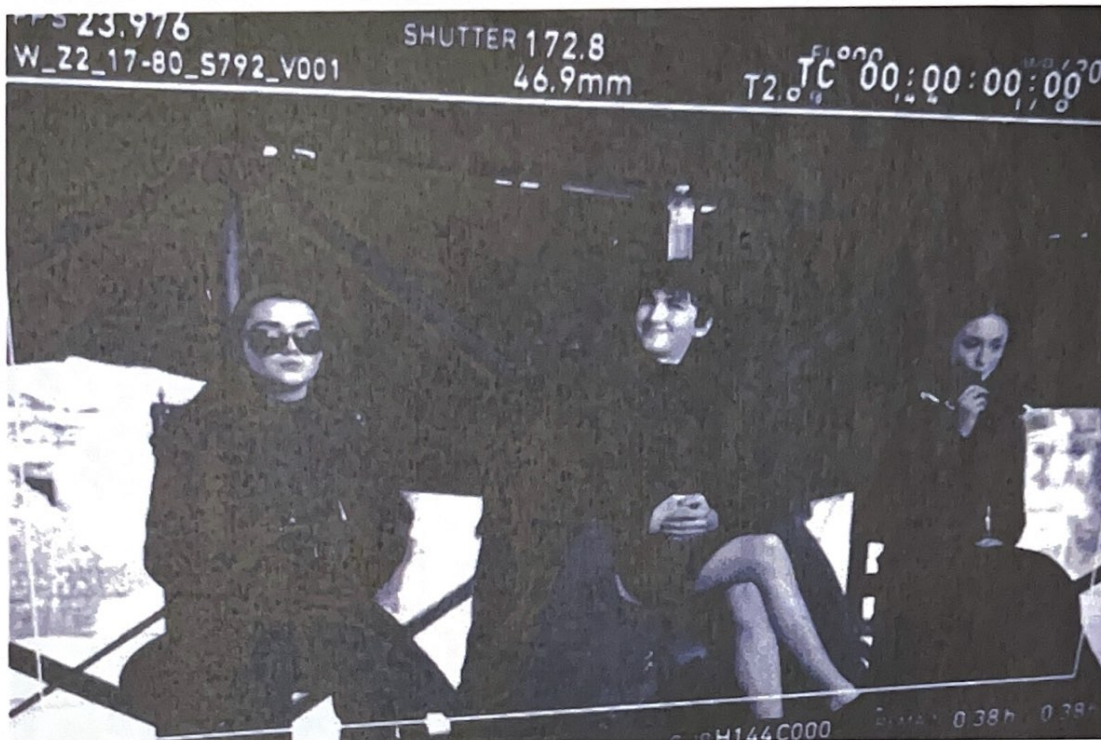
Calligraphy Lessons



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John Bradley West posted this photo of him holding a “relic” from his early calligraphy lessons in preparation for *Game of Thrones* Season 7. His character Samwell Tarly spent much of the season copying text from the High Septon Maynard’s diaries in this script. He claims his calligraphy got better, but honestly this looks like it took some level of skill to achieve. The script reads “256th day of my 48th year,” which is a very long-winded way of putting the date.

Dragonpit Council Meeting



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On the series finale, all of the most important characters who somehow survived all eight seasons gathered in the Dragonpit for a council meeting to discuss punishments for crimes and appoint a new King or Queen to the Iron Throne. Obviously among them were Arya, Bran, and Sansa Stark. In this photo posted by Lena Headey (who plays the now-deceased Cersei Lannister), we see what the Stark siblings are doing behind this scene while the camera stays on them. Maisie Williams looks super cool and in charge in her sunglasses, Isaac Hempstead Wright poses for the camera sans pants, and Sophie Turner smokes an e-cig.

Dany and Jon as Vikings



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It's always great to see the cast goofing off together outside of Westeros, like this photo of Emilia and Kit with their faces on Vikings' bodies. Kit appears mildly threatening, taking his new role as a Viking seriously, while Emilia does not. The funny face she's flashing the camera for this photo-op makes her look like the kind of person we all wish we could be best friends with, rather than a fierce Queen and Mother of Dragons, or in this case a Viking.

Yara's Boots



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Gemma Whelan, aka Yara Greyjoy, posted this photo of her trying to get water out of her boots between takes. This behind the scene shot was from Season 6, and as Gemma puts it, a “dash down the beach trying to look tough whilst running on sand with boots full of water.” Yara always managed to look tough no matter the circumstances or state of her boots, which she still has by the way. She’s smiling in the photo, so despite the difficulty of the scene, she clearly was having fun filming it.

Besties from the North



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Onscreen sisters and real-life best friends Maisie Williams and Sophie Turner cuddle up under a blanket, laughing about something or other, as they always tend to do together. Emilia Clarke posted this photo with the caption "Sisters from other misters. #ourbabieshavegrownupsofast." The girls really grew up on the *Game of Thrones* set, and we were privileged enough to watch it happen. It's heartwarming to see how close the sisters became, both on and off-screen. We stan these besties.

Earl Grey and Pink Sneakers



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When not shooting, Carice van Houten hung out on set drinking Earl Grey tea with milk and honey. Could it have been her Starbucks cup that accidentally made it onto the final season? (It wasn't — Emilia Clarke revealed on *The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon* that the cup belonged to Conleth Hill, who plays Lord Varys.) But Carice admits that she was "high on earl grey tea" during most of her *Game of Thrones* scenes.

Can we also appreciate this comfy look? The majestic Red Priestess is always dressed to kill in her long flowy dresses, capes, and witchy necklace. But here we see Carice in hot pink sneakers and a robe. Who says you can't be both magical and comfortable?

Cersei and Missandei Share a Moment



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On the final season, Cersei has one of her men publicly decapitate Daenerys's right-hand woman Missandei in response to Dany's demand she surrenders. It was a shocking moment, as Missandei was one of the purest characters on the show. In this photo, actresses Lena Headey and Nathalie Emmanuel smile and share a moment. Lena (Cersei) captioned the photo "You represented hope and true strength. I didn't like that day up there." Even the actors didn't like that Missandei had to die.

Goofy Lannisters



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The Lannisters were one of the most unlikable families on *Game of Thrones*. Jaime threw a child out of a tower window, Cersei blew up a church full of innocent people including (and largely because of) her daughter-in-law, and while Tyrion could be easily forgiven, it takes a special kind of person to kill their own father. Yet this behind the scenes photo of the three siblings shows them in a much different, goofier light. Jaime laughs as he hugs Cersei, while she licks Tyrion's face. It's great to see the actors having fun together, and know that they aren't the same diabolical people they play on TV.

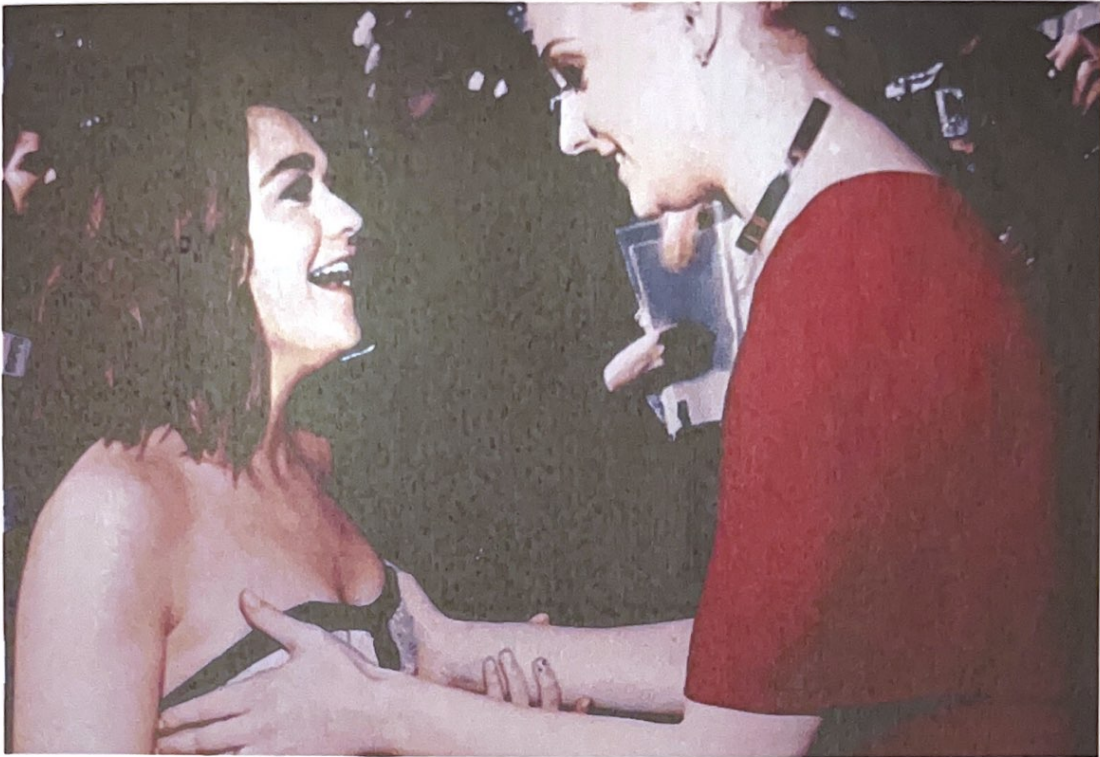
Jon Snow the Makeup Artist



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Gemma Whelan, who plays Yara Greyjoy, posted this photo from the *Game of Thrones* finale, as Arya, Bran, and Sansa Stark sit in the Dragonpit for a council meeting of the most important people left alive in Westeros. However, there is one surprising detail in this photo: that is not a typical makeup artist touching up Arya's face, but rather Kit Harington, who plays Jon Snow. Gemma captioned the photo "New makeup chap." Could this be a new career path for the once King in the North?

Stark Boob Appreciation



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Arya spent a decent amount of time posing as a boy so she wouldn't be recognized as a Stark, and even after that, her character was still portrayed as more masculine, with short hair, sword training, and a list of people to kill. Arya was rarely seen as feminine, so it's good to see actress Maisie Williams dressing femininely and appreciating her body. In this photo, she smiles as her best friend and onscreen sister Sophie Turner grabs her boobs through her bandeau. Maisie captioned the photo, "Itty bitty titty committee."

Mother of Baby Hands



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Emilia Clarke is an adorable goof and we love her so much for it. When Daenerys isn't busy raising her dragon children or forcing those who oppose her to bend the knee, she does things like wearing baby hands to pose with while holding and admiring an Emmy.

Game of Thrones has won 59 Emmys out of 160 nominations over the course of their eight seasons on HBO, breaking a few records along the way. In 2015, the show broke the record for the most Emmy wins in a single year, with 12 wins out of 24 nominations. In 2016, it broke the record for most wins in history with 38 total Emmy wins. And in 2019, *Game of Thrones* broke the record for most nominations in a single year, with 32 nominations for the final season. It's obviously an amazing show, but those numbers are impressive nonetheless.

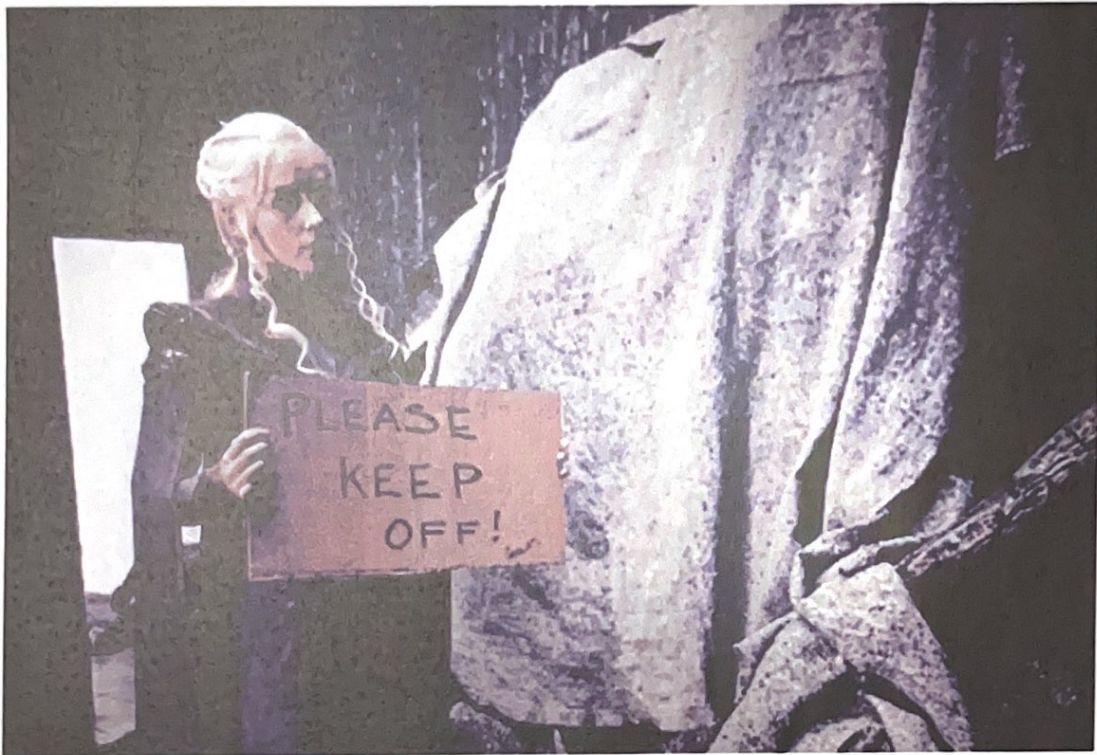
Game of Muppets



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It's a *Game of Thrones* and *Sesame Street* crossover! The long-running PBS kids show was recently moved to HBO, so despite the incredible contrast between the two, they were able to combine for a few shorts. In one, Elmo joins Cersei and Tyrion to teach them that "Respect Brings Us Together." In another, muppet doubles of Cersei and Tyrion knock on Oscar the Grouch's trash can. Lena Headey posted this photo with her onscreen brother Peter Dinklage as they met — and laughed with — their muppet characters and Elmo.

Dany Asking You to "Please Keep Off"



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In this behind the scenes photo shared by Emilia Clarke on Instagram, a serious-looking Dany holds a cardboard sign reading "Please Keep Off!" on set. The photo was shared right at the start of Season 7, before the Khaleesi and her army (and dragons) marched into Westeros to battle the Lannisters for the throne. Emilia captioned the photo with "#gameofgirlbosses" and "#youaintseennothingyet." The series was a wild ride that only continued to get wilder, and Emilia was always ready to hype fans up.

Hash Brownies



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On Halloween of 2016, Sophie Turner and Maisie Williams did an adorably punny besties costume: Hash Brownies. They dressed like Girl Scouts with badges proudly featuring pot leaves on their sashes. Doing a costume together is cute enough, but the pun shows off their shared sense of humor as well. Even Sophie's caption was punny: "Nortiness ensues," a reference to Arya and Sansa's home in the North, and almost sounds like the British pronunciation of "naughtiness."

Brienne's Reaction to the Ending



[instagram/@gwendolineuniverse](https://www.instagram.com/gwendolineuniverse)

We're pretty sure this photo and its caption is a joke, but regardless, it is a whole relatable mood. Gwendoline Christie, who plays the courageous and totally badass Brienne of Tarth, posted this photo during the final season, with the caption "Being told the ending to *Game of Thrones*." That look of total shock and dismay on her face? We felt that. Clutching onto Kit Harington for dear life, as if she could protect him from the fates that await them both? We felt that. Kit appearing to admit defeat? Unfortunately, we felt that too.