

As a child, I always ended up losing games of Monopoly to my money hungry brother as I was obsessed with cheaper residence Old Kent Road. Why? Because it was more obscure than the pricier properties. Obviously the aim of the game is to earn as much money as possible and to do that, you have to invest in properties that cost more. It would be like a record company signing a techno metal skiffle band. Someone might like it, hell maybe even I would but everyone else would be listening to pop. More cliched pop yes, but more accessible. Whilst the former band would maybe sing about what life would be like as a time travelling woodpecker, the pop act would just sing about love. Again, more relatable. In a way, I like to think my curiosity for the obscure is beneficial today, though. Sometimes, the most obscure albums are the best. Ever heard of 'High Definition' by Vitalij Kuprij? No? It's awesome and there are countless other examples. I'm not that wise though, I often like music that's obscure more than popular music, simply because it's rarer. I thought to myself 'this Weezer album is good, but would I like it more if it was released by Vitalij?' Then I thought to myself 'probably, yes'. In a way my attitude works against me as rarer albums cost more, but when I do get my hands on a rare album I like, the sense of smugness can't be beat.

I really like the obscure film 'The Legend of 1900' about a musician born on a ferry. In fact, he liked ferries so much he'd rather die on one rather than to live on the land, which is a problem as when the boat was decided not to be needed anymore, it was blown up. 'We must rescue the poor musician, he has everything to live for!' I don't mean to give any spoilers, but he wasn't interested. :(If I met the person however, I'd simply to tell him to spend the rest of his life on ANOTHER boat but it's too late, now. Having watched other films over the following years, I can think of many others that have the main character simply die at the end, suggesting more unheard of films aren't necessarily THAT impressive, but again, I like it. In fact I've just Googled the film and it was described as very good. So there you go. Whilst other people watch more popular films about sawing their own feet off, I watch things that make you think a little. Thoughts such as 'that's really sad!' I guess it's sad when someone saws his foot off as well, but it's just not as thought provoking. Not to me anyway, maybe it does indeed get other people thinking, but surely if it DOES it doesn't cause happy thoughts? I'd hope not anyway. If it does though? Good, you're great! I certainly don't want to offend someone like you.

I'll tell you what IS a bad idea, though: Visiting an obscure doctor. You say that you're worried about having cancer or having an imminent heart attack, and he says to drink lots of tea? He does not care about your wellbeing. Even if he told me to drink tea after being diagnosed with flu, I'd be sceptical. Yes tea can help you with symptoms, but if you do some Googling, it helps with pretty much everything (apart from heart palpitations) and you have to wonder what's wrong with real medicine, obviously. Also be wary of obscure qualifications that don't relate to medicine. He has grade 3 flute? Who cares? Moving on, you don't want to consume obscure foods or drinks. You see something described as 'obscure water' be wary, particularly if it has brown bits in it because your extreme illness that will follow won't justify your satisfied curiosity. Some things in life are best left as mysteries, including what those brown bits exactly are. Probably just mud, there you go. Something labelled simply as 'obscure foreign food' would ring alarm bells, too. It could be anything right? In some countries, people eat biscuits made of mud. Lesson of the day, mud is common for a reason, it is vital to lots of life but never has mud been an ingredient in

a GOURMET dish and if it has been somewhere, that's a sign to stay away from it.
Extreme poverty correlates with extreme crime and you need to leave RIGHT NOW.
And on that wise note... bye!