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"The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's life."

Richard Bach

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Wayne became a violent vigilante to protect his home of Gotham City, and drove himself to make that future a reality. His name is said to translate to 'Demon's Head'.

**WHEN DID HE DIE?**  
Ra's Al Ghul was shown to have been assassinated in the crossover 'Shadow War: Alpha #1'. Ironically, the iconic villain is said to have died at a time when he was undergoing a dramatic shift in character. Reaching the end of his long, unnatural life, he had reconnected with both his daughter and grandson, and was planning on changing the way he tried to "save" the world.

**WHAT'S NEXT?**  
The murderer is now revealed to have carried out the crime while disguised as Deathstroke, and a new hint suggest that he may have been a nominal ally of Batman. Speculation on www.cbr.com claims there 'Batman #123' has plenty of clues that suggest another character, Ghost-Maker, might have his own mission in the Shadow War. They further add that Ghost-Maker's skill-set means he's one of the few characters who could reasonably impersonate Deathstroke. Now, there's a lot of mayhem going on in 'Shadow War'. We suggest you read it, now that you know what's going on!

# Who killed Ra's al Ghul?

No spoilers here... however, the iconic villain has been the centre of major speculation off late. Here's why...

### WHAT HAPPENED?

Thanks to the recently released comic book, 'Batman #123: The Shadow War', the buzz around the mystery of who killed Ra's al Ghul just got louder in the superfan circles. 'The Shadow War' focuses on the overarching mystery of Ra's al Ghul's killer, and as shown, Batman, Deathstroke, and Robin, have all been stumped so far. That said, a delicious hint has been provided, but first...

### WHO IS RA'S AL GHUL?

The DC Comics' character – created by Julius Schwartz, Dennis O'Neil, and Neal Adams in June 1971's 'Batman #232':

Daughter of the Demon – is one of the greatest villains in the Batman universe. Ghul is a twisted mentor of Batman, who sees the latter as his heir apparent.

### WHY IS HE SPECIAL?

According to the DC Universe, Ghul has lived for over 600 years (thanks to something mysterious called Lazarus Pits) in various incarnations. From wandering the Arabian deserts as a nomad, to becoming the head of the League of Assassins – and the League of Shadows in some versions – Ghul is adept at manipulating the world and often makes misguided attempts to save it. For example, he foresaw a future in which Bruce



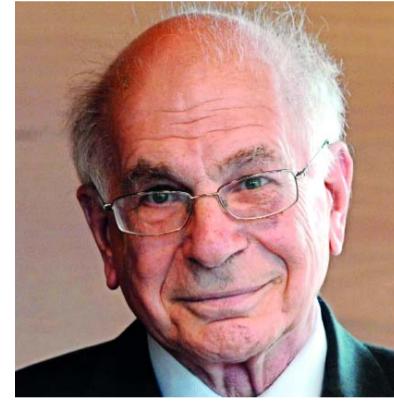
### THE POWER OF DELAYED INTUITION

According to the author, a key to making better decisions is

to 'delay intuition' until you have all the information necessary.

When Kahneman helped enhance the interview procedure for new recruits to the Israeli Army over 60 years ago, he saw the value of delayed intuition. Interviewers were supposed to measure young individuals on six parameters in a precise order, then use their intuition to guess what type of soldiers they would become, according to the system he devised.

He went on to argue that this technique can be used in a broader sense, such as when choosing between jobs or places to reside. In the case of jobs, you may give each one a rating based on its location, coworkers, compensation, and opportunities for promotion. Only once



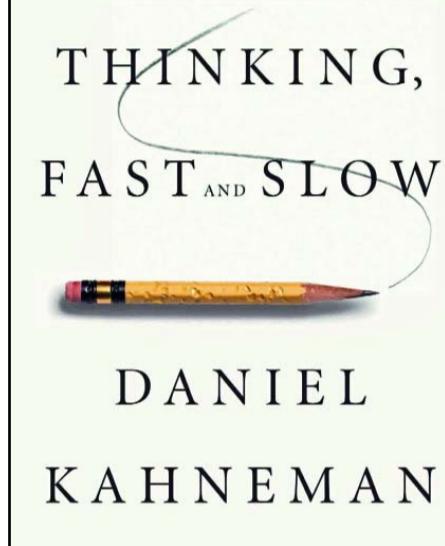
you've rated each of these factors do you take a look at the jobs as a whole and see how you feel about them.

### ANALYSE FIRST; INTUIT SECOND

Kahneman explained, "I'm not saying that people should not have an intuition. But intuitions are better and more accurate if you delay until you have all the information organised and you have a profile of the information. The very real danger of going exclusively with your gut is that once you have an intuition, you keep collecting information that seems to confirm it." Psychologists call this phenomenon 'confirmation bias' which should be avoided.

### WHY YOU MUST AVOID CONFIRMATION BIAS

Kahneman said, "Once you have begun to reach a conclusion, the rest of the time is basically wasted because you are finding reasons for doing what you already decided to do." In other words, the confidence you feel when everything seems to support your hypothesis is illusory. But it's a very pleasant illusion, according to Kahneman. To be sure, overcoming the draw of this illusory perception is trickier than it sounds. Kahneman said that it is easier to critique one's own thinking than it is to revise it. He added that one can also improve their own thinking.



## LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE (2006)



Banks, Zooey Deschanel, Emily Mortimer for help. The sisters find their carefully ordered lives thrown into chaos.

## BIG FISH (2003)



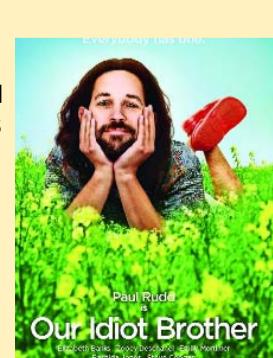
When Edward Bloom (Albert Finney) becomes ill, his son, William (Billy Crudup), travels to be with him. William has a strained relationship with Edward because his father has always told exaggerated stories about his life, and William thinks he's never really told the truth. Is that true?

## MY BIG, FAT, GREEK WEDDING (2002)



Everyone in the Portokalos family worries about Toula (Nia Vardalos). Still unmarried at 30-years-old, she takes a job at her aunt's travel agency, falls in love with Ian Miller (John Corbett), a teacher who is tall, handsome and definitely not Greek!

## OUR IDIOT BROTHER (2011)



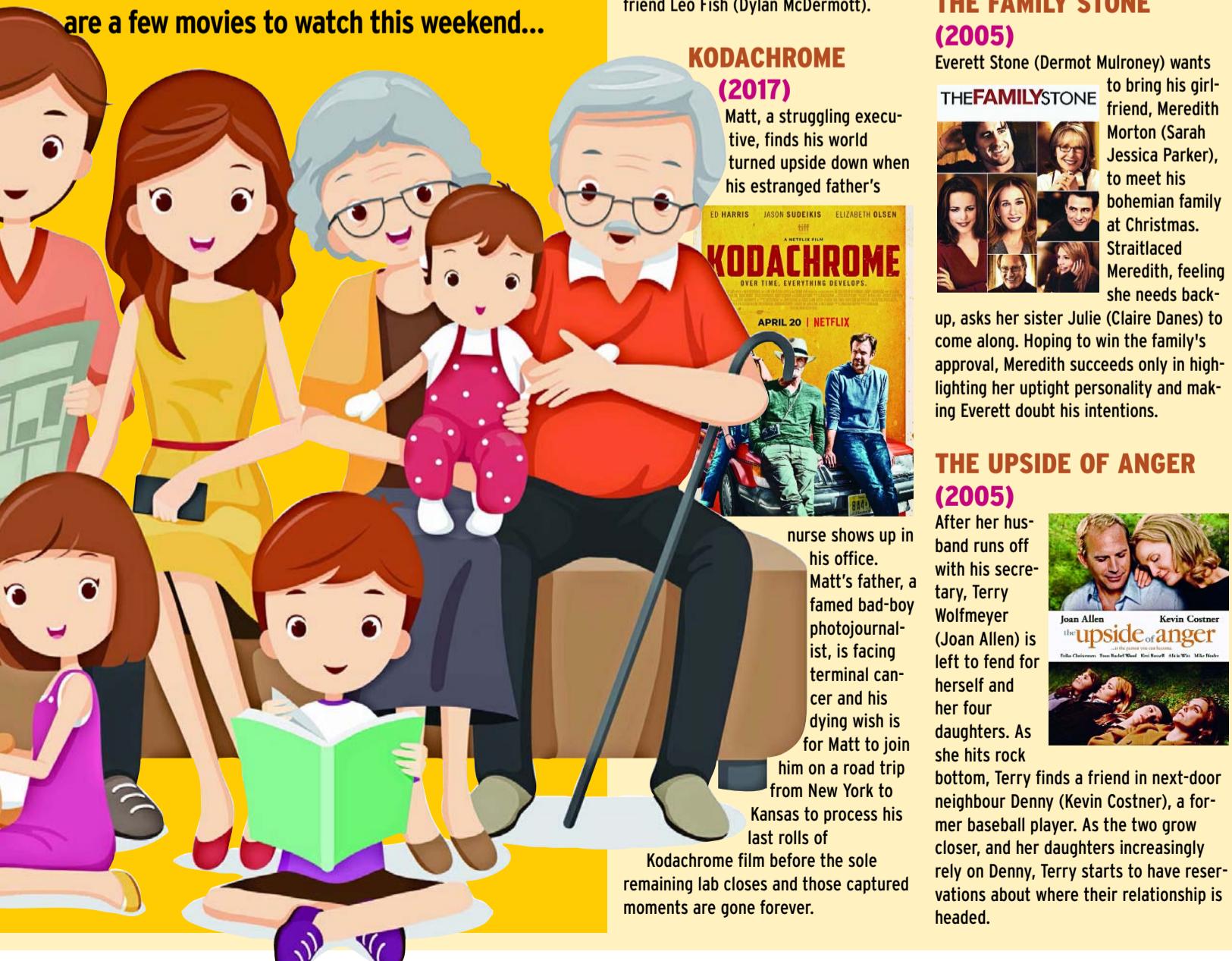
Slacker Ned Rochlin (Paul Rudd) makes the biggest mistake of his so-far uninspired life when he sells some pot to a cop. Homeless and jobless upon his release from jail, Ned must prevail upon his three sisters (Elizabeth

## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS (1995)

When her teenage daughter opts out of

# FAMILY TIME

Did you know May 15 is celebrated as International Day of Families around the world? What could be a better time to delve into the madness, dysfunction and ecstasy that we call family? Here are a few movies to watch this weekend...



## THANKSGIVING, CLAUDIA LARSON (HOLLY HUNTER)



Traveling alone to her childhood home for an explosive holiday dinner with her dysfunctional family, Claudia quickly tires of her parents, her long-suffering sister, but the evening gets interesting when sparks fly between Claudia and her brother's handsome friend Leo Fish (Dylan McDermott).

## SWEET HOME ALABAMA (2002)



New York fashion designer Melanie (Reese Witherspoon) suddenly finds herself engaged to the city's most eligible bachelor. But Melanie's past holds many secrets, including Jake (Josh Lucas), the redneck husband she married in high school, who refuses to divorce her.

## THE FAMILY STONE (2005)

Everett Stone (Dermot Mulroney) wants to bring his girlfriend, Meredith (Sarah Jessica Parker), to meet his bohemian family at Christmas. Straitlaced Meredith, feeling she needs backup, asks her sister Julie (Claire Danes) to come along. Hoping to win the family's approval, Meredith succeeds only in highlighting her uptight personality and making Everett doubt his intentions.

## THE UPSIDE OF ANGER (2005)



After her husband runs off with his secretary, Terry Wolfmeyer (Joan Allen) is left to fend for herself and her four daughters. As she hits rock bottom, Terry finds a friend in next-door neighbour Denny (Kevin Costner), a former baseball player. As the two grow closer, and her daughters increasingly rely on Denny, Terry starts to have reservations about where their relationship is headed.

"There is only one way to succeed in anything...  
and that is to give it everything."  
Vince Lombardi, former baseball coach

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# IN A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

The UEFA Champions League title is the ultimate glory that top football clubs gun for. Passion, joy, tears, heartbreak are always aplenty as teams compete to lift the trophy. A look at the journey till the upcoming final...



Sadio Mane celebrates with teammates Mohamed Salah, Virgil van Dijk, Thiago Alcantara and Andrew Robertson of Liverpool after scoring their team's third goal, during the semi-final match between Villarreal and Liverpool on May 3, 2022.



Players of Real Madrid celebrate their victory and progression to the UEFA Champions League Final after the UEFA Champions League semi-final match between Real Madrid and Manchester City, on May 4, 2022.

## THREE CLUB COMPETITIONS

For the first time since 1998-99, the clubs have competed in three league tournaments – UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, and the newly created UEFA Europa Conference League.

The teams eliminated in the preliminary round and first qualifying round of the Champions League play in the Europa Conference League.

**2022 UEFA Super Cup:** The winners of the 2021-22 UEFA Champions League and the 2021-22 UEFA Europa League go on to play the UEFA Super Cup. This annual match will be played at the Olympic Stadium in Helsinki, Finland, on August 10, 2022, which will be the 47th edition of the cup.



## TOP SCORERS OF 21-22

KARIM BENZEMA | Real Madrid  
Goals : 15 (3 - penalty)

ROBERT LEWANDOWSKI | Bayern Munich  
Goals : 13 (3 - penalty)

SEBASTIEN HALLER | Ajax  
Goals : 11 (1 - penalty)

MOHAMED SALAH | Liverpool  
Goals : 8 (1 - penalty)

RIYAD MAHREZ | Man City  
Goals : 7 (2 - penalty)

CHRISTOPHER NKUNKU | RB Leipzig  
Goals : 7

LEROY SANE | Bayern Munich  
Goals : 6

KYLIAN MBAPPE | PSG  
Goals : 6

ARNAUT DANJUMA | Villarreal CF  
Goals : 6 (1 - penalty)

CRISTIANO RONALDO | Man United  
Goals : 6

The Champions League is the annual competition for Europe's premier football clubs. The 2022 UEFA Champions League Final will be the culmination of the 2021-22 season, the 67th for the tournament, organised by UEFA. This will be the first final to be played in front of a full attendance since the 2019 final. The UEFA is one of six continental confederations of world football's governing body FIFA. UEFA consists of 55 national association members.



## FINAL MATCH

LIVERPOOL vs REAL MADRID

May 28, 2022 (May 29 IST)  
Stade de France, Saint-Denis, France

90 minutes - the duration of the final match

30 minutes - extra time if necessary. Penalty shoot-out if scores still level after extra time

12 named substitutes in each team

5 maximum number of substitutions, with a sixth allowed in extra time

## TEAM DETAILS

### ENGLISH CLUB LIVERPOOL

9 times the club has reached the final

6 times it has won the trophy

18 points gained in group stage, beating Milan, Porto, Atletico Madrid.

2-1 aggregate after beating Inter Milan in Round of 16

6-4 aggregate in quarter finals beating Benfica

5-2 aggregate in semi-finals beating Villarreal

### SPANISH CLUB REAL MADRID

16 times it has reached the final

13 times it has won the trophy

15 points gained in group stage, beating Inter Milan, Sheriff Tiraspol, Shakhtar Donetsk

3-2 aggregate after beating Paris Saint Germain in Round of 16

5-4 aggregate in quarter finals beating Chelsea

6-5 aggregate in semi-finals beating Manchester City

## AWAY GOAL RULE DROPPED

In June 2021, UEFA brought an end to the away goals rule in all UEFA club competitions. Henceforth, if in a two-legged tie, both teams have the same number of aggregate goals, the winner will not be decided by the number of away goals scored. Instead play will go into 30 minutes extra time. If both teams score same number of goals in extra time also, then a penalty shoot-out will decide the winner.

## WINNER RIGHTS

The winners will automatically qualify for the group stage of the 2022-23 UEFA Champions League. They will also get to play against the winners of the 2021-22 UEFA Europa League in the 2022 UEFA Super Cup.

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## TROPHY

The winning team is presented the European Champion Clubs' Cup. The official trophy remains with UEFA and the clubs are awarded a replica. This has been the practice since 2008.

From the 1969-70 to 2008-09 season, the official trophy was permanently handed over to any team which won the Champions League three years in a row or five times overall. A new official trophy would then be forged for the following season.

Five clubs have the original trophy: Real Madrid, Ajax, Bayern Munich, Milan and



Liverpool. Since 2008, the official trophy has remained with UEFA and the clubs are awarded a replica.

The current trophy is 74 cm (29 in) tall and made of silver, weighing 11 kg (24 lb). It was designed by Jürg Stadelmann, a jeweller from Bern, Switzerland, after the original was given to Real Madrid in 1966 in recognition of their six titles to date, and cost 10,000 Swiss francs.

As of the 2012-13 season, 40 gold medals are presented to the Champions League winners, and 40 silver medals to the runners-up.

## HOW TEAMS QUALIFY

After first qualifying in the initial five rounds — preliminary, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and playoff — the teams qualify for the UEFA Champions League group stage.

**Group stage:** The group stage has 32 teams divided into eight groups of four teams each. They play a double round-robin to advance. This means each club plays everyone else in that group twice, home and away.

**The 32 teams include:**  
2 League champions from 2 the playoff round

4 teams who place 2nd to 4th in their domestic championship playoff round.

1 previous season's Champions League winner.

1 previous season's Europa League Champion.

The round of 16, quarter-finals and semi-finals have two legs - home and away.

## UEFA Associations' Club Coefficient Rankings

Every member of the Union of European Football Association gets a coefficient ranking based on performance of the teams in the top club competitions.

This ranking determines how many teams from a particular country / association will play in the following season of CL.

The club coefficient rankings is also used to determine a club's seeding in draws.

The coefficients — from which the rankings are formed — get updated after each round club matches.

## HISTORY

The tournament began in 1955/56 with 16 sides taking part. It was then called the European Cup. In 1960, it expanded to 32 teams. The name of the tournament changed to the Champions League in 1992/93 and has expanded over the years with a total of 79 clubs entering so far.

## QUICK FACT

UEFA stripped Saint Petersburg, Russia of the right to host the match following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The 2022 final was originally scheduled to be held at the Krestovsky Stadium on Krestovsky Island in Saint Petersburg, Russia.