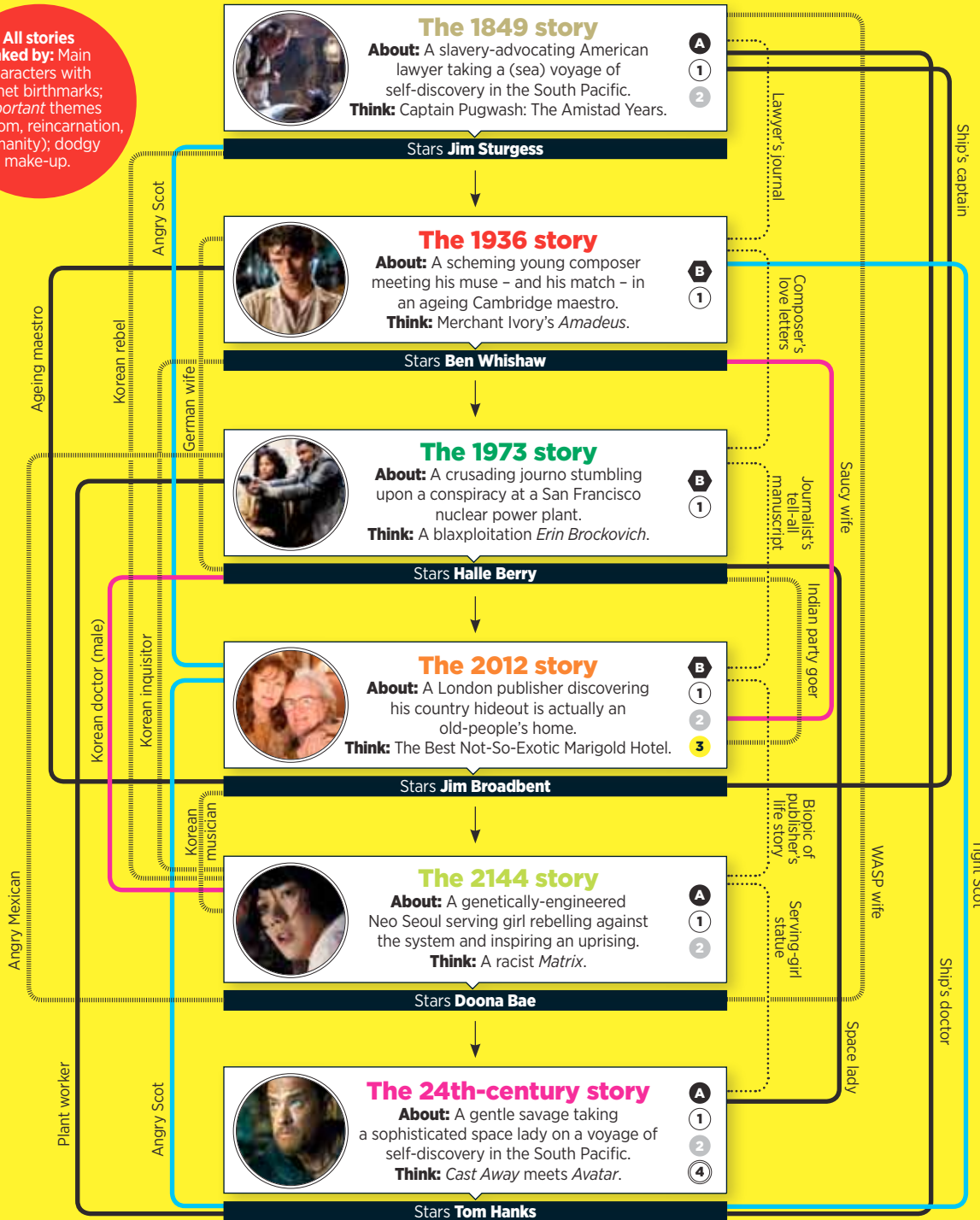


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### Cloud formations

Spanning multiple narratives and centuries, linked by recurring props and an often cross-dressing cast, *Cloud Atlas* (out on 22 February) is a cosmic head-scratcher adapted from David Mitchell's 'unfilmable' novel. GQ maps it

**All stories linked by:** Main characters with comet birthmarks; important themes (freedom, reincarnation, humanity); dodgy make-up.



## The GQ Insider

By Harry Cole



Westminster is amused that **Ross Kemp** has been out campaigning with Labour MP Tom Watson (and not just because the pair are backing Ed Miliband). For who is Kemp's ex-wife? Step forward Watson's long-standing arch-nemesis Rebekah Brooks.



Beware an early-morning call from **Peter Mandelson**. According to my source, the king of spin has taken to phoning people he wishes to manipulate just after they have woken up, as that's when their blood-sugar level is at its lowest – and they are, he believes, at their most malleable.



You won't spot former Liberal Democrat minister **Chris Huhne** in the cabinet any more. And nor will you see him wearing anything other than green, brown or dark pastel ties. My spy says Huhne had his colours done by a professional and now sticks rigidly to their advice.



When Tory MP Conor Burns met **The X Factor's George** (of Union J fame), he was taken aback by the budding musician's opening gambit. "Does that mean you work in that big golden building?" asked George. It almost makes politicians sound as irrelevant as *X Factor* contestants...

..... Repeated prop that links two time zones — Major cameo - - - - - Nationality-bending cameo — Scotland-baiting cameo  
 — Sexually confusing cameo **A** Directed by Andy and Lana Wachowski **B** Directed by Tom Tykwer **1** Features Hugh Grant looking awkward  
**2** Features Susan Sarandon being classy **3** Features Hugo Weaving in drag **4** Features Hugo Weaving as a big green goblin **MG**