Refugee on a coin? ‘Lovely, thought Paddington’

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The £5p coin from the Royal Mint with featuring the much-coveted cartoon character Bear.

When only the Scots language will do

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It was a missed blessing having your play listed in the National Theatre of Scotland’s announcement as being “in Scots”. You, this attracts someone—and why?—the Scots coterie or the “in Scots” coterie. Those either curious and adventurous or the秀e who have already enjoyed the (vortex and gorm of a common dialect density (I am in the process of even recognizing what they are talking about and getting it hit.)

This was a friend who had mentioned that they were having a birthday this month and was in the process of planning a party. They had mentioned that they were thinking about having a Scottish-themed party and had asked me if I would help them come up with ideas.

“I think the idea of a Scottish-themed party is really exciting,” they had said. “We want to create an atmosphere that is full of Scottish culture and traditions.”

I had suggested that they could have traditional Scottish food, drink, and music at the party. They had also mentioned that they were interested in having some Scottish-themed decorations and games.

“I love the idea of having a traditional Scottish games competition,” they had said. “We could have a game of tug-of-war or aScottish version of dodgeball.”

I had agreed, and we had spent the next few weeks planning the party. The preparations had been quite exciting, and we had managed to find all sorts of unique and interesting ideas to incorporate into the evening.

On the day of the party, everything had gone according to plan. The decorations were impressive, the food was delicious, and the guests had a great time. We had even managed to make a few new friends and connections.

Overall, it had been a fantastic evening, and I was glad that I had been able to help my friend plan such a unique and memorable Scottish-themed party.