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  - capitalized: REVELATION sense 3
- : something viewed as a prophetic revelation
  - : ARMAGEDDON
- : a large, disastrous fire : INFERNO // Most foresters agree that small, "prescribed" burns, carefully controlled,
  - are essential to prevent the larger apocalypse. Lance Morrow
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: a great disaster

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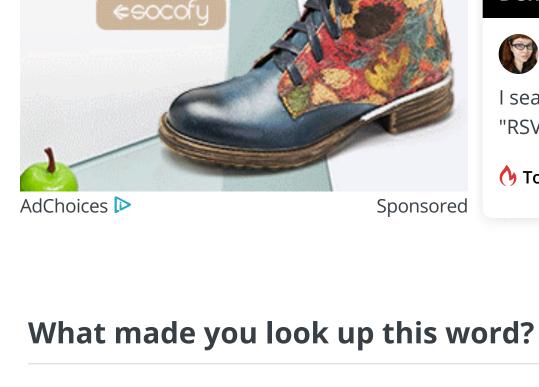
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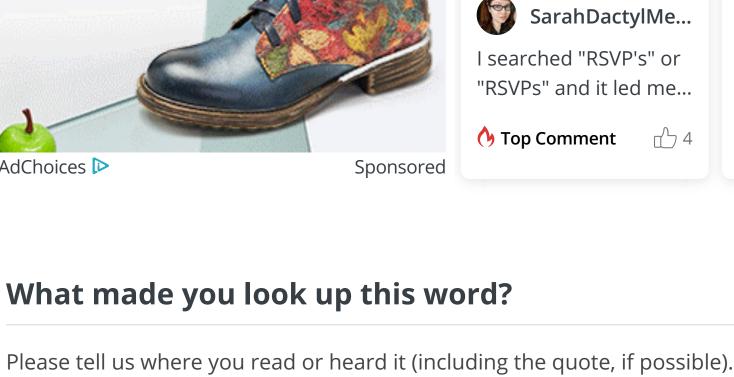
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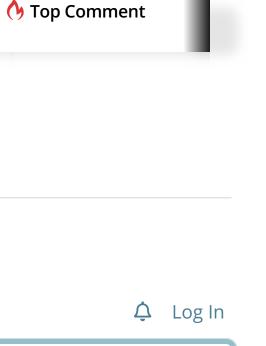
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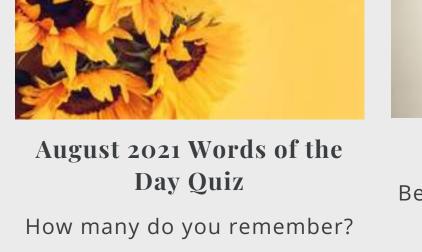
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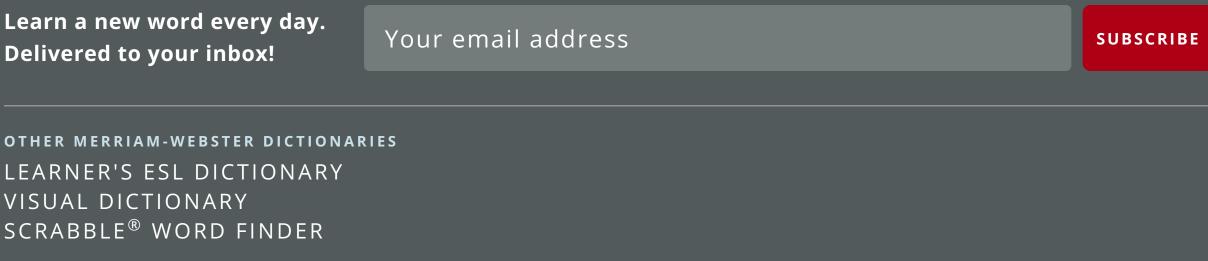
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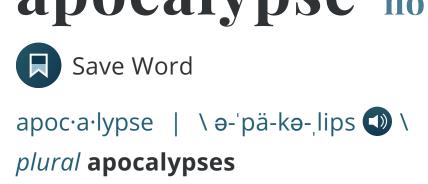
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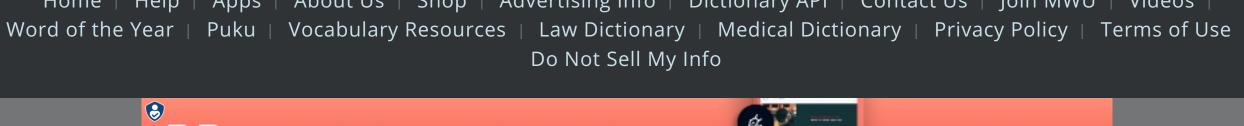
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