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Mirror image or carbon copy? George MacKay

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Pick of the day

Neil Gaiman's Likely Stories (Sky Arts, 9pm)

In the 1980s, Gaiman's dark fantasies would have made fine source material for ITV's *Tales of the Unexpected*, and that series has clearly influenced this four-part anthology — a pair of stories tonight, two more next week — written by Kevin Lehane and directed by the artists Iain Forsyth and Jane Pollard (best known for the Nick Cave documentary *20,000 Days on Earth*). Jarvis Cocker provides the music.

In the first, *Foreign Parts*, George MacKay plays a companionless banker who appears to have picked up a venereal disease from a photocopier; in the second, *Feeders and Eaters*, Tom Hughes wanders into a late-night cafe with a tale about a mysterious woman (Rita Tushingham) who has a deep knowledge of fungi and a taste for raw meat. As well as providing the original short stories, Gaiman features in the background in both films,

possibly providing clues as to what they mean.

David Hutcheon

Power to the people

How Should I Vote? — The EU Debate (BBC1, 8pm)

Live television debates were an enlightening feature of Scotland's independence referendum, so now that there is a British vote to be held on staying in (or not) of the European Union, it makes sense to utilise the hard-won expertise of the BBC's Glasgow staff by getting them to host an audience of young voters from all over the country. The only thing they have in common is their age (under 30) and their lack of fear at bypassing the presenter, Victoria Derbyshire, to take the fight to the politicians on the panel.