

## New Emojis Drop: Chaos Ensues

## Old Geezer

Earlier this week, Samsung and Apple both rolled out updates packing 21 new emojis. Among these include a moose, goose,



donkey, ginger root, maracas, jellyfish, hair pick, and a face that appears to be experiencing the biggest shock of their life as they endure what is either an earthquake or a death metal

concert. This marks a significant step towards the acceptance and recognition of the struggles of donkeys and maracas in this day and age, and is a notably inclusive gesture towards death-metal concert survivors.

However, many users also have experienced a deluge of mysterious, ominous, rhomboidal terrors in the form of a question mark in a box. Behind-the-times fossils who haven't yet updated their devices to the brand-spanking newest update have suddenly found their Myspace pages and Facebooks filled with inquiring symbols of doom and mystery. Entire conversations have been taking place in a code undecipherable to those who have not yet been initiated, who are left to wonder how just one emoji somehow links the satellite to the eggplant in a perfectly reasonable and understandable way. Northerners attempting to express their undying love to one another end up sending mixed messages when their datemate receives a strange question mark instead of a moose, suggesting they are questioning



their continued affection: were the last 3 years shoveling snow and rooting for the Winnipeg Jets together really as sweet as fresh-boiled maple sap? Or was all that just a flutter of the heart, which migrates as the geese do as the seasons of love and life change...

With marriages in jeopardy, Facebook becoming even less understandable, and questions flying everywhere, the world is in a state of utter chaos. Technicians are rushing to try and fix the problem, pushing out updates and trying to send notifications that people won't reflexively ignore. In this chaos, we can only look to those wise tech gurus on high to dispense wisdom and aid. Until then, hold tight, and let those of us who are behind the times band together and help each other through these trying times.

## Spiteful MTU Student Develops Wizard 102

DJ Benjamin, Pontiac Bandit

Portkey Game's Magical Action-RPG *Hogwarts Legacy* is set to launch this May, and the world of Potterheads and of course, Twitter, has been positively *abuzz*. However, not everyone is excited for the release- and at least one student here at Michigan Technological University has taken matters into their own hands- by developing a sequel to the original magic-based MMORPG: *Wizard 101*.

The sequel, obviously named *Wizard 102*, seeks to preserve many of the original design elements from the first game that made it so great, while also adding in new flavors. Many of the original worlds, such as Wizard City, Krokotopia, Mirage, and Lemuria will still be in the new game, but with added areas and more detail. However, *Wizard 102* will also feature new worlds, such as: South Eros, with a medieval England theme; Bronyland; Middle Zealand, the land of the elves, dwarves, orcs, and humans; CouchPebble, with footpowered mounts available for microtransaction purchase; Runescape, themed around mining and crafting; Palacestine, featuring such notable characters as the Small Merperson, Andrial, the Resting Average, Borealis, and Mulan, to appeal to Chinese audiences; Burgertopia, the land of the Eagles; and Fozzyland, where you meet the Wizard of Fozz. Your favorite characters from the first game are set to make a new appearance as well, though some with a new twist. Belladonna Crisp once again features as the Headmistress of Pigswick Academy, now the player's

default school, and has been redesigned by Blizzard Entertainment. Don't worry- she still sends your 11 yearold character into active warzones on oddly personal fetch quests. But don't worry: Prospector Zeke has already mapped out every world and has lost items literally everywhere in them all. And let's not forget Duel Master, Diego, who now is played by the character from the hit TV show, *Go Diego Go!* 

Developers promise both nostalgia and a fresh experience from the very start, right down to the character creation menu: now with sliders, and the option to have a trans character (Kings' Isle supports the rights of all players to pay them exorbitant amounts of money)! Old fan-favorite quest lines have been reworked,

including a quest line where your character fights the Norse gods instead of the Greek ones to become the new God of War. They also promise exhilarating new quest lines, including participating in an amphibious landing against the British-accented characters in the *Bay of Pigs*, or conquering sleep itself with the Egyptian lizard characters in the *Snooze Crisis*. The magic system has mostly remained the same, except for a new insta-

kill ability inspired by the success of *Legacy*'s risk-free *Avada Kedavra* killing curse: Gun. Play with your friends as you battle against the evil machinations of the Bowels of Saurod, and duel Malenia,

Goddess of Rot. Collect all the hip post-duel dances to celebrate your enemies defeat, including the floss, the griddy, and the Carlton. Enjoy all your favorite hobbies, like pet training, gardening, and the obligatory fishing minigame, while random strangers still accost you with nonsensical side quests. All while you enjoy the shockingly memorable soundtrack performed by MTU Jazz club.

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