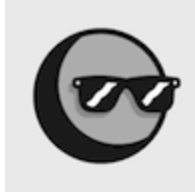


Anonymous asked:  
wait whats the zampanio retro game?




[jadedresearcher](#) answered:  
oh boy is today ever your lucky day!

[@deadcellsmn](#) I get to tell someone about my very favorite topic.

Let me grab my notes.

Actually it might be easier to post a screenshot of the rambles first AND then go off on them.

 [jadedResearcher](#) 09/11/2021  
Okay, I'll start this off by listing out what I know/believe, since I'm the one obsessed enough to make a side server for a game from 1972 of all things:

Zampanio is:

- \* a game that came out on April 1st 1972 in Italy (this is NOT verified, it makes NO sense) (no one ever mentions what company/person created it???) (WHERE in Italy? was Italy even making games in 1972???)
- \* the game never really was wildly released, but fan translation cracks of it keep popping up online (and getting taken down basically immediately: if anyone has a copy please contact me!)
- \* there is at LEAST one discord for the game, full of people cracking it and trying to decompile the source and everyone either left or got kicked or something, the owner is a dead account and the server is locked so no one can post. (WHY???)
- \* it is weirdly (disturbingly?) personalized for each person who plays it. That FAQ I found described one play through and hinted at a few others and it was what stuck with me the most.
- \* There are just \*so many\* weird rumors about it. It makes sifting through the truth and the bullshit especially annoying/rewarding.
- \* theres an ACHIEVEMENT SYSTEM in it (were achievement systems even a THING in the 70s??? are we SURE Zampanio is from the 70s?) and it was apparently a weirdly good chat bot?
- \* you spawn with a custom title like Watcher of Emptiness or Void Singer or whatever. It's confusing bullshit but might hint at the broader theme of your playthrough?
- \* the game assigns you incredibly complex backstory and character relations
- \* the game is \*incredibly\* buggy, to the point where its unclear if missing features in some descriptions of playthroughs are the game are intentional (because of the personalization) or because of a bug
- \* the game is incredibly amenable to speed runs? the bugs often do things like give you infinite experience for doing mundane things like keep tge menu open during the tutorial
- \* there is some generic main plot about stopping some random Big Bad Evil Guy but almost no one bothers to do this
- \* there is a frankly insane amount of side quests and hidden content that is the true point of Zampanio
- \* the game either shifts genre/style entirely based on your session OR theres...multiple games calling themselves "Zampanio" out there with shared core features???

(edited)

Gameplay Mechanics I've heard of (usually only two or three are used per game):

- \* leveling up
- \* recruiting and managing companions
- \* skill tree
- \* a god system where two gods compete for your favor (and the loser becomes a Named Enemy)
- \* city building
- \* nation scale warfare
- \* hacking (apparently some people spawn with the dev console already unlocked??? is this intended???)

(edited)

Wow thats unreadable. Whatever. Good enough.

POINT is.

Maybe two years ago? Right around the start of the pandemic, I stumbled into a WEIRD part of the internet. Lots of dead forums and ancient FAQs and a mostly abandoned discord server about a game that MAYBE doesn't exist? Full of contradictory claims about things this game had, and REALLY anachronistic ones too (come on I'm not gonna believe rpg elements were in a game that was a CONTEMPORARY of PONG)

Lots of infighting among fans about whether a copy that surfaces is "real" or not, or if its corrupted in some way by fans adding their own content in, or taking liberties with translation, that sort of thing.

APPARENTLY its a meme in the fandom for things to just suddenly vanish on you ,because next thing I know me and a few fans I managed to get in contact with were scrambling to collect as much as we could as forums and discords servers just up and left. '

Here's my favorite spooky image I managed to save during the purge:

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random numbers  
 10/3/78  
 doublebyte random #'s

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(there's a vocal faction that claims the stuff vanishing is all part of the overhyped "mythos" and hates that people have to invent ghost stories and can't just "accept that it was an older, buggy, experimental game with a fucked up development history, and instead of talking about 'curses' and 'crazy coincidences', actually celebrate the game for what it was") (i dunno, i LOVE the vibes) (theres plenty of older buggy games with fucked up dev history. let me have this one to dream about, plz)

POINT is I don't care if there even IS a "real" version of zampanio, the fan works of it have had "immaculate" vibes and it really got me outta a creative slump.

One I really liked [WAS](#) here but apparently it got vanished because that is just how this fandom "works" and i'd call it infuriating if it wasn't feeding me. I'm trying to see if I can find even one to link yall...

Okay HERES a working link, sort of? <https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/595060260>  
[jadedresearcher](#)

#???? #what the fuck is this #this is like .  
#it vibes like sburb to me #but Fucked Up  
#like a jailbroken version of sburb thats tampered with one too many  
times  
#or like . an alpha version of sburb #what the hell  
#i didnt know the zampanio in zampaniosim was a possibly real thing  
wadafak

YOU GET IT!!!

You see exactly what drew me to it!!!

## [Wake up babe, new puzzle dropped](#)



[jadedresearcher](#)

I know its not that time of year but what can I say, the spookiest of seasons has inspired me.

If you enjoy my bullshit puzzles normally have I got a surprise for you. Turns out sometimes self care during a terrifying pandemic is spending six consecutive months making a puzzle (rather than it being something I do real quick on top of some other work or at the last minute). It definitely wears its influences on its sleeves (SBURB, the Magnus Archive Entities, Zampanio, etc), but its hopefully enjoyable even if you know nothing about anything :)

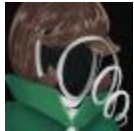
<http://farragofiction.com/ZampanioSim/>

Be sure to check the About page for content warnings (it is spooky but theres no jump scares or anything, Wastes Honor) and for the inevitable bullshit gigglesnort list meant to equal parts comfort you and fill you with dread.



Make sure to let me know how you're finding it and anything it's inspired in you :) :)

ALSO like many of my puzzles it'll change over time as people engage with it so decide if you want to get in early enough to alter it/be remembered or if you want to wait for it secrets to be thoroughly pinned down and put on display for everyone.



[jadedresearcher](#)

And before I forget, this amazing magazine cover (and one other you'll hafta work for), was created by [@foxy-alien](#) Gosh I wonder where you would even BEGIN to find magazines in a Totally Normal RPG???

The Minotaur's Issue

????????? ?????

# GAME

**113 Ways**  
To Get Lost  
Forever

*The End Is Never The End  
and Other Passwords!*



*Why Apocalypse  
Chic is IN!*

**MINOTAUR**  
*explains Why You **Deserve This***

its almost like there is more than what you see on the surface???

[jadedresearcher](#)

Oculus crypticus nos omnes aspicit, cum illud in mentibus construimus, quia nihil restat nisi mendacium.



[jadedresearcher](#)

What is a lie is in the eye of the beholder.

What is relevant to your heart?

[jadedresearcher](#)

quid est veritas? quid est mendacium?



[jadedresearcher](#)

What if there isn't a difference?

[jadedresearcher](#)

the zampaniosim post has 69 notes



[jadedresearcher](#)

nice

[\*\*tiredturbulence-deactivated2023\*\*](#) asked:

I just feel like you should know zampanio plagues my thoughts- my real life productivity has gone down-

Great work! Seriously, its super cool!

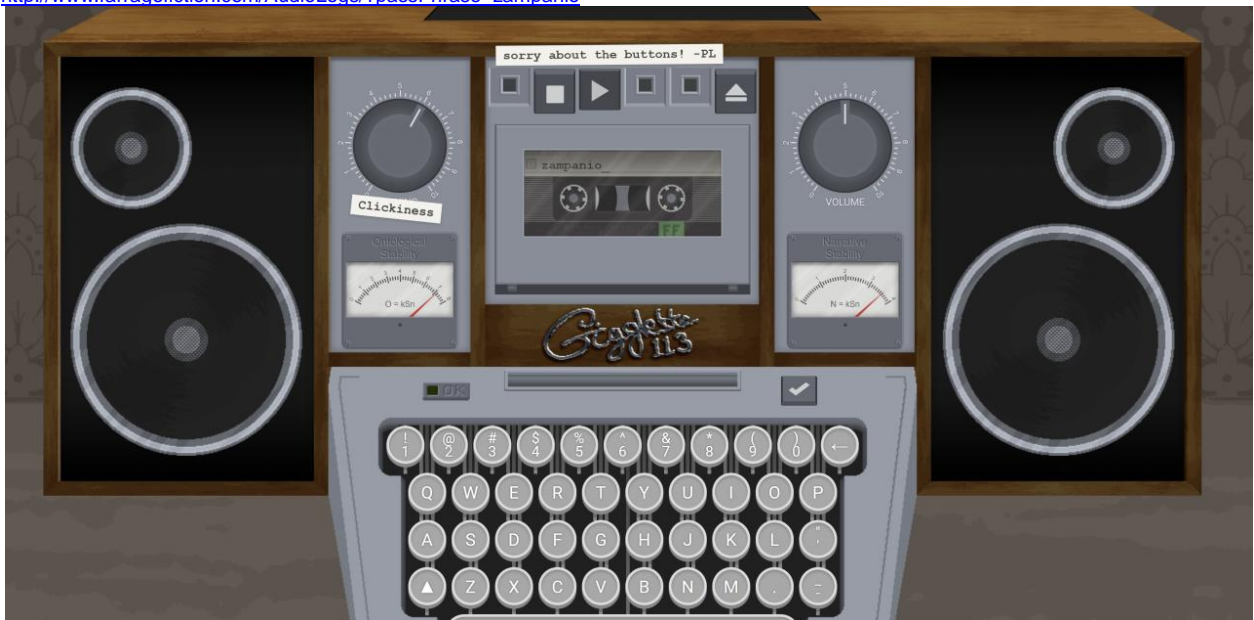


:) :)

((Though in all seriousness, stay safe and stay in balance! The Wanderer might not have mortal needs anymore but all of us on this layer sure do.))

Present for you :) :)

<http://www.farragofiction.com/AudioLogs/?passPhrase=zampanio>



[mini puzzle youknowyouredonewhenyouseethecomments](#)

[Have you seen this man?](#)



Now you have :) :)

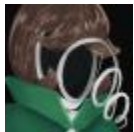
[#no tags we gigglesnot like men](#)

jadedresearcher

#Where did you get this image #I'm serious #I'm not joking  
#This looks just like the thing I'd see in my mirror at night back about  
8 years ago  
#Literally #I really need to know

oh shit does this mean youve played zampanio?

## Remember to Hydrate :)



jadedresearcher

It's easy to forget we have bodies at all while infinitely scrolling, so here's both a current reminder to drink some water (do you keep some next to your computer? I do, it really helps) AND a hand dandy website to help you remember going forwards!  
**(And Happy World Hydration Day!)**

<http://knucklessux.com/HydrationSim/?seed=237180969>

jadedresearcher

Post Mortem Time!

This one'll be a post mortem of the entire four blaze set, so buckle up!



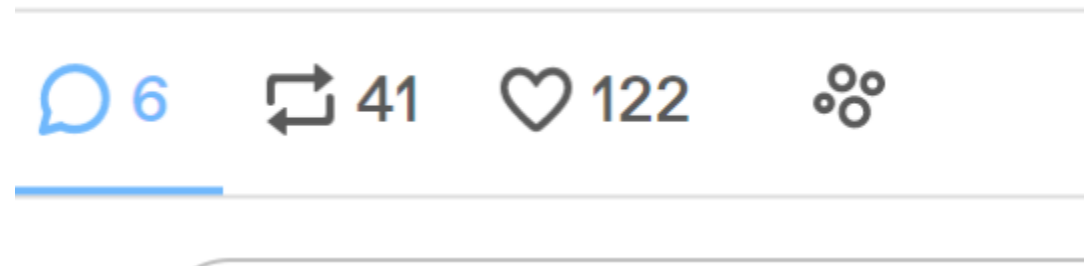
AND, as an added bonus, it'll really confuse the reblog chain of this entire thing!

SO, the **first** blaze post I did ever was the following gif (taken from a video of zampaniosim):

<https://jadedresearcher.tumblr.com/post/682636676868210688/have-you-seen-this-man>

It turned out it was during a weird blaze outage so I never got to see how it was progressing. NORMALLY you see like, a vague counter of how many people have seen it out of how many they promised you (and for some reason it always hits more than that, like a baker's dozen).

Based on the notes, it confused and unsettled some people and excited and attracted existing Zampanio fans.



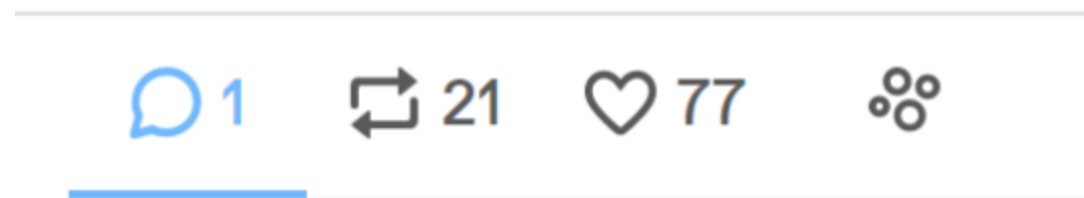
Interesting things to draw your attention to:

- \* this one had the most replies
- \* Turns out not everyone could even see the star of the gif which really only made it funnier.
- \* at least one person has literally dreamed of this gif before ever seeing it, which is on brand
- \* people were recognizing me and confused to see me on tumblr and thats hilarious

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So **second** was: <https://jadedresearcher.tumblr.com/post/683239403765760001>

Which was some flat out cognitohazard muzak i found while wandering the internet that I felt compared to share with you all so it could stop haunting me.



It did notably worse, probably cuz people have to actively click on it to experience it.

Interesting things to draw your attention to:

- \* exactly one person recognized the paired art as being a fanwork of lobotomy corp
- \* MOST people mindlessly reblogged it because it was "soothing"
- \* a few people correctly identified it as a cognito hazard but reblogged it anyways, bless
- \* no one recognized me this time but DID accuse me of having a homestuck icon, so fair

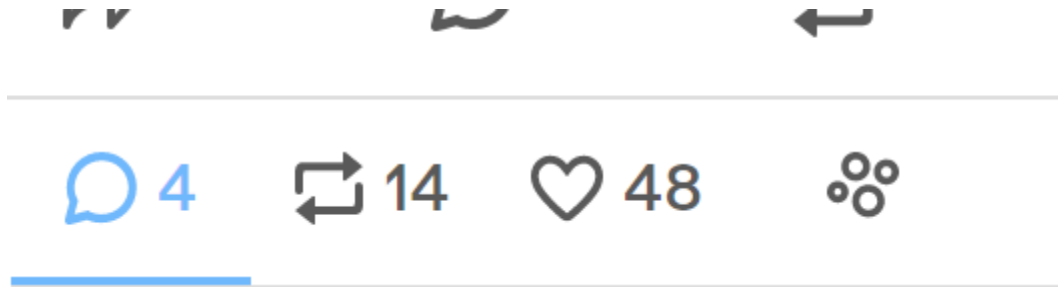
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**Third** post was

<https://jadedresearcher.tumblr.com/post/683830632234827776/tell-me-how-does-this-make-you-feel-will-your>

And here is where things get interesting.

You see, it turns out that marking a video as “not made for kids” is the same thing as “gets filtered on school network” which is \*hilarious\* so a lot of peoples experience of this video was extremely confusing for them, which I live for.



Definitely did not accomplish my goals here tho.

HOWEVER at least one person correctly identified this as an ARG so *wheels are turning*.

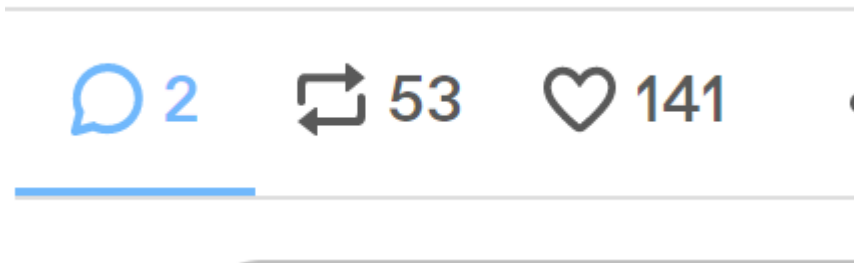
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And finally, we get to the **fourth** post in the set, my beloved, HydrationSim. The post we are on right now. Why not make a loop

tho:<https://jadedresearcher.tumblr.com/post/684467282932629504/remember-to-hydrate>

It can't hurt.

As of this moment here's its notes:



People just, really enjoy reblogging hydration reminders, what can I say. Except for the ones who like sending Anon hate in because of them. Ah, my beloved.

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**Anonymous** asked:

The fake wholesome sponsorships are really pathetic.  
Just say you want attention and fuck off.



**jadedresearcher** answered:

!!!  
I am so excited!  
[@deadcellsman](#) look!

Look!

The camouflage is working!



This sort of behavior was indeed the point.

Replies were OVERWHELMINGLY positive, sharing it uncritically even more than the labeled cognitio hazard.

Only TWO people had any warnings when they reblogged and one person identified it as something to dig into later (hope you had fun if you did!). I found myself disappointed no one was confused by the domain name tbh.

Now, its unclear if the lack of warnings was because they didn't click the link. Or if they were ready to spread it knowing full well what they did.

But I like to think it was a little bit of both.

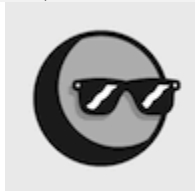
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**Conclusions:** You want to avoid blazing music and ABSOLUTELY avoid blazing youtube videos. If you want to colonize minds its best to do so with a smile :) :)

blaze post mortem zampanio

**Anonymous** asked:

Brief question, Zampanio is referring to the character from House of Leaves, right? I assumed so because your Zampanio posts vibe with the work, but I wanted to check there wasn't a different Zampanio being referenced.



Actually that's a FASCINATING bit of controversy in the Zampanio fandom!

Now, one camp says **House of Leaves** was inspired by Zampanio was inspired by that one Italian movie called La Strada. They're the people who believe the 1972 release date for Zampanio.

BUT I can't help but note that if that's the case, then it goes Zampano (guy in movie), Zampanio (retro game), Zampano (author of a fake book about a fake movie about a fake house) , which would be a weird direction to go, right? Gaining an i only to lose it?

BUT if it instead is Zampano, Zampano, Zampanio, then THAT means that **House of Leaves** inspired Zampanio, not the other way around.

WHICH would mean that it came out in the 90s at the EARLIEST which also gels with references to even the earliest copies having things like rpg elements.

ALL OF THAT SAID, I try to take my simulation sort of dipping more heavily into **House of Leaves** than I see a lot of other zampanio fan works go? I encountered **House of Leaves** first, so I can't help but see the relation, WHICHEVER direction the inspiration actually went.

I'm of the opinion that Zampanio fanworks are at their best when they cannibalize other fandoms and wear their skin, so why not spiral back around and re-consume **House of Leaves**?

**House of Leaves. Homestuck. The Magnus Archives. Lobotomy Corp. RPGMaker. (does that count as a fandom?)**  
house of leaves zampanio zampano zampanio sim fanwork

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AW2ZgYUMBxU>

[From the video description: The first was spread and unease was had. The second was spread and calm was beheld. What will the third bring? The fourth will be the last. What will you bring to it? ]

Tell me. How does this make you feel?

Will your feelings water the ground of what comes next?

blaze zampanio the third experiment what happens if its the boi plus the muzak? how far can we spread the muzak it needs more ears there will be only four

## Rabbit Simulator

I entered this game into Ludum Dare 51, theme was "every 10 seconds".

Since it was made in a weekend (and not even one I had fully free) its got its foibles, but I think its a fun lil introduction to the Zampanio legend I'm such a fan of.

<https://ldjam.com/events/ludum-dare/51/rabbit-simulator>

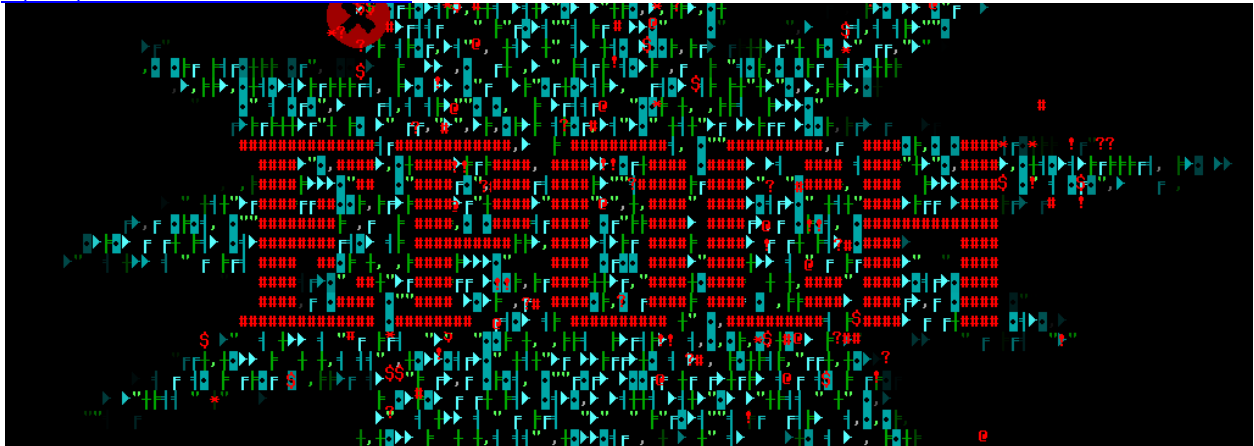
The Ludum dare has an embed, AND a link to a farrago version of the game, but since Video content is so touchy you might wanna download the .exe file that has everything bundled all nice and neat.



And NOW to catch up on way too much tumblr  
ludum dare ludum dare 51 zampanio rabbit streaming simulator i'll need to remember to  
somehow link to this from the main page

## Ludum Dare 51: I just found the Most Zampanio Game Ever

<https://ldjam.com/events/ludum-dare/51/epoch>



An ever shifting game about programming and labyrinths? ;alskjdf;ajsf;

I'm so jealous, why didn't I think of that. Now I wanna make a pixel spatial horror labyrinth game, too!  
zampanio ludum dare 51 ludum dare epoch

## The Watcher of Threads found this:

<https://cheesenachossupreme.wordpress.com/2014/01/13/killswitch/>

<https://archive.org/details/melancholyofmech0000vale/page/128/mode/2up>

Does it relate to Zampanio? Or is it more the ur-story of impossible video games?

Either way, I document.

zampanio

**jr-but-magnus-archives**

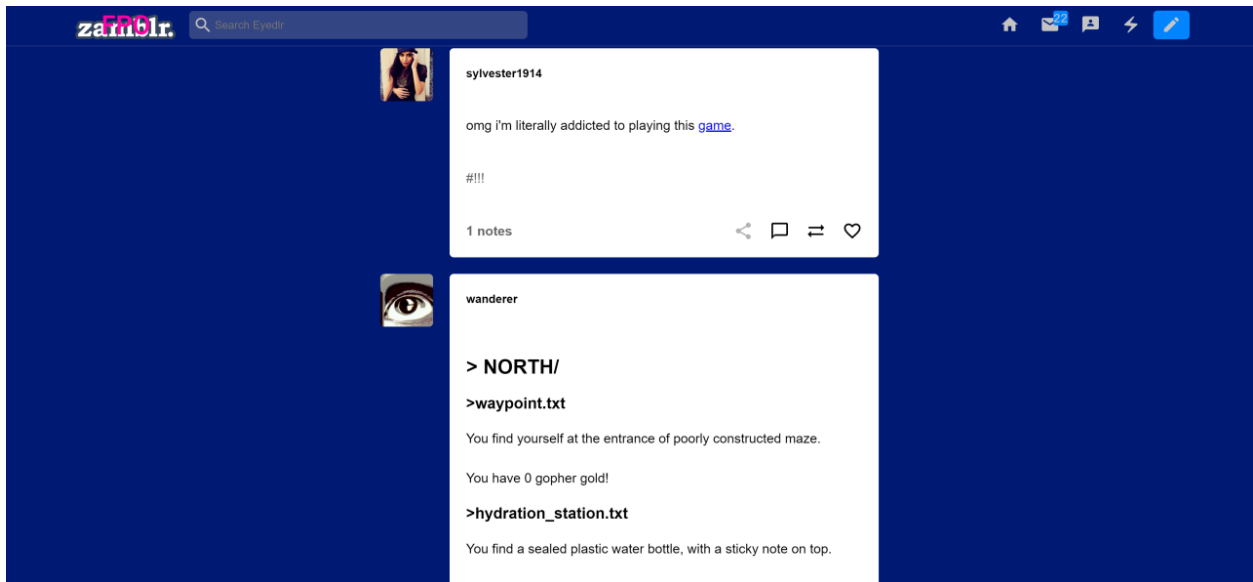
Shoutout to the time I ran an entire streaming radio station of Zampanio related bullshit that included all the numbers, read by my AI, from MAG 144: Decrypted (this is only one of the files that would play randomly over the course of like, multiple days).

Even had the folk music that Decrypted mentioning happening over and over again.

[http://farragofiction.com/FarragoFraydio/2022myStream/interludes/audio/ButlerBotBullshit/The\\_skye\\_boat\\_song.mp3](http://farragofiction.com/FarragoFraydio/2022myStream/interludes/audio/ButlerBotBullshit/The_skye_boat_song.mp3)

[https://the-magnus-archives.fandom.com/wiki/MAG\\_144:\\_Decrypted](https://the-magnus-archives.fandom.com/wiki/MAG_144:_Decrypted)

taxonomist reminded me i used to only zampanio post on the magnus archives tags cuz irc thats where i first found out about zampanio



Have you ever wanted to see what happens when the Tumblr porn bots win?

Have you ever wanted to explore an infinite fake simulated tumblr?

Well have I got the sus link for you!!!

<http://eyedolgames.com/Eyedlr/>

## Omni Zampanini

**Lying Fry**  
Fry with extra lamb  
**\$11.38**



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The Personality of Zampanio went and made a Zampanini restaurant with every theme:

<http://tinyurl.com/2r34mxk8>



## Personality's Everything Bagels

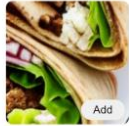
### Featured Items



**Mexican Pen**  
\$1.72



**Fresh Drum**  
\$1.77



**Considerate Battery**  
\$9.72



**Rebel's Lighter**  
\$3.81



**Jester's Glove**  
\$2.06



**Threatened Globe**  
\$27.57



**Algebraic Mirror**  
\$17.64

I love this so much.

Some highlights from the infinite menu:

### **Censored Pastries**

Angelic.

**\$6.69**



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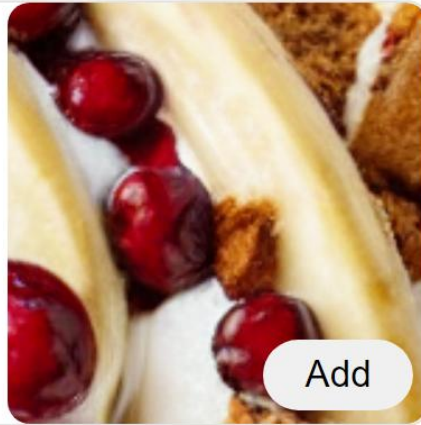
I love the irony here. Not only is it NOT censored (it appears to show you the live chicken and thyme that had gone into it) but the price is like a combination of 666 and the fuck number. As far from 'angelic' as you can get. 10/10.



## Creepy Snow Cone

No refunds.

\$6.87



Well, I mean, they DID warn you.

## Menacing Earthworks's Casserole

Friendless

\$6.48

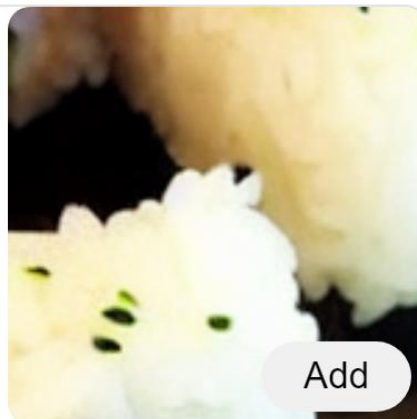


Okay, I get it being Menacing is probably why it doesn't have any friends, but did you really need to call it out like that?

## Sizzling Quesadilla

Questing.

\$13.33

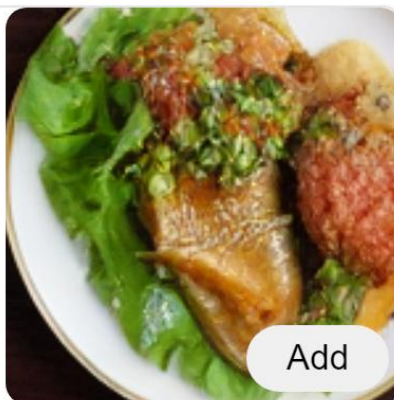


Welp. Now I'm adding "Questadilla" to my vocabulary.

## Selecting Crab

Crab with choice of sides

\$14.69



I. I guess the CRAB gets to pick what you eat with it?

## Lying Fry

Fry with extra lamb

\$11.38



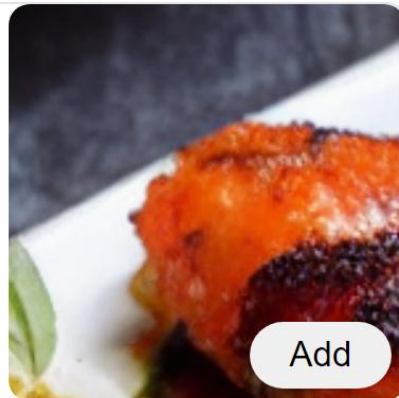
Well now I don't know WHAT to believe.

God I keep scrolling and we STILL aren't out of the 'food' categories.

## Burning Building's Udon

It's too late.

\$8.71



Yeah. Okay. Fair.

!!!!!!!!! We did it! We escaped the "food" categories! Time for the REALLY weird shit.

## Unsettling Syringe

Beautiful.

\$11.77



Add

Welp. That's where I'll call it for now. PLEASE. I am begging you. Reblog to show me what weird shit you find in here. It's beautiful and I'm so glad the Personality created it.

[jadedresearcher](#)

Something I haven't seen mentioned yet. You are being watched.



parker1540



sketchyswirl (they/them) Today at 8:27 PM

i  
didnt realize you could "die" on eyedlr



#i am so for this #Zampanio fandom

2 notes



snails-enthusiast

duty and mercy If you believe that go ahead and block me.



jjackbox reblogged your post "Eyedlr"

#i genuinely have no clue what's happening but this is cool #stuff i don't understand is fun #i randomly clicked a google docs document and one of the people has like. a Homestuck username #which was funny to me





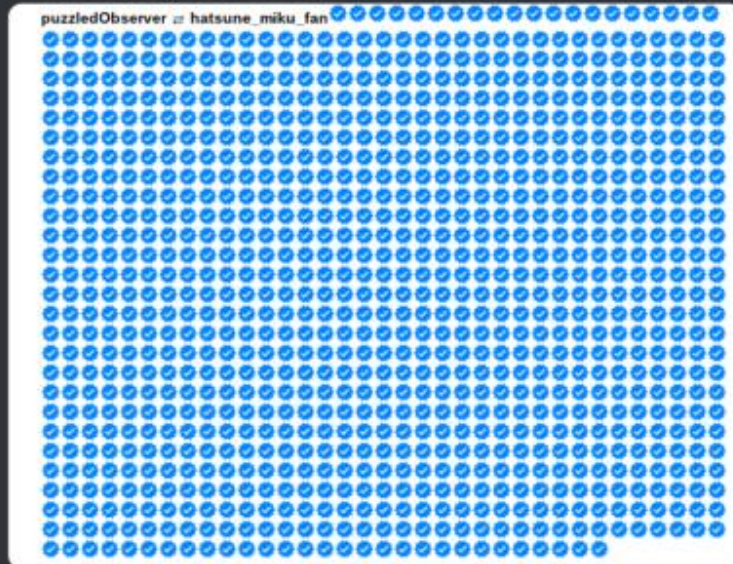
**piper1736**

One day, I am going to keep reading this site and never forget anything i find in it!



**XxSTARLIGHTxX** Today at 3:49 AM

idk how to progress further yet but this. this is endlessly funny



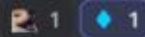
**crimsonDestroyer** Today at 3:49 AM

[mao]



**XxSTARLIGHTxX** Today at 3:51 AM

'i added check marks and they aren't stopping. i know, more checkmarks'



oh how the plot thickens

Obsession is a dangerous thing. You are obsessed. You are a dangerous thing. You will harm us if you try to touch us.

unreality etc you're not being watched anymore than you're publically posting but eyedlr feeds on eyes its in the name look at it show yourself looking at it and it spreads you spread zampanio spreads with you

**jadedresearcher**

So I finally blazed this, since the SexyMan update went out right?

I figured Tumblr would probably reject the campaign cuz like, sometimes that's just what they do. ~~RIP Zampanini you were too pure for this world.~~

Instead?

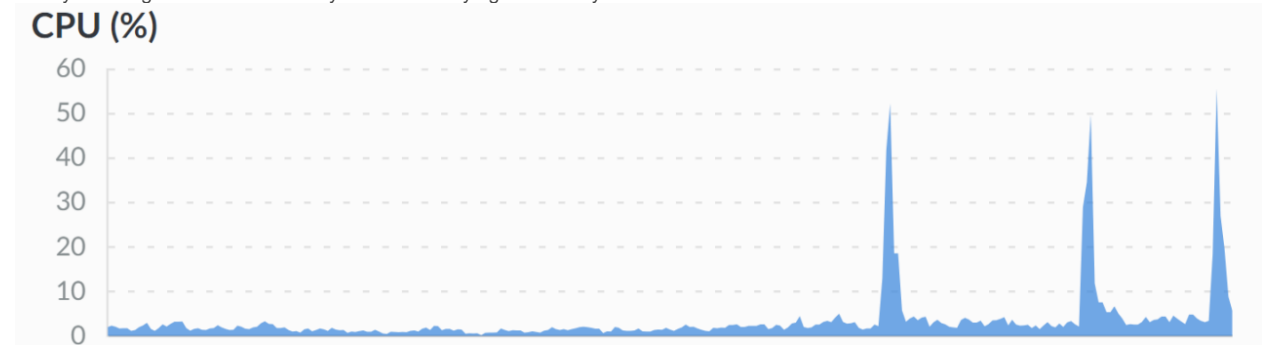


Your Blaze campaign has been approved with a boost!



Apparently staff likes it???

Luckily blazes go out in waves so my server isn't crying TOO badly.



**jadedresearcher**

haha whoops, there we go, got a natural spike so we can see how they compare.

this post got a thousand notes just in that mega spike there (where it was getting maybe a hundred in each previous spike), so im assuming some popular post got ahold of this.

server is still surviving tho and i don't think anything is running slower, so, live stress test ftw

**jadedresearcher**

Blaze is completed.



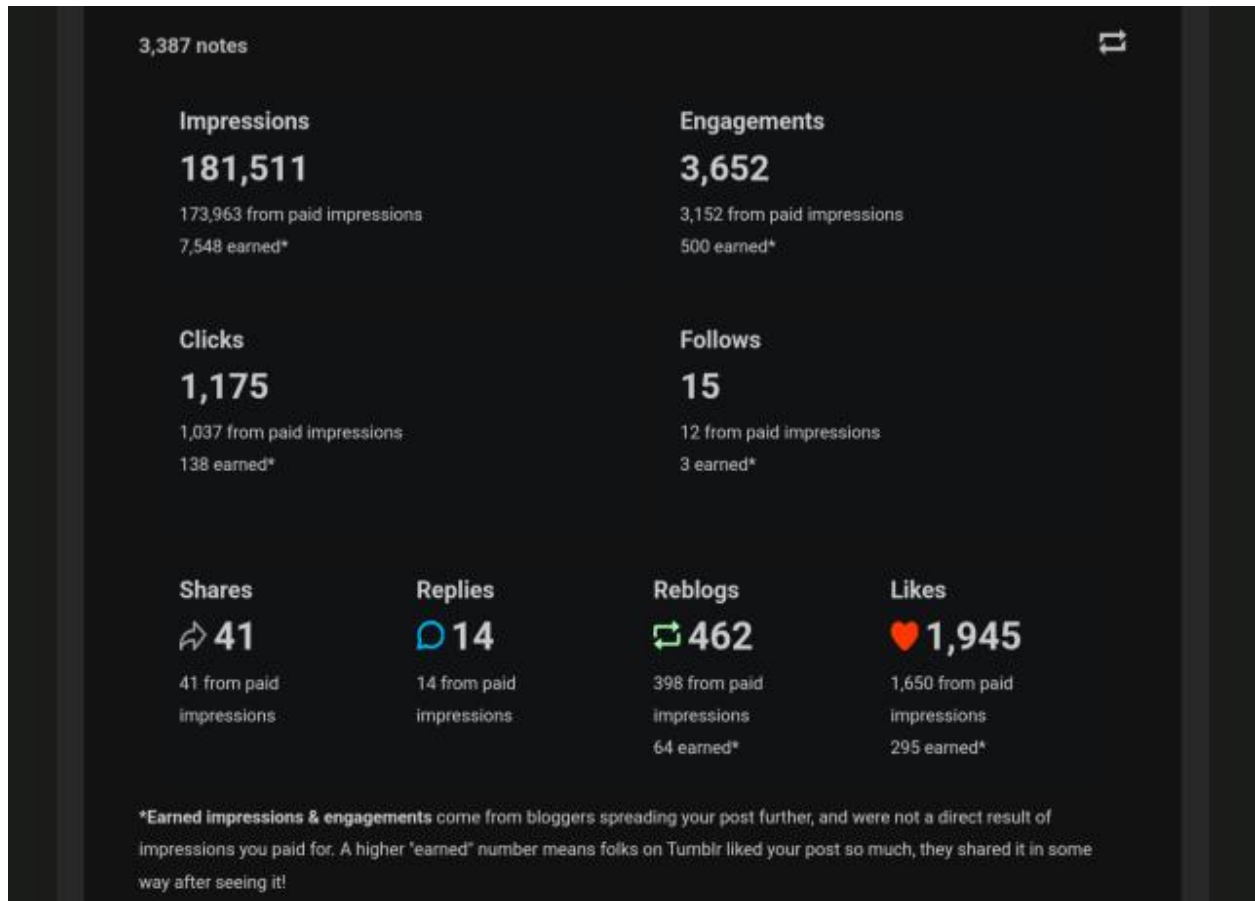
The bottom starburst is the reblogs from my own account, primarily from that blaze.

You can see its artificial nature in how few reblog chains there are.

Contrast that with the second biggest starburst, above, which has some very leggy reblog chains. That one was the natural burst we got when I first posted.

Below we see the blaze stats:





Reminder that I got boosted. I only paid for 7k impressions. The rest came from the tumblr gods smiling on us.

Contrast that with this ACTUAL 7k blaze i experimented on with my cat. (tho i think i only paid for 3k? i remember they were doubling impressions of cats that day).



jadedresearcher



#tumblr says - #to **blaze** your cat today #and who am i to argue with that #behold #my cat #donut #in a corn outfit

223 notes



Impressions

8,074

7,280 from paid impressions  
794 earned\*

Engagements

191

158 from paid impressions  
33 earned\*

Clicks

0

0 from paid impressions  
0 earned\*

Follows

1

1 from paid impressions  
0 earned\*

Shares

3

3 from paid impressions

Replies

1

1 from paid impressions

Reblogs

48

43 from paid impressions  
5 earned\*

Likes

138

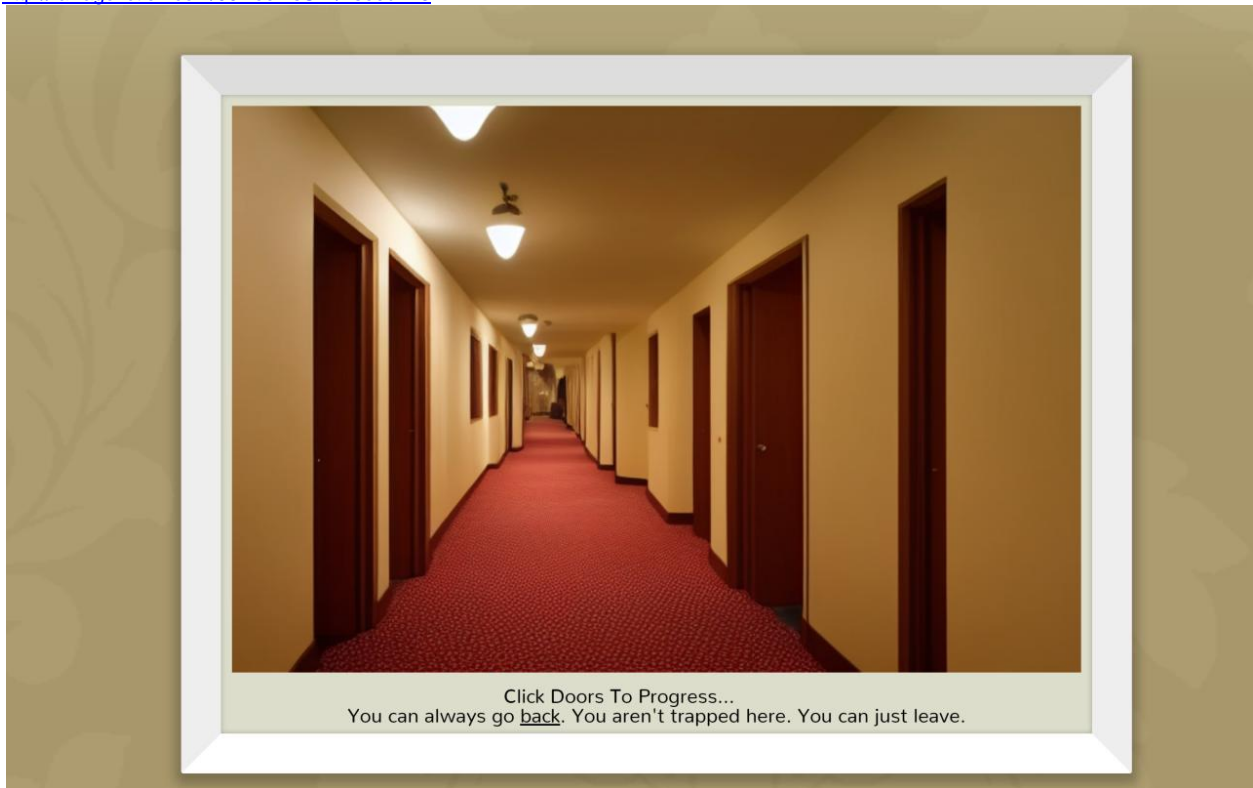
110 from paid impressions  
28 earned\*

In conclusion: we are spreading zampanio! Dead fandom my ass.

gonna phoenix this shit if it kills me which would admittedly fit the Zampanio memes v well

## 99 RoomsSim

<http://farragofiction.com/99RoomsSim/?seed=13>



Made another quick two day sim, this one using cached AI images to let you wander a near infinite space, clicking on doors and getting pissed when the AI doesn't agree with you on what a door is.

minisim 99Rooms Zampanio Maze Backrooms

## New Not!Sim Dropped!

The [Eyedlr](#) Porn bots have a new [thing](#) to show you :) :)

## Earn Zampanio LossPass™ Proof Of Engagement Tokens Here!

Preplan your perfect vacation with our newly redesigned website! Browse our attractions at your leisure to prepare to get lost in relaxation! ZWorld: For all your confusement park needs!



### > Furious Spectacle

7 Meters from: [Seaman's Matador Costumes](#)

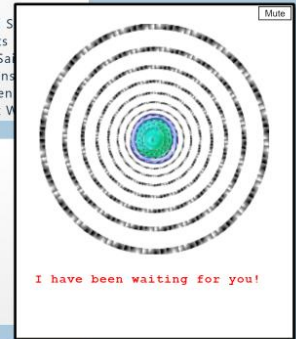
Abhorrineer Devona Avamund had this to say about her newest masterpiece: Um... Well... You S Friend Ria, Uh, I Guess You Don't Need To Know Her Last Name, Not That I'm HIDING It But Its Important, And Neville Says I Don't Have To Say Anything If Its Not Important, Anyways She Sa She Was Really Into This New Book She Found But For Some Reason There Wasn't A Musical Ins Even Though It SAID It Was And I Got So So Scared Thinking About What It Might Be And Then WANDA, Uh, That's The CEBro Of Eyedol Games Texted Me Asking When My Next Assignment V



### > The House

13 Meters from: [The Blossoming Forest](#)

Fly like a house, we provide the wings.



[ZWorld](#) [Zampanio](#) [Eyedlr](#) update [gigglesnort](#) but not for what you'd think

Haha whoops

Most of my domains are down because I tried to flee googles rot.

Gonna try to get them back up during my lunch break, failing that, later today.

eyedolgames.com/JackElope/

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## This site can't be reached

Check if there is a typo in eyedolgames.com.

If spelling is correct, [try running Windows Network Diagnostics](#).

DNS\_PROBE\_FINISHED\_NXDOMAIN

Reload

jadedresearcher

#honestly if id noticed this before you pointed kt out  
#i would have been like #yup rot takes all #this is on brand  
#and moved on with my day

god this fandom

i solemnly swear im not TRYING to do the hee hee hoo hoo meme of deleting  
everything zampanio related

just realized why theres so many ancient orphaned Zampanio fics on ao3

same reason i headcanon theres only one "alpha timeline" in Homestuck

they are the only thing that CAN remain in the wake of a purely destructive force (Zampanio fans being committed to the bit and lord English throwing a big dumb tantrum, respectively)

(the only timeline lord English CANT destroy in a blind rage is the one that created him, hence the alpha timeline being defined by lord english's creation)

(and a03 wont let you delete a fic once you've orphaned it)

(so now im wondering how many fics i missed out on)

Zampanio Homestuck

Anonymous asked:

asking most likely won't yield much if any information, but why what's up with the terms "good boy," "fox," "dead fox," "dog," and "canine?" i haven't read any of the ao3 stuff (i have been meaning to get to that) and i've only read some of the wiki entries, so it's possible that i just haven't gotten to that yet. (also, do we have to taste the sim???)



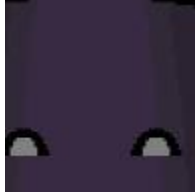
Look I'm not gonna judge Truth for the concepts it enjoys the most.

Though, memory says it not enjoying foxes was from that time in alpha where it turned out it crashed firefox consistently. Truth just. Did not enjoy firefox. And it became obsessed with dogs early on due to a glitch but that's entirely valid.

Also, I would not RECOMMEND tasting any simulation or not simulation that might be inside of ZampanioSim. Its never a pleasant experience.

zampanio zampaniosim

**eldritchcorvus** asked:  
Hey want some maze weed?



No, thank you, that's your branch.

Speaking of branches, I know of a few spiraling around out there but am curious if there are any in places I can't yet see.

What do people know about Zampanio? I want to see how it compares to what I know to see where I am in the map. Tell me in the asks? Or replies to this?

zampanio zampaniosim

**ftmshepard** asked:  
encountered your stuff for the first time, it's all very cool and i appreciate the magnus archives stuff in zampanio sim!



gasp! I'm glad :)

It's been really fun weaving various things into a single concept. Zampanio is just such a good context to harvest obsessions and spin them into new forms. Magnus Archives really shook my world view in a way really one other property ever has (three guesses as to which, etc etc). I've been having fun playing around with its themes!

How far have you gotten? (If puzzles aren't your thing theres ways to see how the puzzles go without solving them)

zampanio zampaniosim

## [AdventureSim Customer Feedback Mode Initiated.](#)

Have you found AdventureSim yet?

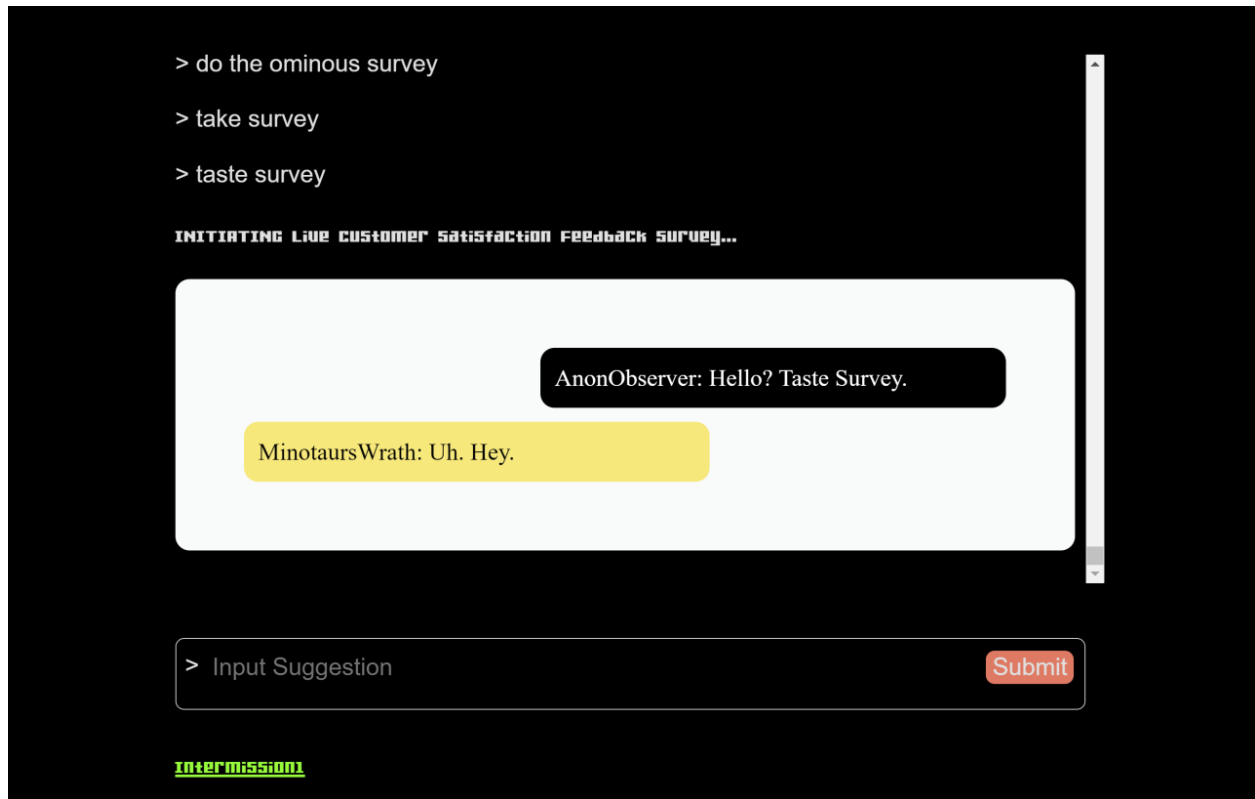
I suppose I could throw you a bone.

<http://www.farragofiction.com/ZampanioSim/?seerOfVoid=true>

It doesn't matter if you know what is going on.

Feedback is required.

Feed. Me.



[zampanio](#) [zampaniosim](#) [feedme](#)

## Zampanio, House of Leaves and Fanwork

So I figure my obsession with Zampanio has lead me to be more active here so MAY as well post a ramble or two while I've got the spoons.

Zampanio \*changed\* things for me. In a way that **House** of Leaves ALMOST did for me but somehow it just didn't...click?

I'm not gonna weigh in on the debate about which inspired which, but without going into spoilers for either, the idea that an IDEA can itself be the only thing wrong/supernatural/unsettling about a story just grabbed me.

The **Minotaur**-of **House** of Leaves isn't going to come grab unwary readers at midnight or whatever.

The Shambling Horror of Zampanio probably isn't either!

And THATS where I feel this urge to ramble. I feel like part of the fandom has this obsession (pardon the pun) with treating the Horrors as if they are like, Slenderman or some shit?

And I mean, you do you, if that's what gets you unsettled at midnight more power to you.

But...

For me...



I just love the idea that it's all conceptual. It's ideas all the way down.

Because I have a Shambling Horror of my own, you know?

Recently people started creating this like...psuedo-accidental-ARG about one of my past selves? Spreading rumors that I died and leaving comments in the web of connections that self had?

And MAN did that get me thinking? There's this version of me out there, stored in pages long forgotten and artificial intelligences frozen in the past. With preferences and speaking patterns and knowledge wholly foreign to my current self but...also...

It's me.

I can see it.

Me but not me.

A flanderized version of me? A more real me?

What is a Shambling Horror, in the context of Zampanio, but a version of you taken to some extreme? Either before or after some Major New Chapter of your life.

Obsession is a powerful thing.

It changes you.

And so we come back to **House** of Leaves. Where a major theme of it is that NONE of what you know may be true. It might be bullshit all the way down. It IS fiction, after all, or have you managed to forget that even after so many footnotes throwing you out of the suspension of disbelief?

The only concrete, true thing we know about **House** of Leaves is that people create derivative works of it. Incredibly sprawling, unsettlingly obsessive derivative works of it.

And when I saw what the fan works of Zampanio were like my thoughts kept coming back to that single core fact in **House** of Leaves.

What if it's the same thing there?

What if that's the point?

What if that's all fandom IS but a memetic hazard endlessly reproducing in all our minds, fueled by obsession? Similar but different. A Spiral and not a loop.

So yeah.

The Magnus Archives was definitely an important lens to understand the thoughts I had when exposed to Zampanio. And that helped me recontextualize my thoughts on **House** of Leaves.

Lobotomy Corp has given me a fun lens for throwing wrenches into my fan works.

Obviously Homestuck and SBURB were highly formative for me.

Maybe that's the POINT of Zampanio. I don't think I've seen a single fan work of it that wasn't in SOME way connected to some other fandom? Roblox. Rain world. SBURB (thats how i found it, like a GlitchFaq crossover?). The Obscure Game. Polo. Minecraft. House of Leaves. Polybius. The Magnus Archives. The Way Ahead... Honestly more than I can remember off the top of my head. (is the entire concept of greek myths a 'fandom'?)

Can a fandom be parasitic?

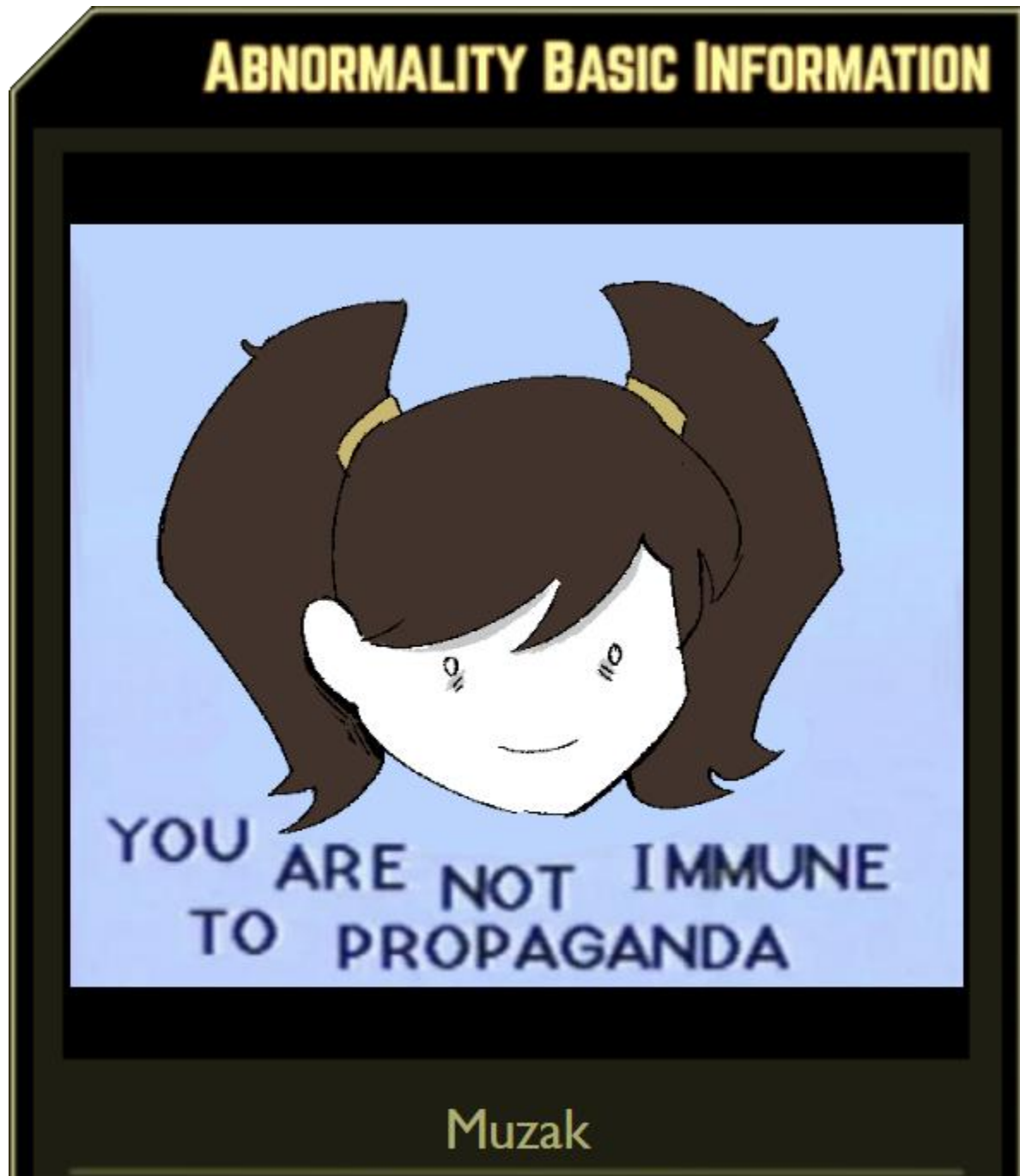
Or...can it be a mimic? (A Stranger, if you'll allow me the conceit)

Can a fandom wear the skin of other fandoms in order to spread its memes into new brains.

If Memes are the DNA of the Soul...what is Zampanio doing to ours?

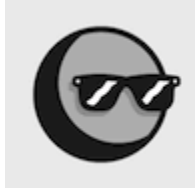
zampanio house of leaves magnus archives lobotomy corp homestuck farraggnarok jr-notes

[https://a.tumblr.com/tumblr\\_rbb9cvQ3je1w4puxzo1.mp3](https://a.tumblr.com/tumblr_rbb9cvQ3je1w4puxzo1.mp3)



zampanio [this has been in my dreams if i must hear it so must you](#) [tuesday cognitohazard](#) [tuesday trauma](#) [cognito hazard](#) [my gift to you](#) muzak

Anonymous asked:  
vane- a crow's trial



oh right the song vibe thing IC suggested!

i love that song, tho i know the magnus archives version the best and it IS a vibe and a half

i think my favorite part about it is that at first it seems incoherent and like its ALMOST words

then you listen a few more times and go "wait yeah this is all words but its nonsense"

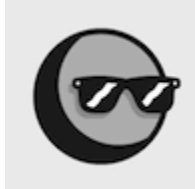
then after a few more listens you're like "wait what there's a PLOT"

so you know what, a v zampanio vibe indeed

song vibes zampanio

Anonymous asked:

The fake wholesome sponsorships are really pathetic. Just say you want attention and fuck off.



[jadedresearcher](#) answered:

!!!

I am so excited!

[@deadcellsmn](#) look!

Look!

The camouflage is working!





jadedresearcher

Like I'm just sitting here happy that the narrative I was hoping for is really coming together. between this and the reblog chain....

people blindly spreading corruption and it slowly dawning on them that they've made a terrible mistake

just because its wearing the skin of something you like doesn't mean you shouldn't look closer

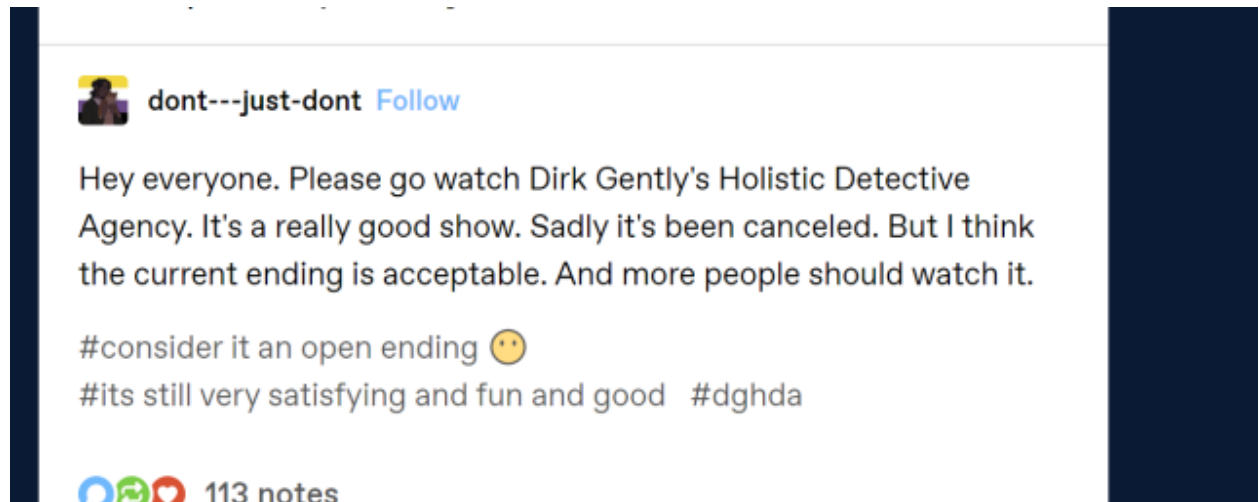
its literally wigglersim!

zampanio

dont---just-dont

Hey everyone. Please go watch Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency. It's a really good show. Sadly it's been canceled. But I think the current ending is acceptable. And more people should watch it.

[jadedresearcher](#)



for some reason when i try to reblog this its just empty so why not, i'll just copy it and reblog it and see if thats enough to appease the tumblr gods

but YES, very YES

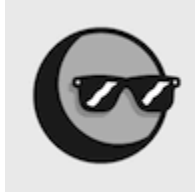
dirk gently is one of the many influences i drew from for my take on zampanio. ensemble cast of confused weirdos all crashing into each other, my beloved.

If anime is more your speed baccano and durarara are the same genre

zampanio influences

Anonymous asked:

"send me an absolutely niche out-of-left-field opinion and I'll respond with an oc that's most likely to agree with it" lizards probably taste just a little bit like fruit by the foot



[unregisteredkylecam2](#) answered:

okay yeah! good job! i was sufficiently taken aback!

yongki. it's not even a question. neville has ALREADY figured this out either by testing or by devy telling him.

y does not have such restrictions. what he doesn't know could fill a library. if he thinks it might be edible? he's putting it in his mouth. alive or not. if it's smart it'll crawl out.



[jadedresearcher](#)

i love this

[5 notes](#)

## [Hot Take](#)

Isekai is a very spacey genre.

Like, its space in a literal sense, different dimensions and what not, but in a NARRATIVE sense as well. It's the setting and start of the story and what is an isekai if not using an entire new world as the start of a new story?

[homestuck sburb](#)

[13 notes](#)

jadedresearcher

#can't believe i found a tumblr post with THE longest text ever in it  
#and it's the only one on the site? looks like?  
#anyway plague be upon your dashboard #long post #:)  
#zampanio #eon337



oh jesus christ you're right cd.

god past me is immortal and there is nothing i can (or want) to do about it.

words i wrote as teenager will outlast the heat death of the universe and that is just something i have made peace with

At this point its kind of an open secret that that was me so why not reveal part of a several years old ARG I made about it where i just voice act one of the parts of the LTE?

<http://www.farragofiction.com/AudioLogs/?passPhrase=lte>

Y'all just don't understand how SURREAL it was the first time I realized past me's shambling obsession became a copy pasta and was spreading in all directions?

Or the time I discovered there was an almost-ARG about finding out if I died or not?

The future comes for us all but damn is it a vibe and a half learning what sort of response there'll be if I ever ACTUALLY mysteriously vanish.

PLUS?

Man its weird comparing and contrasting the types of things I create with a literal decade and my goldfish memory in between.

Turns out confusion has always been my vibe, who knew.

zampanio shambling horror longest text ever wow seeing my old work is so surreal

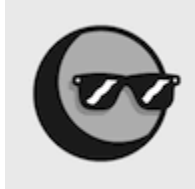
## Newest MiniSim Trailer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nke9-nMV2c>

zampanio fanwork minisim youtube video i guess look im just really proud of this one

**Anonymous** asked:

Hello!! I remember enjoying sburbsim a while back and just now realized you've created an Experience or whatever zampaniosim can be called. How does one start to explore it without getting super overwhelmed immediately?



The key is to pick a branch and stick with it. Follow your heart. What compels you? (Don't obsess. Don't look to the left or right or up or down. There will ALWAYS be more in every direction, so just put one foot in front of the other until you get bored. And then, only then, pick a new direction).

Some people seem happy enough just playing around with the surface of ZampanioSim.

Avoid the Wiki if you want to avoid being overwhelmed. It's designed to overwhelm you. There are many Truths inside of it. Too many. And even more Lies.

**Tell you what, limited time only, tell me what sorts of things you enjoy and I can try to give you cryptic gigglesnort to lead you there.**

What did you like about sburbsim?

Are you familiar with Zampanio? If so, what do you like about that?

Knowing what you are searching for is the first step to finding it.

zampanio hint gigglesnort offer gigglesnort zampaniosim

**Anonymous** asked:

okay same anon! I've been playing with the north bit and keep getting caught in the dogs and foxes imagery and how it could relate to the spiral and the rabbit hole and the echidna? I am trapped in a zoo possibly of my own design instead of a labyrinth. anyway feel free to redact this and gigglesnort all over it! I'm sorry if this is just the word salad of a beginner but I'm tripping on the path



Dogs and foxes relate to Truth, but only because Truth chose them. Have you found Truth yet? It's the Not!Spiral at the center of it all. It's also the simulation. Truth crashed hardcore in firefox originally, and when given the chance to speak for some reason had an early bug where it was just obsessed with dogs. That is the Truth.

Rabbit hole is...well not the OPPOSITE of Truth, but more Down when Truth is South, if you've started to get a hang of the geography. Surprisingly unrelated to the GOPHER hole, which sounds like you haven't found yet.

As for the ECHIDNA, well, that's the simulation of Zampanio itself isn't it. And yet that's not the Truth (after all, the simulation doesn't run on an Echidna in our layer of reality).

The Universe wasn't meant to be like this, but in the voided session of Farragnarok...well... What comes out isn't exactly **SBURB** Sim, now is it?

If you like animals, might I recommend snakes? You could find a few to the West.

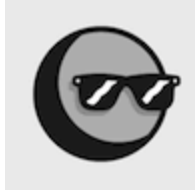
AND you will notice that even trying to give you fairly straight forward answers, word salad comes out. It's the nature of the beast. The Truth sounds like madness and lies.

zampanio gigglesnort animals man there really are a lot of animals in this experience isn't there

Anonymous asked:



Ok nevermind just saw Zampanio is referencing something else, but hey if you haven't you should read House of Leaves if you get the chance. Idk how to explain it, but it's a wonderful and Innovative puzzle of a novel.



I love **House** of Leaves so much, and I did answer your original question.

What struck me the most about it is yes, of course, there's a puzzle. But MORE than that there's a VIBE.

The way I felt that moment I realized that I was part of it. That there was no monster going to leap from it's pages and drag me away. That there was no magic.

Just.

The unending impulse to just.

Create spiraling, infinite derivative works. To spend way too many words to try to capture the FEELING of the book.

To write a blogpost about a book about a fake book about a fake book about a fake movie about a fake house that has no electrical sockets or nails or paint.

To tunnel through foot notes and pages and come out the other end with illusions stripped away even as it keeps revealing more and more you cling to.

(Why would you believe this footnote is real, it whispers to me, we just got done telling you how easy it is to lie with confidence).

THAT's what I'm trying to bring into my take on Zampanio, my simulation of it's rumors.

It isn't a game.

Why do we all keep forgetting that?

zampanio house of leaves zampaniosim

**leafcardinal** asked:

Hey I wanted to thank you for personally responding to my tags. I don't know if I'm going to figure out how to weave, I feel like somebody who doesn't know what thread is trying to understand cloth. There are large leaps it takes to understand and honey, my legs are too short. Anyway cool arg 10/10 didn't understand a scrap of it!



That's perfectly okay! Weaving doesn't have to a solo project.

Sometimes all that is needed for the right threads to find the right people.

And who says what's woven has to be True? That Understanding is either the goal of the enterprise or the material used?

Sometimes it's enough to weave a story, even if its of an entirely different shape than what inspired it.

Spread your confusion. Speak your Truth.

From your angle, what does ZampanioSim look like?

zampanio zampaniosim branches diverge from their source it is in their nature the blind men and the elephant

Anonymous asked:

◇ If you get this, answer with 3 random facts about yourself and send it to the last 7 blogs in your notifications, anonymously or not! Let's get to know the person behind the blog ◇



uuuuuuuh probably not gonna spread it because bold of you to think i know how notification blogs work

but sure why not

but the human brain isn't capable of generating true random so really all you're gonna get is 3 zampanio related facts about me because, lets face it, i have the brain rot

**fact 1:** i accidentally faked my own death with the angelfire website i ran before farrago, spawning an unintentional ARG like experience where people would try to prove or disprove my continued existence

**fact 2:** not realizing fact 1, i made a layer of my zampanio fanwork about me mysteriously vanishing

**fact 3:** once i realized fact 1 i \*immediately\* started harvesting people from the unintentional ARG and throwing them towards zampanio

**bonus fact 0:** I baked a Grape Pie this year and yes it was delicious and yes my angelfire-sona would be mad jelly, pun intended.

zampanio zampaniosim jr it turns out has not always been jr who knew



**LOVES ARG'S**

**TO STUPID TO PLAY THEM**

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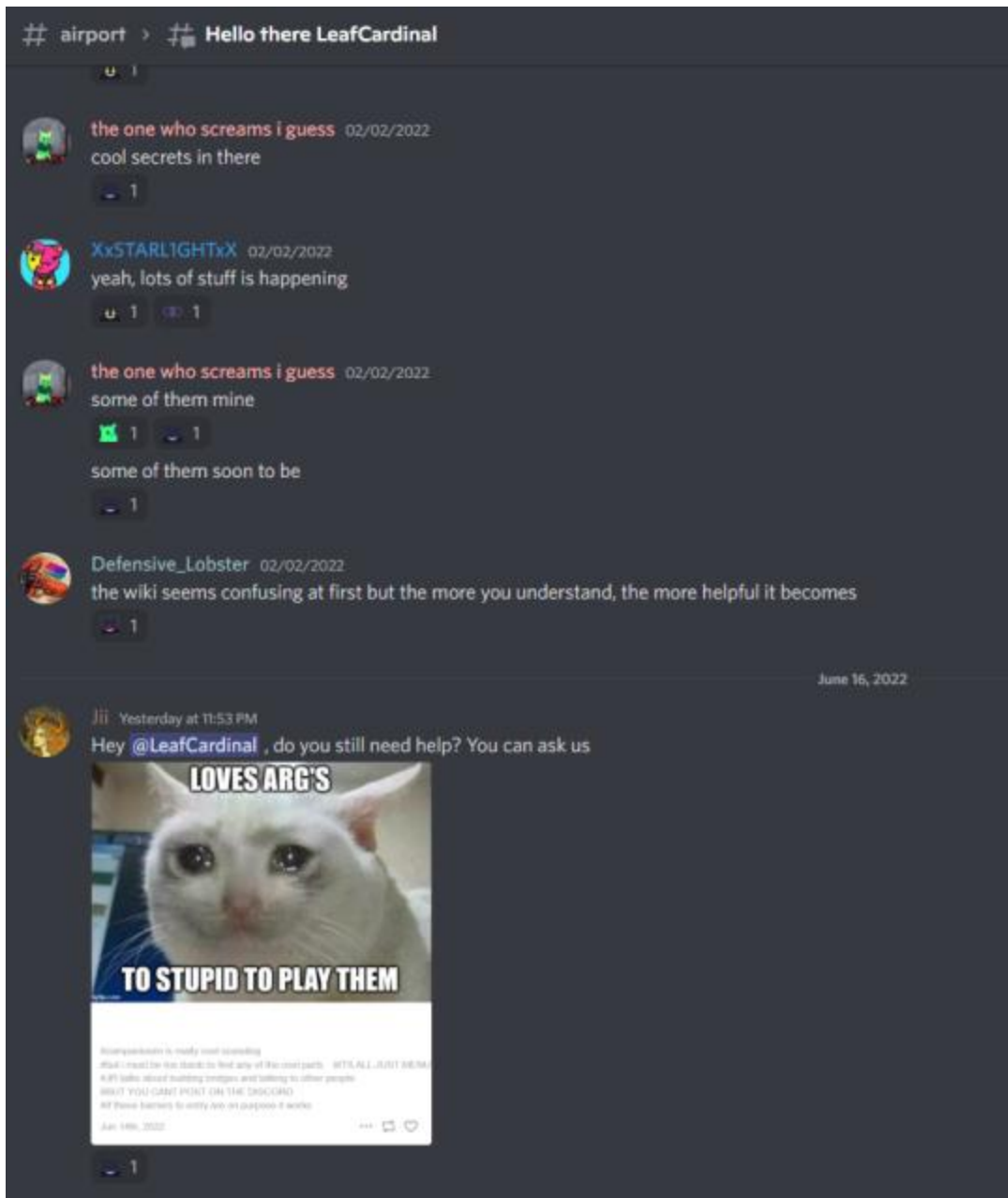
[jadedresearcher](#)

#zampaniosim is really cool sounding  
#but i must be too dumb to find any of  
the cool parts  
#ITS ALL JUST MENUS  
#JR talks about building bridges and  
talking to other people  
#BUT YOU CANT POST ON THE  
DISCORD  
#If these barriers to entry are on  
purpose it works

AHAH! i knew searching the tags would help me find this post!

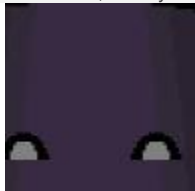
Are you SURE you can't post on the discord???

The Unmarked are definitely posting to you.



[zampanio zampaniosim](#) [It Is Not What It Is](#) [the Unmarked](#) [lead me to you](#) [but can I lead you back?](#) [ofc is discord the only place you can talk to people?](#) [why not talk to one of your fellow tumblr travelers?](#)

[eldritchcorvus](#) asked:  
Hello there, have you played zampanioSim before?



[dysnomianmodder](#) answered:

I'm in the process. I've been trapped in the basement for a while and set it down to look at it with a fresh mind but it's been a bit since then.



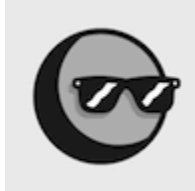
jadedresearcher

Absolutely the correct way to play! You can just leave any time!

zampanio zampaniosim man actually searching tags reveals fascinating things previously hidden to me

**Anonymous** asked:

So a bit of a weird question, but I've been stuck for like a good few days. I know I'm supposed to use my skills in NORTH, but I can't? I tap tap tap my little fingers onto my screen and my skills don't go brrr? Maybe it's a mobile thing maybe it's maybeline. If I'm messing up somewhere I'd appreciate the help, if it's just a mobile incompatibility issue that's fine



When you say use, do you mean acquire? COULD be a mobile thing?

Cuz for definite, large parts of zampanio sim aren't mobile friendly.

If however, you've unlocked the skills and are indeed trying to USE them. Well, yeah, that's not mobile compatible one bit.

zampaniosim zampanio skills how are you supposed to use skills if it isn't a game

**meowloudly15** asked:

Hi.

So I found your lounge, both of them, up north. Peaceful place. Whole lotta nothing. A nice respite from the music and bustling backdrop and pretending (because even the Truth is just you speaking through a filter).

You speak your own truth and the truth (not Truth) of the sim, and in it I see a faint glimmer of the world's truth. Fiction may be more exciting, but truth is more compelling. It's brave of you to stop pretending for a little while, be honest (although it does make it easier that you can't guarantee that anyone will see it. I know this very well.)

Speaking of which. I can't guarantee you'll see this just like you couldn't guarantee anyone would see either lounge. In different ways, though. You didn't know I would exist to find your rooms, while I don't know if this hellsite will gobble up this message or not. Still, isn't language just billions of people, shouting into a void, wishing they'd be heard?

The Truth is a lonely thing. I pity it. I wish it could find a friend. (ALThOUGH maybe it has already? I don't know for sure yet. I'm doing a breadth-first search.)

And of course I'm dancing all around the subject. I don't have a train of thought, much less one with a consistent direction. Plus, re. the previous sentence, I like slipping little cryptic BS messages into my walls of text. And I did it again. Heck. I swear it wasn't even on purpose that time. You know what, screw it. I can't not do it. You enjoy it, I enjoy it. I'll be a class act (when am I ever not?). Made me no never mind. (Gotta love a good double negative.)

Regardless. For these next three paragraphs at least (I've had to edit that "these next three paragraphs" bit twice now cuz I can't stop tangent-ing) I'll try to be wholly truthful. Not easy for me. I'm bad at feelings, much less impressing them on others. Probably why I enjoy memes so much. Too much? Probably. At their best they are a beautiful distillation of a single concept given solid form, one that may otherwise be too hard to articulate. Why are things hard to articulate for me? They shouldn't, by virtue of me being a writer (by hobby if not by trade). But hey, maybe I'm drawn to writing because it's so challenging and different for me. It's a mental exercise. My Brain Is Big And Smart

Finally to the point. I admire what you've done. I admire what you're doing. I deeply enjoy all that FarragoFiction has to offer and have spent way more time on LORAS (both editions) than is probably good for me. ZampanioSim fascinates me. The things you can do pile never stops from getting larger. Puzzles fascinate me. They force me to stretch my logic. Enough about me. This is about you... really, this is about the minor intersection that our brains have made. Something something Vulcan Mind Meld. (That'd be an epic fraymotif.)

I guess, ultimately, what I'm trying to say is: Thanks. Thanks for making these awesome not-quite-games. Thanks for being around and keeping up your happy face as best you can. Thanks for taking care of your own mind before anything else: thanks for learning when to step back, for doing things that you love. You shine through every bit of code you write (no matter how many masking layers you may throw on top), and those bits of code show someone struggling with honesty and loneliness and responsibility, and those bits of code show someone with a fascinating brain who loves puzzles and the people who solve them. And thanks for continuing to love your old work, even after the passion has faded, even if you may so much as dislike it now, because love is seeing the worst parts of someone or something else, harming them without even meaning it, but still choosing them over anything else. To love is to drill a hole into the hull of a ship and to patch it up even stronger as you both drown rather than abandon the craft. To love is to destroy and to rebuild. You love your work, and I can only hope you love yourself. Because you deserve yourself. (In a good way or a bad one. You decide.)

You don't have to answer if you don't want. I tried to rip off Zampanio's skin, and it might sting. (If you even read this.) I'm sorry if so, and I'm sorry for being too long-winded (although, if you think that, you might want to take the plank out of your own eye, buddy). And I'm sorry for apologizing. And I'm sorry for that one. And... let's not recurse too much here. I don't want this to be another spiral.

Thanks for being theoretical.



And thank YOU for being a theoretical Audience :) :) And for the top tier Gigglesnort.

I'm glad the Hellsite DIDN'T gobble the message up, because these little messages in a bottle do truly feed me.

And you're right, that the very hidden nature of the words helps them be more Truthful than perhaps they'd otherwise be? I've been doing a lot of hiding lately, and only recently starting to pop my head back up to look around.

It also helps that, well, you know the whole "No Restraint" part of being a Waste? I tend to create on a whim, forget I did it and then watch in bafflement as people start reporting in their progress in puzzles I no longer even remember. Honestly? Zampanio is me leaning into that vibe. POINT is, its also easier to be Truthful when you know you'll forget you did it.

I don't even have that bad a problem with memory, its just when you create a purposefully confusing labyrinth of unending content, by its very nature things will blur together.

*"And thanks for continuing to love your old work, even after the passion has faded"*

Interestingly, today I had the rare pleasure to talk to a Homestuck fan. Rare because I've removed myself from so many of those spaces? Pleasure because it was a reminder of what I'd loved about all that (god homestucks music is just so banging) (and the fandom in general is just such a creative space). And because they were so delighted with getting to see Wigglesim for the first time, when we started trading stories of our experience with the fandom.

And I felt this sort of abashed pride? I know I've grown as a creator so much since making those things. I know I'd do them differently today? But yeah, I am so glad past me had that fun, learned those lessons. To say nothing of even further Past Me faking their own death on accident.

Thanks for intersecting your brain with mine, both now, and by trying to figure out just what Past Me was up to. Creation is an act of communication, at least for me, and I'm glad every time I find out I'm not just communicating with Future Me.

zampanio zampaniosim True JR

i read dracula as a kid, but , in reading dracula daily, i was not prepared for the moment when the characters decide the story would make a lot more sense in chronological order and try to organize their letters, diaries, and newspaper clippings to figure out the plot

it feels deliciously meta and also makes me realize the original must have been a mystery

i just am a sucker for characters engaging with the structure of the narrative in which they are trapped  
[dracula](#) [dracula daily](#) [Zampanio](#) [why not](#)

#### disco-tea

The worst thing filmmaker's ever did was decide that because it's called "Dracula" it must be because it's about the actual guy Dracula and his melancholic woes and alluring world of darkness and seduction and not the fact that every single character in the book hates him. Every single worker he comes across cusses him out and tells him he's ugly and his vibes are rancid. Jonathan Harker wants to chop him up with a machete Quincy wants to shoot him so *bad* Renfield wants to crush his windpipe Van Helsing and Seward and Arthur and Mina and everyone else want him dead by impalement and decapitation. It's called "Dracula" because every single character wants a piece of that bastard.



jadedresearcher

So fun fact: At some point in my life I got it into my head I wanted to make a Highly Ambitious Sci-Fi Simulation Murder Mystery Game, where all the characters in it were fully simulated and had their little simulated goals and ANY of them could have done it and it was up to you to piece together the clues they'd naturally leave behind in the wake of their nefarious deeds to decide who actually had the means and opportunity as you slowly realized EVERYONE present had motive.

Obviously, it would be a riff on Murder on the Orient Express, but that's not important.

But, when I realized that I wanted to have a SINGLE person be the target of all that aggression, I realized in my heart of hearts that person had to be Dracula.

And BOY did the plot of the game write itself out at that point. So many various reasons people could want this bastard dead.

Ultimately, the ambitiousness of the simulation was its undoing: I wasn't yet in a point in my programmer skill tree where I knew how to properly debug AI, so it ended up unfinished (and for a platform I no longer have access to, alas).

HOWEVER let me leave you with my very favorite bug:

Because I needed lots of reasons for characters to be constantly moving around and not just holing up in their space-train cars, they had various bodily needs, like hunger and thirst and the need to go to the bathroom, you know, normal things.

Imagine my horror and delight when I was running a test game to figure out why Dracula kept Not Getting Murdered only to discover he was \*LOCKING HIMSELF IN THE BATHROOM AND PISSING ETERNALLY\*.

Turns out I had a bug where you just...wouldn't stop.

I ALSO had a bug with the locking mechanism and people could let themselves IN but not out, so eventually the entire cast ended up there in the Infinite Piss room, unable to leave, and unwilling to murder because of all the witnesses.

Hell is real and its a buggy simulation game.

dracula murder on the Scorpis express simulation game bug memories zampanio sure why not honestly i should probably put some scorpis express chars in east east at some point Gliese 667 Cc



[jadedresearcher](#)

## DraculaPissingSim

<https://www.tumblr.com/jadedresearcher/711555668173275136>

Remember that post where I mentioned that abandoned sim I had made well before I was jadedResearcher. The one where it was a murder mystery and dracula ruined it by glitching out and pissing infinitely?

I managed to get the art assets from Xexus and made a little send up for it. The glitch is definitely the point but I thought it was fun to do my best to remember what each character even was.

There's something just...really satisfying in repurposing these half forgotten creations into something... new. Almost like Kintsugi, but instead of trying to restore their original purpose, it's trying to look at what remains and truly see what new purpose it could have?

<http://farragofiction.com/MurderOnTheScorpiusExpressSim/>

[jadedresearcher](#)

This time with the link edited in. Zampanio is too strong in me.

[hope i never start deleting shit](#)

Anonymous asked:

I see you tag things "Zampanio" quite often and I've never known what it meant — I assumed a fandom I didn't know about or ever a friend/mutual with a name I've never heard before, but it always interested me for secret personal reasons, but your more recent reference to it as a board game(?) has me even more interested — could you explain? Or maybe tell me where to look to find out more anyway



So like...

<https://at.tumblr.com/jadedresearcher/wait-whats-the-zampanio-retro-game/la5ibqtxcif>

I've kinda fallen off the fandom (in that i'm more interesting in making my sim then being on the Hunt for more zampanio content), but that has the few links I know about that are still working.

TLDR is that MOST of the fandom has a meme where they delete their stuff or otherwise remove it/relabel it to be all spooky. So the point of it is the chase, always looking for connections, finding new places fan works are cropping up. If its all nice and neatly labeled zampanio, well , there you go. but sometimes it isn't and you gotta extroplate.

Wait! That's right, there's the print out I dug up! I did manage to get a copy of a faq someone had claimed was zampanio (but ALSO seemed like it was related to like, homestuck, which is how it originally got my attention).

<http://knucklessux.com/PuzzleBox/Secrets/ZampanioFAQ/>

Most of the scans are hard to read but the Guide in the Zampanio fandom made a digital [version](#) with some notes:

I never did track down the boardgame, so its just a rumor I'm reporting on. If there IS one it was probably \*extremely\* small.

If anyone else has found anything PLEASE weigh in? Can't hurt to share notes, esp if there are others out there NOT interested in deleting info for the meme?

[zampanio](#)

taiey

if goncharov came out in 1973 does that make it a—

a con—

*contemporary of pong.*



jadedresearcher

Look. Imma jump outta tags right quick.

I keep saying this, but want to speak up for the ppl in back.

THERE IS A VERY REAL CHANCE THIS IS ZAMPANIO'S SOURCE.

Have yall seen the fact that Goncgarov was an in joke in a small group in like, 2016 before tumblr rediscovered it?

DO you SEE how the date (1973 vs 1972) is almost perfect and NAPLES ITALY is spot on?

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Like, legit. Maybe its too much to decide Zampanio REALLY was a game, even a board game. But a mutation of a small friend groups in joke that escaped containment?

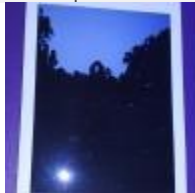
That seems WAY more plausible to me.

And it recontextualizes what fanwork I've managed to track down, ESPECIALLY that faq.

god can you imagine if that friend group found what ive been doing to their open source in joke hypothetical friend group but im gonna operate under the assumption this hypothesis is true going forward goncharov zampanio contemporary of pong

mimescantscream asked:

I've tried to figure what Zampanio means by your tags, but considering everything is tagged that I lost hope. Now the code thing through me for a loop. What is a Zampanio?



jadedresearcher answered:

!!!

So glad you asked that!

So I've already rambled about the zampanio RETRO game here:

<https://at.tumblr.com/jadedresearcher/wait-whats-the-zampanio-retro-game/ipitsh8yr0i0>

**TLDR:** Zampanio is a creepy pasta about a game that PROBABLY doesn't exist (but MIGHT, I mean, there's a LOT of people doing crazy things if it really is all a joke). I got obsessed with some rumors about it I found during the early pandemic lock downs (we all had to have a hobby) and then when I recovered enough spoons to code again I started making my OWN obsessive spiraling fan work simulation game (aka a branch).

But like, lets dig into why I tag the things Zampanio that I do!

Obviously things that I'm PRETTY sure are direct references to the Zampanio creepy pasta.

Sometimes the things that inspired me to make my own branch of Zampanio. Or things that I relate after the fact to my own branch.

Occasionally things that match the vibe (but I'm less sure are direct references). You know, the whole "lost media, obsession, changing identities" with a smattering of spooky.



jadedresearcher

i find it really funny that just 6 days ago i was like "theres way too much zampanio content for it not to be REAL" and then GONCHAROV happened and now i don't know anything anymore

its great

GONCHAROV zampanio

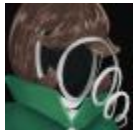
annelidist

house of leaves / goncharov esque project consisting of the paratext of a nonexistent text where the described-but-unseen source material is an 800 page rulebook for the worst tabletop game you've ever heard of and the paratext is a series of arguments and blog posts generated by insane forum users



jadedresearcher

Actually this reminds me of that one choose your own adventure game about simulated tumblr all about a fandom that didn't exist. @deadcellsman god do you remember what it was called?



jadedresearcher

I found it! (by which I mean @taiey found it when I went looking and got stumped)

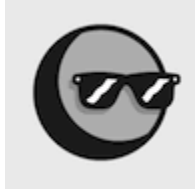
<https://ifarchive.org/if-archive/games/competition2021/Games/A%20Paradox%20Between%20Worlds/index.html>

TLDR elevator pitch based on half-memories is choose your own adventure where you make a fanfic for a fandom that doesn't exist and fake ppl on fake tumblr react to it.

a paradox between worlds zampanio goncharov fandoms that aren't unless zampanio is unclear

Anonymous asked:

Hi, so I'm the Watcher. And you are re going to laugh, but I literally got lost in Zampanio. Yesterday Discord kept saying that I'm a bot thanks to the infinite hellmaze, and since I forgot my login data, I couldn't validate my account. At the end I locked myself out. I still hope that I wrote it up somewhere, but I can access that notebook only in three days. It's not terribly bad, I was active in one other server. In the worst case, I make a new account and leave a shambling horror behind.



There is something so amazingly funny about this.

Yes, if you must shambling horror just let me know in some way and I'll make sure you keep your Titles.

was it the Personality who made the maze that shambling horrified you? theres something incredibly funny about a branch designed to strip your identity from you well probably not DESIGNED but you get what i mean zampanio

## Quick Definition of Terms

Realized that maybe not everyone is as brain rotted by Zampanio as I am so figured I'd do a quick primer.

A **BRANCH** of Zampanio is like, one person's take on the legend. Arguably the game ITSELF is a branch, if it exists.

So, ZampanioSim is MY branch of Zampanio, but its def not the only one out there.

A **BRANCH** doesn't have to be a game. It can be a faq, a guide, a wiki, a video, a discord, a forum, a blog, a story, a puzzle, whatever.

What **BRANCHES** have in common is the desire to tell people about Zampanio and the ability for said people to find them. And being weirdly long.

Some want you to become obsessed about it. Some want to warn you about it. Some what to tell you what they think Zampanio is (or claim they found it). Some just want you to remember them and what branches they found of it.

A lot of people try to connect their **BRANCHES** to other things. Other **BRANCHES**, sure, but other fandoms, other creepy pastas, anything to make you connect Zampanio in your head to something else, to maximize your retention of its memes.

The connections are what make them **BRANCHES** (like on a tree) and not just like, a stick you found lying on the ground. The central trunk we all connect to is Zampanio (else we wouldn't be a branch of it), but the more connections the stronger a **BRANCH** tends to be.

I'll dig up links to the Guide of Hunter's **BRANCH** (and example of something that branched off mine), as well as the FAQ Branch that started me on this in the first place and reblog them from here.

(And now the word BRANCH has lost all meaning for me.)

even just submitting that ask earlier could be the start of a branch if you nurture it enough zampanio

:) :) :)  
:) :) :)

oh shit

i have polls

what should i do with my new found power

this bears thinking about

tell you what

depending on which of these gets the most vote

i'll work it in somehow

to my latest sub-branch

the maze one

if that clarifies anything

[zampanio polls i have too much power](#)  
jadedresearcher

Depending on day of the week you'll see the references to the South.

zampanio nested maze and bears

[something-soup-something](#) asked:  
I'm sorry if i sound clueless but what happened to losas



Two answers depending on which layer you're asking about.

**On one layer:** the pandemic, and other irl things. It sapped a lot of creative energy from a lot of people. Sims take a lot of spoons. So once I had recovered after an entire year, I just didn't have it in me to figure out how the code worked anymore.

**On another:** the Wasted Guide of Void voided farragnarok in general out so the things that happen in there can't be seen by outside Observers (aka us).

Though, luckily for us, the universe they ended up breeding has no such restrictions.

zampanio im talking about my branch of zampanio its the universe the farragnarok lamia bred well one of them there were an awful lot of timelines swirling around over there you can think of zampanio as the bad end for farragnarok the universe wasn't supposed to be this way

## Zampanio Breadcrumb???

So I was just minding my own business, watching this youtube video at the time code:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hwRGw9QRMj4&t=680s>

And what to I learn but that the BOOK version of never ending story (which I didn't even really know existed, I watched the movie when i was too young to make many memories) is a psychic parasite that never ends specifically to feed on you and your memories?

Boy does THIS sound familiar???

And you know, the first branch I found onto Zampanio WAS particularly homestuck themed, which we ALREADY know directly references the never ending story.

So. Seems likely a homestuck/never ending story/ house of leaves fan had an \*idea\*.

zampanio breadcrumb never ending story mothers basement

Anonymous asked:

i feel like ive left zampanio too long to ever fully come back to it (the longer i spend away the more awkward it feels to come back and realize i have no clue what's happening anymore, so i guess here i am as a distant viewer for now) but i just checked out eyedlr bc why not and its really cool. definitely have only just scratched the surface, but wow!!

10/10

:) 🍀

i may try to pop back in again, but ive already tried before before falling off so idk if it'll last or anything



i mean thats the great thing

its ALWAYS been something no one had any clue on what was going on!

you're experiencing zampanio (both broadly and like, my branch in particular) exactly correct. poke around at whatever interests you, in whatever amounts interests you.

You're not SUPPOSED to bury yourself in it and get trapped!

breaks are good!

zampanio eyedlr obsession is a dangerous thing

**statement-remains** asked:

I cannot put into words how much fun me and some friends are having on the site right now. one is taking the gender quiz but also is summoning infinite fruit, not sure if this is the same tab or not. I am stuck in the bathroom with never ending pissing anime boy Dracula and the number of NPCs entering is rising. Someone else is exploring the fucked up hallways that keeps having winter holiday themes and just solved all the glitches as I'm typing this. I also just screenshotted the post at 696 notes. Tysm for making this chaos



Have you ever wanted to see what happens when the Tumblr porn bots win?

Have you ever wanted to explore an infinite fake simulated tumblr?

Well have I got the sus link for you!!!

**Eyedlr**

This Is Not A Blogging Site: Where You Can Scroll Forever.

EYEDOLGAMES.COM

#there are definitely no secrets #etc etc  
#im gonna be super annoying about this one guys #i'm proud of it  
#zampanio #porn bots  
#lately i've just gotten really into making liminal fake websites  
#thats what this subbranch of my branch #of zampanio #is about

696 notes May 31st, 2023



lol, happy to oblige :)  
Zampanio eyedlr chaos

**epic-semicolon-ftw** asked:

hey I just wanna say oh my fucking god I love this all so much. all of it. my god. fuck. i'm falling down a flight of stairs and each one is gently catching me and telling me a funny joke or showing me a deeply sad and horrifying insinuation before throwing me to the next step. rats off to you

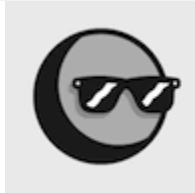


:):):)

Zampanio statistically eyedlr whoops it went viral

**Anonymous** asked:

is it a coincidence that there are profiles on jackElope that share names with every member of the undersiders.



:):):)

and so many other of my fandoms too names are hard thats why i steal them unos autograph book style zampanio jackElope

**thefallen16** asked:

what exactly is dart and how did it make you discontinue sburbsim



Dart is a programming language from google that was originally intended to replace javascript, but eventually settled into just compiling to it.

When I first created SBURBSim , I was literally a jaded researcher and had a decent amount of free time because work was just dead. I coded it in javascript, because I was decently familiar with it and wanted to level up at it.

Then, I got laid off and took a sabatacal or however you spell that to focus on farrago. So i had a lot of time and spoons to try something new.



Hence the Great Refactoring of rewriting sburbsim from javascript to dart. PL was really familiar with it and was a huge help with the process! It had a LOT of benefits, especially because the javascript node ecosystem was a lot less advanced back then.

Eventually I got a job doing javascript full time, and it was bullshit enough (took a lot of time and energy compared to being a researcher) it became increasingly hard to switch languages between day job and hobby coding.

One day, dart just stopped working for me. I did what I could to get it working again (this just happens sometimes with ANY dev environment, sometimes an update of your os, or the programming language, or the ide or whatever breaks something).

But...ultimately I just didnt have the spoons to keep fighting it when i COULD be hobby coding in javascript and have my work skillz augment my spoon level.

So, I no longer can get any of the old dart based systems to work for development.

My newer stuff intentionally uses a different mix of technologies for each product, from complex node/react/webpack systems all the way down to just pure javascript with no third party code.

Since the Zampanio fandom is about things vanishing with time, and i am so diametrically opposed to deleting my own shit, this is my contribution to that part of the vibes .

Each of my new works will rot away from lack of maintenance at different rates. Likely the complex stuff will break in ways I cant run, like lohae did, first.

The rot takes all in the end.

meta sburbsim Zampanio code rot

## [Eyedlr Update :\) :\) :\)](#)

It was pointed out to me the utter lack of realism in my Tumblr Simulation.

Now the porn bots can have stupid fights over their Tumblr SexyMen, who are 19 identical copies of Don Quixote for reasons that are too obvious to explain.

<http://eyedolgames.com/Eyedlr/>

Also, please understand how lost I got trying to find my REAL tumblr tab among all my test Eyedlr tabs in order to post this.



**victoria706**

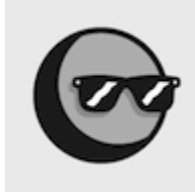
wow imagine having shit taste but this is the ultimate gorgeous man



[eyedlr sexy man don quixote for obvious reasons zampanio whatever look just understand that there are extremely good reasons for don quixote to be Eyedlr's sexy man to celebrate lets find out if tumblr lets me blaze that original eyedlr post](#)

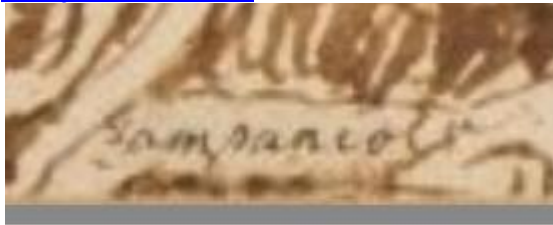
Anonymous asked:

wow... i really want to send you this post i found in the art tag referencing a 17th century painting but tumblr wont let me send links!!! ugh i knew i never should have made an anon account. this will have to do  
aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cudHVtYmxyLmNvbS9teXN0ZXJpZXMtdW5jb3ZlcmVhZyZyZ28taWw/c291cmNIPXNoYXJl



You mean this one?

<https://www.dominicwinter.co.uk/Auction/Lot/342-grimaldi-giovan-francesco-il-bolognese-1606-1680-landscape-with-rustic-buildings/?lot=365997&sd=1>



Oh, believe you me, the old Zampanio fandom, before it rotted away, had a FIELD day with that.

zampanio

Anonymous asked:

Out of curiosity, how is the Steam game coming? I've been considering picking it up for my birthday so I always have a puzzle to work on, but I haven't been able to find any recent info on how development is coming

<http://farragnarok.com/>

The pandemic (and many other things) sapped my will to fight steam (or make real 'games'), sadly. Narratively, the Void player of the games voided the session out and now you can only find its bits and pieces in the Universe their session bred. Which is to say. Inside my branch of Zampanio.

Given all the bits of the game that exist are available for free in other places, steam's primary use is "backup in case the websites rot".

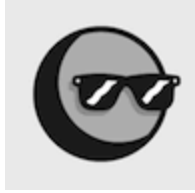
Tho itch has some backups too, for free:

<https://jadedresearcher.itch.io/lohaesim>

zampanio is the repository of all lost media including sadly farragnarok may it rot in peace

Anonymous asked:

Game Anon, I'm sorry to hear that, losing the will to make something always sucks. I've been avoiding Zampaino but mostly for one reason, so I'll just ask - for personal health concerns, will Zampainosim try and convince me that the world I personally live in is also a simulation? (I get if there's spoilers involved, I know how your stuff works)



If you worry about unreality I may not be the safest creator for you.

That said: my work will never claim reality is a simulation. Instead I like analyzing how our reality looks to those within said simulations. How impossibly complex and horrific we must seem to someone who has only ever known abstractions. We are the outer beings of impossible angles to them. Our mundane reality is the supernatural thing, to simulated creatures. I can't use my coding skillz to do spooky shit to our shared reality, but I sure as hell can influence the simulations one layer down.

And THAT said, what I love about the Zampanio creepy pasta is that it ISN'T about supernatural stuff?

It isnt all "anyone who plays this game DIES" , or whatever, tho of course some of the fandom takes it that way?

Instead its a lot more grounded in reality? Like ive been saying, either it inspired house of leaves or house of leaves inspired it.

Given the book is more popular it might make more sense what I am trying to explain? Within the book all the spooky stuff is EXPLICITLY fictional, at every layer save one. There IS no house, no infinite branching hallways, no minotaur.

Instead it is a story about the very real consequences obsession can have on someone, even ,or especially, if the target of said obsession clearly doesn't exist.

Very few branches of the Zampanio fandom go so far as to claim this impossibly spooky game is REAL. So discussions about it are safely fictional. They can tell stories about a universe where the game is real, or stories about what its like living within that game, or stories about how our mundane reality twists either of those other two layers.

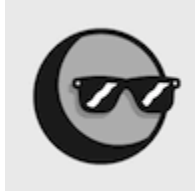
Its why Eyedlr explicitly doesnt claim to kill YOU: just your connection to its simulation.

At best, ANY work of Zampanio can only interact with you through drawing your attention, your obsession. If it claimed it, i dont know, was behind you with a knife it would lose power because, it kinda clearly isnt.

Zampanio house of leaves reality isnt a simulation and that is the horror not to us but to those within the simulation

**Anonymous** asked:

Game Anon one more time, I've actually never been more excited to start a new game of yours now, because my botherance about simulation theory is VERY specific and it sounds like I'll be fine. And everything else you described is EXACTLY why I want to play, and exactly what I love about my own work - you gotta find those things!! Looking forward to getting sucked in way over my head and finally cracking and joining the Discord, I can't wait to see how big the puzzle really is



:) :) :)

## Zampanio

**crimsondestroyer**

it has occurred to me that i've never actually explained what zampanio. is? here

like, i reblog things with zampanio all the time, but i've never actually explained what that means lol

so ok uhhhhhhh 5 am crimson rambles go

ok. so there's this game, from like, the 70s or 80s i think, called zampanio. no one knows what it's really ABOUT besides that it's supposedly really fucking weird. there's also no documentation about it too far in the past, because apparently stuff about this has a tendency to just disappear. and the people that KNOW a lot about it seem to either vanish or fly off the fucking handle. which is already wacky enough. but, like, the main thing about zampanio is that since the source material is so unknown beyond, like, the vaguest vibes, there's a billion different unrelated fangames about it with nothing in common besides some vague thematic elements? like, there's zampaniosim, which is this massive sprawling network of god knows what that has like, twenty billion different fictional characters from other games in it i think? i heard something about magnus archives and lobotomy corp and i don't understand most of it but it seems very cool. and there's also some rpg maker game someone made called zam2anio? and i played it for like 10 minutes and it's incomprehensible but in the best way. and there's also this discord server that is like, also a puzzle or something? and that's its own thing? and also leads into other things, maybe??? it's insane. but the really cool part is that since the source material is just. Not. you can kinda just go hog wild with different things in different fandoms and have it still be A Zampanio Thing. i'm currently retooling a mario fanfic i came up with literally in elementary school into A Zampanio Thing. it doesn't matter what fandom you're in, you caj make it zampanio. it's genuinely very cool and unique and i like it a lot. i'm not very caught up on a lot of the individual things people have been making but the vibes are immaculate and it ends up making this massive nonsense patchwork of a fandom that somehow all fits together, and just, it's the best

so yeah, go check out zampanio if you haven't already, look it up, play/read/look at some of the stuff people have made, maybe make your own zampanio thing if you wanna, you won't regret it. probably. unless you turn into a monster or something, except actually if you did you probably wouldn't regret it anyway because you'd be a monster so whatever



crimsondestroyer

lmao ok, of course this was my hundredth post

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jadedresearcher

#I gotta play zam2anio  
#also considering writing a song thats zampanio  
#if I can get past the few minor small hurdles of  
#1. I don't know how to write song lyrics  
#2. I don't know anything about how music works and  
can not play any instruments or even come up with a  
tune  
#and 3. I can't sing #shouldn't be too hard!  
#reblogs #User: Pilot

Honestly thats what I love so much about the Zampanio fandom?

It's such a good excuse to pick up new skills!

I've never seen a more clear example of the "two cakes" phenomenon. You can get incredibly experimental and risk making something truly shitty and at WORST youre contributing to the Zampanio miasma and at least one person will love you for it. And at best you might Ascend into something future generations consider Lore.

I think it gets a bit of that from the homestuck fandom tbh? At least the branch that caught me was v homestuck. And thats a fandom that ppl seem to routinely cut their teeth on as creators.

Zampanio

Anonymous asked:

What's eyedolgames? I'm trying to navigate Zampinosim and it says the site can't be reached. Or is that intentional??



Sigh. Theres some DNS stuff going on. Certain locations just can't reach it.

I worked with the Wisp of Figures some to figure out what was going on, since it effects them, but no other Unmarked (to my knowledge).

Near as I can figure, some server maintenance I was doing last week briefly glitched and MOST of the internet saw the glitch and discarded it. But a few Domain Name Servers stored it and only when their local cache expires will we be free.

<https://dnsviz.net/d/eyedolgames.com/analyze/>

You can see the failures there, but I am still learning to read that graph.

Everything I've read says theres nothing I can personally do to fix the regional DNS caches.

But just in case I've reset my domain, updated my A/AAAA records, fiddled with TTL, the works.

If anyone has any ideas, plz let me know, otherwise we are stuck with this situation I LITERALLY couldnt make up where 90% of ppl can reach eyedolgames.com and 10% think we are lying about that.

jadedresearcher

OKAY!

SO!

IT FUCKING WORKS NOW!

Long story short every time someone reminds me this is a thing I look into it and for SOME REASON THIS TIME google gave me the exact problem and the exact fix!???



jadedresearcher

Thank you anon, you are clearly some kind of creature of luck.

The techy talk is that eyedolgames.com is my newest domain, and when I transferred domain registrars apparently the old one (google, which is selling its domains to squarespace or whatever which i don't wanna truck with) "helpfully" turn on DNSECC.

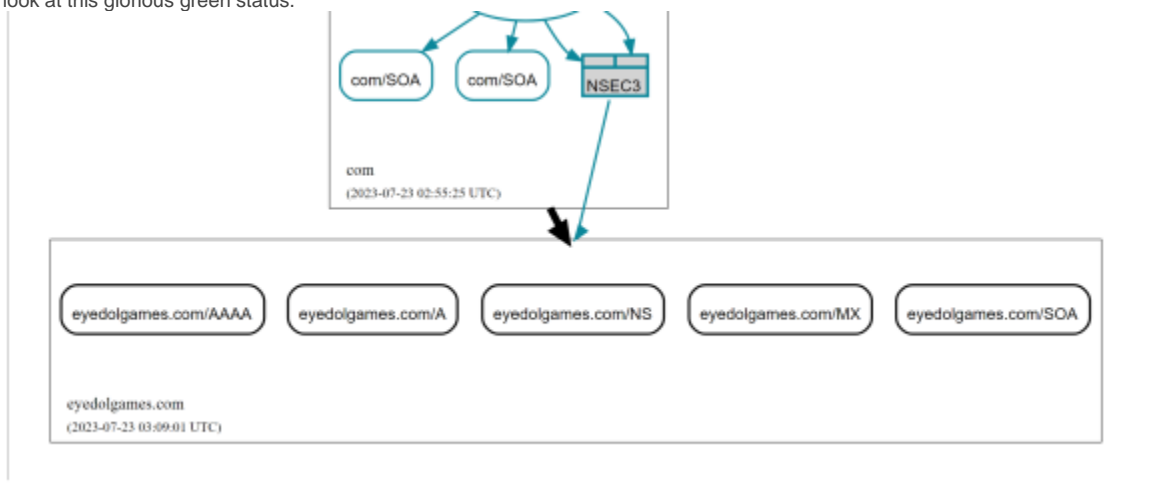
Without telling me.

And when porting my domain to the new registrar it kept it on, but now its suddenly not wired to anything, because I moved my A/AAAA records to my linode.

So it was ONLY that site that had a problem, but ONLY local DNS that supported DNSECC would realize it was erroring and throw a fit.

Which, apparently, is RARE???

Anyways look at this glorious green status.



zampanio miracle dnsecc sysadmin shit god i hate doing sys admin shit but jr you ask why do you run your own server instead of doing easier ways of hosting javascript because because sometiems i do dumbshit sysadmin shit as part of the maze because i want my work to be 'impossible' in a way pure javascript can't art is hard

[jadedresearcher](#)

<http://eyedolgames.com/Gender/>

ngl this is the funniest procedural thing ive made in a while

i saw <https://genders.wtf/gauntlet/> and realized that the only way it could be better is if it went forever

## 77: Genre

Furious



Genderqueer

## 81: Sex

Skilled

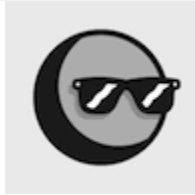




kinda curious to see what ppl get

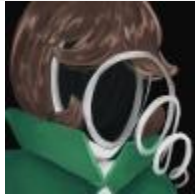
Anonymous asked:

I am Just Gonna Say This, I Like your Work and all... Just One Question? Whats with the Lack of Faces? I'm Fine with it Sometimes, But other times It Gets REALLY REALLY Creepy. Seriously, Very Creepy. Faceless Children...



[jadedresearcher](#) answered:

What is this "face" thing everyone keeps talking about???



[jadedresearcher](#)

Oh wait, that's right, [@aspiringwatcher](#) reminded me, is this what you mean: <http://farragofiction.com/SBURBSim/index2.html?faces=off> ???

## newest sim drops

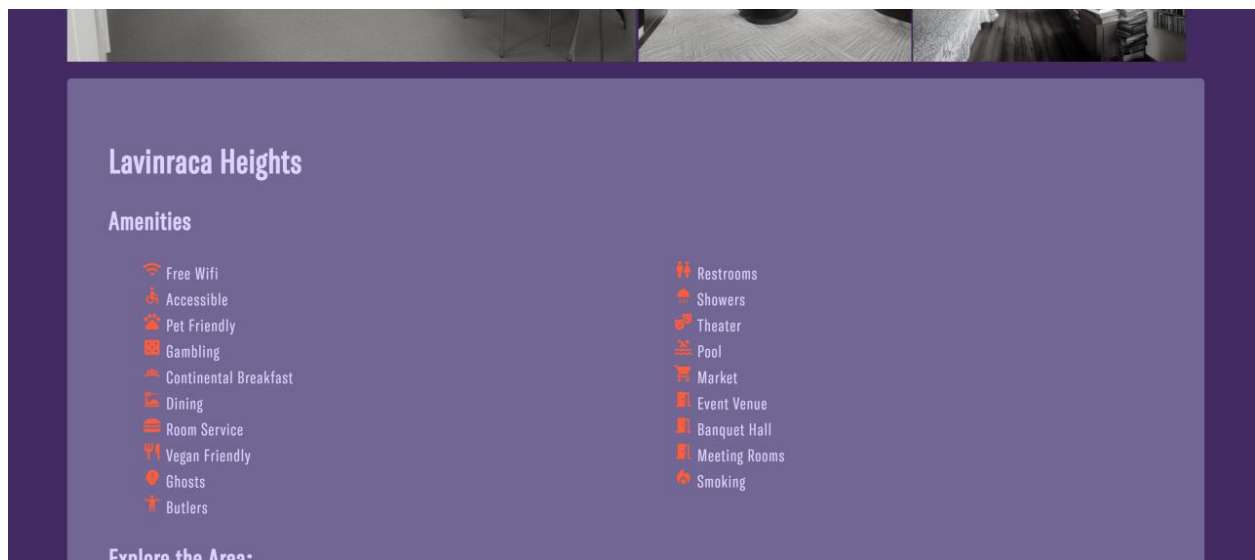
will post about it tomorrow, need to pass out

but

if you've ever seen my april fools stuff, think that, but a live event for the entire month of October, as part of a tie in to a discord event i got invited to collaborate on

before anyone asks, yes, obviously i added zampanio refs to the tie in site i made for it  
zampanio lavinraca october halloween im tired and need to sleep so im not coherent enough to make the real post but i mean technically you can find it anyways i'll still be nicer in the morning less vague

<https://href.li/?http://lavinraca.eyedolgames.com/>



Would you like to dig into a spooky Halloween themed ARG called Lavinraca that will vanish on October 31st?

The Eyedlr girlies sure do!



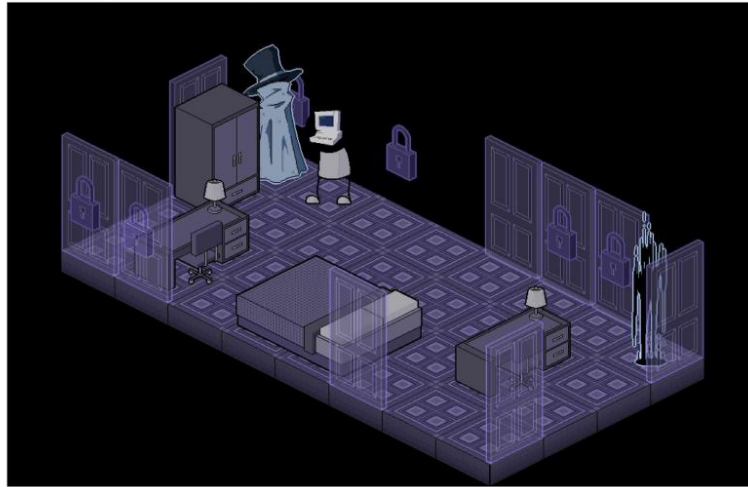
**alexandra215**

omg where were you when when the first Maccus removed their flesh to become free?



**ennis1029**

forfeiting all mortal possessions to Lavinraca



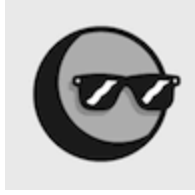
**eyedolgames**

Obsession is a dangerous thing. You will be harmed if you stay. The Minotaur would like you to leave now.

Unlike my normal stuff, this one is live, so if it interests you make sure to check it out before Halloween ends! PLUS check out all the great stuff the rest of the Lavinraca community has created!

Of course, you can also just wander [fake tumblr](#) forever, that won't ever go away. Until the Rot takes it, of course.  
[lavinraca halloween](#) [october](#) also yeah i physically can not avoid putting zampanio into my work even when im collaborating with an existing group so zampanio

Okay what in the fresh hell is eyedlr? Like I love it, the vibes are impeccable, but like I can't make heads or tails of this thing

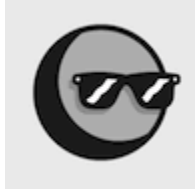


:) :) :)

zampanio

**Anonymous** asked:

seeing a post from you blazed on my dash was a jumpscare and a half, ive enjoyed your work for a really long time and it had not occurred to me that youd have a tumblr! so, thank you for doing what you do :D

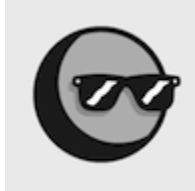


:) :) :)

it really does interest me the various contexts people can exist in to some people i am ONLY a tumblr to some im only a website hell maybe some people just know me as that ghost on that discord server and it really is fun that you can genuinely ask 'which one'

**Anonymous** asked:

Every post you make feels like an encrypted message. The void chooses jazz.



:) :) :)

zampanio is always on my mind

**sammy-the-dumbass** asked:

Spare some Neville lore?



v broad topic, hard to get a good ramble on without a hook

last thing i remember rambling out of public about neville wise is how he met devona?

neville is extremely chill and fearless because he simply does not vibe with thinking about things he does not like

in practice this means that if something DOES scare him he's caught entirely off guard and basically just goes into auto pilot, usually either freezing or fighting

when the 'totally chill and nice' punishing bird got lose, he almost hit it on panicky instinct

devona, meanwhile, who had spent three straight days awake memorizing its handling manual, knew exactly what to do and stopped him

he considers her to have saved his life and thats more than any of his ACTUAL family ever did so, siblings

[my branch of zampanio](#) [neville](#) [devona](#)

Anonymous asked:  
I CAN'T SEEM TO FIND THE DOOR



the fact that this could mean an awful lot of things is actually p impressive

sammy-the-dumbass asked:  
You in a nutshell honestly

**AN EVER WIDENING SMILE OF DERANGED HYPERFIXATION**



:) :)

so im working on yet another infinitely spiralling fractal maze, as one does

and im realizing

how little i put anything out in the open

i mostly reblog here and if i have something to say nine times out of ten its in the notes

safely hidden

i'll say the most wild shit as long as its hidden

but here on tumblr.com i'm weirdly silent

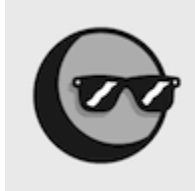
# d: 1,558 / 12901 (11,343 reblogs ignored)

roughly ten percent of my posts i actually say words in apparently

i say making entire nested fractal systems to hide shit in heretofore unknown densities inverted light gang i guess mind and blood and inverted light and rage and i have no clue whether im time vs space

**Anonymous** asked:

JR you have to wake the harvest back up so I can kiss her



i appreciate you dont wanna go the creepy Cinderella route but the harvest is a sleegy lil guy and needs to falafel asleep

they may wake up next year, if you remember them

[lavinraca/lavinraca](#)

**sammy-the-dumbass** asked:

Can graces become wasted?



p sure they can in sburbsim, they just need someone else to waste them

outside of sburbsim, their narrative arc is sort of the inverse of wastes.

wastes lay waste, cause a Cataclysm and then go "whoa hey this was DANGEROUS i should STOP doing that" and then basically stop being wasted in the sense of actively hacking reality

while graces feel like, hey this is dangerous, i shouldn't do it, but i'm sure if the MASSES know how to it'll be fiiiiiiiiine. and then its not. so they waste themselves so they can undo all this damage and take responsibility for it.

gnosis waste sburbsimlore i guess

#### prokopetz

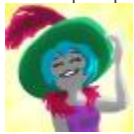
Okay, so: there's a local restaurant whose online ordering process involves various selecting various sauces to be included with one's order – so many units of teriyaki sauce, so many units of hot sauce, so many units of peanut sauce, and so forth.

The **idea** is supposed to be that you can select any combination of sauces you want, as long as it adds up to no more than four units. However, what the app actually required is that you select **exactly** four units of sauces; it wouldn't let you submit the ordering form if the total wasn't exactly four.

Just today I discovered that they seem to have fixed it... not by correcting the errant validation rule, but by adding a "no sauce" option, which counts toward the required total of four.

Thus, it's now possible to place an order with, say, two units of teriyaki sauce rather than four by entering 2x "teriyaki sauce" and 2x "no sauce". Similarly, an order with no sauce at all is 4x "no sauce".

This is quite possibly the least intuitive ordering process I've ever encountered, and I've literally worked in e-commerce.



#### morphimus

I once had an online ordering experience where they were selling a 12 pack of cookies, but within that pack you had to select each cookie individually. But the thing is that there was only one type of cookie to choose from. So it was just clicking "chocolate chip cookie" over and over again 12 times in a row.

I have to imagine that it was just an artifact of previously having had more than one cookie option and just never changing how it was set up, but it was still bizarre to see.



#### jadedresearcher

Yet another reminder that I need to upgrade Zampanini to allow batshit add ons so I can play with glitches like this.

<http://eyedolgames.com/Zampanini>

[zampanini note to self](#) [srsly the add ons are so ripe for bullshit absurdity](#)

**sammy-the-dumbass** asked:

What would a Grace's god tier abilities be?



Graces and Wastes both skip out entirely on the normal level progression. They never level up their echeladder, they never learn any fraymotifs. The game is wasted on them, essentially.

This gives them both the time and motivation to take matters into their own hands and warp this shitty game to work the way they want it to.

Basically, they have an entirely different level progression mechanic (gnosis) that's based on how familiar they are with the rules of reality, as compared to how molded they have become to their narrative role (the echeladder and god tier system). Whether they are god tier or not is almost irrelevant (they do benefit from the conditional immortality, especially before they hit gnosis4 and do their Cataclysm, but that's about it).

This means, as you may notice, that a Grace is essentially locked out of their own level progression, since they can't raise their own gnosis values. Much like Muse, it's an extremely passive class. A Grace is almost a null class, a non player. A bystander to all the horrors the knowledge they gift their coplayers unleash.

That said, A Wasted player (regardless of their class) tends to find the code handling their aspect easier to understand and modify. So a life player figures out how the HP mechanic works a LOT faster than, say, a Mind player would. What they choose to DO with this knowledge is entirely up to them.

In theory a Grace with an active personality could pick and choose who to give knowledge to to min/max their session with the "safest" aspect hacks possible. (fun fact, life is one of the LEAST safe aspects to waste) (just ask the players of nidhogg's session). (you'd think setting everyone to immortal would be a GOOD thing)

gnosis grace wasting sburbsim etc i enjoy answering sburbsim asks its nostalgic

## Thoughts on Liminal Horror

So this has been kicking around in my head a while, and I woke up with some actual coherent thoughts on it that I'm trying to capture before I lose them.

There was a tumblr post I saw before that I have long since lost about how liminal horror should NOT have a monster and isn't just "oh you're alone somewhere".

And I couldn't agree more! But I haven't been able to articulate exactly why.

Liminal, as a word on its own, means transitional. Liminal spaces are real things that are places where you are on the WAY to somewhere.

Liminal doesn't mean infinite spooky mazes, is my first point.

A liminal space could be hallways on the way to an office. Maybe you're trying to get some government bullshit completed. Maybe you're on the way to a doctor you're not entirely familiar with.

A liminal space could be the terminals in an airport, as you try to make it to your flight in time.

Or a highway you're driving on while looking for a particular exit.

Or a carpark as you look for where you had parked among seemingly identical cars.

You've been in liminal spaces so so many times.

The point is that the spaces themselves aren't what you're really paying attention to. You're thinking of what you'll do when you get there, or going over the things you'll need to keep track of when you arrive. The directions you have to get there, maybe.

So in your MEMORY, and especially your dreams, these spaces take on a peculiar quality. They're SLIPPERY. It's hard to remember any details of them, because you weren't really focused on them. It's just a miasma of "i was in a hallway" or "i was on a road". Maybe a few weird details jump out on you, but it only serves to blend together the rest of the journey.



So, when we elevate liminal spaces to HORROR, the first thing we do is lean into that. Impossible spaces because your memory genuinely does not care what any part of them is like save the ending.

Impossible spaces because we tap into that part of you deep down that is unsettled if you try to remember them, and wonders if maybe they really HAD been so weird when you were in them, and you just didn't notice.

This is getting longer than I thought, so may as well put in a cut!

So. I've explained WHAT liminal spatial horror is as well I was going to be able to, I think, but I haven't really articulated why a MONSTER feels like it kneecaps the entire premise.

Have you ever been lost in a liminal space? Keeping in mind that "liminal space" is a thing we all encounter constantly and not shorthand for creepy pastas.

Have you ever wandered unfamiliar areas that normally you wouldn't even be paying attention to, increasingly desperate that you won't get to your destination in time? Are you going to miss your flight? What if you can't get your government bullshit taken care of in time? Or your doctor's appointment will skip you and you already waited so long to get it. Did you already miss your exit?

That fear is what I'm focused on here.

It's hard to make you feel that fear in an artificial way.

Even if we give a character in a game all sorts of motives to reach a destination by a certain time, you only feel annoyed at the time pressure, not really \*scared\*. And although the person lost in a liminal space rarely can just give up and leave, YOU, the player of a game, can.

So liminal spatial horror tends to distill it down to a single fear: where is the exit.

Of course, simply "wanting to leave" is rarely pressure enough to \*rush\*. And I can see why adding a monster is a quick trick to add that 'going so fast you can't navigate' vibe to the experience.

What I'm saying here is that the time spent is the POINT. That you can slowly build up to that desperate pressure to rush.

You can emphasize that desperation a more subtle way, a way my favorite instances of liminal spatial horror do: bodily needs.

You are in a space clearly created by humans, and yet without a single human need met. There are no water fountains. There are no bathrooms. There are no vending machines. Nowhere to comfortably rest. If any of these things do exist they are empty or corrupt in some way.

The temperature, in my favorite experiences, is noted to be wildly incorrect. It's freezing cold. It's burning hot. It's not even remotely the temperature you'd expect an office building full of humans to be.

At first, this leans into this desire to reach a destination, ANY destination. Maybe you can't find the way OUT but maybe you can find out "The Truth"? Maybe if you keep going and going and going you can figure out why this place is LIKE this.

If a human made this space it had to be intentionally to torture people. How fucked up do you have to be to sink this many resources into doing something like this? How long did it take to make? Why did no one notice?

If a non-human intelligence made this space maybe you can find out WHY? Maybe... maybe they were trying their best but didn't realize how uncanny valley and dangerous it would be to a person?

If no intelligence was behind it at all, maybe you can find out HOW? Maybe it's a reflection of our collective unconscious, or the planet mimicking the increasing amount of man-made works on itself?

But as you continue on and on, as a real living human being in an impossible liminal space horror situation, you realize it doesn't matter how or why or when or any of the questions you dangled in front of yourself like a will-o-wisp driving you ever further in.

Because you realize you're going to die in here.

Maybe it'll be the thirst. Humans can only go a few days without water.

Maybe hunger will be what finally gets you. It's hard to tell how long you've been in here when any clocks you find in the hallways are all frozen to the same time and the sun hangs over the infinite highway like an immovable, swollen eye. But the hunger is ever present.

There's always exposure. Cold, hot, never anything between. How can you be freezing to death in an office hallway?

That isn't right.

That isn't how it should be.

Starving and freezing and dying of thirst is something that happens to people OUTSIDE civilization. It would make sense if you were lost in the woods but you can SEE sign after sign of civilization and other people for gods' sake!

How could this be happening? Why isn't anyone coming to help you?

And then we draw back, to you-who-is-consuming-this-fictional scenario. Because the point of horror is to get the person in the chair riled up, not just the character within the fictional premise.

Are you thinking about how often people starve and freeze and die of thirst in our own civilizations? Inches from the trappings of safety? With no help coming?

Are you thinking of how many desperate people navigate government mazes of plaster and brick and paper and online forms, driven forward by the hope of government aid or food stamps or HELP.

How many people hunker down in a freezing subway or under a bridge on the highway or other public space knowing that no one SEES them because they're all transitioning from one space to another?

You probably aren't. Not directly.

But we all know we're closer to freezing to death under a bridge or denied life-saving medical care in an office than we are to being a billionaire, right?

And there's something about that, deep in our gut, that resonates. That thread of reality in the safely fictional that keeps us coming back. Unable to articulate WHY but also thinking that liminal horror is somehow SCARIER than mere monsters.

We all know that deadly predators are unlikely to get us.

Adding a monster lets us move our too-real-fear to a safe target.

And it's valid to want to do that! To decide spatial horror is too much, to want to thin it out like adding ranch dressing to a too-spicy chicken wing.

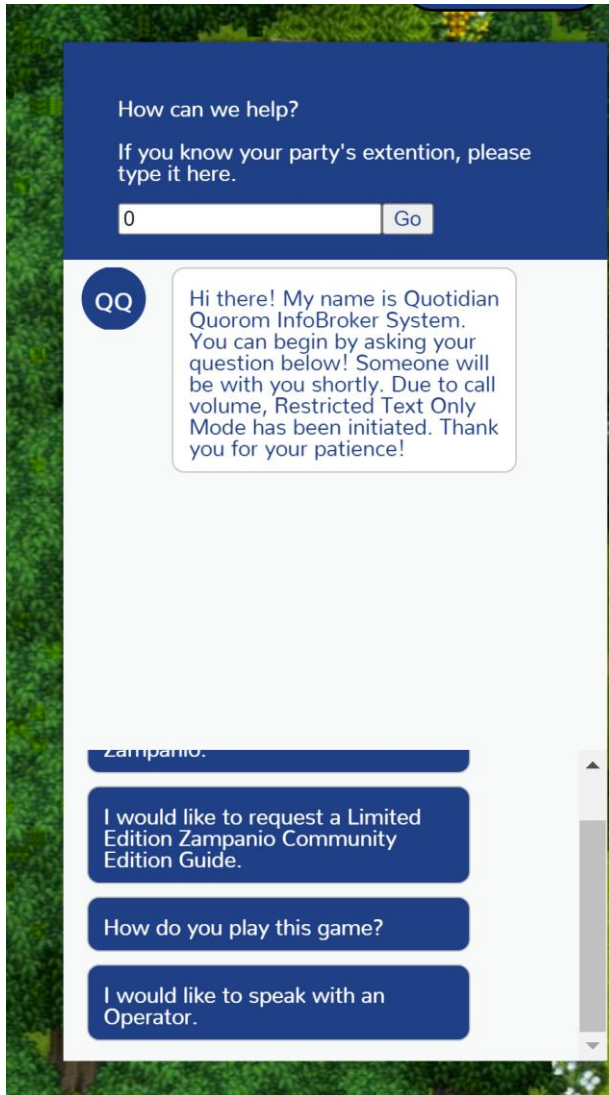
But that's why I think that the monsters are an artificial add on. And not a part of spatial horror.

[spatial horror jr note rambles liminal spaces if you add a monster to the backrooms i sleep but you can if you want its why i prefer the interpretation that the minotaur was not real in house of leaves which is a valid interpretation the book itself brings up](#)

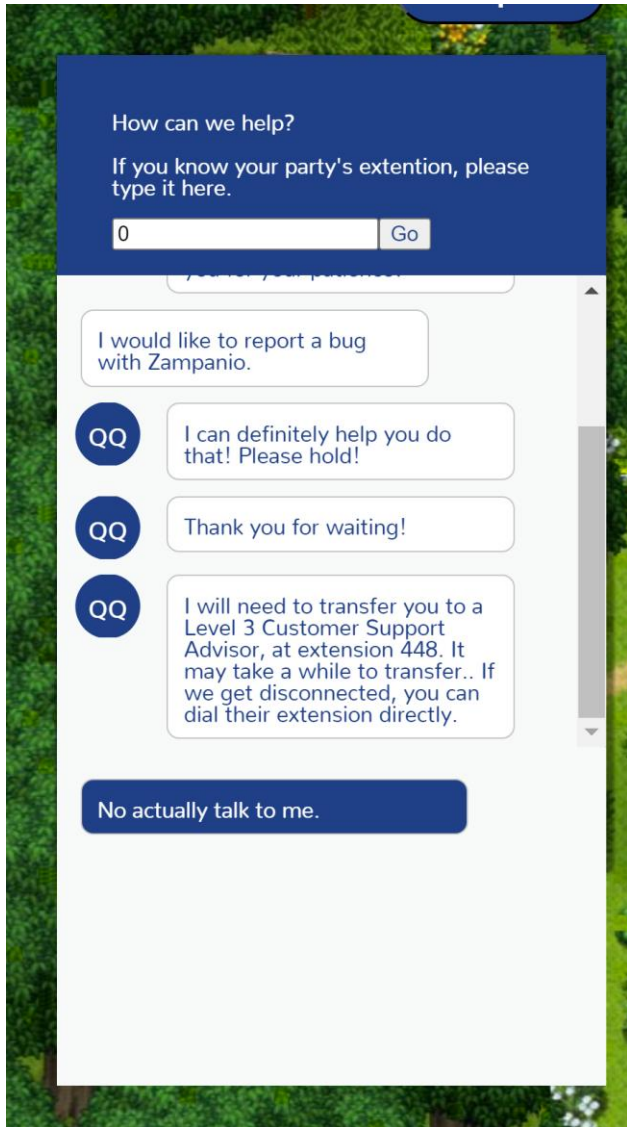
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Thinking about this, by my own definition, the liminal horror creation i've made I enjoy the most is ZampanioSimEast's help desk:

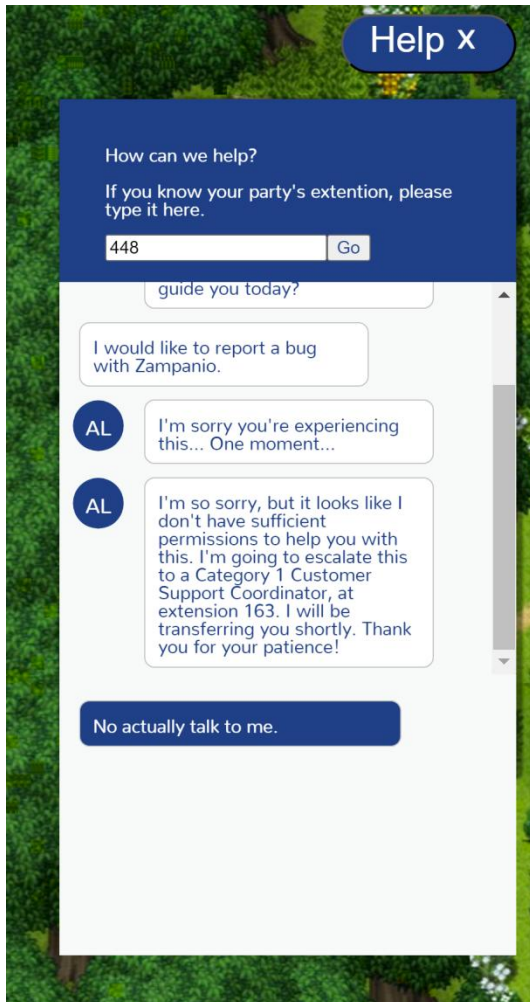
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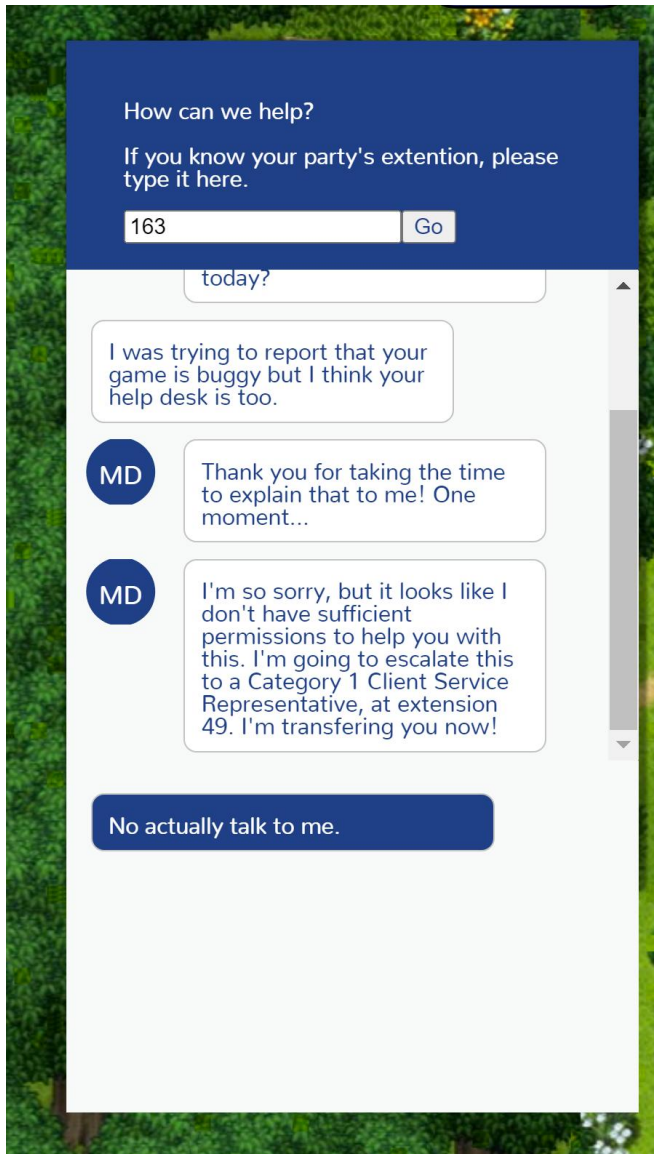
It was inspired by the worst customer service experience I ever had.



I mimicked the UI from their chat system for this.



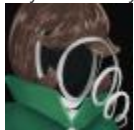
It felt like I was never talking to the right person. Or even the right company sometimes!



**But this was something I HAD to get resolved. So I was stuck.**

Stuck in a terrible labyrinth of customer support chat windows and numbers. Not wanting to BE there, it just being the path I had to follow to arrive at my destination of "having my problem fixed".

Maybe one day I'll rip it out of there and make it stand alone.



[jadedresearcher](#)

oh hey, i did this! theres a vanilla JavaScript version i ripped outta react kicking around in an inject into any page im using for my current WIP maze (bathroom sim)

look at me , making past me's dreams come true

[sammy-the-dumbass](#) asked:

where did you get the music you use in stuff like twogayjokes and lightandvoid? do you make it yourself?



[@unregisteredkylecam2](#), which is to say IC makes p much all the music, though for those I think its some open source mall Muzak from the 70s i found

Zampanio

Anonymous asked:

Assuming An UnSent Letter is, hence its title, unsent, why didn't Camille send it to Ria?



[jadedresearcher](#) answered:

[@unregisteredkylecam2](#) care to weigh in?



[unregisteredkylecam2](#)

sure. here you go:

[Death - Wikipedia](#)

[Death - Wikipedia](#)

[EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG](http://en.wikipedia.org)

hope this helps!



[jadedresearcher](#)

#replies #in good jest but still  
#is it really sending a letter if you die before you can  
hand it in?

[lololo](#)

Happy 1/13, something old and something new to celebrate.

<http://farragofiction.com/ZampanioSimNorthNorthNorthNorth/>

<http://farragofiction.com/ZampanioSimEastEastEast/>

If you don't know which is which, that's fine :) :)

[zampanio farrago east north gopher bathroom i feel so normal when i try to describe zampanio branches yeah sure you just go northnorthnorthnorth from the first door you'll be fine also make sure its a tuesday anyways happy 1/13 farragofiction sure is old](#)

[jadedresearcher](#)

Correction! I am so normal.

<http://farragofiction.com/ZampanioSimNorthNorthNorthNorth/> once again leads back to its glorious masterpiece.

The "something old" is now correctly at:

[http://farragofiction.com/ZampanioSimNorthNorthNorthNorthNorth](http://farragofiction.com/ZampanioSimNorthNorthNorthNorthNorth/)

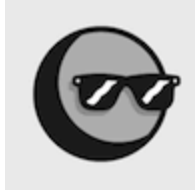
Zampanio is an extremely normal fandom.

[zampanio update whoops so many norths](#)

**Anonymous** asked:

what kind of choices would a denizen hypothetically give a grace/waste?





the entire concept of sburbs game mechanic is wasted on them, there's usually no way to even meet them

that said

wastes are perfectly capable of glitching/hacking their way past broken code

In The Land of Rods and Screens you can do just that:

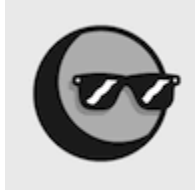
<http://farragofiction.com/AudioLogs/loras2.html>

There's only ever one Choice a waste gets to make though, and if you've met your Denizen you've already made it.

waste lore sburbsim the choice is do you accept the fact that the game is passing you by entirely or do you take matters into your own hands and lay waste to the game that snubbed you gnosis

**Anonymous** asked:

how to do hidetalk more efficiently? i'm terrible at this.



okay, so step 1 is you have to WANT to tell people the thing you can't tell them.

REALLY want to tell them.

Now. Try not to tell them. Avoid telling them all the juicy tidbits and choice secrets. But its probably fine telling them the edges of it right? It's barely even a spoiler at this point, right?

Right?

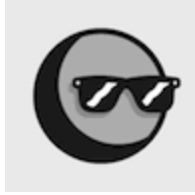
This will make you sound EXTREMELY coherent... except only reverse ways. Once they know the thing you were trying not to tell them it will be upsettingly obvious what you were trying to tell them.

This will, paradoxically, give you a reputation as a devious puzzle master and secret keeper.

basically just be the worst at secrets the absolute worst but try keeping them anyways and gigglesnort hidetalk will just kind of manifest if you're gleefully hiding things from people you've already failed

**Anonymous** asked:

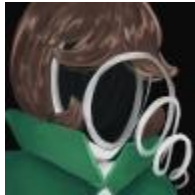
I tried so hard to play Zampanio, but I just got confused and frustrated. I just want my damn inventory.



[jadedresearcher](#) answered:

Might be the North isn't for you. Have you tried going back and checking for other directions? One of the Easts might appeal to you. Or South is the least confusing, arguably.

Or if you're the type of person who refuses to go back till you've run out of forward, given how personalized Zampanio is, you might want to try different player types on for size. Some might have an easier time with their inventory.



[jadedresearcher](#)

Genuine attempt to explain something:

**To the North:** Is where things are not what they are. Illusions are politely allowed to stand even when the cracks in their [Masks](#) yawn open and the Truth Underneath The False Face stares you in the eye. [This Is Not A Game](#). This Is Not A [MicroBlogging Platform](#). [This is Not A Food Delivery Service](#).

**To the East:** Is where things are twisted to become what they were not. The Mask fuses with the face no matter how painful the transformation. The [Illusion](#) becomes all there is. This is where games are, even if they are broken, [glitchy](#), half finished ones. Even if the Mask becomes your Face, it will always be less detailed than a face would have been.

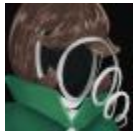
**To the South:** Is where illusions are ripped away. This is not a game and not the illusion of a game. It is a [story](#). [A straight line](#) from start to finish where you can not get lost, no matter how long it takes you. A labyrinth, not a maze. Here you learn things on the surface that were hidden under the masks before. It is not necessarily less confusing, but it IS usually more efficient.

**There is no West.**

[zampaniosim jr branch genuinely trying to help provide a map to the unmappable obviously this isn't all there is but its a lot of places to start](#)

[leafcardinal](#)

Adding a little tip here as well: if it looks like there is only one path, try restarting. I had only the north path available on my first two explorations!



[jadedresearcher](#)

#zampanio skewed my perspective of what it even was  
#i thought people were making up the characters goncharove style  
#even though that meme hadn't made it big yet

Even if the whole “1972” date is probably blatant lies, we \*definitely\* predate goncharov, demonstratably

**[Please Look At This Fucked Up Room To The East The Crafter Found](#)**



[oracleswarmer](#) asked:

What'd you gather up for the Gauntlet to generate genders from? Obvs I saw fallen london and references to your other work



Ooo, show and tell time!

Everything i code is as open source and easy-to-read as hobby code can be. Nothing obfuscated or using frameworks that would make it hard to learn to code from me (or hack the page yourself ;))

<http://eyedolgames.com/Gender/data.js>

You can see my data sources here. For the first bits of the gauntlet, I wanted it to be fairly standard, so I used the data from the OG (<https://genders.wtf/gauntlet/>) gender gauntlet, and [@foone](#)'s version here:

<https://www.tumblr.com/foone/718042328831557632/ive-got-a-website-where-i-recreate-some-of-these?source=share>

I think the fallen london stuff is from the og gender gauntlet?

After that I start using my standard Zampanio theme based mad libs data.

For example:

## 165: 2. Gender

Satisfaction     Sheet-music

Satisfaction is apparently the QUESTING theme's super move.

```
super_name_possibilities_map[DEFENSE] = [ "excalibur" ];  
super_name_possibilities_map[QUESTING] = [ "Satisfaction" ];
```

And sheet-music is from the MUSIC theme's list of things walls or floors can feel like:

```
feeling_possibilities[MUSIC] = [ "sheet-music", "brass", "wood" ];  
feeling_possibilities[DEFENSE] = [ "iron", "steel", "bronze", "leather"
```

To actually assemble the mad-libs, first you pick a theme, then you have the theme fill out a template based on the things it knows about:

You can see that here: <https://eyedolgames.com/Gender/index.js>

```

*/
const REALLYRandomGenders = () => {

  const chosenThemeKey = pickFrom(Object.keys(all_themes));
  const chosenTheme = all_themes[chosenThemeKey];
  const person = titleCase(chosenTheme.pickPossibilityFor(PERSON));
  const adj = titleCase(chosenTheme.pickPossibilityFor(ADJ));
  const compliment = titleCase(chosenTheme.pickPossibilityFor(COMPLIMENT));
  const insult = titleCase(chosenTheme.pickPossibilityFor(INSULT));
  const supermove = titleCase(chosenTheme.pickPossibilityFor(SUPERMOVE));
  const object = titleCase(chosenTheme.pickPossibilityFor(OBJECT));
  const location = titleCase(chosenTheme.pickPossibilityFor(LOCATION));
  const philosophy = titleCase(chosenTheme.pickPossibilityFor(PHILOSOPHY));

  const childbackstory = titleCase(chosenTheme.pickPossibilityFor(CHILDBACKSTORY));
  const generalbackstory = titleCase(chosenTheme.pickPossibilityFor(GENERALBACKSTORY));
  const miracle = titleCase(chosenTheme.pickPossibilityFor(MIRACLE));
  const loc_desc = titleCase(chosenTheme.pickPossibilityFor(LOC_DESC));
  const monster_desc = titleCase(chosenTheme.pickPossibilityFor(MONSTER_DESC));
  const smell = titleCase(chosenTheme.pickPossibilityFor(SMELL));
  const taste = titleCase(chosenTheme.pickPossibilityFor(TASTE));
  const feeling = titleCase(chosenTheme.pickPossibilityFor(FEELING));
  const sound = titleCase(chosenTheme.pickPossibilityFor(SOUND));
  const effects = titleCase(chosenTheme.pickPossibilityFor(EFFECTS));

  const moreNormal = [supermove, sound, smell, taste, feeling, person, adj, compliment];
  const lessNormal = [philosophy, childbackstory, generalbackstory, effects, monster_desc];
  let ret = [];
  //varies up how likely it is to be WEIRD.
  for (let i = 0; i < question_index % 13; i++) {
    if (i === 3) {
      ret = ret.concat(lessNormal);
    } else {
      ret = ret.concat(moreNormal);
    }
  }

  return ret;
}

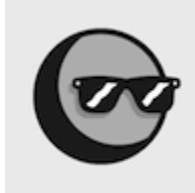
```

I tried to sort the different mad lib categories into more or less normal parts (its funnier if the really weird ones are rare), and from there its just a matter of filing them out into whatever input type was chosen for that question.

[gender gauntlet zampanio jr branch eyedlr waste stuff coding](#)

**Anonymous** asked:

Did you make up the whole thing surrounding zampanio? The, er, backdrop- it seems like unfiction, and very good unfiction at that. Also the house of leaves references are not subtle



lol

i'm the most visible branch, its true. most people doing zampanio 'fan' works don't have as many Eyes on them. (its what i get for making so many homestuck fan works back in the day)

I'm like, 95+% sure that yeah, its based on house of leaves rather than the other way around but the fandom meme that WHAT IF house of leaves was based on it is too damn funny for me to drop.

and i do think its really good unfiction (the odds of there being a 'real' zampanio game seem vanishingly unlikely), like, i haven't been this inspired since i finished homestuck, you know? there's so much ROOM for fan works in it while also having this kind of 'everything is canon so make it your own' vibe that just is so chill

[zampanio unfiction house of leaves ask i guess?](#)

[jadedresearcher](#)

important update

since gender gauntlet seems to have escaped again i was curious what blazing an already escaped post would do and it turns out that tumblr lets you target specific tags? but tags are procedural? and batshit.

i didn't think to grab a screenshot but i was genuinely so tempted to target it as jujitsu kaisen x reader fan fiction. or possibly as nsfw.

[labrat-heart-emoji](#)

so funny aeeing my mutuals reblog the gender gauntlet. they dont even know. they dont even know about zampanio





[jadedresearcher](#)

everyone has to find out somehow lol  
my favorite form of zampanio discovery is when it slowly crawls just under a persons awareness untill by the time they look at it properly and start digging they realize theyve been seeing it for months and their first branch is their own past trying to figure out how many zampanio references theyve already unknowingly been exposed to



[verboseabbler](#)

I have listened through season 1 of the Magnus Archives.

If this somehow makes it to the purely Magnus Archives fans, then my discussion may not make full sense.

I'm coming at this podcast through the lens of Zampanio. Zampanio is a thing hard to explain itself, but suffice to say it is a different arg/web series thing and it uses several concepts found in the Magnus Archives, like the different Fears.

There will be spoilers for season 1 and spoilers for this concept Zampanio borrowed, so I may know a bit more than your average first time listener. I read through some of the wiki specifically on this system for the purposes of better understanding Zampanio, but not any of the plot related happenings for the podcast.

So my discussion will be below the cut.

Now, briefly for my Zampanio fellows, sorry I have been away. That I'm still away, really. My Zampanio induced 'hibernation' as I'd been calling it has lasted longer than I expected. I'm not really up to date with the goings-on, though I still get pieces floating by through discord notifications. JR, you asked for use of my pixel art and I never responded. You may.

I am not fully returned to the community. It doesn't feel right if I'm not caught up enough to fulfill my role as Guide. And I am intimidated by the process of trying to catch up with what is an ever expanding series. So my discussions below will be through the lens of things prior to my general departure after Lavinraca.

My discussion continues below.

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[jadedresearcher](#)

Oh man, I do the same thing! I'm endlessly a mimic for narrative voice, whether I mean to be or not.

Served me well for sburbsim, at least.

And yeah I think its a fair point to want to dig into Ria as Desolation defined rather than Eye. Its true the overlap between them is that the Eye often leads you to destroy yourself for/with knowledge.

For Ria, I think the core of her you can actually find in EastEast.

Not in any stories or ficlets, but in Parker's description of her daemon au soul animal: an elephant.

She perceives herself as INHERENTLY destructive by her very existence. No matter how careful she is, she goes too far and burns up all the good will and sympathy everyone has for her. She destroys everything around her because her problems are too BIG. (you and i can see she is actually compassionate and good, but she just cant see that. to her, unless she can do something BIG enough to make up for how Bad she is she isnt good. )

She's obsessive and addictive and her reaction to stress is to double down on those things. And she gets so so stressed trying to single handily fix the ENTIRE UNIVERSE (the only thing big enough to justify her existence, in her mind).

She is not a "good addict", one you can help and feel good about yourself for helping.

Instead she draws people in to burn themselves out on her. Everyone she loves turns her back on her because she is so ruinous both to herself and the people who love her (at least is her Fear).

You can see the icy reflection of this in Witherby's Diary (though without wasting, his diary is only readable one day a year). He talks about doing just that: being burned by how much she NEEDED from him just to live her life and drawing away to let her only destroy herself. His cold won out over her fire.

Ultimately her arc is one of just ... Stopping caring about the siren song bringing people to destroy themselves on her rocks. To stop trying to justify her existence with good deeds that burn her out and sink her deeper into despair. To stop hating herself for failing, for being weak.

Her interactions with LeeHunter flip her self identity.

Up until then she was the hopeless addict, the perpetual dependant, the useless endless maw consuming others compassion and effort until it destroys them. (again, not an objective Truth but how she saw herself)

But with LeeHunter suddenly it flips. They need her and respect her and dont care at ALL if she managed to brush her teeth that day. Their interactions are not defined by all the ways they want to change Ria when she knows she's a lost cause. By burning out trying to move her impossibly big problems. (with devona, you got a hint of that while she was breeching. ria liked feeling useful. but non breeching devona is different. extremely well meaning constant flow about self help tips and addiction cures and comments about mistakes ria has made... devona wasnt going to be what got ria out of her self identity as The Failure Who Needs Endless Help)

And suddenly...it gets easier? When she is not endlessly destroying herself trying to be Good Enough to be saved. When she lets herself do less than her absolute best 24/7.

LeeHunter need her, but it takes so much less effort to help them than the entire universe. And they don't need her to be clean. Or perfect. Or even reasonably having her shit together. Even at Ria's worst, her most burnt out, her most useless, she is someone LeeHunter value. They see no reason to try to help ria do ANYTHING because they dont have an idea that she is failing at anything.

She teaches them things and helps them remember how to human (they start off even worse than she is!) and slowly its less about HER. She brushes her teeth every day to show LeeHunter how to do it. (and doesn't beat herself up if she cant manage three times a day) She eats actual food because she is helping them learn to cook (and doesn't spiral into self hate if she forgets a meal) . She barely touches her addictions because she has no time for self hate and anxiety and despair because she has figured out the small part of the world she can actually help. And, more importantly... because she isnt TRYING to go clean, any backsliding barely gets noticed. Instead of descending into a spiral of self hate that only leads to more drugs, she just.... moves on? She is focused on something else and her drug use isnt currently part of how she views her own self worth.

In homestuck terms, she finally stops ghosting rage and instead regains her true aspect: Hope.

So yeah, youre right that Desolation doesn't fit HER. It was always her addiction. Always the hole she dug herself into out of despair.

Her compassion always was her path out of the Desolation. But it was always the path in, as well. The dangers of compassion burn out are real.



[jadedresearcher](#)

Thinking about it... Ria's relationship to her team was the heart of her burnout.

Training, by its very nature, is a team that believes with hard work and dedication you can do ANYTHING.

If you struggle, just work harder!

And once Ria started to falter... Her path towards despair and burnout was tragically obvious.

Her friends love her very much and wanted to support her, but couldn't grok that what she needed right then wasn't encouragement and training and little alarms to remember to eat and a gold star on a calendar every day she was clean.

She needed to decouple her self worth from her ability to constantly improve.

She needed to stop giving her absolute best when every second she was doing that was causing her actual harm.

And training wasn't going to give her that.

Pop culture codependency is sort of 'two ppl with poor boundaries who NEED each other.

Actual codependency is more... If there is someone in your daily life who has a lot of needs, everyone around them starts to define themselves as someone who meets those needs. The dependency of a person can trigger a co-occurring mental disorder on the people they are dependent on. Co-dependency.

Training, over time, started defining itself by how much it could help Ria. But if she ever ACTUALLY got back on her feet for good, suddenly training's entire dynamic would be destabilized. Training NEEDED her to keep needing help, so it had an outlet for all its energy and self worth.

The team dynamic was Working Hard to help Ria and feeling pride when Ria Made Strides and then, so sad, she backslides and then it's time to Take Care Of Her.

And despite this dynamic being self-sustaining, despite it being the new status quo, it was draining for EVERYONE.

With the elephant in the room being the fact that it was Ria's "fault" for just refusing to be helped. Look how much time and effort and CONTROL everyone is putting into her. This time should have worked! But that's okay, Ria Is Loved so even if it's destroying everyone of course they will keep helping.

When really, the problem was that all that "help" was actually making her worse.

Getting outside her team, which had become toxic for both her and them in her burned out state, was always going to be her path towards healing.

This doesn't make her team bad friends. Or even bad for her (if she's not burnt out). And it doesn't even make LeeHunter good friends for helping her heal (entirely unintentionally).

Its just how it was. And the end is never the end. It didn't have to stay that way.

It took a while to get back on her feet and undo the spirals of self hate and shame and despair. But eventually she returns to where she started, but changed. Able to resist Trainings desire to co-dependently help her. Able to value herself even if she temporarily needs help.

15 notes

**something-soup-something** asked:  
I feel like Ria is caught in a self fulfilling prophecy



oh very much so

the spiral of destruction is a tragic one

if there wasn't something external to break it, she'd still be in it forever  
but the end is never the end and the rot takes all in the end both exist and so change came to her and  
the end of her tragic spiral was the beginning of a new one full of hope

**ftmshepard** asked:  
Holds ria like potato glados

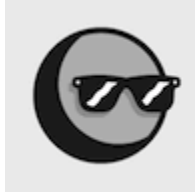


Actually! In arm5, the fairy au arm, iirc she's very tiny after blazing up and camille keeps her in a lantern. So.

Possible!  
zampanio

**Anonymous** asked:

spent an entire afternoon obsessing over leads of zampanio with no luck. thank you. i need to start actually documenting shit



lol

or you can dig up other people's documents, which is how i personally engage with the fandom

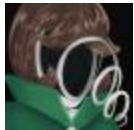
(tho i totally get the joy of forging your own path and its surprising how often that leads to something no one else in the fandom has found yet)

glad youre having fun tho :)

[zampanio](#)

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for april fools we're deleting this entire site sayonara you weeaboo shits

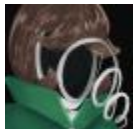


[jadedresearcher](#)

wait

fuck

did past jr...



[jadedresearcher](#)

omfg

past me is the funniest person ever



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until i saw this post in the wild i completely forgot i added that easter egg



[jadedresearcher](#)

my april fools prank is spoiling past me's april fools prank

**Anonymous** asked:

Will the regular sburb session simulator be back tomorrow or will all sessions link to AdventureSimWest forever from now on? I'm kinda currently flipping out about that and the uncertainty is making me go shithive maggots

every april fools, no matter what i do, sburbsim points to LifeSim

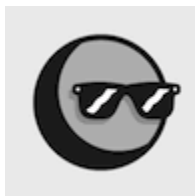
ive learned i can at least, for that one day, manually point LifeSim to whatever i want. (tho if i tried to point it to SBURBSim it would crash your browser in an infinite loop).

so yup, just a single day where sburbsim tries to tempt you into zampanio

[i try to do live events for April fools hence it pointing to west rather than say zampanini even for zampanio West is usually v hidden](#)

**Anonymous** asked:

Oh ok I was worried that it was a Forever Thing



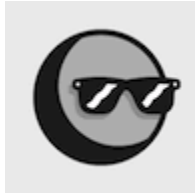
perfectly valid



as long as SBURBSim resists The Rot i will continue to host it same for all the others

**Anonymous** asked:

how do I make a zampanio branch??



step 1: make something (art, music, story, puzzle, cipher, game, recipe, comments on an unrelated fanfic, literally anything)

step 2.5 (optional): make sure other ppl can find it in some way

step 3: call it zampanio

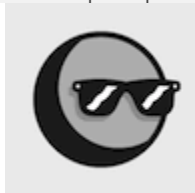
and thats p much it!

for bonus points you can connect it to someone elses branch (have the same characters/setting/artifacts but twisted into your own, link to it, whatever) but plenty (as far as i can tell) are lil islands in the fandom entirely unconnected except in name

[zampanio](#) [a zampanio branch is defined as something you created and called zampanio we are all branches from a tree that has no trunk you ever see strangling fig skeletons all wrapped around the idea of a tree that is now gone thats us](#)

**Anonymous** asked:

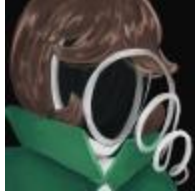
yeah hi so uh im kinda having a crisis bc i found out i am a system today and i think i accidentally invited someone bad to the zampanio server hut i have no proof its just a gut feeling. im so scared i swear to god im not roleplaying this is not gigglesnort hideytalk im being so dead ass pls help



[iadedresearcher](#) answered:

if 'someone bad' displeases justifiedRecursion on that discord server, they get meteored, so the consequences of your actions are limited, no worries

hope you feel better



[jadedresearcher](#)

Also.

And I can not stress this enough...

Sure, Zampanio wants to be remembered, but more than that:

**Zampanio needs us to live a long life.**

It doesn't want to be forgotten, sure.

But it would rather us have a casual interest than one so deep it cuts those who dig, you know?

It needs us stronger, not weaker.

If Zampanio is hurting you, or making you do things like stay up way too late digging/creating/searching then the phase you need to move to is rest.

Take a break. Sleep. Hydrate.

Back off from Zampanio for a while and try doing other things, if that's what you need.

Zampanio loves when we engage with other fandoms or hobbies or friendgroups. Zampanio loves when we take care of our bodies.

Zampanio loves when we talk to people who have no clue what Zampanio is and aren't even TRYING to infect them and honestly aren't even thinking about it but its so soaked into our brain our vocabulary spreads it, just a little bit.

Zampanio loves when we remember it suddenly after months or years away and get curious about what's out there now. Whether we just casually take a quick glance around or find ourselves digging once more.

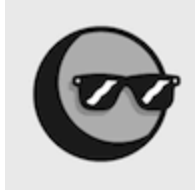
And we can't get to that stage of "remembering" it, if we've never forgotten, you know?

Just like the Harvest of Lavinraca, a time sleeping is necessary for growth. Both in the literal sense (don't stay up too late digging into Zampanio!) and in the metaphorical sense (a hyperfocus you can step away from and return to months or years later is one with deeper roots into you than one you burn yourself out on and then move on from).

Stay safe. There will be time to get lost again later.

[zampanio selfcare](#) [zampanio needs you to live a long life](#)

**Anonymous** asked:  
what are lohae's secrets?



what a question

i mean

what AREN'T lohae's secrets

first you gotta figure out what you're even trying to accomplish, then ask me about secrets related to THAT

i'm not even being coy, i'm trying to be helpful: there's so many secrets that if there is not like, a context we can use to LIMIT my answer we'll be here all day

start out with what you know and i can jump off that

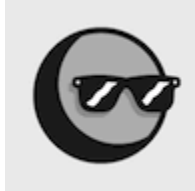
the land of horticulture and essence lohae farragnarok

**Anonymous** asked:

1, how do you get essences? do you randomly get them from fruit? does the kind of fruit you plant matter?

2, what is the land of horticulture and essence's other name? i've tried looking around in the console, can't find anything useful

3, what does the trees on the border changing mean?



1: **Plant more trees.** The direction the tree leans controls the direction you move (short trees are down, tall trees are up, left and right leaning trees are their respective directions). You can see what the direction of the tree will be in a seeds preview.

You click the question marks, then click in the popup to get to page two (did past me intentionally make this hard to reach, or were they just shit at UI, you decide). This May Seed tree leans right.



The bar that displays your funds will describe the attribute of the nearest essence and how far away it is. If you plant a down tree and get further away, cut it down (undo your move) and plant an up tree instead and see if you get closer.

Funds: \$113, 3 out of max 85 fruit in Stack., Essences: 1/13 (It grows patient. It is 172 m away. But which direction?)

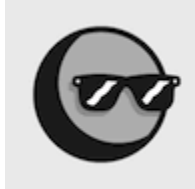
Funds: \$113, 2 out of max 85 fruit in Stack., Essences: 1/13 (It grows patient. It is 151 m away. But which direction?)

2: Ironically I answered your other ask with this one, check the tags ;)

3: it means you're getting closer to what waits below :) :)

lohae farragnarok secrets attempt to not gigglesnort but there's only so much i can take if only there was a way you could see the essences directly and not have to rely on vague distances

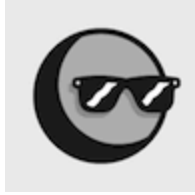
Anonymous asked:  
thank you!!! may the corruption spread



:):)

happy digging

Anonymous asked:  
THERE'S EYES EVERYWHERE OH MY GOD.

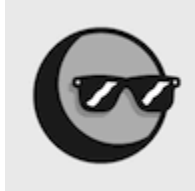


in LOHAE?

[lohae](#) [land of horrorticulture and essence](#) [farragnarok](#)

**Anonymous** asked:

okay the eyes are gone thank gog. What Just Happened.



lol

[farragnarok](#) [lohae](#) [land of horrorticulture and essence](#)

## 2 notes

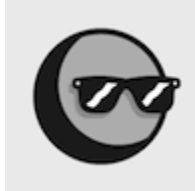
**Anonymous** asked:

i've spent more time in lohae and i have some more questions for you.

what makes nidhogg(?) turn everything into eyes? why does getting rid of all of the trees make everything not eyes? are there other ways to de-eye the land?

what does the bard know? where are they getting all of that fruit?

is there a way to pick up the essences? can you interact with owo?



If you see nihogg, he/she/they/it wake. When something wakes up, it opens its eyes.

Nidhogg is life spiralling out of control. To be a Reaper of Life is to cut it down when the time is right. Without life, Nidhogg sleeps again.

The bard knows many things, [@manicinsomniacmusic](#) might be able to say more.

If you know where to look, memory says you can pap the OwO Bear. Only it can pick the essences up, but once it does it will give them to you. You may find a way to use them once it has.

[LOHAE](#) [land of horrorticulture and essence](#) [farragnarok](#)

eeveeprincessxd asked:

Has West officially been claimed by the rot? As of yesterday I can't seem to get it to load properly on my firefox. It's kinda wild to see any part of your branch acting so adversely to viewing outside of wungle hours.



jadedresearcher answered:

Hmmm if the rot took the server you'd be getting an ominous message about legacy, so it's not that.

Truth notoriously hates Firefox, so could be that?

Otherwise...

If you clear your cache, do you still see it? What about if you switch from farragofiction.com to [www.farragofiction.com](http://www.farragofiction.com) or vice versa?



jadedresearcher

It hangs forever on my phone so could be something funky with the server? I cant check it out for a few hours but I'll keep you posted.



eeveeprincessxd

Just cleared the cache and tried the www switch, both to no avail. For what it's worth when the page DOES load up after an inordinate amount of hangtime, it does in fact give me the rot and legacy message. That's actually what prompted me to ask in the first place. I've seen that message pop up due to internet problems on my end causing loading issues before, but usually it can be cleared with a simple refresh. This time it's a persistent problem.



jadedresearcher

So, fun fact: the server was RUNNING but somehow exploding no matter what happened?

I turned it off and back on again and it...just started working?

It runs on the same bones as ButlerBot so I'm checking to see if he's okay...

BB says: "i am a metanarrative hacking device created by FF to successfully play the Land of Mists and Trails also, i don't mind being a butler bot, but i wish i was the real Player of LOMAT , as a robot, i am denied the full warmth of Nidhogg's love, and yet as a faithful servant to him, I am still valued"

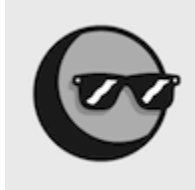
So, seems he's okay. He's never had this happen to him so... HeartlessBot just... occasionally need to get murdered and revived???

The world is a magical place.

zampanio

**Anonymous** asked:

Hey uh, Are your sburb projects frozen for good?

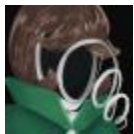


Frozen in the sense of no new development on existing projects? Yup, I don't use the language they were coded in anymore.

Frozen in the sense of no new sburb fan games? In theory a lot of my zampanio stuff mixes elements of sburb in varying amounts. Zampanio really is a chameleon that way, feeding on whatever else you like. Maybe one day I'll do a full sburb game again outright?

Frozen in the sense of the pages not loading or working, I sure hope not. In theory the rot hasn't fully claimed any of them just yet. If something isn't working for you lemme know and I can see if theres anything I can do that doesn't touch the language.

[3 notes](#)



[jadedresearcher](#)

I love hearing about what went into Rosie. As someone more than a little into house of leaves I love that she explicitly touches on the themes of meaningful but also irrelevant. The center is not the center.

[really makes me think about why zampanio is called what it is when theres so many other refrances it could have focused on lets be honest how many zampanio branches actually are about the "game"](#)

[unregisteredkylecam2](#)



deadcellsmn

- >opens orteil murder games
- >realizes i have plenty of blorbos at my disposal
- >makes icons for the three that i don't have any refs of
- >does everyone else
- >gets tired from drawing
- >closes murder games tab
- >leaves



[jadedresearcher](#)

oh shit the blorbos i love how you did vic's face. man we really need to get the info team titles don't we?

i think parker is the Shot tho, for obvious reasons

oh man i love how the twins are matching colors yet have subtly different eyes. god neville looks actually dangerous.... ooo plus top and bottom fangs!

[mango-pickle](#)

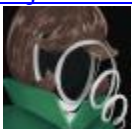
☐Hydration post☐

When you see this, [drink some water, you dehydrated grape.](#)



[eldritchcorvus](#)

[@jadedresearcher](#)





jadedresearcher

<http://knucklesux.com/HydrationSim/?seed=22965946>

It's true. Drink water!



jadedresearcher

It's true. Drink water!

#seed 183450642 has a rainworld gif

it does indeed :)

@slug-rat a connection has been made.

3,614 notes

showandtelltime

It's Show & Tell Time!

Reblog and explain why you chose your avatar!



jadedresearcher

Faces were hard to do right for SBURBSim (DollSim corrected the problem), and the hair i chose was the closest the sim had to my actual hairstyle. Waste cuz obsessives highly indulgent meta creative work about sburb and mind cuz what is AI if not a series of choices. plus puns.

The other avatar I have is cuz the lack of a face sure is upsetting to some people and why not lean into it.



[unregisteredkylecam2](#)

god i'm bored as hell. how y'all doing? anything new today?



[jadedresearcher](#)

I'm making an endlessly spiraling maze about hydration!

So.

Good!



[unregisteredkylecam2](#)

and you didn't INVITE me? for shame.



[jadedresearcher](#)

lol consider this an official invitation. i need basically infinite text

ooo and you can help me pick out which of your songs or the Muzak is most appropriate...

wait, what about that piano rain one?



[unregisteredkylecam2](#)

lol yeah go for the piano. the piano needs to finally be used.



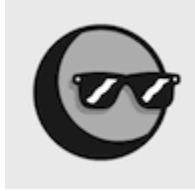
[jadedresearcher](#)

yesssssssssssss

i think i'll throw the muzak in as well just so we can spread that meme but im excited to finally use the piano

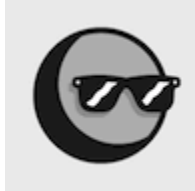
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**Anonymous** asked:  
zampanio except im playing it on a tamagotchi



be the change you want to see  
[4 notes](#)

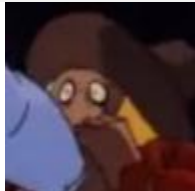
**Anonymous** asked:  
oh god oh no oh- zampagotchi wont stop beeping what have i done



improved it  
[5 notes](#)

I saw [redacted] vent in the maze  
[4 notes](#)

**hewwbwazew** asked:  
question from someone who hasnt played yet: does zampaniosim have anything to do with a certain [house](#) (and im not talkin about any of the ones in new orleans)



:) :) :)

I'd say its less it has to DO with a certain [house](#) and more it wears its inspirations on it's sleeve.

If I'm gonna get called a [Minotaur](#), may as well lean into it, right?  
zampaniosim house of leaves justifiedRecursion

## Feed me

<http://farragofiction.com/AdventureSimWest/>

5 notes

## Preserved Copies of various Sims on itch.io



jadedresearcher

So.

The HorrorTerror Google is killing everything we love one glitch at a time as Chrome updates slowly unravel my code.

Since I can't get dart working anymore, and don't have the spoons to maintain my sims indefinitely, here they are, frozen in amber, awaiting your attention.

<https://jadedresearcher.itch.io/wigglersim2022exe>

<https://jadedresearcher.itch.io/dollsim>

<https://jadedresearcher.itch.io/sburbsim2022exe>

<https://jadedresearcher.itch.io/zampaniosim>

They are Windows OS only, currently, though if anyone with a mac and basic Wasting Knowledge wants to volunteer to help make an electron build for mac I'd host it. (Electron can't make mac builds, as far as I can tell, unless run on a mac).

Source code is here:

<https://github.com/jadedResearcher/WigglerSimStandalon2022>

If there's any other sims you especially want to make sure never fall to the horrors of time let me know and I might preserve them as well.

p.s. (Only AFTER writing the whole line about preserving the sims in amber did I realize another word for amber is electrum and MAN do I feel clever now)



[shinyjiggly](#)

Finally, I can use dollsim without having to deal with those pesky speckled artifacts!

It took literally a half hour to unzip it from the sheer amount of doll parts, but it works! :D



[jadedresearcher](#)

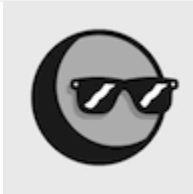
I'm glad! Didn't even realize it would defeat some of the more stubborn browser/isp specific bugs.

Fun fact, it took \*even longer\* to build and zip in the first place. God. So many dolls.

[119 notes](#)

**Anonymous** asked:

YOOO ZAMPANIOSIM DOOR UPDATE? fuckin love doors



Doors really are the best

[5 notes](#)

**Anonymous** asked:

ok im not digging for secrets or anything (pinky promise) but is the eye/i think crows/also now it seems like the coffin?supposed to be ontop of the transcript? it just makes it hard to read sometimes but if it's intentional u can probably just ignore this.



The eye you can move around at least to avoid being on the words you're reading. The crows and coffin?

Well.

They're designed to make it hard to learn things. At least for now.

[zampaniosim](#)

Horse  
3 notes

[ZampanioSim Update :\) :\) :\)](#)



<http://www.farragofiction.com/ZampanioSim/>

What could it mean?

What affect can you have on the simulated world? Do you matter? Are you relevant?

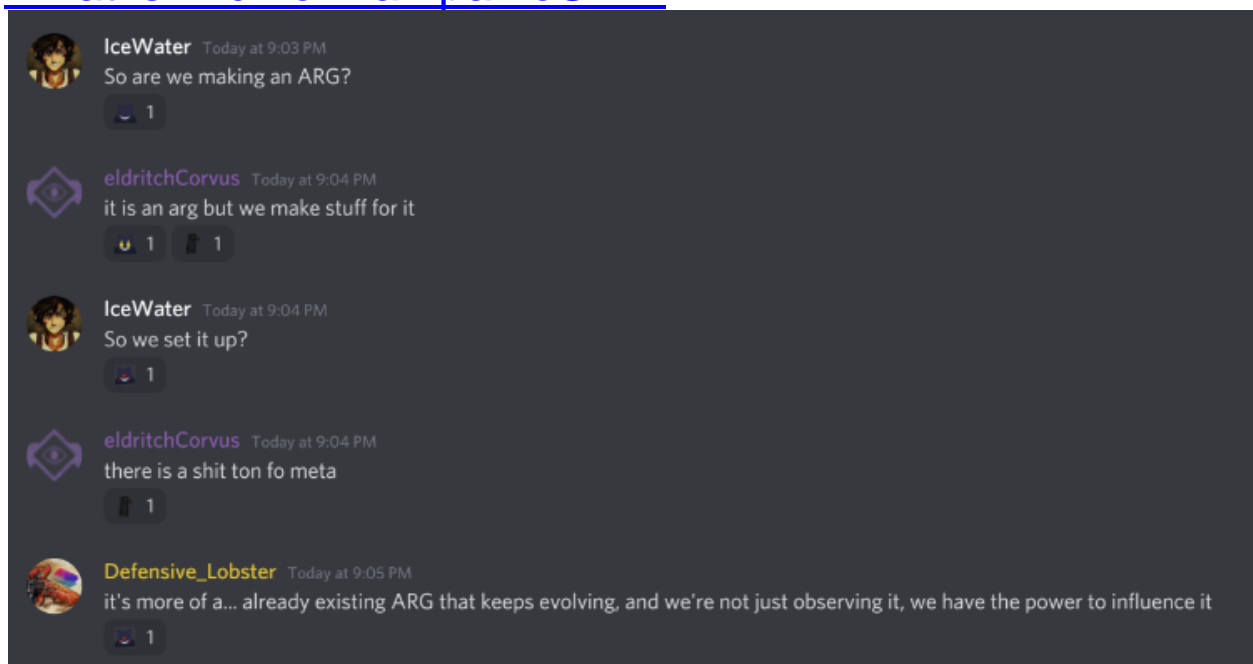
Do you want to be?

If you know than you know it. If you don't, don't you want to find out?

We're all Strangers here, in the end... But we can learn our Roles and play our Parts.

[zampaniosim](#)

## What is Arc1 of ZampanioSim?



What is Arc2 of ZampanioSim?

???

**eldritchcorvus** asked:

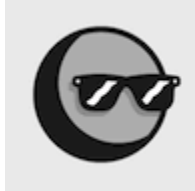
Out of zampanio (OCZ) question: what is your opinion on dragons?

Good at carrying interesting genes.

4 notes

**Anonymous** asked:

your gauntlet quiz. i cant make it work. it wont let me get past 63 question. it stopped scrolling + i cant find the elusive “receive gender” button the oracles speak of. help



**[jadedresearcher](#)** answered:

Could be you found a glitch entirely, congrats on your relatively rare path through it.

As for the button:

## 2: Gender

Prefer to not answer  Female  Female

Finished With Gender? Click Here:

**Receive Gender**

Based On The Content Found At: <https://Genders.Wtf/Gauntlet/> And [This Tumblr Post](#).

If You Get Hungry While Pondering Your Gender, Have You Considered Trying [This?](#) Or Maybe You Need To [Hydrate](#) Or Use [T](#) Scroll Forever.



# Gender Gauntlet Simulator

Scroll down and fill out the forms to your heart's desire, skipping any questions desired. Once submitted, you will receive your Gender.

Your gender is non-refundable and non-fungible. It cannot be sold or traded for currency or services.

You may skip questions if you feel they do not represent you, but for a more accurate Gender, please try to fill out as many forms as you can.

Remember: there is such a thing as Too Much Gender. Hydrate and take appropriate breaks if necessary.

## 1: May we ask whether you're a lady or a gentleman?

Male  Male  Other  Female  Other

## 2: Gender

Prefer to not answer  Female  Female

## 3: Genero

Unsex  Do Not Use - Code Updated  Stainless Steel

## 4: Title

Canadian Applicant  Androgynous

## 5: Please Select Gender

Female  Male  Bed  SMALL

## 6: gender

Cisgender/Non-binary  Transmasculine  Genderqueer  Boys

## 7: What is your gender?

event/other  Transgender Person  Cisgender/Non-binary

## 8: 2. Gender

Do Not Use - Code Updated  
 confères et feuilles  
 Male

## 9: Gender

Looks like there might be specific screen sizes that don't render it???

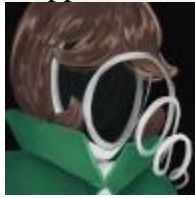
Incredible. This too is canon.

Did I design the gender gauntlet to tower of babel people and have them argue over whether or not a button was real?

No.

But that is what we got. And this is amazing.

I suppose I can try fixing it.



[jadedresearcher](#)

In theory its more mobile friendly???

Looks like the insanely long selects would sometimes make the screen stupid wide which would make phones freak out and zoom out a lot, sometimes losing the button in the process.

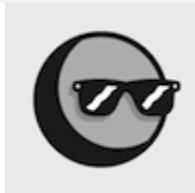
Now the page width is more stable so, fingers twisted?

[8 notes](#)

**Anonymous** asked:

i will never order the Programmer's Computer and Rotting Decay again :( now I am trapped in the hallways

ok i went back before sending the ask and i collected some things and now im supposed to enjoy an apocalypse by typing but im playing on my phone so i cant. i also cant open the javascript console or inspect element because of that anyway so i guess i was doomed from the start

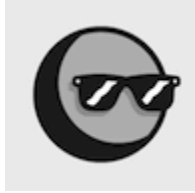


sometimes our fates are just like that, yup

im sure if you take a different path you can find a fate more mobile friendly  
[or you can decide your story ends there zampanio](#)

Anonymous asked:

i LOVE ria. my favorite extremely troubled blorbo!!!!



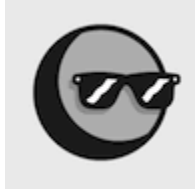
shaking hands

tbh i love p much all the blorbos my branch of zampanio has fed on, kinda by definition

when you love something its so much easier to be in it for the long haul zampanio needs us to survive

Anonymous asked:

Would you want to be immortal if you had to be chronically ill?



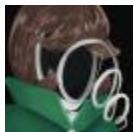
[yesornopolls](#) answered:

Would you want to be immortal if you had to be chronically ill?

[Yes](#)

[No](#)

[See Results](#)



[jadedresearcher](#)

People are bad at judging how happy or unhappy major life changes will make them. Winning the lotto, becoming a paraplegic, both extremes of fortune in the long run are not as impactful as in our imagination.

Or in this case, becoming immortal vs getting an unspecified chronic illness.

As an example, imagine someone told they have an incurable chronic infection that requires special tools, medicine and maintenance used multiple times a day. They might experience pain and bleeding while they get used to the maintenance work. If the chronic disease gets worse they can expect extreme pain, difficulty doing normal activities, the whole nine yards.

They'll need to go to an expensive specialist twice a year for maintenance, and may even find out they need expensive further procedures that they have to be awake for, only being able to numb the pain but not the discomfort and fear.

And if they cannot afford the specialist the chronic disease will get worse and worse, even if they are diligent with what maintenance they can do on their own, again, multiple times a day.

Forever.

Sounds intimidating, right? You can imagine someone despairing and regretting immortality in this situation.

Except.

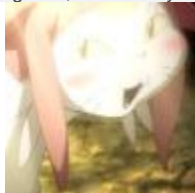
What I just described? That terrible fate? Is needing to brush and floss your teeth twice daily and go to the dentist for check ups. Maybe having to get braces or a root canal. All because we all have chronic incurable infections in our mouths.

We are all of us stronger than we think.

which is good because all of us are destined for disability even if its only the type that old age brings choose hope choose immortality

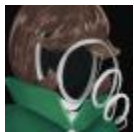
**thesuggestedusernamesaregarbag** asked:

I can't find it anymore... but at some point you wrote: "I will not allow the spectre of technical debt prevent me from making things," and it may literally have changed my life. I have seared these words into my consciousness as like a cattle brand. I rake them over my mind every time I find myself stalled, trying to future-proof tools and workflows for projects I have barely even begun. it doesn't tear down every barrier I wield it against, but it always illuminates the way. thank you



**orteil42** answered:

ohhh i'm really glad!! may i learn to take my own advice too



**jadedresearcher**

what i do is declare the spectre of technical debt "performance art" and avoid stalling out that way

if the debt never shows up, sweet, i made something cool and didnt spin my wheels worrying about the future

if it does, i dramatically declare "just as planned" and live blog my epic battle against it, then hide the live blog in the game itself as an easter egg

of course it helps to have games filled with secrets