

FP REMAINS INDIFFERENT TO MCAULIFFE

By LEMURIA

After the Christa spammer struck spawn yet again with about 10-20 Christa pastes, Kkosty4ka remarked in Discord about how "some people need to be banned from using full blocks". FP stated that it was an issue with the pasting function "in general", and that "should the need really arise", FP could prevent "specific individuals" from pasting.

When Lemuria asked whether the Christa spam was "bad enough" to paste-ban the spammer, FP described it as a "minor annoyance" to him, and that he "didn't know about the rest of the community".

FP, it is clearly a major annoyance to us if it's bad enough that every single issue of OWON so far has mentioned Christa, the Christa spammer, or those damn Christa pastes even at least once.

The Antichrista will valiantly continue to wipe



Someone drew Christa being shot in the head. Nice one!

McAuliffe pastes with no mercy, wherever they may pop up. In the face of this annoying-as-all-hell Christa spammer, we the people of the Canvas will ultimately prevail. This troll is a mere footnote in OWOT history, soon to be forgotten about once the war is over.

Mark our words, Christa spammer. Your days on this site are numbered, and you will eventually be ratelimited into oblivion.

/kingdom\_eukaryota becomes 136th WOTD

By LEMURIA

/kingdom\_eukaryota has been declared the World of the Day. So far, it is the 136th WOTD. The world describes itself as "dedicated to mapping the kingdom Eukaryota and all the organisms within it."

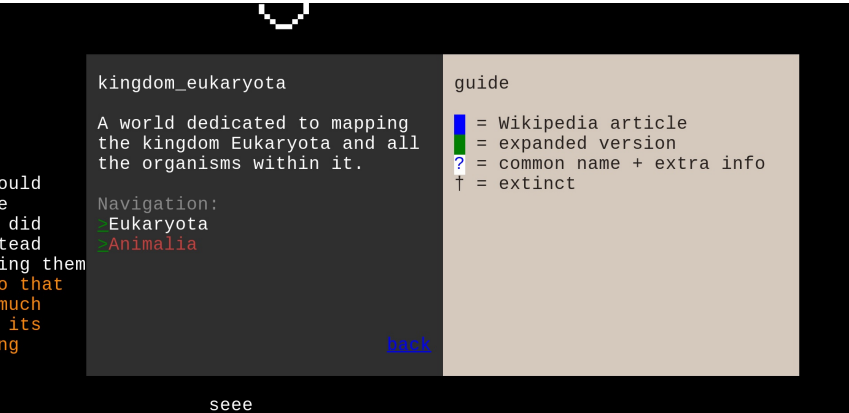
This includes all animals, humans, plants, fungi, and most of the world's unicellular organisms.

It doesn't go that deep, stopping short at Chordata

(the phylum that contains us, Homo sapiens), but given the size of the tree of life, it's not surprising that if they were to attempt to map everything out they might end up using 95% of OWOT's total storage space.

Overall, it is a great world, Lemuria rates it 4 out of 5 stars, with one star removed for at least not including Homo sapiens. But still, great work, author, whoever you are.

Biology is beautiful.



CORRECTIONS

Our World of News is not a perfect paper. We fucked up. Now we're admitting to them.

On February 26, 2023, we greeted the wrong Egg a happy birthday. It was e\_g, not Ege. We'll get it right next year, we promise.

PLACEHOLDER QUILTS, CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR LASERLIME

By LEMURIA

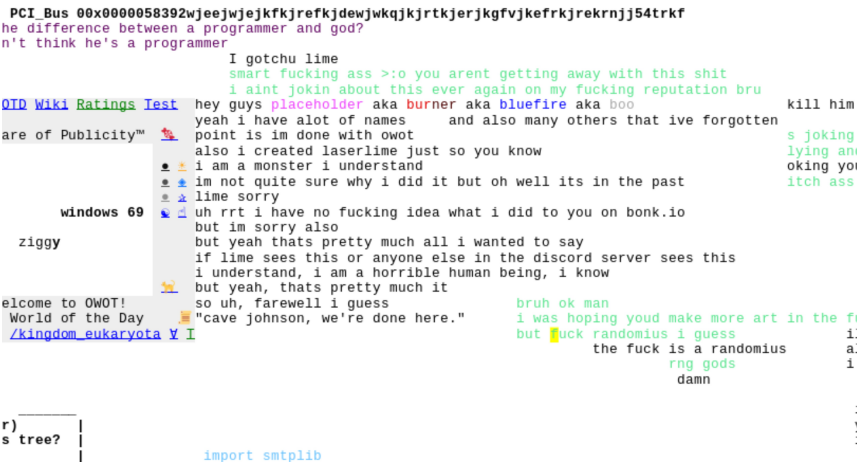
Placeholder has claimed responsibility for the Laserlime art that had been plaguing OWOT for the past few weeks. He has also left OWOT's Discord server, in an act that has derailed the expected publishing schedule of Our World of News from its original planned release time of 02:00 AM UTC.

OWON had extensively covered Laserlime since its inception on Feb. 23, 2024.

With the departure of Placeholder, who claims to be the creator of Laserlime, the Christa spammer may be the only major remaining spammer left. Whether the Antichrista will be able to effectively counter the McAuliffe spammer is unknown.

What exactly motivated Placeholder to do so remains unknown, as he has since left the Discord server and will likely not respond to any contact.

In the time leading up to this event - in its February 26, 2024 issue, OWON had published a screenshot of Lime implying he would kiss



Laserdude once Laserdude "returned from his break" on OWOT. This riled up the community a fair bit, leading Lemuria to write an article about their reactions to the screenshot, which have been put in page 3 of this issue.

Then at 22:46 UTC on Feb. 26, 2024, Lime posted a statement in Discord that declared his statements regarding Laserdude to be "non-serious" and "hypothetical as fuck" (see page 3).

At around 00:56 UTC, Feb. 27, iac1 sent a screenshot of Placeholder's message in the Our World of News thread.

Then, at 01:08, Placeholder

sent the same message to a group chat named "take down scar32", going off screenshots provided by Dimka.

At 01:27, FP sent a single message in #general, saying "plot twist". FP remarked that the events left him "more confused".

Placeholder acted as three regulars, including Laserdude, further confusing the community, FP, and OWON itself, so bad that the originally planned release at 02:00 UTC had to be delayed.

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Laserlime is gone. How about Christa?

By LEMURIA

Well, as everyone knows, Placeholder is gone. He claimed responsibility for the creation of Laserlime, one of the most hated ASCII art themes ever, at least in 2024.

Now, this leaves us with one major spammer, the McAuliffe spammer. His identity is still unknown, and his bot continues to operate near the web crawler to the northwest of the Square of Publicity.

We're uncertain as to how persistent the Christa spammer will be and for how

long they will continue to harass the canvas with their pastes of McAuliffe, the Challenger disaster of 1986, and really anything with even the most marginal of connections to the aforementioned two.

The "Antichrista", the collective term for all those who oppose the spammer, now have to worry less about Laserlime given that its supposed author has withdrawn from the community.

We have yet to receive any communication or to even attempt to reach out to them,

and even when we ask them why they roleplay McAuliffe they keep up the act and never break character.

Let us all keep our eyes open for Christa. Let us all take our wipers and use them on any Christa paste. Show them that this is a game of whack-a-mole that we are determined to win.

We have more people who can help now. We will win, the Christa spammer will lose.

SCRIBUS UPGRADE TROUBLES

By LEMURIA

Scribus is a free and open-source desktop publishing application that Lemuria uses to make Our World of News. Well, on Feb. 26, 2024 - Lemuria decided to try to upgrade Scribus from 1.5.5, all the way to 1.6.1. He runs a Linux machine.

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Cannonball!





## DICK'S PIZZA

hi pizza lovers, im dick and im here to announce the opening of my brand new pizzeria, dicks pizza! not sure how much dicks you can handle? no sweat! dicks comes in large, medium and small. no matter the size dicks is sure to satisfy, because even our smaller dicks are 10 inches long. we have dicks for everyone, dicks for your dad! dicks for your mom! dicks for your grandma! dicks for your wife, ex-wife, whatever. nothing livens up a party qBUT ALL TRIANGLE REALLY + of dicks! ding dong! theres a bunch of dicks at your door! we deliver!

Cool, wanna work with OWON's newspaper guy to strike back at the guy who keeps pasting Laserlime, the guy who keeps pasting Christa, and the guy who thought my rant about dreidels from the 2024-02-25 issue was AI-generated?

### NEWSPAPER FORMAT UPDATE

# What changed in this issue

By LEMURIA

As Lemuria continues to produce issues of Our World of News, he continues to get better at Scribus, the software he uses. More experience is always a good thing.

You may have noticed how this issue all the columns were perfectly lined up - well Lemuria finally figured out that vertical columns were a thing.

Additionally, he figured out something called the "baseline grid", which means most of the body text should

be neatly aligned now, alleviating the fears and fulfilling the desires of our perfectionist readers or those with a penchant for nitpicking the most minor of errors.

Despite his troubles upgrading Scribus, which are babbled on about incomprehensively in the "Scribus rant" article to the right of this article, he is continuing his work, just on 1.5.5 and not 1.6.1.

As always, he is thankful to you for taking the time to read and enjoy Our World of News.

# The state of OWOT Spawn

By LEMURIA

OWOT spawn remains in chaos. Christa pastes, a big piece of ASCII text that says "FUCK LASERLIME" in all caps, the remnants of a conversation, and a drawing of the United Kingdom's Big Ben - it all happens on the canvas.

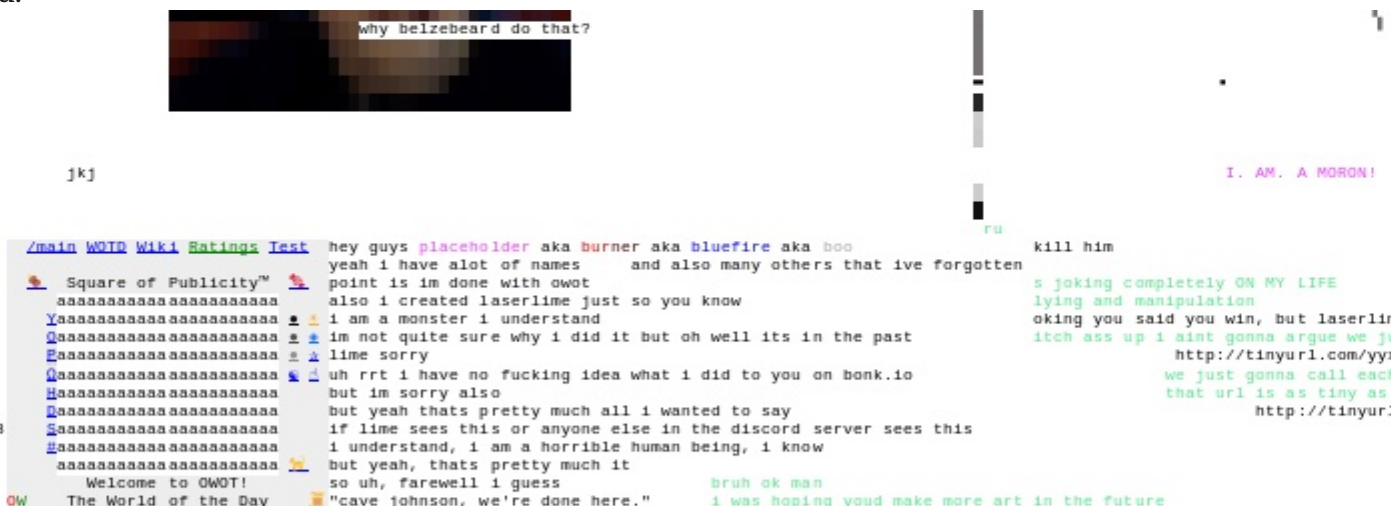
We urgently need people to have conversations on the canvas, paste good ASCII art, and have good old-fashioned fun before the next spam attack comes in.

Today, I had a nice long conversation with someone on the canvas today. It went on for about 40 minutes and many, many words were exchanged. I have

screenshots but I'm unsure if I want to really transcribe them. It'd be too much work. As I write this at 22:07 UTC, Feb. 27, 2024, the conversation is still there but in a few hours it is likely to be long gone due to griefers, Christa pasters, or the simple circle of life that everything on the canvas goes through.

Read it while you still can, and do feel free to take screenshots. They help preserve the long history of our Great Canvas and all who write on it.

Update: 3:19 UTC, Feb. 27, 2024 - I accidentally deleted the image that would have accompanied "The State of OWOT Spawn". Well, take this non-matching one instead.



## News

# Scribus Upgrade Rant

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to buy 10 hard drives just to install Qt just to upgrade his publishing software?

Now it's 15:01. One hour late. The tarball finally extracted, eating up a whopping 3.7 gigabytes of his precious disk space. Now began the Herculean task of figuring out just how this thing was going to compile.

By 15:39 it continued to compile with no end in sight. 15:58, still no luck. He decides to just pause the attempt and go sleep at 16:00, leaving his computer running to do the compile job. He had to cut his losses and get his circadian rhythm back on track.

He's asked for help twice in IRC chat rooms for both Qt and Scribus, with no reply.

So 16:00 comes and he finally goes up, hoping he can continue work on getting 1.6.1 to work when he wakes up later, that he can get issue 5 released on time despite the software problems (Scribus 1.5.5 still runs fine, but he wants 1.6.1), and that he can find a solution to his problem tomorrow.

Better to simply approach this with a clear mind that's gotten some sleep.

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Now it was about 22:00 and Lemuria was once again awake. Back to trying to compile Qt. He set the wrong install path on the ./configure command, and now it was 23:18 trying other stuff and doing other things (like eating) when he gave up.

Next thing to attempt was to simply compile Scribus from source, which could itself be a Herculean task too, but at least one that's not as hard as compiling Qt - an absolute monster of a library with extreme bloat - how many features are really necessary to run Scribus?

23:35 comes, and Lemuria now has a copy of the source code to Scribus. He had let it download in the background while he pressed onwards with making Issue 00005, and only now had he checked this.

He's been writing this article in bits and pieces as the process continues. Something like a diary entry.

And there are errors. Missing libraries. So he installs Hunspell, and reruns the configuration. Will it work this time?

Now CMake is complaining about libraries in Mam-

baforge conflicting with the usual ones, leading Lemuria on a wild goose chase attempting to figure out just how to disable Mambaforge or get Scribus to not use them.

He then turns towards Mambaforge and begins to attempt to upgrade qt-main, which he is hoping can help him run Scribus 1.6.1 properly.

The update however is taking forever due to unknown Mambaforge weirdness that he is not even going to try to comprehend.

At around 1:55 he gives up on the update and declares all hope is lost, before doing something else, like writing more text for the newspaper, browsing OWOT, or fucking around with another random Internet thing.

At around 03:05 he tries again, finding a personal package archive for Qt 5.15. He installs qt515base, runs some script it installed to get the environment into shape, goes to open the Scribus app image he wants to run and crosses his fingers.

In his terminal he types ./scribus-1.6.1-linux-x86\_64.AppImage....

And braces for what's about to happen.

It didn't work.

Running qmake --version he discovers that he only has 5.15.0, not the 5.15.2 or higher he needs for Scribus. This is very wrong. He chose the wrong PPA, again. He checks Stephan Binner (the person who made the PPA)'s profile to see what other versions Binner has to offer and finds a 5.15.4 PPA. He removes the 5.15.0 PPA and tries the 5.15.4 PPA, does the same things, and braces for impact the second time....

And still no luck.

At this point, he gives up again. He'll probably just wait for a response from the Scribus forum, where he's already asked for help. Perhaps he should just update to the next LTS version of Ubuntu and cope harder.

If he can't get things working by 01:00 AM UTC on Feb. 27, 2024 - he's gonna have to publish Part 2 as he continues his rant on his troubles getting Scribus 1.6.1 to work on his Ubuntu 20.04 computer. Until next time, everyone. Wish him luck. He will persevere in delivering you all the OWOT news you need to stay well-informed about the Great Canvas.

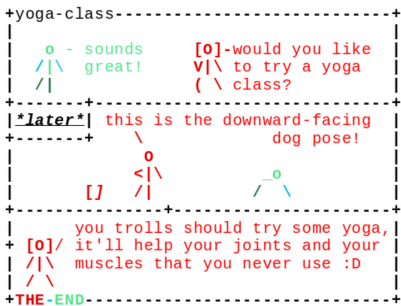


# SFW LASERLIME

By LEMURIA

Today I decided to browse around /main to see how it recovered from the wipe attack that hit a day or two ago, and was pleasantly surprised to see it back up and running, just as lively as before.

And I found something. It was pleasant to see. It was a safe-for-work Laserlime comic! It was just Laserdude teaching Lime a single yoga move, that was NSFW. The comic ends with a message encouraging trolls to try yoga, since "it'll help your joints and your muscles that you never



The only Laserlime comic I approve of. Seen on /main. use :D". Well, this brightened up my day. If you wanna paste Laserlime, THIS is what you should be pasting. Not disgusting NSFW art. Let's do some yoga and take a break from OWOT, shall we?

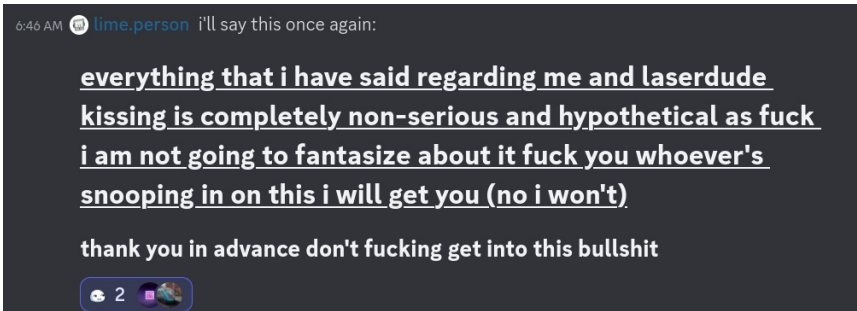
## Triangles ARE genderless. Stop putting boobs on them!

By LEMURIA

Someone pasted sexualized triangles yet again. Lemuria wiped the everloving fuck out of them per usual protocol. He's noticed another line that frequently goes with these shapes - claims that they are "genderless". This IS true. Shapes are genderless, but not when you put boobs on them. Stop putting boobs on triangles, squares, circles, or any shape. Not even when you try to get people to interpret them as eyes. Leave them the fuck alone. We are sick and tired of this cringe polluting our platform. Enough is enough.

Remember, if you find any of these, wipe them without a single microgram of mercy. And if you are pasting them, please stop, get a life, or at least take your sexualized shapes somewhere else. With the Laserlime spammer gone, we are ready to go all-out on your attempts to sexualize innocent shapes. You will lose and we will win. Long live the Great Canvas. May your sexual triangles never tarnish its great purity and may they be purged off by FP's mighty admin tools! And may you forever live in regret for the degeneracy you've pushed onto OWOTers, left to burn in hell or your religions' equivalent. The time to stop is now.

## LIME RETCONS LASERLIME



By LEMURIA

At 22:46 UTC on Feb. 26, 2024, Lime posted yet another statement in Discord declaring his statements about kissing Laserdude to be "non-serious" and "hypo-

thetical as fuck". He further stated that he would not fantasize about it, before calling on readers to not "get into this bullshit". Please only post SFW Laserlime (as seen in article above).

# PLACEHOLDER LEAVES

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At 01:43, Lime remarked that "snubcube" was going to be "very surprised" once he found out. Then the next minute he remarked, "is this our chance to redeem owot?", observing how there were now less spammers, though Lemuria had reminded him of the Christa spammer. Anyways, OWOT's community is now in chaos. Having happened while a majority of users were offline, the true shitstorm is only expected to come as soon as activity rises and OWOT users asleep during the Placeholder Incident rise

and learn of what has gone down. If you woke up and just saw the incident go down, hello. The departure of Placeholder is expected to leave a large hole in the community. As for FP, he had always known that "burner was laserdude", but did say that he was "surprised" about Boo. The Discord server experienced a brief uptick in activity as the revelation was made, but quickly returned to the quiet levels typical of 2am UTC. Well, by 02:21 things had returned to normal levels of activity. While Placeholder's departure changed OWOT forever, it didn't change the activity levels for long. Lemuria continued to work diligently on updating OWOT to incorporate the new information, leaving his fingers a little tired from the writing he had to do. As the fallout from Placeholder's grand exit continues to make itself known across OWOT, Lemuria will be here with the big scoop, doing his best to keep the people of the Canvas informed about all that's happening. Bonus: Check page 4 for some screenshots of a canvas convo regarding Placeholder!

## SCRIPTING

# owot-js by scar17off

By LEMURIA

In the world of OWOT bot libraries, we have scar17off's owot-js. owot-js cuts out the middleman, establishing a direct connection to the OWOT server without the need for any browsers. Lemuria has a primitive chat logger that directly uses

websockets. It sure could use a clean, modern update to use owot-js. If you've got a chat logger, permanent text bot, OWOT scraper, or any bot that you don't want running in your browser, try out owot-js. All you need to do is run npm i owot-js and you're ready to go.

Scar asked I write something about his library in the paper, so here I am. Well Scar, enjoy your free publicity in this three-column article. Great work on the library though. Really makes things quite easy, since now we don't have to wrangle a bunch of websockets.

## Script wanted for high-DPI screenshots of the canvas

By LEMURIA

Both Dimka and Lemuria are looking for a script that can take high-DPI screenshots of the canvas. Lemuria plans on using it to increase the quality of the screenshots in his newspaper, while Dimka's intentions are unknown. If you have a script that can do this, do send it in the #scripting channel. Both parties would be very appreciative. Or, not. You do you. We'll probably develop our own if we can't find one.

## Kimapr's matroska script

By LEMURIA

You may have noticed our coverage of Kimapr's matroska script from the Feb. 25, 2024 issue. Well, Kimapr finally explained to OWON that it was just a "rather inefficient encoding scheme repeated multiple times." They remarked that people running it would think it was a quine (a quine is a program that outputs its own source code as output). Well, today OWON ran it. It required five layers of unwrapping before we got the final product - some sort of thing that does fancy stuff with grids. Checking the code, it's quite hard to comprehend the intent Kimapr had in cre-

ating this Matroska script. It contains some sort of ruleset for what kind of box characters can go together and dispenses a different set of emojis depending on what you feed to it. Make a random box at http://markklodato.github.io/js-boxdrawing/ (which we featured in page 2 of the Feb. 26, 2024 issue), and feed it to the script, and see what you get. node matroska.js > matroska.layer001.js (repeat (make a random box at the box drawing website) clippaste | node matroska.layer006.js (and see what you get). Kimapr, you have made an interesting script indeed. Would you care to elaborate more on its intent?

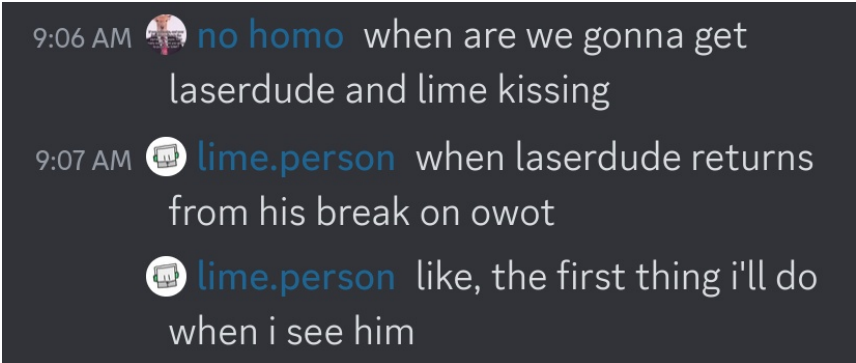
# READERS REACT TO LIME'S SCREENSHOT

By LEMURIA

After the publication of a screenshot where Lime announced their intention to kiss Laserdude (which we hope was just a joke), our readers were incredibly riled up. We published the screenshot again, it's to the right, just to give you all an idea. Polonez replied with a big allcaps "WHAT" in the Our World of News thread in #general, and then stated that "nah bro at dis point" he would be "defending the anons". At 17:47 UTC on Feb. 26,

2023, Lime then entered the Our World of News Thread, saying "Uhm actually: as a joke", followed by two nerd emojis. Placeholder replied "How TF is that a joke", remarking that nobody was laughing. Lime said it'd be "a bad one" and apologized, after which placeholder stated that they were starting to "seriously" think that Lime liked Laserdude in "some capacity", then taunting Lime on his lack of a response. When Lemuria posted the 16th installation of "the state of owot spawn", Lime finally said "FUCK LASERLIME" in all caps. Woo!

Suffice to say, we are very much against Laserlime. It is certainly one of the many ongoing sagas we have here in the OWOT community that help fill the pages of OWON on a daily basis. As always, remember to wipe any Laserlime-related material you see. Lime is below the age of consent (it is 18 in most countries, while Lime is ~13-14), so even if he was fully fine with kissing Laserdude (clearly he doesn't, given the fact that he screamed FUCK LASERLIME in the "the state of owot spawn" thread), it'd still be unacceptable because he still



The image that got our readers all riled up.

hasn't reached the hotel room. One with a single bed. If you own a hotel - cancel that reservation if you ever see it happen! And make sure to call 911. Get the police called on that Laserlime motherfucker.



