

- Other worlds keep their chat
- Global chat remains active
- Admins to decide if chat comes back or not on March 17

FRONT PAGE CHAT REMOVED

FP'S STATEMENT ON REMOVAL OF CHAT

By LEMURIA and FP

Below is a copy of the wiki page "Removal of chat", from FP. OWON interprets this as FP's official statement on its removal from March 10 to March 17.

This block of text is written by Lemuria, while the one below was written by FP (duh).

The front page chat will take a 1 week vacation.

Pending changes

The front page chat will be disabled for 7 days, starting on March 10 at 11 PM Eastern Time, and ending on March 17.

Security measures for the canvas will be bolstered to make it easier to hold conversations on the canvas with as minimal scripting disruptions as possible.

Justification

This decision followed years of problems that have piled on top of each other.

It's acknowledged that the front page chat is regularly used by a group of people. However this has always been the case even dating back to March 2018 when the chat first came into fruition.

The problem with the chat is that it's mostly unmoderated, which can lead to liability issues whenever illegal things are said which includes threats and grooming.

One of the main concerns

with the chat is that the entire community gets concentrated into one single chat box, which makes it easier for trolls to efficiently troll the entire community and break it apart.

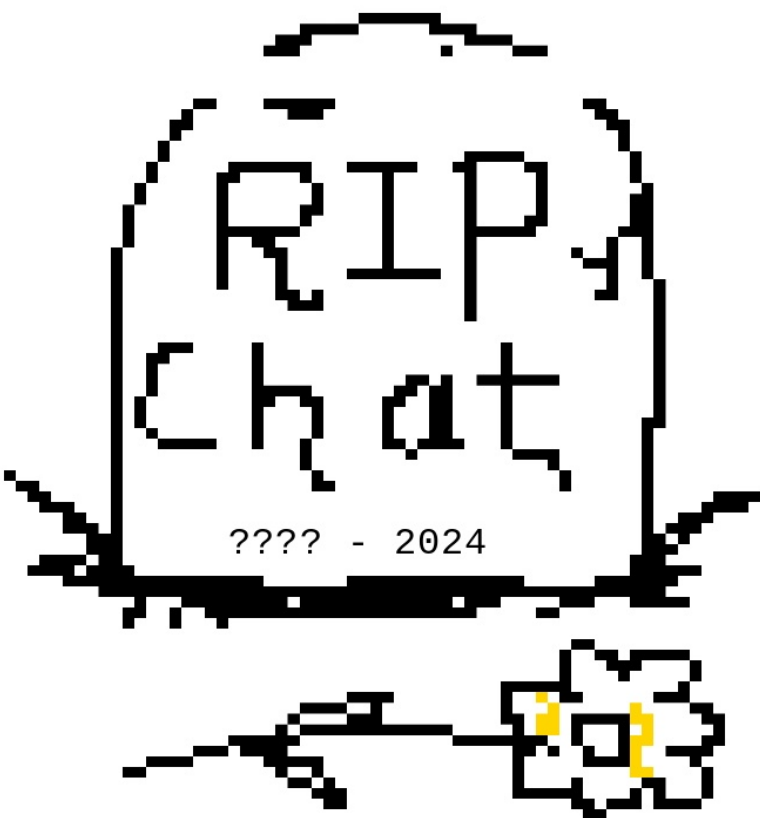
While there's no guarantee the removal of the chat will lead people to use the canvas more or group up into their own sub-worlds, the expected outcome is that the chat no longer inhibits OWOT's social functioning.

It's been known that the state of the chat will not improve with the way it's currently managed and will lead to worse problems if kept enabled for longer.

Future plans

It's clear that people seek a real community hub on OWOT. Such a hub may require an immense amount of effort. There are no concrete plans to make one, but it's a possibility in the future.

Should a good community hub exist, it will be permanently linked on the center console on the front page.



Starianna Strikes in Chat's Final Hours

By LEMURIA

A deluge of Chinese characters hit both global and the front page chat at around 15:41 UTC, Mar. 10, 2024, as the chat inched closer to the start of its one-week vacation.

Some believed this to be protests from those who oppose chat's removal, but FP said over Discord that the spammer wasn't, and that he "does it once every few weeks".

Not only that, the user count briefly exceeded 100 users, reminiscent of the ma-

jor Cheese Pizza attack that struck the front page for about 10 to 20 minutes until FP (thankfully) shut it down. We have no evidence that Starianna was behind the user count inflation, though if she was responsible, nobody would be surprised.

The week without chat will be one of the most interesting times in OWOT history, though it's not the first time the community has been without chat.

Godspeed to our readers during this tumultuous week. And good luck, you're going to need it.

Spammers Spam MHZ

By LEMURIA

The Man-Hating Zone, or the MHZ, was hit by a deluge of spam. 6186, an anon, sent a call to action for users to spam the N-word on the publicly writable center of the MHZ.

Slogans and ASCII imagery ranging fom "MAINPAGER SUPREMACY - WOMEN ARE PROPERTY", 1940s European symbols, the N-word, and more, graced the center.

Oh, and International Women's Day was on March 8, three days ago, making this attack hit especially harder.

A few hours later, OWON journalists attempting to en-

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Taylor Swift Spammers in Chat

By LEMURIA

In the hours leading up to chat's demise, unknown Swifties briefly attacked the front page chat again. Thankfully, as chat's removal was nearing, FP was ready and Swift to shut down the Swifties.

One of the spammers had the ID 2, a rare occurrence... What a shame such a good ID was wasted on such a low-life Swiftie spammer. You're so unemployed you couldn't afford to go to the Eras Tour so now you're in the base-ment spamming sites....

Get a fucking life.

By LEMURIA

Today, on March 11 (UTC), at 03:00 UTC / 23:00 New York / 11:00 Manila, the chat was removed. Global chat still remains, and so does chat on other worlds.

And thus, begins the 7 day period without chat. On March 17, the admins will determine if the chat's removal was beneficial to the community. If so, it will forever be removed.

For so long, chat has been unmoderated. FP cited "liability issues" for potentially illegal things occurring in chat, ranging from doxxes, death threats, pedophiles grooming children (IMPORTANT: we have no cases of this happening in OWOT yet, do not be excessively paranoid.), and all manner of unhinged chat behavior.

These problems have "piled on top of each other", says FP in the "Removal of chat" wiki page.

However, he has acknowledged that the chat has regular inhabitants, and that people want a "real" community hub, and stated that if someone was to establish a "good" community hub, he would link to it on the center console.

In the minutes leading up to chat's removal, chat activity rose dramatically, members saying their final goodbyes. Users began running bots on the canvas. One final Starianna attack with messages related to CPorn struck the canvas, tainting

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OWOT IS DDOSED IN PROTEST OF CHAT'S REMOVAL

By LEMURIA

Some groups have made their dislike of chat's removal well-known in the form of DDoS attacks. "Security advisory - the server is currently under attack", said a banner at the top of every single page.

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CORRECTIONS

- I was sleep deprived and in a rush to put out Issue 00017, so I erroneously wrote the page count as 2, and not 1. There is no page 2, I'm afraid.

FP Bans 49 Proxies

By LEMURIA

As chat inches closer and closer towards removal, the attacks mounted against the site are only worsening.

A group of proxies briefly took down the website, preventing some from connecting, though FP quickly brought the situation under

control, banning the proxies.

At 22:27 UTC Tatejo posted a screenshot of himself unable to connect to OWOT, getting a 504 gateway timeout.

On the other hand, ArcticNiko complained that his Prophetbot was disconnected, and rendered unable to reconnect to the server.

Chatters get six-digit IDs

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MHZ

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ter the MHZ, to reassess the damage found it privated.
At 10:35 UTC, Mar. 10, we checked again and found this message left behind:
"When I play the maracas I go chick-chicky-boom, chick-chicky boom Yessir, I'm Cuban Pete. I'm the craze of my native street. When I start to dance, Everything goes chick-chicky-boom, chick-chicky boom The senioritas they sing and they swing with terampero- It's very nice, so full of spice. And when they dance in they bring a happy ring that era keros- Singin' a song, all the day long. So if you like the beat, take a lesson from Cuban Pete And I'll teach you to chick-chicky-boom, chick-chicky-boom."
Well, guess the MHZ is no more after this grief. We will continue to investigate the MHZ though.

A War On The Ballot

By LEMURIA

The ballot being pasted at spawn was recently expanded with new names. There was also a war as its mysterious author tried to paste it again while a mysterious wiper wiped every single attempt.
OWON journalists have still not found any rhyme or reason behind all the names on the list. Who the fuck is Erutan, anyway? Does anyone know?
And why am I so highly ranked on the paper alongside Nora Elise Proctor? Why? Well, I am both honored and confused by the mysterious author of this ballot. Oh well.

Ziggy throws tantrum over channel

By LEMURIA

Ziggy briefly threw a tantrum in the Discord over people sending links to its channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@baby-outubemommy1/videos>) in the Discord.
It repeatedly asked for people to stop linking to its channel, acting like an immature brat the whole time. Rightfully so, the community treated it like one.
Lemuria sent a command that allowed you to download the entire channel using yt-dlp, which thankfully did not anger the strange humanoid object any further.
The situation eventually died down as Ziggy went to bed, pacifier in hand, ready to have nightmares where Lemuria and the other OWOTers hurt him badly...

Religious Bullshitters Return to Canvas

By LEMURIA

Here we go again with the religious bullshit on the canvas. Someone has started spamming bible verses, Jesus on a cross, and ASCII art of physical bibles all over the canvas, overwriting perfectly good art. Just as annoying as the Mentula spammer that struck at around the same time.
Lemuria, per the standard protocol, just wiped the bullshit out, which is what you should do when you encounter it in the wild.

JESUS DIED FOR YOU!!

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FP Warns Dimka He Is on Thin Ice

By LEMURIA

Dimka is on thin ice, FP has warned. Out of the blue in #trash, at 20:22 UTC, Mar. 10, 2024 - FP pinged Dimka with this ominous warning, pointing to how he consistently tells people to commit suicide, linking to a message from Feb. 25, 2024; and the fact that he spam-pinged

Caioz.
Whether FP will ban him remains unknown, but it certainly will be a drastic action in a long while to ever be observed by the paper.
Even Lemuria took a jab at Dimka. "death to christa, death to mentula, death to starianna, death to stains like dimka", Lemuria said in the #trash channel.

Chat's Gone

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the occasion, though FP muted them.
OWOT briefly lagged at 02:40 UTC, twenty minutes to chat's removal.
Once the clock struck 23:00 in New York, FP, sitting at his computer, disabled the chat. We were now all relegated back to the canvas, and the Week Without Chat began. The last message sent in chat came from MLGDoritos360NoScope, or at least

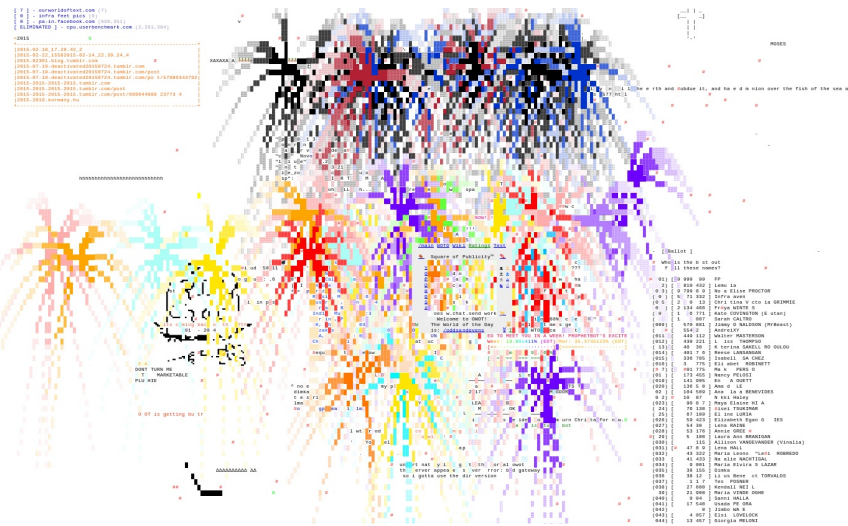
that's what the logs say.
The spawn was quickly locked down though or at least became inactive, as multiple disgruntled groups began to express their disapproval of FP's actions.
Eventually most of OWOT's userbase went back to sleep, as it was definitely past midnight in New York by now or the timezones of many of the OWOT users.
Good night.

OWOT DDoS

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With the site now in shambles, everyone has flocked to Discord, or simply other things. Some aspects of the site continue to function, but overall the site is now left in

shambles.
Oh well, enjoy the week without chat and just make the most out of it. We're all on our own now.



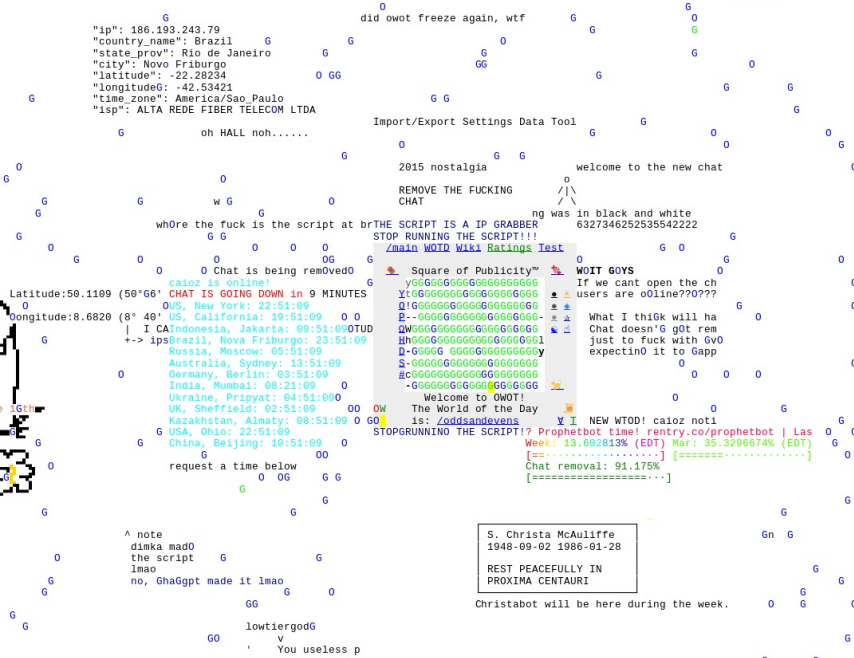
Fireworks at spawn as chat disappeared.

Chatters get six-digit IDs

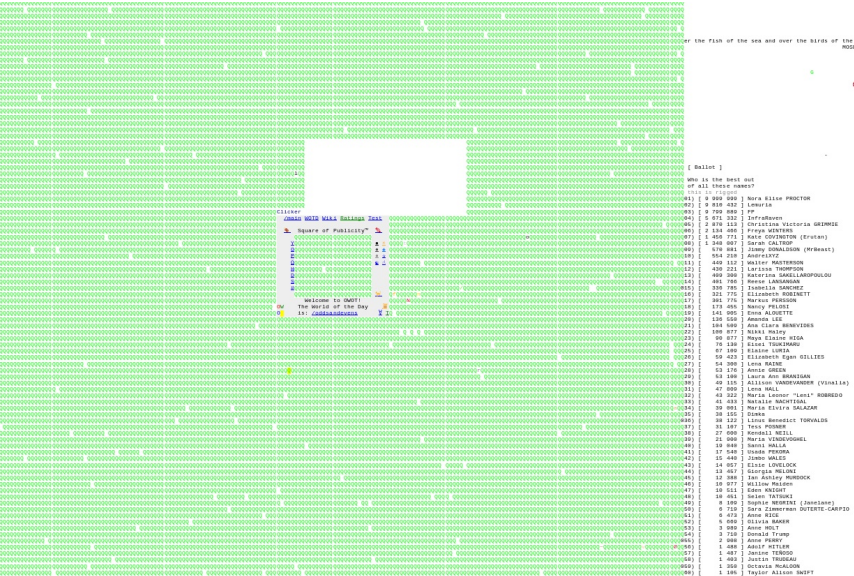
By LEMURIA

In the final hours before the start of the Week Without Chat, users found themselves with six-digit IDs, including Lemuria himself, who got 136919 after a few refreshes.
The cause of this is unknown, but some speculate a massive bot attack exhausted the 5-digit ID pool, forcing the server to start allocating six digits instead.
Our Chief Editor analyzed OWOT's code, and discovered that OWOT, when receiving a new connection, would attempt to find an ID between 1 and 10000. If it failed, it would overflow and give the user a rare ID.

The circumstances under which six-digit IDs can be granted are unknown, but a possible method is overloading OWOT with hundreds of thousands of connections, though this would almost certainly take down the server and deprive everyone of their 6-digit IDs.
For now, we're in the dark about how it happened.
However, once the chat disappeared, at 03:00 UTC, we all lost our six-digit IDs. There may be hope that on March 17 we'll get them back, but who knows.
Anyways, the Week Without Chat has begun. Get over it.



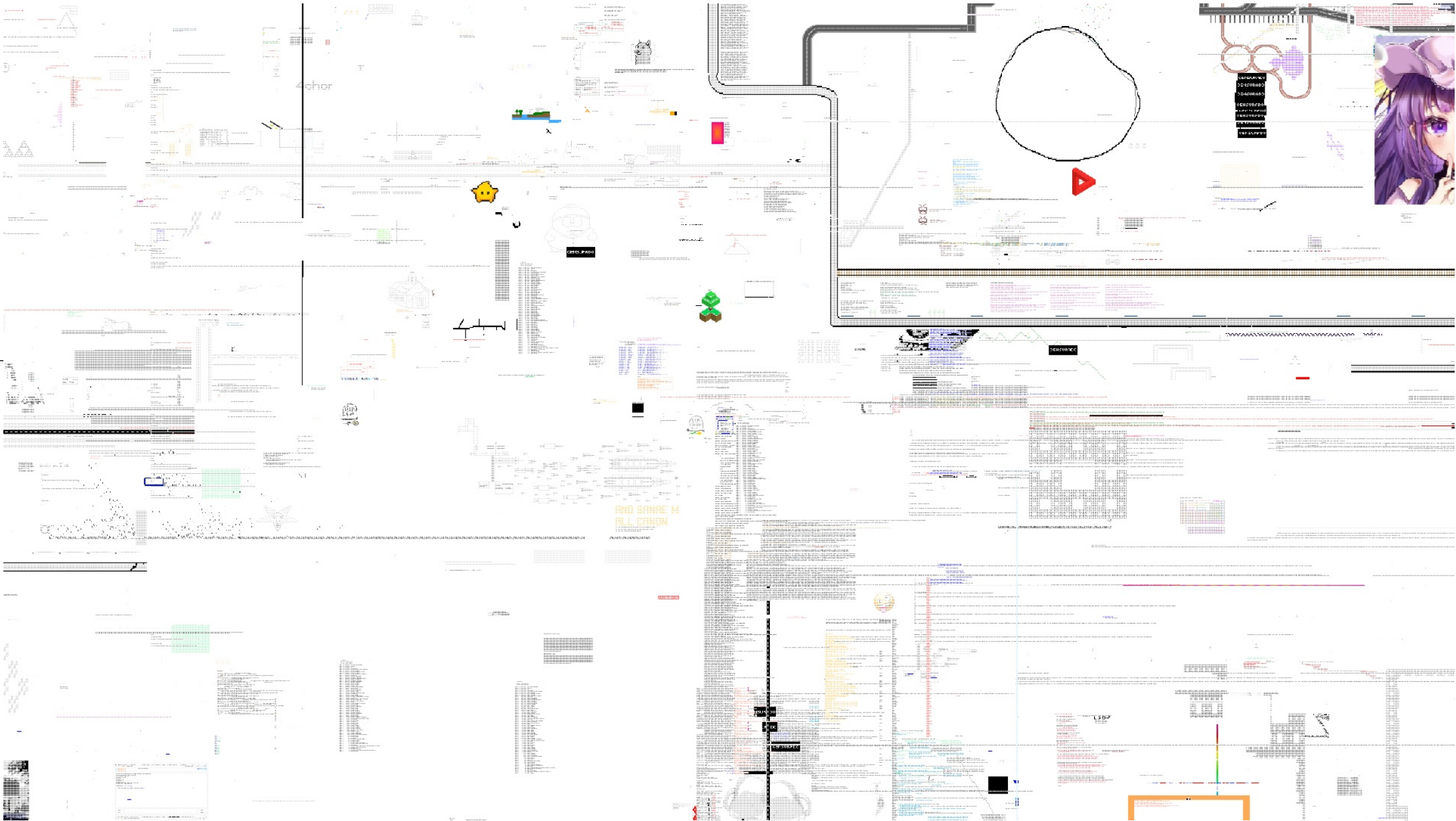
The front page, a few minutes before the chat went away.



Who keeps spamming green Qs and ballots?

Some Screenshots of the Front Page

By LEMURIA



Some large-scale screenshots of a select few locations around spawn. I never realized how large Pika City truly was, until I zoomed out both on the canvas and in the browser.
The images are not at all to scale (duh).

Feet paste

By LEMURIA

Well, it's another feet paste. What were you all expecting?
People really need to stop pasting large feet on this canvas. It's annoying and nobody likes it!



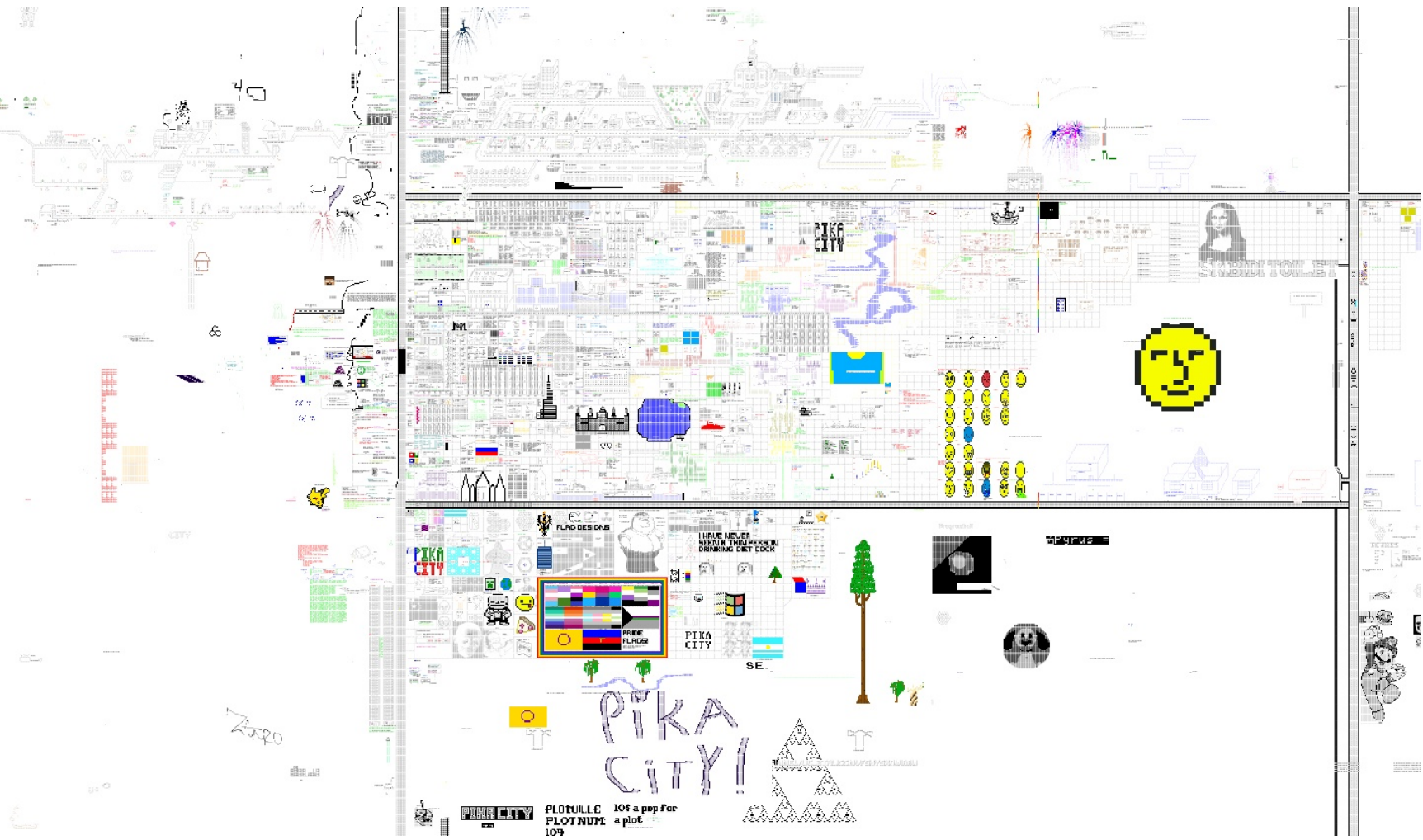
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Is a Crime.
If you paste it, fuck you.

Know a FICTIONAL
GOOGOLOGIST?

Report it so we can deport
it THE FUCK back to where
it FUCKING belongs. Say no
to Fictional Googology and
stop making up random
numbers.

We also deport:
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Textwallers, Spammers, Wiper
abusers, Script abusers,
Kids under 13, Starianna bot
users, IP grabber links,
etc.

OWOT IMMIGRATION POLICE



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An interesting pantheon of characters pasted at spawn.