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The John Cena Phenomenon by Victor Zhang

Think back to the time you watched the Spongebob movie. No, not the new one, the one released in 2004 starring King Neptune. Picture the scene: Spongebob stands alone in the center of the KrustyKrab, microphone in hand. Smoke wafts around him as a spotlight shines on the obsequiously dressed sponge. Searching for his words, he mutters: "I'm... I'm..."

JOHN CENA

Cut away to a montage of the WWE superstar's arena appearances, with the now infamous trumpet refrain blaring in the

background. You guessed it, it's John Cena.

First popularized by Z Morning Zoo's "John Cena Prank Call," Cena quickly gained traction among internet users and snowballed into meme history. Having been vaulted into the internet meme hall of fame, *Unexpected John Cena* has joined the venerated ranks of meme history, alongside classics like Darude-Sandstorm, Rick Astley, and Nyan Cat.

However, unlike its predecessors, John Cena takes on a flavor of its own, spawning a wide array of viral Vine videos, Tumblr

gifs, and even a subreddit with devoted fans who churn out new John Cena memes at a steady pace.

At first glance, *Unexpected Cena* may just seem like another stupid internet trend. At second glance, it may still seem like a dumb internet trend. It's not until we dissect the meme and its origin that we glean the true beauty behind the macho wrestling icon's meteoric rise to infamy.

A typical *Unexpected Cena* meme generally contains two parts, the hook and the meme. The hook usually plays like any other video, be it a movie clip, an internet cat video, or, in one case, a failed submission to ABC's *America's Funniest Home Videos*.

As the unwitting viewer is drawn in, the trap is sprung: The video cuts away to a John Cena montage, and the annoyingly catchy trumpet tune is heard. In every Cena meme, seemingly innocuous video clips are spliced together with the king of WWE, creating a uniquely frustrating and hilarious viewing experience.

Why Lazy People Are the Best by Angelina Li

There are four kinds of people: hardworking people, lazy people, and two other types of people. Now, we all know who those people are. The people your parents talk about, those that either got into Princeton or wake up at 5 am to take a train to Wall Street—those are the hardworking people. The person your parents always scream at -you-, we're the lazy people, unless you fall into the other three categories. The last two types of people -now that's a whole other dimension -we may or may not reserve for another time.

I'm going to go ahead and assume that most of you are lazy. But do not worry, being lazy has its perks. Now, if you were the CEO of a company, who would you hire: the lazy person or the hard working person? Wrong answer. A clever CEO would hire the lazy person. Why? The lazy person would be the smart choice because chances are, the lazy person will find the simplest way to solve the issue he/she is given. He/she will use short cuts, be efficient (completing the assignment in record breaking time and giving it to the boss just minutes later), save time, and know how to eliminate problems (skills one learns from a life time of laziness). Bill Gates said that even he would choose the lazy person to do the difficult job, because the lazy person would find an easier way to do it. On the side note, maybe you shouldn't be too lazy. But hey, every good thing

must be trampled and cursed because life is fair.

Lazy people are also very smart. During class, the teacher might zip through hundreds of PowerPoints. Rather than scribble down piles of notes and scramble to finish before the teacher changes slides, a lazy person would take out his/her phone and snap a picture. See how efficient that is? Not only does that save you from hand cramps and protect the environment, since you're not going through hundreds of notebooks, but you can carry your notes everywhere with you.

Lazy people are so smart that they can have twenty-five patents if they wanted to. Since they're always coming up with creative ways that minimize effort, they're packed with ideas. For example, why use a bowl for popcorn when you can turn your hoodie backwards and use your hood to store popcorn? You wouldn't even have to use your hands, just lean your head forward and eat! Plus, you wouldn't have to wash the bowl when you're done. You could wash your hoodie when you're doing laundry. Less dishes to wash means that you're saving on your water and electricity bill! How smart is that??

So if you're lazy, no worries. Only worry if you aren't smart lazy. But generally, being lazy just means that you're creative and efficient. You be you. Lazy people rock!

The Orange

by Audrey Zhou



Similar to Will Sasso's lemon-spitting Vines, viewers are hit with the unexpected, whether it be a bald man spitting out lemons or the glistening, muscular body of John Cena. The surprise of the moment captivates us, and may cause some to laugh or utter a soft "wtf."

In essence, the John Cena meme triggers the basest of human emotions; the surprise of the unexpected Cena causes the primitive, instinctual part of our brains to react. It satisfies our craving for

entertainment while keeping it all under a minute. More than anything, the rise of *Unexpected Cena* demonstrates that the simple, primitive parts of our psyche have immense control over our desires and interests.

The internet is known for being the bastion of immature, childlike individuals, with short attention spans and shorter tempers. Although not glamorous, the dark recesses of the web can sometimes create something as beautiful and satisfying as the *Unexpected Cena*.

Growth Throughout the Years ... in the KPop World

by Tanya Wang

There are so many groups and individuals in the Kpop world, but one group has suddenly become really popular this last year. They were gone for a while, but came back strong. That group's name would be BTS, also known as the Bangtan Boys.

BTS is a 7-member boy group formed by Big Hit Entertainment. The group consists of Jin (vocalist), Suga (rapper), J-Hope (rapper & dancer), Rap Monster (leader & rapper), Jimin (vocalist & dancer), V (vocalist), and Jungkook (vocalist, rapper, & dancer). My bias is V and Rap Monster. The name of the band, BangtanSonyeondan, is a combination of "방탄" which means bulletproof and "소년단" which means boy scouts. Their fans call themselves "Armies". They debuted on June 13, 2013 with the song "No More Dream". They won several "New Artist of the Year" awards, including those at the 2013 MelOn Music Awards &

Golden Disk Awards. Their album "2 Cool 4 Skool" was a very successful debut album and attracted the attention of many people. Their newest album "The Most Beautiful Moment In Life Pt 1 & 2" caught the most attention and they've become super popular this year.

Some of their top songs include Boy in Luv, We Are Bulletproof Pt. 2, No More Dream, Danger, Dope, and Run. They have Korean and Japanese versions of certain songs and albums because they are also signed under a group in Japan.

People think they know a lot about their favorite groups, especially BTS, but there are some surprising facts that some fans probably never knew about. One thing that probably only old fans that were there since the beginning would know: Jin's pants fell down on their debut M! Countdown stage performance. Jin personally had said that it was his

first time wearing a microphone pack and had them attached to his normal pants. The pack turned out to be too heavy and during a part of "We Are Bulletproof Pt. 2", he jumped and his pants fell to his thighs. Another funny and interesting fact is that Bangtan's CEO couldn't recognize V for a whole entire year! Other than that, V also played saxophone for 3 years and even won an award once! Even though many fans think that V is super cute, he has yet to be in a relationship, so all you fangirls out there, here's your chance! Also, even though Rap Monster is the leader, he's also in charge of sweeping dorm floors. The cute Jungkook we know once said that in 10 years, he wants to be the owner of a duck restaurant or a tattoo artist.

BTS is a growing group in the Kpop world and it's amazing to see how far they've come. Stay tuned for more articles on kpop!

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