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NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS FOR WHEN YOU'VE ALREADY IRREDEEMABLY FAILED YOUR ORIGINAL RESOLUTION AND NEED A REPLACEMENT FOR CLOUT ASAP

So. You're a few weeks into January, and you're thinking that maybe, just maybe, your overly confident declarations of "This is my year!" and "New year, new me!" might have been just a little too, well, overly confident. Maybe you don't actually want to go the gym twice a week, or read a book every month, or eat a vegetable, like, ever. It's okay. We've all been there. Many of us are there right now. Some of us, for example, may have sworn that this was the year that they became "fluent" in "Spanish" but have yet to open Duolingo since downloading it on December 31st at 11:56pm, and are now being relentlessly stalked by the Duolingo Owl in their emails like an unsuspecting white girl who reads books after making eye contact with Joe Goldberg from *You*. Anyways, when your obnoxiously put-together friends ask you what your resolution is, feel free to borrow from this list of easily achievable, decepitevly legit sounding resolutions.

"This year, I resolve to..."

- 1. **drink more water.** A tried and true classic. Each and every new year, countless individuals proudly declare their resolve to staying hydrated, as if drinking water were something one could resolve to do, and not something that was necessary, for like, survival. A solid alternative would be to boast your intention to staying oxygenated.
- 2. **eat healthy.** I know, I know. Vegetables = yucky. But man oh man, this one's foolproof. All you've gotta do here is take a picture of a salad every couple of weeks, and post it to Instagram/Snapchat/LiveJournal. You don't have to actually *eat* it. Remember: this is a predominantly preformative cultural ritual we're engaging in. Do it for the brand.
- 3. **spend responsibly.** Ha, as if! But listen, no one needs to know that you just blew your entire work study direct deposit on thrifted graphic tees and Trulys. Just get a Discover Card, drop the word "credit" and "fiscal" into casual conversation, and you'll pass.
- 4. **expand my cultural horizons.** "Culture" is such a broad term. Everything is culture. Listening to Indonesian folk pop? Culture. Listening to Jacob Sartorius's newest single "Party Goes Harder?" Still culture. Watching *Moonlight*? Culture. Watching 3 hours of "Baby Mama Dance" on Snapchat Discover? Remarkably, just as equally, technically culture.
- 5. practice mindfulness / focus on my spritual growth / really (re)connect with me. This can mean ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING, and who's going to challenge you on this? It's not like someone can prove you're not, like, truly embodying conscientiousness. (A vibe check only gets you so far.)
- 6. **do whatever I want!** Literally, just do whatever. Has anyone ever successfully "achieved" their New Year's Resolution anyways? And if they have, what have they gotten? There's no trophy, and there's no participation ribbon either. Just live your life, make your choices, go to the gym if you want, or re-watch *You* on Netflix for the third time. We're all just trapped on this rock, hurtling through space and time, and Jacob Sartorius is *still* releasing music. Clearly, we've got to invent our own meaning here.

REVIVING THE BANDERSNATCH CONTROVERSY B/C WE'RE STARVED FOR CONTENT

How the Bandersnatch can be better:

be open 24/7 staffed by only one poor hopeless soul

adopt a lazzes-faire payment system, accepting forks stolen from the dining halls and shorney water fountains as legal tender

push a Bandersnatch-branded cart around the hallways of knapp during class and serve claws like a flight attendant (the red frame lab will surely sponsor this entrepreneurial idea)

purposefully take 60 minutes per milkshake, but using only vegan and organic fresh smoothie materials

discontinue the use of cards against humanity cards as order tickets and just start screaming out sex slang from urban dictionary (one snagel for swinging the dolphin? petting the cat? shucking the corn?)

stripper pole so i can pay off these student loanz

some guy dressed in a bandersnatch outfit swinging a sign outside

or, maybe just leave it how it is

- ANONYMOUS

EDITOR'S NOTE: y'all remember this?? Imao. I think winter break hit a factory reset in my brain EDITOR'S NOTE (Journalistic Integrity Edition): We recieved this submission on December 10, the day that "The Bandersnatch is a Disaster" was published. We didn't have the space to run it then, so here it is now!

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