

HBO Harry Potter Potter trailer, March Madness, Malcolm X, Philosophy and more
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No Lie the most egregious part of this photo is not at all that they made Snape black but rather that he has a zipper. Zippers are just not wizarding professor drip, leave that shit to muggles

Had a week and some change off. I feel like so much of uploading here is a matter of momentum. The minute I take a day off every day after that I don't post something it gets increasingly harder for me to bring myself to post something. Here we are though to get the ball rolling in the right direction again. Crazy to me that it is almost April and my time in Luxembourg is coming to a close. Days go by and things stay the same but when you look back everything is different type shit. What Cassie did on *Long Way 2 Go* was so elite btw. Now lets get into it.

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Credentials: Before I get into this, I want to say if there is any subject matter I am qualified to speak on, after basketball, I'd probably go with Harry Potter. I read this series, in totality, every summer from the 1st grade until sophomore year in college. That's like 12 years roughly of reading all 7 books every year, accompanied with occasional rewatching of the films. There are few you will find more versed or passionate about matters concerning Harry Potter than I. Now that I have made it clear that I'm a huge nerd and I really live and breathe this Harry Potter shit I'm gonna talk my shit about this trailer.

This was just a tough watch. I am going to rip all of my complaints on the trailer right now. First of all, they abandoned John Williams iconic score which was literally so peak and captured the whimsy, magic, and wonder of Harry Potter and the wizarding universe. Instead of trying to do their own fun new version of it, they replaced it with the most generic, lifeless, soul-sucking basic trailer music that I swear I have heard in like at least 10 other trailers. Its like they went onto youtube, searched "dramatic trailer type music" and then just youtube to MP3'd it and slapped it over the trailer. Absolutely shocking.

Secondly, this remake feels like such a slap into the face to all the actors who played the potter characters in the previous movies. Professor McGonagall being a new person just doesn't sit right with me at all and makes me pissed off. The new Hagrid blows and doesn't do it justice. No fault to the actors themselves, it's not their shortcoming. It's simply that the characters that played these roles before them played them so iconically it's impossible to imagine anyone else doing it and now that someone else IS doing it it just feels so strange and wrong. What I can



liken it to is the classic meme of the “Ryan Gosling is... OBAMA!” You see that and you're just like, no, no he is not. That's how he feel about all these characters being recast. Now the silver lining to these recastings (in particular making Snape black) is that twitter has had a field day with the black snape jokes and it is so fucking funny lmao. Just go on twitter and look up “snape” or “black snape” and scroll and you are in for a good fucking laugh. Top. Also the kid they got playing harry potter looks like a lesbian or the mini version of the chick from “The Dictator” who is essentially your default white liberal lesbian. I digress.

The last complaint I'll make cause I could really go on and on is how the whole trailer is so dark and like broody energy to it. What made the original movies so great was how shit popped off the screen and this fantastical world was just that it was colorful and was in your face and filled the screen with it's excitement and imagination. In the new trailer you got like this weird dark energy going on that does not at all capture the mystical tone of the book. If I do watch this show it will be out of sheer hate I will be #hatewatching.

March Madness Thoughts:

- Fuck Purdue and GOOD RIDDANCE they are out. I was never aware of how unethical the brand of basketball they play - specifically kaufmen - renn - until I bet Texas ML when they played in the round of 32. Despicable foul-baiter and cheap player. Saw a bunch of people morning them getting bounced cuz they are the “last core of 4 year players for one program” I personally cannot be happier all of them are hitting linked in with zero national championships to their name.
- Holy fuck what a fucking shot by Mullins that Uconn game was so peak and have it happen to DUKE and BOOZER twins is just the cherry on top. I'm not sure if there will ever be a better hate watch. Only hate watch that is in contention was Josh Allen's DISASTERCLASS vs. the Broncos in the divisional round of last years playoffs. No lie ranking my top 10 hate watches would make a tremendous post. Spitballing here but another was the eagles waxing the chiefs in the Bowl a couple years ago, watching City take down Arsenal in the Carabao cup last week are a couple that come to mind. Definitely will circle back to this.

- The tournament is obviously super chalky but the matchups we have gotten from the round of 32 on have been so peak and the meeting of Arizona and Michigan this coming weekend is truly an all-time matchup. Outside a few routes, there have been some instant classics. Another post I can do is ranking the games from this march madness. I'm just oozing ideas right now.
- Due to the copious amount of time I have on my hands Idk if there has been a tournament I have followed closer than this year. I think I have watched like 95% of the games I've only missed a couple. The blessing of not really being employed for real. Has been so peak.
- Dan Hurley is the fucking man. I used to be on the train awhile back that he's just an obnoxious prick who thinks hes the shit. Some of that might be true but I admire his passion and emotion. As I was rooting for Uconn vs Duke last night I can 100% see why if he is the coach of your team you love him. I am now completely converted and a Dan Hurley guy through and through. Just wears his heart on his sleeve and wants to win. I love it.
- Bennet Stirtz is so nice man. Peak white boy hoops it was a treat to watch Iowa's run and that game with Nebraska was amazing. Tissues and lotion.
- I had 0 Labaron Philon now I give my allowances to my mama
 - Might be the greatest "that boy nice" hooper I have seen in a LONG time
 - Give me both him and acuff over boozier if im an NBA GM

Malcolm X - Autobiography and Movie

I'll do a full proper post on this actually under books +media but I guess all I'll say here having finished his autobiogrpahy this past week and the movie this past weekend I don't think I've ever found somebody so inspiring and respectable as Malcolm X. Proper post loading soon. He has inspired me to learn more and pushed my thirst for knowledge + desire to understand the world, its history, and why things are the way that they are.

