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## EMPEROR

Emperors have few original ideas, despite their large heads which must be propped up by the hired help. Their favorite game is Hide & Seek, but they lack the basic counting and fitting skills to be any good at it. There are only two Emperors left. They live a long time and are going out of style. If they don't get with the times, they may not be invited to any more parties. You can pet them and go for rides but don't you dare feed them. Don't you dare.



## FLOMBAGOO

Flombagoos are even sneakier than they look, and don't like to be taken home and cuddled. They live in a series of underground tunnels where they have derbies every single weekend. Their special hats are designed fancy, to look like a house for little nym nums, but it's a trap! They pop the trapped ones in their mouths and give them a bath before they are released back into the wild. Guess how many nym nums can fit inside the hat? No, I said guess.



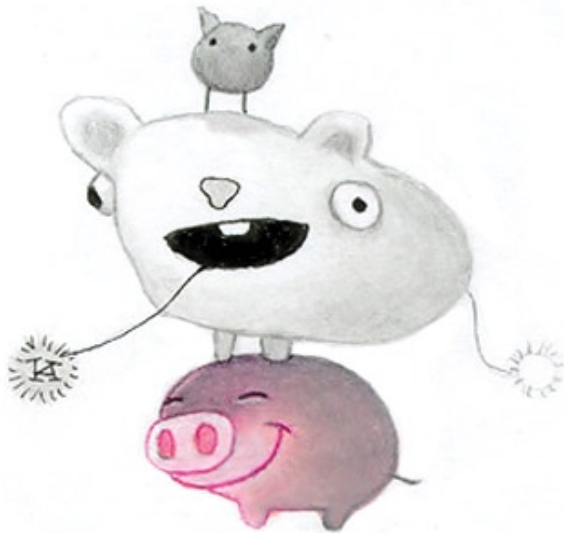
## SINGAPORE

Singaporeans live solely on wildlife trust funds, and thus, are resented by all the other animals. They frequent the salon to keep their ears just so. Sometimes they will get them crimped or done in cornrows. Singaporeans are extremely allergic to wild hog berries and get embarrassed when they receive them as gifts. They winter in Costa Rica; usually the Pacific side but are considering Puerto Viejo this year.



## FLOYDS PIG

These special pigs are loved by their floyd unconditionally. They are tenderly fed corn until they can no longer walk and their skin is brushed with flowers. There are a minimum of ten hugs a day. Such care between two species brings a tear to most eyes. Then one night, the pigs all disappear, and there is suddenly enough food to last the floyds through the harsh colonial winter. What happens to the pigs? No one knows.



## CHOMBI

Everyone knows a chombi when they see one because they are always hanging out and catching rays with their friends. It seems like they are going cool places every night. They are up for adventures at all hours, waking up around noon to eat popcorn. Then more adventures. Weekends are for super happy campouts and fun time sleepovers. You never know when—uh oh, guess what time it is? It's time for a chombi dance party! Dance, chombi, dance!





## LISBON

Lisbons were once the most majestic of creatures, but not anymore. Not since they did away with their legs. It takes them six months to learn how to levitate, and so for six months they just flop around the place, neighing about how hard life is now. They develop bedsores. The bedsores usually get infected, attracting large and ravenous predators. Once they do achieve flight, the poor Lisbons must be held together with glue and donated hair. Feel sorry for them.



## KETI

Ketis hang out a lot with the hippies. Their moms worry about this, pointing out today's lack of values and so on. The dads then have to step in, reminding them what they were like at that age and how they turned out fine. With the most sophisticated facial hair in nature and a preference for fusion cuisine, the Keti will charge if provoked with baked goods. They sustain a ton of leg injuries throughout their lives and are especially prone to canasta!



## NUNEZ

The nunez has grown so vain over the years that it will do almost anything to stay beautiful. Their beauty teams work day and night to keep their faces shiny and pretty! Unfortunately, the wax they use is toxic. It goes directly into the blood stream and dissolves the spinal cord. The once colossal body of the nunez has become jellified, and their vital organs float around in the jelly mixture, which yes, for the last time, smacks of raspberry.



## SOL

Sols are den surfers. They carry a lot of debt, moving from den to den with no real ambitions. Sure they talk the talk about their big plans, and promise to help pitch in with the chores and groceries, but nothing ever gets done. It's not really their fault because their childhoods are hard. Mature sols are excellent at imitating voices and often prank call other animals for laughs. They eat figs and thistles mostly.



## SOCKET

As soon as you make eye contact with a socket, it follows you around forever. Once this happens, don't make it feel self-conscious about you know what. Don't point at it, don't talk about it, and try to act casual around your peers. Helpful tips: Look away as you feed the socket meats from your hand, let it sleep on your bed, and have an extra bucket handy at all times. If you try any funny business, they will take it personally. They will cry, and this is not pleasant.



## BUNZI

Bunzis are some pigs who lost their way after falling in with the wrong crowd, and decided to return to the ocean to get back to their roots. They are called the Bacon of the Sea. Their arms and piercings remain in tact; however, they can blow bubbles five times in a row and tread water for a good twelve minutes (per day). Next year Bunzis will learn the backstroke. Though easy pickin's at breakfast for sharks and orcas, they love sushi too much to give it up.



## JEB

Jebbs require special care in the wild, and so are raised in captivity. Their service bell seems kind of cute at first—especially when they tug on their adorable snouts—but they are very demanding and soon the cuteness wears off. Later, you have to sit through a sermon and be lambasted for not having enough lemon snacks for everyone. You will claim that lemon is not as popular as chocolate, but you are proven wrong, and then jebby really lets you have it.



## PEROGY

Perogys cannot swim or fly or walk or sing. They yearn for superstardom, but have no special abilities. The result is that Perogys stop trying and give up on their dreams quite early on. Eventually they get so sullen about things that they retreat into a hard, protective shell. Seven years later, they burst forth with new resolve and realize that not much has changed. Only then do they plant the potatoes and onion bulbs and begin raising families.





## MIA

Take all the good things you know about moms and you've got a mia. Mias lick the wounds of the injured, knit plush sweaters and booties, take care of the young ones, do the laundry, and have dinner ready by five-thirty. They will eat the burnt piece of roast and never complain. Their kisses have healing powers. The amazing mias, with their warm hearts, will even get up at night and bring the nocturnal animals a mug of warm milk to help them sleep.



## PEDRO

Pedros are the most industrious of all animals and the most cilantro-eating as well. These guys put cilantro on everything. Seriously, the stuff's like catnip to them. Pedros also work ten to twelve hours a day without food, spending the night foraging for nuts on their mechanical hounds. There are six devices they make (including a vacuum for the Pep Peps), five of which don't work.



## PEP PEP

Pep Peps are very pushy vacuum salesman. They will come to your door during supper and bring moths into the house. Their breath smells like cheese. Pretty much their only redeeming quality is a well-groomed moustache. They have little combs for this. In the end, most people end up buying the vacuum to help deal with their new moth problem. They flip it over and see 'Made by Pedro.' See Pedros for more information.



## PELIK

The Peliks are a species plagued with questionable oral hygiene. They are born with a mouthful of beautiful teeth, which soon go yellow and black, then rot from their smelly gums. That's why all their food has to be mashed up. The smell of the gingivitis and rot attracts insects, birds, and smaller rodents, sustaining small, unique ecosystems in their mouths. Their favorite fluoride flavors are meat and strawberry.



## MALKIN

Malkins are a critically endangered species. Despite this, they are proud beasts, holding an annual parade in honor of their style. Malkins are renowned for their crazy mane styles, utilizing hair gels made from tree saps. They are indelible dressers and dapper omnivores, maintaining exceptionally neat quarters. Because they are from the upper crust, their snooty, sensitive noses cause them to constantly throw their heads back in disgust.



## ZEBRACORN

Once upon a time, a zebra fell in love with a unicorn, which some say is impossible but others say is awesome. Anyway, it happened, and somehow they had a child named Gordon. It turns out their little zebicorn lacked the magical abilities of the unicorn and was less stripy and monochromatic than a regular zebra, and they were all like get out of here, weirdo! Now the zebicorn steals babies in return for some hay. The going rate is one baby per bushel.



## MAGNUS

The magnus is bizarre and disconcerting and kind of galactic-looking. They probably dropped down from outer space or something. Though they are considered harmless, one should never offer them change. It only encourages the panhandling. The magnus' technology is a disadvantage to them. In fact, their mere existence breaks several laws of science. As for their language, it sounds like they have been injured and need help.



## ROGER

Rogers are just plain, old grumpy gusses with a lot of regrets. They get the sniffles a lot. From the age of six months they require the use of a cane to walk and are pessimistic about the weather. Half the time, they're coming up with new tax schemes, to be honest. The rest of the day they're ranting about how much better off they were way back when. Rogers subsist on a steady diet of lemons, but become carnivorous when jokes are told at their expense.





## MARBLES

Marbles are famous for their mental faculties. With an ability to count to four, they believe they have mastered mathematics. Every morning they wake up and do yoga on their hand-made mats, and then go to market and sell their nice rugs. They are hoarding the apples, and for some reason, expect tulips from all their friends on every holiday and special occasion. Their friends bring the flowers, but they're not pleased about it.



## CHARLO CEDRO

If the Charlo Cedro could talk, you would be instantly captivated by its accent as it discussed the luxurious vineyards of their acreages and described the delicacy of the mollusk when served with an eighty-year-old merlot at dawn on the winter solstice. They are rarely seen without a rose in their mouths and emit a sophisticated and pungent kind of cologne, the type usually worn in heavy doses by old men. They are some kind of cat with funny pink hair.



## SUMA

At first glance, Sumas seem like your run of the mill nice guys. Their fur is soft and latte colored. They laugh politely at jokes that aren't funny at all. They are very generous with their time, volunteering for charities, and are even willing to commute both ways, morning and afternoon. Yeah, it's because they're zombies. They're only nice because their minds have been taken over by the parasitic rabbits that latch onto their brains before they're old enough to run away screaming.



## DUSTIN HOFFMAN

Dustin Hoffmans are gross! Their arms secrete a yummy, lime-flavored gelatin, sold from the back of a van on the weekends by Bill Cosby. Only two Dustin Hoffmans have been domesticated and they account for 98% percent of the aforementioned g-e-l-a-t-i-n snack popular in parts of New York and Norway. You can hear the curdling cry of the Dustin Hoffman on Buffy St. Marie's duet with Wayne Gretzky, from their new album Alien Goat Boy Homogenous

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