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hey, let's play a pandemic wargame and blame leopards!

NOW – German health minister Lauterbach at G7 meeting: "We will do a very realistic exercise in which a smallpox pandemic results from a leopard bite."

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every leopard in the world right now:



i mean, what is this, the simpsons?

i know cats are intimidating to humans, but you people

seriously need to get a a grip.



that said, let's not forget how oddly timely the G7 pandemic wargame for a hypothetical disease that looked an awful lot like covid.

Live Simulation Exercise to Prepare Public and Private Leaders for Pandemic Response

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- The world has seen a growing number of epidemic events, amounting to about 200 per year
- Pandemics could cause average annual economic losses of 0.7% of global GDP
- Event 201 exercise will bring together public and private leaders to inform multistakeholder cooperation for pandemic preparedness and response
- Follow the live virtual exercise from 08.50 - 12.30 EDT [here](#)

Geneva, Switzerland, 15 October 2019 – The Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security in partnership with the World Economic Forum and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will host Event 201: a high-level simulation exercise for pandemic preparedness and response, in New York, USA, on Friday 18 October, 08.45 - 12.30 EDT.

The exercise will bring together business, government, security and public health leaders to address a hypothetical global pandemic scenario. It will also feature a live virtual experience from 08.50 – 12.30 EDT to engage stakeholders worldwide and members of the public in a meaningful conversation of difficult high-level policy choices that could arise in the midst of a severe pandemic.

which, i have to admit, makes this look a little iffy alongside the “leopard pox”

Can't wait for monkeypox lockdowns and stimulus checks.

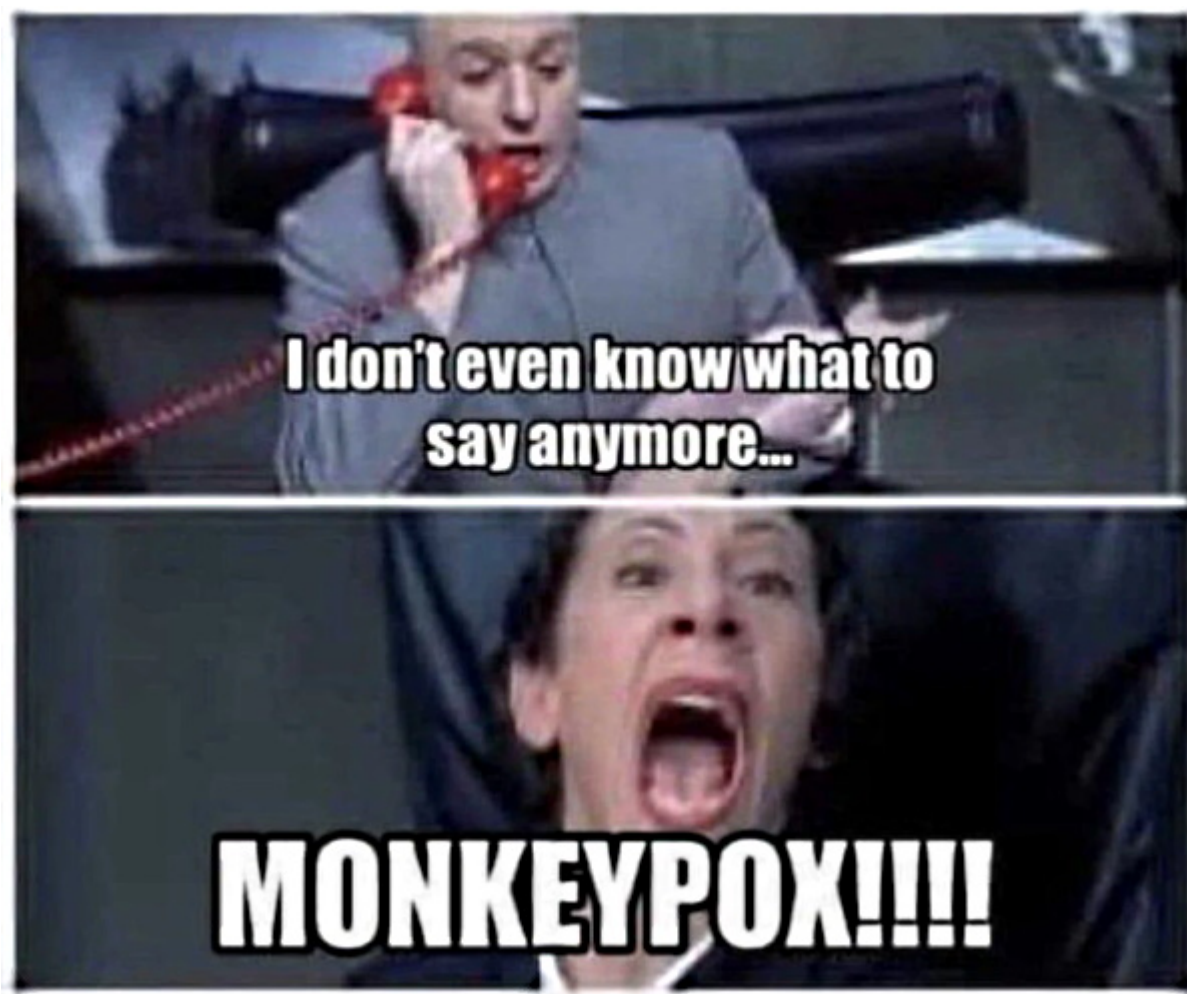
WHO calls emergency meeting as monkeypox cases cross 100 in Europe <https://t.co/kKMi6YTW8s>

– Stalingrad & Poorski (@Stalingrad_Poor) [May 20, 2022](#)

right friends?



i mean, what sort of person would try to run that same play twice in a row?



and for the record, unless something truly dramatic has changed, monkeypox is just not that dangerous.

[Is Monkeypox Hype a Paid Media Campaign?](#)

i was going to do a piece on it, but igor beat me to it and i really have nothing much to add apart from the idea that i doubt that it was paid or even coordinated.

it's just another topic the media all grabbed onto because it might turn into something and it will sell a few papers in the meantime. they all have the same 4 sources, so it's not like it's hard to see how it propagates.

there is no need to suspect a conspiracy.

it's just the emergent property of "scary thing sells papers!"



but even reuters, despite their alarmist "worst ever" and "WHO emergency meeting" headlines is calling this a nothingburger.

(this is a classic practice BTW. alarming headline that few will read past that is actually refuted/disarmed in the body of the piece if you actually read it. only scanning headline nearly always leaves one with a vastly inflated sense of crisis.)

However, scientists do not expect the outbreak to evolve into a pandemic like COVID-19, given the virus does not spread as easily as SARS-COV-2.

Monkeypox is usually a mild viral illness, characterised by symptoms of fever as well as a distinctive bumpy rash.

"With several confirmed cases in the United Kingdom, Spain and Portugal, this is the largest and most widespread outbreak of monkeypox ever seen in Europe," said Germany's armed forces' medical service, which detected its first case in the country on Friday.

Fabian Leendertz, from the Robert Koch Institute, described the outbreak as an epidemic.

"However it is very unlikely that this epidemic will last long. The cases can be well isolated via contact tracing and there are also drugs and effective vaccines that can be used if necessary," he said.

i suspect this is more about clamoring attention, the WHO trying to look useful/needed while they try to push through their massive power grab and posing for the papers, and left leaning media seeking to distract from some other matters like this:



and this:



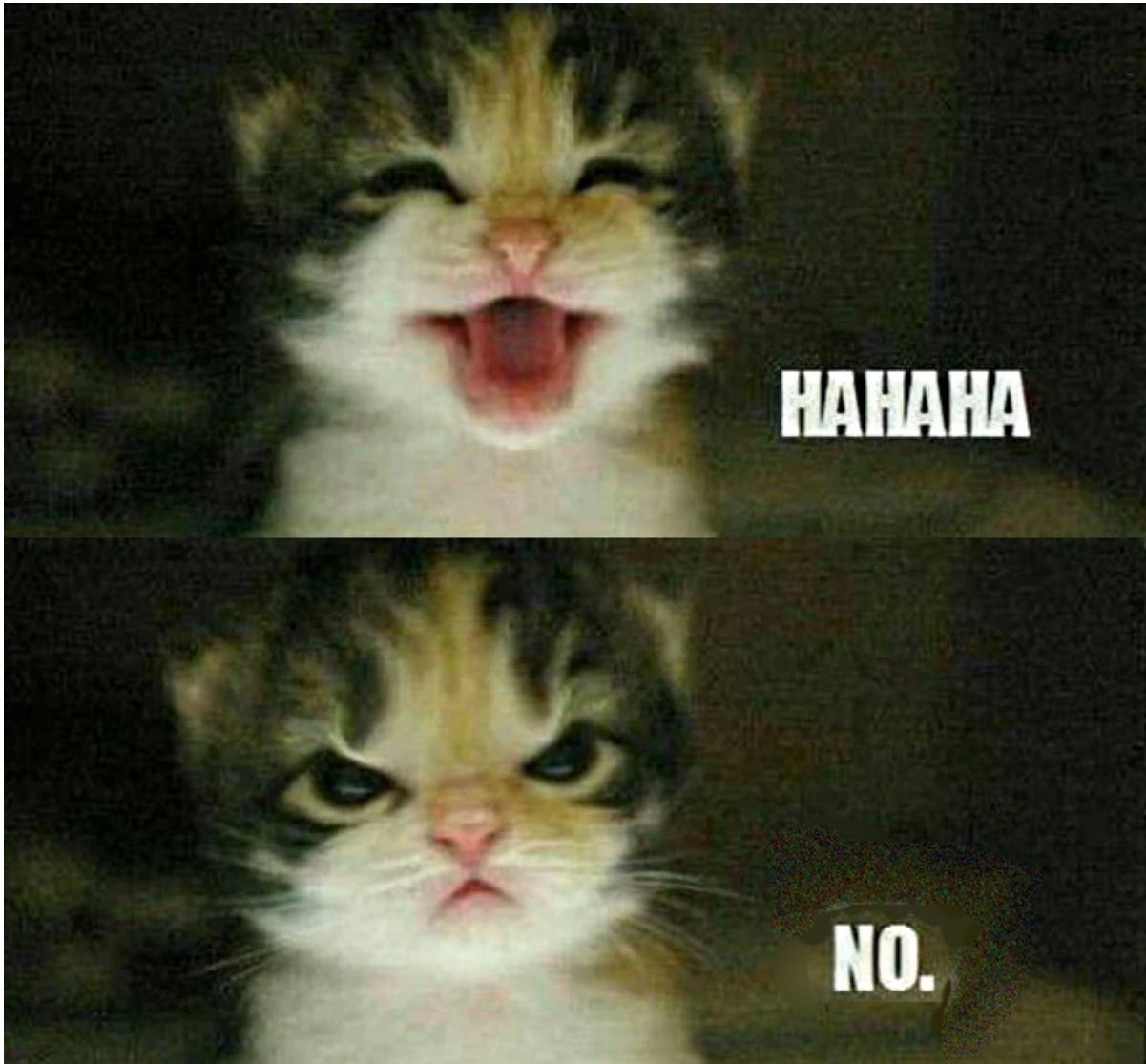
but as of now, apart from more of this aggravatingly consistent policy of maligning felines for the world's woes, i suspect the odds are in our favor to ignore

monkeypox and media alike.

and just remember, when the gang whose reckless ineptitude broke the world for 2 years and brought you this asks for more unaccountable, technocratic power,



you already know the answer.



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