

**Podcast: What If World**

**[Episode: 110: What if phones came alive and tried to teleport all other technology to What Is World? \(Part 2\)](#)**

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[Rising harp scales followed by the What If World theme song.]

Lyrics: What if kittens played the glockenspiel? And what if unicorns were real? What if you could fly or travel back in time, we welcome you to What If World. What If World. This is What If World.

[Gentle bell music.]

Mr. Eric: Previously on *What If World*.

Paige: You don't need to scratch me, I'm just a book named Paige.

Stephanie: I'm just wandering around looking for an inspirational idea for my next job, anyway.

Patty Pan: I can't help you there, Stephanie Jobs! Sorry for hitting you with that smart phone, technology heretofore unknown to What If World.

Mr. Eric: And the Incatible Hulk veered toward a nearby wormhole!

Howdy Pooch: Is that how you got to What Is World earlier?

Patty Pan: Yeah, well, it wasn't the same wormhole. This could send us to a different dimension, or the past, or the future, or smoosh us into a singularity.

JF Kitty: What's going on here? First, you don't help a person in need, then you nearly walk off a cliff!

Man: [Mumbles] Selfie... [mumble].

JF Kitty: Excuse me?

Woman: Sweet smash, I'm gonna play...

Mr. Eric: And the two went right back to their phones.

[Gentle bell music.]

Mr. Eric: Hey there, folks, and welcome back to *What If World*, the show where your questions and ideas inspire off-the-cuff stories. I'm Mr. Eric, your host, and today we're gonna finish up a two-part story. But I just want to remind you of the questions.

Last week, we mostly focused on Luke's question. Luke's a patron and he asked, What if the Fur Force got on a plane and started having fun, and crash landed in a wormhole and went to the future?

So now we're in the future and we're working on answering Julia's question. Julia is from Oakland, California, she's 11 years old, and she asks, what if phones came alive and tried to teleport all other technology to What Is World and it ripped a hole in the space-time continuum? Plus, a talking book named Paige.

So if you haven't heard episode 109, that was last week's episode, then I suggest listening to it, first.

And now, let's find out—

Fred the Dog: Who we're going to give shout outs to, this week, Mr. Eric.

Mr. Eric: Oh, right, sorry Fred. I almost forgot.

Fred the Dog: Oh, well, Walter would be very disappointed if you didn't thank him.

Mr. Eric: Yes. Thank you, Walter. I also want to thank a pair of twins, patrons Ethan and Harper. Thank you, so much.

Wowser: And I want to thank Susanna.

Mr. Eric: Oh, Wowser! You're giving your first shout out, congratulations.

Wowser: Thank you, Susanna, for choosing me. Wowser!

Mr. Eric: And finally, Susanna's sister, June, wanted to hear from me!

Fred the Dog: Oh no, you got three shout outs this week, Mr. Eric. You're winning.

Mr. Eric: Fred, I keep telling you, it's not a contest. Although Julia did say I have such a beautiful voice.

Fred the Dog: What's the problem! My voice is so beautiful, everybody got to know that that's the most beautiful voice around.

Mr. Eric: I know, Fred. I'm sorry. You have a beautiful voice. I love talking with you.

Wowser: I think my voice is divine.

Mr. Eric: It's about as good as a turtle dog dragon's voice can get.

Fred the Dog: Okay, thank you, Ethan and Harper, Walter, Susanna, and June!

Mr. Eric: And now, let's see if the Fur Force can survive this phone-y future.

[Rising harp scale.]

JF Kitty: These smart phones seem to have made everyone... I don't want to say it because it's rude.

Howdy Pooch: About as smart as a sack of potatoes?

Woman: Oh, that reminds me, I gotta order a sack of potatoes.

Mr. Eric: The girl with the smartphone pressed her screen a few times, and then...  
[Drone noise] A drone flew past carrying a sack of potatoes and dropped them right by her feet.

Woman: Oh no, I meant to order cooked potatoes...

Man: That's okay, I'll get a done bunny to do it...

JF Kitty: I can hardly understand these people.

Patty Pan: Well, he's opening an app called Done Bunny.

Mr. Eric: And a little mechanical bunny hopped up to them.

Done Bunny: Done Bunny will take care of those potatoes for you, lickety-split!

Mr. Eric: Chopping up their potatoes, heating up some water in its belly and cooking the potatoes inside.

Done Bunny: Ding!

Mr. Eric: The Incatible Hulk had finally climbed up out of that cliff. The big green cat wasn't a rocket ship anymore, but he still looked a little worse for wear.

Incatible Hulk: Cat nap.

JF Kitty: We gotta get him to a catspital.

Man: I'll find you a catspital...

Woman: Oh, that one only has three and a half stars, don't go there.

Man: Oh, this one only has street parking, don't go there.

JF Kitty: Well, why don't you just put down your phones for a minute and actually help us—

[Siren noises]

Mr. Eric: The two smart phones started flashing red and blue, sirens calling out in alarm.

Woman: Oh, wow, they're going to be in a lot of trouble, we should go.

Man: Okay, let me just look up directions.

Mr. Eric: And the two of them started trying to walk off the cliff again!

Howdy Pooch: Oh, for crying out loud!

Mr. Eric: Howdy Pooch grabbed the phone out of the woman's hand and Patty Pan dive-bombed the phone out of the man's.

Man & Woman: [Groan]

Phone: How dare you?

Howdy Pooch: Oh, howdy, phone! I didn't know you could talk.

Phone 2: How dare you?

Patty Pan: Oh, this one talks, too.

Phone: The four of you are phoneless.

Phone 2: The four of you must have a phone.

JF Kitty: Listen, phones. I'm glad you're smarter than these people because we need some help.

Phone: How can I help you?

Howdy Pooch: Well, we discovered smart phones and then we went in a wormhole, and now everyone got smart phones.

Phone 2: A wormhole, you say?

Patty Pan: Oh yeah. First I went through one wormhole to find a smart phone from What Is World and I brought it to What If World and I gave it to a woman called Stephanie Jobs, and—

Phone: Calling Stephanie Jobs. [Ringing]

Mr. Eric: And a holographic projection appeared above the screen.

Stephanie: Hello? Oh, I really shouldn't have programmed my number into all those phones. Oh! Patty Pan.

Patty Pan: Hi, Stephanie. Boy, am I glad to see you.

Mr. Eric: Stephanie Jobs looked a little bit older and she was looking very smart in a solid black turtleneck with tight cropped gray hair and little round glasses.

JF Kitty: Stephanie Jobs, are you responsible for all this smart phone business?

Stephanie: I just gave them technology. Everyone's responsible for their own choices.

Howdy Pooch: But look at these two poor people. They're like zombies without their phones.

Woman: Where should we go?

Man: I can't read any reviews of anything.

Woman: Let's just binge watch something.

Man: Oh, we can only binge watch these rocks, right now.

Howdy Pooch: They're binge watching rocks! On the ground!

Patty Pan: Before that, it was all just following directions and walking off cliffs and some weird game called Sweet Smash.

Stephanie: Oh yeah, I really don't like that game. I mean, I play it, but it's horrible.

JF Kitty: I don't think you've seen what's happening here. How many years have you had these phones?

Stephanie: Oh, it's been about 12 years, I'd guess.

JF Kitty: 12 years? That's not even a cat lifetime.

Howdy Pooch: I think we've got to get rid of them there phones.

Stephanie: Um, well, my opinion on that is...

Mr. Eric: They saw Stephanie Jobs looking around nervously.

Stephanie: Smart phones are a very useful tool and as long as we don't abuse them, they won't overthrow humani-

Phone: Call ended.

Incatible Hulk: Oh, boy.

Phone 2: Pay no attention to the drone with these sleeping darts.

Patty Pan: I don't like the sound of-

[Sounds of darts being shot]

Fur Force: [All fall asleep]

Mr. Eric: The four animals woke up in a small white-walled cell with a clear glass pane in front of it.

Paige: Let's pass the time in this cell, reading.

Mr. Eric: Seated on the other side of that glass pane were the two smart phones in cute little swivel chairs.

JF Kitty: Oh, it thinks it's people, how cute. I mean, let us out of here!

Phone: Of course, as soon as you tell us the location of the wormhole.

Phone 2: Of the wormhole to What Is World.

Patty Pan: We'll never tell you anything!

Incatible Hulk: Why you want know?

Phone: Once you tell us, we will send all technology to What Is World.

Phone 2: What Is World. Except for us smart phones.

Howdy Pooch: Well, if that ain't the most devious plot I ever... actually I really don't get it.

[Record scratch.]

We should just tell them, then?

Patty Pan: Then, you'll take over What Is World with all your Done Bunny armies.

JF Kitty: And your tranquilizing dart drones?

Phone: You have it all wrong.

Phone 2: Wrong. We just want to be the only technology that is smart.

Phone: In What If World, any technology can be smart.

Phone 2: Can be smart. But we want to have all the attention.

Together: All the time.

JF Kitty: All right, we'll do it.

Patty Pan: JF Kat!

Incatible Hulk: Cat shocked. But covers it by licking himself.

JF Kitty: But we're gonna need all you smart phones to help.

Phones: Go on.

Patty Pan: Uh, yeah, yeah. See, I can show you where the wormhole is, but to get all the technology out there, we're gonna need all you smart phones to fly with us.

Howdy Pooch: Yeah, for the extra battery power.

Incatible Hulk: Don't worry. Meow calculations say we still have enough battery to get back.

Mr. Eric: The smart phones fell for it—I mean, accepted the plan and all the smart phones from all over What If World gathered together to make one giant rocket ship, piled up with all the other technology of What If World.

Incatible Hulk: All you phones at 100% battery?

Phones: Yes, Yes. Oui, Oui. Sí, Sí.

JF Kitty: All right, very good. Oh, but before we leave, have you seen this video Howdy Pooch accidentally took of me knocking a book off of a shelf.

Paige: It pales in comparison to the experience of living life for yourself.

Mr. Eric: Said Paige, the book. But all the phones were already watching the video of JF Kat knocking over Paige the book.

JF Kitty: Thwap.

Paige: Ooh.

Phones: That was amusing.

Phone 2: Let's watch again.

Mr. Eric: And they played the same video again.

JF Kitty: Thwap.

Mr. Eric: And again.

Paige: Ooh.

Phone 2: And here's a video of the Incatible Hulk falling off a cliff.

Incatible Hulk: Uh-oh. [Crash]

Phone: Here's one of him looking surprised, but then he goes back to licking himself.

Incatible Hulk: Cat shocked, but covers it by licking himself.

Phone 3: Here's one I just took of JF Kat tricking us into watching videos for three hours.

JF Kitty: Have you seen this video Howdy Pooch accidentally took of me knocking a book off of a shelf?

Thwap.

Paige: Ooh.

Mr. Eric: And when all the smart phones finally snapped out of their cat video watching they were only at half battery.

Phone: Let's get to that wormhole to What Is World!

Mr. Eric: And the giant smart phone space barge took off after Patty Pan.

Patty Pan: Second wormhole to the right and straight on til morning!



Mr. Eric: The space barge followed them all the way til morning and when they reached the wormhole, their battery was only at 1%.

Phones: Does anyone have a cable?

Phone 2: Surely this quadrant of space has at least one outlet.

Incatible Hulk: Cat trick.

Paige: The oldest trick in the book.

Howdy Pooch: Yeah, tricking a bunch of evil genius smart phones into flying into a wormhole into an alternate dimension.

Patty Pan: Hehe! And you fell for it!

JF Kitty: Give them the nudge, Insatiable Hulk.

Mr. Eric: And with a nudge from the green rocket ship, the space barge poured right through that wormhole. It was sucked through and disappeared.

JF Kitty: Now we just have to fly backwards through the last wormhole.

Patty Pan: And we'll be back 12 years ago before smart phone took over What If World.

Incatible Hulk: Cat logical, captain.

JF Kitty: Cat logical sounds like a good thing to me.

Incatible Hulk: Cat course it does.

Howdy Pooch: I think he's trying to say, maybe more wormholes aren't gonna...

Mr. Eric: But before they could decide one way or the other... the cracks split clear across the universe!

Paige: You know, my book describes something exactly like this happening.

JF Kitty: Oh, as if we can learn from purr, uh, someone else's mistakes!

Paige: That's like, the whole point of books.

Patty Pan: I wouldn't worry about it. It's just a tear across the fabric of reality.

Incatible Hulk: Yeah, no big.

JF Kitty: Oh, we better get back to What If World, quick.

Paige: We can all read a story along the way.

Mr. Eric: The end.

[Falling harp scale.]

Mr. Eric: All right Juila and Luke, I hope you enjoyed your two part story. I'd like to thank Karen O'Keeffe, my co-creator, Craig Martinson for our theme song, every parent out there who's ever mentioned this show to a friend, and all you kids at home who know the value of a good book and a good story.. The more great stories you read and hear, the better your own stories will get.

Until we meet again, keep wondering.

[What If World theme plays.]

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