

ASDF Music - Everybody Do The Flop

The Story Thus Far

It's a wild and wacky world that we live in. Every day people go about their business, going to work or to school, the heroes of their own story as they deal with alien invasions, explosive turtles popping up where they're least wanted, or spontaneous plagues of deadly comedy. Here and now, the world is about to undergo a massive social shift at the hands of one semi-incompetent dancer with two left feet. Having figured out how to turn his weakness into a strength, he'll be riding the waves of fame all the way to the top. And you? Well, hopefully you'll be in there somewhere, having fun with the absolute ride the next ten years are likely to be.

+1000 cp

Origins

Internet Sensation

You would be absolutely amazed by how people can oh so quickly find the new "thing" that's hip and in, and by how silly that thing can really be. Why, with the right skills, even something like falling face first onto the ground can be considered "in". And you, my friend, are just the kind of person to discover that thing - or perhaps, to be discovered - and become famous for it as a result.

Enthusiastic Bystander

It's hip! It's hype! It's your new favorite thing, the one you've become a rabid fan for and spent way too much money on! Unfortunately for you, you've become a statistic, one of the untold millions that are often swept away by whatever fad or phenomenon springs up from the depths of the internet.

Recurring Character

You aren't here to laugh at the newfangled thing, you're a living legend, and old favorite. For better or for worse you'll find yourself the star of quite a bit of attention - not as much as the new fad, but you won't be fading away anytime soon without one hell of a bomb directly to your reputation. There's things to be said for stability, you know?

Perks

Internet Sensation

100 cp - Two Left Feet

Let's be honest, while some of the guys who get instant fame are actually competent, more than a few of them are famous for failing but in a cool way. You're one of them, by the way. Fortunately, you're very skilled at failing and somehow not hurting yourself while you do. Fall face first onto the floor because you can't dance worth shit? Amazingly, you won't break your nose from doing this. …possibly because you're less than fully drawn and thus don't have a nose, but you could always be in the anime spinoff where you do in fact have facial features beyond eyes and a mouth. But the point is, you're very resistant to stupidity induced injury.

200 cp - Right Before You Hit The Floor

Sometimes, it's not about how good you are, or even how bad you are. Sometimes it's just about how many people are watching you, and whether or not you can hype them up into going along with whatever you have planned. Something like pretending that an uncontrolled descent is an actual dance move. Whatever it may be, you have a instinct for how many people are watching you, for how many eyes - literal, electronic, and metaphorical - are on you, and by extension when the perfect moment to do something really stupid in the name of your five minutes of fame is. As you might expect, this also makes you stupidly good at maximizing your good publicity.

400 cp - Everybody Do The Thing

You know what the primary difference between a random collection of people, and a flash mob is? Someone running into the center and yelling "everybody do the flop!" Which, by the way, you can now do. By specifically shouting out popular memes, quotes from hit songs, or other nonsensical commands while in the midst of a gathering, the people around you who actually know what the heck you're talking about - read as, most of them - will follow through with said command. Like falling onto their face when commanded to do the flop. Warning, do not do this on top of buildings, you don't need the therapy.

600 cp - And The Earth Began To Shake

Never let it be said that actions do not have consequences. Causing a significant portion of the planet to simultaneously faceplant onto the ground, could, in fact, damage the ground. Best case scenario, said planet starts to bitch at you. But actually reaching that point… isn't it pretty much impossible? For an internet sensation to both last long enough to reach that many people - no, for them to reach that many people in the first place. And yet, you can. Simply put, when it comes to fame, you live your life with cheat codes activated. Your actions seem to actively draw people in and refuse to let them go, making fans out of those who would normally never care, and allowing you to stay in the forefront of people's mind long after your one gimmick should have become stale.

Enthusiastic Bystander

100 cp - The New Dance Groove

You have the one thing the Flop guy wants more than anything else - the ability to actually dance! Whether it's something classy and smooth like a waltz in a ballroom, or something a bit more spontaneous in a nightclub, you've got a surprising amount of talent at shaking your stuff. You could get the top score on any DDR machine easily, and even if you find yourself in a situation where you don't know a specific style of dance, your talent will let you pick it up right quick. As a minor note, you also have an excellent sense of balance.

200 cp - Everyone Wanted To Join In

Okay, maybe you aren't a perfectly ordinary bystander - you're a sensation waiting to happen! Well, no, not really. You are really good at riding other people's coattails in order to get your own five minutes of fame though, and the name of the game is derivatives. You know, things like making an irl skit of a scene from an animation, or maybe redoing it in another style. Go ahead and pick something like that, be it skill at animation or actual acting skills, and you have enough of the stuff to churn out knock offs and 'reimaginings' of whatever is currently popular on the regular. Just imagine your favorite anime but it's all minecraft characters and you'll have the right idea.

400 cp - Everybody Don't Do The Flop

The Flop may be the next big thing just waiting to happen, but it isn't all sunshine and roses. There are real and tangible flaws in Dougal's plans. So much so that a few dozen people are going to get themselves doing The Flop in short order as its popularity kicks up, with more on the way. Fortunately for you, you're perfectly positioned to rain on his parade. For whatever reason, when you bash something, it takes real damage to its popularity. If you went out of your way to really rip Flopguy a new one, maybe with a few mentions of the potential safety hazards he's about to discover, a surprising number of people would listen to you and promptly abandon him. Sadly, you aren't nearly as good at endorsing these things.

600 cp - How To Find People In The Alps (With A Baseball Bat)

Well this is interesting. I'd rather assumed that you were a mindless fan, and that your primary skill set was either joining in or maybe posting skits of you joining in on the internet. But it seems that you actually do have skills of your own, outside of echoing whatever the new sensation is. Specifically, you're a self help author, writing books and guides about 'how to improve your life through these three thousand seven hundred and ninety one easy steps'. In short, you can shove your character development into the form of a book and hand it out to other people. More ordinary topics are also something that you have experience in, not to mention writing in general, but the random life lessons you can all but magically grant to people by smacking them in the face with your books is where you shine.

Recurring Character

100 cp - Hello!

Screw waiting to be found, you're already in the limelight. You have a signature style of some sort, perhaps a catchphrase such as the Mine Turtle's standard greeting that strikes fear into the hearts of all that hear it. When you're in this zone, people will nigh instantly recognize you for the superstar that you are - none of that "is it REALLY him" or "I thought he'd be taller" nonsense a lesser personality might have to deal with. And of course, if you don't want to be recognized for some reason, perhaps so you can drop by your local ice cream shop without everybody screaming about how much you love that shop, you can simply… not wear that style or say your catchphrase. They might recognize you anyways, but we all know fan are kind of dumb - don't announce yourself, and most will never know.

200 cp - Trendy Plus Trendy

When you're already famous, and perhaps more importantly the stable kind of famous that sees various offers thrown your way with regularity rather than merely being a fad, there's something to keep in mind - people are going to care an odd amount about your opinion. What brand of shoes you like, your favorite flavor of ice cream, political parties… All that jazz. This also means that those same fads have a tendency to want to work with you on this or that, in an attempt to leech some of your own reputation for themselves. While you can't outright shut someone down - well, not just by refusing to work with them - you'll find collaboration works, meet and greets, or even merely appearing on a talk show together to do absolutely wonderful things for their reputations. As you might imagine, this makes you very valuable to certain people.

400 cp - Interrupted By A Bomb

Okay, so you've got a few ways to manage your fame - now you just need something a bit more solid. You know, whatever it was that you became famous for in the first place. You've got a gimmick, a gag, something to your name that brought you that fame. You might be mine turtle, a bear that's inexplicably able to breathe in space, a sentient potato with the ability to pull out a gun from somewhere, someone who shares the I Like Trains Kid's ability to summon trains, or maybe you just have the ability to abruptly make everyone's day worse by invoking the terrible power that is marmite. Or you could just be a Stegosaurus. Whatever it is, you can pull it out of your ass on a moment's notice whenever the adoring public wants more of you. You can also fudge the details here if you don't want to be a direct copy of an existing character, but why mess with the classics?

600 cp - Can't Kill Off A Fan Favorite

You're so popular that they killed you off three times, and each time the fans demanded you back! Normally that would be a bit hard, your average mine turtle doesn't have a great lifespan, but this is a world very heavily entrenched in what's funny rather than what's logical, so it all works out. Whether it's through the use of stunt doubles, alien cloning rays, time travel, or just straight up coming back through sheer fiat, you have a utterly ridiculous ability to create scenarios where you "die" and then just sort of show back up later anyways. Do keep in mind that this only works for the sake of comedy. Bleeding out because someone asked you to hold their knife (in between your ribs) is fine, getting stabbed in a fight is not.

Items

Internet Sensation

100 cp - Floptastic Style

What is a man without an opportunity to be stylish? Boring, that's what. Luckily for you, you've somehow gotten your hands on an infinite and ever changing supply of silly top hats and funky glasses. You know, the kind of thing that makes you stand out in a crowd before you actually do anything. And if you end up taking a shine to a particular pair, you'll find your closet to be absolutely full of as many copies as you could ever need. Oh, and oddly enough, nobody will ever think to ask you to remove these.

200 cp - Miss Miss Miss Miss Miss

There is a fire in your soul, and it tells you to *dance*. Unfortunately, you're absolute shit at it. Fortunately, your local arcade doesn't mind you hogging their DDR pad to make an absolute fool out of yourself with as you utterly top their loserboard. I don't know how exactly you struck this particular deal, but basically you no longer need to pay to dance. Go to an arcade? You've got a pocket full of tokens. Go to a fancy ball? Your name suddenly appears on the guest list. In addition to that, for when you want to make a fool of yourself in private rather than public, you also own what seems to be every home version of Dance Dance Revolution released thus far.

400 cp - Hottest Horizontal Hit

When your popularity has the lifespan of a mayfly, it's important to milk it for all that it's worth - that's why a few companies have seen fit to approach you for possible collaboration. What you have here is a small pile of letters, each one detailing the specifics of an interview with a magazine, perhaps to play a role in a movie, or to guest star at a convention of some sort. Strictly speaking these things are all borrowing your popularity the same way that you would if you were given a chance to work with a more famous star, but they're all opportunities to simply get your name out there. Stay popular for long enough and maybe you'll get elected man of the year?

Enthusiastic Bystander

100 cp - Oops I Broke My Face

A not insignificant part of the Flop Guy's reversal of attitude was not in what it cost him, but what it cost his fans. Many of them were admitted to the hospital for broken faces, and just as many of them flopped onto something hazardous. Like spikes. Or a bomb. Luckily, you're insured against random acts of stupidity. Of course, the world being what it is said care is probably just basic bandages - it's stupid, but so are you and that's probably why it works. Lets just hope that nobody says the word pineapple while you're still in the building.

200 cp - Gooqtube Feed

How are you supposed to know what's popular if you don't spend at least 25 hours a day on the internet looking at memes? Unfortunately, nobody has that kind of time, not even the time travelers. We'll have to compromise with an algorithm that scans through whatever sites you connect it to for whatever the most popular viral video, meme image, or Cooptube video is on any given day. Filters can be used to ignore or focus on specific topics, such as cooking or politics. Depending on how many sites you're on, this can still be an awful lot of content, but it's easier than doing it by hand.

400 cp - And The Earth Began To Groove

Let me tell you a little secret about this world - It's alive. The Earth, the Sun, Uranus - sorry, sorry, I had to. But they do live. Why, Saturn called the Sun fat not too long ago. And, perhaps more importantly, you have a direct line of communication to not only the Earth itself, but also the other planets. …On social media. Well, right now you can probably just call out "hello world" and have the world answer back, but in later jumps it'll be social media. They'll let you know if the latest hip sensation is somehow a threat to the world. Or threats in general. Or badger you to remember to go to the dentist. Look, it's not like they've got many other people to talk to, so you should expect them to talk A LOT.

Recurring Character

100 cp - That Other ASDF Song

Ah, yes, Jumper. I know all about them. Not because I actually did any research, but because I watched the documentary about them, you see. …Yes, someone made a documentary about you. The story of your life and times, not only here in this jump with how you became known for your gimmick You know you're famous when people make a documentary about you, and someone has done just that. Of course, you don't get just one - no, at the end of each jump, you receive an additional one detailing your time in the jump. You can turn this down if you plan on being boring and undocumentaryworthy, but otherwise whoever is making these will just keep going.

200 cp - Everybody Do The Other Thing

As someone famous enough, funny enough, and hopefully skilled enough to not only become famous, but stay that way, there are more than a few things that separate you from an overnight sensation like the Flop Guy. One of them - and more importantly, this one - is merchandising. That's why, much in the same vein as your documentaries, any time you do pretty much anything vaguely important or interesting, you'll find that someone made an action figure or plushie of you or a music video of you doing it. There is a bit of exaggeration here, your quest to find some decent nachos probably doesn't need a 24 episode tv show, but damn if whoever is doing this can't make it work.

400 cp - The Bomb That Interrupted The Flop Concert

Waaaay back when there was a man named Tom, who shouted "Drunk Science!", and drank a cold one. This was the birth of the Mine Turtle, an extremely combustible yet cheerful reptile who greets everyone with an enthusiastic "Hello!" before usually exploding because you stepped on it. They may or may not be able to survive their own explosions, it depends on if they're "the" Mine Turtle or just "a" mind turtle. Unfortunately, this group of turtles falls into the second category. Don't get me wrong, there's enough here to sell out an entire stadium, but that's still a finite number of them.

Companions

100 cp - Everybody Do The Jump
No matter how popular you get, you will always need backup dancers. With that in mind, with each purchase of this option, you may either import two companions into the jump with all the same choices you get to make - with the caveat that they cannot take drawbacks or companions- and 600 cp with which to make them… Or you may take two people from the jump as new companions. Or one of each, if you prefer.

Drawbacks

+100 cp - Standing Up School Dropout
Most people in this world are basically just chaff - they might as well be props in someone else's story. Unfortunately, you don't need to be competent to be an extra, so for whatever reason you have what most would call a major life skill that you just can't do. Like, at all. There is a reason they made a school specifically for standing up. They even have classes on blinking and breathing! And the number of dropouts from that school has been rising in recent years, and you're one of them. So like I said, pick something major, something fundamental. You're utter shit at it. Don't ask how or why, you just can't seem to wrap your head around it.

+100 cp - They Didn't Like The New Moves
Originality. It's the thing that separates a star from a copycat. They might not have done it the best, but they did do it first, and that's important. Unfortunately, you're not a very original person. End result? While you can memorize and repeat, or even recreate something with great skill, you're absolute shit for being the first to do something. If someone posts an animation of a scene from a movie, you can make a better one. If someone redoes a music video in minecraft style, you can do a better one. Well, assuming you have any skill at that. What you can't do, however, is lead the pack. The thought to put your own spin on things just… doesn't occur to you. Or, more simply, you're kind of dumb.

+100 cp - Buy A Shirt!
For the entire duration of the jump, a dog will follow you around and bark at you and demand that you buy a shirt. He will not explain what kind of shirt, or where you should buy it from, he will simply continue to bark and make demands should you buy the "wrong" shirt. If by some miracle you manage to figure out which shirt he's referring to and make him leave you alone, a different dog will show up inside a few days to take his place. If you continue to actually manage to make the mutts shut up, they'll eventually move on to pants, socks, hats, and underwear. Oh, and already having the shirt they care about won't save you - they don't want you to *have* the shirt, they want you to *buy* the shirt.

+200 cp - Please Don't Break Your Face
Look, let's be honest - The Flop has the potential to be seriously hazardous to your health if you do it at all, let alone if you overindulge at a bad time or from a bad position. Unfortunately, you're missing just enough IQ points to do some rather stupid stuff on a fairly regular basis, not just The Flop. You know, something like playing a nice relaxing game of catch the knife… with a gun. Look, you're going to spend a lot of time injured in some way, be it merely stubbing a toe or something more dangerous. Let's hope that game of catch the knife doesn't end with you getting shot in the head.

+200 cp - Keep Your Feet On The Ground
While there may be something hypnotic about how simplistic and perfect The Flop is, it's still dangerous. Someone once Flopped off the side of a building, and we all saw how Dougal's concert ended when a dude Flopped onto a Mine Turtle. During your time here, you're going to be at the center

of a series of unfortunate events - instead of merely being harmed yourself, it's everyone else around you who will be in danger. Of course, you'll be serving as something of an enabler, with them taking your advice and suggestions, or even just an off hand comment, in ways that end in pain and blood. I do hope you aren't trying to become a star, the sheer scandal of this will likely do you in.

+200 cp - Don't Even Put Your Hands Up

I do believe that I mentioned once or twice that the earth was not only alive, but in danger from The Flop due to the sheer number of synchronized facefaults. You, my friend, need to stop The Flop. No, you need to kill The Flop. It cannot be allowed to exist, or the very Earth itself will be torn to pieces. Rip it to shreds on social media, sabotage the concerts, everything short of killing off Dougal Flopguy. The Earth isn't that mean, and doesn't feel like death is an acceptable punishment for what was ultimately a small action no matter how big the consequences. …And unlike normal, such things simply won't happen unless you make them happen. Dougal himself is likely your only ally as he has run the calculations and can see the end, but without the many injuries to worry him you can't count on any major support from that direction.

The End

Stay Here
Move On
Go Home

Notes

Q - What the fuck?

A - I was bored.