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i++) Greetings

i++) April's Famous Birthdays

- 4/30 Sam Heughan
- 4/30 Johnny Galecki
- 4/30 Kunal Nayyar
- 5/1 Jamie Dornan
- 5/1 Terry Goodkind
- 5/2 Dwayne Johnson
- 5/2 Dave Winer
- 5/3 Caitlin Clark
- 5/3 Frank Valli
- 5/4 David Della Rocco
- 5/4 Mick Mars
- 5/5 Henry Cavill
- 5/5 John Rhys-Davies
- 5/6 Orson Welles
- 5/6 Sigmund Freud

i++) Video Game News with Jason

- World of Warcraft
 - World Quest Group Finder updated to work with new updates. It may be a little more work to queue for groups in game.
 - Overwatch hits 30 million players milestone keeping steady at 5 million new players every 3 months.
 - Developer Q&A with Ion Hazzikostas
 - Tombs of Sargeras will release mid to late June.
 - Satisfied with how flying has turned out.
 - No plans to turn off invasions.
 - Timewalking should be spaced and not always up because people would either do it all the time or never.
 - Broken Shore contributions rates haven't decreased yet which is surprising but will adjust the amount of supplies needed as they do.
 - Patch 7.2 content was big.
 - Completing the Legionfall campaign is all you need to do to unlock your class mount.
 - Heirloom upgrades are planned for patch 7.2.5.
 - Patch 7.3 will take us to Argus with a new raid zone.
 - Happy with Mythic Nighthold
 - Tomb will increase the legendary item level ceiling by 30 which will be 970 with a quest to upgrade existing. This will increase 910 to 970 if you didn't have it upgraded currently.

- Weapon illusions won't be useable on Artifacts because that would restrict design.
- Mario Kart 8 Deluxe the best selling game of 2017 so far on Amazon. The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild for Switch being #2.
- Xbox chief Phil Spencer states they want to make a Netflix of video games. This is in reference to games like Destiny and The Division where they've changed to be more of a service model with endless DLC, season passes and add-ons. Big story-driven games aren't as consistent such as games like Zelda or Horizon Zero Dawn where they come out and do really well but they don't have the same impact because of the big service-based games are capturing a large amount of the audience.
- If you haven't seen the advertisements yet, Heroes of the Storm 2.0 is out and it has a free mega pack of 20 heroes.
- Microsoft announced its most recent fiscal quarter, ending on March 31st with it's
 Person Computing division seeing a decline of 7% because of slow phone sales.
 However, Xbox revenue has increased by 4% reaching \$1.928 billion. This is most
 likely due to the 13% climb to 52 million Xbox Live users. Microsoft overall saw a
 \$22.1 billion revenue which is down 26% with a net income of \$4.8 billion last quarter.

i++) Chris Talks Entertainment News

i++) Jason Talks Playerunknown's Battlegrounds

- Game is still in early access and boy can you experience bugs but when the game runs well it's a fantastic game giving me everything I'm looking for in a PvP scenario.
- You can solo, duo or squad queue where you all jump out of a plane on this massive map which will slowly become restricted up until the point where you're maybe half a football field left.
- You raid houses, bunkers and ruins looking for better weapons and armor. The biggest things cherished are probably the sniper rifles with up to an 8x zoom but they are hard to find. You'll notice specific areas are usually target by players because they have a larger # of items spawning at those areas. Vests and helmets go up to a level of 3 giving more protection while backpacks have a max of 3 allowing you to hoard more loot like bandages, ammo and energy drinks.
- Speaking of bandages you'll only be able to heal up to 75 using bandages and first aid kits. A med kit can get you back to 100 health as can taking boost items like energy drinks and painkillers which heal you slowly over time.
- Get use to using the #s on your keyboard for quick switching of weapons and using consumables.
- Your best bet in terms of weapons is to get a sniper rifle with at least a 4x scope, a weapon that mid range like an assault weapon and just get use to toggling single and burst modes for long and close range combat. There are silencers in this game but they seem to be hard to find but I love them when I can get the right weapon for one. It's hard to tell where you're getting shot from when a gun is silenced which is great because if keeping your location hidden is key in this game. This works especially well when sniping because you won't know where the hell you're getting shot from and generally it's too late if you can't take cover. The silencer doesn't seem to

decrease damage all that much. Also, to zoom just click your right mouse button once and don't hold. It for some reason took me several games before I figured this out.

- Med kits are hard to come buy but heal to full, first aid kits will get you to 75 and bandages heal 10 over time and won't heal over 75.
- Vehicles can save your life if you're on the fringes of the restriction zone and need to get safety as the zone moves in. Vehicles move faster than the restriction zone wall while running is slower than the speed the restriction zone moves. Vehicle include: jeeps being the best, buggies, speedboats and motorcycles. It's easier to flip the smaller vehicles like buggies and motorcycles and doing so can easily kill you or reduce you to near death so watch out for bumps. TJ flipped 4 buggies the last time we played. I found if you eject just as he's flipping you'll take little or no damage.
- Lastly airdrops can contain the best weapons in the game like the AWM & M24 sniper rifles, SKS sniper/assault rifle, the Tommy Gun SMG, the K98 bolt action rifle and the M249 light machine gun that's fantastic for the final stages of the game when range isn't as important.
- Overall I'd give this game 7/10 only because of the frequent bugs that can absolutely ruin the game especially when you're decked out in some of the best gear and getting ready to engage in combat and the game crashes. ZOMG
- Also as a side note there are voice channels and by default it's set to all meaning your
 enemies hear you when you talk in-game. This can be a problem if you're trying to
 tell your random squad queue what you're going to do and the enemies can hear you
 talk. I recommend the first thing you do when you start playing is switch that to team.

i++) April's D&D News

- D&D Beyond has now added Races, Classes, Backgrounds, and Feats to the site..though Backgrounds and feats don't have everything listed as of yet. Gives you 12 races and their descriptions, 12 classes and their descriptions, so far 6 backgrounds and their descriptions and 2 feats and their descriptions...
- The compendium now gives you step by step information on creating a character from step-by- step characters all the way to running the game and appendices. Lots of new information to delve into currently! Might be loading this on the laptop when I start Curse of Strahd next week!

i++) Jason's Techy Talk

- We're getting close to companies that are mass producing bones, organs and implants for bodies. If you don't feel like someone has a spleen or heart just order them one! Okay maybe not that easy but these companies can build implants to fuse bones and tissue cells to create structures resembling parts of the body.
- Killing net neutrality will kill a lot of startups including 800 startups that sent letters to the FCC chairman Ajiit Pai stating they're "deeply concerned" about his decision. Net neutrality is the only barrier to allowing startups to happen.
- Chrome will start making HTTP sites in incognito mode as non-secure in October.
 These kinds of sites can still be insecure in terms of passwords and credit card collecting.

i++) April's Comic Con Updates

- Motor City Comic Con
 - Ross Marquand The Walking Dead
- Wizard World Chicago just added John Cusack !!!
- Wizard World Minneapolis MN May 5,6,7 2017 has
 - Peter Capaldi, Jenna Coleman, Charlie Sheen, John Barrowman, James Marsters, Charisma Carpenter, Nicholas Brendon, Nichelle Nichols, Marina Sirtis, Greg Sulkin, Barry Bostwick, and Peter Tork, and Micky Dolenz

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