**[Nearing Wumpus/Osborne]**

ARPIT: \*Whistling and suddenly stops\* //indicates that he has been kidnapped midway… wait 2 seconds of silence before Osborne’s line

OSBORNE: Hello students, today we will be starting the Wumpus Project!

(Osborne's voice is going to be too low to hear, we just need the lines so that he is saying something)

OSBORNE (random text):

Now I'm going to tell you why PHP sucks. If you put PHP next to a language like Ruby, it will not win the beauty competition. If you put it next to Java, it’s a lot weirder and a lot less “correct”.

If you just look at the language, I think it fine to say “PHP is worse than Java, Ruby, Python, and many others”. If you’re just pitting the merits of the PHP language against almost any other popular language, it will likely lose. PHP is generally not approved in the enterprise, regardless of how hard Zend will try to convince you otherwise. I noticed a pattern of people running Drupal, being surprised it’s built in PHP.

So the critics are right, and so are PHP developers. Any discussion that has the slightest bit of nuance will get to that conclusion.

The problem I have with PHP has nothing to do with the language, it’s its reputation. I can’t count the times I’ve started a conversation with a programmer who upon finding out I primarily do PHP got awkward with me.

Sometimes people are more straightforward and will just respond with “Oh, I’m sorry about that”. Recently I talked to a CEO who more carefully said “Ah, that’s pretty old school right?”. Developers who more-so live in the Java-dominant corporate bubble will likely silently dismiss me as a incompetent programmer.

I hate it, because it makes me feel defensive. PHP in their minds is much worse than it practically is. I’m tired of defending PHP, I’m tired of being set back and having to proof my competence by virtue of being a PHP programmer.

We’re not taken as seriously, and we’re being paid less. The [2016 StackOverflow Survey](http://stackoverflow.com/research/developer-survey-2016) puts PHP developers as the least paid. Hilariously that position is shared with “LAMP” and “Wordpress”, both of which are also PHP. We’re also among the “most dreaded”.

## So what’s next for me?

I’m moving on to a new language. The easy thing will be to learn the language. What’s a bit harder is to learn the ins and outs of the ecosystem.

The hardest by far will be to get to a point where I can with confidence determine why library X is better than library Y, and build up a new reputation in a new community. This is frustrating, but the best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago, the second best time is today.

As for PHP. I will continue to be excited to maintain my [open source libraries](http://sabre.io/), but when somebody asks me in the future what I use for programming, the answer might be: “mostly Golang”.

And to anyone considering programming as a career, or trying to get into it… stay away from PHP. There’s lots of fun, interesting languages out there that also get the job done quick, but with a better reputation and this will have an *actual* effect on your future career options.

**[With Osborne in Room] ->is inside initial classroom**

MC: Mr. Osborne! I finally found you. Our classmates have been looking for you for days. I’m so glad you’re safe. I was so worried that the Wumpus had gotten to you.

OSBORNE: \*Laugh\* You don’t need to worry about me… The truth is there is no Wumpus.

MC: Oh, that’s good to hear but I’ve been finding these disturbing manuscript pieces around the school as well as fast moving shadows out of the corner of my eyes.

OSBORNE: Haha you are so naïve.

MC: What? Mr. Osborne what are you talking about?

OSBORNE: All along, I’ve been placing these distractions across the school. I needed some time to finalize my nuclear weapon so that I can finish what I had started. The destruction of the world!

MC: But why would you do that?

OSBORNE: You should already know. Those manuscripts you found are mine. The shadows you saw are mine. The monster you feared…i͈͇̘̰̽̉̇͂̃͊́͒͢s̡̼̻͚͉̦͛̆̊͑͝ m̸̢͉͚̹̬͕̟̏̀̏̆͂͜͜é̜̗̹̬͖̓̀̈́̀̉̈́͗͡͠.̡̧̜̱̫̮͍͖̞͍͑̒͐̓̔͡͞͝͝

**[Intro] <Hello world> animation is displayed**

ARPIT: Mr. Osborne I have a question… What was the homework again?

APARNA: Mr. Osborne isn’t even here. He hasn’t been here for a week!

ALI: Arpit, if you hadn’t been sleeping in class, you’d probably know!

MC: That’s true…Mr. Osborne has been gone for a while. I wonder what happened? I finished my work anyways…I’ll go look for him.

>EXIT<