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Christopher Ingraham

@cingraham

...

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Christopher Ingraham

@cingraham · Dec 28, 2018

...

Replying to @cingraham

They were in a cardboard box. And I cut the tape and opened the box and SURPRISE! Crickets everywhere. It was the middle of the workday and I didn't have time to deal with cricket logistics, so I put the tape back on the box.

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928

18.6K



Christopher Ingraham

@cingraham · Dec 28, 2018

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And then I put the box in the upstairs bathroom, the only semi-contained place in the house where I knew the kids and the cats and the dogs wouldn't be able to get at the box and tear it open and unleash 250 hungry crickets into our warm, semi-humid environment.

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**Christopher Ingraham** @\_cingraham · Dec 28, 2018

About 20 minutes later I'm back at work on my computer, and I hear my wife in the kitchen: "where are these goddamn crickets coming from." I freely admit I had not kept her fully up-to-date on my cricket purchasing plans.



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**Christopher Ingraham** @\_cingraham · Dec 28, 2018

And at first I was like "okay, maybe one or two got out when I initially opened the box. No biggie." I kept working.



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**Christopher Ingraham** @\_cingraham · Dec 28, 2018

With the benefit of hindsight, this was a mistake.



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**Christopher Ingraham** @\_cingraham · Dec 28, 2018

I'm trying to wrap up a story but I keep hearing cricket-related exclamations coming from the kitchen. Eventually I get up to investigate. I say, "So uh the crickets got here toda--"

"I REALIZE THAT," she says. "WHY ARE THEY ALL OVER THE KITCHEN"



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**Christopher Ingraham** @\_cingraham · Dec 28, 2018

I say "That's a good question. Let me check something." I walk over to the bathroom. I open the door. There are crickets. Everywhere.



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13.4K

**Christopher Ingraham** @\_cingraham · Dec 28, 2018

Crickets on the floor. Crickets on the walls. Crickets in the sink. Crickets in the toilet.



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13.8K

**Christopher Ingraham** @\_cingraham · Dec 28, 2018



For some reason my first instinct is to flush the toilet, as if that will do anything to solve the problem of crickets in all the other places that were not the toilet. I shut the door. "Uh, don't come in here!" I try to sound cheerful.

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16.8K



**Christopher Ingraham** @cingraham · Dec 28, 2018

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Apparently I had not sealed the box shut as well as I should have. I ended up rushing out to the shed, in the 18" of snow and below zero temperatures, to pick up a spare aquarium we had. I spent about 45 minutes collecting crickets from the bathroom.

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**Christopher Ingraham** @cingraham · Dec 28, 2018

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Of course by this point many had migrated elsewhere. They were in the closet. In the shoes. Making their way downstairs to the playroom. The cats were having what I can only imagine was the greatest day of their lives.

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**Christopher Ingraham** @cingraham · Dec 28, 2018

...

I tried to collect all of them. It was like the world's shittiest game of Pokemon. But here we are, roughly 10 hours after the initial catastrophe, and stray crickets are still turning up in odd places.

105

1,342

31.9K



**Christopher Ingraham** @cingraham · Dec 28, 2018

...

I make this information public because if I do not send any tweets tomorrow, it is because my wife murdered me after finding a cricket in our bed in the middle of the night.

And that's the news from Red Lake Falls.

1,882

3,308

64.5K



**Christopher Ingraham** @cingraham · Dec 29, 2018

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Good afternoon everyone.

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**Christopher Ingraham** @\_cingraham · Dec 29, 2018

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I'm pleased to report that I'm still alive, and that my marriage is still intact! You all had so much fun with this that my editor made me turn it into a story, which I present to you here, as a sort of director's cut of this thread.



[washingtonpost.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com)

Perspective | I ordered a box of crickets from the Internet, and it went ...  
Mistakes were made.

235

2,595

16.8K



**Christopher Ingraham** @\_cingraham · Dec 29, 2018

...

To all you monsters who demanded photos of the infestation: believe it or not, while a horde of crickets was marauding through my house I did not think to whip out my phone and start snapping pics

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**Christopher Ingraham** @\_cingraham · Dec 29, 2018

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I mean, can you imagine?  
Wife: THERE'S A CRICKET IN MY PUMPKIN PIE  
Me: This is tremendous content, where's my phone

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18.9K



**Christopher Ingraham** @\_cingraham · Dec 29, 2018

...

But I'm glad you all enjoyed our suffering, we've been laughing our asses off

at your responses all day which almost makes it all worth it. To my new followers, I look forward to disappointing you in 2019.



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**Christopher Ingraham** @\_cingraham · Aug 17, 2019

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Postscript: there's been a cricket population boom in Red Lake Falls this year and the neighbors are all blaming me. I try to explain that the field crickets people keep finding are a completely different species than the house crickets that invaded my home, but to no avail



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**Christopher Ingraham** @\_cingraham · Aug 17, 2019

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Me: Hahaha you can't \*possibly\* be mistaking gryllus pennsylvanicus for acheta domesticus, they're as different as different can be!  
Neighbors: It was a mistake, letting you into our community



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10.7K



**MyWifelsStillNotACricket** @JFGoBlue0314 · Dec 31, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham

Funniest damn thing I've ever read on Twitter. Thank you for the memorable story and reminding me of my wife's exploits in college!!



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**Christopher Ingraham** @\_cingraham · Dec 31, 2018

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Replying to @JFGoBlue0314

John... are you married to a cricket?



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**Liza Drozdov** @LizaDrozdov · Aug 7, 2020

...

Replying to @\_cingraham

Hilarious. But...why does one need a box of crickets?



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**Christopher Ingraham**  @\_cingraham · Aug 7, 2020

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Replying to @LizaDrozdov

My dumb pet lizard eats them



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**Kim S.** @spockmom123 · Dec 29, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham and @BillCortese

@kavithadavidson neighbor of yours?



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**Kavitha A. Davidson**  @kavithadavidson · Dec 29, 2018

...

Replying to @spockmom123 @\_cingraham and @BillCortese

Reading this made me even more certain of my decision to keep that box the hell away from my apartment



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**AltNSA** @AltNatSecAgency · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham

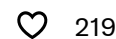
Better crickets than hissing cockroaches 🤔



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**John D**    @charmcity1973 · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @AltNatSecAgency and @\_cingraham

Or spiders! 🕷️ 🤔



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**Matthew Rascoff** @mzrascoff · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham

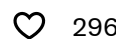
Clearly you need to let the lizard out and feast



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**ARCTIC VELOCIPEDIST** @UrbaniteAlaska · Dec 28, 2018

Replying to @\_cingraham

We've all been there - with the crickets I mean. I'm actually not kidding, I was raising them to feed my study animals in a laboratory (frogs). They got in the air vents, and judging by how long people kept asking where the cricket noises were coming from - thrived and reproduced



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**Christine** @Chrissiesaysso · Dec 28, 2018

Replying to @\_cingraham

Thank you for your amazingly entertaining story, as my family and I are currently stuck on a highway's traffic in the US. We are all sorry you and your wife went through this. A memorable Christmas story to cherish for years to come!



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**Shannon Bell** @ShannonBellNYC · Dec 28, 2018

Replying to @\_cingraham

No jury would convict your wife.



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**Kathy Stands with Ukraine** 🇺🇦 🤗 @Bourbonfungr... · Dec 28, 2018

Replying to @\_cingraham

And this is why my pets have fur.....



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**Julie** @jbReadsAll · Dec 28, 2018

Replying to @\_cingraham

This thread 🤔

\* Shipment arrives at Ingraham household.

\* Response: crickets.



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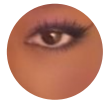


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**A Social Critic** @critic\_social · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @jbReadsAll and @\_cingraham

Nice! 🙌🙌🙌



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**Olivia Nuzzi** @Olivianuzzi · Dec 28, 2018



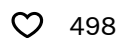
Replying to @\_cingraham



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**The Hottest Season** 🌻 @SomeSeasonChick · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @\_cingraham

I did this once with lady bugs when I was younger...

Nothing like 1000 lady bugs all over your bedroom right before you leave for school..



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**Suki the Magic Maine** @SukiMaineCoon · Feb 13, 2020



Replying to @SomeSeasonChick @summersomeone and @\_cingraham

Catch fireflies in June, put them in a Mason jar, promise Mom you'll leave the lid on, then let them loose in your bedroom after the lights are out.



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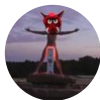


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One of Pig @ThisisHog · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham  
Amazon out here delivering plagues to people's homes.

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Meghan Strapec @MeghanStrapec · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @ThisisHog and @\_cingraham  
Jeff Bezos is even putting God out of business.

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BeckylB @BeckylB · Dec 28, 2018

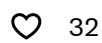
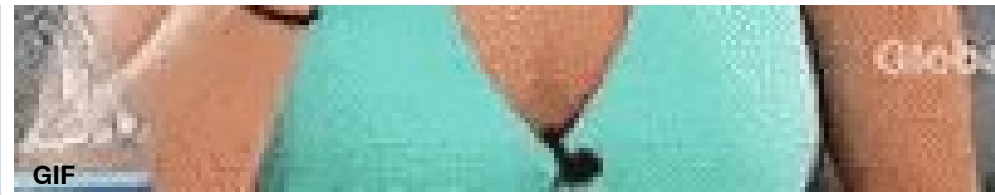
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Replying to @\_cingraham  
I shouldn't laugh.

Really shouldn't.

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**r\*bbr\*d** @red\_RD · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @\_cingraham

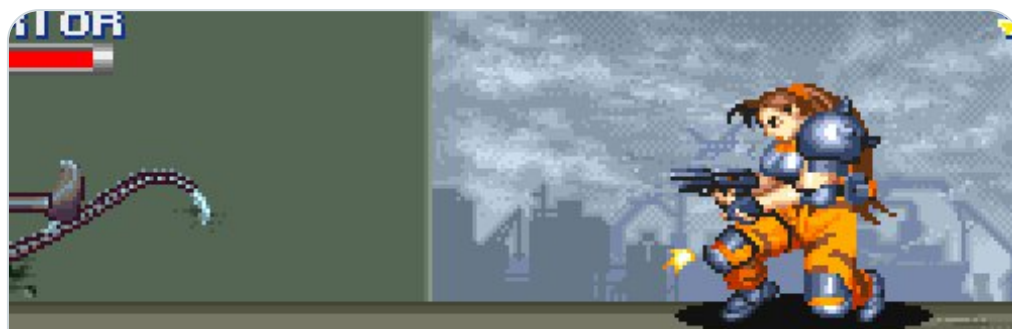
THIS WOULD BE AN AMAZING CHILDREN'S BOOK! 😂😂 I kept reading the tweets in a Dr Seuss-esque rhythm 😂😂



**Gabs** @Minervasbard · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @\_cingraham and @bannerite





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**Richard S. Westmoreland** @RSWestmoreland · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @cingraham and @tarah  
Now is the perfect time to make as many bad jokes as possible



**Christopher Ingraham** @cingraham · Dec 28, 2018

Crickets on the floor. Crickets on the walls. Crickets in the sink.  
Crickets in the toilet.

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**Holden Van Dyke** @RhapEclect · Dec 28, 2018

...

Replying to @RSWestmoreland @cingraham and @tarah  
Someone had blundered.

Theirs not to make reply,  
Theirs not to reason why,  
Theirs but to Tweet and die.  
Into the bathroom of Death  
Hopped the six hundred.

Crickets to right of them,  
Crickets to left of them,  
Crickets in front of them  
Chirping and thunderous;

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**Deborah Temkin, Ph.D.** @DrDebTemkin · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @\_cingraham

Although I know your family probably isn't seeing the humor in this, I wanted to thank you for sharing this thread....



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**Colleen** @cmkingsbury · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @\_cingraham

Oh dear God. Best Twitter story of 2018 goes to @\_cingraham of the Washington Post. You will laugh until you cry @sarahmariette @Tookare23



**Christopher Ingraham** @\_cingraham · Dec 28, 2018

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**Hollowpoint** @Davejb70 · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @\_cingraham

There's an easy fix for this. Just buy a big box of garter snakes to eat the crickets. I'm sure your wife will understand.



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**Jonathon Duhon** @BigDBamBam · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @Davejb70 and @\_cingraham

I feel like this is the start of a new story that ends with a half dozen Bengal tigers roaming around his house.



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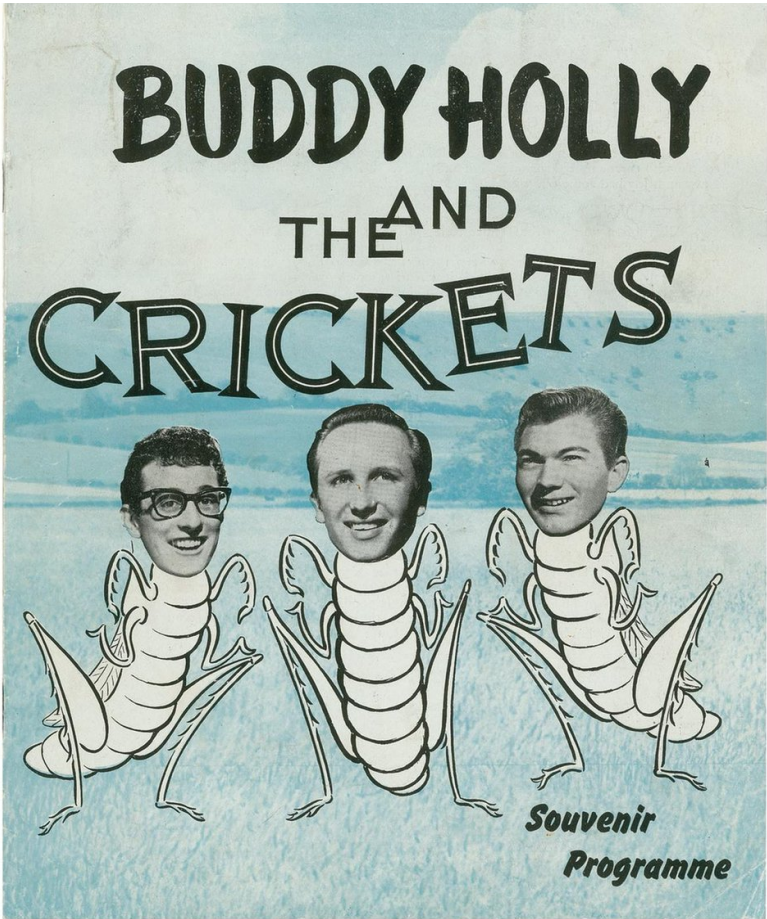
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**Chris Malkove** @ChrisMalkove · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @\_cingraham





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**Dez @dez\_blanfield** · Dec 28, 2018 ...

Replying to @cingraham

Crickets are the new Glitter Bomb!!!

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**Actual Mini Van** 🚗🤪💖💛🏈📺🧶🏹🇺🇸@inthem... · Dec 28, 2018 ...

Replying to @dez\_blanfield and @cingraham

Cricketastrophe.

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**Happy Hourglass Figure @Veeveebiee1** · Dec 28, 2018 ...

Replying to @cingraham

I guess you'll never successfully tell another joke. Every punchline will be

met with crickets.



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**CB @Coolbeit** · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @\_cingraham and @jodyavirgan

This is such a better use of Twitter than most other uses...

Thanks for this story



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**Barbara Stolzenburg @Readr4Life** · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @Coolbeit @\_cingraham and @jodyavirgan

I'm trying to visualize the business that fills the shipping boxes with 250 crickets. Are the crickets trained to jump into the box & sit quietly until its taped shut? Once enroute to their new location, they act like kids crazed with the realization they don't have to behave?



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**David D. Thomas @dthomas90027** · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @\_cingraham

What season of Fargo is this?



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**Kristina Flores Victor, PhD @KristinaVictor** · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @\_cingraham and @KevinkBanda

I also have had this cricket experience, except that mine began with a cat chewing a hole in the box and we had 1000 crickets.



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**Real Wings Have Bones @RealWingsBones** · Dec 28, 2018




Replying to @\_cingraham

Great thread. From now on, each year on Dec. 28, @Twitter should change the official name of "tweets" to "chirps".







**David Clinch**  @DavidClinchNews · Dec 28, 2018

...

Replying to @\_cingraham and @mathewi

Any video?



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**Clemmentine** @Sipseywild · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham

@\_cingraham This reminds me of the time I ordered 3,000 lady bugs for our garden to replace insecticides. Instructions said to put the box in the refrigerator until they could be released. I think you have an idea what happened next.



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**Kate a eu jusqu'à ici avec cette merde** @K8TDidToo · Dec 28, 2018

...

Replying to @\_cingraham

OMFG Can't. Breathe. Laughing too hard.

As someone who has lizards and cats, let's just say I don't have to use my imagination. 😂😂😂

Will keep my fingers crossed that you survive. At least the cats love you.



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**Mark Aselstine**  @MarkAselstine · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham

My 7 year old is continually asking for a lizard.

You may have swung my vote to NO with this.



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**\_** @darwinsRhea · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham

You will forever hear crickets at night. That house is basically haunted.



**ZVAARI** @ZVAARI · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @\_cingraham and @truongasm

My mom has about four lizards at home. One day the cricket box fell from her hands.

I still find some around the house every now and then

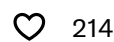


**Jacquie Tellalian** @NormaDesperate · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @\_cingraham

forgot to add that this all took place in a NYC studio apt. and I'm in a wheelchair - and was chasing crickets. Yes, this cripple chased crickets.



**Noreen :( Vote. Your Life Depends...** @NoreenBLau... · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @\_cingraham

hint: leave lights on or they will hide in the dark and cricket sing all night. Had this problem in a cabin once. Left the bathroom light on to attract the light attracted bugs. Left a light on by the bed to stop the cricket that was under it. Fun times.







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**liz wool** @lizwool3 · Dec 28, 2018

Replying to @\_cingraham

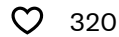
You will hear crickets screeching all night long. You will get up and try to follow the sound. You can't find it. It sounds like it's under the frig, but when you get down on the floor it sounds like it's in a cabinet. This will go on for months. Happy hunting.



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**Christina WatkinsFox** @mamafox · Dec 28, 2018

Replying to @lizwool3 and @\_cingraham

This sounds like a voice of experience.



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[Show replies](#)**Shelly Schott** @MichelleReneeW3 · Dec 28, 2018

Replying to @\_cingraham

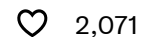
I used to order bulk for my reptiles and I learned the hard way too. You live with crickets now, just pretend your camping. I find the last asshole is always under the fridge and he lives forever. An immortal cricket. It's always the loudest one.



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**braddish4** @braddish4 · Dec 28, 2018

Replying to @MichelleReneeW3 and @\_cingraham

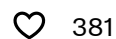
Immortal cricket I can't breathe



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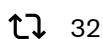
**Ezra Levin** @ezralevin · Dec 28, 2018

Replying to @\_cingraham

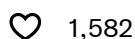
a lot of people say twitter isn't good but then sometimes something like this comes along. thank you.



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**Elizabeth C Madsen, Esq.** @ElizMadsen · Dec 29, 2019

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Replying to @ezralevin and @cingraham

Yes, the animal stories are usually the best ones (though stories about avocados can be very funny, too).



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**jacob** @JCHERIAT · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @cingraham

The solution is to buy 250 lizards



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**Denise Barbarita** @DeniseBarbarita · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @cingraham



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**Natty Gann** 🐝🕶 @jenykookoo · Dec 28, 2018

...

Replying to @cingraham

OMG dying. Best lines: "cricket logistics" and "had not kept her up-to-date"

on my cricket purchasing plans” 🤔🤔🤔


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Amy @AmyAtty · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @jenykookoo and @\_cingraham

“With the benefit of hindsight, this was a mistake.”

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MYC @emwhysee · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham

Whatever story you were working on, this one's better.


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mana'olana @MakahaMelody · Dec 28, 2018

...

Replying to @\_cingraham

When he was a boy, my now-husband and his friend brought into his bedroom a “butterfly cocoon” only to find out days later it contained thousands of preying mantises.


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Kristin McCracken 🌟🔒 @kmc1213 · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @MakahaMelody and @\_cingraham

Thousands?!?!


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Michael Spinks 2.0 @mbspinks · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham

You had me at "So, a shipment of crickets for the lizard arrived via FedEx today."


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Slider Alex

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May 12, 2020



**Skyler Alex** · May 13, 2020  
Replying to @mbspinks and @\_cingraham  
LMAO



**CarolJo** @CarolJoKs · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @\_cingraham

I wanna know how they got them in the box!



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**Jason Pace** @thatjasonpace · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @CarolJoKs and @\_cingraham

Also, is there someone who counts the crickets they put into the box, to ensure a box of "250 crickets" isn't, like, 247 crickets or maybe 257 crickets.



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**orangemocha** @orangemocha75 · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @\_cingraham

You should be able to hear the crickets while you are sleeping on the couch.



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**Lauren Young** @ThisIsLaurenY · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @\_cingraham

Dying laughing! Get ready because I think they live forever and you will never find them all. My brother had a cricket-eating lizard when we were kids and they always escaped and they are tough to track down.

Keep the cats, send your wife somewhere nice!



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**Sheri Hebdon she/her** @sherihebdon · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @\_cingraham

Time to change your ringtone?

Too soon?

< Ringtone

Classic

Alarm

Ascending

Bark

Bell Tower

Blues

Boing

Crickets

Digital

Doorbell

Duck

Harp

Marimba

Motorcycle






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**Lydia Beyoud**  @ElleBeyoud · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham  
Good luck ever sleeping peacefully again 🤪






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**Wendy Liebman**  @WendyLiebman · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham  
A comedian's nightmare.

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**Ed Byrne**  @MrEdByrne · Dec 29, 2018

...



Replying to @WendyLieberman and @cingraham  
This may be the most underrated tweet of 2018.



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**Hunter Boggs** @thehunterboggs · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @cingraham

Brother, I feel your pain. I had a snake that would only eat frogs. Had a package of frogs that got through a damp spot in the box.

Frogs in a warm environment (heated home) get horny. When they are horny they croak. Loudly.....at night



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**Steven M Prentice** @StevenPrentice · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @cingraham

Amazing/hilarious story and so many great comments. Thank you all for restoring Twitter to what so many of us hoped it would be.



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**Paul Pearce** @paul\_pearce · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @cingraham

For completely legitimate, academic, non prank reasons: Was the outside of the box clearly marked? If someone was to receive this package unexpectedly, would they know it contained hours of fun? Asking for my evil twin.



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**jacksonscafe** 🌞🌞🐕🇺🇦🇵🇸 @jacksonscafe · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @cingraham and @farandwee

reminds me of when my daughter's christmas tree had preying mantis egg sacs on it and hundreds hatched in the warmth of her apt on christmas morning. (they thought it was spring...she thought it was hell.) she found a shop vac helpful.



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**Rebecca Newman** @tibicina · Dec 28, 2018








Replying to @jacksonscafe @cingraham and @farandwee


Well, preying mantises will eat crickets, so that would kind of be helpful.


Kind of.

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Marat JP  @m4rr · Dec 28, 2018


Replying to @cingraham and @codinghorror


Why didn't you unleash the lizard to the bathroom?


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Jeff Atwood  @codinghorror · Dec 28, 2018


Replying to @m4rr and @cingraham


I like this plan, add more chaos to chaos


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Pelagic Marshmallow @PelagicMallow · Dec 28, 2018


Replying to @cingraham and @am\_anatjala


This is why I started a Dubia Roach colony. SAME FRIGGIN THING HAPPENED TO ME. The roaches, despite my initial hesitation, were the BEST feeders I ever kept. They stayed quietly in their box munching Cheerios. And they didn't stink like crickets.


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Snarly but Still Sparkly      @ReeseKarn... · Dec 28, 2018

Replying to @cingraham

I would send you the bird if I could catch it or the dogs don't eat it. Soaring ceilings and a flighty bird..Friday night fun. Apparently a Lady's shingle changes from the "Wild Life Welcome" in her 20s to "Wildlife Welcome" in her ++ years.





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**phbehnken** @phbehnken · Dec 28, 2018 ...

Replying to @\_cingraham

You could make an audiobook of the noises in your house and sell it to Sleep Sounds on Spotify. Call it After Rain.

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**Bogdan Belei** @BogdanBelei · Dec 28, 2018 ...

Replying to @\_cingraham

Knock, knock.  
Who's there?  
\*crickets\*

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**Crambone** @DREADNOK · Dec 28, 2018 ...

Replying to @\_cingraham

I read this to my family, we were all in tears my 8 year old daughter has a bearded dragon so i get it all too well

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**Chris Barron**  @thechrisbarron · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham

You are a likable and comedic figure.



**Michelle** @Yoakumgirl · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham





**Jodi Jacobson**    @jljacobson@m...  @jlj... · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham

okay... i have to say I am laughing so hard I can't breathe. thank you for that.



**jocharbra**   @greenngold4me · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham





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**SarahP** @Penny\_Sarah · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @\_cingraham

I had recently wondered to myself if I could buy crickets over the internet for our lovely gecko. This story has confirmed that I should keep buying them 20 at a time from my local pet store.



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**Stephanie** 🧡🐛 + 🖤🤍💜 @fpvs · Dec 29, 2018



Replying to @Penny\_Sarah

Buy them in bulk! Just open them carefully in a place they aren't likely to escape from. It's just important to know that crickets are pretty strong and can eat through tape and cardboard in a relatively short amount of time.



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**GianaDavidson MD MPH** @gianamontana · Dec 28, 2018



Replying to @\_cingraham

😂 We welcomed Yoshi to the family this week. Our cricket box arrived today and i was in no way prepared! [#Solidarity](#) [#ThoughtsAndPrayers](#)





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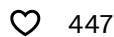
**domestic allycat** @Allycat332 · Dec 28, 2018

Replying to @\_cingraham

This exact scenario once led to a cricket infestation on my floor in my old apartment building. (My neighbor had purchased crickets for his reptile friend) My cat loved it. I did not.



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**Patricia Suflita Wilson** 📍 @pilarwish · Dec 28, 2018

Replying to @\_cingraham

Very charming thread. Had a bit of similar experience when my kids were young and had a tadpole turned frog.

Get a dog. It's way more fun and you can walk down the normal aisles in pet store.



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**Gingger Shankar** 📍 @GinggerShankar · Dec 28, 2018

Replying to @\_cingraham

The same thing happened when I ordered earthworms. Luckily, they don't hop. 🐛



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**Pat Tracy** @pattracy2 · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham

Welcome to Anything Can Happen Day!



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**Kristen Donohue** @kdonohuenj · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham

Is this what Twitter will be like once Trump is gone?

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**Jeanthejust** @Jeanthejust · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham

I worked as CFO of a K-12 private school for many years. Each June the seniors committed a "senior prank." One year, they simply dumped a cardboard box of 500 crickets in the faculty loo. My controller took her purse & left, announcing she would return when the crickets were gone.

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**KrisJanae** 🙌 ❤️ 🍷 @ChicLuvLongBall · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham

You know the story is gonna be good when it starts off with..."So, a shipment of crickets for the lizard arrived via FedEx today...." 😂



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**Bye Bye Birdie** 🌊 🐶 🐱 ⚖️ 🇺🇦 @tweetyburgh · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham

Um, well... why not \*release the lizard\*? But the cats having the best day of their lives was hilariously evocative. Thanks for the bedtime story.



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**Bye Bye Birdie** 🌊 🐶 🐱 ⚖️ 🇺🇦 @tweetyburgh · Dec 29, 2018

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Replying to @tweetyburgh and @\_cingraham

Unfortunately, if it's a bearded dragon like my son's it wouldn't move fast enough to make a dent in solving this problem! It would just stand there blinking like, dude, excellent Christmas present, but I'm not hungry right now!



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**pbee** @pbeebailey100 · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham

"With the benefit of hindsight, this was a mistake" - I spit out my coffee reading this - what a delightful thread, thank you for making us all laugh in these times that are frankly just not that funny anymore.



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**David** @Wildtheinnocent · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham





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**Daisy McDonald** @daisy\_mcdonald · Dec 28, 2018

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Replying to @\_cingraham  
You should add cricket wrangler to your Twitter bio. Also, possibly, newly single.

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**Dominic Rae** @dommyrae · Dec 29, 2018

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Replying to @daisy\_mcdonald and @\_cingraham  
Is cricket-whisperer too far?

Asking for a friend in between jobs.

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