

# Jabberwocky

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wocky. One former woodworker cut off his own foot to increase pity donations. Now that's bad.

Another faction in the kingdom embraces the bleak situation by searching for religious salvation through pain and self-mutilation. One lucky devotee gets flung over the castle walls by catapult to meet certain death — if not from the fall, then by the Jabberwocky.

To solve the kingdom's problem, King Bruno the Questionable holds a tournament to elect the bravest knight to slay the beast. Of course, through classic Gilliam circumstances, Dennis ends up as the squire of the chosen knight.

As a movie, "Jabberwocky" is marginal at best, but anyone with a knowledge of Gilliam films can appreciate it, like looking at any fine artist's early work. With his first departure from Monty Python, he started to stretch into the personal style that is seen in movies such as "Brazil" and "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas."

Gilliam tends to use absurd humor and bizarre situations to lead the audience in unexpected directions, especially

with his abrupt endings. Even with "Jabberwocky," where he is somewhat limited to the poem's story line, he manages to leave the audience more satisfied than the protagonist.

And talk about absurd! Get a load of these quotes:

"It is the middle of the Dark Ages, ages darker than anyone had expected." — narrator

"You know, it seems to me, Pesseldew, that my subjects are becoming a pain in the ass." — King Bruno the Questionable

"Rats on a stick! Get 'em hot!" — rat vendor

"Why should he have all the pain and agony?" — religious zealot

"Hey, watch where you get your blood!" — knight

Honestly, the humor in the movie stems more from the action than the dialogue, which is indicative of the film's early place in Gilliam's body of work. But for any fan of his work, and indeed the genre of British comedy, there will come a rainy day when this cult film will be the companion that you seek.



Collage by Mason West Emerald

## Cheers

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send you along the way just fine.

Now remember everyone, alcohol is only for those over 21 years old. But don't worry ... I haven't forgotten the youngsters. The last recipe is for any minors in the house. Enjoy.

### Margaritas:

(A classic and my personal favorite)

11 parts fresh squeezed lime juice (or sour mix)

1 part Cuervo Gold/Especial Tequila

1 part Triple Sec

Salt

Directions: Mix the three liquid ingredients in a shaker. Rub the rim of any size glass with a lime and then in a plate of salt. Pour the mix into the glass.

For frozen margaritas: Simply throw everything in a

blender with ice and frozen limeade, and blend.

### Sangria:

(A suggestion from Mason, Pulse reporter)

1/2 cup brandy

2 cups ginger ale or 7Up

1/3 cup frozen lemonade

1/3 cup orange juice

25 oz red wine

1/2 cup Triple Sec

Directions: Mix all ingredients except ginger ale or 7Up; refrigerate until chilled. Just before serving, stir in ginger ale. Garnish with fruit, if desired.

### Orange Creamsicle:

(An invention of Aaron, the Emerald's community editor)

1 oz vodka

1 oz vanilla schnapps

4 oz orange juice

1/2 oz cream

Directions: Pour vodka and schnapps over ice, and then add orange juice — stir. Float 1/2 oz cream and enjoy!

### Sun Tea (non-alcoholic):

(my mom's favorite)

3 family size tea bags or 9 regular size

1 gallon water

Directions: Put tea bags in a clean gallon jar and fill with cold water. (For an exciting change of taste, add different flavors, such as lemon, mint or passion fruit). Cap loosely and place in hot sunshine for 3 to 4 hours. Remove tea bags. Sweeten to taste and serve over ice. Refrigerate within 5 hours of brewing. Vary the number of tea bags and the duration of brewing according to the tea strength you desire.

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There are still a few drawbacks that keep me nailed to Earth in the springtime, but I will get over the occasional rainy day and the fact that I still actually have to go to class. As long as I have the promise of a sunny spot for studying on the grass, weekend camping trips, and some tasty beverages to carry me to the summertime.

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