

The scientific community is flummoxed by the discovery of a mutant form of the Corona virus. Dubbed Corona grande, the virus is large enough to be seen with the naked eye. This is Bert Muppet, science reporter. For more on the story, we turned to a Nobel winning biologist..

Dr. Nostradamus, what can y...

- *"That's Notselgge, Dr. Notselgge."*

Oh, of course, silly of me. Well, Dr. Notsogood, what can you tell us about this new strain of the virus that has the entire planet covering in terror and which has devastated all the world's economies? But first, I am sure that our audience wants to know, what is the meaning of flummoxed?

- *"Notselgge here, Dr Notselgge. I'll take your last question first, for rhetorical purposes. Flummoxed is shorthand for a phrase used to express great surprise – 'you could have flummed me with an ox.'*
- *But about the new strain, Corona grande. Well, what can I say? This mutation pooped up out of nowhere. It smells bad so you know when you are around it. That is, of course, convenient, except for the fact that by the time you smell it, you have probably already stepped in it.*



- *And it is big.*

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- *It is so big that you don't need a 2 million dollar nano-imaging microscope to study it.*



(Here Dr. N. is seen to weep quietly and professionally. He recovers and continues.)

- *Unlike their scary invisible cousins, Corona grande viruses are friendly creatures. They will approach and even eat from your hand. We have so far been unable to establish communication using any of the known languages including Fungal and Tribblerian. What do they want? That is the 2 million dollar question. What the h-e double Pocky sticks do they want?"*

Thank you Dr. Nostril. Good luck with your investigations. The fate of the world is in your hands. Now back to you, Ernie. Heh, heh, careful you don't get flummed by a cow!