

Smart Stuff

with Twig Walkingstick



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Notes: Assume that the giant turkey is a wild turkey. A wild turkey can fly as fast as 55 miles an hour over short distances. Most kinds of farm turkeys can't fly at all. Height of Godzilla: 167-267 feet (depending on year, movie). Height of normal, real, actual wild turkey: 30-40 inches. Sources: Ohio Department of Natural Resources, <http://www.ohiodnr.gov/Portals/9/pdf/pub004.pdf>; Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/dfw_turkey.htm; Monstrous.com, <http://godzilla.monstrous.com/> (not based on science nor even non-fiction but demonstrating excellent observational skills anyway. "Teeth like steel hooks." Awesome.)

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Q. Dear Twig: Who would win a fight between Godzilla and a turkey? A really big turkey. As big as Godzilla.

A. Well, probably Godzilla would. The turkey could peck him with its pointy **beak**, kick him with its pointy leg **spurs**, and fly around if it needed to. But Godzilla, if that pecking and kicking hurt him, could heal — could regenerate (“re-JEN-er-ayt”) — quickly. Also, he could blow atomic cloud breath, emit a short-range magnetic pulse and step on major cities. (The turkey could do the last one if it wanted to.)

Godzilla, for his part, roars. Turkeys, Ohio wildlife experts tell us, “make a variety of sounds, including a male’s **gobble**, the hen’s **yelp** and an alarm call that sounds like ‘**putt.**’ ”

Godzilla has glowing armored dorsal spines. Turkeys are lacking in that department.

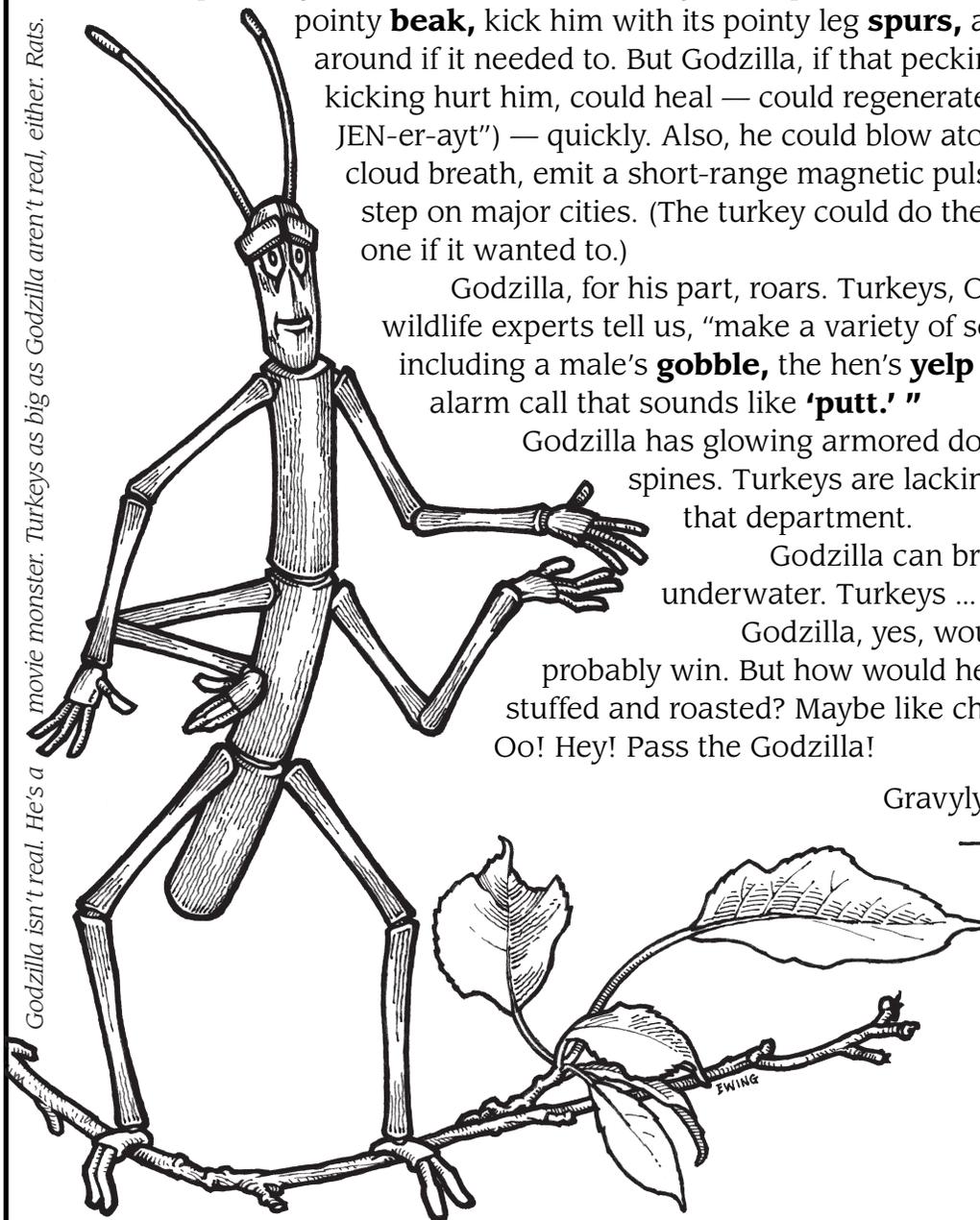
Godzilla can breathe underwater. Turkeys ... can’t.

Godzilla, yes, would probably win. But how would he taste stuffed and roasted? Maybe like chicken. Oo! Hey! Pass the Godzilla!

Gravily,

Twig

Godzilla isn't real. He's a movie monster. Turkeys as big as Godzilla aren't real, either. Rats.



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