

Marvel Snap is banned, just like TikTok

The divest-or-ban law aimed at TikTok is also taking down other ByteDance-linked apps, including the popular card game *Marvel Snap*. The app suddenly cut off access Saturday night, seemingly without warning, surprising gamers who weren't aware of its connection to ByteDance.

The card game battler set in the Marvel universe is developed by Second Dinner, which is based in California. But the game is published by Niverse, a company owned by ByteDance. As a result, it's subject to the same shutdown order.

In a statement on X, Second Dinner called the takedown a surprise and said, "Marvel Snap isn't going anywhere. We're actively working on getting the game up as soon as possible and will update you once we have more to share."

Just before the calendar turned over to January 19th, 2025, the game disappeared from the App Store for iPad and iPhone players and from Google Play for players on Android. For players on PC, the game is still listed in Steam at the moment, but many players are reporting they were signed out and can't sign back in.

An in-game message now tells players:

Sorry, Marvel Snap isn't available right now

A law banning Marvel Snap has been enacted in the U.S. Unfortunately, that means you can't use Marvel Snap for now. Rest assured, we're working to restore our service in the U.S. Please stay tuned!

Oddly, unlike TikTok, it doesn't appear that players were given much warning about the law's effect, and many people may not have realized it was even connected to ByteDance, including people who were still spending money on in-game items expecting to be able to keep playing it.

Other ByDance apps quickly disappeared from app stores along with TikTok, including Lemon8 and CapCut. The effect on other ByteDance-linked apps is mixed; however, it may take time to remove them. The Lark app that offers a Slack-like collaboration platform was available initially but has now been removed, while other Nuverse-published games, like *Earth: Revival – Deep Underground* and *Ragnarok X: 3rd Anniversary*, are still available in the App Store as of this writing, just after midnight ET on the 19th.

Update, January 19th: *Noted reports that Marvel Snap PC players can't log in and added a statement from game developer Second Dinner.*

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