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Why do iMessage apps feel like a forgotten experiment, and what buried gems are still hiding behind that plus button? Dan Moren joins the show to unpack which built-in features now outshine their third-party predecessors and what that says about Apple's approach to messaging.

- iMessage apps' evolution, developer challenges, and user engagement declines
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- Notable third-party iMessage app recommendations and personal favorites
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