

FAKE NEWS UPDATE

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DAILY HEADLINES

MUSIC IN. *F.N.U. Theme*

ANNUAL

Smelly deli in my belly: the Salami-nella Outbreak of the Lower East Side has residents saying: "Oy Vey!"

MUSIC OUT.

PERENNIAL

With all the news you never knew you needed and all the news you needed to know, I'm Perennial Eschner. And that sardonically obtuse voice belongs my brother, Annual Eschner -

ANNUAL

Filling in for my dear colleague, Anahita Ardashir, who is on sabbatical for a Women In Engineering Quilting Bee.

PERENNIAL

From the KLMNOP studios in Frog Eye, Alabama: this is F.N.U.: The Fake News Update.

ANNUAL

And now, today's headlines. Scientists find younger brothers statistically handsomer with bigger genitals.

PERENNIAL

Now, you hold on there a gosh darn minute, Annual. Would you mind handing me those reports?

ANNUAL

Sure thing, big brother.

PERENNIAL

Will you look at that. It does - it does say that younger brothers of brothers do tend to, uh, have, uh, a more uh *handsome* face - not

sure how they're measuring handsomeness with the scientific method, but I'll save those reservations for my pointed newsletter... Also the larger genitals as well, okay..

Why don't we hold a mirror up to the stock market!

SFX. Ladies fawning over a man - flirty, sexy noises.

ANNUAL

And now one of - to be frank, one of my least favorite segments at FNU - our FNU Reviews segment: Eschner Assesses.

PERENNIAL

This week I'm reviewing that classic: the book of Genesis - specifically a charming little tale about the first two sons of Adam and Eve. In this lovely pastoral, the elder son, Cain, is able to enact justice against his, frankly showboating, little brother Abel, and restore peace to early earth and the community at large. Now I'm not a violent person, Annual, you know that -

ANNUAL

Uh. Scoff.

PERENNIAL

BUT I DID GIVE THIS BOOK A THOUSAND STARS! Everyone should be forced to read this book - put it in bathroom stalls, courthouses, and schoolyards, and make quiet reflection about it mandatory in every public setting!

ANNUAL

That, uh, grotesque and frankly, violent outburst from my brother does not represent the feelings of the Eschner family. Uh, at large, we uh, actually, uh an agnostic, humanist family--

PERENNIAL

What would you know about family there, Annual?

ANNUAL

Perennial, why-why-why don't you let me take my segments, uh, I-I don't interrupt you, so, uh--

PERENNIAL

Oh, that's what you think?

(screeching)

PERENNIAL

You know what, nothing makes me miss my former co host more than this next segment. A segment that, truly, no one else can hold a candle to - a flame to, really - because it's now time for Ana-reada's AWARD-WINNING Poetry Nook. Annual?

ANNUAL

This is "Canopy Days" by myself, Annual Eschner -

PERENNIAL

Now you wait just a minute, Annual!

ANNUAL

Where has it gone?
The giddy thread that bound us
Held us together
And aloft -

PERENNIAL

This is really unprofessional--!

ANNUAL

Two brothers -

PERENNIAL

Oh?

ANNUAL

Twin glances
Secrets like a playground between us
And then that summer
Our grandparents opened the ocean to us -

PERENNIAL

Oh.

ANNUAL

And we were the only ships in the water.
Then the years

And the quiet changes of adolescence
 And we drifted apart like handmade ships on the waves -

PERENNIAL

Is this how you feel, Annual!

ANNUAL

Where has it gone?
 My canopy days
 And when did you become as salty as that sea?

PERENNIAL

Uncalled for.

MUSIC. Outro.

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 until next time...

BOTH [out of sync]

We'll be FNU. (We went over this.)

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ANNUAL

This... is F.N.U.