

FAKE NEWS UPDATE

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PERENNIAL

HERE IT COMES! The Fake News Update is brought to you in part by Slip Not - no not satan's band - I'm talking about a new-fashioned old-fangled product that says NO to slippery surfaces such as bowling alley lanes, tortoise waxed kitchen floors, ices, and ISIS. You WON'T be head over heels! Because you'll be as stationary as a bean pole. Slip Not! Is it just glue?

ANAHITA

Mamma Heeta got a haircut. No one has said a thing. I'm drowning in self doubt. Tonight, at 11. With all the news you never knew you needed and all the news you needed to know, I'm Anahita Ardashir...

PERENNIAL

...And I'm Perennial Eschner. From the KLMNOP studios in a ferris wheel bucket: this is F.N.U. The Fake News Update.

ANAHITA

And now, today's headlines -

PERENNIAL

You know, Anahita, I think it looks good.

ANAHITA

Look me in the eye when you say that.

PERENNIAL

I! Think! It! Looks! -

ANAHITA

The eye Perennial!

PERENNIAL

It's definitely...a bob...

ANAHITA

As I was meandering to the studio this very morning, awaiting the permission of the illuminated stickman, standing at the intersection of Martin Luther King Avenue and Martin Luther King Boulevard...

PERENNIAL

The kissing Kings?

ANAHITA

... positively alift in the hope of incoming compliments and praise. A passing - I can only assume - bitch told me my bob was quote "so severe it would only answer to Robert"!

PERENNIAL

Wow. That is a devastating read. A real hot take. Uh... uh... Speaking of bleak despair, let's take a look at the stock market!

ANAHITA

And then it started raining.

PERENNIAL

Oh, John! John in the booth - uh, just play the Eschner Assesses jingle!

JOHN IN THE BOOTH

Uh...don't you think Anahita needs a friend right now?

PERENNIAL

You can talk?!

JOHN IN THE BOOTH

Uh...no.

ANAHITA

A line of school children pointing -

PERENNIAL

Today, I'm reviewing that...oh god - that - SERVICEABLE haircut. Boy, it sure is a haircut! I mean, you took that hair, plopped it in the lap of a barber-fella or a hair marm and you said "Go for it!" and heck - that is brave - because go for it they did!

ANAHITA

How many stars, Perennial?

PERENNIAL

Pardon?

ANAHITA

How many stars?

PERENNIAL

Right! Oh, I'll tell you how many stars, Anahita! But first I wanna ask - how do we qualify stars? I mean, hey now, we're all stars Anahita! And most stars are already dead according to some downright glum statistics.

ANAHITA

How many?

PERENNIAL

John?

JOHN IN THE BOOTH

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PERENNIAL

Oh John must have stepped out - uh, maybe he was kidnapped - I should go check!

ANAHITA

Well, it seems regardless of my boy anchor's presence, the chimes still ring and a poem must still be read. This is my Poetry Nook.

Samson by Hilary Rodham Duff

The lunula of my nails catch the light in his reflective mane
His golden locks catching the evening sun as it sets on our courtship
I trace the pathways of his hair
His luminous hair
The source of all his power
Given by god
How important
This hair is
I am but Delilah
Wishing to be a Samson.

JOHN IN THE BOOTH

Uh...you ok?

ANAHITA

No. I am not ok.

JOHN IN THE BOOTH

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PERENNIAL IN THE BOOTH

Don't tell her I'm in here!

JOHN IN THE BOOTH

From KLMNOP, thank you for listening to the Fake News Update, and until next time...

JOHN IN THE BOOTH/PERENNIAL IN THE BOOTH

Uh, we'll be FNU./It was a bad haircut!

PERENNIAL IN THE BOOTH

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JOHN IN THE BOOTH

This is... uh, F.N.U.