

FAKE NEWS UPDATE

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PERENNIAL

The Fake News Update is brought to you in part by the brand new 2019 model Tamagotchi, now capable of experiencing human pain! Y'know, I found myself in possession of one of these new fangles last week, after a touching display by one Anahita Ardashir during the Kid's Choice Awards! Look it up! This little friendo got coated in Nickslime, and went from semi-sentient sem-more sentient. And... stronger. And it's looking at me. Like... at me. What are you feeling?

ANAHITA

Jimmy Cracked Corn, and I DO care. President Carter's enduring agricultural legacy. 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. And THIS is Tengo the Tamagatchi!

From the KLMNOP studios inside the simulation. OH! I mean... In Buttfort, Nebraska, THIS is FNU: The Fake News Update.

ANAHITA

And now, today's headlines. Mariah Carey launches new brand of ice cream bars: Mariah DAIRY. Featuring such innovative flavors as "I'll be PEAR", "CREAM Lover", and "All I Want for Christmas is Blue...berry".

TENGO

[chirps]

ANAHITA

Oh, well thank you, TENGO.

PERENNIAL

Ohhh, I think TENGO likes you, Anahita!

ANAHITA

Well... I... I think I like it too. Do you want another headline, sweet TENGO?

TENGO

[chirps]

ANAHITA

All right then, here we go. Another one bites the CRUST. Queen-themed pizzeria set to open in Ontario, featuring dishes such as: Don't Sauce Me Now, Bohemian Rhapsody-Deep dish, and We are the Champions.

TENGO

[chirps]

ANAHITA

It's sort of an argu-gala meets spinach kind of deal.

TENGO

[chirps]

PERENNIAL

And now, Perennial's turn. The Greatful Bread! A Greatful Dead themed bakery opens with bread flavors such as-

TENGO

[chirps]

ANAHITA

Oh, TENGO! You are a real catch of the day, aren't you? A real Catcher in the Rye! A Cacciatore!

TENGO

[chirps]

ANAHITA

Oh you scamp. You're right. That one was a stretch.

PERENNIAL

And now PERENNIAL'S TURN.

TENGO

[screams]

ANAHITA

Perennial, your hurting TENGO!

PERENNIAL

I ain't even TOUCHED Tengo!

ANAHITA

Why don't... Why don't you let me handle Tengo.

PERENNIAL

But... Tengo's my toy.

TENGO

[screams]

PERENNIAL

ALRIGHT! Geezus Pleezus Tengo's packaging said "Can FEEL pain" not "Can CAUSE pain." Here...

TENGO

[sings]

ANAHITA

Oh. What a gentle tune. This gives me a sense memory of those smokey days drinking palomas and listening to Dotty Gershwin records. Where did you hear this melody?

TENGO

[chirps]

ANAHITA

You composed this yourself?

TENGO

[chirps]

ANAHITA

My, you are full of secrets, Tengo.

PERENNIAL

And now, PERENNIAL'S TURN.

TODAY I am reviewing that cautionary tale you and I have come to call the *The Terminator*. There is more Artificial than Intelligence in this film. Arnold Schwarzhjoshgrobman plays the mayor of California?

And destroyer of the WORLD! If this film says anything it's "Stay away from robots."—

ANAHITA

You stop your mouth! All of the sudden, Perennial, I feel the need to rebut! Ladies and Gentiles, for the first time ever on the FNU stage, this Anahita Assumes!

PERENNIAL

WHAT!?

ANAHITA

Though yes, there are robots, or more accurately, Technologically Identified Beings, the tech is an allegory for big government! When you peel back the layers of sheet metal, chrome, and ASSUMPTIONS, you will find the beating heart at the center of this film is the love of a mother and a son, and a robot. Turn into a metal liquid and run, don't walk, to the nearest cineplex—

PERENNIAL

They stole that from Alex Mac!

ANAHITA

Well Alex Mac stole that from SCIENCE. Mercury! Ever heard of it!

PERENNIAL

I've heard of CHEDDY MERCURY! The four cheese pizza offering at ANOTHER ONE BITES THE CRUST. EVER HEARD OF *THAT*?

ANAHITA

Why I oughta!

PERENNIAL

Why *I* oughta!

TENGO

[*sings*]

PERENNIAL and ANAHITA

[*sigh*]

ANAHITA

Thank you, Tengen. You may be a Tamagotchi, but I know that you've really TamagotME.

TENGO

[chirps]

PERENNIAL

Heets, do you wanna just take Tengen for the night? Tony and I got tickets to Come From Away-

ANAHITA

YES. I MUST.

TENGO

[chirps]

PERENNIAL

The Fake News Update is brought you by-

ANAHITA

Oh, Tengen.

PERENNIAL

Wow... you guys seem really happy over there. Almost too happy...

ANAHITA

What a riot!

PERENNIAL

Whatever! We're brought to you by our recent Nickelodeon's Kid's Choice Award, remember that mess? AND Spoke Media. You wanna dance with the devil in the pale moonlight, then send us your best fan art of Anahita cuddling up with this Gatchi, and make sure it's Kawaii. As the Moulin Routers say, "Getchi Getchi Tama-gotchi". Subscribe to us where podcasts live, and rate us five absurdly technologically advanced stars! And hey, if you made it this far, send us an email at fakenewsupdate@spokemedia.io, and we'll send ya somethin'! It's a supwise though!

ANAHITA

I do like your firmware.

PERENNIAL

Okay then, I guess we're FNU! Bye!

ANAHITA

Tengo, have you ever tried paella?

TENGO

[*chirps*]