

FAKE NEWS UPDATE

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PERENNIAL

The Fake News Update is brought to you in part by... and I'm just gonna come right out and say it... Anahita's glow!

ANAHITA

Thank you, Perennial!

PERENNIAL

Newsies, Anahita walked into this studio today, a smile on her face, a light in her eye, and a pep in her other eye. I just ain't never seen her so happy!

ANAHITA

Perennial, I had the most emotionally bountiful evening with Tengo.

PERENNIAL

Oh! You mean my 2019 model Tamagatchi?

ANAHITA

The same.

TENGO

Tengo!

PERENNIAL

Tengo can speak now?

ANAHITA

They wouldn't stop! As we sat by the electronic fireplace of my den, we went on and on throughout the night, talking politics, art, life stories—

TENGO

Tengo!

ANAHITA

And while they are as fine a wordsmith as Willard Smith, they are also as fine a listenersmith as Jada Pinket Smith.

PERENNIAL

The red table! Well Tengo brought Anahita this glow and this glow brought you this episode!

ANAHITA

And now... Hahahahaha!

PERENNIAL

What?

ANAHITA

Tengo's winking at me!

PERENNIAL

Huh? Let me get a gander.

PERENNIAL

Wow. Tengo's really grown up! Why, only yesterday they was just an eight bit duckling. And now they're... I'm just gonna come out and say it.. Hawt!

TENGO

Tengo.

ANAHITA

Yes you are! Own your majesty! Don't be a modest mouse, be a proud pangolin!

PERENNIAL

What a neat toy!

TENGO

Tengo!

ANAHITA

They're not a *toy*, Perennial! They have as much consciousness as you or I! And though they may think in electronic ones and zeros, do we not also think in electric synapses and ones and zeros?

PERENNIAL

I guess you make a point. I think in Judy Garland songs! Come Rain or Come Shine! Mambo No. 5!

TENGO

Tengo.

ANAHITA

Right you are my Chiptune Chickadee!

PERENNIAL

Anahita, you gonna get to the headlines today?

ANAHITA

No. I am not. Perennial, Tengo has prepared something that's much more important than... forest fires... toppling regimes or... the potential for mass extinction! Those things will wash away like... polluted oceans... sickly turtles and... dead coral reefs. But Tengo's art will endure like... drinking straws.

PERENNIAL

Well lay it on me, Ten-Ten!

ANAHITA

SOUND THE CHIMES, JOHN!

Go ahead, TENGO. Speak your poem.

TENGO

Tengo. Tengo tengo.
Tengo tengo.
Tengo tengo tengo.
Tengo. Tengo.
Teeeeeeeengo.
Tee... te...
Aaaanahita.

ANAHITA

The interplay of music and imagery... you have captured a moment, Tengo, that I will carry with me for a lifetime.

PERENNIAL

They said yer name!

ANAHITA

They did, Perennial. And in so doing... named me... Perennial... may I... I - I don't mean to be forward. May I take Tengo home again.

PERENNIAL

Well why don't you ask them yerself! Tony and I have a groupon for laser tag tonight! Tengo is all yours!

ANAHITA

Tengo? Would that make you happy?

TENGO

Tengo!

PERENNIAL

Well, Newsies, it looks like old Tengo has a new friend. You want to take these credits, pal?

TENGO

Tengo Tengo Teng-Tengo Tengo. Tengo Tengo. Tengo tengo tengo tengo tengo tengo! Ten-Tengo Tengo!

PERENNIAL

And until next time.

ANAHITA/ PERENNIAL/ TENGO

Tengo!

PERENNIAL

Tony, babe, you gotta RUN!