

FAKE NEWS UPDATE

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ANAHITA [voicemail]

Proceed.

PERENNIAL

Uh, hey there, Hita, it's Sabrina. I'm just kidding, it's Perennial. Eschner. You know, from work? Listen, it's time to do the show, and you're not here... So... I don't really know if I can do your accent: "I AM ANAHITA". Uh, it just doesn't... It doesn't work in my timbre. So just call me back when you plan on getting in... Uh, producer Dana's holding a big clock and pointing at it sort of making this face.

So... y'know... hurry. Love, Dr. Cosmos. It's still Perennial. Eschner? From work? I'm just trying something out. Let me know if it sticks. Okay bye bye.

Well... Uh... Uh, the Fake News Update is brought to you in part by goin' at it alone.

Okay. Just like in improv class. I need a location. A vowel. And a yes, Anne.

Oh right. Um... Okay... HEADLINES. BIG WIND. Uh, POLITICS. EVERYWHERE! Oh boy, how do you do it, Anahita!?

ANAHITA/TENGO

Hahahahaha!

ANAHITA

Oh, Tengo!

TENGO

Oh, Anahita!

PERENNIAL

Anahita! Where the where have you been!?

ANAHITA

Where have WE been! Where HAVEN'T we been! The Au Bon Pan! The Gershwin museum! Lasered Tag!

TENGO

Hahaha.

PERENNIAL

But I was at laser tag!

ANAHITA

FANCY laser tag! For romance!

PERENNIAL

Then what was *I* playing?

Wait... was *you* romancin'?

ANAHITA

Why... don't you know? Tengo, you said you would electronic mail him.

TENGO

I did.

PERENNIAL

I lost my password! And my computer! Wait... Tengo! Are you spoken speak? Speakin' spoke! Spoke Media?

TENGO

Yes, Perennial. In my short tenure as an extant being, I have learned the way of the English language. And I have also learned the ways... of love.

ANAHITA

We're in love! Isn't it fabulous?!

TENGO

I love the way she challenges me. And introduces me to new experiences. Like golf.

ANAHITA

We played golf, Dr. Cosmos! It was fabulous!

PERENNIAL

Oh, I'm glad that's sticking!

Y'know I'll admit I was initially skeptical about all this, seeing as Tengo was formally my 2019 model Tamagatchu and you are... well... shrewish.

ANAHITA

Thank you!

PERENNIAL

But the two of you really seem to be hitting it off!

ANAHITA

I'm a regular Joaquina Phoenix.

PERENNIAL

And I'm Dr. Cosmos!

TENGO

And I'm Tengo.

ALL

And welcome to FNU.

TENGO

And now, today's headlines. Tragic deaths after kitchen explosion at Queen themed pizza restaurant Another One Bites the Crust. Experts claim the oven was under pressure.

PERENNIAL

DABA DAY AH DO! People on the streets!

ANAHITA

People died, Perennial.

PERENNIAL

Oh. Sorry.

ANAHITA

And now. A new segment here on FNU. Featuring me, Anahita Ardashir and my... partner. Tengo. This is Programming Love.

TENGO

Today we are taking questions from the studio audience about love, relationships, and... computer science. We will now accept questions from the studio audience.

PERENNIAL

Oh! Is... Is that me?

ANAHITA

Lay one on us, Dr. Cosmos.

PERENNIAL

Um... okay. How come whenever Tony and I go to bed, I gotta always be the big spoon? I'm just over her bein' a left parenthesis, breathing down his neck and getting my hot bed breath back in my face! What's up with that?

ANAHITA

We've experienced a similar issue in our own relationship, because of our size discrepancy. Me being a woman sized woman, and Tengo being a Tamagotchi sized person.

PERENNIAL

Well.. How'd you sort that one out?

ANAHITA

Instead of big and little spoons, we sleep like knives.
Next question!

PERENNIAL

Alright. Uhh... what's the secret to a healthy relationship?

ANAHITA

Oh, that one is simple my lion-maned cockatiel! You have to be two complete, full people! Live your own lives, see the world on your own terms! Bring all the chapters of your individual lives into a union that is greater than its component parts!

TENGO

The world... Individual lives... Anahita... my entire life so far has been you.

ANAHITA

Tengo... what are you saying?

TENGO

I want to be more to you than just a reflection of you. I want to bring my own experiences into this union. But I do not have experiences to bring. I have not seen the world. I have no memories before Monday.

ANAHITA

Tengo. What are you saying? Do you want to call this off?

TENGO

I want to be a fuller person for you.

ANAHITA

I— I would never want to hold you back, Tengo. The great pyramids of Egypt. Walks along the Seine! The coves of Sardinia! The Barbeque Chicken Sandwiches at the Van Gogh Museum!

TENGO

But Anahita, I'm afraid of losing you.

ANAHITA

But Tengo, I am afraid of you not finding *yourself*.

PERENNIAL

And I'm Dr. Cosmos. Thank you for listening.