

FAKE NEWS UPDATE

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PERENNIAL

The Fake News Update is brought to you in part by Bring Your Sibling to Work week. Is there someone out in the world with the same genetic makeup as you, but somehow, through the magic of science, they're a little different?

MILLENNIAL

Oh my god, stop talking Perennial. Seriously.

PERENNIAL

Uhhh, listening public! This is my little sis, Millennial Eschner. Say hi, Millennial!

MILLENNIAL

I f[bleep] hate you.

ANAHITA

Why is she here?

PERENNIAL

Producer Dana wanted a cost-effective way to boost workplace morale and synergy. Didn't you get the memo?

ANAHITA

I only read women-os.

MILLENNIAL

Oh my god.

PERENNIAL

Yeah, Hita. That was a stretch even for you.

MILLENNIAL

Are you kidding? I loved it.

PERENNIAL

Ohh yeah! Me too! Totes!

MILLENNIAL

Just kidding, I hated it.

ANAHITA

Who is this teenage dirtbag?

MILLENNIAL

I'm Millennial Eschner. And from the KLMNOP studios in a snapchat filter, this is - whatever no one even listens to this show.

ANAHITA

Tell that to our Nickelodeon's Kid's Choice Awards!

MILLENNIAL

No.

PERENNIAL

Yes Ann, Millennial! Play in the space!

ANAHITA

The only thing she's playing with is my last nerve!

PERENNIAL

Ladies! Please! It's Bring Your Sibling to Work Week! The holiest week of the year! Heck, even John in the Booth got in on the action. Joanna in the booth? You there, gal pal?

JOANNA IN THE BOOTH

Uhhh, yeah.

PERENNIAL

See? Siblings were brought.

MILLENNIAL

Where's your sibling, Heets?

ANAHITA

I... I don't wanna talk about that.

PERENNIAL

I mean, we have the time Hita. Uh, we got like three minutes left.

ANAHITA

I'd really rather not, Perennial.

MILLENNIAL

Why? You scared?

ANAHITA

The only thing I'm afraid of is myself. It was a warm, amniotic fluid filled night. Dark, pulsating, sounded much like a vacuum cleaner. I was a budding, largely talented fetus with a promising future in the broadcasting arts. But I... was not alone.

PERENNIAL

[gasp]

ANAHITA

At first, I thought it was my own fetal reflection staring back at me, my sense of object permanence not yet developed. I was shocked to find my reflection swimming away from me. I pursued. My mother's womb was expansive. Amniotic remnant blinded my eyes. Yet I swum on.

PERENNIAL

Hey, in the booth siblings? A little mood music, why don'tcha?

ANAHITA

Tethered by my own umbilical cord, I knew I could Hansel and Gretel my way home. So I relentlessly chased after my escaping reflection - my own Peter Pan-esque shadow, my other self - and there they stood. Or should I say floated. Fatally. Ah, excuse me, um fetally. Nowhere else to go.

MILLENNIAL

What happened next?

ANAHITA

I reached out my baby hand, fingers still webbed. We touched. But where I expected a jello-like resistance, I found only a jello-like fusion. My hand became their hand, and we were connected with one noodle-like limb. We Lady and the Tramped together, becoming less Ana and less Hita and more... Anahita. And before I knew it, the figure was gone! Leaving only me. Anahita Ardashir.

PERENNIAL

... You absorbed your twin?

MILLENNIAL

Powerful statement.

PERENNIAL

Of what?!

ANAHITA

So I guess, for me, every week is Bring Your Sibling to Work Week.

PERENNIAL

Uh huh. Aaahhhh! AAAAHHHHH! [*hurls*]

ANAHITA

The Fake News Update is brought to by siblings come and siblings gone, and siblings absorbed. Millennial, you wanna take this one?

MILLENNIAL

No.

ANAHITA

Firm and decisive. Follow us on... Millennial, what are your preferred platforms?

MILLENNIAL

Uh, Blip Blorp, Kassshh, and Crickle. Duh.

ANAHITA

Oh, obviously. But for podcasts specifically.

MILLENNIAL

Oh. Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or Castbox.

ANAHITA

And rate us five stars!

MILLENNIAL

No!

ANAHITA

This... is FNU.

PERENNIAL

[*hurls*] Thank you for listening!