

**FAKE NEWS UPDATE**

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**"Week 23 - Thursday"**

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ANAHITA

So what happened?

PERENNIAL

Anahita, we're in trubz, bubz! I'm like 82% sure that this Moroth and the other Moroth are the same Moroths! You are the crime puma!

ANAHITA

Say it again.

PERENNIAL

You are the crime puma?

Ow! Why'dja do that?

ANAHITA

The thrill! Now what are we going to do about this?

PERENNIAL

Well... Annual's due here any minute for the final quarter of Bring Your Sibling to Work Week week. I say we just sit him down and -

ANAHITA

And waterboard that sonofabitch.

PERENNIAL

Well I was gonna say chit chat. But you're a puma who gets results.

Ow. Uh, this episode is brought to you in part by ham.

ANNUAL

Sorry I'm late, guys. Was busy applying for tax free status for Brother Hank's Endtime Talent Agency.

PERENNIAL

OH, THAT'S GREAT! Hey, BRUV, WHY DONTCHA SIT OVER HERE ON THIS BOARD NEAR ALL THIS WATER?

ANNUAL

I'm fine where I am, thank ya.

PERENNIAL

Dang it, I thought that would work.

ANAHITA

Annual, don't you just find handcuffs delightful?

ANNUAL

Usually, but my wrists are too full of all these gold watches Brother Hank gave me.

ANAHITA

Damn he's good

PERENNIAL

Look, Annual. I was won over by my own version of gold watches, which were red noses and writing checks. But at the end of the day, my friend Anahita Samantha Ardashir knew that I was in too deep.

ANAHITA

You turned all my condoms into balloon creatures.

PERENNIAL

And now I'm offering you a lifeline. Don't go down the same squishy hallway I went down.

ANNUAL

Oh I'm only goin' up, baby! I'm a star on the rise! Just look at me, Perennial. Look at my two gold watches!

ANAHITA

It's a cult, Annual!

ANNUAL

I know.

ANAHITA

You know?

ANNUAL

Of course I know. But aren't we all following our own cults here? I mean look at you two following the cult of public radio! Perennial admittedly worships at the altar of Meryl Streep—

PERENNIAL

What can I say? I'm still atoning for my sins..

ANNUAL

How is that any different from me worshiping at the altar of Moroth, pledging my eternal soul, and summoning him into a physical realm. I have TWO watches!

ANAHITA

What did you say?

ANNUAL

I have two watches!

PERENNIAL

Right before that.

ANNUAL

Oh. I summoned Moroth into the physical realm. It got me rich, babe.

PERENNIAL

What do you mean the physical realm??

ANNUAL

The here and now, toots! Turn on the news.

ANAHITA

WE ARE the news. John in the Booth. Tune into WXYZ AM.

NEWS ANCHOR

... as there appears to be some strange, yellow-eyed monstrosity hovering above the western half of the United States. We have reports coming in of massive lightning storms and sassy winks destroying power lines and causing overall mayhem. Say your prayers and kiss your loved ones goodbye. This is the end.

ANNUAL

Yep. Twooo watches.

ANAHITA

Perennial. What do we do?

PERENNIAL

I know a guy. John in the Booth...

JOHN IN THE BOOTH

Uh... Yeah?

PERENNIAL

Open the shaft!