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I don't have an English accent because this is what English sounds like when spoken properly.

James Carr

Fox Giveth and Fox Taketh Away

By Doktor Maxwell
~ Guest Writer

Last week was a pretty rough week and it all started off so well. Sunday had the announcement of a new season of Arrested Development, but then iPhone 4S gave us what may be the start of the robotic uprising, Steve Jobs passed away the following day, and Chem Engs got to be violated by the first Senior Design Exam in all of its three hour fury (a fair percentage were seen drinking heavily afterwards). But all of this pales in comparison to the latest tragedy: The cancellation of The Simpsons.

Apparently Fox doesn't like to pay each of the actors \$500,000 an episode anymore, and doesn't see the show as profitable despite still having an average of 7-8 million people watching the new episodes. Pay cuts had been in talk for a while, trading money for syndication dividends (oh

Who Are Those Daft Punk Guys?

by Nathan "Invincible" Miller

I'm an avid electronic listener and DJ, so I've often wondered who the guys beneath the Daft Punk masks really are. A simple Google search will tell you that they are Guy-Manuel de Homem-Christo and Thomas Bangalter, two house DJs all the way from France. Uh huh...

See, the problem is that there are almost no pictures of those guys without their masks. Most of those images are from long ago, back when they were fresh-faced youngsters. Nearly two decades have since passed, so it's anyone's guess what they look like now. Who can tell how they've aged if we hardly saw their faces to begin with?

There are occasionally claims that they've been unmasked, but since nobody has seen them in so long, how can we be sure that we've got the right guys? They could look like the Immortals from 300 under those masks, or not even have faces! Maybe they even went so far as to get plastic surgery to make themselves even more untraceable. They may be anywhere or anyone, moving amongst us like Agents in the Matrix. We'd never know!

It has to be extremely hard to go so long without having your picture taken. This is especially true in an age where

...see Not heavy or metal on back



Happy Friday the 13th! Oh wait, nevermind...



...see The Simps-ends on back

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... The Simps-ends from front those sweet, sweet, dividends) but Fox apparently won't be having any of that. Fox currently wants the actors to take a 45% pay cut for their final season; otherwise the season that's currently on the air will be the final season.

You may be (and probably are) thinking "But Doktor, that's a shit ton of money those people are getting, surely they can afford a pay cut." True that is a ton of money, but these are sensible people that have been doing this game for the last 20 some years, unlike Charlie Sheen who is batshit insane and was getting \$1 million an episode from Two and a Half Men before getting killed off. I highly doubt these actors are spending all of their hard-earned money on cocaine and prostitutes, but who knows! People have secrets. The joy that The Simpsons brought me from my childhood til now is worth every single dollar Fox has, and then some. As they say, "You can't put a price on a child's laughter" or something like that... maybe it was their souls or tears.

Lots of people had been saying how the series had gotten into a rut over the years, and how the quality of the episodes drastically declined. To this I reply with "Haters Gonna Hate." The show was amusing and poked fun at pop culture and was just goddamn entertaining in my mind, and over the past season or so the creators got their shit together and started making episodes the likes of which were unseen since Season 4 or 5. But it seems like we can't have nice things; maybe this was all part of the pact with the devil that it took to bring back Arrested Development. I would bet all my bar money on this, and if I was right proceed to the bar to spend said bar money into drinking myself into despair.

I hope that there will be one final season so that the series can go down into a blaze of glory, as after 23 seasons not having a final episode would be the equivalent of being kicked in the nads by a steel toed boot, perhaps with a spike on it too, which I am in no way into. At all. ☹



Next up, removing the SUN. MUAHAHA. My evil plans!

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... Not heavy or metal from front everyone has a camera attached to their cellphone attached to their iPod attached to their watch. How could you prevent every single person you interact with from secretly snapping a picture of you? Paparazzi these days will do anything for a shot, so anything short of an EMP field or squad of bodyguards won't be enough.

Following the logic, it becomes increasingly more likely that Guy-Manuel and Thomas must wear their helmets nonstop. It's the only surefire way of ensuring nobody sneaks a picture when they're not looking. It's got to be quite a strange life never feeling the sun on your face... do they ever go to the beach? A football game? How do they take showers? Bangalter has a wife and two kids, so you gotta wonder if he took it off when he... you know. Poor wifey.

There is one other possibility, however, and that is that the Daft Punk guys really are robots. Perhaps they are cyborgs, a chimera with both human and mechanical advantages. Whether cyborg or full-blown android, they could easily be programmed to disregard any negativities wearing a mask 24/7 would impose. Of course, this would not be necessary as the helmets would probably be a part of their overall construction rather than as a decorative piece they wear for no reason.

Finally, and this may be the most far-fetched one, they could be aliens from another planet stopping by Earth on an intergalactic musical tour. While kind of out there, it may be the most grounded reality if you've seen Interstella 5555. I definitely saw them at the Golden Record Awards ceremony, so it is entirely possible that the only good part of Tron 2 may just be stopping in from another planet. ☹



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