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The internet is so hard these days without tl:drs.

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## Sangha Passes New Requirements for Enlightenment

Agalasia

The legislative body of Karma, the Sangha, recently passed the Enlightenment Act, with 84% in favour.

The act, authored by the current Diplomacy Guru Paulus Asteorra (known gameside as <u>Sancta Romana Ecclesia</u>) codifies the nature of the Bodhis. Jiva seeking enlightenment must also now gain the sponsorship of a Sage; a Guru of a department where a Jiva is employed; Prime Yogi or Yogi to be enabled to seek enlightenment.

The act also outlines the process to gain enlightenment and legally codifies the process involved in questioning new Jiva, stating: "(6) During the Path to Enlightenment a Jiva's character is tried by questions, in conclusion of the Path a Bodhi is assigned to them."

So, what is enlightenment and how do I apply?

Gaining enlightenment immediately makes you a part of the Sangha. Enlightened in the Sangha have the opportunity to: draft and vote on regional laws; be appointed as a Guru; Sage or hold any other executive position in Karma.

To apply for enlightenment, you must first gain the endorsement of someone who holds an executive position within Karma (see above). Once you have gained an endorsement, you must fill out this survey:

<a href="https://esurv.org/?u=Enlightenment">https://esurv.org/?u=Enlightenment</a>. The sages will then process the application, and assign you a Bodhi.

The Bodhi is a venue for all enlightened Jiva of Karma to ask you questions to judge your character. Once the enlightened have finished asking questions, the sages will assign you a "task" which you must complete to finalise your path towards enlightenment and be admitted into the Sangha.

## Fuzzbuckets Lesson #7

#### Fuzzbuckets

A young woman was out wandering in the wilderness, numb and dazed. A great many terrible things had happened to her in the past year and it had taken a toll on her. "People just suck." she grumbled. "Always so many terrible things happening and I can't stand it. Why must there be so much darkness in the world?" She looked up at the night sky, it's endless stars scattered across the vast darkness and felt somewhat soothed. A soft voice from behind her spoke then. "Pretty, aren't they? I like to view the night sky as an expression of humanity." The young woman turned around and saw an older figure in a long cloak. She could not exactly determine if they were male or female, but the vibe was definitely nothreatening, and so she took the bait. "How are all these beautiful stars like humanity?" The figure moved forward slightly and looked up. "Stars, for all their beauty, are in the minority. There is far more darkness in the night sky than there are stars, and many stars we don't even see. But they are there, and they are numerous." The woman nodded, slowly getting it. Even if she couldn't always see goodness, it is always there.

Meritocratic, wholesome region of Karma seeks Fridate with fun, equally wholesome region! Must be embassied, active, and friendly!

Interested?

Contact Fuzzbuckets Today! \*

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## Karma Karma Karmaphala!

Levont Calxur

#### **Introduction & Basic Information**

Karma's Sangha has been very active as of the last couple of weeks, multiple laws have been passed, yet none are as important and prominent as the Karmaphala Act, which created Karma's first court of law!

The Karmaphala Act essentially gave Karma a court system, with the Karmaphala being the sole court of law and exercises judicial authority; it consists of the presiding officer of the court, The Oshō, and two other officers, The Bhikkus. This act allows any Jiva to accuse other Jiva of committing a crime, and it also gives them the ability to ask about a law that's unclear to them where the Karmaphala will answer the questions posed with a legal opinion on the meaning of the law.

#### The Voting Stage

When first put on the floor, the bill received a lot of backlash and opposition from some members of the Sangha, and after the three days of discussion had passed, a lot of the Sangha members were still unsure about their stance on this bill, so during the voting stage, it got defeated at vote, with 60% of the Sangha being against it. The bill was then later resubmitted to the Sangha, and actually passed with 75% of the vote.

#### The Court

After the bill passed, the Sages then elected three enlightened to act as judges in the Karmaphala.

A vote is currently ongoing in the Sangha to approve the Sages' pick for Osho, Soup Beanson Calxur.

The two Bhikkus will be announced as soon as voting in the Sangha ends.

These judges will for sure help in building Karma's court, opening the way for many new possibilities in Karma!

## The Karma Awards

Hosted by Zalidia

Most Active Karman: Soup
Friendliest Karman: Soup
Most Likely to Become a Sage: Taki
Most Helpful Karman: Taki
Most Promising Newbie: Dale
Most Inspirational Karman: Badger
Best Flag: Lani

## Mystery Solved!

# Altino Convicted in the Murder of Bean Calxur! Soup Beanson Calxur

After a week of investigation, intrigue, and secrets, and with great help from the whole investigation team, this mystery has been solved. And I will be the first to admit that Miss Altino almost got away with it. But alas many of you don't even know what I am talking about or who I even am. And for that and other reasons, I feel I should explain this case from the very beginning

A couple of weeks ago, on the first of this month, I witnessed the brutal murder of one Beanie Calxur. The murder happened at a hotel I'd been staying at for a couple of months, a hotel the Calxur family owned. T'was one Takura Calxur who discovered the body, dead on the floor of her own hotel's dining room, where she and many guests had eaten only the night before.

Now after this, many investigators were invited to the hotel to solve this case and I managed to slip into the crowd, so as to make my own investigation of this horrific event. The owners of the hotel, Takura and Archibald Galloway de Pfeffel du Roi Mountbatten-Windsor of Wymondham (yes his name was that long), greeted them (and me), by asking for their help in solving this mystery. Some stayed and some went. But us that remained now had a tough job on our hands. There were 7 suspects, all of whom looked very suspicious. These suspects were Peter, Taki, Badger, Wym, Alti, Halo, and Lev.

As the days went by, many facts became clear. The coroner's report came out and it became clear that Bean had had their head bashed in with a spoon and their eyes gouged out. Certainly not a pretty way to die, and a method that seemed to contribute very much to a possible motive. The issue with most of this case, however, was the increasing suspicion around pretty much every suspect. There were only two suspects we were able to rule out early. The first was Halo who seemed not to be connected to the family, the crime, or any of the circumstances. The second was Lev, who began actively investigating after the first couple of days.

As for the other five, each had their own set of suspicious evidence. Wym and Taki were running a failing hotel, and there just happened to be a life insurance policy on Bean that would greatly benefit the Calxur family. Badger and Peter had had several secret and possibly illicit meetings. And Alti, well actually I'll be the first to admit that early on, I thought she was innocent. She revealed to me the existence of a supposed coup orchestrated by the Calxur family. Thus providing a good motive for the murder of Bean if they saw something they weren't meant to see. But alas it was not what I had been suspecting.

The pieces began to fit together on our fifth night at the mansion. I had once again failed to get any information out of the stubborn lips of Badger and Peter. I was frustrated and while walking around the hallways, I got some news from Lev, regarding supposed blackmailing of Wym by Alti. See Wym and Alti at the beginning of this whole endeavor had verified each other's alibis by claiming they had had a late-night meeting at the time of death. However, there were holes in their stories and when Lev questioned Wym, he folded, telling that Alti had blackmailed him into telling her story. This of course put immediate suspicion on Alti and the facts continued to add up.

Wym in revealing the method of his blackmail also proved the factuality of his statements. Which got me thinking. How would she have known to blackmail Wym before the murder, if the murder hadn't happened yet? There was no way that could've been possible unless she knew the murder was happening or had murdered Bean herself.

Now in my accusation, I said I believed that Alti may have had an ulterior motive but from her eventual confession, she revealed her motives. She said that the murder had been done in order to stop the coup, for protection of her home. But in the end, it was her who broke the law and paid the price.

Special thanks to Lev and Paul for being alongside me as investigators the whole ride. And thanks to Taki and Wym for letting us investigate this crime and help put a murderer in prison. **Disclaimers:** This is an RP. Please don't take any of this seriously. Alti is not actually a murderer, she's a sweet lady who loves everybody.

## Law Review

#### Paulus Asteorra

In the preceding issue, I have dealt with the first three Sections of Karma's primary legal document - the Guidance. They begin the Article I of said law, called the Constellation of Karmic Rights. Below I will be dealing with the rest of this Constellation.

#### The right to an Awakening Quest

Section 4 contains the following: All Jiva have the right to traverse an Awakening Quest and endeavor toward Enlightenment. An "Awakening Quest" is not defined in the Guidance and it is not necessarily synonymous with a "Bodhi" (a proving task, which is required to obtain the Enlightenment). Sangha recently passed legislation that made finding a Sponsor an integral part of the Quest. This right in practice means that the Enlightenment process may not be handled arbitrarily, but all Jiva should be treated fairly during it, since they all have the same right to endeavor toward Enlightenment. Jiva's success or failure here needs to be based on their merit, it is unacceptable for them to be treated on unequal terms. Bodhis of Jiva should have roughly the same level of difficulty, although of course it is hard to measure that.

This Section also gives us another rule - if all Jiva have the right to endeavor toward Enlightenment, it means that Ajiva lack that right. If a Jiva started the Path to Enlightenment, but CTEd, they could not proceed further until they brought a nation back to the region.

#### The right to privacy

Moving on, next Section says Jiva have the right to privacy, the government shall not infringe upon the rights and liberties of the Jiva of Karma in this respect without the due process of law. This right protects the Jiva from the government distributing private information about them, without their consent (because one does not infringe on another's right to privacy, if that person consents to revealing this information). "Private" would be that information which is given in a DM to a government official, but it can also be that which is given in the citizens' only channel. Such information cannot be revealed by the government, except as part or in result of the due process. The clause discussed here does not pertain to Out of Character information, as the government, being an In Character body existing only in the world of NS, never posessess this kind of information to begin with. Revealing some types of OOC information would be always unacceptable, even as part of the "due process", this does not apply to the IC information.

#### The rights not explicitly mentioned

When dealing with citizen's rights, a constitution can treat them as an open or closed catalogue. If they are treated as a closed catalogue, it means that every right not explicitly mentioned in the law does not enjoy the protection of said law. Creator of the Karmic Constellation of Rights opted to make it an open catalogue instead. This much is clear thanks to Section 6 that reads The rights of the Jiva of Karma herein enumerated shall not preclude the existence of other rights not specified. This means that besides the rights contained in the Constellation Jiva also have other rights, which too should be respected by their government. That raises a question: What is the source of these rights? One could argue that the source of real life human rights is the inherent dignity of each person. But it feels at least improper to make it a source of IC citizen rights. In my view, custom is from which we derive the latter. From legal speak to English, if a Jiva has IC rights, it's because the region of Karma consistently chose to respect and protect these. An example of purely IC right that is not mentioned in the Constellation and yet should still be respected by the government could be the right of Jiva to a legal certainty. A decision based on a badly-written law, that is unclear about Jiva's obligations, would be arguably illegal, as Jiva can reasonably expect to know what are their legal obligations. Otherwise how can they fulfill them?

This being said, OOC rights (such as the right to not being discriminated against) may also be covered by Section 6. Such inclusion would not charge the government of Karma with protecting them, moderation team exists for that purpose. However, including them as these unmentioned rights would prevent people from using their IC rights as an excuse for unacceptable OOC behavior, since you cannot use your right in a way that endangers the rights of other people.

#### Means of protecting the rights

Section 7 provides for how those rights are protected in Karma, by saying that No legislation, regulation or action of governance shall impede any of the provisions Constellation of Karmic Rights herein entailed. Therefore none of these things (legislation, regulation, action of governance) can prevent the exercise of rights guaranteed by the Constellation. Unmentioned rights are also clearly protected by this Section, since denying them to a Jiva would impede the provisions of Section 6 discussed above. This Section raises some interpretation problems that I will try to resolve.

If "no legislation" shall impede any of the provisions of the Constellation, does it mean that amending the Constellation is impossible? After all, an amendment to the Guidance is a kind of legislation. But I do not think it is reasonable to assume that Constellation was meant to be set in stone like so and Article IV, Section 1 of the Guidance completely destroys that interpretation. It says, in its second sentence No law... may contradict The Guidance. An amendment to the Guidance contradicts its previous text by changing (amending) said text. Yet clearly amendments to the Guidance are allowed. Therefore, to have a consistent interpretation (since almost the same wording is used in both Sections), one must accept that its Article I (the Constellation of Karmic Rights) can also be amended. With this in mind, we can gather that no law may be passed that would prevent the exercise of Jiva's recognized rights, unless it is an amendment to the Guidance. The Sages and Sangha have the right to make law in Karma.

"Action of governance" is clear enough by itself, but how is it different from the "regulation"?

[Legislation - law passed by the Sages and Sangha; regulation - internal procedures of the departments; action - individual decision made in an individual case.]



## IT'S BATTLE OF THE COOKS!

Taki has held her Tako Tuesdays unchallenged for too long! She couldn't win every week, and today we have two BRAVE souls with us to challenge her crown and declare themselves officially the Cooking Queen of Karma!

In the first Corner, our reigning champ of takes and southern cooking! TAKURA, with her grandmother's world famous **SOUR CHERRY PIE!** 



There are two things I wish to clarify. Firstly, I wish to address the saying 'As easy as pie'. This is just incorrect. Now, I'm not saying you shouldn't make pie. I'm saying that pie, specifically pie crust, is just not easy. If you've gone to the supermarket to buy one of those processed mass production pies, shame on you. The crust is awful and the entire pie is way too sweet. Trust me, I know. Pie crust is not sweet. It is flaky and savory, the proper mechanism to enhance the flavors of the pie filling. However, it is also incredibly picky. I've been baking most of my life, and making pies on my own for at least 4 years now, and I haven't once managed to get a perfect pie dough like my grandmother makes. The pies are still good though, so I keep trying. Secondly, I would like to elaborate on the versatility of pie. Pies can be savory or sweet, they can have a lattice top, a full top, or no upper crust at all. They can be big or small, they can be whatever you want. Pies are absolutely amazing and I will stand by that statement. Are there bad pies? Absolutely. But you can never go wrong with home baked pies. And if you do it's your own fault.

(Wow a second paragraph, what's this?) I would also like to add that this is July. July is the month of celebration, it's the summer month, the happy month, the month where you can get together as a community and enjoy yourself. July is the month without worries (most of the time). And pie is a great way to show your appreciation and celebrate with people you care about. This is going

to be a recipe for Sour Cherry Pie, but I will also add guidelines at the end if you want to use a different fruit. For me, Sour Cherry Pie is the ultimate pie. It is, dare I say, more special than apple pie. Where I live sour cherries come in once a year, for one weekend. It's always a rush to see who gets them first because they're always gone the next week. I always buy extra. This pie is special, it is a once a year treat, right at the beginning of July. So please, sit down, relax, and enjoy this wonderful pie!

#### Ingredients:

#### Crust:

- 2½ c (300 g) flour
- 1 c (190 g) crisco (or other vegetable shortening)
- 1 tsp (5.9 g) salt
- 3+ TBSP (44.5+ mL) ice water

#### Filling:

- 4 c (900 g) pitted sour cherries
- 2% TBSP (20.3 g) quick tapioca
- 1 c (200 g) sugar
- 1½ TBSP (22.5 mL) lemon juice
- 2 drops almond extract
- 2 TBSP (30 mL) kirsch
- 2 TBSP (28.4 g) butter

#### Directions:

- 1. make the crust. sift together the flour and the salt
- 2. cut in the cristco and work with hands until the crisco is well incorporated and about the size of peas (you can handle the dough as much as you want at this point)
- 3. add in ice water, starting with 3 tablespoons, and push dough together with a fork. do not touch the dough from this point onwards
- 4. if necessary add more water until it all comes together (this will depend on the humidity of the air, as well as the temperature and your own intuition)
- 5. divide in 2 and shape into a ball, one slightly larger than the other
- 6. wrap in wax paper and place in the fridge
- 7. make the filling. combine tapioca with the sugar and mix into the cherries
- 8. set oven to 400 °F (204 °C)
- 9. set to the side and roll out larger dough ball
- 10. line pie dish with the pastry and push neatly so that it touches the edges and base fully
- 11. before filling the pie add the lemon juice, almond extract, and kirsch
- 12. fill the pie
- 13. dot the top of the fruit with small bits of butter
- 14. roll out the other dough and cover the pie gently
- 15. crimp the edges and cover the edge with tin foil
- 16. bake for 15 minutes
- 17. reduce heat to 375 °F (190 °C) and bake for 30 minutes
- 18. remove the aluminum foil and bake another 15 minutes  $\,$
- 19. take out of oven \o/ you are done



In the second Corner, a lady who needs no introduction! The beautiful, the illustrious EMILINE with her recipe for **The Nat-cho-cheese Dorito Nacho**! Bang your gavels in praise for this simple and heartfelt cheezy goodness!

Ingredients:

Directions:

(1) Nacho cheese Dorito chip

(1) Pinch of cheese

Place (1) pinch of cheese on (1) nacho cheese dorito chip

Microwave for 10 seconds

Enjoy

AND FINALLY because we firmly believe in saving the Best for last, already queen of our hearts GALE brings us **Cheesy Bacon Potatoes** to die for!



Hope Y'all Wanted A Heart Attack

## Gales Cheesy Bacon Potatoes!

### **Ingredients**;

- As many potatoes as your heart desires... or as many will fit on a baking tray.
- Whatever spices you think belong on potatoes. I personally like salt, pepper, lemon salt, basil flakes, paprika, and garlic powder.
- Bacon
- An Onion
- Hella Garlic
- Cheese of choice. I used Cheddar. Sliced or cubed.
- Butter

#### **Instructions**;

- Cut your potatoes into % inch cubes. Now this may seem like a weird measurement, but that's a rough size. Potatoes are hard to cube, because they're round. Whatever.Put your potato chunks on your baking sheet as you're cutting, to make sure they fit. They don't have to have any space between them, just don't let them sit on top of each other.
- Preheat your oven to 425 Fahrenheit, or 218-ish Celsius. Thank you Google.
- Do as much as you want. I ain't ya mom.
- Dice your onion and your garlic. If you don't like onions and garlic, don't @ me. Ever.
- Preheat a skillet/pan over medium heat. Throw some butter in, wait for it to melt, then throw in your onions and cook them til they get kind of transparent.
- Throw your bacon into the skillet/pan, let it cook til you like it. Lower the heat and add the garlic. After like 2 minutes, turn off the stove.
- \* Keep as much of the bacon grease in the pan as you can, but fish out the bacon, onions, and garlic out. Probably with a slotted spoon. I highly recommend not using your hands. I'm not accountable if you do. Place the bacon, onions, and garlic in a bowl.
- Place all your seasonings into the bacon grease, and stir it around. Trust me.
- Place your potatoes into the oil. Coat them. Put them back on the baking sheet.
- Throw them potatoes in the oven for 25 minutes. Take them out. Flip the potatoes. You should probably use a spatula. Don't use your hands. I'll laugh at you if you do. Put the potatoes back in the oven for another 20 minutes.
- Take the potatoes out. Turn your oven to 'Broil,' and place your onions, bacon, garlic, and cheese on the potatoes. Put them back in the oven for 5 minutes.
- Congrats! You're done once the cheese is melted! Now eat!

Which recipe was your favorite? Vote here! https://forms.gle/Vv6xTPKDxkPuX7i77

Thanks to all of our pro chefs for making us hungry and also making us laugh. <3

Like what you've seen here?

Join us on discord! It's pretty much this 24/7.:)



## <u>Ask Someone</u> Elsa

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Well hello there. It seems you've stumbled upon the latest column of Ask Someone Else, and boy are you in for disappointment. Not because of me, of course, but because it's going to be hard to top my last column. Who knew I could be this good at putting flimsy words of advice into such pristine and palatable condition? Well, I did. Now you do. Of course, the possibility of failure is not enough to deter me, dear reader, from this noble endeavor, and I aim to raise the bar yet again. If I fail, though, it's okay. It's only a regional newspaper on nationstates for crying out loud.

If you remember, last installment I chided you for not knowing the difference between questions of advice and general questions. Some of you have learned the difference. Good on you. Some of you have not, and this makes me wonder how you managed to figure out the internet in the first place. But alas, I will answer your questions, no matter what form they come in. Except yours, Koala. Koalas are the worst.

Now, shall we begin?

#### How do you overcome the overwhelming regret you feel when looking back upon how you've lived your life? - Jinkies

Well, Jinkies, I don't feel overwhelming regret when I look back on my life. It's not that I don't have regrets (letting Altino insert that rfid chip for one), but I'm content with understanding that regret doesn't change the past. Like, one could dwell in their mistakes or shortcomings, but why? Really try to answer that question, because it's an important step. Why dwell in regret when all regret does is make you feel bad? Of course, applying this outlook is much easier said than done- anything involving mental health is. It's not just going to work for you one day, you have to work at it every day. I think a big influence on my view of this is a rather depressing movie that told me things about myself at the right time I needed to hear it: Never Let Me Go. I won't spoil it, but there's a large underlying theme of "Sometimes things happen that changes your life in a way that can't be changed back." And part of the difficulty of regret, is learning to accept that. I don't really have much funny stuff to say about this, as I don't consider it a funny subject and I won't take it lightly. So sorry for the lack of wit, y'all, but some things you have to treat without a tongue in your cheek. I hope you're able to get past your regret, Jinkies.

#### What is the correct number of ice cubes to put in a glass of water to make it ice water? - Fuentana

Why do they have to be cubes? Why can't it be shaved ice, or cool shapes, or those cocktail ice spheres that you only get if you paid a hundred dollar cover just to get into the damn bar? I think your view on ice and its relationship with water is very narrow, and it would do you some good to approach ice with a more open mind.

#### How can I get people to stop making puns? - Soup

Punish them.

I feel like that's a good enough answer on its own and I want you to know I debated with myself for at least 30 seconds before deciding to add to it. I didn't want you to feel I'd cheated you from the same amount of attention I give to my other... emulsion based food products. I think you have to ask yourself why you carrot all? Do you put too much stock into a punless existence? Why do you stew in your displeasure at clever language? If you ask me (which you did), it might be a better route to not let yourself boil over about it all. If you could figure out a way to prevent that, it would make miso proud of you. Tomatoes.

#### Dear Someone Else,

I have a really frequent communication problem that I just can't seem to resolve. I keep being told I've been make puns when I'm not. This may not sound like a big dill but it gets me into a lot of pickles, since making puns isn't always Kosher. I've tried explaining that I'm just not good as spelling and make a lot of typos or type homophones, it's just how my brine works but everyone just thinks I'm gerkin their chain. I know helping people is your bread and butter so any help with this cucumbersome communication problem, would really be relished.
Yours Sincerely,

Nova.

Actually, Soup, you were right. Nova just cannot be allowed this level of deviancy.

#### Hi there,

So I recently came into an inheritance from my wealthy great-uncle's cousin thrice removed, Sir Elvis Lincoln IV. I was bequeathed a card with a labrador retriever looking mighty stoic wearing a yellow raincoat and fisherman's hat, perched on the bow of a small boat. There was no note, but inside was a shiny \$1000 Walmart gift card.

What do you think I should buy with it?

Dazed and Confused,

Tsivikh

Your next prescription of lithium. Or, barring that, maybe you should get Cyberpunk 2077 when it comes out, and then come over to my place so we can play together and you can accidentally lose it and the system you brought over to play it on. Or, or, you can rent a bouncy castle for Karma. I don't know if walmart lets you do that but I'm sure you could find someone willing to give you money at a lesser amount for the gift card. OR or or, you could just buy a bunch of legos, shut yourself into your room, and become the next Peter. Stuck in time with nothing but legos to love you, to betray you, to be everything for you. At least that's what I assume Peter's life is like, given how mean he is.

#### Why does no one just accept puns as the ultimate apex of comedy that humanity will ever reach? - Erroria

Okay, Karma, I think you have a problem. I'm telling you this as a friend. Er, not really a friend but an acquaintance that has some innate need to fix you, or at least help you fix yourself. It seems that you are obsessed with this dilemma, and it is devouring you whole from the inside out. I don't know that punning is actually the problem; I think it's a greater underlying cause that really eats at you. Do.... do you not feel loved? Do you not feel wanted? Please, for the sake of the region, please try and figure this out. It could mean everything.

Or, like, you could just have a bunch of nerds in one group fighting a bunch of nerds in another group over language. You know what, scratch the first paragraph. This is definitely what's going on.

#### Who would win a game of croquet between you and the Queen of Hearts? - Fuzz

Ahh, Alice in Wonderland. Such a classic book, and truly a classic scene from said book. But you should already know the answer. Anyone who beats the Queen of Hearts is "caught cheating" and then decapitated without mercy. Now, say Karma had a tyrannical overlord who's desire to torture her subjects was stronger than the health of her Queendom. Just imagine that. It shouldn't be too hard. Now imagine this Altino lady had unlimited power, and she was from France as our dear friend Lynxi uncovered so many years ago. She would be nigh unstoppable, her rage so thorough that it was written into the very existence of Karma but recolored as wholesomeness and love. She could probably do whatever she wanted just by encouraging people to love each other, and then using their naivete as a blanket to cover up her abhorrent addiction to cutting the heads off of sweet blonde girls. Just... imagine.

## Sometimes I feel like people only want me for the food I make. Do I make them more food cause I like them and I like making food for them or what? - Tako Truck

Well, it seems to me that some utterance of "your true worth is within" works here. Because yes, if you are a tako truck then your worth is based on the takos inside. This is not a bad thing. In fact, a lot of people, and food trucks, meander through life with no sense of self worth at all. You've found yours, and you should definitely give some of your takos to me for free. Er, you should definitely value the fact that you've answered a very important question that plagues every individual at some point in their lives is what I meant. Totally. But, now that you know that, can we talk about those free takos?

I don't even get paid for this job, please help. I've been subsisting off of CTE'd nations for like months now.