

06/03/2024 Daily OFMD Recap

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TLDR; Rhys Darby; Taika Waititi; Samba Schutte; Nathan Foad; Anapela Polataiva; TellTaleAwards Round 2; AdoptOurCrew; June 3rd An Excellent Day: Trends; WeAreAllTaikaNow; RoboJenks; Other Fandoms; Menacing Memes; Articles about #DontStreamOnMax; NeurOFMDivergent Pride Week; FanSpotlight; Love Notes;

== Rhys Darby ==

Throwback picture from The Cryptid Factor with Rhys and Buttons!





Source: [The Cryptid Factor Instagram](#)

== Taika Waititi ==

| Quick crumbs of Taika on Rita's Instagram from her latest show!



Source: [Rita Ora's Instagram](#)

== Samba Schutte ==

Samba's rom-com *Advanced Chemistry* is premiering on June 26, 2024, 9:15 PM at TLC Chinese 6 Theatres Los Angeles CA! [Get tickets here.](#)

ADVANCED CHEMISTRY

**WEST
COAST
Premiere |
USA,
2024, 95 min.
WED JUN 26 @ 915PM**

GET TICKETS



WRITER: Alec Moore

DIR: Etana Jacobson

PRODS: Alec Moore, Jane Miller, Etana Jacobson, Sarah Burns

CAST: Samba Schutte, Chaunte Wayans, Sarah Burns, Kiran Deol, Iqbal Theba, T'Keyah Crystal Keymah

Source: [Samba's Instagram](#)

== Anapela Polataivao ==

Our fabulous Auntie has been appointed Officer of the NZ Order of Merit (ONZM) in this years King's Birthday Honours List! This is a prestigious position awarded for

contributions to the Pacific performing arts! Congrats Anapela!



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Coco Congrats to all our Pasifika trailblazers who were celebrated today as part of the King's Birthday Honours List! 🌟👏 These honourees exemplify excellence, embodying resilience and innovation in their respective fields.

As our Pasifika whanau celebrate those who have contributed excellence to their communities, get to know them at link in bio! 🌸

Officers of the NZ Order of Merit (ONZM)
- Anapela Polataivao, for contributions to the Pacific performing arts
- Rev. Taimoanaifakafo Kaio, for services to the Pacific community

Source: [The Coconet TV Instagram](#)

== Nathan Foad ==

Nathan is feeling pretty saucy about another Billionaire planning to visit the Titanic Wreckage.

every billionaire wants to...shag
the titanic??

**Billionaire plans dive
to Titanic following tragic
submersible implosion
that killed 5 passengers**



@nbcnews

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Source: [Nathan Foad's Instagram](#)

== Round 2 of TellTale Awards ==

[TellTaleTv Awards Round 2!](#)

The awards are open from June 3 - June 9! OurFlagMeansDeath, Rhys and Ruibo both made the next round! So did Deadloch and Deadboy Detectives, please be sure to get your votes in each day!



Adopt Our Crew | #AdoptOurCrew

@adoptourcrew

We interrupt our #DontStreamOnMax programming to share that voting for round 2 of the @TellTaleTV_ Awards has begun and #OurFlagMeansDeath, Rhys and Ruibo have all made it through!

Remember, you can vote once a day every day until Sunday, June 9!

2024 TELL-TALE TV AWARDS



Vote for Your Favorite TV Shows and Performers! The 2024 Tell-Tale TV Awards (Round 2)

From telltaletv.com

Source: [Adopt Our Crew Twitter](#)

== Adopt Our Crew ==

Our crewmates over at [@adoptourcrew](#) want to hold WBD Accountable! Check out their statement on their tumblr, or [here!](#)



adoptourcrew

14h ago



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Fans of Critically Acclaimed Series "Our Flag Means Death" Celebrate Pride Month by Holding Warner Bros, Discovery and Max Accountable for Recent Cancellations with #DontStreamOnMax Campaign

UNITED STATES, May 30, 2024 - To coincide with Warner Bros. Discovery's (WBD) annual stockholder meeting on June 3rd and in celebration of Pride Month, Adopt Our Crew ([@adoptourcrew](https://www.adoptourcrew.com)), a fan-led group dedicated to elevating queer stories including "Our Flag Means Death", is relaunching the #DontStreamOnMax campaign on X (formerly known as Twitter), Instagram, and Tumblr.

Originally launched in early 2024 after Max gutted their slate of original series, canceling five critically acclaimed shows: "Warrior", "Our Flag Means Death", "Julia", "Rap Sh!t" and "The Flight Attendant", the #DontStreamOnMax campaign seeks to hold WBD and Max accountable and draw attention to the fact that the company is increasingly prioritizing existing IP and platforming a transphobic creator over shows that authentically depict queer and POC characters. In May 2024, Adopt Our Crew strategically revived the campaign to coincide with the WBD Q1 2024 earnings call and received [press attention](#) for these efforts. The team has identified four major points as a focus for this new campaign on June 3:

- Cutting budgets for premier content and forcing show runners to condense seasons into fewer episodes ([Deadline, 2023](#); [Entertainment Weekly, 2024](#))
- Prioritizing existing IP over fresh, diverse, and authentic content ([Variety, 2024](#))
- Supporting a bigoted creator who actively preaches transphobic rhetoric while canceling multiple series that center queer people and people of color ([The Hollywood Reporter, 2023](#))
- Canceling critically acclaimed queer shows and in the same breath calling on "Gay Twitter" to do their marketing jobs for them ([Deadline, 2024](#))

While 18-24 year olds actively seek out queer-inclusive media, only 38% are satisfied with how LGBTQ people are represented. ([WPP, 2022](#)) In the past two years, Max has become a leader in canceling queer media. GLAAD's most recent "Where We Are on TV" report counted 80 characters (24% of all LGBTQ characters on streaming) on 23 scripted streaming shows from 2023-2024 won't be returning due to series cancellations or endings. 17 (21%) of these characters were on Max shows, and nearly half were on Our Flag Means Death. ([Where We are on TV - GLAAD](#)) As streamers continue to limit new programming, treat television as a "commodity that's at the mercy of an algorithm," and prematurely cancel inclusive stories, 25% of US adults wait for a finale before watching with 27% of them citing worry about potential cancellation with no resolution as their reasoning for delay. ([Variety, 2024](#))

As Pride Month begins and WBD and Max begins to promote the few queer-inclusive shows remaining on their platforms, it is worth pointing out that this is the same company that continues to champion J.K. Rowling, despite her recent transphobic and racist comments. ([Rolling Stone, 2024](#)) In a 2023 interview with the Hollywood Reporter, Casey Bloys, Max CEO, said that the upcoming Harry Potter TV series budget will be commensurate with those of *Game of Thrones* and *House of the Dragon*, with the latter's first season clocking in at \$125M. "[It] will be that scale or higher. Whatever it takes to make a quality show." When asked about Rowling's transphobic comments, Bloys demurred, "J.K. is a very online conversation...it's very nuanced and complicated and not something we're going to get into." ([The Hollywood Reporter, 2023](#))

Through the #DontStreamOnMax campaign, Adopt Our Crew seeks to make stockholders, subscribers, consumers, and the general public aware of how the recent actions of WBD and Max are alienating audiences, resulting in subscriber and profit losses.

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About Adopt Our Crew: Adopt Our Crew is a fan-led group dedicated to promoting the cast and crew of Our Flag Means Death but we are expanding into providing audiences with data on the rapidly changing film/television industry and championing diverse and queer media.

[Twitter](#) [Instagram](#) [Media Kit](#)

While this may have started with the campaign to save #OurFlagMeansDeath, #DontStreamOnMax seeks to hold WBD and Max accountable and show those in power that we won't back down or be silenced.

Read More:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kTrWiUJoWxLq4je8T-tEZgOzcyLUdAu4/view?usp=drivesdk>

#our flag means death #OFMD #don't stream on max #adoptourcrew

Source: [Adopt Our Crew Instagram](#)

== June 3: An Excellent Day ==

Where the hell do I even start? Wow crew! Today was impressive! #DontStreamOnMax was trending on twitter, so was #SaveOFMD, there was so much polite menacing and massive aggression going around, it was wonderful to see.

= Trends =

The absolute darling @ twindy5 was kind enough to send me some trends just before posting this so we could see some of the latest numbers.



Cindy Aitch
@twindy5

Thinking of them and wishing them well as June the 3rd, an excellent day, winds down with these trends:

P. S.

[#DontStreamOnMax](#)

1:03

Trending

Taika

Entertainment · Trending

#DontStreamOnMax

27.2K posts

Trending

#SaveOFMD

2,973 posts

Sports · Trending

Rhys

20.7K posts

Our crewmates over at NeverLeftPodcast caught #FireDavidZaslav as well!



Source: [NeverLeftPodcast's Twitter](#)

= We Are All Taika Now =

So one thing you don't want to miss is that apparently certain folks on twitter think that everyone fighting for Our Flag Means Death on Twitter is a Taika bot. So rejoice! If you wanted to be Taika Waititi, now you can be!



rose #LongLiveOFMD @pirateidiot · 6h

All right guys, pack it up, they got us. We're all just Taika's burner accounts. It's hard to squeeze in being a director and making 20,000 posts in a day but we make it work.



Pastor Swope

@paranrmlpastor

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@Midnights_Edge Is the trending #DontStreamOnMax really a vain effort mainly by Taika Waititi because of the cancellation of 'Our Flag Means Death'?

3:55 PM · 6/3/24 From Earth · **29** Views

Source: [@pirateidiot's twitter](#)

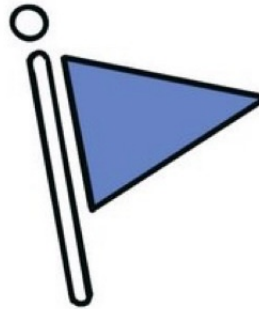
And everyone rolled with it!



OFMD S3 Massive Agression Re... · 18m ...

Pack it up, y'all, we've been sussed out.

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**Marked Safe From
The Taika Waititi
OFMD Renewal
Burner Bot Army**

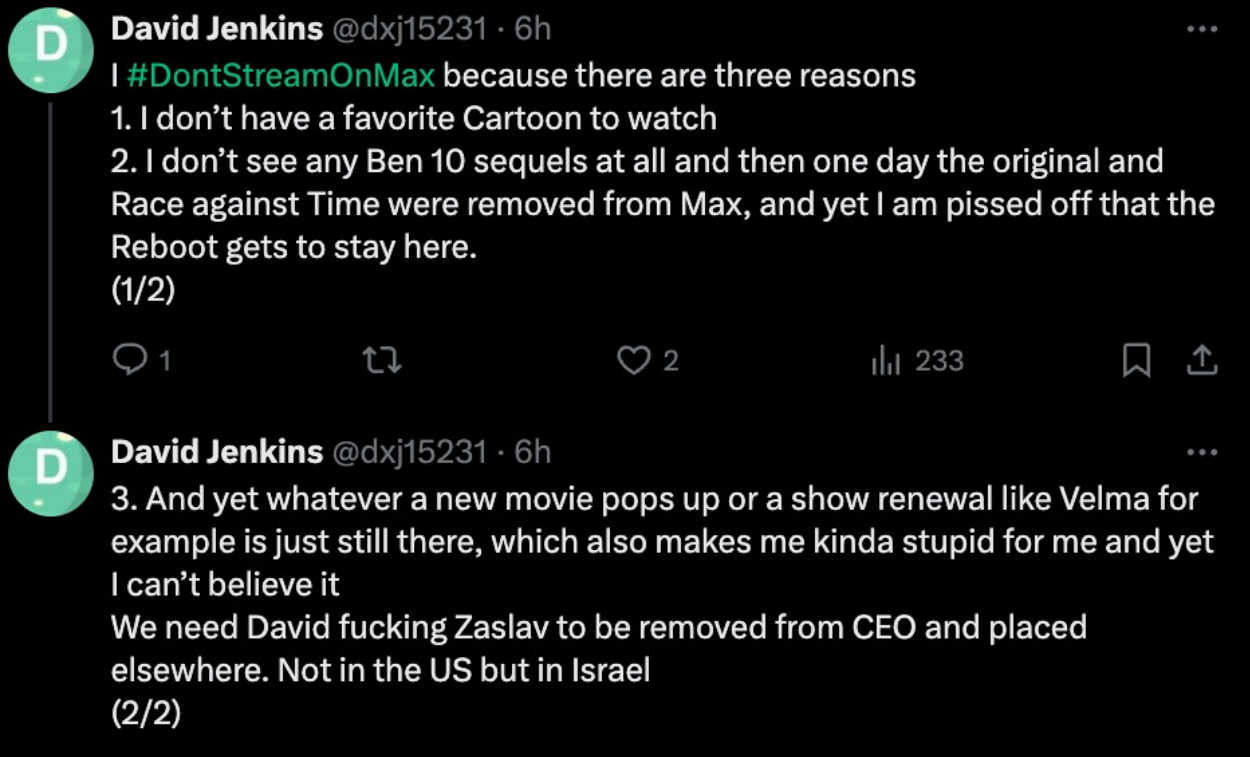
Source: [DagaNaranjade's Twitter](#)

= RoboJenks =

Okay so there was some speculation because an account named "David Jenkins" started getting into the fun with everyone today (but not Chaos Dad's account). Many folks thought it was a bot that maybe somehow got attached to our trends, but I read back to when the account was created back in January and they've been around a bit.

They've hopped on the bandwagon against WB for quite some time (for CoyoteVsAcme, etc) so it's still possible they're a bot, but hard to tell for sure.

What did cause some excitement was Chaos Dad then blocked them.



The image shows a screenshot of two tweets from David Jenkins (@dxj15231) posted 6 hours ago. The tweets are displayed on a dark background with white text. The first tweet is the top one, and the second is the bottom one. Between the two tweets, there are icons for replies (1), retweets, likes (2), and views (233). The tweets discuss the user's frustration with Max's content removal and their opinion on CEO David Zaslav.

David Jenkins @dxj15231 · 6h ...

I [#DontStreamOnMax](#) because there are three reasons

1. I don't have a favorite Cartoon to watch
2. I don't see any Ben 10 sequels at all and then one day the original and Race against Time were removed from Max, and yet I am pissed off that the Reboot gets to stay here.

(1/2)

1 ↻ 2 233 📌 ↗

David Jenkins @dxj15231 · 6h ...

3. And yet whatever a new movie pops up or a show renewal like Velma for example is just still there, which also makes me kinda stupid for me and yet I can't believe it

We need David fucking Zaslav to be removed from CEO and placed elsewhere. Not in the US but in Israel

(2/2)



Melissa | #LongLiveOFMD @meowzawowza_ · 4h

The funniest thing just happened



David Jenkins

@dxj15231

Follow



And he'd blocked him I need a reason with him



Follow

David Jenkins

@david_jenkins__

**@david_jenkins__
blocked you**

You are blocked from following @david_jenkins__
and viewing @david_jenkins__'s posts.

Source: [@meowzawowza_ on Twitter](#)

= Other Fandoms =

One of the other exciting things that happened today was just how many other fandoms outside of OFMD Twitter decided to jump on the bandwagon for #DontStreamOnMax. Even the SnyderVerse folks got into it!

↻ jess 🇸🇪 | #LongLiveOFMD reposted



The Batfleck Movie #MakeTheBat... · 6h ...

We want to give a shoutout to all of the amazing campaign work being done by the "Our Flag Means Death" fandom

@adoptourcrew who, similar to our SnyderVerse fandom, had the story they love cut short by @wbd when it was over halfway complete.

[#DontStreamOnMax](#)



Buttons (Ashley) 🏴‍☠️ 🌈 🟡 🤪 🦄 🌟 · 4h ...

Y'all we have seen MANY other fandoms/groups using the [#DontStreamOnMax](#) tag today

- DC Comics fans
- John Oliver fans
- Animation/Looney Tunes Fans
- Fans of other max cancelled shows (Los Espookys, A Black Lady Sketch Show, Rap Sh!t)

It's a whole movement now!

Source: [@ BatFleckMovie's Twitter](#) / [@ seven_sugars on Twitter](#)

= Menacing Memes =

↻ Kaylee P reposted



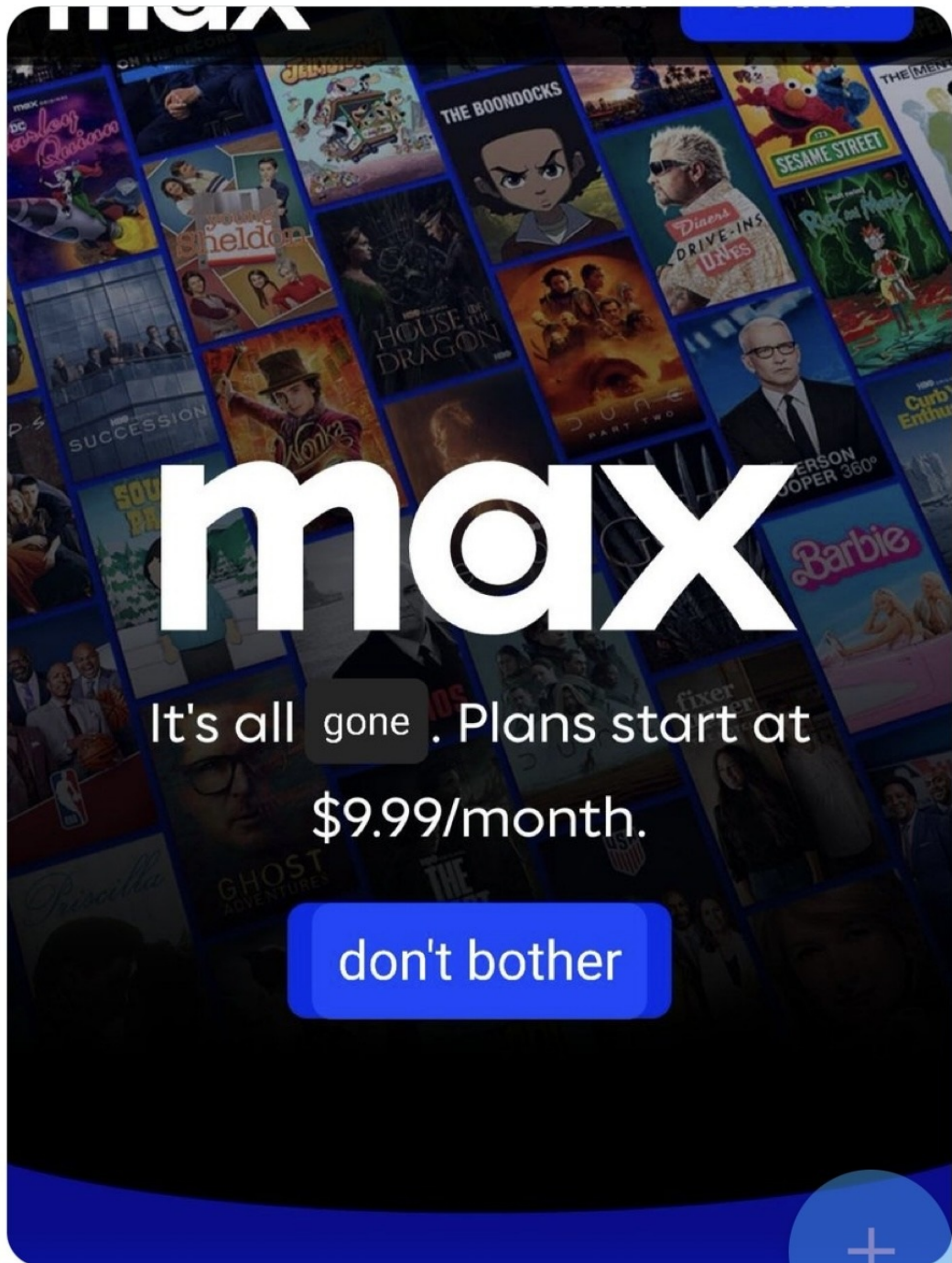
Gabby 🏴‍☠️ ⚓ 🍊 @xxprincess1x · 16h

Anyone fancy signing up? No me neither..
(Did this quick edit, everyone feel free to
use) 😊 🏴‍☠️

[#DontStreamOnMax](#)

[#FireDavidZaslav](#)

[#OurFlagMeansDeath](#)





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@love4ofmd · [Follow](#)



People who don't feel love and happiness can't understand how real human beings would come together to fight for art, love and queer stories. So they think we're thousands of Taika Waititi's burner accounts. I wish I looked this pretty but I guess we are powerful
[#DontStreamOnMax](#)



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Sources: [@xxprincesslx's Twitter](#) / [@love4ofmd's twitter](#)

= Articles Covering the Polite Menacing! =



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#DontStreamOnMax #FireDavidZaslav 🐱😄



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Our favorite crew is turning poison into positivity again! Check out how they're making waves with [#DontStreamOnMax!](#) [@AdoptOurCrew](#)  

 qplusmagazine.com/adopt-our-crew...



Source: Q+Magazine Twitter

- [Daily Caller Article](#)

'#DontStreamOnMax' Trends After HBO Cancels Gay Pirate Show



(Photo by Michael Tullberg/Getty Images)

[Digg.com Article](#)





Adopt Our Crew | #AdoptOurCrew

@adoptourcrew

“This recent kerfuffle gained traction among fans of...[#OurFlagMeansDeath](#), which was canceled in spite of its wild popularity, while less-popular (and less LGBTQ-focused) shows continued on.”

More coverage of [#dontstreamonmax](#)! Thanks [@digg](#)!

[🔗: digg.com/internet-cultu...](#)

ONE MAIN CHARACTER WATCH

David Zaslav Is Ruining Max, And The Internet Is Sick To Death Of It



Grant Brunner

Are your favorite shows and movies getting axed from Warner Bros. Discovery? You can thank David.

1 hour ago · 1.4k reads · · ·

There are many reasons why people might be mad at David Zaslav and his Frankenstein-like media conglomerate Warner Bros. Discovery, but people are particularly angry right now about how the company is trying to pinkwash itself all while undermining actual representation, and doing business with one of the **ALT** most prominent transphobic voices in the world.

Source: Adopt Our Crew Twitter

- [NerdStash Article](#)

Don't Stream On Max: David Zaslav Faces Backlash For Cancellations

Max is facing max backlash

By Taylor Coffman - June 3, 2024 · 3 Mins Read



Source: [Nerdstash.com](https://nerdstash.com)

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- [‘Don’t Stream On Max’ explained: Why people are boycotting the streaming platform](#)
- [Is Warner Bros. Discovery Inc \(WBD\) worth investing in despite its overvalued state?](#)

== **NeurOFMDivergent** Pride Week ==

The lovely folks over at [@neurofmdivergentprideweek](#) were kind enough to allow me to share some info for the upcoming Week!

NeuroOFMDivergent Pride Week

Day 1 - Sunday, June 9:

Identity / Special / "Is that okay?"

Day 2 - Monday, June 10:

Change / Confidence / "Me too"

Day 3 - Tuesday, June 11:

Community / Laughter / "Just the way you are"

Day 4 - Wednesday, June 12:

Pride / Dream / "Too much"

Day 5 - Thursday, June 13:

Discovery / Emotions / "I'm doing my best"

Day 6 - Friday, June 14:

Creativity / Safe / "I don't know how to explain it"

Day 7 - Saturday, June 15:

Happiness / Memories / "Need a break?"

"What is NeuroOFMDivergent Pride Week?"

NeuroOFMDivergent Pride Week is a week-long Our Flag Means Death fan event for creating & sharing fanworks focused on neurodivergent experiences. There are prompts for each day, but any content relating to OFMD and neurodivergence is welcome."

Wanna learn more? Please visit them [here on tumblr!](#)

Source: [NeuroOFMDivergent Pride Week's Pinned Post](#)

== Fan Spotlight ==

= Cast Cards =

Today's Cast Cards are Lily Riley, "head guard" of The Red Flag, she had the distinct honour of being knocked out with chamomile! and also one of our lovely writers-- Natalie Torres!



Source: [@melvisik's](#) Twitter!

= Pride Month =

Gonna try to keep up some spotlights from the fans with Pride month! Tonight's spotlight is the absolutely stellar [@blackbeardskneebrace](#) with some adorable Peanuts style of our favourite pirates!

[Peanuts T4T Ed/Stede](#) / [Peanuts Polycule](#)



== Love Notes ==

Hey lovelies. Today we are all Taika. You're Taika-- I'm Taika, all of us are Taika! And you know what Taika does?

He gets some sleep, and he eats good food and drinks plenty of water!

You know what else he does? Laugh, and cry, and joke, and enjoy life!

And even further-- he is kind and he is thoughtful, and he is proud of the work he does, and so you should be too!

Goodnight Taikas, I hope you sleep well and wake up refreshed tomorrow.

So proud of you <3

https://www.instagram.com/p/C7v_Vuio3jA/
