



Cersei Lannister, portrayed by Lena Headey.

and DSPs.) While watching the final season premiere, I saw Peter Dinklage, wily pet dragons and softcore porn scenes—pretty much what I experienced watching the first season prior to bailing out. I must make this clear: to an outsider, this show looks really, really bad. Consistently bad.

But, I confess, I get a little jealous of those in the know, those who can feel the *GoT* power. I, too, want to know the wonders of the beautiful dragon babysitter, the Salieri a.k.a. Denise Target Generation. I want to feel the joy you fans do when witnessing the valiant battle readiness of Little Foot and Lord Byron the Raccoonheart. I want to know just how Tony Stark fits into all of these medieval shenanigans.

Fandom can be a strange thing. I've spent nearly 24 years at this paper proclaiming my various favorite obsessions (*Jaws*, *There Will Be Blood*, *Star Wars*, *Freddie Got Fingered*) and dissing some much beloved enterprises, rife with rabid fans (*Avatar*, *Spring Breakers*, *Bohemian Rhapsody*).

If there's anything I've tried to put out there over the years, it's that we all have the right to our opinions, and to love and hate anything we want when it comes to entertainment. I currently hate *Game of Thrones*, but I'm going to give it another shot. I doubt

my opinion will change, but I'm going to give it a shot.

Our opinions, our values, our entertainment-based loves in this world are precious to us. Embrace that which you love, even if it's a stupid show about pet dragons, and fight for your opinion because, hey, it's kind of fun. It's OK to blissfully piss on certain TV shows, movies and music. Hating entertainment things is natural and cathartic. It brings balance to your time in the entertainment realms. Embrace the love and hate.

Unless we're talking about The Beatles.

If you hate The Beatles, you are a fucking asshole.

From what I've seen so far, it's basically a bunch of pet dragons, bad wigs, Dinklage quips, sex scenes that rival *Fifty Shades of Grey* in lameness, and Aquaman with a muzzle.

EPILOGUE

So that snarky Beatles comment was supposed to be the end of the article, but something *Game of Thrones* related happened before turning this piece in. (In addition to the Starbucks cup being left in the Episode 804 party scene... BRUUUUHAHAHAHA!)

The day after I wrote most of this, I watched the movie *Long Shot* with Charlize Theron. Late in the movie, her character is seen watching an episode of *GoT*. It's a moment when a big, bloody pet dragon seems to fall off a glacier, while onlookers are very bummed. I must confess ... THAT SHIT LOOKED AMAZING!

And with that, I have had at least one *GoT* moment where I wasn't rolling my eyes. It's a start.

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