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# Olde Virginia Home Journal

All the news that fits the page!

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## How to Trap Your Gen X Woman in Just 30 Years

Now after 30 years of marriage the story can finally be told. As a child, your Editor believed that one day, if he was lucky, he would grow up to be the Chief Executive of his own family unit. This dream faded as he met the Matriarch, sired a female child and was duped into allowing successive generations of female cats to join the family. Trapped on the losing side of the gender power equation – and hopelessly out-gunned any emotional fire fights - VJ searched his Jedi Planner playbook and found inspiration in Russian New Generation Warfare. In this approach, a weaker power pursues its goals in the “gray zone” between war and peace using covert action and information technology among other tools. So, while Lianne and the Female Coalition maintained a tight grip on all the conventional levers of power, VJ sought influence through the surreptitious manipulation of information and technology. Over time, he

rose from being a “TV & Stereo Technician” to become the “Chief Technology Officer” (CTO) of the Realm. In this role, he cleverly deployed a complex web of inscrutable automation that has left Lianne hopelessly dependent on him. Some days and seemingly whenever the CTO wills it - the Queen Mother cannot communicate by phone, email or text, operate a thermostat, turn on lights, play music or

even watch TV without his technical assistance. In the past year, VJ's diabolical plan reached its climax when he deployed “smart lock technology” under the guise of making it easier to let repairmen into the home while they are at work. He now has all the tools necessary to lock the Queen in a cold, dark house without access to the outside world or means of entertainment. Some have suggested that an upgrade to “smart wife” technology is coming, but your Editor knows better than to bring that up.

## Russians, Fake News, and Cat Opinions

Coming on the heels of reports that fake news reports were part of a Russian plot to influence our presidential election, no one was surprised to learn that felines may have played a role. For decades, animal behavioral specialists in Tedescovia have studied information operations undertaken by “domesticated” cats. A recent study published in the *Journal of Feline Information Warfare* offered evidence that cats in Tedescovia routinely and deliberately propagate false information about the status of the Strategic Cat Food Reserve, who did or did not deliberately poop on the rug, and value of having cats in the household.

## Hooked by ‘em Horns - and a Mr. Right????

As our crack team of reporters warned, this past year HRH, Rachel, the Princess of Tedescovia and The Grandkitten, forsook their ancestral lands in The North for a warmer clime. Pursuant to her plan for global collegiate fundraising dominance, Rachel is now the Assistant Director of Development responsible for the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering of the Cockrell School of Engineering at University of Texas at Austin. In brief, this means she spends a lot of time in Silicon Valley and other major Tech hubs, rubbings elbows with the Captains of the Tech Industry. Rumor has it she is working on a plan to get a lock of Facebook Chief Operating Officer and *Lean In* author Sheryl Sandberg's hair! Her father, the Family CTO, (see story to the left) is very, very jealous. Beyond a happy daughter, all he has gotten is two t-shirts from the Apple Store at 1 Infinite Loop.

Where is the grip and grin with UT Alum and Apple exec Bob Mansfield you might justifiably ask? Fortunately, and immediately upon her arrival in Austin, Rachel was adopted by a local tribe of Penn State Alumni and Pittsburgh Sports Fans. Well it didn't take long for one of the guys to pounce and Rachel is enjoying a re-



invigorated social life with Mr. Penn Stater & Pittsburgh Guy Who Cannot Be Named, Yet (PSPGW<sup>2</sup>BNY). The Queen Mother and her Consort have met PSPGW<sup>2</sup>BNY and approve. There is some concern that this guy may be too Excel and Math literate to be a potential future son in law, but Lianne and Rachel like that he is tall (they think this is necessary for the gene pool, a proposition the Editor rejects at face value). Stay tuned for updates in next year's Journal. One unanticipated consequence of Rachel's move is

that VJ and Lianne must now take separate trips to see her in Austin. Despite or shared loved of Texas BBQ, authentic Tex-Mex, and a certain young woman, one of us is apparently no fun to take shopping in the city. Who'd have thought?



## Merry Christmas & Joyous Festivus to all of us!

Please remember our Fallen, the wounded and their families as well as the men and women who remain "in the fight" while we go about our daily lives.