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now here's your hosts the league dad Kevin Mitchell and [Applause] Alistair hello and welcome to the Allin podcast we are back uh it is after MSI PL and we have so many games to talk about it is the MSI main Stage Group uh we pretty much went through most of the bracket stage and we just have kind of the last couple of series to go uh it is

a long long tournament but I'm not complaining at all um how you doing Kevin tell us a little bit about what you up to and where you're at yeah so I'm in Hawaii right now and on aaku um we're like halfway through our trip right now so I'm doing pretty well it's been a great trip and meanwhile the games have been great too I haven't been able to catch most of them live but just catching up with them when I have a time

uh honestly it's been an incredible tournament so far yeah you're in Hawaii on vacation so other teams on vacation nowadays uh but it has been an incredible tournament um I actually can't believe just how good this has been I think this has been like the best MSI we've ever had I'm just going to put it out there it's partially due to the format and uh due to the competitiveness of the teams um yeah um so let's just recap so uh we were at

playin last time we did an episode and fly Quest was eliminated that was the LCS relevant news and we were kind of looking forward to what would happen uh in the main stage so let's just start with North America okay because that's that's where we are that's what uh our podcast is based on um Team Liquid uh had their ups and downs and I would say overall it was mostly positive uh they started off the tournament getting uh

kind of three stomped by top Esports bit unfortunate uh but we did bounce back later but let's just start there uh did you catch that series what did you think about Team Liquid versus top Esports uh we don't have to go too much to do it was pretty one-sided yeah it was a one-sided Affair nothing was below 27 minutes in length um honestly what I thought about it was Liquid tried a lot of the strategies they tried

domestically and then it completely got one-sidedly destroyed um I think one thing that this is a spoiler for later but one thing that I thought at the time but became reaffirmed later was that I think that toy sources bot Lane just like was better especially with the picks they were doing like there were such a large gap that I actually was not prepared at all for the rest of the tournament yeah uh I definitely think Jackie love and moo I mean they're both

world champions they're some of the best you can buy on the market um really really insane yeah you know no

shame in losing to them uh I think that honestly we still played okay against top Esports considering how it should be a massive skill Gap um I think as we go farther into to the tournament that we can kind of talk about is there a skill Gap right how much is uh it based on mentality and

what can you can kind of cook up right like G2 can cook up some crazy stuff and yeah it doesn't matter that they're in in a worse region right it doesn't matter that they have worse ping or Worse solo q but let's be honest na does have it the worst out of all of them we have the worst ping we have 60 ping versus 30 ping in EU and like five ping in Korea uh and we have you know the

worst solo q and the smallest player base so that's the copium right there uh but let's move on to the next series and this is where it gets good this is where it becomes you know our favorite MSI in a long time um Team Liquid versus fnatic so fnatic they play uh geni and they had a fairly competitive uh series considering the circumstances geni 30's fnatic but all three of the games are pretty close uh they have a lot of

fighting Power um but and then they do fall down to the low bre and they face against Team Liquid and I think all signs were pointing that this was going to be a fnatic favorite series like it's just you can't really cope about it right fnatic has a close Series against the number one Korean seed we have a really bad Series against the number two Chinese seed uh but that's not how the picture is painted so talk to us about

what happened between T and fnatic yeah so going into it you know fnatic had the competitive series against J we all thought there was going to be a stop I think what really happened here here was that TL two parts TL's bot Lan completely outclass Noah I'm not saying Noah Jun I'm just saying Noah uh was extreme outclassing I think this guy has been underperforming all tournament he didn't have a great spring split either but honestly his debut season was good I

think this guy is Apparently one of those like Soul Q monsters that is incapable of translating it to stage and it's actually gotten worse as he's gotten more experience in his career um on the other hand I would say liquid's macro was like I we used to joke not joke we used to say like without any real justification because we hadn't seen it on the international stage that they had world class macro and like I think it was on display I think for the

most part when humanoid couldn't pop off there wasn't even it wasn't close I think liquid actually every game was 30 minutes or less and there was I I think bror underperformed too but that's partially just because of how solid Team Liquid was across the board so I'm just like those are the broad Strokes yeah I definitely think um Noah was pretty invisible most of the tournament he did have a bad spring split but he had a really good playoffs

uh for fnatic uh in their in their domestic region uh but he didn't show up internationally at all and I mean if we're we're talking about adc's in the series like yon was him yon was crazy good okay I think that there's a lot of like plus sides and downsides you can talk about fnatic TL the most shining star from for me was 100% yon we were talking about this guy uh during playoffs that they were probably the

best bot Lane in uh LCS and we were saying that yon was probably the best ADC and he proved it all the way up to playoffs and then he goes into this tournament and he's he's the main character in uh this entire series and he was insane his Lucian was really cracked right um super super aggressive just really high APM really good mechanics uh and This Is the Yon that we were promised like years ago um he's

still like very green right he's Tech he's not a rookie technically but he's been playing for a year and a half professionally um and finally he gets to show what he's made of like his second International Tournament ever so like that's NA Talent right there that's awesome that we have this guy uh in our region and uh this is this is what we've needed for a long time so I me I 100% agree you know how I feel about it like

I was fan APA earlier this season and literally since that week they have just proven me wrong every every time at every corner I'm up say now like in this tournament and last worlds Yan has done more internationally in terms of show of form than double if has ever done internationally like they made it to MSI finals before but it wasn't double if like being himself like his domestic self it was him playing solid during that MSI finals run but he was not the

Superstar Yan is him he is the he is the MVP of the team internationally right now and that's on a roster with impact on it yeah yeah I I think it's it's pretty nuts uh it's also on a roster with like cord it's like the the three Korean veterans on this roster um were out shown by the rookies I think that we can really say we can move on a bit to the other rookie APA and that he okay he

did not have a great like tournament I think in over average but this series he had a great series against humanoid um man the trash shock was coming in hot yappa on full blast I got to say I mean he had a really good series man his Tia was really insane I think um something that happens with with APA is that like you give him Tia and he is like looks like Faker he just hits random W's on you it's like I think

that's where you have to like show that you're a really good Tia it's like yeah you have good Ram timings and like you have good farm and stuff like that but the really good till is they just W you with no help at all they just find random angles uh to flick you in and start a fight like it's like it's an engage ability uh for some players so that I think was really impressive uh and then finally the aurelian soul I

mean was is just an OP champion he piloted a great solo kills on humanoid uh same with same with the Trana right his TR was a big carry in game four so like props to the na Talent rookies I think that they were were the star performers in this series against fnatic um so any thoughts on APA yeah uh APA his planin was not like super good he had some okay games right but for the most part he was just he he

didn't play in play wait what thinking of Jensen oh my gosh you're right I'm thinking of Jensen I thought he was fine Jensen was fine there but either way uh for Team Liquid coming back I would say his early games well I mean the three okay they got three out and cre cream was not a very like a superstar this tournament and APA didn't do that much I think APA has shown that his to is internationally

ready and I think more importantly it's the first time since po belter maybe you could argue pal Fox but I think are really it's the first time since po bter where you like you have a mid laner that's like actually a threat like draws constant bands pal Fox they did go to semi uh quarterfinals right which is a big deal and they they did beat which is a huge deal still one of the biggest deals ever um but in this

one this is a best of five and our mire is not a passenger when he go internationally po Fox was po Fox was apa's father like the whole last year and even then when he goes internationally he was like he's fine right it's been a long time where I'm like I see someone pick something in mid I'm like yeah dude this na mid is about to take over the game um he's still Rough Around the Edges make some

mistakes but he's got like really strong picks and he shows he can use them at least his Tia is always available too and that's like one of the Evergreen characters in Pro play yeah yeah I definitely think Tia his Tia's good his I mean his ASO is is relevant is his tristiano was was pretty decent too um and yeah World he's a midlaner he's an NA midlaner that would draw anywhere like at a minimum like two bands and

sometimes five bands okay people actually ban five mid lane Champions against APA I think that's really funny and kind of ridiculous when you have a team with like impact in corejj that like this guy is getting five midlane bands and he still pulls out like the tristiano right I think like he got like asil Tia zigs and like I can't remember I think it was some other picks too where and then he still was able to find

an extra pick in there so really funny stuff um yeah I I mean good good for APA like let's also like paint the story here okay APA is literally a rookie okay I think we were I was saying yon was kind of a rookie but not literally because uh he's his past his rookie year it's his second year APA is literally a rookie he has not lit physically played a full year of pro playay he played half

a split last year and this is his first full split ever so the fact that he's here doing this right is pretty impressive and I think kind of amazing for an NA Pro to never do this and um you know both Eon and APA came up from the academy system they're not Imports they're not like you know uh Asian players that like imported over and then grew up in the academy system either they like were born in America they

speak English or you know native languages in in this region like I don't want to get too far and weird in this in this direction but all I'm saying is like let them cook yeah yeah yeah no yeah like all I'm saying is they're American okay like I think it's it's a bit different if like we have like whoi you know he he his whole career was based in na but he's a Korean player right he was born in Korea he came from

Korea same with Jensen right he's a North American player but he was born in Europe and he came from Europe right and we we adopt these guys and like congratulate their success to make it to MSI finals like like those players did but I mean I think it's really different when you have AP and neon who are American board and they go through the academy system through the tier 2 system that got deleted by LCS like we have

proof that it works it's some of the best performances nna's ever had because we look at last year uh NRG that beat G2 that whole roster minus the bot Lane was from Academy right DOA contracts and palifox were all Academy born players as well and they beat G2 so you really have to realize that the academy players that have transferred to the LCS have had the most success for us recently internationally um so we really need to

start thinking if we should have gotten rid of our tier two like seeds right of our tier two uh liquid and fly Quest were the only ones who didn't and they are they were the ones who came so yep exactly would have thought who would have thought um so yeah that's that's awesome stuff um let's let's talk about the final uh Series against uh T1 did you happen to catch this one yes I just caught up about it um right before this

I have so many thoughts but will I'll do broad Strokes as always APA uh I think APA actually played fairly well I think there was like a lot of times he was getting Uber focused and that that you know happened uh that like put too much pressure on him and he didn't necessarily handle that well Yan I think was a superstar through the series I also going to say it now I think yon core JJ was better than kumaria across

the series um at least Yan is okay I guess core JJ wasn't necessarily but Yan was playing like a man possessed I think this was the greatest single performance of an na8c against T1 ever uh if you don't know the record it's like 2 to 16 or something like crazy for maybe it's like 2 to 20 like T1 versus Na and yes liquid only went 31 uh one three this series but I think they had a legitimate

chance I think their macro on average was better throughout the series I think that if bid was just a little bit more disciplined in games one or two either of those were winnable especially game two and I think that they showed a market improvement from the last world's uh two matches they played against each other so I'm really proud of liid this is the first time in a long time where I watched an NA team go against T1 who's

like the na Stompers and like I was like wow we made them sweat now I'll say my last part which is T1 was also playing really reserved they were like we do not want to screw up we don't want to take risks we do we like don't want to tilt and so it felt like they were holding back a lot which is what liquid was like able to get their edges but I mean you have to be like enough of a threat to do

that yeah I I do think that uh I mean we'll see how the rest of the tournament goes I think talking about T1 and their form is a conversation in itself uh so we'll focus on Team Liquid for now yeah yon you know did not disappoint he was him like he was the guy that was like if you mess up even a little bit he was just going to 1 v9 carry that Samira game was some of the coolest stuff I

like all tournament honestly the Samir game was so sick I wish they pulled it off I wish they won it uh but they did still give us a win in game three I'm happy about that but like I was watching kadel's live stream I stayed up all night to watch it I ruined my sleep schedule I didn't care and everybody was losing their minds over his Samira like he was going ham his Samira KS were like

really fast really clean I was like is this a like oh my God he's about to get a Penta like it was it was so crazy good the comp was a nice setup for him too um and like I I think he had a great series I think Yan proved that you know he he did it against the fanatic series well done we beat EU you know whatever we can do that any other day but to go and do

that against T1 and to Smurf on on Samir like that that felt good that felt really fun to watch um now let's let's talk about some of the other players in this series I think we got to mention some of the uh the not so bright spots um yeah T unfortunately got to call him out it's okay it's okay okay he was on bro he has been manhandled by T1 for almost a decade

okay you're not wrong yeah he has a he has a bit of like Vietnam War flashbacks I think it got really rough for him um he did not play well in the series he had a really bad series and that's okay you know I I this is his first International tournament ever his first split in na his first time winning anything right so did he suffer from nerves I think so I don't think this was a demonstration of his best skill I

think he really suffered from some nerves and Jitters I mean it's T1 right it's like it's like you get away from the monster in the closet because you move to a different house and then you go on vacation and someone brings that monster in the closet right and they put it in your like it's like T1 came back and haunted him right he he got away from T1 to win a championship only to run back into him right they're

inevitable and um yeah so any thoughts on umpty or any of the other players on Team Liquid yeah I think that umpty has been the reason why liquid has been stable enough to get this far I think he's probably got a lot to do with why their mro is so good like you can coach it but you need someone to drive it in the game right I think unfortunately against the like best teams in the world

like T's at least top four top five right minimum even if they're bad at this tournament relatively speaking yeah he's just not enough right he's misses smites enough often enough in like key moments where it's like it's a Smite contest and I I never think like Pik I'm like oh he stole it okay cool or owner oh definitely owner will steal it right or Canon but then I look at umpty I'm like I feel very nervous when it comes

down to smites so there's a lot of little things where I think he maybe just feels the pressure he's literally never been at an International Tournament before I think with all that considered like while he's obviously not a rookie he's like a super veteran in some ways I can give him some slack like you literally are playing against the guys who like whipped you for years uh yeah so I think he was underwhelming if he played 20% better I think we win at

least one more match I don't think I I won't go so as far as to say we win the series because there's more pressure as you get closer to doing the big thing but I think he's probably doing a lot behind the scenes yeah I I think that there was a lot of coping that said that um there was a world where TL could actually win the series because of how weak T1 was and I as a as a common na cober I was

reading some Twitter posts I was like watching co-streams and stuff like that I don't think so like once you saw game four like you really saw that T1 can still turn it on they're playing bad they're they're not really at Peak form but they can still turn it on like to a different degree and we saw that in game four it was just a complete Mega stomp I actually turned it off part way I didn't

want to watch it anymore it was just a complete Mega stomp um and then I I think another problem is like you know I they they kept putting umti on like mild carry Champions right like they put umti on lein they put umti on zinou and they put umti on on Lilia those are all the series they lost and like I do think 's always been better on sichani or maai or something like that like just you know

maybe even Vai is fine it's like semi carry Zenia is like okay sometimes too but like he really needs to be on a facilitator not about damage but about soaking damage about being tanky and like playing for the team right really really selfishly so you know some things to think about for Team Liquid in the draft I also think uh for stuff in the draft is that unfortunately I I think this is kind of trending throughout the

tournament this started from the very beginning of the tournament and has been talked about it all like for a while is like uh we'll talk about T1 and their Senna priority I think Senna is definitely become a bait pick this series tons and tons of bands when it actually goes through doesn't win very much uh kalista is that other semi bait pick in that I just felt like Team Liquid they could not win with with kalista and it's not a yon problem I

have no problem with yon's like um mechanics on the champion I just think it's a team playay problem where even some of the best teams were struggling to make kalista work because of her inherent strengths and weaknesses her inherent strengths are so situational um you have to play really coordinated and really well with your support and just your team to just dive and make tons of explosive plays and to really like have high impact with the uh with with the

kalista ulti right like I think it's almost better to have kalista support and use it like a ranged Tom kench like T1 was doing a bunch of times so interesting things to think about the draft uh and the last thing I'll have to call out in the draft is um it's just Top Lane right I think that zus can get away with playing V toop over over again into Cante uh because there's just a big skill Gap not necessarily just between

zus and impact but between like how other teams other Asian teams are going to punish a VIN top like there's a lot of ways to punish V top even now even though she's good and has great matchups with like how you roam with your jungle and support how you Lane swap how uh you play the mid games and you focus the vein in in the team fight very early on right like you have to do this with

these range top laners like TF and vain uh so te Team Liquid definitely you could see uh you know the things that they were missing that they didn't get cuz like we don't have vain top in na we never played that stuff in na we didn't we barely played TF toop in Na and that was all over Korea all over Europe and China right so that's just something that we missed out by being from North America we didn't get any practice

against the range top Lane meta uh that lots of other teams did so um oh last thing I forgot to mention we got to talk about it I know it's Team Liquid we've been talking about for 20 minutes but CJ unfortunately we are seeing the reverse Trend where it seems like now he all of a sudden he's better on enchanters than engage Champions like it took like 3 years but it's like wrapped all the way back around I don't know do you have any

opinions on C J and his performance in the series I think the if you can't play Alistar that's one thing right like that's a more highly mechanical Champion I get that you fall off on that if you can't play Nautilus I I'm very concerned I think that during the playoff run he was making some big plays but he might have been just hard trained for too long to try to look for like too many low percentage plays for his team because he

had to for a long time uh so he like I don't know if he knows how to just take normal plays and he's not consistent enough for his normal plays even if he is trying to take them so I mean not a lot of excuses right this guy is a world champion he has a lot of experience he has been a superstar before this is very bad honestly yeah yeah it was pretty bad I think that um

it's just it's it's a weird thing to to say about someone like cor JJ I think he got nerves I think he got like like I don't know the sun started shining his eyes cuz it's not like he was like oh he's not looking for plays or he's playing shy it's like he's just missing really weird hooks like there was there was a time where um you just hooked backwards there was nothing in front of him to

hook like he it was a game two uh he was face checking into T1 like trying to get on Baron and he just hooked backwards into the air there was no wall anywhere close there wasn't any champion and I have to say that's nerves unfortunately that's not like bad play that's just like baffling play that's like oh you completely pooped your pants uh there's also I think um this one you can maybe say is like just slight mechanics or

like slight nerves or something I'm not really sure but it it was at a very pivotal moment in game two where man Yan was on the point of pentac killing he was just right there to popping off um CJ actually had a really good look he ulted I think he Ed gumay Yushi uh he Ed someone very yeah I think he Ed gumay Yushi or kia or something um with the Nas ulti and then as he got popped up CI

actually missed the hook on the Knocked Up Target it was a free hook it's like a stunned Target I remember yep so that that was a pretty unfortunate moment for him so I think like man all these things we talked about are so fixable right a little bit of of draft change here and there a little bit of better focus mechanics fromti and corejj uh and we definitely take this series to game five for sure game two

should have been ours and you know there's a world where we even wi game one we we demoralized T1 something I don't know cuz game one was really close yeah if it's 20 they will Panic like they're human they're very in they're they're an emotional team still yeah they are 100% tional team they're not playing Super coordinated uh they're super inconsistent like I think that the reason why game four came out with a stop is because T1 Got Confidence to win

two close games against us okay they lost game three game four serious mode but like imagine we just come in Rolling we give them zero momentum we win three in a row like there is a world where this is a three 0 where Team Liquid they play like 10 to 15% better and T1 plays like five to 10% worse right they it's like such tiny margins um but yeah any last thoughts on Team Liquid they are

eliminated it was a great tournament for na uh let's not talk about flag West but it was a great tournament for na uh what what are your last thoughts on them I as I said before liquid is the team that goes International and puts up a fight and I'm really happy to see them back and I think it's really poetic that their weakest looking team on paper is the one that like has improved tournament over tournament and could

legitimately be a force next season next split or this The Meta completely changes and they get destroyed I don't know um I will say the real last thing I'll say though is that I'm actually pleasantly surprised that they survived the lane swap meta because I thought that while they do do they do know the drills and everything I didn't think they had the Firepower to do Lan swap meta um in the right places so and the

sense of when they do Lane swaps I didn't think that their bottom Lane combo with oti would actually be able to punish world class like Lan swops and like actually got some end right they actually where they fell short was sometimes over pushing na has gotten Team Liquid specifically is good at this but na in general is pretty bad at the console taking a little bit and then consolidating that Advantage they chase too much and lior managed to not do that

until this series I would say they did it really well against fanatic yeah yeah I I think that the lane swaps also helped a lot with just like making their draft a bit more diverse too like being able to pick Samira is only possible because they Lane swapped cuz you can't play the level one against against Varys and kalista and if you know bot Lane matchups and just the overall Tempo if you lose level one pry like your your

game can be over just from the start uh so Lane swaps really saved a lot of these like funky picks right I also think lops really saved the cassant versus V match up because that level one is brutal for cassant but um TL got a lot of advantages by by Lan swapping uh being viable and that's another thing I want to talk about right lane swaps were not happening in na okay this is the this is so like critical to recognize as

fans of LCS that we came into this tournament as bigger underdogs than you could ever imagine compared to other tournaments we did not have range top laners we did not have Lane swaps those were like some of the two biggest things in this tournament that Define The Meta we just didn't get to play with them domestically and every other major region did so congrats to us we actually did something we adapted quicker than I think is we had any right to so good

stuff Team Liquid congratulations um all right let's move on though let's let's talk about some other of the teams um you know I'm on a western hype train okay and I know there's this na versus EU thing but now that TL is out and they never actually played against each other I just want to talk about G2 and that it has been so fun to watch this team uh I think it's really awesome that you know

what we have two former na players there we have Broken Blade who started his career his main region career uh uh in na WI win title here and then we have Hans who took a little vacation over here and screwed over one of our best rosters on Team Liquid but anyways let's talk about V away I don't want to remember that so uh they they've had uh three they've played three series now and they won one or they won two and only lost

barely lost one but talk about G2 give me some of your overall thoughts any series you want to go through let's start with G2 versus T1 actually so talk about that I think we have to go through that um yeah G2 versus T1 G2 was looking really solid C solo kill Faker at least twice throughout the series yike was a manp possessed and honestly just a in this series an objectively better jungler than owner and I think that's

like a common theme with owner like junglers that you wouldn't expect to be better than him have shown to be better than him so like imagine this guy on a worst team without Faker piloting I actually think owner is like a very mechanical player but I don't think he's like infallible I think he has a lot of flaws when it comes to these tournaments and that's why he consistently has like either amazing Smurf Games or just like

a smash uh for the rest of t uh G2 we're gonna have to mention that game five build from J god um but I'll I'll I'll quickly say yike had a crazy good series his Rex ey was he was like a savant on Rex ey like honestly I was like oh my God this guy's pathing circles around owner like it was not just owner playing badly yike was playing insane I I pray that I will live to I will

outlive game five or Match Point belth picks from the West because or actually in general jdj would do it too they did it last year game four they did it twice in a row they did it I just watch 2022 and 2023 jdj kavi picks belth to lose 31 to T1 in the semi-finals it's happened twice in a row we live in a simulation sorry go on I don't know what that g that character is doing like I love I

play it and everything but like when I watch it on Pro like it keeps losing and it keeps doing nothing while losing it's not like it lost but it was caring right it was like it does nothing it falls behind it goes 14 or five and then it just gets destroyed it hits its e and then the opponent heals it's like I I truly don't get what possesses them to be like just pick me belth and let me

lose in peace but like they're winning they're they're the better team I think G2 is the better team this series even though they lost I think that what what my theory is is that T1 specifically Faker is not playing well enough there's too many bands in that area um because of the lane swap Shenanigans like it's harder to uh he just has a lot more he has to control both in terms of where he roams in terms of non-standard positioning and

he's frankly it looks like he's he's just distracted because he's just getting Sol Kill by everyone did a solo kill him once I think he did uh I don't think he did I I don't think so um well night night did anyways but I think last year worlds he might have I don't no he didn't solo kill I think last year world he like was winning Lane against Faker but I don't think he ever solo killed

him okay yeah uh this year I think Faker mostly had apa's number uh but okay let's back to G2 though uh so we're going to focus on the west this is Western based uh t uh podcast but I want to talk about T1 still a little bit too uh I'm going to give some copium for because I am a big Faker who's not a big T1 Faker fan right um but let's talk about G2 and that caps

is a God okay he took a little vacation from being a God all right he was a god from like 2018 to 2020 he took a little break in 21 to 23 is right this year has been his year he has some of the most insane mechanics that I have seen in this tournament period okay we're going to talk about his his top orts series later on but man caps was so good okay his Tristana I think is the best in in

the tournament maybe the best in the world I've never seen anyone buffer things this consistently so really really hyped about that uh and his Oriana is insane like I I think is Oriana won two out of the five games against T1 um you already saying your Praises about yikes so I'm going to talk about Broken Blade oh my God his Yasuo is so clean okay his Yasuo is correct I think game one when he did the uh EQ

flash predict onto zus uh no it owner it was owner um I was I lost my [__] I was like oh my God that's that's TSM Broken Blade right there that's ours that's so awesome uh so I was I was really excited about that and um yeah I I think this series he really showed that he can compete with the best top laners in the world right he outclassed zus and 369 on average I think um and uh yeah so that's

that's the top side now we can head into the bot side before we start flaming Hans Sama a little bit uh I do want to say that Mickey had his extreme ups and downs oh my God like Mickey X was a mega inter game one I think he was one of the main reasons why they lost game one against T1 uh his Ra was really useless uh but then his Leona and his poppy are oh my God they're like actual Godlike

they're some of the it's like this is top level support play possible um against you know T1 against top Esports um his poppy is insane I think his poppy was so good against T1 and PSG that it became a Perma ban against him in top Esports and he was just like that's fine I will just play Leona and bring back those you know those those uh those Misfits uh Hama and ignar Vibes playing Leona bot Lane solo killing Asian bot

laners um so congrats to uh poppy for I think her her like play rate like doubled after after pretty much he just popular popularized it like his play was so good that everyone was like wait this character just counters like two-thirds of the meta yeah yeah and then it just became really popular with the Halo blades with his exact build of uh swifties into Dead Man's um all right any positives you want to talk about G2 T1 before we Flame

monama um I would say that before we Flame hanama the positive is like the positions they got into and his relative consistency besides the atrocities committed in game five I think I think the bot Lan's actually quite good I I continue to like see like these matchups where I don't particularly feel like gumma Cara maybe even more so car actually Kuma's been fine in this series but I feel like K like the characters we

used to know for I feel like I watch him play engages and like he's just he's all right in a losing game I don't feel like he has that spark of like Super Start gameplay yeah I I definitely that's a good way to put it where he feels very mid he's not bad he's definitely not bad definitely not yeah he was good you can see streaks of him being good but he's just kind of mid right it's just like

you know I can't complain about you I'm going to still give you a passing grade but you're not the one that won last year world you not the carrier that went to game five against DRX right that was smurfing um so yeah uh all right so let's talk about Hans Sama I actually do think that he had a very disappointing Series in that if he played like he played against top Esports G2 wins this series for sure uh I think that if he built ldr period

if he built ldr third item we all know what we're talking about it's game five he's on the Jinx G2 had one of the most beautiful like Lan swap f like they kept pretending to Lan swap but instead Mickey X and Hans summer are waiting in a bush to slam uh T's bot Lane into the wall and get a big lead like wow like Poppy and Mickey like they created gold out of thin air in the bot

Lane and and what should be a really bad losing matchup right like think about that it's it's Varys kalista versus poppy Jinx that sounds miserable and they didn't Lane swap into it they said no we're going to kill you um so really impressed by by G2 and and and Mickey there but every they put all their eggs in this basket there kept feeding kills and feeding lanes and waves to uh Jinx and Hans Sama couldn't do anything with

it and one of the most important things about it is he did not build Lord Dominic's regard at any point in this in this in the game and all he had to do was build it over blood thirster okay I get that he likes blood thirster he wants it right especially like I don't know I guess if you're going to have a lot up time but like it doesn't make sense in this game at all okay I would

have I would have accepted it if T1 had a lot of poke right all they had was a lethality varish okay that's that's really not enough poke to to justify get buying a full blood thirster and that's it he they had a bunch of armor stacking on the Cante right the base armor on all the Champions is just good enough to justify uh lean was quite fed and builds HP and he just should have built ldr

third item that's it period they think they win the game I think they win that game and they win that series if they do that so um yeah that's it period nothing else to comment on Hans Sama and that he didn't really play a good series he was pretty invisible and I think he made a game losing purchase from B Boris any any other thoughts because we got I think the only other thought is I'm so

glad that there's going to be a rematch oh yes like actually how often do we get a banger series into a rematch way down in the bracket it's it's so rare I it's a feels good moment for this format in this tournament it I can't believe it took us like 14 years to get here but finally we have good International we had it last year it was good last year too yeah I know okay it took us 13 years

right it took us up until last year to have good formats like it's crazy like it's finally it it hasn't applied to Worlds yet I I like my mind is going to melt I think this will be the best Tournament of all all time above like IPL 5 even in terms of we have cross Regional competitiveness so many different strategies so many picks just like coming out of nowhere and it's just anyone could win this tournament right

now of of the remaining teams yep I think so 100% I I don't think there's any uh there's there's no dead dead teams there's going to be no Dead series I think that also that we had something very unique in that lane swaps um were potentially going to make this tournament really bad bad and really boring but what instead happened is it made everything really chaotic and spicy because teams evolved to the point mostly G2 where you can use Lane swaps

to pick something much different than what is possible because of how powerful range bot laners are because of how powerful ADC supports are from the last two years now you can pick way different stuff you can pick weird stuff and now you can gamble you can like mind game people you can sit in bushes you can fake Lane swap you can you can be zus and keep picking TF top and doing literally nothing with it but you know

yeah you can keep being a useless range top laner but then you hit ghost and you zoom around and you yeah [_] freaking zoos zoos okay so it's is also we'll get we'll get into later you know what you know what man let's let's just okay G2 vers PSG I don't want to I don't want to knock PSG okay they had a great series against blg really awesome stuff it made me feel good to watch PSG take blg that

far because then it shows that well okay it's it's really not that embarrassing for fly Quest right let's be honest PSG not embarrassing hey PSG and the players on PSG uh they deserve notoriety they deserve respect okay they they deserved to take blg to five games and FL was lost to it no shame okay [_] it um they did get three OED by G2 I think that PSG played Just substantially worse than what they showed against blg like it

wasn't even close it felt like their overall team coordination and skill level like fell off a cliff after their BG series which was quite unfortunate to see ng2 handedly three out them that's fine do you have anything you want to say about it or we good to move on quickly the game one PSG looked like the PSG from the previous series and then they collapsed macro wise like G2 outplayed really hard went from like a 40 lead to

5'4 or something like that and they never recovered I think PSG has never won a best of five uh at MSI they've made it to the stage every time or very often that's flash BS and BSG and they've never actually won an international best of five at MSI at least actually they've never won an international best of five at the main stage no they have at Worlds they've they've beaten plenty of uh um they I

think they've beaten na before I no but not to qualifi not to get to quarterfinals like oh no I think they have I think flash wolves has beaten I think they've made semis before they made semis in 2015 again and they lost to origin I think something like that I think they have my gosh okay you might may maybe was a 2015 or no origin didn't make finals though so there's no oh no okay I think yeah

flash RS lost origin in 2015 no The Flash RS legitimately always lose their best of fives in main stage always maybe yeah I might be wrong but I think it was like a rule um so good for them if they haven't I I might be wrong they because the problem is playin has become competitive to where there's like a lot of big teams there but either way I I'm very happy for them I think that they

showed a lot against blg the blg series uh honestly I think PSG is very similar to Team Liquid they have their fundamentals they have some strengths um and if you underestimate them they will take you around but then just like blg in game five and team one against Team Liquid in game four it's like holy crap when those teams like actually are like okay we ain't losing this though and then they like really push it it

actually it's terrifying um so I respect to PSG they lost so much for so long the reunified or the reunified region thing I think will show us a lot of good things when it comes to this year's worlds where they'll have more than one seed yes I hope so uh PSG is definitely a team and their region is definitely worth um respecting you know yeah do we call him a wild card after they beat fly Quest like that I don't know we we'll

think about it I don't know about wild card they're technically they are a minor region I think just due to size like we just have to call them a minor region but it's not to say that they're worth less right I think that they're on equal playing foot as main regions right like this PSG team was probably on par with they could probably do pretty well against fanatic and they might even do well against Team Liquid right like

let's be real yeah it's possible that's true fair enough um so all right but that's G2 okay let's go on to G2 vers top Esports I think a lot of people were really hyped about this series I was too it was a really fun one um top Esports got like Giga Mega turbo blasted it was like one of the most one-sided series we've seen actually at this tournament which is really weird to say for a western team to do to an Asian team but

it's just true right like G2 got revenge on TN like like like they have been holding a grudge for five years which I'm pretty sure CS have they probably have he made fools of them at the worlds that they should have won worlds in they could have won worlds in yeah yeah like G2 got denied Worlds by fpx in 2019 almost like majorly by TN like TN was probably the main factor that caused them to lose worlds and here they are

eliminating them MSI um wow what a series what a statement from G2 they I what a statement from Hans Sama okay we flamed you you you you get flamed by the entire world you told to get kicked off and he said no he said I'm gonna Smurf on Jackie love AO so hey congrats to Hama okay crazy I think it's so crazy to have such a quick turnaround the turnaround was within like a few days

like three days or something maybe four it's not crazy man [__] building ldr third is not it's not crazy it's just this is just what reality looks like when you stop drafting in Candy Land with your oh I'm so mad about those builds um but yes he turned around kudos to him Jackie love moo were probably one of the best bot Lanes like one of the scarest bot Lanes of the tournament and they were

completely out in this whole series completely um like he picked Draven he picked Draven he picked d right after Jack the OG Draven m p i I lost my [__] I was like you can't be serious you can't write a better script than that okay like like Han Sama who gets flamed all tournament Jacky love who's getting praised as a god of ADC held back by his team he picks Draven yeah like loses to

to G2 pretty handly in game two h says let me show you how it's done EU Draven is better than Chinese Draven um yeah just legendary stuff I mean like Jackie love his Draven is like an MSI like Legacy right he has one of the fastest games ever in international history on Draven smacking T1 so this was really cool stuff it's the fastest ever it's by far it's like a 15 something minute game it's a faster than the Mad Lions meme

game yeah yep yep that was that was Jackie love on IG and I mean this is the first time EU has ever beaten a Chinese team in a best of five ever right like that's that's a crazy record um that's just a crazy thing to to witness and um yeah holy [__] you're right I was like thinking about cuz mascot 5 beat TPA or no no lgu never mind or not TPA they be World okay but that was cgu okay never

wait that's still European team but that was a best of three holy [__] we had have best of Threes at world before I can't believe yeah we sure did yeah um well you know like it's just this is just this is just the new world we live in okay the new pecking order okay NA greater than EU have to add more to this too this is coming off tops Esports almost upsetting genen G right

beforehand it's not like top Esports were like clowns or anything they this whole series like I was so impressed Yik came out with a 48 KD caps Tristana looks like as you mentioned the best trist but this is where he cemented it like even when the other players may have like had a little hiccup early like I'm like oh no caps is going to carry this this is what it looks like he was so consistent um and then BB picking game

one Camille was very surprising to me that comp was so Jank like I I don't particularly think that Camille ivern Leona kalista Tristana is a comp in in a real world but the way they played it absolutely like murdered the other team and then I think the momentum just carried as well yeah momentum was a huge factor of the series I do think that top eorts started to collapse uh at like just very quickly they didn't I think

the top Esports they did not know how to deal with that game one draft right like like you're saying it's such a weird draft I just don't think they knew what to do and then them getting gig stomped that hard definitely like blew their their confidence and the momentum because as the series went on like it is just more and more just like yeah very clearly G2 is just outclassing them and we got to talk about caps man that game

one trist play was one of the best plays at MSI I think so caps is sitting at one HP had a really like heavy trade against air um he gets hit by zinia W like just barely Tien on zinia he EAS on to caps caps flashes over the wall and then it forces Tien to flash over to him and he has the quickest fastest little ulti to knock zinja out away and caps lives with one HP and he's staying there for no

reason it was so so hyped it was such a great play and I think this is right after he had the perfect Tristana W buffer over a zir wall right this is what I've talked about before in many years past where if you get good enough Tristana you have so many favorable like interactions between small moments of crowd control that like if AI were to play Trana like you would be they would be unkillable you can't CC Tristana if

you know when to time it you win every single CC interaction there's almost nothing you don't win uh you can W out of baly you can W out of vty on on Tristana like there's so many crazy things you can do if you if you time it right you just have to time it right as long as as long as it's not like poppy or a suppress yeah yeah yeah um and even then like if you get suppressed uh you

can still get you can still make it so you're suppressed at the end of your jump so if you get Mahar ultied and you w at the right time you'll get you'll get suppressed at the end of your jump so you'll still make distance uh it's pretty op um and then got to talk about the iven 25 Stacks Medi literally this is what we talk about like when I don't think top Esports knew what to do they

had so little experience they were getting 2v4 by ivn Leona double supports okay and that's because these Champions are broken ass stats scks okay one of the things about Leona has been a thing for like the last 10 15 years is that Leona is always a really scary Champion to balance because uh if she gets fed if she gets too tanky she is like incredibly op because she does way too much damage she's way too tanky just

like stats-wise and uh she has a ton of sticking power because of how much D see like Leona is one of the most broken champions in the support role if you give her gold and yeah I mean that was the most hilarious thing watching Ivor Leona 2v4 top Esports I mean that Daisy did work right like that was crazy it's a 3v4 come on now okay it was a 3v4 to the end but I would wager that they would win the 2v4

if if Broken Blade never TP him I no no no I'm saying I'm saying daisy counts oh I see I see yeah yeah Dave okay I got you now she was stronger than some of the top Esports members on average it was not it was disgusting yeah Daisy was probably more useful than Tien was that whole series yeah like actually oh my God I can't I'm glad I'm like caught onto tin's freaking con like he's so

good sometimes and he's so Giga terrible sometimes dude he was so good against jeni let's be real okay T was so good he was really good against J I was like oh [__] T's alive the canyon the whole series well no at least in the second the last three games he was better yeah Canyon had an insanely good game five but yeah um and then I me it it's just like it's just um Candon and Faker I

think have had pretty bad tournaments but they just have those times where like Faker was running it down against G2 and then his game f Ari was incredibly clutch just to save the series right I I think these players are just not playing very well but you can see the shines of like oh yeah that's that's the goat status this the MVP status where yeah they'll just clutch it out and I think Canyon was the same

against his series against top Esports where he was playing like [__] all Series game five had the most insane cra like this tournament is so long we can't talk about all the great moments like there's there's been so much good stuff uh so we probably have to do like a highlight recap at the after the finals as well but there's so much to talk about yeah so let's wrap it up uh g230 top orts eliminated them top orts they

lost their mind speaking uder Rex ey I think they had no idea what the [__] they're doing Broken Blade yeah Broken Blade Ed 369 in the same spot and then Uzi was doing a co- stream and he called it the 69 spot so yeah the meme God too God yeah he did he coined it um all right so let's move on let's let's just talk about um you know

let's just talk about T1 okay let's just we're almost an hour in I know you gotta go soon so let's just talk about T1 uh they started off their tournament with G2 we talked a lot about it already and I got to say I do think that T1 against G2 man they were playing very poorly they were this close to losing Faker was getting solo killed by caps I think Faker played poorly in four out of

the five game no no no three out of the five games against G2 I think he had a good game one on air and he had a good game five on Ari but other than that Faker was was a bit of a liability against G2 uh what do you want to talk about about T1 uh we can start maybe start from beginning to end yeah over the tournament so I thought that they were going to win this tournament I'm

regretting this a lot I just like I'm watching them throughout the tournament I think the most descriptive word for their whole tournament so far is uninspiring um I feel that they and this is like a this is a community centiment less so than me making this up out of scratch I think they have not benefited from Lane swaps I actually think they're too dumb for Lan swap I think the problem with Lane swaps is that Faker cannot tell you everything

you need to do um I think that's actually it these kids so I used to think oh was like T1 was there when LS were invented you know they were one of the best yeah but that's Faker that's just Faker actually um and he probably is getting Sol commit because he's actually micromanaging these numbnuts in the sideline and being like hey okay you need to dive you need control the wave you know how he does this tabbing uh so

a lot of pro starcry players do this so this like a habit for a Korean Pro PR high level Korean Pros to raise your APM and stay on your toes but for Faker he's just stressing out because he's actually watching atrocities against Lane swaps being committed now okay this is just narrative I actually think in general their their LS weren't Giga terrible in terms of the execution but we don't know how much of a Spurgeon that is on Faker

so that's my theory I actually think L swops has not benefited them very much um and it it keeps baiting Zeus into picking these top wins where like yes his V went 50 and four and he won two of three games with it but was it like oh this is the next series but not the G2 series but he keeps picking things where I'm like I don't think you're actually that good on TF I don't think you're

that good on vus I think you you're just a worst bid if you're you're picking those characters h i I actually I disagree I do think he's actually really really insane on Vain and uh I don't know about his TF I think his TF is pretty mid but I do think he's really good on vay I just I just don't think he um is good at the lane swap in the laning in the early laning phase on vain

I think his mechanics in team fights are Mega cracked I think his mechanics like are really good but I I 11% agree that I don't think I I think it's mostly owner and zus I don't think they know what they're doing macro wise I think they're really lost most of the time they're really confused uh this this meta is just like they just don't know what to do they're just like they're they're caught they're St locked bro

like I I I did I think they're really lost so funny to think about though they're like so good like I've for so long I've like thought of them as like really good and last year it got worse because I K on Intel world when the when Faker benched himself because of the injuries I was like wait these guys are frauds these guys are idiots not idiots but they're like they just they're just hands they're the definition of just

hands yep all hands no brain um I I have to agree I I'm going to also call this here's some copium for T1 okay so I know we got a a lot of T1 listeners it sounds like we're just making fun of T1 and harping them okay here's the copium and here's where I'm not going to really fault T1 and I talked about this in a previous podcast before is that they did not get to play a normal split right if

we remember back to the regular season um Korea had faced like a few weeks or so of just inconsistent ping and inconsistent um uh like prac general practice Yeah like they just if you're getting dos it's not just a ping issue it's like a I can't play the game yeah so all of lck were getting dos for like I think a week or two so they couldn't play main stage games that's pretty rough I think most

of lck was able to recover okay fine that sucks but recoverable but T1 was single targeted in that they couldn't scrim they couldn't stream they couldn't play solo q and their stage games were disrupted and this went on for multiple weeks this was not like an isolated event okay they missed several crucial weeks of playtime and to also you have to think about what that does to like a team and players mental they were really depressed Faker and ker and many other

players were releasing statements but how sad it was that they couldn't play the game how they wanted they couldn't practice period so um coming into this tournament I also think that Faker released uh a statement saying that he was still recovering with wrist issues he still had you know a physical handicap from last year that was kind of carrying over so with both of these copium I actually do not fault T1 for looking like this I just don't think

it's their fault I don't think they had a choice like like you you really cannot say that missing maybe potentially four weeks three weeks five weeks I don't know of practice throughout the tourn throughout the year when lck is learning range tops they're learning The Meta they're learning uh Lane swaps like T1 misses out on three to fiveish weeks of that that's not fair so um yeah that's it I I don't think this is their fault I I fully cop him from that

angle so what do you think about that take that's actually a really good point like I I feel like I had some cognitive distance between lck finals and MSI where I was like you know they probably caught up they but because of the meta because of everything them being a whole let's just say a month right behind on practice is actually a huge deal that that's probably why lwood had a good match against the too because like

they're literally unsure T1 hasn't played that many games they their practice was dog on the way here sorry it wasn't dog they were just weren't playing against the highest competition like T1 did have to go through play T1 did not TL but they get like esral or whatever they're called in five Quest at 17 minutes like as we joked about in between like they didn't get practice guys they didn't get challenged at all so yeah I it is a perfect story

that like they aren't there but it also means that they're they're in the top four with this little practice and this much shakiness if they get their [_] together which is going to be hard because it's such a tight schedule but if they do get their [_] together they might be really scary still yeah as you said they can play the characters but they don't know how to play The Meta strategy I I don't think they know how

to play the map at all I don't think they know how to play Lane swaps very well yeah they don't know the macro they don't they also like when they're spending this time catching up to to Baseline everybody's figuring out like the next level variations like how how to how to um you know manipulate The Meta to to be different how to throw little curve balls here and there like G2 is doing right like blg is doing um

so yeah I I think that there's the copium for T1 let's go back into a bit of the series uh I do think that this is another funny thing that we can talk about that's just an overall Community sentiment is people are calling zus like zesi or the zus or um they're comparing him to the Shai in his later stages of his career because um he wins worlds and he immediately starts running it down and being one of like the goofiest

players ever um I have really appreciated watching zus play because the man is a freaking inter okay the man is a God in mechanics and really good at Team fighting on vain for some reason but I cannot I don't think he's thinking I don't think he has a brain he gets caught out doing the most stupid [_] I have seen in ages um one of the funniest plays I think this happened earlier in the tournament I don't actually remember

when but it was almost like verbatim a classic the shy play okay so I'm going to break down the shy play for you okay this happened a few this happened last year the Shai is playing Mal fight on waybo gaming okay he he's like in jg's face jdg kavi he Malai W's Mal fight Mal fight he ultis the Malai into his team it's like an insect right he takes the Malai who W's on to him into his team to

to bait uh to bait uh kavi to die right so that's hilarious okay like congrats to to Shai that's the funniest plays ever and then to top it off okay as wayo gaming is collapsing onto the enemy the Shai like TPS like half an inch over a wall so he can flank the enemy bot Lane and he doesn't really do do much like he just like throws a q cuz he's Malou fight with no ulti right so it's one of

the funniest plays pretty much zus has a play almost exactly like that in this tournament where I think he's playing uh or or Cante or something and he gets jumped on he he doesn't really do anything he just kind of gets jumped on doesn't do misses everything gets really low to one Health and then he like TPS like from like the bot Lane like Center to just like slightly to the left to try and flank him and and like he doesn't do

it like he just tepes an inch and it was just one of the funniest plays it's like okay zus has fully transformed into the Shai and I mean he just is Goofy like he's playing range tops just like the Shai did like right after he won worlds like it's I it's just so funny so um yeah let's continue just talk about T1 anything you want to bring up uh we can I think it's a great comparison we also

had a superstar mider for both of them and an inconsistent jungler wait a minute wait a minute and a superstar bot laner who is a young Prodigy yeah although the the comparison breaks down a carrier versus botan like it's not the same but everything else I'm like H wait a minute uh well Contin need to talk about T1 uh I like the theories we're talking about I agree completely I mean I also say the Z thing I think faker's

been under playing I we already talked about Cara in other places I think Guma has been okay I I think it's hard when your supports being playing mediocre and I think that the team more importantly I don't think the team's playing around him very much as you mentioned earlier you know there's a s of addiction for him which is very strange to me like he has spent so many games on Senna and then it doesn't feel like yeah they have

a 66.6% win rate but when it's T1 that's actually underperforming like why are we putting him on if he is performing and you know that in the lane swap meta your other players aren't doing that well give goba something to play with like what are we doing I I I think that it's a one of the things that Kuma is struggling with is okay bad meta read on the Senna right very supportive Champion every like

Senna is was considered op I think for most of their playoffs and leading up and Senna was I think probably like one of those handshake considered op in like scrims and stuff and leading up where people were just Perma Banning over and over but then once you get to like mid to late stages of tournaments and you're in Best of fives you know good teams are going to experiment and just not ban Senna and see what you do and lo and

behold they give Senna and it looks super useless like Senna sen TK sen or it feels really just not impactful it doesn't do anything doesn't really do damage doesn't bully Lane if you want to dodge like awkward matchups and you can really neuter how many Souls Senna gets by Lane swapping right because you can't um you can't harass people as much and also you're just in doing awkward [_] right the support can't just sit in Lane

like you know you're having an or or a Tom kench Farm solo as a Sena is running around at level four when everybody's level seven or something right that's a good point why is sen being focused so much by T1 when they don't know how to abuse it for soul farming yeah they don't because Lane swaps are I think on average sometimes it works in better for Lane swaps for Senna because you can bully somebody in a 1v2 scenario right

so I think there's a lot of ad nauseum yeah yeah but I think there's tons of scenarios where you're in 2v Z situations or 3v Z situations where or Senna is actually in a in the river by herself doing nothing uh so yeah I think it's a bad metap for Senna actually I think the lane swaps hurt her because I still I still think the champion is really strong and the strategy of senna and a tank botling that Farms is really

strong but it's just not strong in Lane swap stuff and it's not strong and I don't think it's strong with uh range top laners too I think your your comp is too fragile when you have a range top ler so um that's the thing with Senna and I think that's the problem with zus is that he is just not the same player like I just don't think his his Cante and his Zach are just not very good I

think that that's weird that his cassant is not very good but right there's no atrox in this meta there's no Renekton like there a lot of Champions that zus is like known for being good at like there's no yon there's no Gwen that they're being played which I think they should just try and play it just play what Z is good at because the only thing he's looked good on is vain top which is just so random um so that's another

thing for T1 um yeah let's talk a bit about the blg series man like um oh I'm excited for this one dude like elk took a little bit to ramp up and then elk was just all of T's father like holy cow that Lucian was like never give this man Lucian ever in your life he is the cleanest Lucian I've ever seen like it is like honestly this tournament between him and Yan you know yeah I was about to

say is isn't that true okay Jacky love has a pretty good Lucian too Jack was really good I Jackie love was really good but like it it felt like it's like why why aren't T1 giving Kuma Yushi Lucian I know he has a cracked Lucian too Hees why why are they not why they keep sticking him on poke Varys and keeps taking him on Senna and sometimes but they don't even give him kalista right like sometimes they you but like

what if you give Gushi Lucian right give him Jinx like give him something to do damage and carry um so yeah I mean blg though like they I feel like they had a really bad Series against PSG and then against T1 it took a little bit of time to ramp up it was close it was a little messy and then game three and four hit for be G and I was like oh [__] they're

scary oh my God they're good uh yeah talk about that bgt1 series or talk about anything you want want to bring up with uh I think the Knight also played a really good series besides corki the only loss they had was because they played LPL Corky and like we've heard this if you haven't heard the memes yet let me just put it here as someone who has to witness LPL I don't know why but the Chinese players are just Giga trash

at Corky specifically on package their Abyssal accuracy is fine the lightning is okay but I would say package and then also okay their missile accuracy is not fine in this series in that game but but when I watched up it was okay it's like you know as expected it was mostly like they just don't know what to do they pick up the package and they're like oh boy I'm about to face and do night face ped so

hard and I think it was so comical cuz game one he was on TOA he solo killed Faker he also got a lot of assisted kills like he was just playing so well and I was like dude faker's cor is legendary like he's so good corki what is going on and then they switch sides on the match up and then I had like had an existential crisis where I was like wait is it just the Champions like what

the what's going on um yeah so Knight terrible second game but I think overall he he continues to show that anyone who says night's a choker still when last year he won every series except one in semi-finals of world for a whole year and then he comes to this tournament and plays like this I like what do you want from these people do you want the people to never lose to not call him a choker um I I will say that as I flame chovi

for a long time but I didn't I have this this tournament he has been Sublime uh in most of his games and then yeah other than that I don't think shun has like really caught my attention except in game five or four where oh my God I cuz like okay he wasn't the first to pull it out him and Canon are both known for n but he played a master class throughout the game the pressure he put even when

he misses Spears he's like foring flashes so it's not really a Mis he like forcing flashes he's all around farming circles around um owner like I was like I saw nly locked like [__] we're going to game five no and then he just he showed it um so all across blg had a lot of depth I honestly think the quietest person for me was either on or B like I don't even think Ben played bad but I don't

necessarily feel feel like he was that integral to the winds if that if that makes sense I mean that's Lane swaps for you right the top laners yeah dud I feel so bad for the Superstar dude the shine would lose his [__] mind at Lane swap he'd play like Zeus right now actually basically but worse probably yeah three 369 had a pretty rough tournament I also think Ben is just not given the chance to shine because of

like there was just Lane swaps over and over again in T1 vers blg um which is fair right they're CU they're they're neutering the Senate TK um but yeah I mean I think to to piggy back off of Knight it does feel like he has his Champions right he cannot play Air he can't play corki but his tiia is pretty cracked like it's probably the best in the world like his tiia is like on on on

another level uh Faker I think he had a really bad Series against blg um his Tia in game two was like the AR in game five like it was just like okay you're just the best player in the world for one game and then you're just [__] like it was it was pretty weird to see it was such a roller coaster oh it was because his vagar was honestly quite bad I did not like his vagar I mean it was

just a pretty mediocre pick I don't like vagar into Lucian Nami because you just get like coing down you can't do anything against it and Y and his aalii was pretty bad too like his aalii like the aalii Tristana match up is something that I've always said is in favor of Tristana because even though you can like you can always kind of D Tristana sometimes you can always kind of One V one a lot of people say it's a decent

matchup because you can take dor and shield second wind and blah blah blah but like you just go hex Drinker on Tristana and you just jump on a col's face over and over again you take Fleet and you just never lose Lane it's impossible uh so I did not like the aali pick at all and this is also the series where we really saw why zos was bad at tanks his Zach was okay to quite terrible and his Cante in game one was

pretty bad um and his TF was honestly he got counterpicked into Jack so I don't really blame him for that one um yep yep and then I think gum Yushi and K were just kind of invisible this series right I think K had a couple of pretty good plays on the Renata in game four but like they were just so invisible um so yeah congrats to they picked three games of s of Tom kench right like it's yeah

hard hard to show up I guess yeah hard but yeah that that's the blg uh talk they uh honestly it's it's hard to really comment on their Series against PSG because they looked so unbelievably good against T1 so it just has to be a thing of effort right it has to be of they just stopped underestimating their opponents and they play to another level um because yeah zun was cracked for most of the series it was really really good

and then uh their bot Lane Elk oh my God elk is just really really good really really insane uh probably the best day to carry in this tournament he was considered that before going in he took a wild to jum up but I think he's here I think he's come to play uh so let's talk about gen now uh gen they play top eorts to to five games uh and then did they play any oh is that it they only played

one series wait no they should have played another one right oh yeah they it was so quick that like what was there to say I forgot about it yeah almost so quick okay it was competitive that's that I'm being fous here yes yes it was competitive geni uh honestly pretty good showings on average I think kind of but a couple of sketchy stuff I think for um oh yeah Canyon that's right

Canyon had quite a poor Series against top Esports yeah so so Genji is not looking infallible by any means Genji's definitely uh has a lot of weak spots and the weird one is it's not chovi it's not the paay it's actually Canyon right uh Keen sometimes too Keen is I think he's still undefeated on the Cante but um he was inting a lot like he would become really hard to kill Unstoppable doing insane stuff and then he would

just try to 1 V4 1v5 and it's like okay you're really op but you're not that op okay you can on V2 you can do stupid [_] in 1v3 scenarios but you cannot just straight up one V4 a team as Cante and he found himself inting multiple times doing that um so any any thoughts on genen the top orts or in general yeah go ahead I would say this time it's just unfortunate like I've always said Keen

internationally is really underwhelming um even last year on KT or just historically on frea he just goes internationally he's not terrible right but he isn't good enough for what his namesake is I will say in this tournament like it's it's a lane swap he's kind of put in pretty OD odd spots as well and like 369 is also not the best land swapper it feels like but I think 369 is on average just like a better player than ke internationally so

I was like okay I I don't blame it either way they were both given the shittiest role in this meta and game played fine uh is I think so uh I would I would I'm more concerned about their bot Lane if anything um like Canon was also undering me but like this is in a series if their bot Lane's actually a competitive like like P is K very good you know 26122 wow really good but like

him as a threat I don't know they give close to four times this is an extremely high value pick you know how many draft resources you need to commit to not only get kist up but also to get a comp around it and like I felt he would I don't remember a single like Superstar play from him and like maybe you don't need it normally but this is a close Series so like imagine they still had

ruler imagine they had Viper imagine they had a better 8 carry that's what I keep like elk Jacko yeah if they had Yan he's probably better than Pace guys I'm actually I wish I was kidding but like I'm I'm I have stopped being delusional about individual player strength for a long time because we see these players who are Giga good elsewhere go overseas go to other teams and if they don't have the structure on them they will look bad it doesn't

matter who you are rookie looked bad on V five toward the end like there's all these super god players that like at the end of the day if your team can't help you what are you gon to do right so all to say is he Pace has always had so much support and like I'm sick of like at least in this meta apologizing for him saying like he's he's a top point he's not and I haven't said it but like I'm

sick of hearing it I guess yeah I I do think yeah um yeah he he's not as he he just gets so much and does not enough with it it feels like Hans Sama a bit right like G2 does so so much to get him fed and so much to put resources in him and he doesn't deliver he doesn't yeah like he's not an inter he rarely power like feeds which I think is why he doesn't get the flame but he's not the

one who's like going to unless it's on aellos he's not the one that's going to like flash forward and make a play to win the game when they're like at even slash in trouble uh he he does not have that it Factor at all well me like I watch Jackie love he's like he's got the weight of the world on his CH he's got T like sitting on him while he's playing yeah yeah that's true although T was

good this series he was he was pretty good TI was was pretty clutch the series um I do think that the cream was probably the biggest uh downside K was both one of the biggest upsides in their wins and probably their biggest downside for top Esports of why they would lose like Kem had such a bad col game five oh my God s if the viewers don't know creem is known for aalii like he's actually a

good aalii historically he's like he's really known for yeah yeah yes exactly uh and then but uh let's talk about the man of the hour the man that deserves no flame this tournament so far chovi is him dude oh my God like he makes Corky rockets look like single Target pointand click abilities like his Corky Rockets I think I mean I actually wanted I they need to

Vanguard on his PC is what I'm saying like it looks like he's he's not normal dude it's not cheating it looks really really unnaturally accurate like I am amazed at how good he is at corki and I am actually amazed at when people started he started first picking corki they said yeah pick whatever you want Into Me we're GNA first pick corki because he started just winning whatever like I swear this guy does not lose Lane

he doesn't lose Lane he doesn't miss CS he has insane like corki is a perfect Champion for him because it allows him to laye really well it allows him to have 12 CS per minute it allows him to poke people from afar like when you play stuff like rise or like a collie or like other Champions that he struggled to like have an impact on corki is one where it's like if you have the mechanics on corki you just nuke him

from far away like it's it's all hands right you just have good aim and that's him and I feel like it's one of the perfect champions for him because like it also right before MSI yep and and it also he gets this go button where like he on other Champions it feels like he's hesitant and scared on corki though it feels like he just trusts himself to send it on the package the amount of times I've seen this guy okay I saw him

do this multiple times in lck playoffs he would flash package to initiate a team fight no hesitation take the package from base run out flashback no stopping no s keying no hitting minions just straight beline Start a Fight Win it I'm like okay I mean ch's a God all right so um that's that's all I have to say about him really really really impressive stuff he looks like the best player in the tournament by far uh I

think it's really hard to deny and I gotta say the second one might be caps like he he looks so like it's it's it feels like it's chov B ver caps God I hope they have a showdown um I think for for that Showdown to happen G2 has to do a lot of winning to even make it to C chov but um yeah good much they're in the top four there's only so many games they have to play but

yeah it's possible yeah well if jeni beats blg right then C G2 has to beat uh both T1 and blg to meet geneng G so it's two series you have to go through 10 games potentially to get to so it sounds like quite a lot to me me I mean they almost doubled their their games that was all of MSI playoffs back in the day so yeah actually that is a lot of games yeah it's quite a lot um okay so this

has been a really long podcast I mean deserved right this has been one of the most hype tournaments we' ever had um so let's talk about upcoming matches uh so tonight at 1:00 am so this podcast if you're listening to it unfortunately it's probably not going to be out in time to listen before we give our predictions so just enjoy our hindsight analysis um upcoming is be G versus jengi God do I hope this delivers because this is

looking like to be two Titans clashing it's a rematch from last year be G was considered massive underdogs against geneng where it felt like geni almost didn't take them seriously and bg30 slapped them really handedly and we know that's not going to happen again this time because be G is the first seed be G is being talked about as the favorite of this tournament and geni is finally looking like they have their star midlaner on form so what are your

thoughts on jeni versus be G okay I'm not sure if Kevin is with me anymore so we're g just going to keep chatting so I'm gonna give my thoughts on genen G versus blg here um yes uh so geni versus be G is match up with the Titans I do think that chovi is I don't know chovi vers Knight is a tough one I think corki is going to

be a heavy pry for him asol is going to be a big deal for chovi as well tiia is obviously going to be a big deal for uh Knight um I do think that um matchups in Top Lane oh my God they have the same champo in Top Lane right both top laners play a lot of Cante and play a lot of vain uh and play can play TF so I think TF is probably going to be favored for

Kean and um the ja is going to be favored for uh B so it'll be interesting to see how that Dynamic rolls because well let's be honest there's only five bands and if you want to play TF it's very likely to get a Jax counter pick so sounds like it's in terms of uh champion pool it's probably favored towards bin um I think that the jungle matchup it does feel like zun is outperforming uh Canyon on

average um so yeah we'll see uh both were willing to play the NY which is kind of fascinating so um we'll see kind of like are they going on to Pick n into each other right who's n is gonna re Supreme Kevin welcome back I'm just talking about the matchup between Canyon and zun they both played NY uh I think zun on average is performing better than Canyon but they both have within themselves really high clutch Factor right I think

that both are really talented junglers they have wide Champion pools in that they can play supportive Champions like Sani and maai and they can play carry Champions like like um n or kha'zix or VI or stuff like that lein even so I'm not sure how that's going to go down I actually kind of favor zun so I was talking about bin before too where bin and Keen have almost the same Champion polls and they're both neutered by Lane

swaps but the difference is that Keane is really good on Twisted Fate but bin is really good on Jax and well Jax is a pretty hard counter to TF so I kind of like Bin's chances there I also like zun's chances in the jungles just slightly just due to consistency uh but the mid lanane chobby vers Knight I Gotta Give it to chobi I just think he has a champion ocean I think that his corki is going to be really powerful in

high pry I think his AO is like probably just going to be next level powerful um their only weaknesses right is that uh chovi doesn't play Oriana and Knight is an Oriana God and Knight doesn't play azir and chelby is an azir God so we'll see how that really shakes out uh azir is not looking too good in this tournament so Oriana might be high pry Tia's High pry asol and corki high pry so we'll see how that breaks down

uh and then we'll go to the bot Lane it's going to be paay and lens versus elk and an right so I just I just feel like it's very blg favored in the bot Lane um I just think elk has shown so much more carry potential in just High APM Next Level mechanics than PA has in a long time uh and then on the the hens feel like the same players almost just

really good um facilitators with decent chances of popping off but otherwise they're mostly role players they're

mostly um there to to kind of just fill in the gaps of what their team needs um so any thoughts on jingi versus blg and who do you think's taking it what's the series going to look like I think it's 3-1 blg is going to probably beat gen again I think last time three is under preparedness right but like they they just strictly

upgraded like Knight is just better yal in almost every sense except in the weird cases where yal does like sometimes beat top tier players right and we don't get it white like last year at MSI um where he beat troby and I'm sitting like why is he beating chobi he's not the same realm um so your goat is the difference so I'm going to point out two things I agree with you air not that good even even chobby one one on

it but ch's only played three characters including azir this whole goddamn tournament he's played corki azir and asil uh so I he does have a champion ocean but like as I said with Faker too right maybe not on this podcast like recently but like as I always say like yes faker's like 84 or 83 Legacy career Champions but if you can't play them right now at the level you need to beat Knight I don't care um no I don't think

choby actually has that issue in terms of like what he could pull out like if he pulls out Tristan just start smashing like yeah I'm not surprised at all right it also fits that archetype of like farmer hyper Carry long range space given right I think where Knight has the Ed here is like the playmaking potential when because a zir isn't there ifir was here chy should have the edge but we've never seen this matchup and I think with

the playmaking potential uh both TOA and Oriana like characters that are currently especially Tia I I haven't I'm concerned that chovi hasn't picked Tia yet I think he can play it well enough to beat Knight but the fact that he hasn't pulled it out and we've seen corki get neutralized pretty handedly multiple times now on by Tilla makes me think that Knight has the edge in this theoretical never before see match up that I'm extremely excited about I'm

also agree with you Shin is better than Canyon right now I think Canyon historically is probably one of the best if not the best junglers okay uh looks like we lost Kevin M sentence really awkward really just you know letting the viewers know he is on Hotel Wi-Fi in Hawaii so we have to uh cut him some slack it's okay bro um it's weird I can hear you oh you're back okay welcome back continue talking sir yeah where did

I die at Faker or chovy versus knight chovy versus knight yeah excited to see this never scen match up so okay and then I said I agreed with you shun is probably better than Canon I do think Kon is probably the best jungler of recent history it's weird because no jungler has actually been dominant like multiple years at the international level but Canon has the body of work and like that one V that game five k game

last year I was like damn like he is him right um so with all the restrictions the junglers have to face like very few jungler goats are that consistent like J comes to mind too but yeno just like currently hasn't been that good or not he has been good but he hasn't been a on a good team um anyways Ally I agree with that I think botling is going to get bodied I think El and all were like not they were not rookies

but they weren't given International Spotlight and they've just gotten better and they have a better enabler uh a similar enabler who has a better hands I like across the board I'm like it's either good matchups or like favorable except for Mid maybe where I'm really excited but the faker match up makes me think while chobi has built is built different on corki is might not make a difference yeah we'll see if he even gets it right I actually am expecting

Corky bans um just because he looks too good on it and you know a lot of people are B are Banning against geni they ban Senna they Bann TF maybe uh and they ban like ASO or something or air or something or maybe you can maybe or maybe you go the ad carry route where you ban like um Varys and kalista and Lucian and Ash and Draven and TR like all this [__] right but I think you

could easily replace the asol ban that we see a lot against him with with the corki ban and we'll see if the asol has as much uh Power as Corky because I know it's crazy to say that considering asol is one of the biggest scalers in the entire tournament or in in the entire game corki feels like it scales better just because there's so much uninteractive you just nuke them from far away with ultis right and when you

have as high accuracy as chobi kind of unnatural kind of kind of God gaming all right so let's move on let's go talk about T1 vers G2 did you give your did you give your prediction number wise I no I didn't okay never mind okay we got to put that on record don't you don't you wiggle out of this buddy this is a tight match up we're not GNA just say oh but I thought that geni would win or

whatever yeah you know I got caught got caught um okay I'm going to go DC through it I was like oh damn no I didn't give it uh you said be 31 ji 31 you I literally talked about how in most matchups and roles uh gingi was uh worse than blg right yeah yes you did [__] I was thinking of predicting genen G though uh um oh God cuz I really want chobi to

freaking win man like CH is become dude chobi versus caps in the finals so can you believe that I mean even if gingi loses as long as G2 beats T1 then they'll run into each other again right like whoever wins from the lower bracket has to go all the oh my God I love this tournament this is so good there the only bad result would just be jg3 0's T1 in the finals yeah that would be the bad

but then T1 makes it after all their struggles still to the finals is still crazy everything leading up to that to the finals would be great um also I would love it I would even I would even love the storyline of geneng meets T1 in the finals and still wins but it's a 3-2 because then it's like okay T1 is clutch God I can't believe they made it to the finals but genen is still their father

like that would be a cool storyline I would like that too because it happens just did that they just did a 3-2 in the lck finals a couple weeks ago I'm okay with that against a 32 you're right interval is a different game it's chokey man I would love it I would love it ji International or choke I'm gonna I'm gonna go I'm gonna go jeni I I oh my God you know what we just had a whole conversation mutually

agree cross it's favored or even but is the better brand name what what is this no I think chovi overcomes all the weaknesses the sidelaners have because it really feels like every other player from blg is better than ji but chovi I think is better than Knight and I am praying to the Church of chovi because dude I just I've wanted this guy to succeed okay so here's the problem everybody who wants chovi succeed everybody who wants him to win

they always get stabbed in the back every time you predict gen internationally they let you down it just it's always happened year after year it's never not happened you keep eating that Razer cake buddy so [__] it we keep going we go we ball [__] it we ball I'm voting geneng 32 in a tight close-knit Banger where honestly I think Keane is on average worse than Ben but I

think kean's vein is better than Bin's Vin and I think B his Cante is better than Bin's Cante I just think on average as general Ben it doesn't matter if he's worse on the Champions he's playing he's just Mega clutch right he's just a mega team fighter but Keen he mechanically looks better on his Champions I think in this tournament on Bane on Cante and on TF but Ben is just him right so I'm gonna say that you know what Keane is

going to become him I think Keane is going to ascend to a different level and he has to because this is like his first second International Tournament ever and that if we all believe in the Keen hype train this is where he has to prove it he has to put it all on the line uh to show that he he deserves his spot to be here so I I'm betting I'm I'm a gambler okay I'm gambling on religion and it's

not a good idea don't do this at home kids but I'm taking it ji I'm so confused but you know what you're you're free to your opinion I just want choby to win okay that's understandable and if chy wins I wouldn't be mad cuz he does deserve it I flamed him for being chokey but this tournament he's playing on such a level that it would be it would be disappointed if he doesn't win it would be unreal cuz like he is so good dude

he's so good he the closest thing for a while to a perfect player especially if you weigh only his domestic even International he's like leveled up recently just when he lose to like yal and you're just like it's not close and you're sitting like what how did you get GA by yow in 2023 or or when or his his legendary rise play where you flash ulti and there's nobody there I just love it I just love it I love chovi he's my

favorite player almost like he's one of my favorite players watch if chovi joined KT do you think they'd both cancel each other out no idea I don't know do you think if if chovi ever went to China things would have been different I always wonder that idea right I think so I think he if he had just like a better he's been stuck in G like at least they got King this year he was stuck in dor in jail for so long and

I was like what is going like why why is Choi so loyal to his or like props to him but his org is not giving him International success it is giving him domestic success which honestly is worth a lot is hey for p is you know nothing to scoff at I'm pretty sure double is retiring on that on that money for Forever on that four P money so true let's talk about T1 versus G2 our first rematch of the entire

tournament this is some good food this is some some M this is some delicious Gourmet thank you thank you Riot thank you MSI uh who's gonna take it last time it was a really fun one of the coolest series at G2 at T versus T1 at MSI is just a legendary faded matchup I mean they have ran into each other so many times throughout the years and finally it feels like is T1 the underdog even though they literally just beat them is

T1 not considered the favorites as much like like what's going to happen here G2 vers T1 talk to me about it dude of course T's the underdog what have we been like I know you were saying just rhetorical questions but I'm just going to be obnoxious and be like dude it's not close and the reason why and this isn't just me just saying it for the clicks the reason why is because T1 throughout this tournament like we wa we're watching Faker just

like crumble because there's too much pressure not just from like the gang stuff there's just too much pressure to direct this team and you can just see it obviously in the blg series against another world class team like I don't think Knight is actually two solo kills better than Faker right in a series but I'm just like he's he's he's got to tab around he got flicked oh he's dead or he's gotta like like he's got to do so much this is

my theory I'm sticking with it and they lost with a lot of like G2 made a lot of mistakes and you are watching them power up from there I don't think that I don't think T1 comes out of that blg smacking the last two games in their mind and they're like man caps is so much weaker than Knight I'm sure we'll win this one no I think they're gonna be like [__] where's are in and I think the

last the key the real key to this is I don't think T's drafts have been that inspiring and I think G2 is like cooking some dank [__] like they might overcook sometimes like that bth draft but when they made Iver Camille to like all single Target Tristana and like all that work together I was like all right you know what you guys know something I don't that actually like that's the first time in a long time where I like

watched them cook against a not a top team but like a very high level team literally a top team actually top Esports so a top team but and they did it they ex executed and absolutely like tilted the [__] out of the enemy I think T1 should be terrified right so and and they know how to build ldr like for the memes like it's to me I think it's a 3-2 because that is like

the destiny of these two teams but yeah I think it's a 3-2 where G2 is in control four out of the five games and they throw one sure yeah yeah yeah you know I'm not going to disagree with you I can't it's the Western hype train it is literally like like all of our hopes and dreams are lying in this series just to make it hype to make it spicy Broken Blade and Han Sama representing North

America like it just it just feels like we have to believe I have to predict G2 I can't not predict G2 it's too hype it's too hype it's too awesome it's too good I want G2 to win MSI honestly I want G2 to make it all the way I don't know if they're gonna do it but man their drafts are legendary right there's so many power picks for G2 that they have looked Unstoppable on Zack for broken blade rexi for Yik now

he's thrown in Iver as well Tristana for caps Oriana for caps um you know Hans Sama is finally coming alive it feels like he can actually play the Champions he's been given right his kalista was looking good against top Esports they can always throw in the Jinx right his Jinx wasn't looking great against T1 but he definitely feels like he overcame some demons he he learned how to trust in himself and to actually rightclick people and if he can play at that level

on the Jinx and they can do the strategy again guess what G2 wins game five simply with a single different item purchase guaranteed I bet you a bajillion dollars out of J's built ldr third item G2 wins and they would be facing off in a totally different alternate reality um but yeah I I I think Micky X is also completely outclassing and out shining ker you have to ban poppy well now he's got Leona oh he looks pretty good on ronata too like

what are you going to do against these teams against this what is T1 going a banned what is T1 going to take away against G2 it feels like there's so much to think about and yeah it's the mentality and the Drafting and the preparedness of the meta right when you have to worry about all these variables G2 is in their comfort zone right and T1 is clearly not in their comfort zone They are relying on like dormant Clutch

Powers to stay in this tournament they're relying on factors that are not related to the current meta and the current times like they're getting by on like nepotism and like I don't know Legacy essentially Legacy right like they're they're clutching it out in scenarios where they have no business clutching it out but really they're just not very good right now so um it's not t one's fault that it is it is the way it is but hey G it's not their fault that

they have to play on 30 ping right so there it is right there's no there's we're on equal playing ground there's no copium allowed it's just a battle to the death elimination match g232 oh my God it Rhymes it's too delicious to I am scared because I did vote T1 to win this whole thing and like I know the second I flip poop it's over so I am terrified but you know I have to go with like the

west and actually for once last time JJ did it um it was also close but this time I feel like even more confident than last time G2 did it at MSI actually because I'm I'm sitting here and I'm just like looking across it I'm like you know there's a super flaw team over there on the T1 side and a team that's hotter than ever on the G2 side who has the right strengths as well and and

Broken Blade I'm GNA be honest man he looks like one of the best top laners in the tournament like he like yeah you can we can say Ben might be better maybe ke might be better zus at a different time might be better but no one has a champion pool like like Broken Blade okay nobody's playing Yasuo he has the best Zach in the tournament um his you know I just think that Broken Blade is just a Master Chef right now right Ben

might be mechanically better or Keen might be mechanically better but Broken Blade has the champion pool on his side um and it is just awesome to see what a world we live in to say BB is better than zoos in in us head-to head and in general and it feels good feels right to say it yeah it feels really good and right to say it um I he outperformed him in the first series for sure so yeah there it is guys that's it

that's that's what our our predictions are going um you know what I think that we're just going to leave the mystery to the rest of it right like we we had different predictions like I said gen you said blg we boed G2 that means that never mind we have to predict right who's gonna win to predict who's G to win at least we the matchup who's gonna win who's winning it it's G to be blg it's going to be blg oh these guys

deserve a championship they have they've slain the Koreans so many times already and this time they're they've got pretty much all they need right they have the momentum they beat T1 right the other strong team and they used to historically have a better match up of Genji now of course Genji has switched support and jungle or support jungle and top but I I think the the Yaga switch out is such a power up for blg that I still favor them so after

that when like do we really think that g G2 can beat blg or blg can lose there I don't know man yeah I mean I don't know we'll never say I think definitely when it comes to meta and champion pool be G is a bit more diverse wor than what TL T1 can offer right June bringing out the N is very unexpected I think I actually think [__] I don't know I think the uh I

think the winner of the geni blg series probably wins the tournament I think you're probably right in that area so you predicted blg to beat jeni and then you predicted up to win the tournament I think that's pretty fair I predicted blg at the beginning before the tournament even started and I and I I don't even want to believe it I ah man it's the most vanilla answer I'll give you that it is the most vanilla I'm

gonna go I'm gonna go jeni I'm flip-flopping we're all flip-flopping we're Mega flip-flopping I mean we saw the tournament now so it makes sense if jeni beats be G I think that geneng is going to win the tournament I think okay that's how it's going to go down we'll see though I think that the biggest dark horror so normally in past times I think there's a lot of predictions you can make like I think last year right T1

versus waybo gaming in the finals I think you could say it's like a 90% chance that T1 wins right I think this is one of those rare tournaments where I'm predicting geneng but it's not like they have a 90% chance to win they don't even have a 50% chance to win okay I'm giving them like 40 45% chance I'm giving like blg like 30 you know I'm giving G2 like 25% you know T1 like 15 something or it the math adds up to 100

right so I think that the playing field is very close it's very tight and that it's going to be dependent on just tiny little edges and I think that the world where G2 wins where Western fans are hyped is a world where G2 comes out with one extra wrinkle okay they had a lots of wrinkles to bring out against T1 they had extra wrinkles to bring out against top Esports if they can pull out one more stop one more trick in the bag I

think they can actually do it I just think it's so hard to do that though right they've exhausted so many champions like there's so many unique Champions that they've pulled out it is hard to find a couple others to really make it work against the best players but if they do it man it would be one of the most legendary runs ever like G has the chance to submit themselves as just just one ORS right because they already

have a great record compared to everyone not named T1 and Samsung yeah they do they have a pretty good record in general but like to win MSI in modern-day League of Legends this is like League of Legends is just not the same as 2019 it's just not even close to the same these days they beat Team Liquid to get I mean they got T1 too but they didn't beat the actual best team at the tournament team wiid beat the best

team at the tournament before that well I also think the level of play the level of macro the level of skill that existed back in 2019 is not the same as 2024 I think like chovi from 20124 is better than any player has ever seen like 2024 chovi would like smack 2019 players without even thinking with no hesitation because the skill level has gotten so much higher in five years right so um I agree I agree but we we'll actually see

when he plays in an important match uh cuz we he's been scaling up every but the the path is still the same like s the peak of that tournament usually and then it m when it matters sure sure sure we shall see I'm voting for The Church of chovi you're voting for blg The One seeds number one seeds from lck and LPL we are Western doubters because I think we both secretly would be extremely hyped if G2 won MSI but we shall find

out we will all find out so try not to be too toxic I'm excited to see what happens and we'll see you on the next episode Peace