

How Weird: Out of the Box of Expectations

BITTER CHOCOLATE:

A twisted conversation



- Kasim:** I've heard of the Earl of Sandwich, but was there actually an Earl of Chocolate?
- Nadia:** (playfully) Well, if such a person did exist, he must have had great taste.
- Tim:** Nonsense! Anyone who knows how chocolate is usually made will understand the taste is bitter. Nearly all cacao farmers live at the edge of poverty. However, the world's largest candy companies make a killing by exploiting them.
- Wan-Sze:** (somewhere between angst and apathy) So what should we do? Boycott all chocolate?
- Tim:** No, but I think we should boycott companies like Nestles and Hersheys. In short, we should buy only fair trade products.
- Nadia:** (sarcastically) Ha! Why politicize a simple economic purchase?
- Tim:** (sighing) Because whether we realize it or not, every purchase is political.

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