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## Journal Entry 6

The first of my three fake websites is: GenoChoice: Create your own genetically healthy child online. First and most obviously, the title is already a complete lie, secondly, none of the links work, and lastly, the website is associated with "RYT Hospital," which is not even a real place. Compared to an actual hospital website like Sentara, where there are phone numbers, maps, working links and so on, this was an easy catch. Second on the list is: Buy an Ancestor Online, which is a supposed genealogy website. The giveaway is that the site was last updated in 2012, no information on the founder, and the cherry on top is all the reviews blatantly calling it fake and a scam. Compared to a real genealogy website like Ancestry.com, where its very current, has great reviews, and easily researchable information about the founder and the company itself, goes to show how fake the website is. Last on our fake website list is: Save the Endangered Pacific Northwest Tree Octopus. While this site is the most realistic of my list, featuring a regularly updated blog, a merch shop, and a beautiful UI, there are a few giveaways. By quickly searching the affiliated schools and societies mentioned on the site, you can find that both of them are in fact fake. On top of this, the author wrote that Bigfoot is the natural predator of the octopus. Comparing this to an actual conservation website like WWF (World Wildlife Fund) which showcases documented facts, along with videos and stories of all the conservation work that they actually do, goes to show that the octopus website is a fake.

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