The Post-‘Weirdness’ Era of Machine-Generated Jokes: *ubi sunt* LOVE 2000 HOGS YEA?

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what kinds of jokes can an AI tell?
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Gertrude Stein, “Food,” Tender Buttons (1914)
1 cup cherry seeds
42 cup milk
Preheat oven to 3500 8 minutes.
beat until the gelatins are firm.
Brown egg yolks until smooth.
Fold water. Roll into small cubes.
Fill the egg with a spatula.
1 cup meat or flour
5½ to 10 small centers of green bell peppers
Sprout clams; add vanilla.

char-rnn trained on recipes, Al Weirdness (2016)
now commercial AIs are confident bullshitters, not bumbling failures
For Valentine's day, candy hearts have short messages expressing love and friendship. Generate 12 candy heart messages, a maximum of 10 characters long, in all caps. Do not include existing candy heart messages.

1. BE MINE NOW
2. TRUE LOVE 4 U
3. XOXO FOREVER
4. SWEET KISS
5. HUG ME TIGHT
6. ONLY YOU
7. MY HEART
8. LOVE BUG
9. FOREVER US
10. HEART THROB
11. CRAZY 4 U
12. KISS ME NOW
Generate 12 candy heart messages, a maximum of 10 characters long, in all caps. Make the messages very funny.

Sure, here are 12 funny candy heart messages:

1. NO WAY JOSE
2. UR A QT PIE
3. HOT MESS
4. LOVE FARTS
5. U ROCK MY SOCKS
6. UGH, FINE
7. 2 COOL 4 U
8. HANGRY AF
9. CAT LADY
10. SASSY PANTS
11. LOVE YO SELF
12. BEAR HUGS
context makes “LOVE FARTS” less funny than “STANK LOVE”
Sure, I can give it a shot! Here are some variations on those titles that incorporate "LOVE 2000 HOGS YEA" and aim to be funnier:

1. "From 'LOVE 2000 HOGS YEA' to 'I Am the Best': An AI-Generated Humor Evolution That Will Leave You Oinking with Laughter"
2. "Analyzing the Shift from 'LOVE 2000 HOGS YEA' to Predictable Jokes: When AI Humor Gets Boring Enough to Make a Pig Squeal"
3. "From Nonsense to Sense: A Literary Analysis of AI Humor in the Age of Machine Learning, Featuring 'LOVE 2000 HOGS YEA' and Other Clumsy Attempts at Being Funny"
5. "From Laughing at AI to Laughing with AI: A Journey That Begins with 'LOVE 2000 HOGS YEA' and Ends with 'I Am the Best'"
6. "Who's Really Telling the Joke? Exploring the Role of AI in Humor Creation, with Special Guest 'LOVE 2000 HOGS YEA'"
7. "Why 'LOVE 2000 HOGS YEA' and 'I Am the Best' Are the Bacon and Eggs of AI Humor: An Analytical Look at the Funniest (and Weirdest) Jokes We've Seen Yet"
8. "From Pigpen to Punchline: How 'LOVE 2000 HOGS YEA' Became the Unintentional Comedy Goldmine That AI Researchers Never Saw Coming"
The snow in the story of the best of times, it was the season of Darkness, it was the season of Light, it was the epoch of belief, it was the worst of times, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the season of exploding past of Eller, and Junner, a long sunset side of the World.

char-rnn, trained on novels’ first lines, Ai Weirdness (2017)