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**"Make America Exotic Again"**

As Joe dives into politics, he deals with turmoil and tragedy in his personal life. Meanwhile, the dynamics at the park change with the new owners.

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## CAST

Carole Baskin	...	Self - Big Cat Rescue
Joe Exotic	...	Self - G.W. Zoo
Bhagavan Antle	...	Self - Myrtle Beach Safari
Howard Baskin	...	Self - Big Cat Rescue
John Finlay	...	Self - Joe's Husband
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Erik Cowie	...	Self - Head Keeper, G.W. Zoo
Sylvia Corkill	...	Self - Reporter, News 9
Jeff Lowe	...	Self - Businessman
Tim Stark	...	Self - Wildlife in Need
Joshua Dial	...	Self - Joe's Campaign Manager
James Garretson	...	Self - Businessman
Allen Glover	...	Self - Handyman, G.W. Zoo
Lauren Lowe	...	Self - Jeff's Wife
Travis Maldonado	...	Self - Joe's Husband
Dillon Passage	...	Self - Joe's Husband
Larry Rhodes	...	Self - Gavin County Oklahoma
Marc Thompson	...	Self - Joe's Security Guard
Kody Antle	...	Self - Doc's Son
Marsha David	...	Self - Employee, G.W. Zoo
Amanda Green	...	Self - Federal Prosecutor
Mark McCarthy	...	Self - Former Employee, Mario Tabraue
Brittany Peet	...	Self - Captive Animal Law Enforcement, PETA
Susan Bass	...	Self - Public Relations, Big Cat Rescue
Moksha Bybee	...	Self - Doc's Partner
Gladys Lewis Cross	...	Self - Don's Ex-Wife
Bruce David	...	Self - Contractor, G.W. Zoo
Kenny Farr	...	Self - Don's Handyman
Barbara Fisher	...	Self - Doc's Apprentice
Joseph Fritz	...	Self - Don's Attorney
Dennis Hill	...	Self - Former Exotic Animal Owner
Jeff Johnson	...	Self - Former Reptile Dealer
Robert M. Johnson	...	Self - Senior Trainer, Myrtle Beach Safari
Dale Lively	...	Self - Don's Mechanic
Cheryl Maldonado	...	Self - Travis' Mother
John Marsicano	...	Self - Lead Homicide Detective
Dianna Mazak	...	Self - Employee, G.W. Zoo
Anne McQueen	...	Self - Don's Executive Assistant
Jamie Murdock	...	Self - Carole's Daughter
Chealsi Putman	...	Self - Joe's Niece
Gale Rathbone	...	Self - Don's Daughter
Lynda Sanchez	...	Self - Don's Daughter
Debra Sandlin	...	Self - Former Volunteer, Big Cat Rescue
Francis Schreibvogel	...	Self - Joe's Father
Shirley Schreibvogel	...	Self - Joe's Mother
Vernon Stairs	...	Self - Carole's Father
Maria Tabraue	...	Self - Mario's Wife
Mario Tabraue	...	Self - Z.W.F. Zoo
Wendell Williams	...	Self - Don's Business Associate
J.P. Wilson	...	Self - Magician
Vernon Yates	...	Self - Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation

1

00:00:06,339 --> 00:00:08,466  
[Antle] Holy mackerel. Yes, ma'am.

2

00:00:10,802 --> 00:00:12,762  
I'm ready.  
I don't want to cut y'all short.

3

00:00:12,846 --> 00:00:16,349  
You guys are ready... for the party.  
Get the chimp, and I'll walk right in.

4

00:00:16,433 --> 00:00:18,518  
[man] I don't even know  
what a chimp birthday party is.

5

00:00:18,601 --> 00:00:21,563  
[Antle] Yes you do. It's exactly  
a five-year-old's birthday party.

6

00:00:22,147 --> 00:00:24,858  
It's got crappy little decorations  
we bought at a store,

7

00:00:25,650 --> 00:00:29,738  
and it has chimps who are going to be  
hilaritly happy about it,

8

00:00:29,821 --> 00:00:32,282  
and if you got too close,  
they're gonna tear your fingers off.

9

00:00:32,365 --> 00:00:34,492  
Oh, look at them!  
They look fucking fabulous.

10

00:00:35,118 --> 00:00:37,454  
They look fucking fabulous.  
Scoot closer to Gina.

11

00:00:38,163 --> 00:00:40,623  
Our social media these days is just  
in the millions a week.

12

00:00:40,707 --> 00:00:42,625  
Millions of people a week  
are following it.

13

00:00:42,709 --> 00:00:45,462  
-[man] How do you do that?  
-[Antle] Our content is so unique.

14

00:00:46,046 --> 00:00:49,049  
No one's got the content  
unless it came from us these days.

15

00:00:50,383 --> 00:00:51,468  
Make noise.

16

00:00:51,551 --> 00:00:52,469  
[woman hollering]

17

00:00:54,971 --> 00:00:56,347  
[Antle] Where's the other one?

18

00:00:56,931 --> 00:00:58,308  
Don't let them bite it.

19

00:01:00,727 --> 00:01:02,771  
Easy. Don't bite. Don't bite.  
Hit it. Hit it.

20

00:01:12,155 --> 00:01:13,990  
[Joe] It wasn't the zoo anymore.

21

00:01:15,075 --> 00:01:16,618  
It was nothing but a big scam.

22

00:01:17,827 --> 00:01:19,329  
[woman laughs]

23

00:01:19,829 --> 00:01:21,247  
Paws will come out of that.

24

00:01:21,831 --> 00:01:24,459

[Joe] Jeff conned everyone.

25

00:01:24,542 --> 00:01:28,046

Because he's jealous.

He's a little man with a little dick...

26

00:01:28,838 --> 00:01:31,341

and a limp, and he's bald,

27

00:01:31,424 --> 00:01:34,677

and he's got to pay everybody  
to have sex with him.

28

00:01:36,971 --> 00:01:40,100

This man has got more criminal shit  
going on than you can imagine.

29

00:01:40,475 --> 00:01:42,352

Well, sooner or later he's going to jail.

30

00:01:46,231 --> 00:01:50,193

[theme music instrumentals]

31

00:01:55,073 --> 00:01:57,826

[Saffery]

From the time Jeff came into the picture,

32

00:01:59,327 --> 00:02:01,454

the whole dynamic of the park changed.

33

00:02:06,918 --> 00:02:09,420

Joe only cared about one man's opinion,

34

00:02:10,130 --> 00:02:12,173

and that man didn't do anything on park.

35

00:02:12,257 --> 00:02:13,258

He didn't clean cages.

36

00:02:13,341 --> 00:02:14,509

He didn't do book work.

37

00:02:14,926 --> 00:02:16,553  
He didn't check in customers.

38

00:02:16,678 --> 00:02:17,846  
He didn't feed cats.

39

00:02:18,888 --> 00:02:19,764  
Nothing.

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00:02:20,515 --> 00:02:23,560  
[Antle] Jeff somehow seduced Joe  
by hook and crook.

41

00:02:23,643 --> 00:02:25,270  
Joe fell in love with the premise.

42

00:02:25,353 --> 00:02:27,480  
Joe handed over the keys to the kingdom

43

00:02:27,564 --> 00:02:30,150  
to prevent Carole  
from taking the keys to the kingdom,

44

00:02:30,233 --> 00:02:31,776  
and then through that,

45

00:02:31,860 --> 00:02:36,573  
Jeff proceeded to try and circumvent  
Joe's opportunity authority

46

00:02:36,656 --> 00:02:39,117  
and separate him from his wealth.  
In my opinion.

47

00:02:40,368 --> 00:02:42,537  
[Lowe] Everybody was loyal to Joe  
when we got here...

48

00:02:43,454 --> 00:02:45,874  
and I think they kinda were skeptical

49

00:02:45,957 --> 00:02:50,128  
that these two people were gonna  
come in here and make things better.

50

00:02:51,671 --> 00:02:54,841  
Jeff Lowe fired half the staff  
when he walked through the door,

51

00:02:54,924 --> 00:02:57,385  
called a couple of them "fucking faggots"

52

00:02:57,468 --> 00:02:58,803  
and stirred up a bunch of shit.

53

00:03:01,514 --> 00:03:03,433  
[Lowe] I had a guy  
who worked for me for years,

54

00:03:03,516 --> 00:03:05,685  
a great guy.  
I called him when we moved here,

55

00:03:05,768 --> 00:03:07,645  
and we couldn't find anybody good  
around locally.

56

00:03:07,729 --> 00:03:10,481  
I said, "Allen, what would you think  
about moving out here?"

57

00:03:10,565 --> 00:03:12,192  
I said, "I'll give you a place to stay

58

00:03:12,275 --> 00:03:15,278  
and you just take care of the park.  
Be a handyman for me."

59

00:03:15,653 --> 00:03:18,573  
[man] When I first got to the zoo,  
I didn't know anything about the zoo.

60

00:03:18,656 --> 00:03:20,533  
I don't think I've ever

really been to one, so...

61

00:03:20,617 --> 00:03:21,534  
[chuckles]

62

00:03:21,618 --> 00:03:24,329  
Jeff said, "I'll give you money  
and a place to live and whatnot,"

63

00:03:24,412 --> 00:03:26,372  
so I was like,  
"I'll take him up on his offer."

64

00:03:27,415 --> 00:03:29,876  
[Lowe] Allen was kind of a transient  
all of his life.

65

00:03:29,959 --> 00:03:31,836  
Great worker and very, very loyal.

66

00:03:31,920 --> 00:03:32,837  
[man] Let it down.

67

00:03:34,380 --> 00:03:36,633  
[Glover] I went to prison  
when I just turned 18.

68

00:03:37,091 --> 00:03:38,301  
Did my time for that.

69

00:03:38,384 --> 00:03:41,596  
I've had many other encounters  
with the police,

70

00:03:41,679 --> 00:03:43,056  
but... moving on with life.

71

00:03:43,139 --> 00:03:45,642  
-[Glover] Let's go.  
-[man] I've got the primate kennel.

72

00:03:46,226 --> 00:03:48,228



[Lowe] We were doing okay the first year,

73

00:03:48,311 --> 00:03:50,021  
and we made some improvements

74

00:03:50,104 --> 00:03:52,607  
that Joe didn't have the resources  
to make.

75

00:03:53,233 --> 00:03:55,610  
I wanted to operate a family zoo,  
a nice zoo...

76

00:03:56,736 --> 00:03:59,072  
but they required a lot of money.

77

00:03:59,155 --> 00:04:01,366  
So, we met this guy named James Garretson

78

00:04:01,449 --> 00:04:03,868  
through Joe, who I trusted.

79

00:04:04,953 --> 00:04:06,955  
He had some pretty lucrative strip clubs

80

00:04:07,038 --> 00:04:08,706  
and restaurants and bars.

81

00:04:12,126 --> 00:04:14,629  
[man] Done a little of everything.  
I've been in the bar business.

82

00:04:14,712 --> 00:04:17,131  
I ran strip clubs. Worked in the circus.

83

00:04:18,341 --> 00:04:19,676  
You name it, I've done it.

84

00:04:21,135 --> 00:04:23,096  
I got into cats when I was about 17.

85

00:04:23,179 --> 00:04:26,266  
Bought a lion cub  
out of the Dallas morning newspaper.

86  
00:04:26,349 --> 00:04:27,684  
Been around them ever since.

87  
00:04:29,811 --> 00:04:30,645  
[tiger yawling]

88  
00:04:30,728 --> 00:04:32,897  
[Garretson]  
I've known Joe a span of about 20 years.

89  
00:04:34,565 --> 00:04:37,026  
Not great friends with him, but friendly.

90  
00:04:38,778 --> 00:04:41,030  
He introduced me  
to a gentleman named Jeff Lowe,

91  
00:04:41,572 --> 00:04:43,741  
and then that's when  
me and Jeff became friendly,

92  
00:04:43,825 --> 00:04:47,829  
and then Jeff talked me into giving him  
\$14,000 to open a pizza restaurant.

93  
00:04:47,912 --> 00:04:50,290  
[Joe] You can sit down on the patio

94  
00:04:50,373 --> 00:04:52,208  
right next to real-life tigers,

95  
00:04:52,292 --> 00:04:55,503  
and you can have some of the best pizza

96  
00:04:55,586 --> 00:04:57,088  
that I make from scratch.

97  
00:04:57,171 --> 00:04:58,923

And that's a Joe Exotic promise.

98

00:05:01,134 --> 00:05:03,720

[Garretson]

He used the Walmart donation program

99

00:05:03,803 --> 00:05:04,929

to lower the food cost.

100

00:05:05,763 --> 00:05:07,348

[Reinke] They have the best pizza here.

101

00:05:08,474 --> 00:05:10,643

[man] Do you think most of the meat  
was from Walmart?

102

00:05:10,727 --> 00:05:11,853

Yeah.

103

00:05:11,936 --> 00:05:13,980

[Reinke] Mmm. Mmm, mmm, mmm.

104

00:05:15,148 --> 00:05:18,401

[Garretson] Joe was always trying to be  
bigger than what he was, you know,

105

00:05:19,068 --> 00:05:20,903

and that's just how Joe does business.

106

00:05:21,404 --> 00:05:22,780

Joe told me several times.

107

00:05:23,197 --> 00:05:26,367

He says... [as Joe] "People don't come  
to see the tigers. They come to see me."

108

00:05:27,869 --> 00:05:30,455

Joe was the entertainment director...

109

00:05:31,289 --> 00:05:32,290

by title.

110

00:05:34,042 --> 00:05:36,669

Even though

Jeff was the owner of the park,

111

00:05:36,753 --> 00:05:38,796

Joe was the star of the show.

112

00:05:40,256 --> 00:05:41,758

Jeff was the star of his show,

113

00:05:41,966 --> 00:05:44,344

so which one was gonna rule this world?

114

00:05:45,011 --> 00:05:48,097

Joe Exotic is how many people know him.

115

00:05:48,181 --> 00:05:51,476

He mailed off this form to the federal  
election commission last Friday,

116

00:05:51,559 --> 00:05:54,896

announcing his intent to run for president  
as an independent.

117

00:05:55,480 --> 00:05:56,981

Mic check. Check, check, check.

118

00:05:57,065 --> 00:05:58,232

[man] Whenever you're ready.

119

00:06:00,318 --> 00:06:01,319

Brr!

120

00:06:02,487 --> 00:06:05,198

Hello, America. Let's see, fuck this.

121

00:06:06,366 --> 00:06:08,117

Hello, ladies and gentlemen of America.

122

00:06:08,201 --> 00:06:09,327

Let's try that again.

123

00:06:09,410 --> 00:06:11,412  
Hey, can you shut that off for a minute!

124

00:06:11,954 --> 00:06:15,291  
When he said he was gonna run,  
for president, it about floored me.

125

00:06:15,375 --> 00:06:17,210  
I said, "Holy crap, man."

126

00:06:17,752 --> 00:06:20,838  
"I got a chance. I got a chance."  
He actually thought he had a chance.

127

00:06:20,922 --> 00:06:23,883  
He didn't have a chance.  
He ain't got a chance in hell.

128

00:06:24,425 --> 00:06:28,304  
Joe Exotic for the people of America.  
How was that?

129

00:06:31,724 --> 00:06:33,226  
[man] Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump

130

00:06:33,309 --> 00:06:36,813  
are among the most disliked  
presidential candidates in history.

131

00:06:36,896 --> 00:06:41,526  
And... and luckily, there are a great many  
third-party options out there.

132

00:06:41,609 --> 00:06:44,404  
There's independent write-in candidate  
Joe Exotic,

133

00:06:44,487 --> 00:06:47,990  
who claims to run the world's largest  
private zoo for tigers

134

00:06:48,074 --> 00:06:51,411  
and produces incredible campaign videos.

135  
00:06:51,494 --> 00:06:53,121  
I'm not changing the way I dress.

136  
00:06:53,204 --> 00:06:54,622  
I refuse to wear a suit.

137  
00:06:54,705 --> 00:06:55,998  
I am gay.

138  
00:06:56,082 --> 00:06:57,792  
I am broke as shit.

139  
00:06:57,875 --> 00:07:01,295  
I have a judgment against me  
from some bitch down there in Florida.

140  
00:07:01,379 --> 00:07:06,008  
And this is all paid for by the committee  
of Joe Exotic Speaks for America.

141  
00:07:06,092 --> 00:07:07,343  
-[applause]  
-Wow.

142  
00:07:08,136 --> 00:07:09,762  
Just wow.

143  
00:07:09,846 --> 00:07:10,930  
[applause]

144  
00:07:11,013 --> 00:07:13,057  
Joe Exotic is truly the candidate

145  
00:07:13,141 --> 00:07:15,351  
you'd want to sit down  
and have a beer with,

146  
00:07:15,435 --> 00:07:18,062  
then another beer,

and then several more beers

147

00:07:18,146 --> 00:07:20,606  
until you're drunk enough  
to try meth for the first time.

148

00:07:21,315 --> 00:07:23,901  
[Garretson]  
Whenever that clip went to John Oliver,

149

00:07:24,402 --> 00:07:25,695  
Joe got a big head.

150

00:07:25,778 --> 00:07:27,363  
Even though they were making fun of him,

151

00:07:27,947 --> 00:07:30,408  
Joe... was the star.

152

00:07:31,784 --> 00:07:34,495  
Everybody was adding him on Facebook  
and stuff,

153

00:07:34,579 --> 00:07:36,998  
so he thought he was a celebrity  
from that point on.

154

00:07:37,081 --> 00:07:39,876  
Is America ready for the first redneck,

155

00:07:39,959 --> 00:07:45,423  
gun-toting, mullet-sporting,  
tiger-tackling, gay polygamist president?

156

00:07:45,506 --> 00:07:47,884  
You know, I think they are.

157

00:07:47,967 --> 00:07:50,344  
I'm outspoken, good-looking.

158

00:07:50,428 --> 00:07:51,262  
Mm-hmm.

159

00:07:51,345 --> 00:07:53,764  
-I love to party and have fun. [laughs]  
-Hello.

160

00:07:53,848 --> 00:07:55,975  
-Let's go blow some shit up.  
-Blow some shit up?

161

00:07:56,392 --> 00:07:59,437  
Anybody that wants to threaten  
an American citizen

162

00:07:59,520 --> 00:08:01,105  
-by cutting their head off...  
-Yeah?

163

00:08:01,189 --> 00:08:03,274  
...deserves this kind of treatment.

164

00:08:04,525 --> 00:08:08,112  
[man] We're getting a good look  
at your national defense program.

165

00:08:08,654 --> 00:08:10,281  
[Joe] When he's ready, Travis.

166

00:08:10,364 --> 00:08:11,908  
-[loud explosion]  
-[Joe] Ahh!

167

00:08:12,950 --> 00:08:13,951  
[Travis] Whoo!

168

00:08:15,203 --> 00:08:17,955  
That's how we take care of ISIS  
right there, buddy.

169

00:08:18,039 --> 00:08:20,833  
-[man] Dude, that went right through me.  
-[Joe laughing]

170



00:08:21,667 --> 00:08:25,004  
I was Joe's campaign manager  
for about a year and half.

171  
00:08:25,087 --> 00:08:28,508  
Uh, it was  
the worst experience of my life.

172  
00:08:28,591 --> 00:08:30,593  
It was horrible. Horrible, horrible.

173  
00:08:33,387 --> 00:08:36,307  
[shudders, coughs]

174  
00:08:36,390 --> 00:08:38,351  
I'd like to introduce my friend today.

175  
00:08:38,476 --> 00:08:41,354  
[Dial] Joe Exotic for president was 100%

176  
00:08:41,437 --> 00:08:44,273  
a complete and total publicity stunt.

177  
00:08:44,357 --> 00:08:47,235  
It was all about outrage.  
Get as much views as possible.

178  
00:08:47,610 --> 00:08:49,570  
I'm as gay as a three-dollar bill,

179  
00:08:49,654 --> 00:08:53,241  
and I'm standing in a cage with five  
full grown tigers and lions, and I...

180  
00:08:53,324 --> 00:08:58,538  
When that fell apart...  
he decides to run for governor.

181  
00:08:58,955 --> 00:09:00,164  
Next best thing.

182  
00:09:00,248 --> 00:09:02,542

I think his exact words were,

183

00:09:02,625 --> 00:09:06,754  
"I couldn't wait another four years,  
so I decided to run for governor."

184

00:09:07,505 --> 00:09:09,382  
When I got the job offer to work for Joe,

185

00:09:09,465 --> 00:09:11,926  
I was like, "You know, what's the job?"

186

00:09:12,009 --> 00:09:14,011  
He said campaign manager,  
and I was like, "Holy shit,

187

00:09:14,095 --> 00:09:15,721  
that's my dream job. I'm going to take it.

188

00:09:15,805 --> 00:09:17,265  
I don't care what he is."

189

00:09:17,348 --> 00:09:21,102  
And I already knew he was bat shit crazy  
from our conversations at Walmart.

190

00:09:21,978 --> 00:09:23,854  
I was a manager at Walmart at the time,

191

00:09:23,980 --> 00:09:26,482  
and I worked at the ammo section,

192

00:09:26,566 --> 00:09:30,278  
and he'd come in and buy bullets,  
you know, like, every day damn near.

193

00:09:30,361 --> 00:09:34,073  
Tannerite, which is something  
you can shoot and it explodes.

194

00:09:35,449 --> 00:09:38,035  
[Joe] I'm using nothing more

than what I can buy legally

195

00:09:38,119 --> 00:09:40,079  
over the counter at any gun shop.

196

00:09:40,162 --> 00:09:41,247  
[loud explosion]

197

00:09:42,832 --> 00:09:44,542  
[loud explosion]

198

00:09:46,085 --> 00:09:48,754  
I know a lot more than he knew  
about politics,

199

00:09:48,838 --> 00:09:50,840  
and that was my main value to him.

200

00:09:51,465 --> 00:09:53,384  
[reporter]  
Primary elections are next month...

201

00:09:53,467 --> 00:09:56,804  
[man] Joe Exotic for governor,  
he thought he was going to win.

202

00:09:56,971 --> 00:09:58,973  
[reporter]  
...could become our state's next governor.

203

00:09:59,056 --> 00:10:02,852  
[interviewer] What did people think  
of Joe running for governor?

204

00:10:03,394 --> 00:10:04,979  
-Locally?  
-Yeah.

205

00:10:05,062 --> 00:10:07,315  
It was a source of entertainment.

206

00:10:07,398 --> 00:10:08,816

[woman] You are a political anomaly,

207

00:10:08,899 --> 00:10:12,486  
and on Twitter, you know,  
you're not afraid to respond to viewers

208

00:10:12,570 --> 00:10:13,988  
with expletives.

209

00:10:14,071 --> 00:10:16,866  
Guess what, motherfucker,  
even the day is...

210

00:10:16,949 --> 00:10:19,118  
[Corkill] When people are running  
for any election,

211

00:10:19,201 --> 00:10:22,455  
there's a lot of glad-handing,  
there's a lot of baby kissing.

212

00:10:22,538 --> 00:10:27,126  
Joe passed out condoms  
with his face on them.

213

00:10:27,209 --> 00:10:28,878  
[Joe] Political condoms.

214

00:10:28,961 --> 00:10:31,464  
Vote for me, or you need this  
'cause you're screwed.

215

00:10:31,547 --> 00:10:35,301  
[Corkill] And of course, if you put it  
to social media, the comments are endless.

216

00:10:35,718 --> 00:10:38,554  
Probably got more hits talking about him

217

00:10:38,638 --> 00:10:41,599  
than really than content  
of everyone else who was running.

218  
00:10:42,308 --> 00:10:43,601  
It's more entertainment.

219  
00:10:44,393 --> 00:10:46,270  
[Joe] What are you doing?

220  
00:10:46,354 --> 00:10:48,064  
-[man] Watch it.  
-[Joe] We had nothing to...

221  
00:10:48,481 --> 00:10:50,441  
[Joe laughs]

222  
00:10:50,524 --> 00:10:51,651  
Watch your back.

223  
00:10:52,276 --> 00:10:54,320  
[Joe murmurs, laughs]

224  
00:10:54,945 --> 00:10:57,073  
What a wild interview!

225  
00:10:57,156 --> 00:10:59,158  
This is one of my stranger interviews.

226  
00:10:59,241 --> 00:11:03,371  
[Dial] Joe was running  
for governor of Oklahoma as a Libertarian.

227  
00:11:03,454 --> 00:11:06,374  
...Joe Maldonado aka Joe Exotic.

228  
00:11:06,457 --> 00:11:08,459  
He had no idea what a Libertarian is.

229  
00:11:08,876 --> 00:11:11,045  
He still has no idea  
what a Libertarian is.

230  
00:11:11,128 --> 00:11:12,755  
I'd like to introduce my wife,

231

00:11:12,838 --> 00:11:15,424  
but my husband's at home  
feeding my brand-new baby kangaroo.

232

00:11:15,508 --> 00:11:16,801  
Always wanted to say that.

233

00:11:18,302 --> 00:11:19,970  
[laughs]

234

00:11:20,054 --> 00:11:23,766  
Our eventual platform was my platform,

235

00:11:23,849 --> 00:11:27,728  
and that was less government,  
less spending, less bills.

236

00:11:28,521 --> 00:11:32,983  
There's two laws that they're introducing  
into Congress this year to try and pass.

237

00:11:33,067 --> 00:11:35,194  
One of them's the Big Cat Safety Act.

238

00:11:35,277 --> 00:11:37,113  
The only problem is it's all a fraud.

239

00:11:37,196 --> 00:11:39,198  
Just spending millions trying to decide

240

00:11:39,281 --> 00:11:42,118  
whether or not I should own  
a fucking tiger or not?

241

00:11:42,702 --> 00:11:44,120  
This is my way of living

242

00:11:44,203 --> 00:11:46,330  
and nobody's gonna tell me any other way.

243

00:11:48,958 --> 00:11:51,919  
[Carole] The only people who opposed  
the Big Cat Public Safety Act

244  
00:11:52,002 --> 00:11:56,006  
are those who are breeding these cubs  
and using them as pay-to-play props.

245  
00:11:57,174 --> 00:11:59,427  
This is a sweeping federal bill.

246  
00:11:59,510 --> 00:12:00,928  
It will cover all of those states,

247  
00:12:01,011 --> 00:12:05,599  
and nobody will be allowed to be keeping  
these big cats as pets any longer,

248  
00:12:05,683 --> 00:12:07,977  
or breeding them,  
or using them as pay-to-play props.

249  
00:12:08,436 --> 00:12:09,770  
[Joe] You want to know how come

250  
00:12:09,854 --> 00:12:13,733  
these people can get everything  
that they want introduced into law?

251  
00:12:14,817 --> 00:12:18,404  
Carole Baskin and Howard Baskin  
spend most of their time and money...

252  
00:12:19,780 --> 00:12:21,741  
sucking ass to the politicians.

253  
00:12:23,784 --> 00:12:26,245  
[Antle] They wanna take it all  
away from us.

254  
00:12:26,328 --> 00:12:30,541  
This seems entirely un-American,  
entirely unconstitutional to me.

255

00:12:31,333 --> 00:12:35,421  
[Antle] Doc Antle brought exotic cats  
into the halls of Congress,

256

00:12:35,504 --> 00:12:39,175  
because if you can get somebody  
to sit down and pet a cheetah

257

00:12:39,258 --> 00:12:41,343  
and have their picture made,  
then when I come in there

258

00:12:41,427 --> 00:12:44,180  
and say, "This is really cruel,  
and that's why it's cruel,"

259

00:12:44,263 --> 00:12:45,514  
they've already done it,

260

00:12:45,598 --> 00:12:47,558  
so they're like,  
"Well, if I say this is cruel,

261

00:12:47,641 --> 00:12:49,101  
people are gonna say I'm a hypocrite."

262

00:12:49,185 --> 00:12:51,187  
And so, our opponents are really smart

263

00:12:51,270 --> 00:12:53,272  
in the way that they get out there  
ahead of us

264

00:12:53,355 --> 00:12:54,815  
in a way that we just can't.

265

00:12:54,899 --> 00:13:00,905  
I mean, we're not gonna take wild animals  
into public buildings to make our point.

266

00:13:03,407 --> 00:13:05,951



[announcer] Watch this ride, Johnny!

267

00:13:06,035 --> 00:13:07,495  
Here's your bumper sticker.

268

00:13:07,953 --> 00:13:09,497  
I'm running for governor.

269

00:13:09,580 --> 00:13:11,457  
Put a bumper sticker on the horse

270

00:13:11,540 --> 00:13:13,876  
and let's keep the animal rights people  
out of Oklahoma.

271

00:13:13,959 --> 00:13:15,169  
[man laughing]

272

00:13:15,252 --> 00:13:16,253  
Want a free shirt?

273

00:13:16,962 --> 00:13:18,881  
We're gonna change this state.

274

00:13:18,964 --> 00:13:21,801  
It's time that somebody  
as broke as me and you get in there.

275

00:13:23,135 --> 00:13:25,387  
Joe, he had a lot of charisma.

276

00:13:25,471 --> 00:13:29,225  
Uh, anyone that I could get him  
in front of, we had their vote.

277

00:13:29,308 --> 00:13:30,476  
[overlapping chatter]

278

00:13:30,559 --> 00:13:31,977  
Do you still have the exotic farm?

279

00:13:32,061 --> 00:13:35,314  
Yep, yep. Up to 227 tigers.

280  
00:13:35,397 --> 00:13:37,316  
I got 22 coming in on Sunday.

281  
00:13:38,442 --> 00:13:39,693  
-It's huge.  
-I have to see it.

282  
00:13:39,777 --> 00:13:41,070  
It is huge. Do!

283  
00:13:41,153 --> 00:13:42,947  
-Pleasure seeing you.  
-Good seeing you.

284  
00:13:43,030 --> 00:13:45,032  
I'll give it to her. I'll give it to her.

285  
00:13:45,866 --> 00:13:48,953  
[Lowe] Joe thought  
that his political aspirations

286  
00:13:49,036 --> 00:13:51,705  
would lead to more business at the park,

287  
00:13:51,789 --> 00:13:53,415  
which it didn't, you know, of course.

288  
00:13:53,499 --> 00:13:56,418  
It actually-- I think it hurt us  
more than anything else.

289  
00:13:58,003 --> 00:14:01,298  
And he had signs up on the gift shop,  
he was gonna run for president in 2020.

290  
00:14:01,799 --> 00:14:04,051  
And I made him take those down.  
I said, "You know what?

291

00:14:04,134 --> 00:14:06,512  
The park isn't gonna fund  
your political campaign,

292  
00:14:06,595 --> 00:14:09,139  
and I think it's time to focus  
back on the animals."

293  
00:14:09,223 --> 00:14:11,600  
[Joe] Just get the front on them,  
is all we need first.

294  
00:14:11,684 --> 00:14:12,601  
[woman] You guys lift.

295  
00:14:12,685 --> 00:14:14,103  
[grunting]

296  
00:14:14,645 --> 00:14:16,188  
-Don't jam it.  
-Drop back.

297  
00:14:16,272 --> 00:14:17,731  
[Lowe] Joe turned into a little bitch

298  
00:14:18,399 --> 00:14:23,237  
and started griping and complaining  
about Allen every fucking day.

299  
00:14:23,612 --> 00:14:25,447  
When I first met Joe...

300  
00:14:25,781 --> 00:14:27,491  
things were all right, I guess,

301  
00:14:27,575 --> 00:14:29,743  
and then it turned like to shit quick.

302  
00:14:30,828 --> 00:14:33,831  
[Lowe] Joe would ask him to do something,  
and if Allen thought it was stupid,

303

00:14:33,914 --> 00:14:36,625  
he'd say, "Fuck you, Joe.  
I don't work for you. I work for Jeff."

304  
00:14:37,209 --> 00:14:39,295  
So Joe calls me up.  
"Allen was telling me..."

305  
00:14:39,378 --> 00:14:41,380  
Well I said, "Well, technically  
he does work for me.

306  
00:14:41,463 --> 00:14:42,631  
He doesn't work for you."

307  
00:14:43,007 --> 00:14:46,468  
I think Joe thought that I put Allen here  
as a plant

308  
00:14:46,552 --> 00:14:48,554  
to report back to me what was going on.

309  
00:14:48,846 --> 00:14:51,473  
Tell them if I have to come in there  
one more time

310  
00:14:51,557 --> 00:14:53,726  
and tell 'em to answer that radio,  
they're going home.

311  
00:14:54,560 --> 00:14:55,978  
Goldilocks bitch.

312  
00:14:57,104 --> 00:14:59,607  
[Lowe] Allen calls me and says,  
"I'm cutting some trees down today

313  
00:14:59,690 --> 00:15:00,566  
and Joe's behind me."

314  
00:15:00,649 --> 00:15:02,943  
He says, "Is it okay if  
I dropped a chainsaw on him?"

315

00:15:03,027 --> 00:15:05,487  
Allen wanted to take Joe out.  
He hated him that much.

316

00:15:06,071 --> 00:15:07,156  
Fucking...

317

00:15:08,240 --> 00:15:10,034  
Unimaginable, man, he was hateful.

318

00:15:10,117 --> 00:15:12,786  
Communication! Stay alive!

319

00:15:12,870 --> 00:15:14,496  
[Glover] Call you names over the radio.

320

00:15:14,580 --> 00:15:16,749  
It did-- Not just me. Anybody.

321

00:15:16,832 --> 00:15:19,585  
God damn, girl. Feed the goddamn animals!

322

00:15:19,668 --> 00:15:22,755  
Never in my life ever  
put up with anything like that.

323

00:15:22,838 --> 00:15:24,381  
And I've worked for quite a few people.

324

00:15:25,925 --> 00:15:27,509  
He tops it off.

325

00:15:27,593 --> 00:15:28,469  
Ready?

326

00:15:28,761 --> 00:15:31,180  
[Saffery] There was just a lot of  
burned bridges, man.

327

00:15:31,972 --> 00:15:33,015

You got sound?

328

00:15:33,390 --> 00:15:35,893

The fucking staff  
tried to get me killed in a cage.

329

00:15:36,393 --> 00:15:40,522

Hello, ladies and gentlemen,  
and welcome to video message number 113.

330

00:15:40,606 --> 00:15:42,441

They put cologne on my shoes.

331

00:15:44,068 --> 00:15:45,778

[Lowe] We heard that Joe was

332

00:15:45,861 --> 00:15:48,822

out in the arena while he was filming  
one of his stupid campaign videos.

333

00:15:48,906 --> 00:15:51,575

And this cat was sniffing his shoes  
and sniffing his shoes.

334

00:15:51,659 --> 00:15:52,952

Okay, well first of all,

335

00:15:53,035 --> 00:15:55,245

you haven't recognized  
the rest of us 40 people

336

00:15:55,329 --> 00:15:56,205

that are running.

337

00:15:56,330 --> 00:15:58,791

She was just fascinated  
by his shoes that day.

338

00:15:58,874 --> 00:16:02,169

And the list goes on. Ow, son of a bitch!

339

00:16:10,552 --> 00:16:12,137

God damn you!

340

00:16:13,597 --> 00:16:14,556  
[gunshot]

341

00:16:15,557 --> 00:16:18,227  
[Carole] Here's all these people filming  
Joe being dragged around,

342

00:16:18,310 --> 00:16:20,646  
and nobody's going in there to rescue him.

343

00:16:20,729 --> 00:16:21,981  
Get down! Go!

344

00:16:22,523 --> 00:16:23,607  
-[gunshot]  
-Get!

345

00:16:26,819 --> 00:16:28,821  
Ain't nobody help me. Nobody.

346

00:16:28,904 --> 00:16:31,323  
Get out of here, you bitch!

347

00:16:33,742 --> 00:16:35,160  
[Lowe] He came out with a story.

348

00:16:35,619 --> 00:16:40,290  
"Somebody put something on my shoes  
to get that cat to attack me."

349

00:16:41,458 --> 00:16:44,586  
I'm gonna shoot you right between  
the fucking eyes, bitch.

350

00:16:45,337 --> 00:16:48,382  
What scent makes a liger attack your shoe?

351

00:16:48,966 --> 00:16:51,301  
I were gonna... you know,  
if somebody wanted to kill you,

352

00:16:51,385 --> 00:16:55,139  
then they would put, like...  
sardine oil all over you.

353

00:16:55,222 --> 00:16:58,600  
Something the cat wants to eat,  
not something the cat wants to drool on.

354

00:16:58,684 --> 00:17:01,520  
'Cause the perfume, that's all they want  
to do, is just drool all over it.

355

00:17:01,603 --> 00:17:03,814  
They're just like... [moans, laughs]

356

00:17:04,440 --> 00:17:07,317  
[Lowe] All of the confusion  
that the Carole Baskin lawsuits

357

00:17:07,401 --> 00:17:10,362  
were causing him, and all the money  
it was costing him...

358

00:17:11,196 --> 00:17:12,656  
Somebody like Joe just goes crazy.

359

00:17:13,907 --> 00:17:16,285  
His mood swings were significant.

360

00:17:16,368 --> 00:17:17,661  
I don't give a shit.

361

00:17:17,911 --> 00:17:19,955  
Next time you're in jail  
and you're homeless,

362

00:17:20,039 --> 00:17:21,457  
be sure you don't call me.

363

00:17:23,500 --> 00:17:26,086  
-You wanna see how crazy...



-[Finlay] He didn't care who he hurt.

364

00:17:26,962 --> 00:17:28,672  
He didn't care who he stepped on.

365

00:17:28,756 --> 00:17:30,758  
Okay, don't-- This is my fucking...

366

00:17:30,883 --> 00:17:32,468  
[Reinke] Yeah, Joe was very controlling.

367

00:17:33,052 --> 00:17:35,929  
If John Finlay went to visit his brother  
in Texas, or anything like that,

368

00:17:36,013 --> 00:17:37,723  
he... didn't want him to go.

369

00:17:37,931 --> 00:17:39,725  
If he went, he wanted him back  
the same day.

370

00:17:40,392 --> 00:17:42,102  
I don't know how much love was involved,

371

00:17:42,186 --> 00:17:44,605  
but I'm sure it was the cars  
that he bought John Finlay,

372

00:17:44,688 --> 00:17:45,981  
the guns he bought John Finlay,

373

00:17:46,065 --> 00:17:47,649  
the four-wheelers he bought John Finlay.

374

00:17:48,275 --> 00:17:51,361  
This gun right here, Joe bought for me.

375

00:17:51,779 --> 00:17:53,864  
I mean, I like pink camo.

376

00:17:53,947 --> 00:17:56,283  
Lot of people make fun of me for it,  
but you know what...

377  
00:17:56,992 --> 00:17:58,827  
it's just something I like.

378  
00:18:00,120 --> 00:18:03,791  
He was...  
showering me with gifts and stuff.

379  
00:18:05,167 --> 00:18:06,752  
He bought me a truck.

380  
00:18:06,835 --> 00:18:09,797  
Actually bought me, like,  
four or five different trucks.

381  
00:18:09,880 --> 00:18:11,590  
If they wanted it, they got it.

382  
00:18:11,673 --> 00:18:13,383  
I mean, all they had to do was ask,

383  
00:18:13,467 --> 00:18:15,969  
and I think that's how  
he kept them close to him.

384  
00:18:17,179 --> 00:18:20,224  
John and Travis were both 19  
when they met Joe...

385  
00:18:20,891 --> 00:18:22,392  
and at 19 years old, man,

386  
00:18:22,476 --> 00:18:26,355  
the one thing that a 19-year-old guy  
wants to do is party,

387  
00:18:26,438 --> 00:18:29,066  
have fun, live it up.  
You know, no tomorrows.

388  
00:18:30,651 --> 00:18:32,528  
[Joe]  
Travis, he didn't really work at the zoo,

389  
00:18:32,611 --> 00:18:34,613  
he just rode his four-wheelers  
and shot his guns

390  
00:18:34,696 --> 00:18:36,448  
at the lake and the river.

391  
00:18:38,575 --> 00:18:41,578  
Travis was a pothead from hell, and--

392  
00:18:41,662 --> 00:18:42,996  
Which-- Who cares, you know,

393  
00:18:43,080 --> 00:18:45,249  
that's all Travis had in his life.

394  
00:18:46,291 --> 00:18:49,086  
He was trapped here in Wynnewood,  
a boy from Cali,

395  
00:18:49,169 --> 00:18:51,463  
and Joe kept him pumped full of weed

396  
00:18:51,547 --> 00:18:55,676  
to keep him from waking up and realizing  
this isn't a life to live.

397  
00:18:57,344 --> 00:18:58,387  
[laughs]

398  
00:18:59,054 --> 00:19:03,642  
[man humming]

399  
00:19:03,725 --> 00:19:06,019  
I knew there was drug use going on...

400  
00:19:06,687 --> 00:19:09,064

because of statements made  
by John and Joe.

401  
00:19:09,148 --> 00:19:11,024  
Oh, girls!

402  
00:19:11,108 --> 00:19:14,027  
I've always been worried  
about you being a spy. Run!

403  
00:19:14,111 --> 00:19:15,696  
-[women] No, don't-- Ahh!  
-[gunshot]

404  
00:19:15,779 --> 00:19:17,322  
[Joe] I've had my days of coke.

405  
00:19:17,406 --> 00:19:19,074  
I had my days of drinking.

406  
00:19:19,158 --> 00:19:21,243  
I had my days of meth.

407  
00:19:21,326 --> 00:19:23,579  
And this is my mother-in-law. Run!

408  
00:19:23,662 --> 00:19:25,080  
[laughter]

409  
00:19:29,501 --> 00:19:31,003  
[Rhodes] One thing that meth does:

410  
00:19:31,086 --> 00:19:34,923  
somehow or another  
it concentrates in your teeth.

411  
00:19:35,007 --> 00:19:37,009  
We call it meth mouth.

412  
00:19:38,302 --> 00:19:42,389  
Meth was the main one that we did.

413  
00:19:42,890 --> 00:19:44,892  
It was starting to really fuck me up  
in the head.

414  
00:19:45,726 --> 00:19:48,645  
I mean, I'm still kinda fucked up  
in the head from it now.

415  
00:19:50,314 --> 00:19:51,648  
When Travis came around,

416  
00:19:52,566 --> 00:19:54,151  
Travis would smoke his meth.

417  
00:19:59,948 --> 00:20:03,452  
I guess Joe was smart enough  
when he walked up and seen a young boy.

418  
00:20:03,535 --> 00:20:05,579  
"Hey, he's on meth.

419  
00:20:05,662 --> 00:20:08,123  
Come here. I'll provide your meth.

420  
00:20:08,207 --> 00:20:11,376  
I'll give you everything  
if you come over here and marry me."

421  
00:20:11,460 --> 00:20:13,879  
You know.  
So I guess that's how Joe did it.

422  
00:20:14,254 --> 00:20:16,423  
[Garretson] Travis, he would always say

423  
00:20:16,506 --> 00:20:18,300  
that he wanted to go  
to the strip bar with us,

424  
00:20:18,383 --> 00:20:20,552  
but he said Joe would freak out  
if he left the property.

425

00:20:20,636 --> 00:20:23,388  
I mean, he told me with his own mouth  
that he wasn't gay.

426

00:20:24,056 --> 00:20:28,310  
I told Joe at least three times  
Travis was not gay, okay?

427

00:20:28,393 --> 00:20:31,146  
Travis was banging every girl in the park,

428

00:20:31,688 --> 00:20:34,650  
and I find out later,  
John Finlay came out and said,

429

00:20:34,733 --> 00:20:36,985  
"Look, I gotta tell you,  
I'm really not gay.

430

00:20:37,069 --> 00:20:39,321  
I've been sleeping with the girl  
at the front desk,

431

00:20:39,404 --> 00:20:41,198  
and we're going off to get married."

432

00:20:42,616 --> 00:20:45,869  
All through school, I was dating girls.

433

00:20:46,453 --> 00:20:48,664  
From the time of kindergarten  
till I graduated,

434

00:20:48,747 --> 00:20:51,500  
I had a girlfriend... every time.

435

00:20:52,626 --> 00:20:57,756  
He actually slept with the secretary,  
Amber, there at the zoo.

436

00:20:58,090 --> 00:21:01,551

And Joe was pretty close to Amber  
because she'd been around for a long time.

437

00:21:01,635 --> 00:21:03,929  
[indistinct speech]

438

00:21:04,012 --> 00:21:05,889  
[Joe] He left me for a girl,

439

00:21:05,973 --> 00:21:08,267  
and the hardest part I had  
in dealing with that was...

440

00:21:08,350 --> 00:21:10,519  
I can't compete with that, you know?

441

00:21:10,602 --> 00:21:13,313  
Leave me for a man  
and we're game on, okay?

442

00:21:13,397 --> 00:21:15,399  
But leave me for a woman,  
I can't compete with that.

443

00:21:16,191 --> 00:21:18,777  
Come to find out  
John Finlay got her pregnant, so...

444

00:21:20,153 --> 00:21:21,405  
I've seen a few fights.

445

00:21:22,572 --> 00:21:25,701  
I think the saving grace  
in that situation was Travis.

446

00:21:26,201 --> 00:21:28,996  
You know, Joe wasn't alone.  
Joe still had Travis.

447

00:21:29,621 --> 00:21:31,957  
[Dial]  
Neither Travis nor John Finlay were gay,

448  
00:21:32,624 --> 00:21:34,084  
and Joe admitted that to me.

449  
00:21:34,167 --> 00:21:36,378  
Fell in love with straight guys,

450  
00:21:36,461 --> 00:21:39,548  
because there's not too many gay guys  
in Wynnewood, Oklahoma.

451  
00:21:41,508 --> 00:21:44,177  
You guys edit this shit.  
I want you to show it to him.

452  
00:21:45,137 --> 00:21:46,763  
He maybe asks me what's wrong,

453  
00:21:46,847 --> 00:21:49,933  
but he only spends five seconds listening,  
and then he'll walk out on me.

454  
00:21:51,059 --> 00:21:53,061  
[loud banging]

455  
00:21:54,604 --> 00:21:55,772  
Pretty fucking sad.

456  
00:21:55,856 --> 00:21:58,567  
He doesn't give a fuck about  
any of my problems, like...

457  
00:22:01,028 --> 00:22:03,113  
Is he trying to make me blow my top?

458  
00:22:04,406 --> 00:22:05,240  
I don't know.

459  
00:22:07,367 --> 00:22:08,535  
I don't know what he wants.

460  
00:22:10,037 --> 00:22:11,288



[tapping]

461

00:22:12,956 --> 00:22:14,833  
[Dial] There are people out there.

462

00:22:14,916 --> 00:22:18,545  
They will look at a person who is  
in desperate, dire need of something.

463

00:22:18,628 --> 00:22:21,381  
In Travis's case, he was addicted to meth.

464

00:22:22,049 --> 00:22:25,677  
And they take that need  
and they fulfill it...

465

00:22:26,094 --> 00:22:29,181  
until they become the only person  
that can fulfill that need.

466

00:22:29,264 --> 00:22:30,557  
And in exchange,

467

00:22:30,640 --> 00:22:34,686  
that person gives them whatever sexual  
or any other favors they want.

468

00:22:35,062 --> 00:22:37,356  
That's the relationship Joe had  
with Travis.

469

00:22:40,233 --> 00:22:41,401  
-What?  
-[chuckles]

470

00:22:42,069 --> 00:22:43,904  
-You know what? You know what?  
-What?

471

00:22:43,987 --> 00:22:45,030  
What? [laughs]

472

00:22:46,406 --> 00:22:47,866  
Bad dream, baby.

473  
00:22:47,991 --> 00:22:49,451  
That ain't even funny.

474  
00:22:50,077 --> 00:22:52,162  
That's not even funny.

475  
00:22:55,082 --> 00:22:58,460  
[Dial] Travis came into the office  
and started complaining to me.

476  
00:23:00,712 --> 00:23:04,800  
Travis was sitting underneath the camera,  
but it was pointing directly at me.

477  
00:23:10,263 --> 00:23:13,183  
He complained that there was--  
That he was a prisoner,

478  
00:23:13,517 --> 00:23:16,144  
that he was never allowed  
to leave the park.

479  
00:23:16,353 --> 00:23:17,771  
He wasn't allowed to get a job.

480  
00:23:17,854 --> 00:23:19,606  
All this was true, and frankly,

481  
00:23:19,689 --> 00:23:21,691  
he was upset  
that he didn't have enough pot.

482  
00:23:24,528 --> 00:23:26,113  
My last cigarette before I die.

483  
00:23:28,865 --> 00:23:30,909  
[man] He's smoking his last cigarette  
before he dies.

484

00:23:33,120 --> 00:23:36,415  
[Dial] He'd always pointed guns at people  
all the time out there at the park.

485  
00:23:40,001 --> 00:23:42,587  
Sometimes he'd wake you up  
pointing the gun at you.

486  
00:23:42,796 --> 00:23:45,632  
He'd done that to me  
on multiple occasions.

487  
00:23:45,715 --> 00:23:48,135  
So, he'd done that to me again  
in that office that morning

488  
00:23:48,218 --> 00:23:50,554  
and said, you know,  
"Freeze, motherfucker,"

489  
00:23:50,637 --> 00:23:53,098  
which is just what he did, and I told him,

490  
00:23:53,181 --> 00:23:54,808  
"Dude, you know not to point guns,"

491  
00:23:54,891 --> 00:23:57,853  
'cause I've told him before,  
don't point a gun at me,

492  
00:23:58,103 --> 00:23:59,646  
and he said, "Aww, man, this is a Ruger.

493  
00:23:59,729 --> 00:24:02,607  
There's no clip in it. You know  
a Ruger won't fire without a clip."

494  
00:24:07,654 --> 00:24:09,698  
I was sitting in the chair,  
you know, looking at him

495  
00:24:09,781 --> 00:24:11,324  
when he put the gun to his head.

496  
00:24:24,254 --> 00:24:25,755  
[Dial] It's not like...

497  
00:24:26,506 --> 00:24:27,549  
on the movies.

498  
00:24:31,136 --> 00:24:33,597  
I knew he was dead the second  
that he pulled the trigger, but...

499  
00:24:35,640 --> 00:24:37,517  
at the same time I didn't, you know?

500  
00:24:40,020 --> 00:24:41,062  
I thought it was a joke,

501  
00:24:41,354 --> 00:24:42,939  
because, you know, Travis was a jokester.

502  
00:24:43,023 --> 00:24:45,150  
He was a prankster.  
He liked to play pranks on people.

503  
00:24:47,486 --> 00:24:49,196  
But when I showed up at the zoo that day

504  
00:24:49,279 --> 00:24:51,406  
to get some order going on,

505  
00:24:51,490 --> 00:24:53,700  
Joe's passed out  
on the front porch, shaking.

506  
00:24:54,242 --> 00:24:56,620  
Uh, the ambulance is there  
taking care of Joe.

507  
00:24:57,204 --> 00:24:59,080  
Sheriff's department's got everything  
shut down.

508

00:24:59,164 --> 00:25:01,374  
I mean, you had to climb--  
I almost had to climb a fence

509

00:25:01,458 --> 00:25:03,502  
to get in the place  
to find out what was going on.

510

00:25:03,585 --> 00:25:06,254  
[reporter] Garvin County officials  
are investigating the incident...

511

00:25:06,338 --> 00:25:07,422  
[Cowie] This fucking clown?

512

00:25:08,173 --> 00:25:12,344  
I-- Goddamn, one of the best people.  
I've... know him four years, man.

513

00:25:14,137 --> 00:25:15,680  
Joy, a joy.

514

00:25:16,515 --> 00:25:19,684  
Absolute joy of life.

515

00:25:19,768 --> 00:25:22,062  
[reporter] Joe is now thanking the world  
for the support...

516

00:25:22,145 --> 00:25:25,982  
[Dial] I just kinda felt like I was  
attached by pain to Joe.

517

00:25:26,650 --> 00:25:28,193  
Like we had a bond of pain...

518

00:25:28,652 --> 00:25:31,905  
and I couldn't leave him,  
because of course I wanted to leave.

519

00:25:31,988 --> 00:25:34,866  
You know, why do I want to come back

to the office every day that,

520

00:25:34,950 --> 00:25:37,202  
you know, a horrific accident happened?

521

00:25:37,702 --> 00:25:40,705  
Um, but, you know, he really loved him.

522

00:25:50,465 --> 00:25:51,883  
[Joe] We're gonna try and make this

523

00:25:52,467 --> 00:25:55,220  
not a day of mourning,  
but a day of celebration

524

00:25:55,303 --> 00:25:59,099  
to celebrate the life  
of Travis Michael Maldonado.

525

00:26:00,600 --> 00:26:03,603  
We spent the last four years  
of our lives together.

526

00:26:04,145 --> 00:26:05,564  
I asked him every day,

527

00:26:05,647 --> 00:26:06,648  
I said, "Why me?"

528

00:26:08,358 --> 00:26:12,821  
And he said, "Because God put me here  
to make you smile, and that's my job."

529

00:26:13,655 --> 00:26:16,199  
And it didn't matter how stupid  
he had to get...

530

00:26:17,367 --> 00:26:22,372  
or if I was sittin' there concentrating  
as hard as I could... on the computer

531

00:26:22,455 --> 00:26:25,083

to write a letter  
to a senator or a congressman

532  
00:26:25,166 --> 00:26:28,378  
or something else, he'd come  
and rub them balls in my face.

533  
00:26:28,461 --> 00:26:29,462  
[mourners laugh]

534  
00:26:30,213 --> 00:26:31,047  
[clears throat]

535  
00:26:31,131 --> 00:26:33,842  
Everybody that works here  
knows exactly what I'm talking about,

536  
00:26:33,925 --> 00:26:35,176  
'cause you've seen his balls.

537  
00:26:37,679 --> 00:26:40,390  
They were like golden nuggets to that boy.

538  
00:26:41,766 --> 00:26:46,688  
♪ This old town is where I want to be ♪

539  
00:26:46,771 --> 00:26:49,316  
♪ Is where I'm gonna be ♪

540  
00:26:50,775 --> 00:26:54,821  
♪ I moved up here  
And I took a chance here ♪

541  
00:26:54,988 --> 00:26:57,991  
♪ Started my brother's dream ♪

542  
00:26:59,242 --> 00:27:01,244  
♪ Ain't much left here ♪

543  
00:27:01,369 --> 00:27:06,499  
♪ Aside from some beat up cars  
And the one satellite ♪

544  
00:27:08,168 --> 00:27:10,295  
[woman]  
He has to do dramatics, you know, drama.

545  
00:27:11,421 --> 00:27:14,716  
He has to do a show wherever he goes,  
whatever he does.

546  
00:27:16,551 --> 00:27:18,720  
He was even acting there.

547  
00:27:20,889 --> 00:27:23,850  
It's the worst thing ever  
in my whole life.

548  
00:27:25,852 --> 00:27:27,103  
My son being gone.

549  
00:27:29,439 --> 00:27:31,191  
I miss him greatly.

550  
00:27:35,987 --> 00:27:38,990  
[Joe] You know, we got married  
when he was 19 years old,

551  
00:27:39,074 --> 00:27:41,743  
and there was 32 years difference  
between us.

552  
00:27:44,287 --> 00:27:45,789  
Joe is a year older than me.

553  
00:27:46,623 --> 00:27:49,292  
And... yeah, I thought it was very odd.

554  
00:27:49,918 --> 00:27:52,128  
I don't know,  
I just didn't think that was right.

555  
00:27:54,422 --> 00:27:58,510  
But if Travis was happy, I was gonna



accept it, no matte, you know...

556

00:27:59,636 --> 00:28:00,470  
[clears throat]

557

00:28:02,138 --> 00:28:04,641  
This was right before he came to Oklahoma.

558

00:28:05,850 --> 00:28:07,102  
He came to see me, and...

559

00:28:07,977 --> 00:28:09,771  
see how young he is? [sniffs]

560

00:28:14,234 --> 00:28:15,402  
I don't know...

561

00:28:15,819 --> 00:28:17,696  
I don't know what happened.

562

00:28:18,154 --> 00:28:19,781  
I don't know how he ended up with Joe.

563

00:28:21,700 --> 00:28:23,535  
Joe changed when Travis shot himself.

564

00:28:23,618 --> 00:28:25,286  
Joe's whole demeanor changed.

565

00:28:31,000 --> 00:28:32,293  
Come on in.

566

00:28:35,547 --> 00:28:38,550  
[Joe] I do this every year,  
Christmas and Thanksgiving.

567

00:28:40,427 --> 00:28:41,553  
I've been cooking all night.

568

00:28:41,636 --> 00:28:43,638  
-Yes, sir.

-Jesus.

569

00:28:44,139 --> 00:28:45,807  
Please, Lord, look out for those...

570

00:28:48,143 --> 00:28:50,103  
who are spending this holiday alone...

571

00:28:50,937 --> 00:28:52,147  
without their loved one...

572

00:28:53,732 --> 00:28:55,817  
and are going through the same rough time.

573

00:28:56,860 --> 00:28:58,862  
Jesus' name, Amen.

574

00:28:58,945 --> 00:28:59,946  
[crowd] Amen.

575

00:29:00,739 --> 00:29:02,991  
Guys, start at this end  
and enjoy your meal.

576

00:29:04,242 --> 00:29:07,829  
-This is the only family I ever have.  
-Man, this is great. I appreciate it.

577

00:29:09,456 --> 00:29:11,708  
[Joe] I am third in the polls right now  
out of 12.

578

00:29:11,791 --> 00:29:13,460  
-[man] Oh, wow, that's good.  
-Yes.

579

00:29:23,720 --> 00:29:28,808  
I... have tried all day  
to hold this together.

580

00:29:40,779 --> 00:29:45,033  
The local biker clubs all came

and helped me build this memorial.

581

00:29:45,116 --> 00:29:46,534  
They actually built this...

582

00:29:47,160 --> 00:29:50,789  
and it's got his four-wheeler  
and his go-cart, and...

583

00:29:51,664 --> 00:29:53,291  
I had a little different vision.

584

00:29:53,374 --> 00:29:56,294  
I was gonna tier step it,  
and then they decided

585

00:29:56,377 --> 00:29:57,837  
to do it with the rocks and concrete,

586

00:29:57,921 --> 00:30:00,006  
and I actually like  
the way it turned out they did it.

587

00:30:00,089 --> 00:30:02,050  
Built the signs and everything else.

588

00:30:03,843 --> 00:30:05,678  
Every morning before I open the park,

589

00:30:05,762 --> 00:30:08,056  
I sit out here with him by myself,

590

00:30:08,431 --> 00:30:09,974  
and smoke a cigarette. And...

591

00:30:11,017 --> 00:30:12,227  
people think I'm crazy,

592

00:30:12,310 --> 00:30:15,855  
but I take pictures of the sky  
while I'm doing it.

593

00:30:16,439 --> 00:30:20,026  
The word "hi" in clouds has floated by

594

00:30:20,109 --> 00:30:22,779  
that I've got pictures of.  
I've got pictures of perfect angels.

595

00:30:25,156 --> 00:30:28,117  
[Lowe] It was after Travis's death  
that Joe really completely lost it.

596

00:30:30,036 --> 00:30:32,831  
James and I would go off  
into the dark spots of the park

597

00:30:32,914 --> 00:30:33,915  
and talk about Joe...

598

00:30:34,457 --> 00:30:37,836  
and just how bat-shit crazy he had gotten.

599

00:30:38,419 --> 00:30:40,255  
And he was so devastated, and...

600

00:30:40,338 --> 00:30:41,965  
cried about it for forever,

601

00:30:42,048 --> 00:30:43,675  
and... he was playing this part,

602

00:30:43,758 --> 00:30:45,552  
which I think he was playing a part.

603

00:30:45,635 --> 00:30:48,096  
I think he probably had some onions  
in his pocket,

604

00:30:48,179 --> 00:30:50,974  
rubbed his eyes or something.  
It's all bullshit.

605

00:30:53,351 --> 00:30:56,187  
He wanted so much to support me

606  
00:30:56,938 --> 00:31:00,358  
in my political career running  
for governor of the state of Oklahoma

607  
00:31:00,441 --> 00:31:06,614  
because he always said, "Hon, if anybody  
could get the people in this state

608  
00:31:06,698 --> 00:31:09,409  
to love and respect each other,  
it would be you.

609  
00:31:09,909 --> 00:31:12,912  
I told Lauren, I said, "You know,  
if he wants to run this zoo,

610  
00:31:12,996 --> 00:31:15,915  
we have to get away from here  
because I'm gonna kill this guy."

611  
00:31:15,999 --> 00:31:19,752  
So, I said, "Let's go lease this spot  
right on Las Vegas Boulevard,

612  
00:31:19,836 --> 00:31:21,754  
and we'll do this there."

613  
00:31:26,801 --> 00:31:27,969  
[Lowe] Vegas was crazy.

614  
00:31:29,721 --> 00:31:31,347  
We had the big Vegas mansion,

615  
00:31:31,431 --> 00:31:34,475  
and we had the Vegas parties  
and we had tigers in our house.

616  
00:31:35,310 --> 00:31:38,813  
He decided he wants to stay in Vegas  
and try and make money out there.

617

00:31:39,564 --> 00:31:42,942  
He talked a sponsor into buying a bus,  
and they called it the jungle bus.

618

00:31:43,818 --> 00:31:45,695  
[Saffery] Like a party bus with animals.

619

00:31:46,362 --> 00:31:48,865  
[Reinke] He could actually haul people  
from casino to casino

620

00:31:48,948 --> 00:31:50,909  
and let them play with cubs  
while they're doing it.

621

00:31:55,580 --> 00:31:57,916  
[Lowe] We thought it would be a good idea,  
but we were wrong.

622

00:31:58,958 --> 00:32:00,543  
That was a big fucking mistake.

623

00:32:01,502 --> 00:32:06,382  
All right, I got 15 minutes,  
so we gotta get them cats loaded,

624

00:32:07,008 --> 00:32:08,968  
and I got to change clothes.

625

00:32:10,386 --> 00:32:11,846  
[man on radio] He's right up the gate.

626

00:32:14,098 --> 00:32:16,267  
The white one I named Travis,

627

00:32:16,351 --> 00:32:19,395  
was born two days after Travis died.

628

00:32:22,065 --> 00:32:22,941  
Come on in.

629

00:32:23,858 --> 00:32:26,778  
I got his lamp that they made me

630

00:32:27,195 --> 00:32:30,323  
that stays on 24 hours a day,  
and then his ash box.

631

00:32:34,535 --> 00:32:36,496  
Gotta get the Prince Albert in there...

632

00:32:36,663 --> 00:32:38,373  
[man] How long have you had  
a Prince Albert?

633

00:32:38,456 --> 00:32:39,290  
Oh, hell.

634

00:32:40,500 --> 00:32:41,584  
Eighteen years?

635

00:32:43,461 --> 00:32:45,588  
And believe it or not,  
them padlocks there on the side,

636

00:32:45,672 --> 00:32:47,382  
I wear those on the end  
of my Prince Albert.

637

00:32:47,465 --> 00:32:50,343  
[man] You wear the padlocks on the--  
Oh, my god.

638

00:32:50,426 --> 00:32:52,095  
Because they don't make a ring that big.

639

00:32:54,555 --> 00:32:56,849  
[Joe] First date since Travis died.

640

00:33:01,729 --> 00:33:04,732  
I'm gonna get the curls out,  
'cause that's my sex appeal.

641  
00:33:04,816 --> 00:33:06,359  
[chuckles]

642  
00:33:11,072 --> 00:33:12,407  
A jacket for the date.

643  
00:33:20,456 --> 00:33:21,290  
[car door closes]

644  
00:33:23,292 --> 00:33:24,168  
-Excited?  
-What?

645  
00:33:24,252 --> 00:33:25,086  
Excited?

646  
00:33:25,169 --> 00:33:26,087  
-Yeah.  
-Cool.

647  
00:33:26,170 --> 00:33:27,422  
-[man] You ready Joe?  
-I'm ready.

648  
00:33:28,172 --> 00:33:31,676  
Now we gotta go find where the parade is  
'cause that's where I gotta--

649  
00:33:31,759 --> 00:33:33,886  
that's where I gotta do the news thing  
real quick.

650  
00:33:34,387 --> 00:33:36,097  
I met Dillon in a chat room.

651  
00:33:37,223 --> 00:33:39,934  
Took me a couple days to talk him into  
going to dinner,

652  
00:33:40,560 --> 00:33:44,689  
and, you know, you can believe  
what you want to believe...



653

00:33:47,233 --> 00:33:48,484  
about whether or not...

654

00:33:49,777 --> 00:33:52,905  
things are sent to you  
or people are sent to you or whatever,

655

00:33:53,489 --> 00:33:56,701  
but we went to dinner  
and he never went home.

656

00:33:57,285 --> 00:33:59,620  
Are you gonna ride--  
Where do you wanna ride in the parade?

657

00:33:59,704 --> 00:34:00,955  
In with the tigers?

658

00:34:01,831 --> 00:34:02,832  
-Yes.  
-Do you really?

659

00:34:02,915 --> 00:34:04,459  
-Yeah, that'd be cool.  
-Okay. Deal.

660

00:34:04,542 --> 00:34:06,044  
-I'll ride with the tigers.  
-All right.

661

00:34:06,627 --> 00:34:07,670  
If you're gonna ride here,

662

00:34:07,754 --> 00:34:10,298  
I need you to stand here  
and let them get used to you.

663

00:34:10,590 --> 00:34:12,800  
They're not gonna bite you.  
They're just babies, so.

664

00:34:12,884 --> 00:34:13,885  
When Travis died,

665  
00:34:13,968 --> 00:34:15,970  
he didn't give a fuck about the campaign,

666  
00:34:16,054 --> 00:34:18,097  
about his family, about anything.

667  
00:34:18,181 --> 00:34:22,101  
All he cared about was that  
he find a companion,

668  
00:34:22,685 --> 00:34:24,520  
and he was not satisfied until then.

669  
00:34:25,938 --> 00:34:27,732  
Yeah, thanks for having me.

670  
00:34:27,815 --> 00:34:30,443  
When he found Dillon,  
he started to bounce back.

671  
00:34:30,526 --> 00:34:32,528  
[laughing]

672  
00:34:32,987 --> 00:34:35,323  
[Passage] His energy  
was just so strong, you know,

673  
00:34:35,406 --> 00:34:37,033  
and like, when he proposed to me,

674  
00:34:37,116 --> 00:34:39,118  
it was one of those things  
I couldn't think about.

675  
00:34:39,202 --> 00:34:41,788  
I just had to, you know--  
just gonna go with the flow.

676  
00:34:41,871 --> 00:34:44,874

It was like, my whole life  
I've just overthank everything, you know?

677

00:34:45,083 --> 00:34:47,376  
When he proposed, I just-- I said yes.

678

00:34:49,212 --> 00:34:52,507  
[Cheryl] Two months after my son died,

679

00:34:53,132 --> 00:34:54,759  
he married Dillon.

680

00:34:56,219 --> 00:34:58,096  
Invited me to the wedding.

681

00:34:58,179 --> 00:34:59,889  
Okay, I thought  
it was going to be a wedding.

682

00:34:59,972 --> 00:35:01,349  
No, it was the cameraman,

683

00:35:01,891 --> 00:35:04,102  
me, and... the flower girl.

684

00:35:04,977 --> 00:35:06,521  
So on the social media...

685

00:35:06,604 --> 00:35:09,690  
"Well, Travis's mom is fine with it,  
so everybody else should be."

686

00:35:11,067 --> 00:35:14,821  
Then I didn't hear anything  
from him again.

687

00:35:15,279 --> 00:35:16,823  
He was done with me.

688

00:35:25,039 --> 00:35:28,584  
My name is Joseph Maldonado  
A.K.A Joe Exotic,

689

00:35:29,335 --> 00:35:32,380  
and yes, I'm running for governor  
of the state of Oklahoma as well.

690

00:35:32,463 --> 00:35:35,550  
I mean, not everybody gets the opportunity  
to see a tiger, you know,

691

00:35:35,633 --> 00:35:37,009  
especially in a parade.

692

00:35:37,593 --> 00:35:41,264  
They're not mine.  
I don't have to, like, raise them, do I?

693

00:35:47,728 --> 00:35:49,397  
[Joe] Take these bags of snow

694

00:35:49,480 --> 00:35:53,234  
and kinda just fluff it up  
to where the lights glow.

695

00:35:53,317 --> 00:35:56,237  
-No, the lights glow under it. Okay?  
-Oh, all right.

696

00:36:03,911 --> 00:36:05,746  
[children chattering, laughing]

697

00:36:05,830 --> 00:36:07,290  
[horn honks]

698

00:36:07,373 --> 00:36:10,459  
[marching band playing]

699

00:36:39,405 --> 00:36:40,364  
Merry Christmas.

700

00:36:41,449 --> 00:36:43,701  
Let's free Oklahoma for a change.

701

00:36:44,327 --> 00:36:45,870  
[Dial] Towards the end of the campaign,

702

00:36:45,953 --> 00:36:50,374  
when I felt like we were probably surging  
because he started listening to advice,

703

00:36:50,458 --> 00:36:52,960  
he asked,  
"Josh, what are we going to do if we win?"

704

00:36:56,756 --> 00:37:00,301  
Joe Exotic will make just as good  
a governor as we ever had.

705

00:37:00,384 --> 00:37:02,303  
He's not afraid to say  
what he wants to say,

706

00:37:02,386 --> 00:37:03,846  
and do what he wants to do,

707

00:37:03,930 --> 00:37:06,390  
and sorry if he steps on some toes,

708

00:37:06,474 --> 00:37:08,184  
but he does it anyway, so...

709

00:37:08,267 --> 00:37:09,352  
Well, who knows, you know?

710

00:37:09,435 --> 00:37:12,855  
I mean, I would say  
stranger things have happened.

711

00:37:12,939 --> 00:37:15,024  
[overlapping chatter]

712

00:37:15,775 --> 00:37:16,859  
[Joe] Better mental health.

713

00:37:16,943 --> 00:37:18,402  
Let all the potheads out of jail

714  
00:37:18,486 --> 00:37:20,780  
and put them crooked bastards  
where they belong.

715  
00:37:22,490 --> 00:37:24,242  
[reporter] Close to 2,000  
across Oklahoma...

716  
00:37:24,325 --> 00:37:27,036  
We don't have this yet.

717  
00:37:27,119 --> 00:37:29,163  
Among those  
that they are casting votes for,

718  
00:37:29,247 --> 00:37:30,581  
the next governor of Oklahoma.

719  
00:37:30,665 --> 00:37:33,209  
[man] Breaking down the numbers,  
Karen, let's start with you.

720  
00:37:33,292 --> 00:37:34,418  
What do you see numbers-wise?

721  
00:37:40,675 --> 00:37:43,844  
-[man] Joe, what happened tonight?  
-What happened tonight?

722  
00:37:44,929 --> 00:37:46,055  
We fucking lost.

723  
00:37:46,138 --> 00:37:47,265  
[laughs]

724  
00:37:47,848 --> 00:37:49,558  
[man] You do everything against the odds!

725  
00:37:49,642 --> 00:37:52,270

I do, I do. I'm gonna jump off  
this fucking roof here in a minute.

726

00:37:52,353 --> 00:37:54,522  
[Joe, crowd laughing]

727

00:37:54,605 --> 00:37:56,941  
[man] Don't say that.  
We're worried about that.

728

00:37:57,817 --> 00:37:58,734  
Fuck.

729

00:37:58,818 --> 00:38:00,111  
[applause]

730

00:38:00,194 --> 00:38:02,863  
It's been great running against you.  
You've done a tremendous job,

731

00:38:02,947 --> 00:38:04,949  
-and I'm glad we're friends.  
-We had fun.

732

00:38:05,032 --> 00:38:07,243  
-How many death threats did you get?  
-A couple.

733

00:38:07,326 --> 00:38:09,578  
Okay, that's the sign  
of a successful campaign. Trust me.

734

00:38:09,662 --> 00:38:11,664  
-A couple. Yeah.  
-It's fear.

735

00:38:14,000 --> 00:38:16,335  
[Saffery] His governor campaign,

736

00:38:16,419 --> 00:38:18,879  
I think that's where he kinda lost  
his path,

737

00:38:19,338 --> 00:38:21,966  
as far as what was the priority.

738

00:38:22,591 --> 00:38:24,427  
It wasn't about the animals anymore.

739

00:38:27,179 --> 00:38:29,015  
Everything was falling apart,

740

00:38:29,682 --> 00:38:33,352  
from finances to animal care to employees.

741

00:38:36,605 --> 00:38:38,733  
[Cowie]  
The passion was there, but he lost it.

742

00:38:39,483 --> 00:38:42,153  
I don't know where and how he lost it,  
but he lost it.

743

00:39:04,717 --> 00:39:06,093  
[Dial] You could always read Joe.

744

00:39:08,304 --> 00:39:10,139  
He didn't have a poker face.

745

00:39:12,975 --> 00:39:15,853  
We knew something was going on.

746

00:39:18,606 --> 00:39:20,816  
You know,  
he was already a paranoid person...

747

00:39:21,484 --> 00:39:24,945  
throwing people out, accusing them  
of being spies and stuff.

748

00:39:30,242 --> 00:39:32,703  
But the paranoia was not unfounded.

749

00:39:35,956 --> 00:39:39,502



We found a microphone and an antenna  
on top of the gift shop roof.

750

00:39:40,378 --> 00:39:44,715  
It was about that tall, you know,  
little metallic base with a short antenna.

751

00:39:46,509 --> 00:39:48,928  
I don't pretend to be a technical wizard,

752

00:39:49,011 --> 00:39:51,597  
but I could tell  
it was a listening device.

753

00:39:52,431 --> 00:39:53,682  
[Joe muttering]

754

00:39:55,101 --> 00:39:58,354  
[Dial] That's when I knew that there was  
something serious going on.

755

00:40:01,065 --> 00:40:01,941  
She told me, she says,

756

00:40:02,024 --> 00:40:04,360  
"I hear Joe is under some kind  
of federal investigation."

757

00:40:05,027 --> 00:40:07,571  
And I said, "What did you hear?"

758

00:40:07,696 --> 00:40:09,198  
And she says, "I don't know." She says,

759

00:40:09,281 --> 00:40:11,075  
"They were talking about it here  
one morning."

760

00:40:11,158 --> 00:40:12,952  
-And that was-- Okay.  
-[man] I got it...

761

00:40:14,620 --> 00:40:16,956  
Okay. All right. Okay. All right. Bye.

762  
00:40:21,961 --> 00:40:23,671  
-Sorry.  
-[phone ringing]

763  
00:40:25,297 --> 00:40:29,093  
[man] So we just interviewed Jeff Lowe  
and the entire time,

764  
00:40:29,176 --> 00:40:33,931  
he had incoming calls from a federal agent  
over and over.

765  
00:40:34,223 --> 00:40:38,269  
Like, who the hell still talks to Joe  
that would even...

766  
00:40:39,145 --> 00:40:41,313  
He told me that Joe's going down,

767  
00:40:41,397 --> 00:40:43,023  
Joe's-- it's over for Joe.

768  
00:40:43,107 --> 00:40:45,276  
[woman on phone]  
Oh, my god. I can't believe...

769  
00:40:45,359 --> 00:40:47,695  
I mean, it was sort of funny  
when they started,

770  
00:40:48,279 --> 00:40:50,448  
but it's gotten really dark.

771  
00:40:50,531 --> 00:40:52,575  
[cub yowls]

772  
00:40:53,534 --> 00:40:57,538  
[closing music theme]

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