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**TIGER KING**  
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**"Not Your Average Joe"**

Meet Joe Exotic, the gun-toting operator of an Oklahoma big cat park. He's been accused of hiring someone to murder his chief rival, Carole Baskin.

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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

00:00:05,755 --> 00:00:07,215  
[man 1] Where do you want to start?

2

00:00:07,757 --> 00:00:09,801  
I guess at the beginning somewhere.

3

00:00:10,260 --> 00:00:11,594  
It was a crazy beginning.

4

00:00:13,304 --> 00:00:14,139  
Mmm.

5

00:00:16,266 --> 00:00:18,935  
-Crazy.  
-[interviewer] What was the beginning?

6

00:00:25,525 --> 00:00:27,068  
[man 2] Animal people are nuts, man.

7

00:00:27,736 --> 00:00:29,320  
And I might be one of them people.

8

00:00:29,404 --> 00:00:30,238  
I don't know,

9

00:00:30,655 --> 00:00:34,075  
but they're all half-out there, man.  
They're crazy.

10

00:00:35,118 --> 00:00:37,746  
[man 3] You know, the monkey people  
are a little bit different.

11

00:00:37,829 --> 00:00:39,539  
[handler]  
Okay, good boy! Good boy!

12

00:00:39,831 --> 00:00:41,374  
You know, they're kinda strange,

13

00:00:41,458 --> 00:00:44,794

but the big cat people  
are back-stabbing...

14

00:00:45,962 --> 00:00:46,838  
pieces of shit.

15

00:00:48,214 --> 00:00:51,051  
[reporter 1] A decades-long feud  
comes to a bizarre end--

16

00:00:51,134 --> 00:00:54,220  
[reporter 2] Tiger King stands accused  
of trying to have a woman killed.

17

00:00:55,096 --> 00:00:58,475  
[man 2] You know, there's not every day  
that a zookeeper went to prison

18

00:00:58,558 --> 00:01:00,060  
for murder-for-hire.

19

00:01:01,352 --> 00:01:02,353  
So, I'm sure--

20

00:01:03,855 --> 00:01:05,774  
I'm sure y'all got a story to tell.

21

00:01:10,612 --> 00:01:12,697  
[operator]  
This is a prepaid call from...

22

00:01:13,114 --> 00:01:14,074  
[man 4] Joe Exotic.

23

00:01:14,532 --> 00:01:17,202  
[operator]  
...an inmate at the Grady County Jail.

24

00:01:18,745 --> 00:01:20,538  
[Joe] Do you know  
what they threatened me with?

25

00:01:20,622 --> 00:01:22,082  
Seventy-nine years.

26  
00:01:24,334 --> 00:01:28,046  
I went to work every day  
prepared to die in a tiger cage.

27  
00:01:28,922 --> 00:01:30,965  
-[tiger roaring]  
-Dying doesn't scare me.

28  
00:01:33,259 --> 00:01:34,511  
At all.

29  
00:01:39,724 --> 00:01:41,601  
[reporter 3] Here is a fact  
that may make you stop for a second.

30  
00:01:41,684 --> 00:01:43,937  
There are more captive tigers  
in the US today

31  
00:01:44,020 --> 00:01:46,856  
than there are in the wild  
throughout the world.

32  
00:01:46,940 --> 00:01:49,359  
-[lions growling]  
-Come here, you sexy beast!

33  
00:01:49,442 --> 00:01:51,611  
[man 5] Hi, little man.

34  
00:01:51,694 --> 00:01:54,322  
Look at that big smile. There you go.  
Show them claws.

35  
00:01:55,323 --> 00:01:58,326  
[man 6] You would not believe  
how many sheriffs told me,

36  
00:01:58,409 --> 00:01:59,786  
"Oh yeah, just down the street,

37

00:01:59,869 --> 00:02:01,204  
there's a guy that has a lion,"

38

00:02:01,287 --> 00:02:03,540  
or, "A guy down there that has a tiger."

39

00:02:03,623 --> 00:02:05,875  
They just feel very strongly  
that these are mine

40

00:02:05,959 --> 00:02:07,377  
and nobody's gonna take 'em from me.

41

00:02:07,460 --> 00:02:10,255  
-[roars]  
-[man 7] I'll tell you, it's real simple.

42

00:02:10,338 --> 00:02:14,384  
Don't own big, dangerous, exotic animals  
'cause it's a time bomb.

43

00:02:14,467 --> 00:02:15,969  
Everybody has a story.

44

00:02:16,052 --> 00:02:19,013  
Everybody that's owned one,  
it's always been a bad, bad ending.

45

00:02:19,097 --> 00:02:21,307  
I've been doing this 20 years.  
Never even been bit.

46

00:02:21,391 --> 00:02:23,101  
-[snarls]  
-[man gasps, grunts]

47

00:02:23,184 --> 00:02:24,185  
It's okay.

48

00:02:24,269 --> 00:02:26,688  
Our mission is to ban

the private possession

49

00:02:26,771 --> 00:02:28,523  
of these magnificent animals.

50

00:02:29,107 --> 00:02:31,109  
[man 1] She wanted to shut down the zoo.

51

00:02:31,734 --> 00:02:33,570  
And he wanted her gone.

52

00:02:33,653 --> 00:02:35,530  
[reporter 4]  
The so-called Tiger King--

53

00:02:35,613 --> 00:02:38,241  
[reporter 5] He is on trial,  
accused in a murder-for-hire plot.

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00:02:38,825 --> 00:02:40,994  
[reporter 6] Joe Exotic is accused  
of paying a person

55

00:02:41,077 --> 00:02:42,787  
to murder Carole Baskin.

56

00:02:42,871 --> 00:02:46,166  
[woman] Long before he was ever indicted  
in these charges,

57

00:02:46,249 --> 00:02:50,128  
Joe Exotic was someone that makes good TV,  
makes good news.

58

00:02:50,211 --> 00:02:52,755  
Even if it's a train wreck,  
you can't help but look.

59

00:02:53,006 --> 00:02:58,678  
He's a completely insane, gay, gun-toting,  
drug-addict fanatic.

60

00:02:58,761 --> 00:02:59,888  
[man 1] He wasn't real.

61  
00:02:59,971 --> 00:03:01,848  
He was like a mythical character,

62  
00:03:01,931 --> 00:03:04,309  
living out in the middle  
of Bumfuck, Oklahoma.

63  
00:03:04,392 --> 00:03:06,895  
[reporter 4] The well-known zoo owner  
was taken into custody.

64  
00:03:06,978 --> 00:03:09,606  
[reporter 5] He could be looking  
at nearly 80 years in prison.

65  
00:03:10,106 --> 00:03:12,275  
[Joe] When I leave this park,  
I wear a bulletproof vest.

66  
00:03:12,859 --> 00:03:15,653  
That is how bad this has gotten.

67  
00:03:15,737 --> 00:03:19,574  
There are so many strange twists  
in that story.

68  
00:03:19,657 --> 00:03:21,576  
You would have to write books,

69  
00:03:21,659 --> 00:03:23,453  
volumes of the stuff  
that went wrong there.

70  
00:03:25,955 --> 00:03:28,374  
Let me show and tell the whole thing.

71  
00:03:29,125 --> 00:03:31,044  
Because then you'll get it.

72



00:03:31,794 --> 00:03:36,090  
Then you'll say, "Jesus fucking Christ!  
Why are you in jail?"

73  
00:03:57,362 --> 00:03:59,697  
[interviewer]  
Okay, this is good. All right.

74  
00:03:59,781 --> 00:04:00,615  
And how old is she?

75  
00:04:00,698 --> 00:04:02,825  
[snake owner]  
She's 23 years old.

76  
00:04:02,909 --> 00:04:04,702  
[interviewer]  
When I started this project,

77  
00:04:04,786 --> 00:04:07,622  
I had no idea it would consume  
five years of my life

78  
00:04:13,253 --> 00:04:15,213  
It all began when I was investigating

79  
00:04:15,296 --> 00:04:18,049  
a notorious reptile dealer  
in South Florida.

80  
00:04:18,299 --> 00:04:21,302  
[dealer] See how the snake stresses?  
That's when the venom shoots out.

81  
00:04:21,386 --> 00:04:25,598  
That's enough to kill everybody  
in this room three, four times over.

82  
00:04:25,682 --> 00:04:28,601  
[Goode] A guy showed up one day  
wanting to buy a venomous snake.

83  
00:04:28,685 --> 00:04:31,938

We haven't even offered them for sale yet.  
These are those real young ones, you know.

84

00:04:32,563 --> 00:04:34,232  
[Goode] When he was leaving, he said,

85

00:04:34,315 --> 00:04:36,317  
"Check out what I just bought."

86

00:04:37,819 --> 00:04:39,988  
In the back of this guy's van  
was a snow leopard.

87

00:04:40,697 --> 00:04:42,240  
Oh, shit!

88

00:04:42,323 --> 00:04:44,492  
It was 100 degrees outside.

89

00:04:44,575 --> 00:04:46,786  
Do they need to be refrigerated?  
You know, 'cause they--

90

00:04:46,953 --> 00:04:48,705  
[dealer]  
Not if they're acclimated in Florida,

91

00:04:48,788 --> 00:04:50,164  
if they're born and raised here.

92

00:04:50,248 --> 00:04:52,250  
[Goode] Are these as rare  
as the clouded leopard?

93

00:04:52,333 --> 00:04:55,086  
These are rarer than the clouded leopard.

94

00:04:56,045 --> 00:04:58,006  
[Goode] It just blew my mind.

95

00:04:58,631 --> 00:05:02,176  
What is a snow leopard doing

in the back of this guy's hot van?

96

00:05:05,221 --> 00:05:08,975

That set me on this journey  
to really understand what is going on

97

00:05:09,058 --> 00:05:11,436

with people keeping big cats  
in this country.

98

00:05:35,001 --> 00:05:36,878

Oh, little girl.

99

00:05:41,507 --> 00:05:44,052

-[woman] Maybe take it off?

-Oh, you don't want me to take it off.

100

00:05:44,135 --> 00:05:45,011

[Goode] I like it off.

101

00:05:46,512 --> 00:05:51,100

Your whole audience will say, "Oh my god,  
that guy has a mullet!"

102

00:05:51,184 --> 00:05:52,977

[Goode] No, I like it. I like it!

103

00:05:54,520 --> 00:05:58,775

Jamotti! Jamotti, my sexy tiger!

104

00:05:59,442 --> 00:06:00,943

[Goode]

You raised these from babies?

105

00:06:01,027 --> 00:06:03,029

[Joe] These were grown up  
in my house, yup.

106

00:06:03,571 --> 00:06:05,656

We've got, like, eight of 'em  
in there now.

107

00:06:07,033 --> 00:06:08,868  
People, every day, they're like...

108  
00:06:09,827 --> 00:06:14,707  
"You must have the most incredible life,  
to live with 187 big cats."

109  
00:06:18,544 --> 00:06:21,756  
I started building this in 1999.

110  
00:06:22,423 --> 00:06:25,426  
Believe it or not,  
this was a completely empty field.

111  
00:06:26,010 --> 00:06:29,097  
In over 16 years, it's grown into this.

112  
00:06:30,181 --> 00:06:31,766  
My name is Joe Exotic

113  
00:06:31,933 --> 00:06:34,310  
and this is Thunder and Lightning!

114  
00:06:34,519 --> 00:06:37,855  
The only difference between my pet  
and your pet is

115  
00:06:37,939 --> 00:06:41,776  
mine have three-inch teeth,  
and they weigh 400 pounds.

116  
00:06:42,735 --> 00:06:45,905  
Does it feel good to stand on my stage

117  
00:06:45,988 --> 00:06:50,034  
with 500-pound tigers  
and everybody envy you?

118  
00:06:50,118 --> 00:06:52,161  
Absolutely. Okay?

119  
00:06:52,245 --> 00:06:55,540

I would be the biggest liar if I said no.

120

00:06:55,623 --> 00:06:56,624

Now, stop.

121

00:06:57,834 --> 00:07:00,002

That's a brand-new shirt, now quit it!

122

00:07:00,628 --> 00:07:04,090

Do you have a sense of bonding with them,  
or do you have a-- Ooh.

123

00:07:04,882 --> 00:07:08,177

Is there, like an emotional connection  
between you and these cats?

124

00:07:08,261 --> 00:07:12,140

There is a very emotional connection  
between me and these cats. Extreme.

125

00:07:12,223 --> 00:07:13,474

That's his deal right now.

126

00:07:13,599 --> 00:07:16,144

I mean, his whole deal is about  
just wanting--

127

00:07:16,394 --> 00:07:18,187

Petted and loved on, you know?

128

00:07:18,271 --> 00:07:21,190

-They're so affectionate and fond--  
-Are these trying to mate?

129

00:07:21,274 --> 00:07:22,191

Well, they're two boys.

130

00:07:22,275 --> 00:07:24,735

-Oh, they're two boys.  
-We have a very open relationship here.

131

00:07:24,819 --> 00:07:27,238

[laughing]

132

00:07:27,321 --> 00:07:29,323  
We do not discriminate here.

133

00:07:29,407 --> 00:07:30,575  
[laughing]

134

00:07:37,165 --> 00:07:38,833  
[Joe] Good afternoon,  
ladies and gentlemen.

135

00:07:38,916 --> 00:07:39,834  
I'd like to welcome you

136

00:07:39,917 --> 00:07:41,752  
to the Greater Wynnewood  
Exotic Animal Park.

137

00:07:41,836 --> 00:07:44,338  
I can assure you're going to get closer  
to tigers and lions here

138

00:07:44,422 --> 00:07:47,633  
than you would anywhere in the world.  
Matter of fact, you're gonna get so close

139

00:07:47,717 --> 00:07:50,052  
I can almost promise you  
some of you will be urinated on.

140

00:07:50,553 --> 00:07:52,472  
If that happens,  
we have t-shirts in the gift shop

141

00:07:52,555 --> 00:07:54,557  
that says, "I got peed on by a tiger."

142

00:07:55,683 --> 00:07:57,727  
[man] All right, everybody,  
what I need you guys to do

143

00:07:57,810 --> 00:07:59,228  
is walk down the fence line here.

144  
00:07:59,312 --> 00:08:02,273  
Follow Katrina. We're gonna introduce you  
to your first dangerous animal.

145  
00:08:02,857 --> 00:08:05,818  
I'm kind of embarrassed to say it,  
but when I got here,

146  
00:08:05,902 --> 00:08:08,112  
I was on kind of the end of my ropes.

147  
00:08:10,990 --> 00:08:13,451  
and I was like, "Man!  
I never done this shit before!

148  
00:08:13,534 --> 00:08:15,369  
What the fuck? Let's go!"

149  
00:08:16,204 --> 00:08:19,874  
And now look at me! I'm doing tiger shows!

150  
00:08:23,211 --> 00:08:27,381  
[man 2] I've been the manager  
at the G.W. Zoo for 14 years now.

151  
00:08:28,633 --> 00:08:30,593  
Most of the staff was unique.

152  
00:08:30,676 --> 00:08:32,678  
That's what I thought  
was really cool about the zoo.

153  
00:08:34,138 --> 00:08:35,139  
And then there's Joe.

154  
00:08:35,223 --> 00:08:37,725  
Do the dance! [humming]

155  
00:08:37,808 --> 00:08:38,768

I love you so much!

156

00:08:39,352 --> 00:08:41,604  
[man 3] The people who worked for Joe  
were misfits,

157

00:08:41,687 --> 00:08:42,980  
and they were a family.

158

00:08:43,105 --> 00:08:46,108  
It was a place where all these misfits  
could come together

159

00:08:46,984 --> 00:08:49,612  
and be with the King of Misfits,  
who reigned over them.

160

00:08:55,243 --> 00:08:57,787  
[woman] Joe is an entertainer by nature.

161

00:08:58,162 --> 00:09:00,581  
[Joe] No. Come on.

162

00:09:00,665 --> 00:09:02,250  
He was pretty much the star  
of his own show.

163

00:09:04,043 --> 00:09:05,753  
I'm going to try and get some good shots.

164

00:09:05,878 --> 00:09:08,548  
So make sure ya'll get me  
some promo pictures in there.

165

00:09:08,631 --> 00:09:09,715  
[man] Want me to go up?

166

00:09:09,799 --> 00:09:11,968  
No, I want you up front  
with a still camera.

167

00:09:12,593 --> 00:09:15,555



Meeting him in person  
definitely solidified that.

168

00:09:16,305 --> 00:09:22,186

♪ Woke up this morning  
With the sunshine in my eyes ♪

169

00:09:23,062 --> 00:09:29,151

♪ It's funny how a smile can change  
The words you want to say ♪

170

00:09:30,528 --> 00:09:33,406

[Saffery] For Joe, the zoo was his stage.

171

00:09:33,489 --> 00:09:35,032

It was the one place he could shine.

172

00:09:35,116 --> 00:09:36,909

He could control every aspect of it.

173

00:09:37,827 --> 00:09:41,247

From the start of the day to the end  
of the day, he filmed everything.

174

00:09:48,713 --> 00:09:52,425

Come here, love me!  
Come here, love me!

175

00:09:55,052 --> 00:09:57,972

[Saffery]

He had this live TV show that he would do

176

00:09:58,055 --> 00:09:59,348

for a number of his followers.

177

00:09:59,432 --> 00:10:02,852

Hello, ladies and gentlemen  
and welcome to JoeExoticTV.com.

178

00:10:02,935 --> 00:10:04,604

[Goode] Where does your TV show air?

179

00:10:04,687 --> 00:10:07,773  
On the internet. Worldwide.  
Every night at six o'clock.

180  
00:10:09,817 --> 00:10:11,777  
Pretty cool. Come on in.

181  
00:10:11,986 --> 00:10:15,072  
[Kirkham] Joe had been doing  
these internet broadcasts,

182  
00:10:15,156 --> 00:10:17,908  
either on a regular basis or periodically,

183  
00:10:17,992 --> 00:10:21,078  
for probably a decade or longer  
before I got there.

184  
00:10:21,162 --> 00:10:24,040  
[man] Didn't Johnny Carson used to smoke  
on the set of the Tonight Show?

185  
00:10:24,123 --> 00:10:24,999  
[Joe] Yeah, years ago!

186  
00:10:25,082 --> 00:10:28,544  
He never had more than 80 people  
watching the thing live.

187  
00:10:28,628 --> 00:10:30,129  
See ya Monday night, right here!

188  
00:10:30,212 --> 00:10:32,882  
When I walked in,  
I had all this experience.

189  
00:10:33,633 --> 00:10:35,593  
I had a national reputation.

190  
00:10:36,677 --> 00:10:40,264  
If you watch us often, you know one of  
our reporters, Rick Kirkham, is nuts.

191

00:10:40,348 --> 00:10:44,101  
[man] With a mere touch of a flame,  
it was instant Kirkham kabob.

192

00:10:44,644 --> 00:10:46,312  
[Kirkham] Hey, Mike, get the charcoal!

193

00:10:47,063 --> 00:10:49,607  
You know, I've done a lot of shit  
in my life,

194

00:10:49,690 --> 00:10:52,985  
but I've never experienced anything  
like Joe Exotic.

195

00:10:54,153 --> 00:10:57,031  
He knew that I could make him famous.

196

00:10:57,406 --> 00:10:58,658  
I took it to a new level

197

00:10:58,741 --> 00:11:01,535  
because I made it look  
like a real TV show.

198

00:11:03,913 --> 00:11:05,247  
[Reinke] We did a show every night

199

00:11:06,832 --> 00:11:08,668  
and I want to say nine out of ten shows

200

00:11:08,751 --> 00:11:11,545  
was about the animal rights people  
and Carole down in Florida.

201

00:11:11,629 --> 00:11:14,590  
One thing you're forgetting out there,  
you animal rights people,

202

00:11:14,674 --> 00:11:15,925  
and especially Carole Baskin--

203

00:11:16,008 --> 00:11:18,636  
And that's Carole Baskin  
down at Big Cat Rescue.

204

00:11:18,719 --> 00:11:21,180  
It was all part  
of Carole Baskin's plan when--

205

00:11:21,263 --> 00:11:22,890  
...paid it to Carole Baskin.

206

00:11:22,973 --> 00:11:24,600  
Carole Baskin is so influential.

207

00:11:24,684 --> 00:11:25,726  
That Carole Baskin--

208

00:11:25,810 --> 00:11:27,103  
And Carole Baskin...

209

00:11:27,186 --> 00:11:30,981  
Man, if he ever had an enemy in his life,  
it was Carole Baskin.

210

00:11:31,065 --> 00:11:35,861  
Hi, I'm Carole Baskin and I'm the founder  
and CEO of Big Cat Rescue.

211

00:11:35,945 --> 00:11:38,698  
We're the world's largest  
accredited sanctuary

212

00:11:38,781 --> 00:11:42,034  
that is devoted entirely  
to caring for big cats.

213

00:11:42,118 --> 00:11:43,619  
[Joe] Since 2006,

214

00:11:44,078 --> 00:11:47,873  
we've been in this pissing match  
over tigers.

215  
00:11:48,457 --> 00:11:51,043  
If there's one thing I know for sure

216  
00:11:51,127 --> 00:11:54,588  
it's that big cats don't belong in cages.

217  
00:11:55,506 --> 00:11:57,591  
I kept to myself. I did my own thing.

218  
00:11:57,675 --> 00:12:00,344  
And I picked up an Oklahoma newspaper  
one day

219  
00:12:00,428 --> 00:12:03,931  
and here's this story  
about this trashy little roadside zoo.

220  
00:12:04,265 --> 00:12:05,558  
And it was me!

221  
00:12:09,103 --> 00:12:12,898  
[Joe] Her whole plan is  
to get her following to believe

222  
00:12:12,982 --> 00:12:16,652  
that we're abusing tigers  
and running us all out of business.

223  
00:12:25,494 --> 00:12:27,747  
[GPS]  
Your destination is ahead on the right.

224  
00:12:28,998 --> 00:12:30,082  
[woman] Here comes Carole.

225  
00:12:31,167 --> 00:12:33,043  
[Goode] Oh, she's dressed perfectly.

226  
00:12:35,504 --> 00:12:36,422  
More like this?

227  
00:12:36,922 --> 00:12:38,883  
You want me to get down,  
so you've got this cat?

228  
00:12:38,966 --> 00:12:40,426  
[Goode]  
Yeah, that's great, thank you.

229  
00:12:40,926 --> 00:12:41,969  
Okay, go ahead.

230  
00:12:43,220 --> 00:12:47,349  
This is Joseph the lion,  
and he came from a facility in Ohio...

231  
00:12:47,433 --> 00:12:51,270  
I really believe in life  
that you can only be good at one thing.

232  
00:12:51,437 --> 00:12:53,939  
He's gonna get nasty with me. [laughs]

233  
00:12:54,023 --> 00:12:54,899  
With saving the cats,

234  
00:12:54,982 --> 00:12:59,111  
it's one thing that I can fix  
if I can just stay focused on that.

235  
00:12:59,445 --> 00:13:01,071  
So I don't read the newspaper,

236  
00:13:01,197 --> 00:13:05,201  
I don't watch news on television  
unless there's a cat involved.

237  
00:13:05,910 --> 00:13:06,994  
[Goode] Where are we headed?

238  
00:13:07,077 --> 00:13:08,746  
[Carole]  
We're headed to Cameron and Zaboo.

239

00:13:10,623 --> 00:13:14,794  
She's saving the very best part for last  
'cause they love the turkey necks.

240

00:13:15,544 --> 00:13:17,880  
This is Bengali, an old circus tiger.

241

00:13:17,963 --> 00:13:19,632  
[snarls]

242

00:13:19,715 --> 00:13:21,717  
You can see how they go  
from being so sweet

243

00:13:21,842 --> 00:13:24,804  
to just wanting to tear your face off,  
and they could do it like that,

244

00:13:24,887 --> 00:13:27,807  
and it's like, "Oh! That's amazing  
to have that kind of range

245

00:13:27,890 --> 00:13:29,099  
and that speed!"

246

00:13:33,103 --> 00:13:39,235  
I live, eat, and breathe  
ending the captivity of wild cats.

247

00:13:40,110 --> 00:13:43,739  
And I know that I'm gonna see this  
through to the end.

248

00:13:45,324 --> 00:13:48,410  
What really sets apart Big Cat Rescue  
from a zoo

249

00:13:48,994 --> 00:13:51,205  
is that we are fixing the problem,

250

00:13:51,288 --> 00:13:52,915

they are creating the problem.

251

00:13:54,291 --> 00:13:55,501  
People like Joe Exotic,

252

00:13:55,584 --> 00:13:58,671  
what they are doing is breeding cats  
for life in cages.

253

00:13:59,547 --> 00:14:03,384  
A tiger needs 400 square miles  
of territory in the wild.

254

00:14:04,093 --> 00:14:06,637  
So there's no cage  
that's going to be sufficient.

255

00:14:07,054 --> 00:14:09,390  
But the reason that we have cats in cages

256

00:14:09,473 --> 00:14:12,518  
is to provide them a safe place to live  
until they die.

257

00:14:15,020 --> 00:14:16,981  
This was our oldest cat.

258

00:14:18,232 --> 00:14:20,192  
Black Mamba was a jaguar,  
Oakie was an ocelot,

259

00:14:21,569 --> 00:14:23,737  
Champlaine was a Canada lynx.

260

00:14:25,281 --> 00:14:26,824  
You're following me again. [laughs]

261

00:14:26,907 --> 00:14:28,075  
You wanna lead?

262

00:14:28,158 --> 00:14:30,160  
You can read plaques too.



263

00:14:30,452 --> 00:14:34,039  
I think it would be fair to say  
that Carole is the Mother Teresa of cats.

264

00:14:34,123 --> 00:14:35,291  
You're so wonderful.

265

00:14:40,504 --> 00:14:43,632  
The very first image that my parents had  
of me in the cradle,

266

00:14:43,716 --> 00:14:45,676  
it was me and the cat.

267

00:14:49,555 --> 00:14:52,182  
I'd never been a person that had friends,

268

00:14:52,308 --> 00:14:55,936  
and so my friends  
were two imaginary white cats.

269

00:14:56,020 --> 00:14:57,980  
I've always had cats in my life,

270

00:14:58,063 --> 00:15:00,900  
and I've always felt a certain affinity  
toward them.

271

00:15:04,820 --> 00:15:06,322  
I'm actually allergic to cats,

272

00:15:06,405 --> 00:15:09,450  
so my entire house is like, you know,  
tile floors, no curtains,

273

00:15:09,533 --> 00:15:11,493  
metal furniture, that sort of thing.

274

00:15:14,163 --> 00:15:19,084  
[Goode] Carole, tell me about this room,  
'cause everything has a certain pattern.

275  
00:15:19,168 --> 00:15:20,628  
That is cat print.

276  
00:15:20,711 --> 00:15:22,630  
-[Goode] And this?  
-[Carole] That was a gift.

277  
00:15:22,713 --> 00:15:24,924  
-And this? And--  
-This I actually had painted.

278  
00:15:27,301 --> 00:15:29,428  
[Carole]  
Most of what I wear are cat prints.

279  
00:15:29,929 --> 00:15:31,180  
It's almost a uniform.

280  
00:15:32,514 --> 00:15:35,267  
When I go in to talk with a legislator,

281  
00:15:36,018 --> 00:15:39,271  
if I go in there dressed head to toe  
in cat prints,

282  
00:15:40,439 --> 00:15:44,109  
people remember, "Oh, that's the person  
that's gonna be all over my case

283  
00:15:44,193 --> 00:15:46,862  
about why cats need to be protected."

284  
00:15:49,239 --> 00:15:51,700  
[Goode]  
Carole, you even have cat luggage!

285  
00:15:51,784 --> 00:15:54,370  
It's always easy to find my luggage  
when I get off the plane.

286  
00:15:55,329 --> 00:15:56,330

I think it's a great look.

287

00:15:56,413 --> 00:15:59,041  
[laughing]

288

00:16:02,544 --> 00:16:06,215  
And this is the Tiger King gift shop,  
where I have all of my stuff.

289

00:16:06,298 --> 00:16:08,425  
We got honey, we got barbecue sauce,

290

00:16:08,509 --> 00:16:10,678  
we have steak sauce, skin cream.

291

00:16:10,803 --> 00:16:13,889  
-I have sex gel for you and her!  
-Sex gel?

292

00:16:13,973 --> 00:16:19,687  
The best seller out of this gift shop  
is actually Tiger King underwear line.

293

00:16:19,770 --> 00:16:24,775  
People just go crazy over 'em  
because they're all in animal print.

294

00:16:24,858 --> 00:16:27,444  
-Do you wear these yourself?  
-I don't wear underwear.

295

00:16:27,528 --> 00:16:28,654  
You don't wear underwear?

296

00:16:28,737 --> 00:16:30,364  
No, freeball it.

297

00:16:30,447 --> 00:16:31,740  
Oh. Wow.

298

00:16:31,824 --> 00:16:34,201  
I've been the cover

of Hollywood Magazine twice.

299

00:16:35,828 --> 00:16:38,163

I have my first two albums that I did.

300

00:16:38,247 --> 00:16:40,249

This is my first album, I Saw A Tiger,

301

00:16:40,332 --> 00:16:42,209

and this is my second album, Starstruck.

302

00:16:42,835 --> 00:16:47,172

And there's 28 songs and 16 music videos.

303

00:16:47,256 --> 00:16:53,887

♪ 'Cause I saw tiger

Now I understand ♪

304

00:16:53,971 --> 00:16:59,810

♪ I saw tiger

And the tiger saw man ♪

305

00:17:01,353 --> 00:17:06,817

♪ I tell all the hunters

To lay down their guns ♪

306

00:17:07,401 --> 00:17:10,988

When I first met Joe,

I was like a month out of high school.

307

00:17:12,740 --> 00:17:18,245

I was with Joe from 2003 to 2014,

308

00:17:18,328 --> 00:17:19,246

so 11 years.

309

00:17:19,747 --> 00:17:22,291

He showed me love

310

00:17:22,374 --> 00:17:24,877

and I learned how big my heart was.

311  
00:17:26,086 --> 00:17:27,504  
And how much to care.

312  
00:17:28,297 --> 00:17:30,966  
-[alligator gurgles]  
-[both laughing]

313  
00:17:31,717 --> 00:17:33,052  
Are you gettin' this?

314  
00:17:33,135 --> 00:17:35,137  
Three, two, one.

315  
00:17:35,471 --> 00:17:37,097  
John's a strong, silent type.

316  
00:17:37,181 --> 00:17:38,474  
A man of few words.

317  
00:17:38,557 --> 00:17:39,641  
But what a hunk.

318  
00:17:41,852 --> 00:17:44,938  
[Joe] At the age of 13, I knew I was gay.

319  
00:17:45,731 --> 00:17:47,775  
And I had a bad time struggling with it.

320  
00:17:49,151 --> 00:17:50,736  
When my father found out,

321  
00:17:50,819 --> 00:17:52,696  
he made me shake his hand  
in front of my mom

322  
00:17:52,780 --> 00:17:54,406  
and promise not to come to his funeral.

323  
00:17:54,615 --> 00:17:57,701  
So, I had a real issue dealing with that,

324

00:17:57,785 --> 00:18:02,331  
and one night I drove my car off a bridge.

325

00:18:05,501 --> 00:18:07,836  
I broke my back...

326

00:18:08,462 --> 00:18:10,380  
and spent five years in braces.

327

00:18:12,049 --> 00:18:15,094  
I went to Florida to do my therapy...

328

00:18:16,345 --> 00:18:20,015  
and my neighbor was the manager  
of Lion Country Safari.

329

00:18:20,390 --> 00:18:22,935  
And he brought home all the baby lions  
and baby monkeys

330

00:18:23,018 --> 00:18:24,937  
and stuff at night to bottle feed.

331

00:18:25,104 --> 00:18:30,984  
And that's where my attraction  
to exotic animals really started in.

332

00:18:34,154 --> 00:18:35,072  
What?

333

00:18:35,155 --> 00:18:38,700  
I know that they have a heart  
and a soul and a mind.

334

00:18:40,244 --> 00:18:43,288  
I've learned from them,  
and they do therapy for me.

335

00:18:44,289 --> 00:18:46,416  
Let's see your foot, sexy lion!

336

00:18:47,334 --> 00:18:48,836  
But the animal rights people,

337  
00:18:49,128 --> 00:18:52,214  
they keep sayin'  
I can't have these tigers.

338  
00:18:56,426 --> 00:18:59,221  
There's a war in America  
that's being fought

339  
00:19:00,430 --> 00:19:02,516  
for an enormous amount of money.

340  
00:19:04,059 --> 00:19:06,061  
The animal rights activists,

341  
00:19:06,145 --> 00:19:08,814  
they want the lion's share,

342  
00:19:08,897 --> 00:19:11,275  
and they don't want to share their lions.

343  
00:19:12,943 --> 00:19:14,319  
[Howard] In addition to Joe,

344  
00:19:14,736 --> 00:19:16,655  
the most notorious...

345  
00:19:17,823 --> 00:19:19,575  
cub breeder/petting operation

346  
00:19:20,075 --> 00:19:22,369  
is Doc Antle.

347  
00:19:23,245 --> 00:19:26,999  
Antle is much more sophisticated,  
much smarter.

348  
00:19:27,082 --> 00:19:28,208  
He's fearless.

349  
00:19:28,709 --> 00:19:32,379  
[roaring]

350  
00:19:41,430 --> 00:19:43,473  
[Antle] Fifty acres makes up  
the preserve here.

351  
00:19:44,933 --> 00:19:47,394  
We're gonna film, you know--  
this is my crib here.

352  
00:19:47,477 --> 00:19:50,480  
Go to the front door and I'll go open it  
and say, "Hi. How you doing? Come in."

353  
00:19:50,564 --> 00:19:51,440  
-Good idea.  
-Okay?

354  
00:19:51,523 --> 00:19:53,901  
[Goode] I like that Doc is better  
at directing than we are.

355  
00:19:55,777 --> 00:19:57,321  
-Hey.  
-How you doing, guys?

356  
00:19:57,404 --> 00:19:58,697  
Hi, it's Eric Goode. How are you?

357  
00:19:58,780 --> 00:20:00,699  
-Doing good. Come on in.  
-Good to see you. Thanks.

358  
00:20:00,782 --> 00:20:01,950  
This is Swami Satchidananda,

359  
00:20:02,034 --> 00:20:04,536  
my grandfather guru who--

360  
00:20:04,620 --> 00:20:06,663  
A guy I lived with since I was a teenager.



361

00:20:07,456 --> 00:20:10,083  
All right, so I am Dr. Bhagavan Antle.

362

00:20:10,167 --> 00:20:15,505  
B-h-a-g-a-v-a-n. Antle, A-n-t-l-e.  
Dr. Bhagavan Antle.

363

00:20:16,048 --> 00:20:18,342  
I am the director  
of the Myrtle Beach Safari

364

00:20:18,425 --> 00:20:20,010  
and the rare species fund.

365

00:20:20,093 --> 00:20:22,137  
And speaking of incredible animals,

366

00:20:22,221 --> 00:20:24,932  
joining us is the founder  
and director of TIGERS.

367

00:20:25,015 --> 00:20:27,100  
-[applause]  
-Good afternoon, guys!

368

00:20:28,477 --> 00:20:31,480  
This is my little girl, Bubbles!

369

00:20:32,356 --> 00:20:33,649  
Look at the pictures there.

370

00:20:33,732 --> 00:20:36,735  
That really is Bubbles  
and I as kids together.

371

00:20:36,818 --> 00:20:40,489  
You can see somehow both of us  
got way bigger over the years.

372

00:20:41,448 --> 00:20:44,117  
I have been building

this incredible preserve

373

00:20:44,201 --> 00:20:46,870  
for people to have  
an interactive, up-close,

374

00:20:46,954 --> 00:20:50,207  
uncaged experience with wildlife.

375

00:20:51,792 --> 00:20:53,877  
Now these big teeth also make it

376

00:20:53,961 --> 00:20:56,797  
so that he can take down larger prey  
than you would expect.

377

00:20:56,880 --> 00:21:00,342  
And he thinks coming out here  
is a wee bit of a drag.

378

00:21:03,095 --> 00:21:06,306  
[Antle] To see an animal going to chase  
that high-speed lure,

379

00:21:06,390 --> 00:21:09,017  
diving into that crystal-clear pool...

380

00:21:09,101 --> 00:21:10,477  
[woman] Look at the camera!

381

00:21:10,560 --> 00:21:12,145  
[Antle] People become wildly stimulated

382

00:21:12,229 --> 00:21:16,483  
at seeing that amazing stuff  
up close and uncaged.

383

00:21:18,151 --> 00:21:19,194  
I am popular,

384

00:21:19,278 --> 00:21:22,114  
I am so well known

as big cat guy around the world,

385

00:21:22,197 --> 00:21:26,994  
that people who are against people  
having relationships with animals, period,

386

00:21:27,077 --> 00:21:31,456  
want to destroy me  
because I am out there in the forefront

387

00:21:31,540 --> 00:21:35,127  
so known of being this guy  
that is in love with big cats

388

00:21:35,210 --> 00:21:36,920  
and has them love him back.

389

00:21:41,091 --> 00:21:43,385  
[Reinke] Joe wanted to be  
so much like Doc Antle,

390

00:21:43,468 --> 00:21:46,096  
he sent several of us up there  
to see his facilities,

391

00:21:46,179 --> 00:21:47,639  
so we can do the same in his place.

392

00:21:49,641 --> 00:21:51,059  
[Joe] He's taught me quite a bit

393

00:21:51,143 --> 00:21:54,813  
as far as being able to market the zoo  
and make money at the zoo.

394

00:21:55,397 --> 00:21:57,357  
[woman]  
Oh, my god, here are the cubs!

395

00:21:57,441 --> 00:21:59,943  
All right, so, we're gonna make sure  
everybody standing up

396

00:22:00,027 --> 00:22:02,321  
gets your turn to come down here  
and love on this baby tiger

397

00:22:02,404 --> 00:22:03,989  
'cause that's what you came here for.

398

00:22:04,323 --> 00:22:06,533  
The animal rights people  
like to bitch at you

399

00:22:06,616 --> 00:22:09,953  
that cub petting is abuse, okay.

400

00:22:10,037 --> 00:22:12,622  
In my opinion,  
it's the best education tool.

401

00:22:12,998 --> 00:22:16,752  
And keep in mind, in the rain forest,  
there's no escalators. All right?

402

00:22:17,002 --> 00:22:19,838  
You know, people only care about saving  
what affects them.

403

00:22:20,547 --> 00:22:23,884  
So you set a baby tiger in a family's lap

404

00:22:23,967 --> 00:22:25,719  
and they fall in love  
with this baby tiger,

405

00:22:25,802 --> 00:22:29,056  
and you have 15 minutes  
of their undivided attention to say,

406

00:22:29,139 --> 00:22:30,807  
"Look, we gotta save the rain forest

407

00:22:30,891 --> 00:22:32,976  
because you're killing

this little baby tiger's...

408

00:22:33,060 --> 00:22:34,853  
you know, where he came from."

409

00:22:34,936 --> 00:22:37,064  
They leave  
with a whole different attitude.

410

00:22:37,147 --> 00:22:38,982  
[crowd] Aww!

411

00:22:40,692 --> 00:22:43,779  
[Antle] We believe these incredible,  
up-close experiences

412

00:22:43,862 --> 00:22:46,948  
makes a connection between them  
and the wild world,

413

00:22:47,032 --> 00:22:49,242  
opening their hearts and their wallets,

414

00:22:49,326 --> 00:22:52,412  
for us to do  
our worldwide conservation work.

415

00:22:54,748 --> 00:22:56,958  
[Goode]  
What is the cost of admission here?

416

00:22:57,042 --> 00:22:59,044  
Three-thirty-nine is the start price,  
right?

417

00:22:59,127 --> 00:23:03,382  
There's people that paid 625,  
655 for their tours today.

418

00:23:03,757 --> 00:23:05,675  
'Cause it's dynamic price  
like an airline ticket.

419

00:23:05,759 --> 00:23:08,637  
The price goes up according to  
how many people are coming on.

420

00:23:11,848 --> 00:23:14,017  
This is our third time. Second this week.

421

00:23:14,810 --> 00:23:16,228  
Me and my wife were here Sunday.

422

00:23:17,354 --> 00:23:19,689  
[man] You can't put a price  
on holding a baby tiger.

423

00:23:20,023 --> 00:23:22,859  
-That's his favorite animal.  
-I mean, I hit the lottery,

424

00:23:22,943 --> 00:23:24,528  
I'll pay these people whatever they want

425

00:23:24,611 --> 00:23:27,614  
for me to go down to the reservation  
every day and play with them.

426

00:23:28,198 --> 00:23:31,243  
[Antle] We charge a premium  
because it costs so much

427

00:23:31,326 --> 00:23:32,911  
to do proper care.

428

00:23:32,994 --> 00:23:34,704  
We feed super quality food

429

00:23:34,788 --> 00:23:36,581  
that anyone would be glad  
to eat themselves.

430

00:23:37,541 --> 00:23:41,461  
It's a minimum of \$10,000 a year  
to feed each tiger.

431  
00:23:47,968 --> 00:23:50,762  
[Joe] I can feed a tiger  
for \$3,000 a year.

432  
00:23:51,972 --> 00:23:53,557  
[Goode] You've got how many tigers now?

433  
00:23:53,640 --> 00:23:55,100  
I have 227.

434  
00:23:55,350 --> 00:23:56,560  
So you're spending...

435  
00:23:56,643 --> 00:23:58,520  
three quarters of a million  
feeding your tigers?

436  
00:23:58,603 --> 00:23:59,604  
[Joe] Just feeding 'em.

437  
00:24:02,274 --> 00:24:05,277  
[Joe] We work our ass off  
in order to drop that price.

438  
00:24:08,738 --> 00:24:12,451  
We have feed lots that give us  
five to seven cows a day...

439  
00:24:14,244 --> 00:24:15,954  
that die in the feed lots.

440  
00:24:16,830 --> 00:24:19,207  
The game wardens and the highway patrol  
call us any time

441  
00:24:19,332 --> 00:24:21,460  
that a cow or a deer gets hit  
on the highway.

442  
00:24:26,965 --> 00:24:29,885  
If I was to feed nothing but cows,

443  
00:24:29,968 --> 00:24:31,970  
I would need 30 cows a day.

444  
00:25:13,553 --> 00:25:16,348  
♪ I'm a baby tiger  
Short and stout ♪

445  
00:25:16,932 --> 00:25:19,809  
♪ This is my tail  
And this is my mouth ♪

446  
00:25:20,560 --> 00:25:23,104  
♪ I'm gonna bite you  
And it's gonna hurt ♪

447  
00:25:23,730 --> 00:25:26,650  
♪ So why will I bite you?  
Because I'm a jerk ♪

448  
00:25:26,733 --> 00:25:27,734  
That's it.

449  
00:25:27,817 --> 00:25:29,819  
[laughing]

450  
00:25:30,445 --> 00:25:32,906  
[Joe] This was actually me  
and my brother's dream, you know.

451  
00:25:33,448 --> 00:25:34,824  
In 1997,

452  
00:25:35,200 --> 00:25:37,494  
he was moving my sister  
from Dallas to Florida

453  
00:25:37,577 --> 00:25:38,995  
and he made it 40 miles.

454  
00:25:39,454 --> 00:25:40,997  
And a drunk semi driver hit him.



455

00:25:41,081 --> 00:25:42,624

-Who's this?

-My brother.

456

00:25:42,707 --> 00:25:44,251

-That's the one that--

-Yup. Yep.

457

00:25:44,543 --> 00:25:47,837

So, when I signed the papers  
to shut his life support machine off

458

00:25:47,921 --> 00:25:48,922

and donate his organs,

459

00:25:49,005 --> 00:25:52,467

I promised him  
that he would just not be a statistic...

460

00:25:53,552 --> 00:25:56,263

that the people of the world would know  
who he is.

461

00:25:56,346 --> 00:26:01,059

And that's when the GW Exotic Animal  
Foundation was born, in his memory.

462

00:26:01,351 --> 00:26:02,811

My brother, he's an angel now.

463

00:26:02,894 --> 00:26:06,523

I went to schools and I talked to them  
about drugs and alcohol.

464

00:26:07,691 --> 00:26:10,235

But I couldn't keep their attention, okay?

465

00:26:11,236 --> 00:26:12,779

So I took animals.

466

00:26:12,862 --> 00:26:14,698

What do we say to drugs?

467

00:26:15,031 --> 00:26:17,409  
We say no to drugs, that's right.

468

00:26:17,492 --> 00:26:19,536  
Because drugs  
will make your teeth fall out,

469

00:26:19,911 --> 00:26:22,706  
and you get really ugly  
and you don't have any friends.

470

00:26:22,789 --> 00:26:24,749  
Animals just wasn't enough, okay?

471

00:26:24,833 --> 00:26:27,127  
So then I started adding magic.

472

00:26:32,716 --> 00:26:35,218  
[Finlay] He'd put on a magic show,  
which actually was pretty cool.

473

00:26:35,302 --> 00:26:36,553  
He would use animals in it.

474

00:26:38,680 --> 00:26:43,226  
He had a 12-year-old kid  
kind of showing him how to do stuff.

475

00:26:43,810 --> 00:26:46,771  
[man] I first met Joe  
when I was in the eighth grade.

476

00:26:47,355 --> 00:26:49,107  
I helped in a show  
down in Norman, Oklahoma.

477

00:26:51,067 --> 00:26:52,444  
Joe wasn't doing magic.

478

00:26:52,527 --> 00:26:55,071

I started showing him  
some of the magic that I did.

479  
00:26:56,197 --> 00:26:58,783  
And Joe supplied tigers  
to be used during the show.

480  
00:26:59,159 --> 00:27:00,952  
We're talking this morning about  
the upcoming

481  
00:27:01,036 --> 00:27:03,038  
Mystical Magic of the Endangered Show.

482  
00:27:03,538 --> 00:27:05,248  
It's coming to the Valley View Mall.

483  
00:27:05,332 --> 00:27:08,501  
That's when he decided to change his name  
to Joe Exotic.

484  
00:27:08,585 --> 00:27:10,337  
My real name is Joe Schreibvogel.

485  
00:27:10,420 --> 00:27:11,379  
I go by Joe Exotic

486  
00:27:11,463 --> 00:27:13,632  
'cause nobody ever knows how  
to say it right anyway.

487  
00:27:13,715 --> 00:27:17,594  
When we first started out,  
we were all crammed in a semi.

488  
00:27:18,303 --> 00:27:23,058  
Fourteen of us in a cab of a semi,  
that's a little cramped.

489  
00:27:23,141 --> 00:27:27,312  
Today we have a Siberian Tiger,  
an Indochinese Tiger,

490  
00:27:27,395 --> 00:27:30,023  
a two-toed sloth, a black panther...

491  
00:27:30,106 --> 00:27:32,609  
Joe was taking tiger cubs,  
stick 'em in a semi,

492  
00:27:32,692 --> 00:27:34,944  
and carting them to malls  
all throughout the Midwest.

493  
00:27:35,654 --> 00:27:37,072  
[Finlay] They would do cub petting.

494  
00:27:37,155 --> 00:27:39,199  
You could take your picture  
with this little baby cub.

495  
00:27:39,282 --> 00:27:40,909  
Look at me! Awesome.

496  
00:27:41,826 --> 00:27:44,829  
I mean, there was times  
that we may have made ten grand

497  
00:27:44,913 --> 00:27:46,247  
at the mall.

498  
00:27:46,331 --> 00:27:50,210  
And there was times that we were doing  
20, 30, 40 grand.

499  
00:27:53,880 --> 00:27:57,050  
Howard and Carole hired me  
at the beginning of 2011

500  
00:27:58,760 --> 00:28:00,178  
to basically try to track Joe

501  
00:28:00,261 --> 00:28:04,057  
and convince the malls  
to not allow him to exploit cubs.

502

00:28:05,642 --> 00:28:08,019  
We started a program  
where we would contact the malls

503

00:28:08,103 --> 00:28:10,021  
and explain to them why this was bad.

504

00:28:10,939 --> 00:28:13,692  
[Bass] At one point,  
we used someone to follow Joe

505

00:28:13,775 --> 00:28:16,486  
and report what mall  
they were going to next.

506

00:28:16,569 --> 00:28:18,279  
[reporter]  
The animals' presence isn't...

507

00:28:18,363 --> 00:28:19,447  
[Bass] It was, you know,

508

00:28:19,531 --> 00:28:22,033  
part detective work  
to try to track down Joe

509

00:28:22,117 --> 00:28:25,578  
and where he was in the country  
with these cubs.

510

00:28:27,205 --> 00:28:31,084  
And they stalk every move you make.

511

00:28:31,167 --> 00:28:33,420  
Doesn't matter where you are  
in the country.

512

00:28:35,547 --> 00:28:37,716  
They would research it,  
find the owners of the mall

513

00:28:38,258 --> 00:28:42,345  
and email them, text 'em, call 'em,  
send the media out there, everything.

514  
00:28:42,429 --> 00:28:43,555  
Just hammer 'em.

515  
00:28:46,558 --> 00:28:48,685  
[Howard] Years ago  
when Carole first started doing this,

516  
00:28:48,768 --> 00:28:50,770  
we might generate 500 emails...

517  
00:28:51,187 --> 00:28:53,064  
-And be proud of it.  
-Yeah.

518  
00:28:53,148 --> 00:28:57,986  
And as our online audience grew  
and our supporter base grew,

519  
00:28:58,069 --> 00:29:01,156  
this gradually got up  
to thousands of emails.

520  
00:29:01,239 --> 00:29:03,742  
Sometimes as many as  
five or six thousand emails.

521  
00:29:04,367 --> 00:29:05,869  
And one by one,

522  
00:29:05,952 --> 00:29:09,414  
these malls started refusing  
to have him back.

523  
00:29:09,497 --> 00:29:11,750  
That would pay the bills  
for the winter sometimes.

524  
00:29:11,833 --> 00:29:14,586  
So it was definitely a big loss for us.

525

00:29:17,297 --> 00:29:19,966  
But Joe always found a way to make money.

526

00:29:21,301 --> 00:29:23,136  
One of the most popular adventures here

527

00:29:23,219 --> 00:29:26,181  
at the Greater Wynnewood  
Exotic Animal Park is a ticket for you,

528

00:29:26,264 --> 00:29:29,225  
and that's private playtime  
with a baby tiger.

529

00:29:30,268 --> 00:29:34,689  
[Carole] Anybody who poses  
with an exotic cat is a problem.

530

00:29:35,899 --> 00:29:38,485  
It just drives more and more  
and more breeding

531

00:29:38,568 --> 00:29:41,112  
of these cats who will never live free.

532

00:29:43,865 --> 00:29:47,327  
[reporter 1] Tiger selfies,  
a big trend on a dating app...

533

00:29:47,410 --> 00:29:49,120  
The tiger selfie is a growing trend

534

00:29:49,204 --> 00:29:52,207  
on sites like Tinder  
and OKCupid apparently.

535

00:29:52,290 --> 00:29:55,585  
Oh yeah, this is how endangered species  
can save themselves,

536

00:29:55,668 --> 00:29:57,212

by helping us get laid.

537

00:29:58,254 --> 00:30:01,591  
[Carole] Wild animals have been brought  
onto the late-night shows.

538

00:30:01,674 --> 00:30:03,343  
-How do you hold these?  
-This way.

539

00:30:03,426 --> 00:30:04,511  
Hold it against your breast.

540

00:30:04,594 --> 00:30:07,388  
[Carole] And when people see that,  
they want to emulate it.

541

00:30:07,889 --> 00:30:09,516  
All right, yesterday on my day off

542

00:30:09,599 --> 00:30:11,267  
I went to the G.W. Zoo.

543

00:30:11,351 --> 00:30:13,102  
Shoutout to Exotic Joe.

544

00:30:13,186 --> 00:30:14,729  
I got two more tigers.

545

00:30:19,359 --> 00:30:21,319  
Now look at me, how young I am  
there on Letterman.

546

00:30:21,402 --> 00:30:23,696  
Man! Go back, go back!

547

00:30:23,780 --> 00:30:25,448  
We might as well do Letterman real quick.

548

00:30:26,616 --> 00:30:29,953  
Here I am long ago  
on The Late Show with David Letterman.



549

00:30:30,036 --> 00:30:32,372  
I've got my big black panther there,  
Shadow.

550

00:30:32,539 --> 00:30:34,707  
Jay brought us out  
into the forefront of people,

551

00:30:34,791 --> 00:30:37,418  
he got to meet my animals  
like no one else had ever done.

552

00:30:37,502 --> 00:30:39,546  
The world's biggest cat coming on there,

553

00:30:39,629 --> 00:30:42,173  
baby tigers, cheetahs, leopards,  
everybody out there.

554

00:30:43,132 --> 00:30:44,092  
Enough?

555

00:30:45,260 --> 00:30:46,553  
Here I am in costume

556

00:30:46,636 --> 00:30:49,305  
playing Marvelous Bhagavan, the magic man.

557

00:30:49,389 --> 00:30:51,808  
And the cubs played themselves.

558

00:30:52,851 --> 00:30:57,146  
I don't remember a time  
where it wasn't everything I was doing,

559

00:30:57,438 --> 00:30:58,648  
having animals in my life.

560

00:31:03,152 --> 00:31:07,073  
I grew up a professional cowboy  
in a family of professional cowboys.

561

00:31:07,740 --> 00:31:11,035  
That led me along  
to be able to have a quality life

562

00:31:11,119 --> 00:31:14,622  
of a lot of interaction  
with amazing domestic and wild animals.

563

00:31:15,206 --> 00:31:18,334  
I moved to Yogaville  
in Buckingham, Virginia.

564

00:31:19,419 --> 00:31:21,462  
I started immersing myself in that life

565

00:31:21,546 --> 00:31:23,840  
and I saw the incredible power

566

00:31:23,923 --> 00:31:25,884  
of presenting the animals  
without barriers,

567

00:31:25,967 --> 00:31:28,511  
without caging,  
so that you can really get to see them

568

00:31:28,595 --> 00:31:30,430  
in all of their power and glory.

569

00:31:43,192 --> 00:31:45,820  
[Antle] People in Hollywood,  
people other places came to me and said,

570

00:31:45,904 --> 00:31:47,864  
"Hey, we need a tiger to do this.

571

00:31:47,947 --> 00:31:49,449  
We would like a tiger to do that."

572

00:31:49,532 --> 00:31:51,701  
-And ready and go.

-Action.

573

00:31:51,784 --> 00:31:52,785  
You are a good kitty.

574

00:31:55,705 --> 00:31:59,000  
[Antle]  
I made 500 gigantic international movies,

575

00:31:59,083 --> 00:32:00,752  
from Ace Ventura, Jungle Book,

576

00:32:00,835 --> 00:32:02,503  
Dr. Doolittle, Mighty Joe Young...

577

00:32:02,587 --> 00:32:05,673  
I mean, it's a huge list of features  
that we made.

578

00:32:05,757 --> 00:32:07,592  
Today we're gonna take  
those same techniques

579

00:32:07,675 --> 00:32:08,843  
that Doc created while working

580

00:32:08,927 --> 00:32:10,803  
with Hollywood's top producers  
and directors

581

00:32:10,887 --> 00:32:13,598  
to create for you  
an amazing animal adventure.

582

00:32:13,681 --> 00:32:14,891  
Have you had your photo taken?

583

00:32:15,516 --> 00:32:16,893  
No? Keep coming, keep coming.

584

00:32:19,520 --> 00:32:22,482  
The toenails you gotta watch

because they rip your face.

585

00:32:22,565 --> 00:32:23,399  
Grandma?

586

00:32:24,901 --> 00:32:26,903  
-[patron] How old are they?  
-Six weeks.

587

00:32:26,986 --> 00:32:28,571  
From the time  
that they're four weeks old

588

00:32:28,655 --> 00:32:30,406  
to the time that they're 16 weeks old,

589

00:32:30,490 --> 00:32:34,327  
you can profit \$100,000  
on that cub.

590

00:32:35,328 --> 00:32:38,498  
Interaction, playtimes, photos.

591

00:32:41,167 --> 00:32:43,962  
[Carole] People who pimp out tiger cubs  
can only use them

592

00:32:44,045 --> 00:32:45,713  
from the time that they're a few weeks old

593

00:32:45,797 --> 00:32:47,465  
until they're about 12 weeks old,

594

00:32:47,548 --> 00:32:49,884  
and when they get to be that age,  
they can take a finger off.

595

00:32:50,885 --> 00:32:52,887  
There are enough ignorant people out there

596

00:32:52,971 --> 00:32:55,640  
who will then take in that tiger

and a year later,

597

00:32:55,723 --> 00:32:58,518  
that cat's two or three hundred pounds  
and they're calling us saying,

598

00:32:58,601 --> 00:33:00,603  
"Please get this out of my house."

599

00:33:01,521 --> 00:33:05,233  
At the same time,  
there's almost no government regulation

600

00:33:05,316 --> 00:33:07,819  
of private possession, which I believe

601

00:33:07,902 --> 00:33:12,031  
is leading to the unbelievable number  
of these cats in captivity.

602

00:33:14,617 --> 00:33:18,371  
We have a tiger crisis in this country.

603

00:33:21,374 --> 00:33:24,711  
[caller 1] Yeah, there's a lion  
on Mount Perry Road and Gratiot.

604

00:33:26,713 --> 00:33:28,589  
[caller 2] It was heading west in a hurry.

605

00:33:29,173 --> 00:33:31,592  
[caller 3] Looks like a jaguar  
or wolf or something...

606

00:33:33,261 --> 00:33:35,847  
[Carole] Zanesville really woke up  
the public about the fact

607

00:33:35,930 --> 00:33:39,308  
that there could be dangerous wild animals  
living right next door to them

608

00:33:39,392 --> 00:33:41,102  
and they didn't even know it.

609

00:33:41,185 --> 00:33:42,562  
[man] It walked out in front of me,

610

00:33:42,645 --> 00:33:44,480  
and it was standing there  
under the streetlight.

611

00:33:44,564 --> 00:33:48,651  
[reporter] Sheriff Matt Lutz said  
50 wild animals kept on a private farm

612

00:33:48,735 --> 00:33:50,570  
had been deliberately set loose.

613

00:33:50,653 --> 00:33:55,575  
One baboon, three mountain lions  
and 18 tigers.

614

00:33:55,658 --> 00:33:57,326  
[man] Anything outside  
the perimeter gets...

615

00:33:57,410 --> 00:33:58,494  
definitely gets taken down.

616

00:33:58,828 --> 00:34:02,582  
-[gunshots]  
-[tiger snarls]

617

00:34:03,541 --> 00:34:05,418  
[reporter]  
The animals were unleashed on the town

618

00:34:05,501 --> 00:34:07,587  
by a man who kept them in his backyard.

619

00:34:09,338 --> 00:34:13,426  
[Carole] I believe that there are a number  
of ticking time bombs out there,

620

00:34:13,509 --> 00:34:17,013  
and when those places implode  
and somebody does something crazy,

621

00:34:17,597 --> 00:34:20,683  
that will probably push  
our legislation forward.

622

00:34:21,726 --> 00:34:24,312  
[reporter] Forty-eight of his animals  
were eventually killed,

623

00:34:24,395 --> 00:34:27,315  
pushing Ohio lawmakers  
to author a new bill

624

00:34:27,398 --> 00:34:30,359  
restricting private ownership  
of exotic pets.

625

00:34:30,443 --> 00:34:34,072  
It's not that having lions  
and tigers is bad unto itself.

626

00:34:34,155 --> 00:34:37,909  
It is the way he took care of them  
that made it take place.

627

00:34:37,992 --> 00:34:44,165  
Properly managed wildlife can become  
a great tool for wildlife education, like...

628

00:34:44,248 --> 00:34:48,044  
[reporter] Arguably the loudest,  
most defiant voice on the front lines

629

00:34:48,127 --> 00:34:51,005  
of the big cat debate belongs to this man.

630

00:34:51,089 --> 00:34:53,091  
I'm Joe Exotic and this is Sarge.

631

00:34:53,925 --> 00:34:57,261  
The president of the Humane Society  
called this place, and I quote:

632  
00:34:58,054 --> 00:35:01,974  
"A ticking time bomb and potentially  
ten times worse than Zanesville."

633  
00:35:02,100 --> 00:35:04,352  
It is a ticking time bomb  
if somebody thinks

634  
00:35:04,435 --> 00:35:06,437  
they're gonna walk in here  
and take my animals away.

635  
00:35:06,521 --> 00:35:08,022  
It's going to be a small Waco.

636  
00:35:09,774 --> 00:35:11,150  
That's a pretty powerful statement.

637  
00:35:11,234 --> 00:35:14,821  
It's a very powerful statement  
because I have poured my entire life

638  
00:35:14,904 --> 00:35:15,905  
into what I do.

639  
00:35:15,988 --> 00:35:20,618  
Nobody is gonna walk in here  
and freely shut me down

640  
00:35:20,701 --> 00:35:24,247  
and take my rights away from me  
as long as I am not breaking the law.

641  
00:35:24,330 --> 00:35:25,164  
[snarls]

642  
00:35:33,047 --> 00:35:36,425  
[man] You know, I've been sheriff here now  
for over eight years,



643

00:35:36,509 --> 00:35:41,264  
and our community gets its share of crime,  
drug use, burglaries, domestic assaults.

644

00:35:42,807 --> 00:35:43,975  
But then there's Joe Exotic.

645

00:35:45,935 --> 00:35:49,939  
Within a year of becoming sheriff,  
Joe walks into my office.

646

00:35:50,606 --> 00:35:51,732  
-Good, good.  
-Right here.

647

00:35:51,816 --> 00:35:54,861  
From that point on, it was, uh...  
it's been nonstop,

648

00:35:54,944 --> 00:35:57,488  
you know, with the G.W. Zoo and Joe.

649

00:36:04,287 --> 00:36:07,331  
This is the thing you don't want  
when you have tigers, folks.

650

00:36:07,415 --> 00:36:10,793  
It's a real life tornado,  
and there ain't nothin' you can do

651

00:36:10,877 --> 00:36:12,795  
besides protect yourself.

652

00:36:13,337 --> 00:36:16,757  
[Rhodes] I've gotten a lot of calls to--  
"You better watch Joe.

653

00:36:17,216 --> 00:36:19,051  
He's doing this, he's saying that."

654

00:36:21,721 --> 00:36:25,391

One of the things that keeps me awake  
at night is the park.

655

00:36:25,474 --> 00:36:27,018  
If you're an animal rights person,

656

00:36:27,143 --> 00:36:29,478  
and you try and come into this facility,

657

00:36:29,979 --> 00:36:31,939  
this is what  
you're going to be greeted with.

658

00:36:32,982 --> 00:36:35,735  
[gunshots]

659

00:36:35,818 --> 00:36:37,987  
Joe is a very paranoid person.

660

00:36:38,070 --> 00:36:42,116  
When I really realized  
Joe was potentially dangerous

661

00:36:42,408 --> 00:36:45,411  
was when he made a comment  
about "this could be another Waco."

662

00:36:45,494 --> 00:36:47,830  
That stand-off near Waco  
began as a federal raid

663

00:36:47,914 --> 00:36:50,249  
when federal agents tried to serve  
a search warrant.

664

00:36:50,333 --> 00:36:53,169  
[gunshots]

665

00:36:53,252 --> 00:36:56,255  
Our hearts go out to these brave agents  
who died today in the line of duty.

666

00:36:56,839 --> 00:36:58,716  
[Rhodes]  
And I took that as a direct threat

667  
00:36:58,799 --> 00:37:01,928  
that if my office ever had to take  
some action out there,

668  
00:37:02,511 --> 00:37:04,055  
we were going to have a shoot-out.

669  
00:37:04,138 --> 00:37:06,390  
This is my little town.

670  
00:37:06,474 --> 00:37:11,187  
I'm the mayor, the prosecutor,  
the cop, and the executioner.

671  
00:37:14,023 --> 00:37:16,651  
You know, after the Waco deal,  
me and Joe made a pact.

672  
00:37:17,443 --> 00:37:18,903  
If anything went bad,

673  
00:37:20,029 --> 00:37:21,447  
we were gonna shoot each other.

674  
00:37:22,156 --> 00:37:23,324  
And then that day...

675  
00:37:24,325 --> 00:37:27,119  
I put our names on our bullets right here.

676  
00:37:27,203 --> 00:37:28,829  
I have my name  
and his name on a bullet.

677  
00:37:29,288 --> 00:37:31,165  
If anything went wrong,  
it was gonna happen.

678

00:37:33,292 --> 00:37:34,961  
[Joe] What kinda camera guy are you?

679  
00:37:35,044 --> 00:37:38,256  
[Rhodes] Someone like Joe,  
who is very polarizing...

680  
00:37:38,756 --> 00:37:42,426  
He can draw out people to oppose him.

681  
00:37:43,010 --> 00:37:44,428  
[Joe] Oh, fuck yeah!

682  
00:37:45,012 --> 00:37:46,222  
[Rhodes] For instance, I mean,

683  
00:37:46,305 --> 00:37:50,643  
I would get a little cut-out postcard  
like this, addressed to me...

684  
00:37:51,435 --> 00:37:54,397  
picture of Joe with the word evil on it.

685  
00:37:55,022 --> 00:37:57,316  
That was really the point I realized,  
you know,

686  
00:37:57,400 --> 00:38:02,446  
there's people that are opposite  
of what Joe believes in.

687  
00:38:04,198 --> 00:38:07,159  
I have defended myself since 2006

688  
00:38:07,243 --> 00:38:09,829  
against People for the Ethical Treatment  
of Animals.

689  
00:38:11,122 --> 00:38:14,375  
Carole Baskin is supported  
by the help of PETA

690

00:38:14,458 --> 00:38:17,461  
to the point that they've actually made me  
a target now.

691  
00:38:19,380 --> 00:38:23,467  
[woman] PETA is unapologetic  
in its mission to help animals,

692  
00:38:23,551 --> 00:38:27,722  
and we've been targeting Joe Exotic  
for many, many years.

693  
00:38:28,139 --> 00:38:29,390  
I think that we can't...

694  
00:38:31,517 --> 00:38:34,645  
underestimate how dangerous some  
of these people are.

695  
00:38:36,981 --> 00:38:40,943  
[Reinke] They think that animals  
are being beat everywhere they go.

696  
00:38:41,027 --> 00:38:42,903  
We didn't beat tigers at our zoo.

697  
00:38:43,029 --> 00:38:44,322  
We sure got accused of it.

698  
00:38:46,115 --> 00:38:48,951  
Those people are fucking insane, man.

699  
00:38:50,077 --> 00:38:51,329  
Actually, they scare me.

700  
00:38:52,580 --> 00:38:54,081  
[Peet] Joe is always armed.

701  
00:38:54,165 --> 00:38:55,875  
There's always a gun at his side.

702  
00:38:56,709 --> 00:38:58,419

[woman]  
What do you carry that gun for?

703  
00:38:58,502 --> 00:38:59,670  
People.

704  
00:38:59,754 --> 00:39:02,006  
-[man] Not the cats?  
-Not the cats.

705  
00:39:02,089 --> 00:39:03,966  
I'd shoot you before I shot my cat.

706  
00:39:04,633 --> 00:39:06,927  
We have 24-hour armed guards,

707  
00:39:07,011 --> 00:39:09,013  
three of us wear firearms.

708  
00:39:09,680 --> 00:39:12,516  
That is how bad this has gotten.

709  
00:39:13,851 --> 00:39:15,936  
[Antle] I sleep with an AK-47  
under my mattress.

710  
00:39:16,687 --> 00:39:17,688  
Loaded, ready to roll.

711  
00:39:19,065 --> 00:39:21,734  
[man] Joe, he had threats all the time  
on Facebook.

712  
00:39:21,817 --> 00:39:23,402  
He had problems with PETA  
coming onto the park

713  
00:39:23,486 --> 00:39:25,071  
and taking pictures and stuff like that.

714  
00:39:25,154 --> 00:39:26,322  
And trying to discredit him,

715

00:39:27,782 --> 00:39:29,367  
so he needed extra security.

716

00:39:31,243 --> 00:39:34,413  
[Rhodes] Over the course of eight years,  
I would guess we have probably taken

717

00:39:34,497 --> 00:39:36,582  
40 to 50 police reports from Joe.

718

00:39:36,665 --> 00:39:39,293  
And we have had people  
try to get on that park.

719

00:39:39,877 --> 00:39:41,921  
This guy has been videotaping.

720

00:39:42,004 --> 00:39:44,006  
And we warned him twice.

721

00:39:44,298 --> 00:39:45,925  
And he claims he's with PETA.

722

00:39:46,550 --> 00:39:47,510  
[Joe] Main thing is--

723

00:39:47,676 --> 00:39:49,678  
Oh, just investigating  
some animal rights issues

724

00:39:49,762 --> 00:39:50,930  
that might be happening.

725

00:39:51,722 --> 00:39:53,307  
[Reinke] They take things to the extreme.

726

00:39:53,933 --> 00:39:56,560  
Have you got a tiger in a zoo in a cage?  
Yeah.

727

00:39:56,644 --> 00:39:59,688  
How are you gonna keep him from running  
downtown and going to 7-Eleven?

728  
00:40:02,066 --> 00:40:05,736  
[Antle] Carole, PETA,  
those characters want to attack everyone.

729  
00:40:06,487 --> 00:40:08,322  
Carole wants to be the last man standing.

730  
00:40:08,406 --> 00:40:10,825  
There can be only one,  
and it has to be her.

731  
00:40:11,826 --> 00:40:15,788  
[Jow] She's got tens of thousands  
of people out there brainwashed

732  
00:40:15,871 --> 00:40:17,665  
that we're abusing animals.

733  
00:40:18,499 --> 00:40:21,210  
I just called her a plain-out hypocrite.

734  
00:40:25,506 --> 00:40:26,841  
You're open to the public.

735  
00:40:26,924 --> 00:40:32,012  
You're doing boat tours, night tours,  
day tours, kid tours, kid camps, weddings.

736  
00:40:32,096 --> 00:40:32,930  
You name it.

737  
00:40:34,432 --> 00:40:36,142  
If you're taking photos and stuff,

738  
00:40:36,225 --> 00:40:39,145  
it'd be great if you would use the hashtag  
"BigCatRescue,"

739



00:40:39,228 --> 00:40:40,229  
so you can find us there.

740  
00:40:40,312 --> 00:40:43,023  
Go ahead and open the gates  
and go see some cats.

741  
00:40:43,983 --> 00:40:45,443  
[Jow] It's a moneymaker for them.

742  
00:40:46,152 --> 00:40:48,154  
These tickets sold out really fast,

743  
00:40:48,237 --> 00:40:50,614  
and so we're so happy to see all you guys.

744  
00:40:50,698 --> 00:40:53,826  
If you're not fuckin' exploiting animals  
at that point,

745  
00:40:53,909 --> 00:40:55,161  
what the hell are you doing?

746  
00:40:55,244 --> 00:40:58,080  
[Carole] These guys are checking out Max  
and Mary-Anne.

747  
00:40:58,164 --> 00:41:02,126  
Carole is, I would have to say,  
a hero of mine.

748  
00:41:02,209 --> 00:41:04,336  
She's an awesome advocate for cats.

749  
00:41:04,420 --> 00:41:07,673  
These animals have a life to live now.  
A happy life to live.

750  
00:41:07,756 --> 00:41:13,554  
And I tell everyone this is like  
the Ritz-Carlton of animal sanctuaries,

751

00:41:13,637 --> 00:41:15,973  
'cause you just do an amazing job.

752  
00:41:16,056 --> 00:41:18,559  
-Stop it, you're going to make me cry.  
-I know.

753  
00:41:24,023 --> 00:41:27,318  
[Kirkham] In my opinion,  
Carole Baskin was as bad as Joe.

754  
00:41:27,651 --> 00:41:28,861  
They were both, you know,

755  
00:41:28,944 --> 00:41:31,822  
taking advantage of exotic animals  
to make money.

756  
00:41:32,364 --> 00:41:34,575  
So, to me, it was just a feud.

757  
00:41:34,658 --> 00:41:36,494  
Carole Baskin, yup,

758  
00:41:36,577 --> 00:41:40,748  
that lady that profits  
over 1.5 million dollars

759  
00:41:40,831 --> 00:41:43,751  
suckin' on your heartstrings  
about shit on the internet

760  
00:41:43,834 --> 00:41:44,877  
that ain't even true!

761  
00:41:45,544 --> 00:41:50,841  
They are always trying to upset me  
on social media.

762  
00:41:51,425 --> 00:41:53,427  
I got a big mouth  
and a television station.

763

00:41:54,094 --> 00:41:56,764  
-[chuckles] It seems to be.  
-[Goode] And that works.

764

00:41:56,847 --> 00:41:59,517  
Why would you give to a facility  
to rescue animals

765

00:41:59,642 --> 00:42:01,894  
to live in luxurious cages?

766

00:42:01,977 --> 00:42:04,188  
Well, how about that one?

767

00:42:04,813 --> 00:42:07,733  
That mountain lion is sticking his head  
through a hole in the fence

768

00:42:07,816 --> 00:42:09,193  
in order to drink out of a--

769

00:42:09,276 --> 00:42:11,820  
Joe started bashing her.  
She started bashing him.

770

00:42:11,904 --> 00:42:13,989  
You know, getting the mall shows canceled.

771

00:42:14,657 --> 00:42:18,744  
And she put up billboards,  
and she made this 911 animal abuse site.

772

00:42:18,953 --> 00:42:21,247  
Joe was one of the top contenders on it.

773

00:42:21,455 --> 00:42:24,583  
Carole would now and then  
put up something online

774

00:42:24,667 --> 00:42:27,878  
about how Joe's breeding  
and he's bad and all this.

775

00:42:27,962 --> 00:42:30,297  
And he would go off on his internet show.

776

00:42:30,381 --> 00:42:33,634  
I consider that bitch to be one  
of the biggest terrorists

777

00:42:33,717 --> 00:42:35,719  
in the exotic animal world right now.

778

00:42:35,803 --> 00:42:38,889  
It is financially draining  
to fight this woman.

779

00:42:38,973 --> 00:42:41,183  
[Carole]  
To get a little bit of background on Joe,

780

00:42:41,267 --> 00:42:43,936  
all you gotta do  
is go to tigercubabuse.com.

781

00:42:44,019 --> 00:42:48,065  
We got undercover video of him  
using a 20-week-old cub

782

00:42:48,148 --> 00:42:51,318  
that jumped on this little boy  
and bit him on the leg.

783

00:42:51,402 --> 00:42:52,444  
[child crying]

784

00:42:53,028 --> 00:42:54,530  
[Antle] She's ruthless.

785

00:42:54,613 --> 00:42:56,156  
Most of us are not ruthless.

786

00:42:56,240 --> 00:42:58,492  
People who really love animals

are rarely ruthless.

787

00:43:00,286 --> 00:43:03,664

[Carole] There shouldn't have to be  
a place that rescues big cats from abuse

788

00:43:03,747 --> 00:43:04,707

in this country.

789

00:43:05,874 --> 00:43:10,004

What we're asking you to do is champion  
the Big Cat Public Safety Act.

790

00:43:10,754 --> 00:43:13,215

The Big Cat Public Safety Act  
would end the ownership

791

00:43:13,299 --> 00:43:15,134

of big cats as exotic pets

792

00:43:15,217 --> 00:43:18,762

and prohibit exhibitors from allowing  
the public to have contact with them.

793

00:43:19,221 --> 00:43:22,182

The Big Cat Safety Act, if passed,

794

00:43:22,349 --> 00:43:25,769

it will destroy private zoos  
across America.

795

00:43:28,480 --> 00:43:32,276

[Joe] For Carole... and all of her friends  
that are watching out there,

796

00:43:32,359 --> 00:43:35,029

before you bring me down...

797

00:43:37,573 --> 00:43:39,033

it is my belief...

798

00:43:39,700 --> 00:43:41,577

that you will stop breathing.

799

00:43:43,078 --> 00:43:44,288  
It got pretty ugly.

800

00:43:44,830 --> 00:43:47,291  
We hear it's Carole's birthday next month.

801

00:43:47,833 --> 00:43:49,835  
And we're shipping her two of these!

802

00:43:49,918 --> 00:43:51,086  
[laughs]

803

00:43:51,170 --> 00:43:53,964  
Look at the fangs on that!

804

00:43:56,216 --> 00:43:58,385  
[Carole] One day I went out  
to open up the mailbox

805

00:43:58,469 --> 00:44:00,638  
and it just exploded with snakes.

806

00:44:03,557 --> 00:44:07,186  
There are crazy people out there  
who want to see me dead.

807

00:44:07,853 --> 00:44:09,188  
Happy birthday, Carole.

808

00:44:10,689 --> 00:44:14,068  
What... keeps me up at night

809

00:44:14,151 --> 00:44:17,738  
is worrying about them  
hurting a family member to get to me.

810

00:44:20,532 --> 00:44:23,369  
It was just a... hate.

811

00:44:23,452 --> 00:44:26,914  
He has hate for Carole Baskin. Nasty hate.

812  
00:44:36,799 --> 00:44:38,926  
A hundred rounds of .223.

813  
00:44:39,009 --> 00:44:42,429  
You got it. Is that gonna be it  
or do you need any explosives today?

814  
00:44:47,226 --> 00:44:48,519  
[Goode] Carole's taking a nap.

815  
00:44:54,900 --> 00:44:58,070  
[gunshots]

816  
00:44:58,153 --> 00:45:00,781  
There, I've got every animal rights person  
all in one row.

817  
00:45:03,450 --> 00:45:05,119  
Dynamite. [laughs]

818  
00:45:05,202 --> 00:45:06,036  
Ready?

819  
00:45:06,662 --> 00:45:08,080  
Aim... Fire.

820  
00:45:08,163 --> 00:45:09,164  
[gunshot]

821  
00:45:09,832 --> 00:45:11,417  
[gunshot]

822  
00:45:23,387 --> 00:45:25,514  
[operator] This is a prepaid call from...

823  
00:45:25,597 --> 00:45:26,849  
[Joe] Joe Exotic.

824

00:45:26,932 --> 00:45:29,393  
[operator]  
...an inmate at the Grady County Jail.

825  
00:45:35,149 --> 00:45:36,275  
[Joe] I'm in a cage.

826  
00:45:39,153 --> 00:45:41,155  
Do you know why animals die in cages?

827  
00:45:42,531 --> 00:45:44,658  
Their soul dies.

828  
00:45:47,202 --> 00:45:50,789  
I'm not gonna be accused and go to prison,

829  
00:45:50,873 --> 00:45:55,419  
and lose everything I have for things  
that other people did.

830  
00:45:55,919 --> 00:45:57,588  
Before this is over with,

831  
00:45:58,505 --> 00:46:00,090  
I'm gonna shut down everybody.

832  
00:46:14,271 --> 00:46:17,024  
[Joe] With our ever-changing climate,  
in our world today,

833  
00:46:17,107 --> 00:46:19,318  
and you're outside  
working in the weather elements,

834  
00:46:19,401 --> 00:46:21,862  
when you come in at night  
and you wanna feel good,

835  
00:46:21,945 --> 00:46:24,615  
reach for  
America's favorite skincare products:

836



00:46:24,698 --> 00:46:26,325  
Tiger King Skincare.

837  
00:46:26,700 --> 00:46:30,662  
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great product for men and women.

838  
00:46:30,954 --> 00:46:33,707  
Tiger King Super Skin Rejuvenating Cream.

839  
00:46:35,042 --> 00:46:37,544  
For a full line of Tiger King Skincare,

840  
00:46:37,628 --> 00:46:42,424  
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