'The Interview': Serena Williams’s Next Challenge? The Rest of Her Life.

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from The New York Times this is the

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interview I'm David

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maresi A lot of people wind their way

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into middle age having achieved some

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measure of Career Success only to ask

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themselves well now what and apparently

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this happens even if you're Serena

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Williams Serena who's now 42 years old

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retired from competitive tennis a little

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under 2 years ago she'd won 23 Grand

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Slams more than any woman in the open

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era and just one shy of the all-time

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record her level of Fame and achievement

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both on and off the court broke

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boundaries for black women and women

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athletes in general she is by just about

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any account the best ever at what she

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did since she retired Williams has

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directed that drive at some new projects

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she's got a venture capital fund and

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just launched a makeup line and she and

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her husband Reddit co-founder Alexis

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Ohanian have two small girls so it's not

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exactly like she's been idle

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but the tennis court still

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calls she's gone back to it in a way

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with a new eight-part documentary called

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in the arena Serena Williams which will

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stream on ESPN plus next month and she

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told me that revisiting her career

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through the series has been the first

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chance she's had to sit back and take in

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everything she

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accomplished here's my conversation with

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Serena

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Williams so you you've been retired from

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ts4 it's not even two full years and one

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thing that I was thinking about in

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watching the documentary was really the

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kind of amazing competitive spirit that

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you had and I'm curious about where that

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competitive Spirit goes or how it

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changes once you're no longer playing

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sports you know you're you're doing the

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different projects right you've got the

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Venture Capital fund the makeup line I

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think you've written a children's book

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did you feel like you like does it go

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away the next day or did you feel like

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you had to find a new outlet for it for

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me it was a necessary thing like I

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needed to not sit be done and sit down

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and wake up and be like oh my God what

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what just happened for me it was like

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thank goodness that I did something that

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maybe anyone would say was too fast and

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not maybe it was definitely too fast to

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just throw myself full Heart full body

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into everything but that's kind of what

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I needed to do to survive so to say

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after I've been playing tennis for all

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my life I think it would have been

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really hard so I just kind of did all

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that and when you say um something you

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sort of needed to survive you mean

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because you you were sort of worried or

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anxious about the prospect of not having

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new challenges once tennis was done no

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it wasn't about not having new

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challenges I think it was more around

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the fact of like listen you've been

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doing this since you've been born do you

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even know how to do anything else uhhuh

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my whole mission in life was playing

3:01

tennis waking up every day what are you

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doing today practice what are you going

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to do train and then if you get injured

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then you're like what are you doing

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today rehab you know so I can't get back

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to practice and that had been my life

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for over 40 years and so it was like you

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don't go from literally a 40-year career

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to just going okay what do you do today

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nothing you know I don't know so I kind

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of needed to just I think all this was

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subconscious too I I obviously wasn't

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doing this on purpose but I think I

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subconsciously just kind of overlapped

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so when my career did end like literally

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the next day I had a huge team meeting

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for Serena Adventures we were talking

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about companies I had fully taken over

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and it was just like all Hands All Me On

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Deck and I was on every single meeting I

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was in every founder meeting I was in

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everything and again I think it was too

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much but I think that was my way of

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coping because I couldn't go from having

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purpose for all my life to having no

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purpose does the having purpose aspect

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of things also include like the

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scheduling and and how you're spending

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your time like did you want to maintain

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kind of a strict or or rigorous schedule

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for yourself you know what no I didn't

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know that that's what I was doing for

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the record I didn't realize that but now

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I'm like wanting to figure out a way to

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take a break which I probably should

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have done earlier but I don't know if I

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would have mentally survived that

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because of my person ality I probably

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would have been back on the tennis court

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playing tennis but yeah now I'm just

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like I haven't stopped in my whole life

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I've been going non-stop for my entire

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life so I kind of need a breather I need

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a I really desperately need a breather

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so I'm trying to navigate all that now

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your kids are still pretty young right

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my I have two girls one is 8 months and

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one is uh 6 years old and is there a

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particular understanding that you want

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your daughters to have about what you

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accomplished in

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tennis

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um I it it's kind of it's It's Tricky

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right because it's like I want them to

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understand but at the same time that'll

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come with time so I'm not really too too

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you know Olympia told me the other day

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like you're famous and I'm like uh not

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really I'm just your mom um so I don't

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know I just feel like when the time

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comes and honestly when it's settled in

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for me too I know that sounds really

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crazy but when it's all settled in for

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me I'll definitely have that

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conversation with them and I'll let them

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know like you

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know potentially the

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important you know the I don't want to

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be too presumptuous but the impact I had

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I should say the impact that I have had

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and on Sport and

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Beyond you know your your

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dad

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famously saw something in you and in

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Venus and then worked so hard to help

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you guys achieve that um and he saw

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something in you and sister when when

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you guys were real little and I wonder

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do you feel like you see something in

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your daughters in the way that your dad

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saw something in

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you I don't know that's a really good

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question I feel like I don't know I I

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always look at my dad and I think how

6:23

were you able to do that because I'm

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like oh they're so cute I just want them

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to relax and want to over push them but

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I would be devastated if I wasn't pushed

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because I wouldn't we wouldn't be having

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this interview and there would never

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have been a Serena Williams so I feel so

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fortunate that I had an opportunity to

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have that extra mph you know what I mean

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but for whatever reason I'm having a

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hard time connecting to like that extra

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push and that's something that I've been

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trying to figure out myself is like how

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to get that extra motivation to my

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daughters cuz it's definitely worth it I

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I can confirm from experience it worked

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out pretty well for you yeah it it

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worked out well um but what do I see I

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don't know I think my oldest I mean the

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8-month-old is so tiny but I think

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Olympia is such a bright light and she's

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so athletic to a point where it's just

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not even humanly possible and my even

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Venus she was like that kid has more

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Talent than you and I combined and she's

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not lying so it's it's I can see how my

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dad may have seen some potential in US

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yeah so for me I'm just like trying to

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figure out a way how to like harness all

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that and just do that like I already

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told my dad like maybe you have to coach

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her because I'm I'm too nice yeah you're

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too soft I'm too soft yeah there you go

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you know I can imagine it's sort of an

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interesting thing that a lot of parents

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have to think about it's it's like you

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do the hard work and push yourself on

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some level maybe so that your kids don't

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have to do do the hard work right but

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then you also want them to achieve you

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don't want them to to not reach their

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potential and like I said I know from

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experience it was definitely worth it I

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can confirm that so for me it's like

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trying to get into a place where I do

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feel comfortable saying like Okay girls

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we're going to do this every day but it

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also takes a lot of commitment from the

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parent and that's why I said now I have

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so much respect for my mom and my

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dad because I was like okay Olympia

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we're going to play tennis every

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Wednesday and then I'm now I'm like uh

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and do you ever talk with Venus

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about why she still plays like do you

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understand why she's still out there and

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Venus loves tennis and I think the

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question will be best answered from her

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I do not want to speak for her but I I

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do know that that's something that I

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mean we both love tennis honestly I feel

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like I would still be playing if I

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didn't have to stop and have a

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family um can I ask you a slightly uh

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tennis nerdy question oh for sure in the

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documentary I I think it's you're you're

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talking and I think it's you know you're

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you're reminiscing about after winning

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your first slam and you say that after

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that you really had a a bullseye on your

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back that the other players on tour were

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really like we we got to beat the

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William sisters

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um what did you think that was about

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back then and is your perspective on it

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now different I definitely had a red X

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on

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me and it was hard it was you know know

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people assume that you're not friendly

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and that's usually not the

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case uh you're just there to win and you

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know people don't really want to talk to

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Winners in a single sport to be you know

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it's like the birds of a feather flock

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together and there's only one winner and

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so who you going to flock with um and if

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I were playing soccer it would be a

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completely different situation because

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you have a team of players I had my mom

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and my dad and you know we kept

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ourselves really close cuz we had to but

10:01

yeah I do feel like it shook the world I

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mean come on like a black girl wins a

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Grand Slam at 17 years old and she's

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from Compton if you're not going to take

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notice the world took notice of it so

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obviously they took notice and so it had

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been do it had been a dominated sport by

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you know Caucasians so it was like whoa

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we're having a change in our sport we

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don't like that this isn't normal let's

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not let her win and so that's quite

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frankly what it

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was and do you find the any of the same

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racial Dynamics in play in no I didn't

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say race I didn't say that it was racial

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I just said that to be clear I said that

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it was a change and and just like

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anything like you're going to notice if

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if it was a Asian person winning

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everything when there was only white

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people winning before right so I

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happened to be black and it happened to

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be me and I happened to win a grand slam

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and I happened to be young and it was

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like whoo this hasn't happened since the

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' 50s so obviously it's going to take

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note and obviously it was like well

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we're not used to this so we want to

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make sure that we make our comeback

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too um this is a semi- random question

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did you see

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Challengers that is so random um and yes

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I did see challenges thoughts um I

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thought it was good I wanted there to be

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more of an

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ending I was like I told zenai I was

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like listen is there more like I want

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more did they win I mean I don't want to

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give away the in ending but yeah I

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thought it was quite interest oh did you

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see it I did see it yeah what did you

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think of it I liked it you know I just

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kept wondering about the uh accuracy of

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the the tennis in it I think they did

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really good actually I think for the

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most part I thought the tennis was was

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very well done yeah and like on any

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level did those sort of interpersonal

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rivalries and Dynamics ring true for you

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so yeah I thought they I thought it was

12:04

pretty accurate too about you know the

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tennis player and and and the

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relationship that they had I felt like

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sometimes you can become really

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connected to whoever you're with whether

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that's uh a friend a coach or

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codependent I should say as a better

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word like I I feel like I was

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codependent with

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Venus I actually felt like there was so

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much accuracy in there about things that

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are we don't think about as tennis

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players or even talk about as tennis

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players there's definitely a lot of C-

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depending I feel I don't know it could

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go both ways you could also be a loner

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in tennis so I don't know I don't I

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don't know I listen I like the movie

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that's all I can say but everyone is

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allowed to have their own opinion yeah

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you know I also saw the this sort of

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news come out of the Trump trial that

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you were in the president's contacts

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would you guys would talk to each

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other I I mean I is this what this

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interview is about

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oh just so when somebody has a chance to

13:01

talk to a president I'm curious what

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they talk to a president about I talk to

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a lot of presidents

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so I spoke to Barack I spoke to clintons

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I spoke to every president since I've

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been alive including Ronald Reagan I'll

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have you know oh really what do you

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think they're looking for in talking to

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you what do they want to know I don't

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know I'm not going to go there fair

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enough uh um you talked a little bit

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about um the idea of if you're for lack

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of a better term like the Legacy and

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what you achieved and it does really

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seem like in the last few years there

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has been this explosion of interest in

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women's sports and I think it's

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inarguable that you were a big part of

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that like do you feel some sense of

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responsibility for for the position

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women's sports is in

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now no I would feel that way if it were

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tennis and I know it's not linear but

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don't want to be

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presumptuous listen these women are

14:02

working so hard at what they do and you

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know whether it's Angel Reese or Caitlyn

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Clark they deserve the attention that

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they're starting to get and I wasn't

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there I was doing my own different thing

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in tennis right so I can't sit here and

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say that it's because of me that women

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sport is doing so good like that's just

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not first of all that's not me and I

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don't know if that would be 100%

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accurate women's sports athletes have

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been great for decades and

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way before me I mean Chris ever was

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great and Martina neverova was great and

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maybe it's just the buildup of all that

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decades and Decades of greatness and

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then people finally catching on that

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women are awesome and amazing and they

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could just kick button sport too and so

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I don't know maybe it's just a Full

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Compilation of it

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all um and you know I am always curious

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with athletes about the memories that

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they have from their careers and do you

15:01

find that you I don't know how much you

15:03

sit back and think about this kind of

15:05

stuff but if you do does your mind go to

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the big wins or or the

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losses

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um I'm the kind of person that be like

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oh I hated that I lost that I I try to

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forget my losses to be honest um you

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know what I actually always refus to go

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down memory lane during my career cuz I

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always said that that's when you get

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satisfied and that's how you not grow

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and not be better cuz if I'm like

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looking at me and I'm won like 18 Grand

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Slims I'll be like oh my God that's

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amazing why am I doing this and so I

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didn't want to kind of have that mindset

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so I kind of never really looked back

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and with everything going on with sering

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in the arena have an opportunity to look

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back and say wow this has been really

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really cool and really interesting like

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to kind of remember that ah it felt good

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you know it's being the subject of a do

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doumentary is obviously something that

16:01

most people don't get to experience you

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know just seeing sort of your your life

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story played back to you in in a

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narrative fashion what is that

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experience like and and what were some

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of the interesting nuances of seeing how

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someone else like understands what the

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Serena Williams story is I am always

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amazed at people and the uh excitement

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they have for what I've done I'm just

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like I'm just an I'm just a normal

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person you know like I've been so in a

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box of just like staying focused and

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just like you know just like I don't

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know just doing the best that I could on

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that day and just that's all I could do

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so now just having an opportunity to

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hear people talk you know about it

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almost gets me super emotional and it's

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just like wow I

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just honestly I just didn't know I just

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didn't

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know tell me more about that because you

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you were like in it so you couldn't see

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outside of it or yeah I mean obviously I

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knew but yeah it's also just I'm so in

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it I would literally win Wimbledon and I

17:05

would go back the next day and until not

17:08

even the next day I remember having a

17:10

conversation with my dad being like okay

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Dad so that was great but I really want

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to focus I know I can win the open and

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and it's just like I literally never

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really took too much time to like settle

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in and in my and my wins and I just was

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always looking for the next quote

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unquote hi for lack of a better word and

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it was always more competition it was

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always the next the next win do you

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still find yourself looking for the next

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quote unquote High I have so much more

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excitement now with just

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relaxing um and this has been a process

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of trying to find my new normal and now

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I'm like getting to a point where my day

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today ends at 12:00 and I'm like I have

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a massage at 1:30 and it's just like

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it's kind of night

18:00

to you know have an opportunity to

18:05

just take a deep breath in and a deep

18:07

breath out cuz I've never I've never had

18:09

that and I've always gone from the next

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thing you know so I'm trying to enjoy

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this after the break I call Serena back

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to talk tennis rivalries and more about

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what she's looking for in this next era

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of her life I was of being a stroller on

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the tennis court so it's literally my

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entire life I've been about one thing so

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I don't know anything

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else hi Serena how are you I'm good how

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are you David I'm good I'm good thank

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you for taking the time again I

18:52

appreciate it um no

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worries you know one thing that one

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second did you say

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Olympia I'll think about it but yes was

19:03

that Olympia sorry can you hear me I'm

19:05

just with my daughter so it's that's

19:07

okay what are you guys doing I'm just

19:09

with her today because she's out of

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school

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ahmer yeah yeah so sorry if it's well

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you know speaking of Olympia one of the

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things that you and I had talked about

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in our first call that I thought was

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really interesting was um sort of the

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the push and pull and maybe some

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uncertainty you felt about no knowing

19:29

how much to try and put your child on a

19:32

path towards greatness and how much to

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push them in the way that you know your

19:36

dad pushed you and and your sister and

19:39

one thing that I thought more about was

19:41

um like what are your husband's thoughts

19:43

about that I mean I assume he wasn't put

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on a path to Excellence in quite the

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same way as you were so does he have the

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same uncertainty like do you guys find

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you're on the same do do you both feel

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the uncertainty

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about I'm going need you just I need one

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minute okay I'm just on a call okay

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thank you sorry I'm so sorry that's

20:02

totally okay um yeah we it's hard I

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actually think it's easier for my

20:07

husband so I think it's easier for him

20:08

to be like okay let's go here golf every

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week or whatever and just be more of a

20:14

like motivator than I am but I'm still

20:17

trying to find that balance because I

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tell you and I always say like I

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wouldn't trade anything that I've done

20:22

for the world so why in the world am I

20:24

not pushing my daughter a little bit

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more so so I was just trying to figure

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out my balance of like pushing versus

20:33

over pushing and I don't think I think

20:36

the way my dad did it was good but I

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just need to kind of get in that head

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space sooner than later you know do you

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find that Olympia responds to to being

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pushed I I think so and I don't to be

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perfectly honest I don't think I even

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pushed her enough to see if she's

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responded which is disastrous you know

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I'm like come on this is crazy crazy do

20:59

better Serina so I don't even know the

21:02

answer to that yeah and you know

21:04

something else that was interesting to

21:06

me was that you had said that you felt

21:09

like you were codependent with Venus

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when you guys were on tour together can

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you tell me more about what you meant by

21:15

that because codependency usually has a

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negative connotation but my hunch is

21:19

that you didn't mean that negatively I

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don't think so oh so tell me about it

21:23

yeah I don't think so I think it's good

21:25

like I mean codependent is great in some

21:28

instan at least in the instance that I

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meant it cuz we depended on each other

21:33

we motivated each other and I think I

21:36

think I can see where it could be a

21:37

negative connotation but I also think it

21:40

could be a positive thing like who no

21:42

one could have pushed me if it wasn't

21:43

for her I wouldn't have been pushed so

21:45

far she literally pushed me to train

21:47

harder and to be on the court more than

21:49

anybody else and to work harder and

21:51

that's because you know we depended on

21:54

each other to do that and to motivate

21:55

each other so it's definitely more

21:58

positive I'm glad you saw that it could

22:00

have been more positive than negative so

22:01

thanks for asking me to clarify that but

22:03

yeah I think that's a positive

22:06

thing you know last time I asked you a

22:08

sort of Insider tennis question and I

22:10

want to ask you another one um and it's

22:14

uh this is just something I was always

22:15

personally curious about so I think

22:18

Sharapova beat you twice pretty early on

22:22

in your career who Sharapova oh okay and

22:25

then you never lost to her again I think

22:27

you beat her something like 18 times in

22:29

in a row after that did you just decide

22:31

like this person is never beating me

22:33

again oh man you didn't see it I think

22:35

that's episode three I don't want to

22:37

give it all away oh they only showed me

22:39

the first two oh my God I'm so sad you

22:42

have to see the rest it's in there it's

22:45

definitely in there all right so a

22:46

teaser a teaser it's a teaser you gota

22:49

wait for it it's actually really good

22:51

but it is there was a reason why I

22:52

didn't lose to her and I explained that

22:55

so you know that's talking about a bunch

22:57

of wins you had and I know you don't

22:59

like to talk about losses another thing

23:01

I'm curious about okay so you were so

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dominant for so long in Grand Slam

23:06

finals and then I think you went 0 for

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the last four did that have to do with

23:11

the pressure of trying to catch Margaret

23:13

Court's Grand Slam record so I think it

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was pressure and pressure I put on

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myself and too much I should have won at

23:19

least two or three of those there's

23:21

definitely one or one I should have lost

23:23

for sure which I don't think even

23:25

looking back I could have won one at

23:27

least one of them

23:28

but definitely one two I don't remember

23:31

the third one definitely two at least

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two of them I could have one and you

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know it's just too much pressure I put

23:36

on myself and I couldn't relax I just

23:39

couldn't relax and be able to just just

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say you know and just breathe and that

23:44

that sucks honestly it does but nothing

23:47

I can do about it now just not going to

23:49

change anything but um except for how I

23:52

feel ultimately so how often do you

23:55

think about not getting 24 never

23:57

actually oh good I never do which is

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good right I thought it was much worse

24:02

than that but I never do because I had

24:04

such an amazing career and quite frankly

24:07

I I honestly I should have had 30 I feel

24:11

like I could have had way more than

24:13

24 you know you posted on social media

24:16

the other day a little cryptically it

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wasn't cryptic that you were ready to

24:20

hit balls again what were you referring

24:22

to I literally am ready to hit ball it's

24:24

like I haven't hit in a long time it's

24:26

my life and I love it

24:28

and I miss it I miss it so much I did

24:31

learn maybe I shouldn't post it on

24:33

Twitter because people think I'm coming

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back and I'm like no I literally just

24:36

didn't want invol yeah what are you and

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Olympia going to do today considering

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she's off school what's the

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plan um we're just hanging out all day

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and I to play Roblox with her later

24:48

we're going to do that we had a pedicure

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this morning and so we're just having a

24:53

girl's day retirement sounds good it it

24:57

it is it's is different it's a life I've

24:59

never experienced you have to understand

25:01

for um my entire life since I was since

25:04

I can remember I was images of being a

25:06

stroller on the tennis court so it's

25:08

literally my entire life I've been about

25:10

one thing so I don't know anything else

25:12

you know and so this is all new to me

25:15

this is like a whole new career and it's

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cool it's I have to tell you it's really

25:20

cool and of course I prefer playing

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tennis but

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it's but you know that's because I've

25:26

done it my whole life of course you

25:27

prefer doing something that you've done

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since you could walk you know like

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that's kind of rare in a career like

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usually people work to get a career but

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I've been doing this since I could walk

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so definitely a different

25:39

feeling and I think that's natural curve

25:41

that I just have to you know learn you

25:46

know it sounds like you really miss

25:48

tennis yeah I do and I like that I miss

25:51

tennis I would hate to be like oh I

25:53

hated that so much and like that would

25:55

be such an awful like sad thing for me

25:58

because tennis meant so much to me and I

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didn't realize it meant that much to me

26:02

to be honest that I didn't realize that

26:04

I would have such an amazing

26:05

relationship with tennis after was all

26:07

said and done and I love that I'm really

26:10

I'm really happy that I have that

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relationship it's like a goodness it's

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like a good it's like a Nostalgia but

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you know Nostalgia is positive so I love

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that that's Serena Williams this

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who are not traditional Democrats and

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I'm proud of that I'm David maresi and

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