

TIGER KING

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"The Lyin' King"

Jeff goes on the defensive when acquaintances and former associates accuse him of misdeeds. Meanwhile, Tim faces legal issues in Indiana.

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Howard Baskin	... Self - Big Cat Rescue
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Allen Glover	... Self - Former Handyman, G.W.
	Zoo/"Hitman"
Jeff Lowe	... Self - Businessman
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Dillon Passage	... Self - Joe's Ex-Husband
Tim Stark	... Self - Wildlife in Need
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Tim Bengston	... Self - Former Volunteer, Big Cat Rescue
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Troy Griffin	... Self - Psychic Investigator
Scott Shoemaker	... Self - Tiger Owner, Rexano
Zuzana Kokol	... Self - Tiger Owner, Rexano
Joe Barth	... Self - Owner, Hwy.21 Drive-In Theater
Darcy Spears	... Self - Journalist, KTNV-TV
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Evelyn Stark	... Self - Tim Stark's Mother
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00:00:07 --> 00:00:09
[soft music playing]

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[James Garretson] What's crazy about
the whole thing is seeing the hitman

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out on the street.

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That makes no logical fucking sense.

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You're gonna let a guy free
that supposedly was gonna go kill a lady.

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00:00:22 --> 00:00:23
And he's free on the street.

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00:00:24 --> 00:00:26
[Joe Exotic on recording]
'Cause he was never really a hitman.

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Kinda hard to put a hitman in prison
when it's just all made-up bullshit.

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I do not think
Joe deserves 22 fucking years.

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He got a raw deal.

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00:00:37 --> 00:00:40
But what I understand, the government's
been wanting his ass for years.

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Jeff made sure my story fit
to what they needed.

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[Exotic on recording] And that was
their plan, was for him to lie for Jeff

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so they could set me up and take the zoo.

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[Allen] It only cost Jeff
3,000 fucking dollars to get rid of Joe.

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[Exotic] Jeff called and said,
"Let's send Allen back to South Carolina."

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"Give him \$3,000
and get him the hell out of your hair."

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But for their story,
it was to go to Florida and kill Carole.

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00:01:13 --> 00:01:14

See, that's all bullshit.

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Without that money,
there's no case for the murder for hire.

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So I think that whole thing was a setup.

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Jeff said, "Allen,
no matter what the fuck you do,

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please don't put me in this."

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If I would just take the bullet,
he would make sure I was taken care of.

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00:01:30 --> 00:01:32
[John Phillips] What Allen has admitted to

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00:01:32 --> 00:01:37
is that the case against Joe
is based upon perjury,

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00:01:37 --> 00:01:41
because Jeff was telling him
what to say and what to do.

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00:01:43 --> 00:01:46
That warrants a new trial.
That is in the interest of justice.

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00:01:47 --> 00:01:48
[Jeff Lowe] Based on what?

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00:01:48 --> 00:01:53
You know, Allen is a drunk
who got arrested at a strip club for DUI.

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00:01:53 --> 00:01:54
He's trying to turn on us,

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00:01:55 --> 00:01:58
but he's too stupid
to get his story straight.

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00:01:59 --> 00:02:01
[officer] Let me ask you something.
On a scale of one to ten,

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00:02:01 --> 00:02:04
one being you're stone-cold sober,
you're ready to go to church,

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00:02:04 --> 00:02:07
and ten being you'd be drunk
and passed out in a ditch,

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00:02:07 --> 00:02:08
where would you put yourself?

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00:02:09 --> 00:02:10
One to ten?

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00:02:10 --> 00:02:11
[officer] Yeah.

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00:02:12 --> 00:02:12
I'm good.

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00:02:12 --> 00:02:14
[officer] Well,
that's not part of the scale.

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00:02:14 --> 00:02:18
[Exotic on recording] And I'm gonna hire
a \$3,000 crackhead to kill her?

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00:02:19 --> 00:02:21
Where does that make sense?

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00:02:21 --> 00:02:23
You know, if the evidence is out there,
go ahead and present it.

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00:02:25 --> 00:02:27
[Exotic] Jeff Lowe's in more trouble
than he knows what to do with.

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00:02:28 --> 00:02:30
And I'm not gonna shut up,

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00:02:30 --> 00:02:33
and I'm not gonna stop
until people see the truth.

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00:02:34 --> 00:02:36
[dramatic music playing]

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00:02:39 --> 00:02:40
[tape recorder rewinding]

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00:02:46 --> 00:02:50
[man] I understand that you,
at one time, were affiliated

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00:02:50 --> 00:02:52
with the Greater Wynnewood Zoo.
Is that correct?

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00:02:53 --> 00:02:54
I was employed. Yes.

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00:02:54 --> 00:02:57
[man] Okay.
And who owns Greater Wynnewood Zoo?

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00:02:57 --> 00:02:58
Jeff Lowe.

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00:02:59 --> 00:03:02
[man] So what's the nature of the dispute
between you and Mr. Lowe?

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00:03:04 --> 00:03:06
[chuckling]

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00:03:08 --> 00:03:09
Very personal.

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00:03:13 --> 00:03:16
[Exotic on recording] I've been in jail
for two and a half years.

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00:03:16 --> 00:03:17
These people in here?

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00:03:17 --> 00:03:20
At least they have honor
because they're real crooks.

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00:03:20 --> 00:03:21
Jeff's a piece of shit

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00:03:21 --> 00:03:24
that sucks off of people
that are vulnerable.

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00:03:25 --> 00:03:28
Stealing my zoo wasn't enough.
They had to take my freedom.

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00:03:29 --> 00:03:33
They had to concoct all this bullshit
and get me thrown in jail.

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00:03:44 --> 00:03:46
[Zuzana Kokol chuckling] Come on.
Come on, girl.

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00:03:48 --> 00:03:50
[tutting]

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00:03:51 --> 00:03:52
No. Come.

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00:03:53 --> 00:03:56
Jeff Lowe is opportunist
and goes after people who are in trouble.

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00:03:56 --> 00:03:58
He promises them probably heaven on earth,

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00:03:59 --> 00:04:01
and then he fucks them over
without lubrication

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00:04:01 --> 00:04:02
from behind with a wire brush.

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00:04:03 --> 00:04:05
[laughing] Hi.

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00:04:05 --> 00:04:06
Hi, guys.

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00:04:06 --> 00:04:07
[roars]

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00:04:07 --> 00:04:09
[chuckling] She's jealous.

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00:04:12 --> 00:04:14
Well, Jeff Lowe came to Nevada,

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00:04:14 --> 00:04:17
and we were actually butchering horse
that day.

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00:04:18 --> 00:04:20
Hey, Bam-Bam! Here's your yum-yum.

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00:04:22 --> 00:04:25
And the people who gave us the horse
kept asking us,

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00:04:25 --> 00:04:28
"Oh, was it you
at McDonald's with baby tiger?"

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00:04:29 --> 00:04:32
And I'm like, "What baby tiger
and what McDonald's? What's going on?"

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00:04:32 --> 00:04:34
[Scott] He goes through the drive-thru.

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00:04:34 --> 00:04:37
The cub's not even in a transport cage.

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00:04:38 --> 00:04:42
It seems like he never did it correctly
with exotic animals.

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00:04:42 --> 00:04:45
That's my opinion, of course,
but I am rarely wrong.

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00:04:45 --> 00:04:48
I am Eastern European bitch,
so I cannot be wrong.

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00:04:52 --> 00:04:55
Was Joe Exotic
really trying to kill Baskin,

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00:04:55 --> 00:04:58
or was he set up to make it look like

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00:04:58 --> 00:05:00
he really wanted to kill her?

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00:05:00 --> 00:05:02
Because Joe was talking about it,

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00:05:02 --> 00:05:05
but it was kind of like
just for the entertainment.

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00:05:05 --> 00:05:07
"Oh, I want that person dead.
I wish you were dead."

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00:05:07 --> 00:05:08
Good afternoon.

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00:05:08 --> 00:05:10
[Zuzana] All these years
and Jeff Lowe wasn't in picture.

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00:05:11 --> 00:05:13
Joe didn't hurt anybody.

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00:05:14 --> 00:05:17
All of a sudden, Jeff Lowe is in picture
and there are two hitmen.

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00:05:17 --> 00:05:19
I mean, what is going on?

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00:05:22 --> 00:05:25
Joe's argument that we
conned him or scammed him out of the zoo...

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00:05:25 --> 00:05:27
For what? What did I gain, you know?

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00:05:27 --> 00:05:29
I gained a huge liability,

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00:05:30 --> 00:05:31
personally and financially.

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00:05:32 --> 00:05:34
There's nothing to gain in owning a zoo.

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00:05:36 --> 00:05:37
[Zuzana] A few years ago,

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Carole Baskin won
one million judgment against Joe Exotic,

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so if Joe Exotic puts the assets
in other people's names,

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00:05:44 --> 00:05:47
then Carole Baskin cannot collect
on her one million judgment.

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00:05:48 --> 00:05:50
That was the plan, but it didn't work.

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00:05:50 --> 00:05:53
We didn't steal the zoo.
Joe dumped it on us.

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00:05:53 --> 00:05:57
What he did was illegal transfer of assets
to hide it from Carole to begin with.

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00:05:58 --> 00:06:01
And then it just became
more and more apparent

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00:06:01 --> 00:06:03
that Carole was gonna pursue the property.

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00:06:03 --> 00:06:07
[Carole] The lawsuit that caused Joe
to be so angry with me

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00:06:07 --> 00:06:09
has been pending since 2011.

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00:06:09 --> 00:06:14
We are still pursuing that judgment
against Joe and now Jeff Lowe.

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00:06:16 --> 00:06:19
[Zuzana] Now, she has the one million
judgment against Jeff Lowe.

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00:06:19 --> 00:06:22
I don't think there's a state that
Jeff Lowe's gone to that he hasn't

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00:06:22 --> 00:06:25
gotten sued in or gotten thrown in jail.

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00:06:25 --> 00:06:29
Bad luck has followed him
from Lansing, Michigan to South Carolina,

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00:06:29 --> 00:06:32
to Colorado, to Wynnewood, Oklahoma.

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00:06:32 --> 00:06:34
He's just been like
a black cloud of controversy.

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00:06:37 --> 00:06:39
[Joe Barth] Man,
I wish I'd never met the guy.

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00:06:41 --> 00:06:46
I've owned a drive-in movie theater
in Beaufort, South Carolina for 15 years.

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00:06:47 --> 00:06:51
Jeff Lowe bought the building
that was next to the drive-in

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00:06:51 --> 00:06:53
to have his liquidation store in

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00:06:54 --> 00:06:56
and also a flea market on the outside.

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00:06:57 --> 00:07:00
He was supposed to have a TV show
that they were working on.

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00:07:01 --> 00:07:02
Oh, my God!

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00:07:02 --> 00:07:05
I'm Jeff Lowe, and I'm a liquidator.

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00:07:05 --> 00:07:07
[rock music playing]

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00:07:07 --> 00:07:09
Liquidation is the business
of buying and selling

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00:07:09 --> 00:07:11
what America returns to the stores.

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00:07:12 --> 00:07:13
[Exotic on recording] He was
buying semis of shit,

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00:07:14 --> 00:07:17
and he had me convinced
that he had 15 liquidation stores.

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00:07:17 --> 00:07:18
Yee-haw!

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00:07:19 --> 00:07:21
[Exotic] But the TV show,
the whole thing went nowhere.

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00:07:22 --> 00:07:23
He's a good bullshitter.

136
00:07:23 --> 00:07:25
Don't forget about me.

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00:07:25 --> 00:07:28
I bought a \$24,000 load
of broken toasters from him.

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00:07:29 --> 00:07:32
He would tell me how well
he did in the liquidation industry.

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00:07:32 --> 00:07:33
So I tried it out.

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00:07:33 --> 00:07:37
This load shows up at my house.
I open the semi doors,

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00:07:37 --> 00:07:39
48-53 foot of just toasters.

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00:07:39 --> 00:07:42
I pull them out, and I'm like,
"These boxes sure look damaged."

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00:07:42 --> 00:07:45
My customers would take them home,

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00:07:45 --> 00:07:45
plug them in,

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00:07:46 --> 00:07:49
and the motherfuckers would catch on fire.
The toasters would catch on fire.

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00:07:50 --> 00:07:51
[Jeff] Tough shit.

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00:07:51 --> 00:07:54
Don't beg me to help you
get into the liquidation business

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00:07:54 --> 00:07:58
and then bitch and moan
when you buy liquidated merchandise.

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00:08:00 --> 00:08:04
I have a pretty clear picture
of who Jeff Lowe is based on my reporting.

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00:08:05 --> 00:08:08
In the years that I've been following him,

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00:08:08 --> 00:08:12
the charity fraud might be
one of the darker, sadder moments

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00:08:12 --> 00:08:15
in Jeff Lowe's criminal history.

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00:08:15 --> 00:08:18
The charity was called CODA,
Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse.

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It's a battered women's shelter
in South Carolina.

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Jeff Lowe posed as an employee,

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00:08:24 --> 00:08:28
and he was able to divert
millions of dollars in donated goods

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00:08:29 --> 00:08:32
and then sell them
through his liquidation business

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00:08:32 --> 00:08:34
to turn a profit for himself.

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00:08:35 --> 00:08:38
[Exotic on recording]
Fourteen-million dollars of donated stuff

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00:08:38 --> 00:08:40
that he turned around and sold.

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00:08:40 --> 00:08:42
It was an ungodly amount.

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00:08:42 --> 00:08:45
The money did not go
to the victims of domestic abuse.

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00:08:45 --> 00:08:47
It went into Jeff Lowe's pocket.

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00:08:47 --> 00:08:49
[Jeff] The feds were
watching my bank account.

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00:08:49 --> 00:08:51
They wanna charge me
with five counts of wire fraud.

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00:08:53 --> 00:08:58
That may not sound like a big crime,
but it comes with a big penalty.

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00:08:58 --> 00:09:02
It's a felony charge and it can lead
to up to 20 years in prison.

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00:09:04 --> 00:09:07
[Exotic chuckles] And he doesn't
spend a day in jail. Go figure.

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00:09:07 --> 00:09:12
The story he told me was
he was sentenced to a halfway house,

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00:09:12 --> 00:09:13
and then he blackmailed them.

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00:09:14 --> 00:09:18
He sold the people
that were working in the halfway house

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00:09:18 --> 00:09:22
stolen watches, and TVs,
and stuff like that,

173
00:09:22 --> 00:09:24
and got released from the halfway house

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00:09:24 --> 00:09:27
because he got everybody in trouble.

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00:09:28 --> 00:09:29
Jeff's a scam artist.

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00:09:35 --> 00:09:37
With this felony,
he never even had to pay restitution.

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00:09:38 --> 00:09:39
He didn't have to pay that money back.

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00:09:40 --> 00:09:46
So Jeff has a history of thinking
that he can get away with things

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00:09:46 --> 00:09:48
and unfortunately being right.

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00:09:52 --> 00:09:53
[Tim Stark] How do I relieve stress?

181
00:09:53 --> 00:09:56
I picture that fucking golf ball
as a midget Jeff Lowe.

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00:09:57 --> 00:10:00
Hey, Jeff, ready to go
for a flight, motherfucker?

183
00:10:01 --> 00:10:03
It's not hard to picture
the golf ball as Jeff Lowe.

184
00:10:03 --> 00:10:04
It's about the same damn height.

185
00:10:04 --> 00:10:06
Here you go, cocksucker!

186
00:10:06 --> 00:10:08
You little fucking dick!

187
00:10:08 --> 00:10:09
You stupid cunt!

188
00:10:10 --> 00:10:12
Fuck, I need
a little bandana and a little hat,

189
00:10:12 --> 00:10:14
so I can put it
on the little son of a bitch.

190
00:10:14 --> 00:10:15
You ready, Jeff?

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00:10:18 --> 00:10:20
I think I hit him farther than Carole.

192
00:10:21 --> 00:10:21
Fuck.

193
00:10:23 --> 00:10:25
[Allen] Tim Stark and Joe Exotic,

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00:10:27 --> 00:10:29
they would be like two peas in a pod

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00:10:29 --> 00:10:31
when it comes to batshit crazy.

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00:10:32 --> 00:10:34
[squawking]

197
00:10:37 --> 00:10:38
Hi, pretty birdie.

198
00:10:40 --> 00:10:42
Good bird.
You gonna go up there and sit down?

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00:10:43 --> 00:10:47
I joke around in my shows and tell people,
"My name's Tim Stark. I am a drug addict."

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00:10:47 --> 00:10:50
My choice of drugs is animals.
I get high every fucking day and love it.

201
00:10:51 --> 00:10:52
And I love that high I get.

202
00:10:52 --> 00:10:55
You want a grape?
Good bird. Down the hatch.

203
00:10:56 --> 00:10:58
Take her down. You want one?

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00:10:58 --> 00:11:00

-[growls]

-Oh, shut up.

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00:11:00 --> 00:11:04

[Brittany] Tim Stark is

one of the most cruel animal exploiters.

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00:11:10 --> 00:11:13

[Timothy Clark] If you talk

to anyone that volunteer or are on staff,

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00:11:13 --> 00:11:17

if they don't admit that they were naive,

then they're still fooling themselves.

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00:11:17 --> 00:11:19

I would always say, "Tiger drunk."

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00:11:19 --> 00:11:22

The customers coming out there,

I'm like, "They're tiger drunk."

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00:11:22 --> 00:11:25

But it was the volunteers and the staff

that were tiger drunk.

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00:11:28 --> 00:11:29

-[Stark] Hi, Mother.

-Hi.

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00:11:30 --> 00:11:32

I didn't bring you anything to drink.

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00:11:32 --> 00:11:34

I didn't know where you were

or where you'd be.

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00:11:34 --> 00:11:35

[Stark] Go, Joey.

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00:11:37 --> 00:11:38

That's my mommy.

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00:11:40 --> 00:11:43

His wife Melissa worked, like, three jobs

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00:11:43 --> 00:11:45

in order to feed
the animals that they had.

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00:11:45 --> 00:11:50

And finally, he found a way to take care
of those animals, and I'm gonna cry.

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00:11:54 --> 00:11:56

He came up with Tiger Baby Playtime.

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00:11:57 --> 00:12:00

Other people didn't like
what he was doing,

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00:12:00 --> 00:12:02

so they tried to put a stop to it.

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00:12:02 --> 00:12:05

[woman] Ladies and gentlemen,
let me introduce Tim Stark,

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00:12:05 --> 00:12:07

the president and founder
of Wildlife in Need!

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00:12:08 --> 00:12:08

[crowd clapping]

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00:12:08 --> 00:12:11

[Aimee Perry] What brought me
into Wildlife in Need

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00:12:11 --> 00:12:13

was the show that Tim put on.

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00:12:13 --> 00:12:14
That's what got me hooked.

228
00:12:15 --> 00:12:17
It gave him a platform for his voice,

229
00:12:17 --> 00:12:20
the glory that he got
over the Tiger Baby Playtime.

230
00:12:21 --> 00:12:22
[Stark] I'll show the difference...

231
00:12:22 --> 00:12:24
[Aimee] Early on when I was volunteering,

232
00:12:24 --> 00:12:29
I was like, "How can a place that brings
so much joy and so much happiness,

233
00:12:29 --> 00:12:32
so many smiles to people's faces, be bad?"

234
00:12:32 --> 00:12:35
-[group laughing]
-[woman] I've never...

235
00:12:35 --> 00:12:39
[Aimee] Tim did something different.
He would just thrust a number of animals

236
00:12:39 --> 00:12:43
out into the crowd,
let people do whatever they wanted.

237
00:12:43 --> 00:12:46
-As you can see, a pissed-off tiger.
-[cub growling angrily]

238
00:12:46 --> 00:12:49
It don't take them no time
to get pissed off.

239
00:12:49 --> 00:12:50
Wanna see a pissed-off tiger?

240
00:12:50 --> 00:12:53
-Show 'em what pissed off looks like.
-[growling angrily]

241
00:12:53 --> 00:12:55
-Show 'em.
-[growling continues]

242
00:12:55 --> 00:12:58
The one thing you wanna learn
if you're the idiot standing in a room

243
00:12:58 --> 00:12:59
holding a pissed-off tiger,

244
00:13:00 --> 00:13:01
you always wanna hand it to somebody else.

245
00:13:02 --> 00:13:04
-[woman yelps]
-[group exclaiming and laughing]

246
00:13:04 --> 00:13:06
[Stark] Porta-potty's out there
if you need to wipe.

247
00:13:07 --> 00:13:12
We see a pattern among all of these guys
in this animal exploitation business.

248
00:13:12 --> 00:13:16
We saw it with Joe, we see it with Tim,
and we see it with Jeff,

249
00:13:17 --> 00:13:20
where they don't wanna take responsibility
for their own actions,

250
00:13:20 --> 00:13:23

so we need to focus on shutting them down.

251

00:13:24 --> 00:13:27

[Carole] All of these backyard breeders
that were so close to Joe,

252

00:13:28 --> 00:13:31

he knows about the inner workings
of their facilities.

253

00:13:31 --> 00:13:36

He knows where the smoking guns are.
He could participate with the government

254

00:13:36 --> 00:13:41

and bring down this entire ring of people
who are exploiting big cats.

255

00:13:43 --> 00:13:46

[Exotic] There's so much
to be exposed about this whole industry.

256

00:13:48 --> 00:13:50

I can't wait till they arrest
every one of them.

257

00:13:51 --> 00:13:53

[Brittany] I was able to work with Joe,

258

00:13:53 --> 00:13:59

and it looks like both Tim Stark
and Jeff Lowe are going to go down.

259

00:14:00 --> 00:14:03

[Exotic] You know, where was
Tim when I was going through a trial?

260

00:14:03 --> 00:14:04

Moving in my zoo.

261

00:14:04 --> 00:14:07

[laughing] So I can't
feel too sorry for him.

262

00:14:09 --> 00:14:12

[Stark] When Jeff
first got Joe put in jail,

263

00:14:12 --> 00:14:14

that's when I decided, "What the hell."

264

00:14:15 --> 00:14:19

"I'll go out there and become partners
and we'll build the zoo together."

265

00:14:19 --> 00:14:24

Well, a new zoo could be welcoming guests
in Thackerville this year.

266

00:14:24 --> 00:14:26

[reporter] Stark says
they'll bring in the exotic animals

267

00:14:26 --> 00:14:29

from his refuge in Indiana
and from the zoo in Wynnewood.

268

00:14:29 --> 00:14:33

The founder of that zoo, Joe Exotic,
is in jail awaiting trial

269

00:14:33 --> 00:14:34

on a murder-for-hire charge.

270

00:14:35 --> 00:14:37

[Allen] Once Joe was out of the picture,

271

00:14:37 --> 00:14:39

Tim came aboard.

272

00:14:39 --> 00:14:40

The more I thought about that,

273

00:14:41 --> 00:14:43

"Damn, it's happening again."

274

00:14:44 --> 00:14:47
[Stark] I knew Jeff was a sneaky,
conniving little bastard.

275

00:14:47 --> 00:14:52
That's what I was wanting in order
to help me try to beat PETA, beat USDA.

276

00:14:52 --> 00:14:56
You have to be a sneaky, conniving fucker
in order to keep up with these assholes.

277

00:14:56 --> 00:14:59
I got a partner here,
and we're gonna crush them motherfuckers.

278

00:14:59 --> 00:15:02
I ain't gonna play no games with them.

279

00:15:02 --> 00:15:05
Two heads butting together like that
is not ever gonna turn out good.

280

00:15:06 --> 00:15:07
And it didn't.

281

00:15:08 --> 00:15:11
[Roy Hardin] Thackerville, Oklahoma
is a good town with good country folks,

282

00:15:11 --> 00:15:14
and cheap taxes,
and mostly friendly, good people here.

283

00:15:14 --> 00:15:17
Gotta knock that hill down and
get it smooth so the fence will look nice.

284

00:15:18 --> 00:15:18
[man] All right.

285

00:15:18 --> 00:15:21
[Roy] When I first heard
about the zoo being built in Thackerville,

286
00:15:21 --> 00:15:24
I thought, "all right,"
'cause I like exotic animals.

287
00:15:24 --> 00:15:25
I've got fish, and I've got birds.

288
00:15:25 --> 00:15:29
I think I'd like to listen to the
lions roar in the evenings and mornings.

289
00:15:29 --> 00:15:31
[growling]

290
00:15:31 --> 00:15:34
[Roy] But I believe
all of them big cat people are crazy.

291
00:15:34 --> 00:15:37
One minute, they're hugging
and calling each other brother,

292
00:15:37 --> 00:15:39
and the next minute,
they're suing one another.

293
00:15:40 --> 00:15:43
[man] How much is this gonna cost?
'Cause this is not cheap.

294
00:15:43 --> 00:15:45
By the time we open
at the end of the summer,

295
00:15:45 --> 00:15:48
we'll have four or five million dollars
wrapped up in this.

296
00:15:48 --> 00:15:50

[man] Where are you gonna get
the four million bucks?

297

00:15:51 --> 00:15:53
-I'll pull it out of my damn pocket.
-[man chuckles]

298

00:15:53 --> 00:15:54
[Jeff] We got it in here.

299

00:15:55 --> 00:15:58
[Stark] It was supposed to be
50/50 partnership,

300

00:15:58 --> 00:16:01
but there was absolutely nothing
50/50 about it.

301

00:16:02 --> 00:16:04
I was paying 100% of the bill.

302

00:16:04 --> 00:16:06
I was doing 100% of the work.

303

00:16:07 --> 00:16:09
I was moving some of my animals.

304

00:16:10 --> 00:16:14
[Allen] He was putting in probably
a hundred hours a week out there,

305

00:16:14 --> 00:16:15
and Jeff wasn't putting a dime in.

306

00:16:16 --> 00:16:17
Tim would start a project,

307

00:16:17 --> 00:16:20
and Jeff had no idea
what the fuck Tim was doing.

308

00:16:21 --> 00:16:23

"Well, he's spending his money not mine."

309

00:16:24 --> 00:16:27

[Exotic] And that's the crazy part
about all of this.

310

00:16:27 --> 00:16:30

Tim is going through now
the same thing with Jeff Lowe.

311

00:16:30 --> 00:16:35

Jeff has frauded so many people
into coming into business with him,

312

00:16:35 --> 00:16:37

the list goes on and on and on.

313

00:16:40 --> 00:16:44

Smoking cigarettes
on top of a bale of hay. [laughing]

314

00:16:44 --> 00:16:46

I'm gonna set my balls on fire.

315

00:16:46 --> 00:16:50

When Tim Stark left his park in Indiana
and headed this way,

316

00:16:50 --> 00:16:54

it was July-August. It was freaking hot.

317

00:16:54 --> 00:16:59

And he had a lot of animals just jammed
in the back of his gooseneck trailer.

318

00:16:59 --> 00:17:01

The air conditioning unit had broken down.

319

00:17:02 --> 00:17:04

He brought 112 animals down
on his first trip.

320

00:17:05 --> 00:17:06
That was heartbreaking.

321
00:17:07 --> 00:17:09
He called me and he says,
"My generator died."

322
00:17:09 --> 00:17:14
And I said, "Well, it's 100 degrees out.
You can't not run the air conditioner."

323
00:17:15 --> 00:17:19
He showed up two and a half days later
with a trailer full of dead animals.

324
00:17:19 --> 00:17:23
It's because he actually stopped
in a different state for a booty call,

325
00:17:23 --> 00:17:26
stayed overnight,
and didn't even check on the animals.

326
00:17:27 --> 00:17:30
[Stark] I stopped to stay the night
at a friend of mine's over in St. Louis.

327
00:17:30 --> 00:17:34
I was too fucking tired.
I didn't have no choice but to stop.

328
00:17:34 --> 00:17:37
I done been working
for 48 hours straight. No sleep.

329
00:17:38 --> 00:17:41
Get in the fucking truck and drive
13 fucking hours to goddamn Wynnewood.

330
00:17:41 --> 00:17:43
He admitted later
that he didn't even check.

331

00:17:44 --> 00:17:46
From the time he left Charlestown
till they got to our place,

332
00:17:46 --> 00:17:47
he didn't check them for water.

333
00:17:47 --> 00:17:51
We opened that trailer up,
the smell, the heat,

334
00:17:51 --> 00:17:53
the fecal matter, it was everywhere.

335
00:17:53 --> 00:17:56
And the dead animals,
they were everywhere.

336
00:17:56 --> 00:18:00
I probably buried at least 30 plus animals
when he got there.

337
00:18:00 --> 00:18:02
Never seen anything like it.

338
00:18:05 --> 00:18:07
[Stark] I didn't have
my business partner there

339
00:18:07 --> 00:18:10
to help me like we were scheduled to do.

340
00:18:10 --> 00:18:14
He abandoned me and the animals.
And now he wants to blame it on me.

341
00:18:15 --> 00:18:18
[Jeff] Tim and I have
philosophical differences.

342
00:18:18 --> 00:18:22
So we kicked him off the land.
We just couldn't take it anymore.

343
00:18:22 --> 00:18:23
He's just bipolar.

344
00:18:24 --> 00:18:26
[producer] Okay. So who's Sue?

345
00:18:26 --> 00:18:27
Sue?

346
00:18:27 --> 00:18:29
-Sue.
-[Lauren] Who's Sue?

347
00:18:30 --> 00:18:32
-Oh, Sue is Tim's pseudonym.
-Oh!

348
00:18:32 --> 00:18:34
-Sue! That Sue.
-[Jeff] Yeah, and...

349
00:18:34 --> 00:18:35
[Jeff chuckles]

350
00:18:36 --> 00:18:37
Oh, goodness.

351
00:18:37 --> 00:18:39
Yeah, I forgot about that.

352
00:18:39 --> 00:18:43
When you think something's bullshit,
you don't try to remember it. [laughing]

353
00:18:43 --> 00:18:45
["A Boy Named Sue" by Johnny Cash playing]

354
00:18:45 --> 00:18:47
♪ Well, my daddy left home
When I was three ♪

355

00:18:47 --> 00:18:49
♪ He didn't leave very much
To my ma and me ♪

356

00:18:49 --> 00:18:52
♪ Except this old guitar
And an empty bottle of booze ♪

357

00:18:52 --> 00:18:54
[Stark] My dad, he never called me "Tim."

358

00:18:55 --> 00:18:56
He called me "Sue."

359

00:18:57 --> 00:18:58
I was the "Boy Named Sue."

360

00:18:58 --> 00:19:01
Not that I was a little girl.
It was more or less like the song,

361

00:19:01 --> 00:19:04
"Boy Named Sue,"
you know, Johnny Cash's song.

362

00:19:04 --> 00:19:06
♪ Before he left
He went and named me Sue ♪

363

00:19:09 --> 00:19:14
This is a picture Tim drew
one day while his son was in surgery,

364

00:19:14 --> 00:19:17
and we were waiting
for him to come out of surgery.

365

00:19:17 --> 00:19:20
This is how he spent his time
was drawing this picture.

366

00:19:20 --> 00:19:22

There's a carving
on the wall there that he did,

367

00:19:22 --> 00:19:26
and as you see, he signed it Sue.
That's what he was proud of, the name Sue.

368

00:19:29 --> 00:19:31
Sue is the good part in me.

369

00:19:32 --> 00:19:35
My wife married Sue.
She just didn't know it.

370

00:19:35 --> 00:19:39
Tim Stark may have caused
a lot of problems in my life.

371

00:19:40 --> 00:19:41
But that's not who I am.

372

00:19:43 --> 00:19:48
[Jeff] Tim's biggest enemy
was his narcissistic personality.

373

00:19:48 --> 00:19:50
And I thought, "I'm done with this."

374

00:19:51 --> 00:19:53
And we were
probably better off without Tim.

375

00:19:53 --> 00:19:57
I was discouraged for a long time
because Tim wasn't getting anything done.

376

00:19:57 --> 00:19:59
I don't know what his problem was.

377

00:19:59 --> 00:20:04
It's almost like he tried to sabotage
the thing from the beginning.

378
00:20:05 --> 00:20:09
It was harder than I ever anticipated,
running the zoo in Wynnewood

379
00:20:09 --> 00:20:13
while building a huge 50-acre zoo
in Thackerville.

380
00:20:14 --> 00:20:15
And...

381
00:20:16 --> 00:20:18
Does Tim have us blocked in?
We're gonna go through it.

382
00:20:19 --> 00:20:21
[scraping]

383
00:20:29 --> 00:20:30
[man] Okay.

384
00:20:32 --> 00:20:35
[Jeff] Everything takes longer
than you think, but it'll get there, and...

385
00:20:35 --> 00:20:36
if I have to...

386
00:20:37 --> 00:20:40
if I have to
put Lauren on a corner earning,

387
00:20:40 --> 00:20:43
then we'll do whatever we have to do.
[laughs]

388
00:20:45 --> 00:20:46
[baby coos]

389
00:20:53 --> 00:20:56
[Jeff] So this is the VIP suite.

390
00:20:56 --> 00:21:00
Shaq, and Flav, and all those guys,
when they come, they'll wanna stay in this

391
00:21:00 --> 00:21:02
for more exclusive parties.

392
00:21:02 --> 00:21:03
I got a great big 12-person hot tub.

393
00:21:04 --> 00:21:06
The hot tub will be behind it

394
00:21:06 --> 00:21:11
so these people can't, you know,
see all the activities in the hot tub.

395
00:21:12 --> 00:21:15
[Allen] He was thinking "strip club"
on top of having a zoo.

396
00:21:15 --> 00:21:19
And they would be able
to play with baby tigers, also,

397
00:21:19 --> 00:21:20
at the strip club.

398
00:21:21 --> 00:21:24
-[producer 2] What did you think of that?
-I thought it was wonderful. [chuckles]

399
00:21:24 --> 00:21:29
Talked about he'd like to bring girls in
and party and stuff like that.

400
00:21:29 --> 00:21:30
[Jeff] Just dragging those around...

401
00:21:31 --> 00:21:32
[Roy] Trying to have
a zoo and a strip club.

402

00:21:33 --> 00:21:35
I think they need to be
on separate properties.

403

00:21:35 --> 00:21:37
[laughs] Not on the same property.

404

00:21:41 --> 00:21:44
[Taryn Walker] Jeff and Lauren are snaky.
They're very snaky.

405

00:21:47 --> 00:21:48
They almost put a spell on you.

406

00:21:48 --> 00:21:51
You almost get brainwashed
if you're not paying attention.

407

00:21:51 --> 00:21:55
We all got so used to working so much
for so little and we were so tired.

408

00:21:55 --> 00:21:58
And they get you just kind of rolling
with their way of thinking.

409

00:21:59 --> 00:22:00
It took me a while,

410

00:22:00 --> 00:22:05
but I would always notice on the radio,
repeatedly, "Code 69."

411

00:22:06 --> 00:22:07
[on radio] Go for red.

412

00:22:07 --> 00:22:11
Code 69 is...
Well, we got codes for a lot of things.

413

00:22:11 --> 00:22:13

These are FCC radios,
so people do listen in.

414
00:22:13 --> 00:22:17
Code 69, that means
it's a pretty girl in the park.

415
00:22:17 --> 00:22:18
Um, Code 69?

416
00:22:18 --> 00:22:22
-"Hey, some bait just walked in the zoo."
-Basically. Basically.

417
00:22:22 --> 00:22:24
I am the one
that picks out the cute girls.

418
00:22:25 --> 00:22:26
You would never know.

419
00:22:26 --> 00:22:29
She just walks up
and she gets who she wants.

420
00:22:29 --> 00:22:30
[Lauren and Sarah laughing]

421
00:22:32 --> 00:22:34
[Jeff] My opinion of ecstasy or molly

422
00:22:34 --> 00:22:39
is that it's got to be one of the safest.

423
00:22:39 --> 00:22:42
You can drive on it.
You can fly a plane on it.

424
00:22:42 --> 00:22:45
-It doesn't skew your...
-"Fly a plane"?

425

00:22:45 --> 00:22:46
...intelligence.

426
00:22:47 --> 00:22:52
[Exotic on recording] Jeff and Lauren are
like two rabid dogs in a goldfish bowl.

427
00:22:53 --> 00:22:57
[Ashley Webster] Jeff and Lauren
draw people in with the money, the cats.

428
00:22:57 --> 00:23:02
They manipulate the situation,
and they bring vulnerable women in.

429
00:23:03 --> 00:23:08
Because we weren't making relationships.
We were making experiences.

430
00:23:08 --> 00:23:10
The person was almost nameless.

431
00:23:10 --> 00:23:12
There was no, like, relationship bond.

432
00:23:12 --> 00:23:14
There was no, like,
"This is another girlfriend coming in."

433
00:23:15 --> 00:23:16
It was like, "That's our toy."

434
00:23:17 --> 00:23:19
[Jeff] It was typically hit and run.

435
00:23:21 --> 00:23:23
[Taryn] They would show up
from the back of their house.

436
00:23:23 --> 00:23:25
A beautiful woman would be walking in,

437

00:23:26 --> 00:23:28
and walk past with Jeff and Lauren Lowe,
and they'd be gone.

438
00:23:29 --> 00:23:30
Code 69.

439
00:23:32 --> 00:23:38
[Exotic] This got so out of hand
between sleeping with the female staff

440
00:23:38 --> 00:23:41
and using our customers as sex toys.

441
00:23:42 --> 00:23:44
It wasn't about tigers.

442
00:23:44 --> 00:23:46
It wasn't about running a zoo.

443
00:23:46 --> 00:23:48
They're just predators.

444
00:23:52 --> 00:23:56
[Ashley] One of my friends sent me
the link showing that they were hiring

445
00:23:56 --> 00:24:00
for the G.W. Zoo,
and she knew how much I loved animals.

446
00:24:01 --> 00:24:03
I was completely naive.

447
00:24:03 --> 00:24:06
Jeff was probably able to scroll
through my Facebook pictures

448
00:24:06 --> 00:24:10
to see if I was pretty enough
to go down there.

449

00:24:12 --> 00:24:17

It was 2016 when I went to the zoo
and worked with Jeff, Lauren, and Joe.

450

00:24:18 --> 00:24:20

My very first day,

451

00:24:20 --> 00:24:23

Jeff said something
about killing Carole Baskin

452

00:24:23 --> 00:24:27

and how she needs to die
because she took some of his animals.

453

00:24:27 --> 00:24:31

At that point in time, I didn't know
if he was actually being serious or not.

454

00:24:31 --> 00:24:34

So then our morning meeting, I went
and approached Jeff, Lauren, and Joe.

455

00:24:35 --> 00:24:37

They were all talking
in a very heated conversation,

456

00:24:37 --> 00:24:41

and I was just trying
to make sure everybody was okay.

457

00:24:41 --> 00:24:45

And Joe looked right at me, and he goes,
"I will pay you a couple of grand

458

00:24:45 --> 00:24:48

to go down to Florida
and kill Carole Baskin."

459

00:24:48 --> 00:24:50

"I have all the guns."

460

00:24:50 --> 00:24:53

And I looked at him
and I was just like, "What?"

461

00:24:54 --> 00:24:57
[laughing] I started laughing
because I was like, "Me?"

462

00:24:57 --> 00:24:58
Of all people.

463

00:24:59 --> 00:25:01
I didn't really know Joe.

464

00:25:01 --> 00:25:04
And I was so uncomfortable.

465

00:25:04 --> 00:25:07
Like, all three were staring at me
like they wanted an answer.

466

00:25:09 --> 00:25:13
[Exotic] I don't even remember
ever talking to Ashley Webster.

467

00:25:13 --> 00:25:15
She was there such a short time.

468

00:25:15 --> 00:25:19
And she came there
to be a playmate for Jeff and Lauren.

469

00:25:20 --> 00:25:25
Why would I even
consider asking her to go kill Carole? A...

470

00:25:25 --> 00:25:28
A girl that has a service dog.

471

00:25:28 --> 00:25:32
Am I gonna pay her
to have her dog go gnaw Carole's legs off?

472

00:25:33 --> 00:25:35
Where does any of that make sense?

473
00:25:36 --> 00:25:40
[Ashley] I left a voicemail
on Carole Baskin's phone.

474
00:25:40 --> 00:25:42
I was warning her
that they were coming for her.

475
00:25:43 --> 00:25:46
[Jeff] The call to Carole
is actually what started

476
00:25:47 --> 00:25:49
the murder-for-hire investigation.

477
00:25:49 --> 00:25:51
[Ashley on recording] Hi, Carole. Uh...

478
00:25:51 --> 00:25:53
You really gotta call me back.

479
00:25:53 --> 00:25:57
He was actually talking about
paying someone to kill you.

480
00:25:57 --> 00:25:59
He's offering
like a couple of thousand dollars.

481
00:25:59 --> 00:26:01
I feel like your life is in danger.

482
00:26:03 --> 00:26:07
[Ashley] Within three days
of me coming back from the zoo,

483
00:26:07 --> 00:26:10
the FBI showed up at my house.

484

00:26:10 --> 00:26:14
They were very much aware that Jeff Lowe
was conspiring to kill Carole Baskin

485
00:26:14 --> 00:26:15
because I told them that.

486
00:26:15 --> 00:26:17
He was making threats to Carole.

487
00:26:17 --> 00:26:20
I flat-out heard him say

488
00:26:20 --> 00:26:22
that he wanted Carole dead.

489
00:26:23 --> 00:26:26
Jeff Lowe was just as much
behind the murder-for-hire plot

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00:26:26 --> 00:26:28
as Joe Exotic was.

491
00:26:28 --> 00:26:29
A hundred percent.

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00:26:29 --> 00:26:32
Joe took the fall
for all of their actions.

493
00:26:32 --> 00:26:34
I feel that is very unfair.

494
00:26:35 --> 00:26:38
[John] Ultimately,
her deposition was withheld from trial,

495
00:26:38 --> 00:26:41
and nobody really got to hear
about Ashley Webster.

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00:26:41 --> 00:26:42

I think her testimony is important

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00:26:42 --> 00:26:47
to show this was more
than a simple business transaction

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00:26:47 --> 00:26:50
between Joe and Allen
to go kill Carole Baskin.

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00:26:54 --> 00:26:58
Did you know that Jeff
was recording you in these phone calls?

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00:26:59 --> 00:27:00
No, I did not.

501

00:27:02 --> 00:27:05
-[Jeff] They know all about Joe.
-Right.

502

00:27:05 --> 00:27:07
-[Jeff] What I recommend strongly...
-Yup.

503

00:27:07 --> 00:27:10
[Jeff] You don't wanna be
on Joe's side when this comes down.

504

00:27:10 --> 00:27:12
-You wanna be on the government's side.
-I gotcha.

505

00:27:12 --> 00:27:16
[Jeff] What that means is
you've gotta tell me, like, when he...

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00:27:16 --> 00:27:18
I don't wanna put any words in your mouth.

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00:27:19 --> 00:27:21
[Allen] I should've expected it,

508
00:27:21 --> 00:27:23
knowing him for so long.

509
00:27:23 --> 00:27:24
That's what they did...

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00:27:25 --> 00:27:26
just to entrap somebody.

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00:27:29 --> 00:27:33
Being played, that took a long time
to actually sit down

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00:27:33 --> 00:27:36
and truly think exactly what happened,
how it happened,

513
00:27:36 --> 00:27:41
because at the time I thought
I was just basically falling in suit

514
00:27:41 --> 00:27:43
on keeping the park open

515
00:27:44 --> 00:27:46
at pretty much any cost.

516
00:27:47 --> 00:27:50
Yeah, I got set up just like Joe did.

517
00:27:52 --> 00:27:54
That's a hard fucking pill to swallow.

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00:27:54 --> 00:27:56
[John] You said something to me
on the phone that...

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00:27:56 --> 00:27:57
[Allen snuffles]

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00:27:58 --> 00:28:00

...nearly brought me to fucking tears.

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00:28:00 --> 00:28:02

You said something to the effect of

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00:28:02 --> 00:28:04

this should be you in jail
or you should be in jail with him.

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00:28:04 --> 00:28:05

Yeah.

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00:28:05 --> 00:28:06

Tell me what you meant.

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00:28:08 --> 00:28:09

I did worse than he did.

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00:28:11 --> 00:28:12

What do you mean?

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00:28:13 --> 00:28:18

I agreed to do something
that I know I wasn't going to do,

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00:28:18 --> 00:28:21

and I didn't think that man
wanted to do it either. It was just...

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00:28:23 --> 00:28:26

talking shit,
and things got caught up at the moment.

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00:28:27 --> 00:28:29

That's the way it worked out,
it was horrible.

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00:28:30 --> 00:28:34

[John] Are you willing
to get arrested and face perjury?

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00:28:34 --> 00:28:35

To help Joe? Yeah.

533

00:28:35 --> 00:28:37
I've already said that.

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00:28:37 --> 00:28:37
Why?

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00:28:39 --> 00:28:41
It's the fucking thing to do, dude.

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00:28:43 --> 00:28:44
It's the fucking thing to do.

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00:28:46 --> 00:28:49
Allen was a pawn in this game,

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00:28:49 --> 00:28:51
just a dumb, stupid pawn.

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00:28:51 --> 00:28:56
Isn't it funny
that whenever these guys get in trouble

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00:28:57 --> 00:28:58
for their own actions,

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00:28:58 --> 00:29:01
that it's always gotta
be somebody else's fault?

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00:29:01 --> 00:29:04
And if I've done something wrong,
where's the law?

543

00:29:04 --> 00:29:07
Where are they coming to get me?
They're not.

544

00:29:08 --> 00:29:10
[reporter] The dominoes keep falling now
for people who gained notoriety

545
00:29:11 --> 00:29:13
on the Netflix docu-series Tiger King.

546
00:29:13 --> 00:29:15
Can you guys just tell us

547
00:29:15 --> 00:29:19
what your understanding is
of what has happened to your zoo?

548
00:29:19 --> 00:29:22
We have anticipated this
for almost two years.

549
00:29:23 --> 00:29:24
As soon as we came into the picture,

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00:29:24 --> 00:29:28
Carole Baskin wrapped us
under the same umbrella as Joe

551
00:29:28 --> 00:29:31
to get me included
in his judgment for a million dollars.

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00:29:32 --> 00:29:34
[Stephen Colbert] Carole Baskin
has been awarded

553
00:29:34 --> 00:29:37
the zoo once owned
by the Tiger King, Joe Exotic.

554
00:29:37 --> 00:29:40
Oh, how the mullet has turned!

555
00:29:40 --> 00:29:43
[Exotic] This is how Carole ruins you.

556
00:29:43 --> 00:29:46
Okay, if she can't kill you,

and she can't put you in jail,

557

00:29:46 --> 00:29:48
she's gonna bankrupt you.

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00:29:48 --> 00:29:51
And you know, before I even got arrested,

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00:29:51 --> 00:29:54
Carole Baskin and PETA
were working together.

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00:29:55 --> 00:29:57
Now, PETA is suing everybody.

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00:29:58 --> 00:30:01
[Stark] I've had cats
throughout the last 20 years.

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00:30:01 --> 00:30:04
Never had any problem whatsoever
with any of them

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00:30:04 --> 00:30:07
until there was a fucking PETA spy
on my property.

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00:30:07 --> 00:30:09
[crackling on microphone]

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00:30:13 --> 00:30:14
[spy] Okay, you're in.

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00:30:15 --> 00:30:17
[Aimee] Tim looked at me one day

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00:30:17 --> 00:30:20
and he said, "There's a mole
on this property. I know it."

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00:30:20 --> 00:30:23
He looked me in the face.

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00:30:23 --> 00:30:30

"Anyone who talks, I will find them
and I will fucking slit their throat."

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00:30:34 --> 00:30:36

Tim was just so paranoid

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00:30:36 --> 00:30:39

that he had booby traps
and security cameras.

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00:30:39 --> 00:30:43

And, you know, he had
an arsenal of firearms in his house.

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00:30:44 --> 00:30:45

I can't imagine

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00:30:45 --> 00:30:50

the amount of balls that it took
to walk in there and look him in the face.

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00:30:51 --> 00:30:56

I was trained by the United States Army
to shoot a motherfucking terrorist.

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00:30:56 --> 00:30:57

It's that simple.

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00:30:57 --> 00:30:59

So come at me, motherfuckers.

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00:31:00 --> 00:31:03

[Clark] It definitely
spooked and scared all of us.

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00:31:03 --> 00:31:06

A lot of people that volunteered for him,
after they left, they didn't wanna speak.

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00:31:07 --> 00:31:09

But it got to a point
where I was just getting sick and tired.

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00:31:10 --> 00:31:14
We needed to protect the animals.
So I made a call to PETA.

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00:31:15 --> 00:31:17
[growling]

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00:31:17 --> 00:31:19
[Clark] People would get
scratched during the shows,

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00:31:19 --> 00:31:21
so Tim cut the nails of the tigers.

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00:31:21 --> 00:31:24
Anyone that knows anything
about animals knows

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00:31:24 --> 00:31:26
that's the worst thing
you can do to a cat.

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00:31:26 --> 00:31:28
If you're declawing an animal,

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00:31:28 --> 00:31:31
think of it as a human
that we're cutting off that first knuckle.

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00:31:32 --> 00:31:36
So just think about that for a second.
I mean, I can't stress this enough.

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00:31:36 --> 00:31:38
We're cutting off
your first knuckle to your hand.

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00:31:38 --> 00:31:42
And as a tiger,
they walk on the tips of their toes.

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00:31:42 --> 00:31:45
So you're cutting off
that ability for them to walk.

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00:31:46 --> 00:31:50
Later on in life, they'll be flat-footed,
have arthritis and all kinds of problems.

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00:31:50 --> 00:31:52
But at the time, that doesn't matter,

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00:31:52 --> 00:31:55
'cause it's about the money.
It's not about the animals.

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00:31:56 --> 00:32:00
[Aimee] Tim thinks that
because a vet will do it, that it's okay.

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00:32:00 --> 00:32:02
Never mind if it's humane.

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00:32:02 --> 00:32:05
Never mind if it cripples the animal
for the rest of their life.

599

00:32:06 --> 00:32:07
Oh, my god.

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00:32:08 --> 00:32:10
[Clark] I would say
the numbers that talked to PETA

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00:32:10 --> 00:32:11
after I talked definitely grew.

602

00:32:11 --> 00:32:13
It didn't really have
nothing to do with me,

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00:32:14 --> 00:32:15

but it was the power of numbers.

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00:32:15 --> 00:32:18

And it was all right
and don't let Tim bully you.

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00:32:19 --> 00:32:22

[reporter] On Monday,
a judge ordered a temporary injunction

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00:32:22 --> 00:32:23

against Wildlife in Need

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00:32:23 --> 00:32:27

after PETA claimed the refuge violated
the Endangered Species Act

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00:32:27 --> 00:32:29

by declawing big cats.

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00:32:29 --> 00:32:31

I don't give a [bleep] what PETA says.
I don't care.

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00:32:32 --> 00:32:36

[Jeff] I think the beginning of his end
was probably the PETA lawsuit.

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00:32:37 --> 00:32:40

He buried himself
so deep in trouble with his mouth.

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[man] Today is Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

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The time is 9:31 a.m.
We are on the record.

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I'd like to ask the court reporter
to please swear in the witness.

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00:32:49 --> 00:32:51
I'm not gonna sit here and be badgered.

616
00:32:51 --> 00:32:54
I'm not gonna sit here
and be a part of a fishing expedition.

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00:32:54 --> 00:32:57
[woman on mic] Mr. Stark, you are
obligated to answer the questions

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00:32:57 --> 00:32:59
that are asked in this deposition--

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00:32:59 --> 00:33:01
No, I'm not. No, I'm not.

620
00:33:01 --> 00:33:04
[man] All of you guys, stop!
Stop, stop, stop!

621
00:33:04 --> 00:33:06
[man] What are WIN's big cats fed?

622
00:33:06 --> 00:33:07
Food.

623
00:33:07 --> 00:33:08
[man] What kind of food?

624
00:33:08 --> 00:33:09
Meat.

625
00:33:09 --> 00:33:10
[man] What kind of meat?

626
00:33:10 --> 00:33:11
Depends.

627
00:33:11 --> 00:33:14
Wake up to fucking reality

before you waste my time!

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00:33:15 --> 00:33:19

As a TV station, we've been covering
Tim Stark and Wildlife in Need

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00:33:20 --> 00:33:22

for fifteen-ish years.

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I've probably done
three dozen reports on him.

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00:33:26 --> 00:33:28

And it wasn't always bad.

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00:33:28 --> 00:33:33

But recently things really started rolling
in a way that Tim Stark didn't like.

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00:33:34 --> 00:33:36

[suspenseful music playing]

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00:33:43 --> 00:33:46

[Curtis Hill] Our office received
numerous complaints about Tim Stark.

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00:33:48 --> 00:33:52

We were able to recognize very quickly
that there was some compliance issues

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00:33:52 --> 00:33:54

that would allow us to investigate.

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00:33:54 --> 00:33:58

Indiana's new Attorney General spends
his days handling consumer complaints,

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00:33:59 --> 00:34:03

but as I recently discovered,
can also summon a king-size music talent.

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00:34:04 --> 00:34:06
[Curtis] When I was a kid,
I just enjoyed his music

640
00:34:06 --> 00:34:10
and actually had the ability
to sing and sound like Elvis.

641
00:34:11 --> 00:34:16
♪ Wise men say ♪

642
00:34:16 --> 00:34:18
♪ Only fools ♪

643
00:34:18 --> 00:34:20
♪ Only fools rush in ♪

644
00:34:21 --> 00:34:24
What the evidence from Wildlife in Need

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00:34:24 --> 00:34:28
actually demonstrated was
this was not a rescue operation at all.

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00:34:28 --> 00:34:32
This was an opportunity
for an individual to use a corporate front

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00:34:32 --> 00:34:35
to purchase animals, exotic animals,
endangered animals

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00:34:35 --> 00:34:37
and exhibit them for profit.

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00:34:37 --> 00:34:40
And based upon information
he has said himself,

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00:34:40 --> 00:34:42
for enormous profit.

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00:34:42 --> 00:34:44
That's fraud.

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00:34:44 --> 00:34:47
[Stark] Mr. Miyagi, where you at?
Happy boy.

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00:34:47 --> 00:34:50
[Shay] The Indiana Attorney General's
Office told us they have filed dozens

654
00:34:50 --> 00:34:54
of exhibits,
multiple motions with Tim Stark,

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00:34:54 --> 00:34:58
demanding that he not bring animals
back from Oklahoma,

656
00:34:58 --> 00:35:01
that he not bring people to his property.

657
00:35:01 --> 00:35:04
He's doing it all anyways.
He's completely ignoring it.

658
00:35:04 --> 00:35:06
[inaudible]

659
00:35:07 --> 00:35:09
[Stark] Anytime you possess something,
it's yours.

660
00:35:10 --> 00:35:11
Period.

661
00:35:11 --> 00:35:14
Which means that it is,
from that day forward,

662
00:35:14 --> 00:35:16
your personal property

663

00:35:16 --> 00:35:20
to pretty much do with whatever
you see fit to fit your needs.

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00:35:22 --> 00:35:25
If I wanted to go and shoot a tiger,
and skin him out, and butcher him,

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00:35:25 --> 00:35:28
and have tiger steaks for dinner,
it's my fucking prerogative.

666

00:35:28 --> 00:35:30
It's my animal, my property.

667

00:35:30 --> 00:35:35
Nobody has the right to tell me what
I can or cannot do with my property.

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00:35:35 --> 00:35:38
And God himself says
I can do with them what I choose.

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00:35:39 --> 00:35:44
For years, he's said
that no one will take his animals alive,

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00:35:44 --> 00:35:46
that he'll throw grenades at people,

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00:35:46 --> 00:35:52
and he successfully intimidated
USDA inspectors by brandishing a gun.

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00:35:53 --> 00:35:56
[soft guitar music playing]

673

00:36:00 --> 00:36:04
I'm not trying to be a dick,
but I need everybody outside the gate.

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00:36:04 --> 00:36:08

[Shay] Here at Wildlife in Need, the judge
gave the Attorney General's office

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00:36:08 --> 00:36:10
two eight-hour days
to complete this inspection.

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00:36:10 --> 00:36:15
That means about four minutes to inspect
each of Stark's hundreds of animals.

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00:36:15 --> 00:36:18
[Stark] I'm getting fucked in this shit,
and I'm not gonna tolerate it!

678

00:36:19 --> 00:36:22
It's already been proven
that the Attorney General's office

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00:36:22 --> 00:36:24
is in conspiracy with PETA.

680

00:36:24 --> 00:36:26
-[man] That's not true.
-[Stark] The hell if it ain't!

681

00:36:27 --> 00:36:29
Let's go, Jess. Move it! Get them moving!

682

00:36:29 --> 00:36:31
[indistinct chatter]

683

00:36:31 --> 00:36:33
This is how I raise birds and animals.

684

00:36:33 --> 00:36:35
Ain't that right? Good boy. Oh!

685

00:36:36 --> 00:36:38
And then you raise that one
to fly into your skull.

686

00:36:38 --> 00:36:41
Shut the fuck up and don't even tell me
what you're wanting to tell me!

687
00:36:41 --> 00:36:45
'Cause as you see, half the people's here,
half the people's out there!

688
00:36:45 --> 00:36:46
I'm not gonna tolerate this shit

689
00:36:46 --> 00:36:49
if you motherfuckers think
you're gonna separate,

690
00:36:49 --> 00:36:51
and go different directions,
and try to fuck my shit!

691
00:36:52 --> 00:36:53
I'm not gonna tolerate it!

692
00:36:53 --> 00:36:57
Wildlife in Need founder Tim Stark
is expected back in court tomorrow.

693
00:36:57 --> 00:37:00
The judge is bringing him in
after he didn't follow court orders

694
00:37:00 --> 00:37:02
and was held in contempt of court.

695
00:37:06 --> 00:37:08
I've got a court case tomorrow.

696
00:37:08 --> 00:37:11
And what it's based on,
it's called a compliance hearing.

697
00:37:11 --> 00:37:12
The judge called it.

698

00:37:12 --> 00:37:16
[producer] Where is Sue in this?
Is Sue there in you?

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00:37:16 --> 00:37:19
Sue is the part that everybody loves.

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00:37:19 --> 00:37:21
I love Sue. I hate Tim Stark.

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00:37:21 --> 00:37:25
You know, because Tim Stark
has turned into a very rude,

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00:37:25 --> 00:37:27
very defensive, you know,

703

00:37:28 --> 00:37:30
asshole in all reality.

704

00:37:30 --> 00:37:33
You know, but in order to fight
the shit that I'm fighting,

705

00:37:33 --> 00:37:37
Sue would do it
in more or less attorney fashion.

706

00:37:37 --> 00:37:40
Tuck your tail, play the game.
Hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo!

707

00:37:40 --> 00:37:44
Tim Stark's not that fashion.
Tim Stark's like, "Fuck this. Fuck you."

708

00:37:44 --> 00:37:47
"Come get me, motherfuckers,
and let's see what you're made of."

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00:37:47 --> 00:37:49
[suspenseful music playing]

710

00:37:54 --> 00:37:57

[Stark] I'm always nervous
when it comes down to this shit.

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00:37:57 --> 00:38:00

Because you know you're up against
the most corrupt shit on the planet.

712

00:38:00 --> 00:38:02

It's hard not to be nervous.

713

00:38:02 --> 00:38:07

They don't give a fuck about that.
They don't give a shit about truth.

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00:38:07 --> 00:38:09

All they care about is the game.

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00:38:10 --> 00:38:13

I don't play the game.
I am the fucking game.

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00:38:15 --> 00:38:18

[inaudible]

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00:38:20 --> 00:38:24

[Stark] Those are the corrupt,
fucking piece of shit whistleblowers.

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00:38:24 --> 00:38:26

[suspenseful music continues]

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00:38:34 --> 00:38:36

[officer] Come down here.

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00:38:36 --> 00:38:38

You can't go threatening
anyone in the courtroom.

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00:38:38 --> 00:38:42

-I haven't threatened a single person.

-The attorney says you're trying.

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00:38:42 --> 00:38:44

-That's 'cause he's a pussy.
-[officer 1] Okay. That's the thing--

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00:38:44 --> 00:38:46

[officer 2] That's not proper conduct
in the court.

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00:38:46 --> 00:38:48

[Stark] Hell, court ain't started yet.

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00:38:48 --> 00:38:50

[officer 2] In the courtroom,
that's not proper conduct.

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00:38:50 --> 00:38:51

Court hasn't started yet.

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00:38:51 --> 00:38:54

I can videotape right now.
I can do anything I wanna do.

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00:38:54 --> 00:38:56

I haven't threatened anybody.
I specifically told him.

729

00:38:57 --> 00:39:01

Just like Phil Rizzo, I told him, legally,
I will destroy his damn whole entire life.

730

00:39:01 --> 00:39:04

Legally. I didn't threaten him physically.
I didn't do--

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00:39:04 --> 00:39:06

[officer] Can you
at least try to conduct yourself--

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00:39:06 --> 00:39:07

I do conduct myself.

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00:39:08 --> 00:39:11

-That's not proper conduct in courtroom.

-[Stark] I got court to do.

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00:39:12 --> 00:39:14

[Shay] Tim Stark had

a lot to say in court today,

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00:39:14 --> 00:39:16

most of it unsolicited commentary

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00:39:16 --> 00:39:19

that the judge

actually had to ask him to stop.

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00:39:19 --> 00:39:20

Witnesses say after his outburst,

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00:39:20 --> 00:39:24

seven more sheriff's deputies

were brought in as extra security.

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00:39:24 --> 00:39:27

-[man] Question for you--

-I'm offering y'all everything you asked.

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00:39:27 --> 00:39:31

-Walk away. Leave me the fuck alone!

-[man] You're offering us nothing.

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00:39:31 --> 00:39:33

I know I'm offering--

What the fuck are you offering me?

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00:39:33 --> 00:39:37

-[man] We can take care of the animals--

-The shit show continues! Fuck you!

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00:39:37 --> 00:39:39

The shit show will continue,

you sorry prick.

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00:39:39 --> 00:39:41
[Shay] Hold on one second.

745
00:39:41 --> 00:39:42
Tim, anything you wanna say?

746
00:39:43 --> 00:39:45
Make sure everybody gets in there,
you bunch of fucktard motherfuckers.

747
00:39:46 --> 00:39:49
Watch what happens when I get you
on the stand. Let's see what happens.

748
00:39:49 --> 00:39:50
Are you ready for that?

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00:39:50 --> 00:39:53
I'm gonna show that you're the lying,
little fucking cunts that you are.

750
00:39:53 --> 00:39:54
You wanna go against me?

751
00:39:54 --> 00:39:55
[officer] Sir, don't do that.

752
00:39:55 --> 00:39:58
I can talk however the fuck I want.
Leave me alone, man.

753
00:39:58 --> 00:40:01
I ain't in the goddamn courtroom.
I can talk however the hell I want.

754
00:40:01 --> 00:40:03
It's the fucking English language,
motherfucker.

755
00:40:04 --> 00:40:05
[Shay] Anything else, Tim?

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00:40:07 --> 00:40:11
[Shay] The judge says he does plan
to make some decisions in this case soon,

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00:40:11 --> 00:40:13
but he wouldn't give a deadline.

758
00:40:15 --> 00:40:16
[Aimee] His day is coming.

759
00:40:17 --> 00:40:21
They will get him for the crimes
that he committed against animals.

760
00:40:25 --> 00:40:27
Because people like me are gonna speak.

761
00:40:28 --> 00:40:30
We're gonna talk.

762
00:40:32 --> 00:40:33
We're not afraid anymore.

763
00:40:34 --> 00:40:38
You can sit there
and say you wanna slit my fucking throat.

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00:40:38 --> 00:40:40
I got a 9mm, let's go.

765
00:40:41 --> 00:40:42
I'll stop you.





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