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"Cult of Personality"

Subjected to long hours, little (or no) pay and the whims of eccentric bosses: are big cat park employees just cogs in a web of personality cults?

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Rachel Starr	...	Self
Maria Tabraue	...	Self - Mario's Wife
Mario Tabraue	...	Self - Z.W.F. Zoo
Chris Cuomo	...	Self (archive footage)

1

00:00:10,010 --> 00:00:12,220
[phone line droning, dialing]

2

00:00:12,637 --> 00:00:14,431
[operator] 911, what's your emergency?

3

00:00:14,514 --> 00:00:16,766
[woman] We've got an employee
that was attacked by a tiger.

4

00:00:16,850 --> 00:00:18,351
And he's hurt bad.

5

00:00:22,230 --> 00:00:24,607
They will not send a helicopter
until the ambulance gets here.

6

00:00:24,691 --> 00:00:26,359
[Joe] The arm is completely gone.

7

00:00:26,443 --> 00:00:28,987
-We do not have time to wait.
-[animals calling out]

8

00:00:29,070 --> 00:00:30,530
Go get the gurney here.

9

00:00:31,614 --> 00:00:34,159
Get everything out of the driveway.

10

00:00:34,743 --> 00:00:37,495
-Give me a stretcher. How's it coming?
-They're-- they're getting it.

11

00:00:37,579 --> 00:00:39,164
[Joe] Fuck the fire extinguisher.

12

00:00:39,914 --> 00:00:42,959
You all right? Stay with me.
Stay with me, Saff.

13

00:00:45,587 --> 00:00:48,256
Make a sweep through the park
and make sure there's no other customers

14
00:00:48,339 --> 00:00:49,716
somewhere else in the park, please.

15
00:00:51,092 --> 00:00:52,177
[door creaks]

16
00:00:52,927 --> 00:00:55,764
Ladies and gentlemen, before you hear it
on the news, I'm gonna tell you.

17
00:00:55,847 --> 00:00:57,390
About an hour ago, we had an incident

18
00:00:57,474 --> 00:00:59,851
where one of the employees stuck their arm
through the cage

19
00:00:59,934 --> 00:01:01,227
and a tiger tore her arm off.

20
00:01:03,146 --> 00:01:06,483
I can give you your money back,
or I can give you a rain check.

21
00:01:06,691 --> 00:01:08,693
Why don't you come back another day?

22
00:01:10,695 --> 00:01:12,906
What do you want me
and Paul to do right now?

23
00:01:14,657 --> 00:01:16,659
-Do chores. Be safe.
-Do chores.

24
00:01:16,743 --> 00:01:20,580
-Okay. Back to it then. All right.
-Do not stick your hands in any cages.

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00:01:24,542 --> 00:01:25,794
Oh, my god.

26

00:01:28,213 --> 00:01:30,924
I'm never gonna financially recover
from this.

27

00:01:44,813 --> 00:01:46,981
[reporter 1]
A woman is fighting to keep her arm

28

00:01:47,065 --> 00:01:48,858
after it was mauled by a tiger.

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00:01:48,942 --> 00:01:50,735
[reporter 2] The victim was airlifted

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00:01:50,819 --> 00:01:53,029
to OU Medical Center
for lifesaving surgery.

31

00:01:53,321 --> 00:01:55,031
[woman] The story hit the news.

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00:01:55,115 --> 00:01:58,201
It was a tiger mauling
in Wynnewood, Oklahoma.

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00:01:58,284 --> 00:01:59,661
Tiger attack, blah, blah, blah.

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00:01:59,744 --> 00:02:02,372
The fence ripped the skin off the bone.

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00:02:02,956 --> 00:02:04,499
[Safferty] Joe and John Reinke

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00:02:04,582 --> 00:02:06,709
had already come to the hospital
to see me,

37

00:02:06,918 --> 00:02:09,754
and I specifically remembered
Reinke handing me a pen,

38

00:02:10,588 --> 00:02:14,384
and I picked it up and I wrote my name,
and then I handed it back to him.

39

00:02:14,467 --> 00:02:17,720
So my hand was still a functioning hand
at the time,

40

00:02:17,804 --> 00:02:19,848
just really bandaged up
and in a lot of pain.

41

00:02:19,931 --> 00:02:21,391
But the next morning,

42

00:02:21,474 --> 00:02:22,976
the surgeon came in and said,

43

00:02:23,059 --> 00:02:24,727
"Hey, Saff, it's gonna be, you know,

44

00:02:24,811 --> 00:02:27,313
about two years
of reconstructive surgery."

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00:02:27,397 --> 00:02:29,440
He said, "Or you can amputate it."

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00:02:29,524 --> 00:02:30,942
And I said, "Amputate it."

47

00:02:33,486 --> 00:02:35,238
My biggest thing, and it was...

48

00:02:36,156 --> 00:02:37,198
derived from Joseph--

49

00:02:37,282 --> 00:02:42,328

he said, "Our mission is to give these animals a fighting chance."

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00:02:43,288 --> 00:02:44,330
So I knew...

51

00:02:45,081 --> 00:02:47,750
if I stayed in that hospital,
the media wins.

52

00:02:48,793 --> 00:02:51,462
Is this a reflection
of what's not getting done right

53

00:02:51,546 --> 00:02:53,131
at your zoo? That's the question.

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00:02:53,590 --> 00:02:56,718
[Safferty] I seen how much they blew it up
into this horror story

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00:02:56,801 --> 00:02:59,554
that I felt like the best thing to do
was get right back to work...

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00:03:00,763 --> 00:03:02,932
to kind of set things right.

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00:03:03,600 --> 00:03:07,270
I was back on the park
in five days after my amputation.

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00:03:07,353 --> 00:03:09,606
It was a total of seven days
in the hospital.

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00:03:09,689 --> 00:03:11,482
Yeah! [laughs]

60

00:03:17,780 --> 00:03:21,075
[reporter] This had to have been
the most terrifying, traumatic event

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00:03:21,159 --> 00:03:22,952
a human being could experience.

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00:03:23,036 --> 00:03:24,037
-And yet--
-Some would say.

63

00:03:24,120 --> 00:03:26,497
Yet, you're back on the park today,

64

00:03:26,581 --> 00:03:29,292
still loyal, still working,
still loving these cats.

65

00:03:30,418 --> 00:03:32,337
[man]
I was the first person that she talked to

66

00:03:32,420 --> 00:03:33,922
about losing her arm,

67

00:03:34,005 --> 00:03:39,135
and amazingly, she held no bitter,
ill feelings.

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00:03:39,219 --> 00:03:42,597
This was just another day for me,
um, to overcome.

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00:03:43,431 --> 00:03:45,308
Uh, my attitude is
nothing can bring me down,

70

00:03:45,391 --> 00:03:47,393
and it's really easy
to do that here, Rick,

71

00:03:47,477 --> 00:03:48,645
and you know this because

72

00:03:48,728 --> 00:03:51,439
I work with a man that also has no legs.

73

00:03:55,860 --> 00:03:57,695

[man]

A lot of people think tigers took my legs.

74

00:03:57,779 --> 00:04:00,865

No, it actually happened
from a zip line accident.

75

00:04:02,116 --> 00:04:04,160

I fell 50 feet, landed on my feet...

76

00:04:04,619 --> 00:04:07,163

crushed my feet, broke my hip,
broke my back,

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00:04:07,247 --> 00:04:08,623

tore all my insides up.

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00:04:09,040 --> 00:04:12,210

I was paralyzed from the waist down,
but I could move a big toe,

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00:04:12,293 --> 00:04:14,712

and that's when I said, "I can do this,"

80

00:04:14,796 --> 00:04:17,048

so I took it on myself
to learn how to walk.

81

00:04:19,384 --> 00:04:21,719

Usually you build up muscles,
you build up calves,

82

00:04:21,803 --> 00:04:24,055

you build up your heel,
you know, your ankle.

83

00:04:24,264 --> 00:04:25,682

Well, I couldn't build all that up,

84

00:04:26,266 --> 00:04:28,059

so I was literally walking on bone.

85

00:04:29,394 --> 00:04:31,562
I bet I walked 20 miles a day
at that zoo...

86

00:04:32,397 --> 00:04:34,440
12 hours a day, seven days a week.

87

00:04:35,024 --> 00:04:36,484
Give me a kiss! Good boy!

88

00:04:36,567 --> 00:04:39,696
Over time from walking on them,
I just ended up losing my feet.

89

00:04:40,280 --> 00:04:41,114
He loves Daddy.

90

00:04:41,197 --> 00:04:42,323
It wasn't the zoo's fault.

91

00:04:42,407 --> 00:04:43,533
I mean, it was all my fault.

92

00:04:44,450 --> 00:04:46,369
Now, I just got these cool looking legs.

93

00:04:48,121 --> 00:04:51,958
[Kirkham] It's hard to explain
the addiction of exotic animals.

94

00:04:54,002 --> 00:04:57,422
I felt it when I got to hold a tiger
in my hands,

95

00:04:57,505 --> 00:04:59,048
when I got to get in a cage

96

00:04:59,132 --> 00:05:02,260
with six,
eight-month-old tigers and lions.

97

00:05:02,343 --> 00:05:04,846
There's something very addicting about

98

00:05:04,929 --> 00:05:08,308
the feeling of power
being around these animals.

99

00:05:09,058 --> 00:05:12,812
["Way Down in the Hole"
by Tom Waits plays]

100

00:05:20,194 --> 00:05:22,113
-[car horn honks]
-[man] Hey, Doc, how's it going?

101

00:05:23,239 --> 00:05:25,241
♪ When you walk through the garden ♪

102

00:05:26,451 --> 00:05:28,995
♪ You gotta watch your back ♪

103

00:05:30,538 --> 00:05:32,582
♪ Well, I beg your pardon ♪

104

00:05:34,042 --> 00:05:36,753
♪ Walk the straight and narrow track ♪

105

00:05:37,879 --> 00:05:39,881
♪ We just got to keep the devil ♪

106

00:05:41,299 --> 00:05:44,177
♪ Way down in the hole ♪

107

00:05:47,013 --> 00:05:49,974
So you want to see them walk around?
You want to lay on that couch with them?

108

00:05:50,058 --> 00:05:51,893
What do want--
What do you think the shot is?

109
00:05:52,518 --> 00:05:53,436
-[grunts]
-[tiger yowls]

110
00:05:55,355 --> 00:05:59,442
Nothing is cooler, sexier,
and more significant

111
00:05:59,525 --> 00:06:01,944
to the world we live in today
than a tiger.

112
00:06:02,987 --> 00:06:05,281
It has this primordial calligraphy

113
00:06:05,365 --> 00:06:09,077
that tells a message
just in its very image.

114
00:06:09,160 --> 00:06:10,411
Everyone loves them.

115
00:06:10,495 --> 00:06:13,748
Anyone who says they don't
is just insecure and broken.

116
00:06:14,415 --> 00:06:15,333
[tiger yowls]

117
00:06:18,127 --> 00:06:20,338
[woman]
The minute you meet one of these people

118
00:06:20,421 --> 00:06:21,923
that has an exotic cat,

119
00:06:22,006 --> 00:06:24,175
the first thing they do is
they whip out those pictures.

120
00:06:24,258 --> 00:06:26,094
Look at me, I'm holding this cub.

121

00:06:26,219 --> 00:06:27,720
Look at me, I'm petting this tiger.

122

00:06:27,804 --> 00:06:30,098
Look at me, I've got this cat on a leash.

123

00:06:31,516 --> 00:06:33,476
It's all about "look at me."

124

00:06:35,895 --> 00:06:40,024
They want to use those cats
to elevate their status.

125

00:06:40,650 --> 00:06:42,318
[crowd murmuring in excitement]

126

00:06:42,402 --> 00:06:44,070
-Oh my god!
-They're only an hour old.

127

00:06:44,153 --> 00:06:45,238
[overlapping chatter]

128

00:06:45,321 --> 00:06:46,322
[tigers yawling]

129

00:06:47,990 --> 00:06:50,034
I breed more tigers
than anybody in the country.

130

00:06:51,661 --> 00:06:53,371
[Kirkham] Breeding was his whole thing.

131

00:06:53,496 --> 00:06:57,625
The whole idea was to keep baby tigers
being born.

132

00:06:58,376 --> 00:07:00,044
Joe had so many animals

133

00:07:00,128 --> 00:07:03,381
that he sold them
to a lot of these little animal parks

134
00:07:03,464 --> 00:07:04,382
around the country.

135
00:07:08,219 --> 00:07:12,640
[man] Selling the animals was
the biggest moneymaker for him.

136
00:07:13,558 --> 00:07:17,019
I drove lions, tigers, bears...

137
00:07:18,771 --> 00:07:20,773
ligers, all kinds of different animals.

138
00:07:21,816 --> 00:07:25,111
I can't really tell you
all the places I've been.

139
00:07:25,820 --> 00:07:28,489
Let's just say
that I've been to 38 different states.

140
00:07:29,907 --> 00:07:31,617
[man] But if I wanted to just buy

141
00:07:32,118 --> 00:07:34,579
a regular baby tiger...

142
00:07:35,872 --> 00:07:38,416
-...from a breeder, how much would it cost?
-Two thousand bucks.

143
00:07:39,333 --> 00:07:41,627
And keep in mind, it's illegal now.

144
00:07:42,420 --> 00:07:44,338
[man] This is organized crime.

145
00:07:45,339 --> 00:07:50,928

Criminal enterprises are operating
under the radar illegally

146

00:07:51,012 --> 00:07:55,808
because the Endangered Species Act
forbids selling a tiger.

147

00:07:57,810 --> 00:08:00,146
[Reinke]
You can't buy, sell, trade, or barter

148

00:08:00,730 --> 00:08:01,898
anything endangered,

149

00:08:01,981 --> 00:08:03,941
but there ain't a damn zoo out there

150

00:08:04,025 --> 00:08:05,943
that ain't buying cubs
when they don't have 'em.

151

00:08:06,027 --> 00:08:08,321
Some of the places
that the cubs have actually went to,

152

00:08:08,404 --> 00:08:10,615
you got Doc Antle in the Carolinas,

153

00:08:10,698 --> 00:08:13,618
you got Brown Zoo, you got Tim Stark.

154

00:08:16,704 --> 00:08:18,122
[man] According to Thomas Jefferson,

155

00:08:18,206 --> 00:08:20,666
any law that you think's unfair
or injustice,

156

00:08:20,750 --> 00:08:22,627
it is your obligation,
it is your responsibility

157

00:08:22,710 --> 00:08:24,879
to stand up against that bullshit law.

158
00:08:26,756 --> 00:08:29,050
If people are concerned about tigers,

159
00:08:29,133 --> 00:08:30,510
they should be donating their money

160
00:08:31,093 --> 00:08:34,805
to places like mine, where we breed them.

161
00:08:35,431 --> 00:08:37,183
Number one, they're endangered species.

162
00:08:37,266 --> 00:08:40,645
Duh. What's the first thing you should do
to protect an endangered species?

163
00:08:41,062 --> 00:08:42,313
Make more.

164
00:08:42,396 --> 00:08:44,273
Not eliminate the source.

165
00:08:44,357 --> 00:08:46,484
[big cats growling]

166
00:08:46,567 --> 00:08:50,404
[Stark] I bought shitloads from Joe.
Hundreds of thousand dollars worth of 'em.

167
00:08:52,406 --> 00:08:56,994
I posted online, 28 different places
that are all part of this whole...

168
00:08:57,745 --> 00:08:59,372
what I call the bad guy network,

169
00:08:59,455 --> 00:09:02,166
of people that are breeding cubs
and selling cubs.

170

00:09:02,750 --> 00:09:05,962

I think, honestly...

[chuckles] you're gonna--

171

00:09:06,629 --> 00:09:08,464

The woman's just obsessed with me.

172

00:09:09,715 --> 00:09:13,261

Carole, goddamn it,

you've missed out on it again.

173

00:09:13,636 --> 00:09:16,514

[Carole] For each one

of these people Joe traded cats to,

174

00:09:16,597 --> 00:09:18,182

there's more information about them,

175

00:09:18,266 --> 00:09:22,853

in the hopes that with law enforcement
taking this serious and going after it,

176

00:09:22,937 --> 00:09:25,398

that they'll actually search out
some of those connections

177

00:09:25,481 --> 00:09:27,858

and see that it's this big network
of people.

178

00:09:33,114 --> 00:09:36,492

Mario Tabraue in Miami
has a criminal history.

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00:09:37,034 --> 00:09:41,330

His claim to fame
is being one of the biggest drug dealers

180

00:09:41,455 --> 00:09:42,665

that our state ever knew.

181

00:09:48,754 --> 00:09:51,841
But despite having
this criminal background,

182
00:09:52,592 --> 00:09:55,595
he operates a wildlife menagerie.

183
00:09:57,722 --> 00:10:01,058
I don't know of anyone
who has ever been able to infiltrate

184
00:10:01,517 --> 00:10:03,269
Mario Tabraue's facilities.

185
00:10:07,356 --> 00:10:09,108
[man] Oh, shit, what is this? Hey!

186
00:10:09,191 --> 00:10:11,861
[guard] Good morning, how are you, sir?
Do you have a reservation?

187
00:10:11,944 --> 00:10:12,987
-I don't.
-You don't?

188
00:10:13,070 --> 00:10:15,740
Well, unfortunately, I can't let you go,
because it's a private place.

189
00:10:15,823 --> 00:10:18,576
[man] I've been trying to call
and they-- You know, we wanted--

190
00:10:18,659 --> 00:10:21,454
This is a private property.
You actually have to have permission, sir.

191
00:10:21,537 --> 00:10:24,081
-All right. thanks a lot. Okay. Shit.
-Thank you. Have a great day.

192
00:10:26,584 --> 00:10:29,170
[Carole] You're never

going to get into a place like Mario's,

193

00:10:29,253 --> 00:10:32,131
because they're just not going to allow
the public to see

194

00:10:32,214 --> 00:10:33,633
what really happens there.

195

00:10:41,349 --> 00:10:43,809
[man] Probably around 1982,

196

00:10:43,893 --> 00:10:45,895
I went to work for Mario's place.

197

00:10:47,480 --> 00:10:50,358
I would have people come up and go,
"I can't believe you work for that guy,

198

00:10:50,441 --> 00:10:52,610
why would you work for that guy?
Aren't you scared?"

199

00:10:52,693 --> 00:10:54,236
I says, "He has the coolest animals,

200

00:10:54,320 --> 00:10:56,030
I don't care about anything else!"

201

00:10:56,113 --> 00:10:58,491
He had cheetahs, he had leopards,

202

00:10:58,574 --> 00:11:03,496
he had tigers, black jaguars,
snow leopards, cloud leopards,

203

00:11:03,579 --> 00:11:05,748
and this is his private collection
at his home.

204

00:11:05,831 --> 00:11:06,999
Come on, Johnny!

205
00:11:08,250 --> 00:11:09,877
I got food. [cooing]

206
00:11:11,045 --> 00:11:14,131
Pretty much any way
they would smuggle illegal drugs,

207
00:11:14,215 --> 00:11:16,217
they would do the same with the animals...

208
00:11:17,551 --> 00:11:19,720
but the penalties for that were far less

209
00:11:19,804 --> 00:11:22,306
than if you were busted
for smuggling drugs.

210
00:11:24,809 --> 00:11:25,976
Open up the snakes,

211
00:11:26,060 --> 00:11:29,146
stick bags of cocaine inside of them,
stitch them back up.

212
00:11:29,814 --> 00:11:31,649
Did not really care
if the snake lived or died,

213
00:11:31,732 --> 00:11:33,484
it's just to get it in there.

214
00:11:36,445 --> 00:11:38,698
[man] Why is it so hard
to get into these places?

215
00:11:39,407 --> 00:11:42,785
[McCarthy] I'll try to put in a call
for you to get into Mario's place.

216
00:11:46,372 --> 00:11:48,874
[engine roaring]

217
00:11:59,093 --> 00:12:01,429
Everything's super... secure.

218
00:12:02,263 --> 00:12:06,016
We try to make everything stupid-proof
'cause people will do stupid things.

219
00:12:06,600 --> 00:12:08,018
Come out! And don't go for my leg.

220
00:12:08,102 --> 00:12:09,937
Come out! Come on out! There you go.

221
00:12:10,020 --> 00:12:11,522
[lions growling]

222
00:12:11,605 --> 00:12:13,524
Can I take it from you? Yes.

223
00:12:13,607 --> 00:12:15,317
Can I throw it? Go get it. Go get it.

224
00:12:16,527 --> 00:12:18,821
We interact with our animals.
We give them love and passion.

225
00:12:19,363 --> 00:12:20,781
If you can't keep them in the wild

226
00:12:20,865 --> 00:12:23,617
that they supposedly deserve,
that doesn't exist anymore,

227
00:12:23,701 --> 00:12:25,327
you give them as much happiness
as you can.

228
00:12:25,411 --> 00:12:27,413
And they do get bonded with humans.

229

00:12:29,248 --> 00:12:30,291
People like Carole Baskin,

230
00:12:30,708 --> 00:12:32,084
they use me as a poster child.

231
00:12:32,168 --> 00:12:34,462
I shouldn't have animals
because I was a convicted felon.

232
00:12:34,545 --> 00:12:36,380
Smile, give a big smile. There you go.

233
00:12:36,464 --> 00:12:38,132
But I did my time for what I did.

234
00:12:38,215 --> 00:12:39,633
-[elephant brays]
-[tiger growls]

235
00:12:39,717 --> 00:12:43,929
People used to drive by his house
and scream out, "Tony Montana!"

236
00:12:44,013 --> 00:12:45,431
and drive on.

237
00:12:45,514 --> 00:12:49,810
I'm Tony Montana! You fuck with me,
you fucking with the best!

238
00:12:50,686 --> 00:12:53,314
Sometimes they say that
I'm the prototype for Scarface.

239
00:12:53,397 --> 00:12:55,983
[reporter]
Mario Tabraue and his father Guillermo

240
00:12:56,066 --> 00:12:58,110
are accused of operating a ten-year,

241

00:12:58,194 --> 00:13:00,780
top-dollar family drug enterprise.

242
00:13:03,824 --> 00:13:06,494
[Tabraue] The money coming in suitcases
to the bank? I did that.

243
00:13:07,161 --> 00:13:10,664
But not with a fat guy in a van.
It was a Corvette. I did it by myself.

244
00:13:12,041 --> 00:13:13,709
I would call the bank in advance,

245
00:13:13,793 --> 00:13:15,920
and they would have ten tellers
sit there and count it.

246
00:13:16,003 --> 00:13:17,463
There was no counting machines.

247
00:13:18,422 --> 00:13:20,841
Back then, I sold drugs
to maintain my animal habit.

248
00:13:22,718 --> 00:13:24,678
I got to a point where
I was on the phone saying,

249
00:13:25,054 --> 00:13:27,848
"Mario's Drugstore, specializing
in marijuana, cocaine, and quaaludes.

250
00:13:27,932 --> 00:13:29,975
Anybody interested come and get it.
Including you...

251
00:13:30,059 --> 00:13:31,894
Metro-Dade Organized Crime Bureau."

252
00:13:32,144 --> 00:13:33,437
They got me on tape.

253

00:13:33,521 --> 00:13:36,148
[reporter] Working out of
Zoological Imports Unlimited,

254

00:13:36,232 --> 00:13:39,151
Tabraue is also accused of covering up
the murder,

255

00:13:39,235 --> 00:13:42,613
mutilation, and cremation
of a federal drug informant

256

00:13:42,696 --> 00:13:43,739
seven years ago.

257

00:13:44,031 --> 00:13:46,367
[Tabraue] His name was Larry Nash.
He was an ATF informant.

258

00:13:46,450 --> 00:13:47,743
A guy who worked for me shot him,

259

00:13:47,827 --> 00:13:50,037
and they panicked
and dumped him on my farm.

260

00:13:51,997 --> 00:13:54,875
I had a crazier partner than me who said,
"Let's just cut up and burn him."

261

00:13:56,168 --> 00:13:57,419
So we burned him.

262

00:13:58,462 --> 00:14:00,256
You know, I really didn't do most
of the stuff,

263

00:14:00,339 --> 00:14:01,799
but I carry the stigma of it.

264

00:14:02,550 --> 00:14:05,469
What am I gonna tell the feds now,

or the judge?

265

00:14:05,553 --> 00:14:07,221
"Your Honor, I did not shoot him,

266

00:14:07,304 --> 00:14:11,016
and I did not use the circular saw
on his neck. It was somebody else."

267

00:14:11,183 --> 00:14:13,561
What difference does it make?
I was still there.

268

00:14:15,145 --> 00:14:17,106
Come here. Come here.

269

00:14:17,356 --> 00:14:18,858
Come here. Hello.

270

00:14:18,941 --> 00:14:20,359
The judge gave me 100 years,

271

00:14:20,484 --> 00:14:21,735
but I won the appeal.

272

00:14:23,612 --> 00:14:25,197
It cost me 12 years of my life.

273

00:14:25,739 --> 00:14:26,657
It's okay.

274

00:14:26,740 --> 00:14:29,285
[kisses] It's okay. Down. Down.

275

00:14:29,702 --> 00:14:31,078
Oh, now you're gonna--

276

00:14:31,829 --> 00:14:36,166
Animals don't judge you
as long as you're really good at heart.

277

00:14:36,750 --> 00:14:39,920
They don't care who you are
or what you've done in your past.

278
00:14:41,297 --> 00:14:43,424
Mario's always treated me with respect,

279
00:14:43,507 --> 00:14:46,385
and, you know, everybody's got a past.

280
00:14:49,013 --> 00:14:51,432
[Tabraue] Since I was a child,
I had an affinity for animals.

281
00:14:52,308 --> 00:14:53,517
My mother was anti-pets.

282
00:14:54,184 --> 00:14:56,520
So when I got out of my house,
the first thing I did was

283
00:14:56,604 --> 00:14:59,106
I went and bought not one,
but three Great Danes.

284
00:14:59,356 --> 00:15:02,401
It was like, I'm gonna-- It's like
you can't eat chocolate, but now you can.

285
00:15:05,446 --> 00:15:08,157
Then I went to a pet shop
selling a cougar. I bought a cougar.

286
00:15:08,240 --> 00:15:10,034
Then it was legal.
That was my second animal.

287
00:15:10,117 --> 00:15:12,244
The third animal was a guy
killed by the lions,

288
00:15:12,328 --> 00:15:13,329
and I got those six lions.

289

00:15:13,412 --> 00:15:16,206
Then, I got a tiger from a lady
that had it in a houseboat illegally.

290

00:15:16,290 --> 00:15:18,125
Next thing I know,
I had a whole bunch of shit.

291

00:15:25,174 --> 00:15:26,926
Here! Up! Up! Up! Up! Up! Up! Up!

292

00:15:27,009 --> 00:15:29,136
I used to acquire them from Doc Antle,
a friend of mine.

293

00:15:29,720 --> 00:15:30,846
Those are my four girls.

294

00:15:35,559 --> 00:15:37,645
[tiger cub murmuring]

295

00:15:38,604 --> 00:15:41,857
-[man] How did you meet Doc?
-He came to see me.

296

00:15:41,941 --> 00:15:44,485
-[man] What year?
-1982... 83?

297

00:15:44,652 --> 00:15:46,487
So you guys have known each other
a long time.

298

00:15:46,570 --> 00:15:48,072
Yeah, I have pictures of it too.

299

00:15:48,155 --> 00:15:49,615
There's your Doc Antle, look.

300

00:15:51,575 --> 00:15:52,660
That's how I met him.

301
00:15:52,826 --> 00:15:55,371
He would bring the tiger
in the parking lot or inside the business.

302
00:15:56,455 --> 00:15:59,249
-[man] Damn, look at his mustache.
-He looked like Yanni.

303
00:16:00,542 --> 00:16:01,794
That's Doc Antle in my office.

304
00:16:02,836 --> 00:16:06,215
[man] So of all the cat people,
you're possibly closest to Doc Antle?

305
00:16:06,590 --> 00:16:08,717
Yeah, because we learned a lot
from each other,

306
00:16:08,801 --> 00:16:11,095
and he did a lot of things for me
when I came out of prison.

307
00:16:11,762 --> 00:16:14,848
That's my wife and me.
This is Doc Antle's place, T.I.G.E.R.S.

308
00:16:15,808 --> 00:16:17,518
-[man] Is she from Cuba too?
-Yeah.

309
00:16:19,144 --> 00:16:22,314
We have 28 species of primates.

310
00:16:22,398 --> 00:16:23,649
[man] And you nurse these

311
00:16:23,732 --> 00:16:26,026
and actually, literally,
raise them in your own house?

312

00:16:26,110 --> 00:16:28,153
Right now this is the only one I have,
but at times,

313
00:16:28,237 --> 00:16:30,656
I have seven or eight that we raise.

314
00:16:30,739 --> 00:16:33,242
-[man] In your bedroom?
-In our bedroom at night.

315
00:16:34,118 --> 00:16:34,952
[door opening]

316
00:16:36,870 --> 00:16:40,082
I usually go to Babies "R" Us
and buy the preemie clothes.

317
00:16:40,666 --> 00:16:42,501
Like, every occasion.

318
00:16:42,584 --> 00:16:45,045
Let's say Easter. See, this is the boys.

319
00:16:45,754 --> 00:16:48,215
[man] Feels like you love them
as much as your children.

320
00:16:48,298 --> 00:16:49,842
[Maria Tabraue] Yeah, I think even more.

321
00:16:49,925 --> 00:16:51,051
[laughs]

322
00:16:52,136 --> 00:16:54,430
This here is Mario's office.

323
00:16:55,139 --> 00:16:57,808
This is things he has collected
through the years.

324
00:16:58,475 --> 00:17:02,146

This book is Doc Antle, actually,
Bhagavan Doc Antle.

325

00:17:02,646 --> 00:17:05,691
-[woman] What kinda doctor is he?
-Mystical science.

326

00:17:06,316 --> 00:17:07,651
-Mystical science?
-Yeah.

327

00:17:09,403 --> 00:17:10,404
[man] Who's that?

328

00:17:11,071 --> 00:17:12,031
One of his wives.

329

00:17:12,281 --> 00:17:14,366
[man]
One of his wives? Oh, I like that answer.

330

00:17:14,450 --> 00:17:16,744
-[laughter]
-He's very eccentric. Like--

331

00:17:17,119 --> 00:17:18,829
[woman] How many wives does he have?

332

00:17:19,413 --> 00:17:21,999
-I would say that he has three.
-[woman] He has three wives?

333

00:17:22,332 --> 00:17:23,584
-Yes.
-[man] Wow.

334

00:17:26,920 --> 00:17:29,006
[man 1]
Doctor Antle, he has four or five wives.

335

00:17:29,715 --> 00:17:33,719
Well, he has three or four girlfriends.

336

00:17:33,802 --> 00:17:35,304
He has, like, nine wives.

337

00:17:35,387 --> 00:17:37,264
[man] How many wives does Doc Antle have?

338

00:17:37,347 --> 00:17:38,724
I don't fucking care.

339

00:17:41,477 --> 00:17:44,480
[Antle]
Operating the T.I.G.E.R.S. preserve here

340

00:17:44,563 --> 00:17:48,358
takes place by
a great, big, cohesive family unit.

341

00:17:49,693 --> 00:17:53,906
We have people that have joined
our apprentice program over the decades.

342

00:17:54,573 --> 00:17:57,451
These are apprentices that come on
generally as teenagers,

343

00:17:57,534 --> 00:17:59,119
live on the preserve,

344

00:17:59,203 --> 00:18:02,706
many of whom have stayed on
for decades themselves.

345

00:18:05,125 --> 00:18:07,628
Look at the camera and smile!
Over there, babe!

346

00:18:08,003 --> 00:18:10,380
[Antle] This is my longtime
girlfriend-partner, China,

347

00:18:10,464 --> 00:18:12,674
the blonde lady running the stuff here.

348

00:18:12,758 --> 00:18:14,301
Since she was 17 years old,

349

00:18:14,384 --> 00:18:16,553
she's been living here
and taking care of my stuff.

350

00:18:17,137 --> 00:18:18,597
Rajnee, the little Italian lady,

351

00:18:18,680 --> 00:18:21,225
20 years ago, when she was a young woman,

352

00:18:21,308 --> 00:18:24,103
she came and lived with me,
has been staying there ever since.

353

00:18:24,353 --> 00:18:26,355
Moksha, the pretty blonde
with the big teeth

354

00:18:26,438 --> 00:18:27,731
and the bright, big smile,

355

00:18:27,815 --> 00:18:31,610
she's going on 16 years of living here
and taking care of all that stuff.

356

00:18:34,738 --> 00:18:36,740
My girl China's house is there,

357

00:18:37,074 --> 00:18:39,243
and my Italian partner there.

358

00:18:39,326 --> 00:18:42,162
She lives in that house.
And then Moksha is on the front,

359

00:18:42,246 --> 00:18:44,039
the big home there in the front.

360
00:18:44,123 --> 00:18:46,792
Every day, you're really gonna care for
the animals first,

361
00:18:46,875 --> 00:18:50,754
and that has always been very difficult
for my kids

362
00:18:50,838 --> 00:18:52,965
and the ladies of my life.

363
00:18:54,341 --> 00:18:55,551
Everybody's jealous.

364
00:18:55,634 --> 00:18:57,803
[man]
Do you live in the house with others?

365
00:18:58,387 --> 00:19:00,305
[Antle]
You can't get into my complex lifestyle.

366
00:19:01,390 --> 00:19:02,599
It's not for prime time.

367
00:19:13,527 --> 00:19:15,279
[woman] I know I'll always love Doc,

368
00:19:15,779 --> 00:19:18,490
because he meant so much to me
for so long.

369
00:19:20,492 --> 00:19:25,581
I worked there from 1999
until I left in 2007.

370
00:19:25,664 --> 00:19:28,041
When I read what it was like there,

371
00:19:28,125 --> 00:19:29,710
it sounded like a utopia.

372

00:19:30,711 --> 00:19:33,380
And I stumbled upon
the T.I.G.E.R.S. website,

373

00:19:33,839 --> 00:19:36,300
and they talked about
how everyone was vegetarian

374

00:19:36,383 --> 00:19:40,179
and how they used, like,
principles of yoga to train animals.

375

00:19:40,262 --> 00:19:42,681
These were all things
that I was already into.

376

00:19:42,764 --> 00:19:44,391
Perfect, you know?

377

00:19:44,474 --> 00:19:47,769
I'm gonna go be a... yoga animal trainer.

378

00:19:47,853 --> 00:19:48,937
That sounds great.

379

00:19:51,648 --> 00:19:54,359
I packed up everything, I sold my car,

380

00:19:54,443 --> 00:19:56,445
and I convinced my dad to drive me down.

381

00:19:57,070 --> 00:19:58,906
This is me when I first got there.

382

00:20:00,574 --> 00:20:01,408
My dad left.

383

00:20:01,950 --> 00:20:03,869
He actually-- What he said to me was,

384

00:20:03,952 --> 00:20:06,163

"Goodbye.
Don't fall in love with your boss."

385

00:20:06,246 --> 00:20:08,916
Because back then he was, like,

386

00:20:08,999 --> 00:20:11,251
"Oh, my god, this guy is a chick-getter."

387

00:20:11,335 --> 00:20:12,878
You know what I mean, he's-- Anyway.

388

00:20:14,922 --> 00:20:17,633
[man] Why do you choose to call him
Bhagavan, is that how everyone--

389

00:20:17,716 --> 00:20:20,469
-That's what we called him.
-Bhagavan, which means what?

390

00:20:20,594 --> 00:20:23,013
"Lord." It means "lord."

391

00:20:23,388 --> 00:20:25,474
-Bhagavan means "lord."
-Yeah.

392

00:20:25,557 --> 00:20:26,934
What does the name Bhagavan mean?

393

00:20:27,017 --> 00:20:29,269
Bhagavan means
that you're a friend of God.

394

00:20:31,355 --> 00:20:33,315
[man 1] The Bhagavan is the master
of the universe.

395

00:20:33,398 --> 00:20:36,443
It's the all-knowing,
all-seeing kind of guy.

396

00:20:37,319 --> 00:20:38,987
[man 2] And your dad is that guy?

397
00:20:39,071 --> 00:20:42,115
For-- Certainly in his universe
he definitely is that character,

398
00:20:42,199 --> 00:20:43,242
no doubt.

399
00:20:44,618 --> 00:20:45,869
[Antle] It's Shangri-La here.

400
00:20:46,078 --> 00:20:48,956
It's an unbelievable, unprecedented,

401
00:20:49,039 --> 00:20:52,417
magical place
where incredible things happen

402
00:20:52,501 --> 00:20:55,963
and where everything is neutral
and happy and going well.

403
00:20:59,800 --> 00:21:02,970
You know, we lived
in these terrible horse stalls, basically.

404
00:21:03,053 --> 00:21:05,973
Like, with sliding doors
with bars on them.

405
00:21:06,056 --> 00:21:08,058
It was full of cockroaches.

406
00:21:08,141 --> 00:21:10,811
I mean... everywhere.

407
00:21:10,894 --> 00:21:13,730
Like, I would go to make a sandwich,
my bread would be full of cockroaches

408

00:21:13,814 --> 00:21:16,024
and it was like, nothing,
just throwing the co--

409
00:21:16,108 --> 00:21:18,151
I mean, it was just--
That's the way it was.

410
00:21:19,695 --> 00:21:22,155
Doc says, "You're this garbage person,

411
00:21:22,239 --> 00:21:25,367
but if you listen to me,
I'll make you great."

412
00:21:26,618 --> 00:21:27,953
If they wanted to...

413
00:21:28,620 --> 00:21:30,622
get to the top really quickly,

414
00:21:30,706 --> 00:21:32,124
they should sleep with him.

415
00:21:32,833 --> 00:21:36,712
I certainly didn't want to sleep with him,
but I was thinking about it.

416
00:21:36,795 --> 00:21:37,963
[Antle speaking indistinctly]

417
00:21:38,046 --> 00:21:39,840
[drumming]

418
00:21:39,923 --> 00:21:43,051
[Fisher] There was a certain personality
of woman that he wanted.

419
00:21:43,260 --> 00:21:45,470
They were virgins or close to virgins.

420
00:21:46,680 --> 00:21:50,392

He would become
that... sex partner for them,

421
00:21:50,475 --> 00:21:52,602
the first,
and then they would be bonded to him

422
00:21:52,686 --> 00:21:55,897
in this way, where he felt like
he could get them to do anything.

423
00:21:59,484 --> 00:22:02,112
According to them,
it was like his Shaktipat.

424
00:22:02,946 --> 00:22:05,115
So there's this concept
where a guru will touch you

425
00:22:05,198 --> 00:22:06,742
and you'll become enlightened.

426
00:22:06,825 --> 00:22:08,243
So essentially, it's...

427
00:22:08,327 --> 00:22:10,954
Shaktipat with penis.

428
00:22:11,079 --> 00:22:12,873
Well, I guess, I don't know.

429
00:22:12,956 --> 00:22:16,501
His touch brings them up
to his level of enlightenment.

430
00:22:21,173 --> 00:22:22,591
[Joe] Doc Antle is like...

431
00:22:23,633 --> 00:22:24,760
my mentor...

432
00:22:25,218 --> 00:22:26,553

in the animal industry.

433

00:22:27,804 --> 00:22:30,849
When I met him, I had two husbands,
whatever you want to call them.

434

00:22:31,058 --> 00:22:33,393
He had three girlfriends or wives.

435

00:22:33,477 --> 00:22:34,561
[chuckles]

436

00:22:34,644 --> 00:22:37,856
Are we running a competition?
I don't think so.

437

00:22:39,983 --> 00:22:45,697
♪ You were my first love
The one that's gonna last ♪

438

00:22:46,823 --> 00:22:48,825
[Reinke]
Joe's had a pretty good cast of characters

439

00:22:48,909 --> 00:22:50,035
as far as husbands go.

440

00:22:50,952 --> 00:22:54,456
He's had John as a husband
since I've been around.

441

00:22:55,457 --> 00:22:59,169
John's a muscled-up bully kind of guy.

442

00:23:00,253 --> 00:23:02,381
Doesn't come off to me as being gay,

443

00:23:02,464 --> 00:23:05,592
but, you know, he lives with Joe.

444

00:23:09,679 --> 00:23:12,557
Hey, don't show all my secrets now.

445
00:23:13,183 --> 00:23:16,019
[Reinke]
It's a... it's a unique relationship.

446
00:23:17,145 --> 00:23:18,355
And then there's Travis.

447
00:23:18,563 --> 00:23:21,983
Travis is another
musclebound skateboarding guy.

448
00:23:22,692 --> 00:23:23,693
Hi, I'm Travis.

449
00:23:24,403 --> 00:23:27,072
-[Joe] Maldonado.
-Hi, I'm Travis Maldonado.

450
00:23:27,489 --> 00:23:28,949
[Joe] Tell me more about your feet!

451
00:23:29,199 --> 00:23:30,200
[both laughing]

452
00:23:32,327 --> 00:23:34,454
My feet? My feet? Size 16.

453
00:23:34,788 --> 00:23:36,039
I've got some big hands.

454
00:23:36,123 --> 00:23:38,667
[Finlay]
The day Travis came to the park...

455
00:23:39,751 --> 00:23:40,627
he looked like...

456
00:23:41,503 --> 00:23:43,505
just a little, innocent person.

457

00:23:44,131 --> 00:23:47,467
I'm 19 years old,
and I am from Southern California,

458
00:23:47,551 --> 00:23:50,804
and I am tall, tan, and beautiful.

459
00:23:53,098 --> 00:23:57,269
[Joe] He arrived and, my god,
it was this 6'6"...

460
00:23:58,228 --> 00:24:01,148
dark-complected gentleman

461
00:24:01,231 --> 00:24:04,276
with the most god-awful big hands
you've ever seen in your life.

462
00:24:04,943 --> 00:24:07,863
Joe immediately is, like,
love-struck by this.

463
00:24:07,946 --> 00:24:10,949
So we're taking the trash trailer down
one day. John's driving the truck.

464
00:24:11,032 --> 00:24:13,493
Me, Joe, and Travis are in the back
of the trailer.

465
00:24:14,077 --> 00:24:16,413
And, uh, Joe says...

466
00:24:16,496 --> 00:24:17,998
"How straight are you?"

467
00:24:18,081 --> 00:24:19,749
And he goes, "Pretty straight."

468
00:24:19,833 --> 00:24:22,419
And I said, "You watch porn?"

469

00:24:23,837 --> 00:24:25,213
He says, "Yeah."

470
00:24:25,297 --> 00:24:27,299
I said, "Well, do you enjoy..."

471
00:24:28,133 --> 00:24:30,594
the guy with the little one doing her,

472
00:24:30,677 --> 00:24:33,555
or do you enjoy watching
the guy with the big one doing her?"

473
00:24:34,431 --> 00:24:37,309
And he says, "Well, obviously you want
to watch the guy with the big one."

474
00:24:38,059 --> 00:24:39,936
I said, "Well, you ain't that straight."

475
00:24:40,020 --> 00:24:41,563
[laughs]

476
00:24:44,816 --> 00:24:47,986
[Finlay] It wasn't weird to share Joe
with another guy because...

477
00:24:49,029 --> 00:24:52,324
Joe had tried for many years
to bring other people in,

478
00:24:52,449 --> 00:24:55,327
and one day Joe asked me if...

479
00:24:56,453 --> 00:24:58,788
Travis could be in a relationship
with us too, and...

480
00:25:00,123 --> 00:25:01,041
I wasn't--

481
00:25:02,459 --> 00:25:04,127

I didn't really know any better.

482

00:25:05,128 --> 00:25:06,630
I didn't care.

483

00:25:06,713 --> 00:25:11,218
[slow-tempo country song plays]

484

00:25:11,301 --> 00:25:14,554
[officiant] In our society today,
no wedding is really normal,

485

00:25:14,638 --> 00:25:19,059
but even by modern standards,
this is an unusual wedding.

486

00:25:20,060 --> 00:25:26,691
Today, we have gathered to witness
the union of Travis, John, and Joe.

487

00:25:28,276 --> 00:25:30,153
Go with love. You may now kiss.

488

00:25:32,072 --> 00:25:38,119
♪ You'll know
By the wind in my eyes ♪

489

00:25:38,203 --> 00:25:41,498
♪ And the beat of my heart
I'll be there ♪

490

00:25:43,792 --> 00:25:45,377
♪ You'll know ♪

491

00:25:46,711 --> 00:25:51,258
♪ 'Cause you'll never be lonely again ♪

492

00:25:51,341 --> 00:25:54,052
♪ Anytime, anywhere ♪

493

00:25:55,095 --> 00:25:57,806
[Maldonado]

I haven't had much of a life before this,

494

00:25:58,390 --> 00:25:59,766
but when I did come here,

495

00:25:59,849 --> 00:26:02,352
I started experiencing
a lot of different things.

496

00:26:05,981 --> 00:26:10,443
I enjoy being around Joe and John
and all the animals.

497

00:26:10,527 --> 00:26:12,946
I think what's going on around here
is great.

498

00:26:14,364 --> 00:26:15,365
Uh...

499

00:26:23,623 --> 00:26:26,668
[Howard] People like Joe have
an amazing grip over people,

500

00:26:26,751 --> 00:26:29,671
generating an affection and a devotion

501

00:26:29,754 --> 00:26:31,214
that is totally irrational.

502

00:26:37,846 --> 00:26:40,307
[Carole] Frequently, these people
that have these animals

503

00:26:40,390 --> 00:26:42,851
will use them as a lure
to bring in young people

504

00:26:42,934 --> 00:26:44,936
that really haven't had
the opportunity yet

505

00:26:45,020 --> 00:26:46,354
to build a lot of relationships

506
00:26:46,438 --> 00:26:49,941
and understand how badly
they're being abused themselves.

507
00:26:50,525 --> 00:26:54,946
And they're using those animals
as the way of forcing these people

508
00:26:55,030 --> 00:26:57,198
into... labor camps.

509
00:27:03,538 --> 00:27:05,040
[Antle] It has to supersede

510
00:27:05,123 --> 00:27:07,584
all of your other hopes, wants,
dreams and desires.

511
00:27:07,834 --> 00:27:11,087
It's what you're gonna wake up doing,
it's what you're gonna go to sleep doing,

512
00:27:11,171 --> 00:27:13,965
and it's gonna happen 365 days a year.

513
00:27:14,799 --> 00:27:19,346
Weddings, funerals, and relationships
at Christmas fade away

514
00:27:19,429 --> 00:27:22,891
because the 80 tigers
will still be standing there

515
00:27:22,974 --> 00:27:25,101
waiting for you to deliver
their next meal.

516
00:27:25,935 --> 00:27:27,646
I just work all day.

517

00:27:27,937 --> 00:27:30,398
-I'm kinda like a stay-at-home--
-Like 8:00 to midnight.

518

00:27:30,482 --> 00:27:33,401
-8:00 a.m. to midnight. Yeah.
-You're working every day.

519

00:27:34,736 --> 00:27:37,113
It sounds insane,
it sounds intense and whatever,

520

00:27:37,197 --> 00:27:39,699
but it's, like... it's my lifestyle,
it's what I want to do.

521

00:27:40,659 --> 00:27:41,493
[bird chirps]

522

00:27:43,453 --> 00:27:46,289
[man] So many of us are programmed
to believe that, you know,

523

00:27:46,373 --> 00:27:49,501
we need weekends off,
we're only working 40 hours a week.

524

00:27:49,584 --> 00:27:52,212
Um, that, you know, in some ways,

525

00:27:52,295 --> 00:27:54,923
this is, you know, the military.

526

00:27:55,131 --> 00:27:59,552
Except instead of having, you know,
hand grenades, we have tigers.

527

00:28:00,512 --> 00:28:02,847
[Antle] The only survivors here look at it

528

00:28:02,931 --> 00:28:04,849
that they're getting to do

something they like,

529

00:28:04,933 --> 00:28:09,062
and it's not a job,
it's a lifestyle they have dove into.

530

00:28:12,941 --> 00:28:14,693
We worked so hard...

531

00:28:15,527 --> 00:28:18,321
-for so long.
-[man] How much did people get paid?

532

00:28:18,405 --> 00:28:20,115
A hundred dollars a week.

533

00:28:20,990 --> 00:28:22,283
A hundred dollars a week.

534

00:28:23,159 --> 00:28:26,079
[Carole] Good morning, everybody. Hi!

535

00:28:26,162 --> 00:28:27,580
Oh, thank you for coming.

536

00:28:29,040 --> 00:28:31,126
I don't pay anybody to do animal care,

537

00:28:31,209 --> 00:28:32,836
because people will do that for free.

538

00:28:33,920 --> 00:28:38,299
Carole Baskin of Big Cat Rescue has
an army of people working for free.

539

00:28:38,383 --> 00:28:39,884
She is not a stupid woman.

540

00:28:39,968 --> 00:28:42,095
She makes everybody else
do her dirty work.

541
00:28:43,221 --> 00:28:45,181
Because we're gonna have so many people
here today,

542
00:28:45,265 --> 00:28:47,726
we have brought in 76
of our own volunteers,

543
00:28:47,892 --> 00:28:49,269
and they brought their families.

544
00:28:49,352 --> 00:28:50,770
-This is Regina and Bonnie...
-Hello.

545
00:28:50,854 --> 00:28:54,274
...and Bonnie has the best pants
of the entire place so far that I've seen.

546
00:28:54,357 --> 00:28:55,442
I love those.

547
00:28:55,525 --> 00:28:56,526
[both laughing]

548
00:28:58,695 --> 00:29:01,281
[Carole] Our volunteers wear
a color-coded shirt system.

549
00:29:01,364 --> 00:29:03,658
Red shirts primarily function as, like,

550
00:29:03,742 --> 00:29:07,078
your beginner, like, keeper trainees
and partner trainees.

551
00:29:07,162 --> 00:29:09,998
If you get all your classes done,
you can apply for yellow shirt.

552
00:29:10,081 --> 00:29:12,292
It takes about almost a year

to get your yellow,

553

00:29:12,375 --> 00:29:14,461
then you have to have your yellow
for a full year.

554

00:29:14,544 --> 00:29:17,714
Then you can apply to be a green shirt.
You have to have a minimum of two years.

555

00:29:17,797 --> 00:29:20,008
And it goes by so quickly.

556

00:29:20,091 --> 00:29:22,093
After they've been here for, like,
five years or so,

557

00:29:22,177 --> 00:29:24,179
they can graduate to a master keeper.

558

00:29:24,262 --> 00:29:26,306
-[man] And that's blue?
-That's a navy blue.

559

00:29:26,389 --> 00:29:27,766
-Navy blue.
-There's royal blue.

560

00:29:27,849 --> 00:29:29,017
I'm actually an intern.

561

00:29:29,100 --> 00:29:31,102
I work six days a week, twelve hours days,

562

00:29:31,186 --> 00:29:33,271
basically fast-pacing
through the volunteer program.

563

00:29:33,354 --> 00:29:35,732
[man]
Are you super hands-on with the interns?

564

00:29:36,274 --> 00:29:38,193
Sadly, I hardly ever know who they are

565
00:29:38,276 --> 00:29:40,570
until they've been here, like--
They're here for level five,

566
00:29:40,653 --> 00:29:42,530
and it's, like,
"I've seen you around here a lot.

567
00:29:42,614 --> 00:29:46,242
[laughs] You keep coming back,
you're getting older."

568
00:29:46,326 --> 00:29:49,954
You know, that's when
they really start showing up on my radar.

569
00:29:50,038 --> 00:29:53,750
You definitely don't work regular hours.

570
00:29:53,833 --> 00:29:55,877
So Christmas could be a bummer
for some people?

571
00:29:55,960 --> 00:29:59,088
Yeah, no, I don't take Christmas.
I'm here Christmas.

572
00:30:01,424 --> 00:30:04,803
[Joe] How does she brainwash
all of them volunteers

573
00:30:04,886 --> 00:30:06,346
into the same bullshit?

574
00:30:07,055 --> 00:30:09,933
She can make all these people think

575
00:30:10,016 --> 00:30:14,562
that everybody else in society are
abusers but her.

576

00:30:14,979 --> 00:30:18,274
I mean, she's a master marketer,
I'll give her that.

577

00:30:19,984 --> 00:30:23,363
[man] I noticed that you have
a huge presence on social media.

578

00:30:23,530 --> 00:30:26,866
[Carole] We've got
over two million fans on Facebook,

579

00:30:26,950 --> 00:30:29,911
but in a given week,
we can reach three million.

580

00:30:30,370 --> 00:30:33,581
Hey, all you cool cats and kittens,
it's Carole at Big Cat Rescue.

581

00:30:33,665 --> 00:30:37,752
Max and Marianne the bobcats' enclosure
got finished and it looks great.

582

00:30:37,836 --> 00:30:40,630
Every two weeks,
we get a check from Facebook,

583

00:30:40,713 --> 00:30:43,508
and last two weeks were, like, \$23,000.

584

00:30:43,591 --> 00:30:46,845
And every two weeks it's going up
by thousands of dollars.

585

00:30:47,387 --> 00:30:48,763
Hey, all you cool cats and kittens.

586

00:30:48,847 --> 00:30:50,557
It's Carole from Big Cat Rescue.

587

00:30:50,640 --> 00:30:54,310
I am about to go live on the Dodo Impact.

588
00:30:56,229 --> 00:30:57,063
All right.

589
00:30:57,146 --> 00:30:59,649
She rode the first wave of social media.

590
00:31:00,358 --> 00:31:03,069
Her YouTube channel has 200 million views.

591
00:31:03,653 --> 00:31:07,115
Her accounts have ten million people
watching them.

592
00:31:07,198 --> 00:31:10,535
[somber instrumental music playing]

593
00:31:10,618 --> 00:31:12,287
We're kind of popular. [laughing]

594
00:31:12,370 --> 00:31:13,371
[both laugh]

595
00:31:14,747 --> 00:31:17,792
♪ You see them in the jungles ♪

596
00:31:17,876 --> 00:31:20,879
♪ In the forests, on the plains ♪

597
00:31:21,546 --> 00:31:24,799
♪ And you can feel their spirits... ♪

598
00:31:24,883 --> 00:31:26,926
[Carole] People see that logo,
they know who we are.

599
00:31:27,010 --> 00:31:29,220
The first thing they'll say is,
"I love your videos!"

600
00:31:30,054 --> 00:31:31,639
We get that everywhere we go.

601
00:31:32,307 --> 00:31:37,687
♪ Living beautiful, wild and free ♪

602
00:31:39,397 --> 00:31:46,154
♪ Oh! Beautiful, wild and free ♪

603
00:31:46,988 --> 00:31:52,035
♪ And just like them, I see ♪

604
00:31:53,536 --> 00:31:55,288
[Antle] High-quality social media,

605
00:31:55,997 --> 00:31:57,832
duping tons of teenage children

606
00:31:57,916 --> 00:32:02,211
to devote their days and times
to the cause that she has.

607
00:32:02,754 --> 00:32:04,547
And so they go to Big Cat Rescue,

608
00:32:04,631 --> 00:32:09,135
a derelict, rundown,
backyard collection of 12 cats,

609
00:32:09,218 --> 00:32:12,513
and think they're going
to the world's greatest big cat sanctuary.

610
00:32:13,640 --> 00:32:14,724
Come a little closer.

611
00:32:15,350 --> 00:32:17,226
-Did you get the big cat?
-[camera operator] Yep.

612
00:32:19,020 --> 00:32:22,148

Hi, I'm Joe Exotic,
and this is Big Cat Rescue.

613
00:32:23,024 --> 00:32:25,985
[Joe] We went to go on a tour
of Big Cat Rescue,

614
00:32:26,194 --> 00:32:30,073
and I paid my fees to go on a tour,
and I videotaped the tour.

615
00:32:30,823 --> 00:32:32,992
[volunteer]
We are accredited as a true sanctuary.

616
00:32:33,076 --> 00:32:35,161
We are totally hands off.
We don't touch them at all.

617
00:32:35,244 --> 00:32:38,206
Her sanctuary is probably worse
than most people's backyards.

618
00:32:38,289 --> 00:32:40,875
I mean, the cages are tiny,

619
00:32:40,959 --> 00:32:42,752
the weeds are shoulder high.

620
00:32:42,835 --> 00:32:47,548
It is literally a wire jungle
in a mess of trees.

621
00:32:48,466 --> 00:32:50,259
[Reinke] USDA do not care.

622
00:32:50,343 --> 00:32:53,596
They kept giving her a perfect inspection
where we couldn't get one.

623
00:32:53,680 --> 00:32:55,181
And it just aggravated Joe.

624

00:32:55,765 --> 00:32:58,476

[Joe] She advertises she has
over 100 big cats,

625

00:32:58,559 --> 00:33:00,520
and on this tour, we only saw 12.

626

00:33:01,104 --> 00:33:04,691

So I wanted to see
where she's hiding the other 100 big cats.

627

00:33:04,774 --> 00:33:06,442

[volunteer]
We're going to to the gift shop.

628

00:33:06,526 --> 00:33:08,486

Feel free to look around
as much as you want.

629

00:33:08,569 --> 00:33:11,906

I went to the gift shop
and introduced myself, you know,

630

00:33:11,990 --> 00:33:14,200

and I said,
"Well, in a couple hours, you know,

631

00:33:14,283 --> 00:33:15,326

look up, it'll be me."

632

00:33:16,661 --> 00:33:19,497

So we went to this little airport
outside of Tampa

633

00:33:19,580 --> 00:33:22,583

and rented a helicopter,
and I flew over Big Cat Rescue.

634

00:33:23,960 --> 00:33:27,588

[Carole] He wanted to get footage
of the cages and the enclosures

635

00:33:27,672 --> 00:33:28,798
and all of that,

636
00:33:28,881 --> 00:33:31,926
but he had clearly done it
to antagonize us.

637
00:33:32,010 --> 00:33:34,846
[helicopter blades whirring]

638
00:33:35,847 --> 00:33:37,390
[Carole] In the course of doing

639
00:33:37,473 --> 00:33:40,476
this low-flying buzzing
over the sanctuary,

640
00:33:40,560 --> 00:33:41,644
we have a cat who,

641
00:33:41,728 --> 00:33:45,106
if she hears any kind of, like,
motorized sound, has seizures.

642
00:33:45,440 --> 00:33:48,359
I wish that helicopter would go away!

643
00:33:48,443 --> 00:33:50,445
When Joe rented that helicopter,

644
00:33:50,528 --> 00:33:53,740
it gave him a lot of really bad ideas.

645
00:33:53,823 --> 00:33:55,825
He was talking about dropping grenades.

646
00:33:57,118 --> 00:34:00,580
Pulling the pins and just dropping them
out of the helicopter.

647
00:34:01,914 --> 00:34:06,544
[Howard] We always have

a level of worry about these people,

648

00:34:06,878 --> 00:34:09,547

but if we were to say, "You know what?
This is dangerous.

649

00:34:09,630 --> 00:34:10,798

Let's just stop,"

650

00:34:10,882 --> 00:34:12,008

we'd be miserable,

651

00:34:12,091 --> 00:34:14,218

because it causes us so much pain

652

00:34:14,552 --> 00:34:18,639

to see these animals treated this way.

653

00:34:19,182 --> 00:34:22,351

My email says, "Judge me
by the enemies I have made." [laughs]

654

00:34:22,435 --> 00:34:25,688

So I really appreciate the fact
that none of these people like me.

655

00:34:29,484 --> 00:34:32,361

Hi, little man. Hi, little man.

656

00:34:32,904 --> 00:34:34,197

[man] Now this is a liger?

657

00:34:34,864 --> 00:34:37,283

This... well, I always don't say
they're ligers,

658

00:34:37,366 --> 00:34:39,285

'cause there's like an anti-liger vein,

659

00:34:39,368 --> 00:34:41,871

so I just pretend
they're all big cats. [laughs]

660
00:34:41,954 --> 00:34:44,457
But yes,
this is a nine-month-old liger child.

661
00:34:44,540 --> 00:34:46,042
And how big will this cat get?

662
00:34:46,125 --> 00:34:49,378
If he hits the giant size,
then he's gonna be 900-plus pounds,

663
00:34:49,462 --> 00:34:51,547
and he's gonna be 11 and a half feet tall.

664
00:34:52,173 --> 00:34:54,092
And his chain's not been cleaned properly,

665
00:34:54,175 --> 00:34:55,218
so my shirt's ruined.

666
00:34:55,301 --> 00:34:56,135
[handler] I'm sorry.

667
00:34:56,219 --> 00:34:57,095
[Antle chuckles]

668
00:34:57,678 --> 00:34:59,180
[handler] He had to see his girlfriend.

669
00:34:59,847 --> 00:35:02,225
[Stark] Me and Doc were friends,
you know, for years.

670
00:35:02,308 --> 00:35:03,851
I kinda idolized him, you know.

671
00:35:04,143 --> 00:35:05,895
Hell, number one,
not just because of the way

672

00:35:05,978 --> 00:35:07,480
he had the animals and stuff he had,

673
00:35:07,563 --> 00:35:09,023
the way he had them women trained.

674
00:35:09,107 --> 00:35:10,775
For his own damn, you know...

675
00:35:12,026 --> 00:35:13,111
harem and shit, you know.

676
00:35:13,194 --> 00:35:15,530
The first time I ever met--
First time I went to Doc's place,

677
00:35:15,613 --> 00:35:18,741
first time, I told him, "I don't need you
to teach me a damn thing about animals.

678
00:35:18,866 --> 00:35:20,493
How the fuck you got these women trained?"

679
00:35:23,329 --> 00:35:25,748
He's good at getting what he wants
out of things...

680
00:35:26,040 --> 00:35:27,208
people and animals.

681
00:35:29,752 --> 00:35:31,170
He chose all of our outfits.

682
00:35:33,339 --> 00:35:37,176
We were supposed to be sexy,
because we're luring people in.

683
00:35:39,637 --> 00:35:41,055
China came right after I came.

684
00:35:41,139 --> 00:35:42,557
Her name was Michelle.

685

00:35:43,224 --> 00:35:45,518
Moksha was named Meredith.

686

00:35:45,601 --> 00:35:47,937
Rajnee, when I met her,
her name was Renee.

687

00:35:48,896 --> 00:35:52,900
I had my name legally changed to Bala
for many years.

688

00:35:53,609 --> 00:35:57,947
Changing your name is a very quick way
to change everything else about you.

689

00:36:02,410 --> 00:36:04,287
He controlled every aspect of our day

690

00:36:04,704 --> 00:36:06,289
and what we were allowed to do,

691

00:36:06,372 --> 00:36:08,416
what we were, you know--

692

00:36:08,499 --> 00:36:10,543
Definitely what we were allowed to eat
as vegetarians,

693

00:36:10,626 --> 00:36:13,129
but also,
they were pushing me to get implants...

694

00:36:13,212 --> 00:36:14,297
um...

695

00:36:15,631 --> 00:36:18,301
which I don't remember agreeing to.

696

00:36:19,218 --> 00:36:20,469
It was more like...

697

00:36:20,928 --> 00:36:23,764
the appointments were made
and they had decided,

698

00:36:23,848 --> 00:36:28,352
and I was too... scared to say
I didn't want to do it.

699

00:36:29,854 --> 00:36:32,440
And also, I got to sleep for a few days...

700

00:36:33,316 --> 00:36:34,317
to heal from that,

701

00:36:34,400 --> 00:36:38,821
and that looked so good
after working so hard

702

00:36:38,905 --> 00:36:41,449
for so many hours with no break.

703

00:36:41,532 --> 00:36:42,491
No break.

704

00:36:42,575 --> 00:36:44,952
Nothing else but work, work,
work, work, work.

705

00:36:45,161 --> 00:36:46,787
It was like, I'll do anything--

706

00:36:47,413 --> 00:36:49,624
I'll do anything to just rest.

707

00:36:50,875 --> 00:36:53,336
[man] It's not every day
that you're asked to have a job

708

00:36:53,461 --> 00:36:55,421
where you can't take any time off,

709

00:36:55,504 --> 00:36:56,881
because people do have lives

710
00:36:56,964 --> 00:36:59,425
and they do have families
outside of creating--

711
00:36:59,508 --> 00:37:02,220
You're leading me down a road
where people are just gonna say,

712
00:37:02,303 --> 00:37:04,764
"You have to join a fucking cult
to be a tiger trainer."

713
00:37:04,847 --> 00:37:09,352
Promise you. Been here 35 years.
Heard it all forever.

714
00:37:09,810 --> 00:37:10,811
Ho!

715
00:37:10,895 --> 00:37:14,607
[drumming]

716
00:37:14,690 --> 00:37:17,193
[Fisher] He would say,
"They're free to leave at any time."

717
00:37:17,276 --> 00:37:20,321
[drumming]

718
00:37:20,404 --> 00:37:23,115
[Fisher]
But that's the way it is in all cults.

719
00:37:23,199 --> 00:37:26,118
I mean, they're free to leave,
they're usually not locked up.

720
00:37:26,744 --> 00:37:29,830
They're being held by a thousand,
like, social ties

721

00:37:29,914 --> 00:37:32,333
and by the idea of losing everything,

722

00:37:32,416 --> 00:37:33,876
and how are they gonna even go

723

00:37:33,960 --> 00:37:36,170
and where will they go when they leave?

724

00:37:36,254 --> 00:37:38,130
-What?
-I'm gonna do something.

725

00:37:39,590 --> 00:37:42,760
[Joe] He's got his little cult,
and I've got my little cult, you know.

726

00:37:43,928 --> 00:37:47,014
It's just two complete opposite,
different worlds.

727

00:37:47,765 --> 00:37:50,518
You know, he's a little more upscale,

728

00:37:50,601 --> 00:37:53,104
and I'm working with people
that just got out of prison.

729

00:37:54,105 --> 00:37:56,274
But it tends to work for him,

730

00:37:56,357 --> 00:37:58,985
and the way I do it tends to work for me.

731

00:38:02,196 --> 00:38:05,700
[Safferty]
Joe definitely liked to hire people...

732

00:38:06,617 --> 00:38:08,953
who-- that was their only option.

733

00:38:09,662 --> 00:38:10,997
Don't try this at home, kids.

734

00:38:11,622 --> 00:38:13,582
[Safferty] And his reasoning for it was,

735

00:38:13,666 --> 00:38:16,877
if this is all they have, and it's decent,

736

00:38:17,295 --> 00:38:19,255
they'll work hard enough to keep it.

737

00:38:19,755 --> 00:38:22,508
It's kept me sober and not drinking.

738

00:38:23,134 --> 00:38:24,051
[grunts]

739

00:38:24,135 --> 00:38:26,262
Keeps me from getting into trouble.

740

00:38:26,721 --> 00:38:28,806
He had people in the community saying,

741

00:38:28,889 --> 00:38:31,851
"Hey, I saw someone come in
at the bus station in Midwest City...

742

00:38:33,227 --> 00:38:35,229
and they're still sitting there tonight.

743

00:38:35,980 --> 00:38:39,734
They have no family, nowhere to go,
and now they're on the side of the road."

744

00:38:40,484 --> 00:38:43,029
You wanna trade a place to live
that you can call your own

745

00:38:43,112 --> 00:38:44,905
in one of them trailers

out there at the park

746

00:38:44,989 --> 00:38:46,782
in exchange to work at the Burger Barn?

747

00:38:46,866 --> 00:38:48,409
Yeah, I can do that.

748

00:38:49,035 --> 00:38:50,453
-Give you a start.
-Yeah.

749

00:38:51,495 --> 00:38:53,622
-Yeah.
-Give me a start. Thank you!

750

00:38:55,166 --> 00:38:58,753
-[Reinke] He pays the staff \$150 a week.
-[man] Twenty dollars a day?

751

00:38:58,836 --> 00:39:01,922
For 12 hours.
Ten to 12 hours every day of work, yeah.

752

00:39:02,673 --> 00:39:06,552
One hundred and thirty-eight dollars
and twenty-six cents, to be precise.

753

00:39:07,803 --> 00:39:12,725
This is probably gonna get me in trouble,
but... we just eat off the meat truck.

754

00:39:12,808 --> 00:39:14,935
[truck beeping]

755

00:39:15,019 --> 00:39:18,647
There was a truck that picked up meat
from all these Walmarts in the area

756

00:39:18,731 --> 00:39:20,816
that had expired to feed the animals.

757

00:39:21,067 --> 00:39:24,278
If you go to Walmart
and you put a brisket in your basket

758
00:39:24,362 --> 00:39:25,446
and a couple t-bone steaks,

759
00:39:25,529 --> 00:39:26,572
and you go to the register

760
00:39:26,655 --> 00:39:29,200
and your credit card declines
or your check declines,

761
00:39:29,283 --> 00:39:31,285
it can't go back, it goes to the trash.

762
00:39:32,036 --> 00:39:34,747
And once it leaves that cold shelf,
it cannot go back.

763
00:39:35,331 --> 00:39:37,166
[Cowie]
Oh, man! This stuff is still frozen.

764
00:39:37,875 --> 00:39:38,834
Take that home.

765
00:39:38,918 --> 00:39:41,337
[Reinke] Staff was world's worst
about going through the truck.

766
00:39:41,420 --> 00:39:43,422
You know, to render it,
it needs to go to the cats,

767
00:39:43,506 --> 00:39:47,426
but they would all go through it
and get 'em something to eat.

768
00:39:49,929 --> 00:39:52,723
Ain't nothin' wrong with it, man.
I like my shit medium rare.

769

00:39:53,224 --> 00:39:56,727

Lobster tails

and bad-ass cuts of beef and shit.

770

00:39:57,686 --> 00:40:00,231

Joe would let them pick out

what they wanted first,

771

00:40:00,314 --> 00:40:05,319

and they'd carry bags of this expired meat
and foods back to their mobile home,

772

00:40:05,403 --> 00:40:07,905

and that's what they ate,

because that's all they had.

773

00:40:08,489 --> 00:40:10,908

There were four mobile homes
inside the zoo.

774

00:40:10,991 --> 00:40:12,868

The washing machine didn't work.

775

00:40:13,411 --> 00:40:15,496

The water didn't run in the bathroom.

776

00:40:16,330 --> 00:40:18,541

One air conditioner for the entire thing.

777

00:40:19,166 --> 00:40:21,752

It can be 120 degrees in there at night.

778

00:40:21,836 --> 00:40:23,045

That was the nice one.

779

00:40:23,129 --> 00:40:24,964

[man] Whoa, motherfucker!

780

00:40:25,047 --> 00:40:27,341

-What's in there?

-Fuckin' rat, right there.

781
00:40:27,425 --> 00:40:28,259
Oh, shit.

782
00:40:29,051 --> 00:40:30,428
Oh, my god, there he is!

783
00:40:30,511 --> 00:40:31,762
-Oh, fuck!
-[rat squeaking]

784
00:40:35,224 --> 00:40:38,602
[Carole] If you talk to the people
who have escaped some of these situations,

785
00:40:38,686 --> 00:40:42,940
what they'll say is
that they were treated so abusively.

786
00:40:44,150 --> 00:40:47,027
But not only are they abusing the people
that worked there...

787
00:40:47,611 --> 00:40:49,572
they're abusing the animals there as well.

788
00:40:52,741 --> 00:40:54,994
Those people feel like
they can't talk about it

789
00:40:55,077 --> 00:40:59,331
because they could be accused
of having done it for their leader

790
00:40:59,415 --> 00:41:00,875
that they were so enamored with.

791
00:41:06,046 --> 00:41:08,549
[Fisher] I was really looking for somebody
to tell me what to do.

792
00:41:10,801 --> 00:41:13,846

Doc said men are pigs and women are sheep.

793

00:41:14,763 --> 00:41:18,767

I was a sheep, I guess,
ripe for the slaughter.

794

00:41:20,895 --> 00:41:23,647

What I did, basically,
when I was there was raise tiger cubs.

795

00:41:23,731 --> 00:41:26,484

At first, it was only, like,
a couple of litters a year,

796

00:41:26,567 --> 00:41:28,527

and they were only for a certain time.

797

00:41:29,945 --> 00:41:30,905

By the time I left,

798

00:41:30,988 --> 00:41:33,157

there were always multiple litters

799

00:41:33,240 --> 00:41:35,242

just... all over the place.

800

00:41:39,663 --> 00:41:41,749

There's all of us. The family.

801

00:41:45,878 --> 00:41:48,464

Oh, this was my favorite tiger ever,

802

00:41:48,797 --> 00:41:49,757

Lakshman.

803

00:41:50,841 --> 00:41:52,259

Such a sweetheart.

804

00:41:53,135 --> 00:41:53,969

And he...

805

00:41:54,845 --> 00:41:57,306
That was like a turning point
for me there.

806
00:41:57,389 --> 00:42:00,434
Doc saw how well I did with Lakshman.

807
00:42:00,976 --> 00:42:04,230
You know, just being gentle,
just following Lakshman's lead

808
00:42:04,313 --> 00:42:06,774
and just making suggestions, you know,

809
00:42:06,857 --> 00:42:09,318
and he was--
He would do anything I asked him to.

810
00:42:09,401 --> 00:42:11,111
He just trusted me so much.

811
00:42:12,279 --> 00:42:14,573
-He was a good tiger.
-[man] What happened to him?

812
00:42:14,657 --> 00:42:16,700
Um...

813
00:42:16,784 --> 00:42:19,620
We don't-- We didn't really ask,

814
00:42:19,954 --> 00:42:20,788
because...

815
00:42:21,580 --> 00:42:24,250
only he's like, "I know where they go."

816
00:42:24,750 --> 00:42:27,586
We didn't see that,
and we weren't really part of that.

817
00:42:31,298 --> 00:42:33,676

One of the main things he told Joe Exotic:

818

00:42:34,885 --> 00:42:36,136

"You can't keep 'em all."

819

00:42:36,220 --> 00:42:38,556

That's a bad business decision,
because, you know,

820

00:42:38,639 --> 00:42:41,141

once a tiger gets out of the stage
where you can use 'em,

821

00:42:41,267 --> 00:42:42,810

they're nothing more than a bill then.

822

00:42:42,893 --> 00:42:45,813

[tiger huffing]

823

00:42:46,230 --> 00:42:47,982

There's always been a rumor out there

824

00:42:48,065 --> 00:42:51,819

that Doc Antle euthanizes his cubs
when he's done with them.

825

00:42:52,987 --> 00:42:54,697

[Carole]

We've had whistle-blowers come to us

826

00:42:54,780 --> 00:42:57,199

and say that they've heard a gunshot
in the middle of the night

827

00:42:57,283 --> 00:42:58,784

and the next day there's no cat...

828

00:43:00,244 --> 00:43:02,037

but they don't know where the cat went.

829

00:43:02,121 --> 00:43:04,415

And I think

that these people are smart enough

830

00:43:04,498 --> 00:43:09,128
to only use their very closest circle
of people that they've got good dirt on--

831

00:43:09,211 --> 00:43:12,006
That they would use to dispose of a body,

832

00:43:12,298 --> 00:43:15,384
because it takes a few people
to lift a big cat.

833

00:43:15,467 --> 00:43:17,636
Unless you part 'em out right there,
I guess.

834

00:43:21,140 --> 00:43:23,350
[McCarthy] She thinks
she's the Cleopatra of big cats.

835

00:43:25,352 --> 00:43:28,522
And to tell you the truth,
she's not that good.

836

00:43:29,773 --> 00:43:31,859
And any time anyone attacks her,

837

00:43:31,942 --> 00:43:34,069
she goes after them with her millions,

838

00:43:34,153 --> 00:43:38,324
which she inherited from her husband
that's dead and missing for years now.

839

00:43:39,617 --> 00:43:42,161
[man] Wait. How does
someone's husband just go missing?

840

00:43:42,953 --> 00:43:45,289
-Like they just go missing?
-He just vanished.

841

00:43:46,624 --> 00:43:48,876
[Tabraue] Carole Baskin is full of shit,
in my opinion.

842

00:43:50,252 --> 00:43:53,339
She's got a missing husband
that's supposedly buried in her property.

843

00:43:53,422 --> 00:43:54,715
That's a real true story.

844

00:43:54,798 --> 00:43:56,300
Her husband disappeared.

845

00:43:57,217 --> 00:44:01,221
The lady who runs Big Cat Rescue,
who seems, in my opinion

846

00:44:01,305 --> 00:44:03,140
to be completely out of her gourd,

847

00:44:03,223 --> 00:44:04,642
and seems, in my opinion,

848

00:44:04,725 --> 00:44:06,935
to have killed her own husband,
potentially.

849

00:44:07,603 --> 00:44:10,939
[Joe] Carole Baskin's third husband,
they can't find his body.

850

00:44:11,523 --> 00:44:13,692
We believe that she fed him to the tigers.

851

00:44:14,652 --> 00:44:18,781
It just makes for wonderful sales
of newspapers, I'm sure...

852

00:44:19,531 --> 00:44:22,660
for them to speculate
that I fed him to the tigers, which is...

853
00:44:23,243 --> 00:44:24,078
crazy.

854
00:44:24,662 --> 00:44:26,121
[reporter] And Mike says his children

855
00:44:26,205 --> 00:44:28,624
from a previous marriage
and former secretary

856
00:44:28,749 --> 00:44:33,045
have been quoted as saying that
they believe Carole fed him to a tiger.

857
00:44:33,128 --> 00:44:34,505
[tiger roaring]

858
00:44:37,174 --> 00:44:39,718
[instrumental folk music]

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