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# "Dethroned"

Joe faces the music in the courtroom but insists the story is far from over. Jeff's business prospects crumble. Former G.W. Zoo workers try to move on.

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EPISODE CAST

Bhagavan Antle Carole Baskin Howard Baskin Sylvia Corkill Erik Cowie Marsha David Joshua Dial Joe Exotic John Finlay James Garretson Allen Glover Eric Goode Amanda Green Bick Kirkham	•••• ••• •••	Self - Joe's Campaign Manager Self - G.W. Zoo Self - Joe's Ex-Husband Self - Businessman Self - Handyman, G.W. Zoo Self - Filmmaker Self - Federal Prosecutor
Rick Kirkham Jeff Lowe	•••	
Lauren Lowe Dillon Passage	•••	
Brittany Peet	 PETA	Self - Captive Animal Law Enforcement,
John Reinke Kelci Saffery Tim Stark	  	

1 00:00:44,085 --> 00:00:46,755 [operator] This call is subject to being recorded or monitored, 2 00:00:46,838 --> 00:00:50,133 except for privileged calls between attorney and client. 3 00:00:51,634 --> 00:00:53,011 [Joe] I'm in a cage. 4 00:00:55,555 --> 00:00:57,557 Do you know why animals die in cages? 5 00:00:59,851 --> 00:01:01,227 Their soul dies. 6 00:01:13,406 --> 00:01:15,408 [Lowe] This is where the new zoo will be located. 7 00:01:15,992 --> 00:01:18,161 We have to be open by spring break. 8 00:01:18,661 --> 00:01:20,914 Even if it's not completely done, 9 00:01:20,997 --> 00:01:22,582 we have to have this center part done. 10 00:01:23,792 --> 00:01:26,628 So I offered Tim Stark a partnership. 11 00:01:29,130 --> 00:01:30,256 We are partners. 12 00:01:30,340 --> 00:01:32,092 We are going into this zoo together. 13

00:01:33,218 --> 00:01:36,179 I'm bringing two or three million dollars' worth of equipment

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00:01:36,679 --> 00:01:38,098 and hundreds of animals.

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00:01:41,351 --> 00:01:42,685 See, I'm smarter than most people.

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00:01:44,062 --> 00:01:46,272 They say you can't get nothing done with a monkey on your back,

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00:01:46,356 --> 00:01:49,025 so you put them on your fucking front and you can still get shit done.

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00:01:50,026 --> 00:01:53,363 It's a collaboration between two of the most notorious assholes

> 19 00:01:53,446 --> 00:01:54,322 in the industry.

> > 20

00:01:55,532 --> 00:01:56,991 [Lowe] We're stronger in numbers,

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00:01:57,742 --> 00:01:59,661 so I'm glad that Tim's down here.

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00:02:05,041 --> 00:02:07,418 [interviewer] Are you worried about the fallout of Joe's case?

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00:02:07,669 --> 00:02:10,130 Oh, no, not a bit. Not a bit.

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00:02:10,213 --> 00:02:12,006 -Who should be worried? -Joe.

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00:02:13,258 --> 00:02:14,092 [scoffs, laughs]

00:02:16,970 --> 00:02:19,806 [Joe] I just worry whether or not you're gonna be there when I get out.

27 00:02:20,974 --> 00:02:22,433 [Dillon] I'm not going anywhere.

28 00:02:23,601 --> 00:02:25,520 You don't have anything to worry about.

> 29 00:02:26,604 --> 00:02:29,357 I'm still here talking to you.

> > 30

00:02:29,440 --> 00:02:33,570 When I married you, I just wanted it to be different than everything else was.

> 31 00:02:35,238 --> 00:02:36,114 I know.

32 00:02:37,991 --> 00:02:40,034 I'll make this up to you. I promise.

33 00:02:40,869 --> 00:02:43,454 Right now I just want you to worry about getting out of there

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00:02:43,538 --> 00:02:45,456 and keep your head on your shoulders.

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00:02:46,666 --> 00:02:48,251 All right, I'll call you later.

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00:02:48,293 --> 00:02:49,460 All righty. I love you.

37 00:02:50,420 --> 00:02:51,462 I love you.

38 00:02:53,923 --> 00:02:56,759 Those are our conversations every day, three times a day.

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00:03:04,434 --> 00:03:07,395 [reporter] The current owners of what used to be Joe Exotic's park say

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 $00:03:07,478 \longrightarrow 00:03:09,314$  they've been cooperating with the feds

41 00:03:09,397 --> 00:03:13,193 ever since the murder-for-hire allegations came to light.

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00:03:13,276 --> 00:03:17,488 And with his trial looming, other investigations are unfolding.

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00:03:19,824 --> 00:03:21,910 [Garretson] Jeff Lowe let the feds into Joe's house.

> 44 00:03:23,328 --> 00:03:24,162 They went through

45 00:03:24,245 --> 00:03:28,166 and... took Joe's documents, jump drives, and all this other stuff.

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00:03:29,751 --> 00:03:32,587 It just opened up so many cans of worms for Joe.

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00:03:35,048 --> 00:03:37,508 [reporter] Federal authorities made some key discoveries:

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00:03:38,092 --> 00:03:39,385 bones of big cats.

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00:03:42,639 --> 00:03:47,393 They said that Joe had shot five tigers, and they dug them up...

00:03:48,061 --> 00:03:50,063 and found the skulls.

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00:04:01,616 --> 00:04:05,828 They trumped up all the wildlife charges to put pressure on Joe

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00:04:05,912 --> 00:04:08,831 because the murder-for-hire charge was so flimsy.

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00:04:09,415 --> 00:04:12,377 That's why they came up with the other 20 silly-ass charges.

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00:04:13,336 --> 00:04:16,714 The mix of all that together takes this poor dolt

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00:04:16,798 --> 00:04:18,132 and gets him into a position

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00:04:18,216 --> 00:04:21,552 where he appears to be this great big felonious murderer.

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00:04:23,304 --> 00:04:25,932 [Green] From the government's point of view, both the murder-for-hire

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00:04:26,015 --> 00:04:27,016 and the wildlife charges

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00:04:27,100 --> 00:04:30,186 were crucial to bring and bring together.

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00:04:31,145 --> 00:04:32,563 Both counts one and two

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00:04:32,855 --> 00:04:34,607 charged Mr. Passage

00:04:34,691 --> 00:04:36,025 with murder-for-hire.

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00:04:37,527 --> 00:04:39,279 Counts three through seven of the indictment

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00:04:39,362 --> 00:04:43,032 are for shooting and killing five tigers that were at his facility

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00:04:43,116 --> 00:04:45,118 in October of 2017.

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00:04:45,743 --> 00:04:50,498 The remaining counts are all related to the sale of tiger and lion cubs.

> 67 00:04:52,542 --> 00:04:53,918 [Joe] You know what they threatened me with?

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00:04:55,003 --> 00:04:56,587 Seventy-nine years.

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00:04:57,839 --> 00:05:01,384 They superseded my indictment with all these stupid wildlife charges

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00:05:01,467 --> 00:05:05,471 because the first two charges for murder for hire would not have stuck.

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00:05:06,639 --> 00:05:08,766 [interviewer] But Joe, did you shoot those tigers?

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00:05:09,225 --> 00:05:11,519 [Joe] I euthanized five tigers, okay?

> 73 00:05:13,062 --> 00:05:16,316

If you have a sick tiger or a lion that needs to be put to sleep,

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00:05:16,399 --> 00:05:18,526 you've got to shoot it or dart it.

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00:05:18,943 --> 00:05:20,486 There's only two options.

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00:05:24,240 --> 00:05:25,408 [Lowe] This isn't my park.

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00:05:26,117 --> 00:05:27,285 This is Joe's park.

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00:05:28,411 --> 00:05:30,371 The ghost of Joe walks this place.

79 00:05:31,331 --> 00:05:33,583 I'm embarrassed to tell people when they say, "What do you do?"

80 00:05:33,666 --> 00:05:35,126 I say, "I have the zoo down in Wynnewood."

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00:05:35,209 --> 00:05:38,546 "Are you that crazy bastard?" "No, I'm not the crazy bastard."

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00:05:38,629 --> 00:05:41,299 We are looking at some little tiger cubs.

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00:05:41,382 --> 00:05:43,509 Look at them. They're so cute.

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00:05:43,593 --> 00:05:46,721 Kind of a "purrfect" afternoon for me if you ask.

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00:05:46,804 --> 00:05:49,599 So you guys are actually moving locations here pretty soon, right?

00:05:49,682 --> 00:05:51,267 We are. We're going to close this facility down

> 87 00:05:51,351 --> 00:05:54,270 as soon as we get the new one down in Thackerville built.

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00:05:54,354 --> 00:05:56,314 [Lowe] We're building it. It's just a slow process.

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00:05:56,397 --> 00:05:59,108 [Garretson] That zoo down in Thackerville, that was my idea.

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00:06:00,026 --> 00:06:01,527 But things started to sour.

91 00:06:04,447 --> 00:06:07,241 Jeff Lowe didn't really care who he screwed.

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00:06:08,326 --> 00:06:10,036 I think James' mentality was-- He says--

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00:06:10,119 --> 00:06:13,081 "Look," he says, "you came to me with a problem of Joe."

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00:06:13,414 --> 00:06:14,540 He says, "I helped you out."

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00:06:14,624 --> 00:06:17,293 Jeff would be indicted if it wasn't for me.

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00:06:17,377 --> 00:06:19,379 I'm the one that got Jeff the deal.

97 00:06:20,463 --> 00:06:22,173 He says, "And I stuck my neck out for you.

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00:06:22,256 --> 00:06:24,884 And why wouldn't you put my name on your zoo?"

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00:06:24,967 --> 00:06:27,220 And I said, "You know what, James, it just doesn't work like that.

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00:06:29,013 --> 00:06:31,849 I think the cages will start just the other side of those trees.

101 00:06:31,933 --> 00:06:34,268 Where it went bad with James and I is

102 00:06:34,352 --> 00:06:37,105 he couldn't have possibly afforded to pitch in.

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00:06:38,231 --> 00:06:41,692 What we're building here will be immaculate, amazing.

104 00:06:44,445 --> 00:06:45,571 We're going to continue

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00:06:45,655 --> 00:06:47,532 until we're number one top zoo in the country.

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00:06:47,615 --> 00:06:50,201 We're gonna keep bringing animals in, more and more and more,

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00:06:50,284 --> 00:06:52,954 as we keep building. Anything and everything, we want it all.

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00:06:53,538 --> 00:06:55,540 Everybody wants to be "the biggest,"

109 00:06:55,623 --> 00:06:58,084 but nobody focuses on being "the nicest." 110 00:06:59,252 --> 00:07:00,837 They'll just stick you in the back. 111 00:07:02,088 --> 00:07:04,090 [Joe] This is how Jeff does business, okay? 112 00:07:04,549 --> 00:07:05,967 With James Garretson, 113 00:07:06,217 --> 00:07:08,636 Jeff saw... an opportunity, 114 00:07:08,719 --> 00:07:09,971 and he took it. 115 00:07:13,349 --> 00:07:14,267 [whistles] 116 00:07:14,350 --> 00:07:16,436 [interviewer] So how involved was Jeff Lowe 117 00:07:16,519 --> 00:07:19,188 in plotting this whole plan to kill Carole? 118 00:07:19,939 --> 00:07:22,942 You're not gonna show this to the defense attorney when I lay it out? 119 00:07:23,443 --> 00:07:25,153 [laughs] 120 00:07:25,236 --> 00:07:27,780

Don't... don't free that motherfucker. No.

121 00:07:29,115 --> 00:07:32,368 So basically what happened is Jeff Lowe helped...

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00:07:33,327 --> 00:07:34,579 put the thing together.

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00:07:35,246 --> 00:07:36,789 And because he obviously knew about it,

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00:07:36,873 --> 00:07:40,042 because Jeff Lowe told me on the phone that he was going to use Allen Glover.

> 125 00:07:42,545 --> 00:07:44,547 Joe, he offered me...

126 00:07:44,839 --> 00:07:47,049 money to go and murder that lady.

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00:07:47,133 --> 00:07:50,219 First it was \$5,000, but the only thing he come up with was three grand.

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00:07:51,471 --> 00:07:53,014 So I took that and I ran.

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00:07:55,475 --> 00:07:57,351 Remember, this is about getting Joe in trouble,

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00:07:57,435 --> 00:07:59,395 even locked up for what he did.

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00:07:59,687 --> 00:08:03,357 They would have to fucking promise me not to fucking lock my ass up for that.

> 132 00:08:03,441 --> 00:08:04,275 Right.

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00:08:04,442 --> 00:08:06,194 They're gonna do the same thing with me. 134 00:08:06,277 --> 00:08:07,612 Before they give me immunity,

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00:08:07,695 --> 00:08:10,323 they want to meet with me and make sure that what I have to tell them

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00:08:10,406 --> 00:08:12,116 is good enough for a conviction.

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00:08:12,408 --> 00:08:15,161 Once that happens, then they say, "Okay, well here's your--"

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00:08:15,328 --> 00:08:17,371 -Here's your deal. -"Here's what we'll do for that."

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00:08:17,455 --> 00:08:19,248 And they'll have to do the same thing with you.

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00:08:20,958 --> 00:08:24,420 [reporter] Now the trial begins on Monday, March 25th at 9:00 a.m.

141 00:08:24,504 --> 00:08:26,005 and could last about two weeks.

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00:08:26,088 --> 00:08:27,340 But the jury was selected.

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00:08:27,924 --> 00:08:31,219 The 55-year-old introduced himself to the jury saying,

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00:08:31,302 --> 00:08:35,056 "I'm Joseph Maldonado-Passage, and I'm the reason you all are here."

> 145 00:08:41,521 --> 00:08:44,482

[Reinke] I know some things that are going to come out in this trial.

146 00:08:47,944 --> 00:08:50,154 I'm telling you, I can't eat, I don't sleep.

147 00:08:50,238 --> 00:08:51,697 I'm up all night long.

148 00:08:52,990 --> 00:08:55,243 I lost a lot of weight. None of my pants fit me anymore.

149 00:08:55,326 --> 00:08:57,370 That's another thing. I had to buy pants.

150 00:08:57,453 --> 00:09:00,623 I haven't worn pants in 20 years. I gotta buy business attire.

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00:09:01,207 --> 00:09:02,667 I keep telling myself over and over,

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00:09:02,959 --> 00:09:06,712 I'm involved in a federal murder-for-hire plot.

153 00:09:07,922 --> 00:09:09,006 Who'd have thought?

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00:09:10,049 --> 00:09:12,760 Just because I stopped by a zoo to feed a bear one day.

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00:09:21,727 --> 00:09:24,272 I've dealt with Joe for 14 years at that zoo.

156 00:09:25,064 --> 00:09:27,650 And my job was to get him out of trouble. 00:09:29,235 --> 00:09:32,154 But I don't know if I can get him out of this.

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00:09:37,326 --> 00:09:40,830 They have the people who were closest to him,

159 00:09:40,913 --> 00:09:43,833 people who were

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00:09:43,916 --> 00:09:47,670 so interwound with him for years and years and years.

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00:09:47,753 --> 00:09:50,464 They're the very people who are testifying against him.

162 00:09:53,718 --> 00:09:55,595 I never mess with the feds.

163 00:09:55,678 --> 00:09:57,555 I don't really like the feds.

164 00:09:57,805 --> 00:10:00,975 Um, I'm a Libertarian, so technically, fuck the feds.

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00:10:01,058 --> 00:10:04,061 But you know, I don't want to be dealing with them.

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00:10:04,937 --> 00:10:07,857 I was contacted by an FBI agent,

167 00:10:08,232 --> 00:10:10,526 um, and he said point-blank,

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00:10:10,610 --> 00:10:13,696 "You're going to be on team government, or you going to be on team Joe."

00:10:14,238 --> 00:10:16,449 It was the scariest moment of my life.

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00:10:23,414 --> 00:10:26,459 [reporter 1] The federal trial started today for a former zoo owner

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00:10:26,542 --> 00:10:28,544 and Oklahoma gubernatorial candidate.

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00:10:29,211 --> 00:10:32,006 [reporter 2] He could be looking at nearly 80 years in prison,

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00:10:32,089 --> 00:10:34,133 but he is pleading not guilty.

174 00:10:36,552 --> 00:10:37,887

[Cowie] It's pretty fucking crazy.

175 00:10:38,721 --> 00:10:39,639 I don't go to court.

176 00:10:40,723 --> 00:10:42,475 I don't get traffic tickets.

177 00:10:43,476 --> 00:10:45,895 I'm a good boy, and that's not my arena.

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00:10:48,856 --> 00:10:52,068 [Corkill] In the news, we talk about shootings and killings every day,

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00:10:52,526 --> 00:10:56,155 but people will protest,

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00:10:56,238 --> 00:10:59,075 and they will not tolerate, animal abuse.

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00:10:59,158 --> 00:11:00,660 It was almost strategic

00:11:01,077 --> 00:11:04,413 to bring all of these charges at the same time.

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00:11:04,622 --> 00:11:06,457 You know, let's strike while the iron is hot.

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00:11:06,540 --> 00:11:10,294 Let's strike while this is on the front of everyone's mind.

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00:11:11,253 --> 00:11:13,964 [reporter] Former park employees called to testify against him Monday

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00:11:14,048 --> 00:11:15,675 include Erik Cowie.

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00:11:15,758 --> 00:11:17,760 He came up with this .410 in his hand,

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00:11:18,260 --> 00:11:20,012 and I knew he just shot Cuddles. I heard it.

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00:11:20,096 --> 00:11:22,682 And he came up the hill and goes, "Goddamn, Erik,

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00:11:22,765 --> 00:11:23,974 if I knew it was gonna be this easy,

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00:11:24,058 --> 00:11:25,726 walk right up to the cage, I'll kill 'em all."

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00:11:26,394 --> 00:11:28,145 There was no way for me to stop it.

193 00:11:29,647 --> 00:11:30,898 It was going to happen.

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00:11:36,862 --> 00:11:38,864 Y'know, those cats trusted me.

195 00:11:40,908 --> 00:11:42,910 And so they could look me in the eye...

> 196 00:11:44,245 --> 00:11:45,579 when they died.

197 00:11:48,749 --> 00:11:50,626 I was the guy that was right there.

198 00:11:53,754 --> 00:11:55,589 That means a minute to me.

199 00:11:58,050 --> 00:11:59,218 A heavy minute.

200 00:12:03,264 --> 00:12:04,390 You ever walked a lion?

201 00:12:05,015 --> 00:12:06,142 You ever walked a tiger?

202 00:12:06,851 --> 00:12:08,728 Motherfucker, man.

203 00:12:12,481 --> 00:12:13,482 [chuckles]

204 00:12:16,068 --> 00:12:16,902 God damn.

205 00:12:21,240 --> 00:12:23,159 They get so big so fast.

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00:12:40,384 --> 00:12:43,345 [reporter] The woman Joe Exotic allegedly wanted dead

00:12:43,429 --> 00:12:44,847 took the witness stand today.

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00:12:45,431 --> 00:12:49,310 Joe Exotic's murder-for-hire trial is now in its second day.

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00:12:49,852 --> 00:12:53,481 Carole Baskin is speaking out about some of the threats

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00:12:53,564 --> 00:12:55,983 she says she and her husband have endured for years.

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00:12:57,234 --> 00:12:59,695 I'm surprised he didn't want to do it himself.

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00:13:00,738 --> 00:13:03,908 But I wasn't surprised that he would try to follow through.

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00:13:05,242 --> 00:13:07,745 The only silver lining to it is

214 00:13:07,828 --> 00:13:09,580 that if someone were to kill me,

215

00:13:09,663 --> 00:13:12,082 I think it would push this movement so far forward

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00:13:12,166 --> 00:13:13,793 that it would be worth it.

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00:13:20,633 --> 00:13:22,301 [reporter] Another dramatic day as the trial

218 00:13:22,384 --> 00:13:25,805 for former big cat owner
 Joe Exotic continues.

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00:13:26,055 --> 00:13:27,932 One former employee even told jurors...

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00:13:28,015 --> 00:13:30,726
[interviewer] You're testifying mostly
 about the movement of animals.

221 00:13:31,018 --> 00:13:34,730 No. I'm testifying against him on both.

> 222 00:13:36,065 --> 00:13:37,066 The murder-for-hire...

> 223 00:13:37,691 --> 00:13:38,734 and the animals.

224 00:13:39,944 --> 00:13:43,447 I was Joe's right-hand man for 16 years.

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00:13:44,448 --> 00:13:46,659 I don't know what I could go to prison for.

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00:13:47,243 --> 00:13:50,079 But... I'm trying to make sure I don't go.

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00:13:50,955 --> 00:13:53,541 Let's check in with our Sylvia Corkill who's live downtown.

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00:13:53,624 --> 00:13:56,001 She tells us that witness got emotional today.

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00:13:56,085 --> 00:13:57,545 [Corkill] That witness told the jury

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00:13:57,628 --> 00:14:00,256 he was more than just an employee

at that park.

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00:14:00,339 --> 00:14:01,674 He said for 11 years,

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00:14:01,924 --> 00:14:05,970 he was in a romantic relationship with Joseph Maldonado-Passage.

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00:14:06,846 --> 00:14:08,097 In 2017,

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00:14:08,180 --> 00:14:10,599 he said Joe asked him to drive a man to Dallas

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00:14:10,683 --> 00:14:12,518 to purchase a fake ID.

236 00:14:12,601 --> 00:14:14,478 Joe told him the man needed the ID

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00:14:14,562 --> 00:14:17,690 so he could drive to Florida to kill Carole Baskin.

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00:14:17,773 --> 00:14:19,775 Then in September, the witness said...

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00:14:19,859 --> 00:14:23,237 I didn't see anybody there for Joe. I didn't--

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00:14:23,320 --> 00:14:27,908 There was people sitting on his side, but there was, like, nobody there...

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00:14:27,992 --> 00:14:30,452 for him as a person.

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00:14:35,249 --> 00:14:38,210 [interviewer] How do you think it's going to go for Mr. Exotic today?

243 00:14:38,294 --> 00:14:40,713 I'm not sure. We'll see what happens.

> 244 00:14:40,796 --> 00:14:42,464 And what's your role today?

> 245 00:14:43,132 --> 00:14:44,049 Telling the truth.

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00:14:46,886 --> 00:14:48,888 [reporter] The state's second witness, an informant,

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00:14:48,971 --> 00:14:52,600 alleged that Jeff Lowe not only knew about the plot to kill Carole Baskin,

248 00:14:52,683 --> 00:14:56,020 but that he took an active role in hatching that plan.

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00:14:56,812 --> 00:15:00,190 [Joe] In court, James admitted that when they were sitting there

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00:15:00,274 --> 00:15:01,984 watching Carole go down the bike path

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00:15:02,067 --> 00:15:03,360 and looking in her house

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00:15:03,444 --> 00:15:05,988 to see where he could sit and shoot her through a window,

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00:15:06,071 --> 00:15:09,325 Joe was back at his desk minding his own business.

254 00:15:10,075 --> 00:15:13,412 [reporter] The informant said Lowe provided maps of Baskin's property

255 00:15:13,495 --> 00:15:16,999 and recommended her murder take place on the bike path near her home.

> 256 00:15:18,959 --> 00:15:21,629 [Stark] When Jeff found out Joe was embezzling money

> 257 00:15:21,712 --> 00:15:23,714 and Joe was killing tigers,

> 258 00:15:24,381 --> 00:15:26,467 I was telling him, "Take the motherfucker down.

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00:15:26,550 --> 00:15:29,553 Slit his fucking throat and leave him laid."

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00:15:32,932 --> 00:15:35,309 Me and Jeff, I mean, we have our quarrels,

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00:15:35,392 --> 00:15:39,188 you know, but the main thing I wanted was a business partner.

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00:15:40,606 --> 00:15:43,525 I got a lot of damn earth to move for one person.

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00:15:46,028 --> 00:15:48,822 Sixteen, 18-hour days, seven days a week.

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00:15:50,240 --> 00:15:53,285 -Yeah, he just does what I tell him to do. -Yeah, I'm his bitch.

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00:15:55,788 --> 00:15:58,791 [Joe] Jeff can't work for a living. He's gotta con somebody. 266 00:15:58,874 --> 00:16:01,835 So when he runs out of cons, he's gotta steal from people.

267 00:16:04,129 --> 00:16:07,800 [Corkill] Jeff Lowe is a very skilled con man.

268 00:16:09,468 --> 00:16:11,261 How is he not facing any charges?

269 00:16:11,345 --> 00:16:14,890 I don't think that it is any surprise that he did not testify.

> 270 00:16:15,182 --> 00:16:16,517 Was he a witness? Yes.

271 00:16:16,600 --> 00:16:20,896 Did he testify? No. Why? He would have perjured himself.

272 00:16:24,358 --> 00:16:26,652 [Garretson] I mean, letting the hit man loose tells you...

273 00:16:27,236 --> 00:16:29,154 it's kind of a witch hunt because

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00:16:29,238 --> 00:16:31,156 this guy went down there to fucking murder a lady.

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00:16:31,782 --> 00:16:34,201 And he's not even going to get fucking probation or nothing.

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00:16:36,203 --> 00:16:38,580 [Glover] I hate to be a part of this shit.

> 277 00:16:39,415 --> 00:16:40,708

Wish I wasn't.

278 00:16:42,418 --> 00:16:43,794 But yeah...

279 00:16:44,211 --> 00:16:45,421 he deserves...

280 00:16:46,255 --> 00:16:48,257 every fucking thing he gets, sir.

281 00:16:49,216 --> 00:16:50,050 Or more.

282 00:16:51,176 --> 00:16:52,094 Yup.

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00:16:52,177 --> 00:16:55,931 How could they possibly give testimony, and you believe what they were saying,

> 284 00:16:56,473 --> 00:16:58,267 when clearly...

> 285 00:16:59,601 --> 00:17:00,894 they cannot be trusted.

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00:17:02,730 --> 00:17:07,401 [Joe] Why wasn't Allen Glover confronted about lying on the stand?

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00:17:08,152 --> 00:17:10,571 Like that story about going to Florida.

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00:17:11,071 --> 00:17:12,031 It never happened.

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00:17:13,115 --> 00:17:16,410 Well, there were mixed stories, but Allen apparently testified 00:17:16,493 --> 00:17:18,287 that he actually came to Florida...

291 00:17:19,246 --> 00:17:20,247 so I believe him.

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00:17:21,790 --> 00:17:25,753 We had phone recordings to prove that Allen never went to Florida.

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00:17:26,837 --> 00:17:29,506 I didn't go to fucking Tampa. What would I want to go there for?

294 00:17:29,840 --> 00:17:32,176 I wasn't gonna kill no-motherfucking-body.

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00:17:32,551 --> 00:17:34,219 He could've gave me a million fucking dollars,

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00:17:34,303 --> 00:17:36,221 I wouldn't have went and killed that fucking woman for nothin'.

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00:17:36,305 --> 00:17:38,640 I wouldn't even went to fucking Florida on a vacation.

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00:17:40,184 --> 00:17:42,311 Apparently, I chickened the fuck out,

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00:17:42,394 --> 00:17:43,979 and didn't make it there.

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00:17:45,606 --> 00:17:48,275 [Joe] Lyin' under oath is supposed to mean something.

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00:17:49,026 --> 00:17:51,445 They should be charged with perjury. 00:17:51,945 --> 00:17:54,156 And you would think that it would be a mistrial.

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00:18:00,454 --> 00:18:04,124 [reporter 1] In a surprise move, the so-called Tiger King

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00:18:04,208 --> 00:18:05,959 took the stand today in his own defense.

305 00:18:06,043 --> 00:18:07,461 He is on trial in federal court...

306 00:18:07,544 --> 00:18:08,796 [Reinke] I was really shocked.

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00:18:08,879 --> 00:18:10,881 His attorneys didn't want him to testify.

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00:18:10,964 --> 00:18:13,383 They stood up and said that they didn't want him to testify.

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00:18:13,717 --> 00:18:14,927 He went ahead and testified.

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00:18:15,511 --> 00:18:19,890 Joe took the stand and that's something that I don't think anyone expected.

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00:18:21,683 --> 00:18:24,269 He had an answer for everything,

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00:18:24,645 --> 00:18:27,898 for everything that the prosecution said.

313 00:18:28,857 --> 00:18:30,109 [Joe] I testified.

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00:18:30,192 --> 00:18:33,612 I told 'em that right before Thanksgiving,

00:18:34,321 --> 00:18:37,950 I call Jeff and I say, "Jeff, Allen won't wear a uniform.

316 00:18:38,408 --> 00:18:40,744 He won't do anything I ask him to do.

317 00:18:40,828 --> 00:18:42,496 He says he doesn't work for me."

318 00:18:43,413 --> 00:18:45,749 We have the text message where Jeff said,

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00:18:45,833 --> 00:18:48,961 "Okay, well, maybe he'll be better off in South Carolina."

> 320 00:18:50,379 --> 00:18:52,005 Thanksgiving day...

321 00:18:52,548 --> 00:18:55,551 I had cooked dinner for 150 people,

322 00:18:55,884 --> 00:18:57,594 and they donated enough,

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00:18:57,761 --> 00:19:00,639 I could put together \$3,000 to give Allen,

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00:19:00,764 --> 00:19:02,641 so he could get the hell outta there.

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00:19:02,724 --> 00:19:04,143 Here, sweetie, I'll help you.

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00:19:04,268 --> 00:19:05,561 Get your plate up here.

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00:19:06,520 --> 00:19:10,107 It was out of the cash register on Jeff's orders

328 00:19:10,691 --> 00:19:12,067 to give it to Allen.

329 00:19:15,237 --> 00:19:17,698 Now, Joe can be convincing.

330 00:19:18,532 --> 00:19:21,827 I was nervous that it only takes one holdout

331 00:19:21,910 --> 00:19:23,036 to make it a hung jury.

332 00:19:25,497 --> 00:19:28,208 To me, it appears he was set up each step of the way.

333 00:19:28,333 --> 00:19:30,586 He's not smart enough to go through with what he did.

334 00:19:30,669 --> 00:19:32,546 Who hires a \$3,000 hit man?

335 00:19:32,671 --> 00:19:34,214 He's also stupid.

336 00:19:34,298 --> 00:19:37,634 A cross-country, traveling, high-end hit man...

337 00:19:38,427 --> 00:19:39,678 cannot cost three grand.

338 00:19:39,803 --> 00:19:41,555 I don't think it could cost thirty grand.

339 00:19:41,680 --> 00:19:44,308 I think it's probably a hundred grand to find that guy, 340 00:19:44,391 --> 00:19:47,519 and you certainly don't find him from a new friend.

341 00:19:50,439 --> 00:19:51,690 [Dial] Jeff Lowe set him up.

342 00:19:52,691 --> 00:19:54,735 That is the truth of the matter.

343 00:19:54,818 --> 00:19:56,069 It's a tragedy.

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00:19:56,320 --> 00:19:59,239 It's a goddamn tragedy, because Joe was set up.

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00:20:00,240 --> 00:20:02,659 What is setting up a person? Turning them in?

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00:20:02,743 --> 00:20:05,078 Or allowing them to talk while you're recording them?

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00:20:05,162 --> 00:20:06,205 Is that setting them up?

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00:20:06,288 --> 00:20:07,706 You know, they call it set up,

349 00:20:07,789 --> 00:20:09,708

I'd call it investigate.

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00:20:09,791 --> 00:20:13,420 And did I encourage him from time to time?

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00:20:13,503 --> 00:20:16,256 Probably, because I wanted that sound bite 00:20:16,340 --> 00:20:18,926 to give to the authorities to convict him

353 00:20:19,009 --> 00:20:20,552 and get him out of this business.

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00:20:23,180 --> 00:20:25,599 [operator] This call is subject to being recorded or monitored,

355 00:20:25,682 --> 00:20:28,894 except for privileged calls between attorney and client.

356 00:20:29,519 --> 00:20:31,063 How are you feeling tonight, Joe?

357 00:20:32,648 --> 00:20:35,275 [Joe] I think testifying went very well.

> 358 00:20:37,236 --> 00:20:38,695 I feel good about my jury.

> 359 00:20:40,155 --> 00:20:41,740 I think I'm going home.

> 360 00:20:42,824 --> 00:20:44,910 If I win and get out,

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00:20:44,993 --> 00:20:47,746 I've got to completely start my life all over again.

362 00:20:49,581 --> 00:20:52,000 And I'm looking forward to starting all over again,

363 00:20:52,084 --> 00:20:53,877 because I don't have to look over my shoulder,

364 00:20:53,961 --> 00:20:55,879 I don't have all this drama hanging over me anymore.

365 00:20:56,463 --> 00:20:59,007 My life can start over fresh.

366 00:21:08,642 --> 00:21:10,686 It was part of the government's evidence

367 00:21:10,769 --> 00:21:13,272 that we showed the jury a variety

368 00:21:13,355 --> 00:21:16,733 of the social media postings that Mr. Passage had made

369 00:21:16,817 --> 00:21:18,986 that referenced Miss Baskin in a violent way:

370 00:21:19,444 --> 00:21:21,405 having her killed or wishing her dead.

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00:21:21,989 --> 00:21:24,366 We hear it's Carole's birthday next month.

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00:21:26,243 --> 00:21:28,245 [Green] Mr. Passage built his own kingdom.

> 373 00:21:28,328 --> 00:21:29,621 He was the Tiger King.

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00:21:29,913 --> 00:21:31,540 But here's the problem with kings.

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00:21:31,623 --> 00:21:34,084 They get used to making all the rules.

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00:21:34,167 --> 00:21:37,421 Carole, you can guaran-goddamn-tee I'm gonna put a cap in your ass.

00:21:37,504 --> 00:21:40,590 [Green] Mr. Passage believed that his kingdom was under attack.

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00:21:40,882 --> 00:21:42,801 So Mr. Passage attacked back.

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00:21:43,427 --> 00:21:46,680 He talked to everyone around him about his hate for Miss Baskin.

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00:21:47,472 --> 00:21:50,851 Before I'm done with this, I'm gonna have the bitch's head in a jar.

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00:21:51,184 --> 00:21:54,855 [Green] But we aren't here today because of what Mr. Passage said online.

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00:21:55,230 --> 00:21:59,151 We are here today because of what he said when he thought no one was listening.

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00:22:01,028 --> 00:22:05,574 And he decided that, as the king, he would protect the kingdom at all costs.

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00:22:06,241 --> 00:22:08,994 He was going to simply assassinate his rival.

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00:22:10,037 --> 00:22:12,289 And it's your job now to make sure that no one,

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00:22:12,372 --> 00:22:14,249 not even the Tiger King,

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00:22:14,374 --> 00:22:17,377 is allowed to be above the laws of the United States. 00:22:19,421 --> 00:22:21,423 [bell tolling]

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00:22:28,930 --> 00:22:30,766 You know, I had some different change of hearts.

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00:22:30,849 --> 00:22:33,894 Do I want to see this guy put away and others free

391 00:22:33,977 --> 00:22:35,479 that have done just as bad things?

392 00:22:35,604 --> 00:22:37,731 I'm like, uh... no.

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00:22:37,814 --> 00:22:41,068 It's gonna be kind of hard to sleep with, if he gets life in prison or something.

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00:22:41,151 --> 00:22:43,153 It's gonna be... You know, hey,

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00:22:43,236 --> 00:22:45,197 I'm not the only one that was there to testify,

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00:22:45,280 --> 00:22:48,533 you know, there's a lot of other people, but, yeah, I'll feel somewhat responsible.

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00:22:51,912 --> 00:22:55,332 [Reinke] I was actually approached early on about testifying,

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00:22:55,415 --> 00:22:57,417 and then I never heard from anybody.

399 00:22:57,501 --> 00:22:59,378 I ran that zoo for 14 years. 00:22:59,461 --> 00:23:01,296 Why would they not want to talk to me?

> 401 00:23:06,218 --> 00:23:07,969 I don't know which way this is going to go.

> > 402

00:23:09,137 --> 00:23:11,264 It's in the fate of 12 strangers though,

> 403 00:23:11,348 --> 00:23:12,307 I do know that.

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00:23:18,146 --> 00:23:20,649 [announcer] From News 9, this is breaking news.

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00:23:21,525 --> 00:23:24,403 [reporter] News 9's Sylvia Corkill in place outside the federal courthouse.

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00:23:24,486 --> 00:23:27,614 She was in the courtroom as the verdict against Joe Exotic was read.

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00:23:27,697 --> 00:23:30,409 Let's go to Sylvia right now for the very latest. Sylvia.

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00:23:30,867 --> 00:23:32,327 [Corkill] Kelly, last week we told you

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00:23:32,411 --> 00:23:35,080 that it could take some time in order for the jury to come back

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00:23:35,163 --> 00:23:37,999 with its verdict, seeing that there were 19 counts.

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00:23:38,083 --> 00:23:41,086 However, after just three short hours, nearly four hours,

412 00:23:41,169 --> 00:23:44,339 the jury came back, finding Joseph Maldonado-Passage 413 00:23:44,423 --> 00:23:46,800 guilty on all 19 counts. 414 00:23:46,883 --> 00:23:50,804 Two of those largest ones, for the alleged use of interstate commerce 415 00:23:50,887 --> 00:23:52,597 for murder-for-hire... 416 00:23:52,681 --> 00:23:54,015 Guilty. 417 00:23:54,599 --> 00:23:55,434 [clicks tongue] 418 00:24:04,443 --> 00:24:06,653 Did Joe do wrong? Yeah, I'm sure he did wrong. 419 00:24:06,736 --> 00:24:08,572 Yeah, he did sell cubs. 420 00:24:08,655 --> 00:24:10,240 He did transport cubs. 421

00:24:10,824 --> 00:24:12,200 The murder-for-hire, I don't think

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00:24:12,284 --> 00:24:14,202 it woulda went this far without somebody pushing.

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00:24:14,828 --> 00:24:16,663 [reporter] A lot of people questioned, is Jeff Lowe--

424 00:24:16,746 --> 00:24:19,291 -Should he face charges as well? -He's a director of a zoo. 425 00:24:19,374 --> 00:24:21,460 I mean, it's the same zoo that Joe had, so ... 426 00:24:25,630 --> 00:24:27,132 They all got what they wanted. 427 00:24:28,925 --> 00:24:31,011 The Tiger King in jail, in a cage. 428 00:24:32,345 --> 00:24:33,388 It's pretty ironic. 429 00:24:36,391 --> 00:24:37,559 It's sad. 430 00:24:37,809 --> 00:24:39,394 The man's going to die in jail. 431 00:24:46,485 --> 00:24:49,571 [Joe] I just need out of here so bad. 432 00:24:49,654 --> 00:24:50,947 [breathing heavily, weeping] 433 00:24:51,031 --> 00:24:52,365 It is -- It is--434 00:24:52,449 --> 00:24:56,077 I'm telling you, man. It's worse than what you can ever treat an animal. 435

00:24:56,995 --> 00:24:58,997 I'm being treated like that in here.

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00:25:02,501 --> 00:25:05,045 I can't do much more of this.

437 00:25:10,800 --> 00:25:13,720 [Howard] I generally keep these little bottles of champagne 438 00:25:13,803 --> 00:25:15,347 for when good things happen. 439 00:25:16,431 --> 00:25:20,018 That definitely was a champagne and Brie evening. 440 00:25:21,603 --> 00:25:25,023 ♪ If ever I would leave you ♪ 441 00:25:25,106 --> 00:25:27,943 ) It couldn't be in springtime ) 442 00:25:28,235 --> 00:25:30,529 ♪ Seeing you in springtime ♪ 443 00:25:30,612 --> 00:25:34,199 ♪ I never could go ♪ 444 00:25:34,366 --> 00:25:35,617 You are something else. 445 00:25:35,700 --> 00:25:38,036 [both laughing] 446 00:25:38,119 --> 00:25:41,122 All he had to do was convince one juror. 447 00:25:41,206 --> 00:25:43,333 I told Howie it's gonna be 15 minutes.

> 448 00:25:45,126 --> 00:25:46,211 I was thrilled...

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00:25:47,337 --> 00:25:49,089 and relieved with the outcome.

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00:25:55,053 --> 00:25:57,847 The man known to many Oklahomans as Joe Exotic

451 00:25:58,056 --> 00:25:59,975 will be going to federal prison.

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00:26:01,643 --> 00:26:05,647 [reporter] Soon these 300-plus animals will have a new place to call home.

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00:26:05,730 --> 00:26:08,817 We are planning to shut the zoo down in a few months.

454 00:26:08,900 --> 00:26:10,902 It will be better to have a fresh start.

> 455 00:26:12,070 --> 00:26:14,656 We take Lauren in next Tuesday

> 456 00:26:14,739 --> 00:26:17,701 to be induced to give birth to

457 00:26:17,784 --> 00:26:18,785 Sarah Evelyn Lowe...

458 00:26:18,868 --> 00:26:20,370 [Lauren laughs]

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00:26:20,453 --> 00:26:24,249 ...and then we get Lauren back in the gym.

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00:26:25,792 --> 00:26:28,545 -Are you ready? -Ready for that nanny. Quit it.

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00:26:30,839 --> 00:26:32,632 Yes, we're getting a nanny. I need help. 00:26:37,637 --> 00:26:40,181 I said you can get a nanny as long as I get to pick her.

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00:26:43,184 --> 00:26:44,811 If you're gonna bring in one, why bring in one

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00:26:44,894 --> 00:26:47,272 that's not enjoyable to look at?

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00:26:47,355 --> 00:26:50,108 I mean, you're going to have to have this person living in your home.

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00:26:51,026 --> 00:26:54,112 Well, some of these are bilingual or multilingual,

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00:26:54,195 --> 00:26:58,366 and that'd be great, for them to teach a baby that too.

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00:26:58,450 --> 00:26:59,701 So that'd be really good.

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00:27:01,119 --> 00:27:03,455 With Jeff Lowe, the suspicion is

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00:27:03,538 --> 00:27:05,874 he could still face charges down the road.

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00:27:07,292 --> 00:27:09,961 Rumor has it it will be for something much larger.

> 472 00:27:10,754 --> 00:27:11,796

For the last two years,

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00:27:11,880 --> 00:27:13,673 everybody's accused me of all these crimes, 474 00:27:13,757 --> 00:27:15,258 and I got the evidence,

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00:27:15,342 --> 00:27:16,968 but it's never materialized.

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00:27:17,636 --> 00:27:19,971 You know, I'm not an angel, but god...

> 477 00:27:20,930 --> 00:27:24,100 put up your proof, you know, stop talking about it.

478 00:27:26,144 --> 00:27:27,979 [Garretson] I think Lowe will get arrested soon.

479 00:27:28,396 --> 00:27:30,065

I mean, he said a lot of things...

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00:27:30,649 --> 00:27:32,484 and all that stuff incriminates him.

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00:27:33,943 --> 00:27:36,488 You know, and I don't think Joe will be in a cell alone.

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00:27:36,571 --> 00:27:38,615 I think other people are going too.

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00:27:38,698 --> 00:27:40,200 I mean, they don't know what I'm gonna do.

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00:27:40,950 --> 00:27:42,494 I don't think I'm finished in this.

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00:27:43,703 --> 00:27:45,580 -[interviewer] All right. -[laughs]

486 00:27:47,207 --> 00:27:48,667 Turn that shit off for a minute.

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00:28:11,731 --> 00:28:13,692 [Reinke] It's so crooked, the way they do it.

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00:28:16,319 --> 00:28:18,863 James Garretson is right involved in this damn deal with Joe,

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00:28:18,947 --> 00:28:20,365 and they ain't doing nothing to him.

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00:28:21,574 --> 00:28:24,285 I called. I called and I asked the feds.

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00:28:24,869 --> 00:28:27,455 "What's going to happen to these people that's done all this stuff?"

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00:28:27,539 --> 00:28:29,040 They said it is far from over.

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00:28:31,209 --> 00:28:35,505 [Joe] In 20 years, I have bit my tongue, and I have kept my mouth shut...

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00:28:37,173 --> 00:28:40,343 to the point that I am just not gonna do it anymore.

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00:28:42,345 --> 00:28:45,473 I've got a list of 37 names. I can shut 'em all down.

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00:28:46,683 --> 00:28:48,268 I have the proof of everything.

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00:28:49,728 --> 00:28:51,855 So, I wanna give my evidence to PETA.

> 498 00:28:58,653 --> 00:29:01,614

A lot of documents, like legal documents and permits...

499 00:29:02,323 --> 00:29:03,992 hard drives are all over here.

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00:29:04,576 --> 00:29:08,121 -[interviewer] What kind of permits? -Transfer papers for animals.

501 00:29:09,456 --> 00:29:12,417 [Joe] Did I ever dream that PETA would be my ally right now?

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00:29:12,500 --> 00:29:14,836 Fuck no, but I'm done with the animal world,

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00:29:14,919 --> 00:29:17,255 so let's just shut all the troublemakers down.

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00:29:17,922 --> 00:29:21,551 [Peet] Joe was public enemy number one for my department.

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00:29:23,011 --> 00:29:26,347 But we went to the jail where he's held in Oklahoma

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00:29:26,431 --> 00:29:31,519 and we met with Joe and his attorneys for two days.

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00:29:32,729 --> 00:29:35,440 He was able to share information with us

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00:29:35,523 --> 00:29:38,568 about wildlife trafficking in the United States,

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00:29:38,651 --> 00:29:41,988 the abuse of animals that's going on

behind the scenes

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00:29:42,071 --> 00:29:44,240 by a lot of the players.

511 00:29:46,367 --> 00:29:48,411 [interviewer] So here's one to Doc Antle.

> 512 00:29:48,995 --> 00:29:50,997 -Two male tigers---[Dillon] Stop.

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00:29:51,247 --> 00:29:52,499 [interviewer] Oh, that's bad?

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00:29:58,254 --> 00:30:01,132 [interviewer] Why do you think PETA or the animal rights groups

515 00:30:01,216 --> 00:30:02,801 hasn't really targeted you?

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00:30:02,884 --> 00:30:04,260 I'm not fucking around.

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00:30:04,344 --> 00:30:05,345 I can't be targeted.

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00:30:05,428 --> 00:30:06,721 How do you target me?

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00:30:08,848 --> 00:30:10,433 [Peet] Joe told me that

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00:30:10,517 --> 00:30:14,896 Doc Antle puts tiger cubs who have aged out of playtime events

521 00:30:14,979 --> 00:30:16,147 in a gas chamber... 00:30:17,232 --> 00:30:18,274 to kill them...

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00:30:18,817 --> 00:30:23,238 and then that he cremates their bodies in his on-site crematorium.

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00:30:23,321 --> 00:30:24,823 [woman] He said, "That feels good."

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00:30:25,114 --> 00:30:26,991 [Joe] Brittany was quite shocked

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00:30:27,450 --> 00:30:30,078 because, fuck, I gave her information on everybody.

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00:30:30,578 --> 00:30:34,165 She says, "We'll get something done. Are you willing to testify against them?"

> 528 00:30:34,249 --> 00:30:37,502 [snarling]

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00:30:37,585 --> 00:30:39,587 [Joe] I said, "I'll testify against all 30 of them."

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00:30:41,256 --> 00:30:45,301 [Peet] I think that Joe's motivation in this case is revenge.

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00:30:46,302 --> 00:30:48,930 He really wants to see a lot of the other people

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00:30:49,013 --> 00:30:51,599 in the big cat trade go down with him.

533 00:30:59,524 --> 00:31:01,401 [Joe] Right now is the time that everybody needs 534 00:31:01,484 --> 00:31:03,278 to tighten the noose around Jeff Lowe.

> 535 00:31:04,195 --> 00:31:06,155 Jeff and Tim are at war.

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00:31:07,115 --> 00:31:09,993 It seems like everybody starts out well with me and then it ends bad.

> 537 00:31:10,827 --> 00:31:12,662 [Stark] ...like I told you when I left there, Jeff.

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00:31:12,745 --> 00:31:13,663 You're stirring up shit--

539 00:31:13,746 --> 00:31:14,747 I've had so many calls.

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00:31:14,831 --> 00:31:16,749 He'll scream, I hang up. He'll scream, I hang up.

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00:31:16,833 --> 00:31:18,543 [Stark] Fuck you, you little pussboy!

> 542 00:31:19,419 --> 00:31:20,461 [Stark] I'm done.

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00:31:21,045 --> 00:31:23,631 I didn't go 900 miles to build the damn zoo by my-damn-self

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00:31:24,215 --> 00:31:26,092 so he could take the glory.

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00:31:27,677 --> 00:31:29,137 [Lowe] Having Tim as a partner

546 00:31:29,220 --> 00:31:31,222 sounded like a good idea at the time.

547 00:31:31,931 --> 00:31:33,474 So did helping Joe.

548 00:31:34,851 --> 00:31:36,102 [Stark] I was paying for it all.

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00:31:36,644 --> 00:31:39,022 I was paying to have all the stuff shipped out there.

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00:31:39,105 --> 00:31:41,357 It was supposed to be a 50/50 business.

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00:31:42,483 --> 00:31:45,153 [Joe] Tim finally figured out that Jeff Lowe doesn't have no money,

> 552 00:31:45,236 --> 00:31:46,571 and he's footing the bill.

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00:31:48,072 --> 00:31:49,782 And he can't take it anymore.

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00:31:50,241 --> 00:31:52,827 Keep your friends close but keep your enemies closer.

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00:31:52,911 --> 00:31:53,995 So, hey, Jeff.

556 00:31:54,954 --> 00:31:56,122 Here I come, motherfucker.

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00:31:57,916 --> 00:32:01,669 [Lowe] Now you got Tim talking to Joe, Joe talking to PETA,

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00:32:01,753 --> 00:32:04,631 and all these people hated one another six months ago. 559

00:32:07,216 --> 00:32:10,094 Once we start trying to shut a person down

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00:32:10,178 --> 00:32:12,639 and end their abuse of animals, we don't stop.

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00:32:12,722 --> 00:32:15,850 When you're conducting a war,

562 00:32:15,934 --> 00:32:17,644

you don't bemoan the fact

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00:32:17,727 --> 00:32:20,647 that you're winning battle after battle after battle,

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00:32:21,356 --> 00:32:24,984 knowing that you will win if you keep going.

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00:32:25,234 --> 00:32:28,446 And we're going to be patient and persistent, and we will win,

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00:32:28,529 --> 00:32:31,074 and whether it's five years or ten years,

567 00:32:32,033 --> 00:32:33,284 we will make it happen.

568 00:32:40,833 --> 00:32:41,793 Nobody wins.

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00:32:43,378 --> 00:32:46,589 Everyone involved is a so-called animal advocate.

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00:32:48,132 --> 00:32:50,301 Not a single animal benefited from this war. 571 00:32:52,428 --> 00:32:53,471 Not a single one.

572 00:32:53,554 --> 00:32:54,555 [cat meows]

573 00:33:02,021 --> 00:33:05,316 [Reinke] A lot of drama in the zoo world, and, you know, I've changed my life.

> 574 00:33:05,400 --> 00:33:07,151 I'm doing different things now.

575 00:33:09,570 --> 00:33:10,571 I'm 52 years old.

576 00:33:10,655 --> 00:33:12,573 I'm done with this "he said, she said" stuff.

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00:33:21,582 --> 00:33:24,002 [man] If I need to stop, take a breather, you just let me know.

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00:33:30,383 --> 00:33:32,468 [Reinke] The zoo took a big chunk out of my life.

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00:33:32,552 --> 00:33:34,929 It just played its toll on my marriage.

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00:33:35,096 --> 00:33:36,931 I didn't want to be unhappy anymore,

581 00:33:37,015 --> 00:33:38,975 so I just-- I left my wife.

582 00:33:39,684 --> 00:33:41,102 After 30 years. 00:33:42,645 --> 00:33:43,896 So I live on my own now.

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00:33:46,983 --> 00:33:48,067 Who is Joe Exotic?

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00:33:49,485 --> 00:33:50,570 [Finlay] A nobody now.

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00:33:50,653 --> 00:33:51,487 Nobody? [chuckles]

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00:33:51,988 --> 00:33:53,906 He will be after we're done with this tattoo, huh?

588 00:33:54,323 --> 00:33:56,743 -Yeah. -Be just a memory.

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00:33:57,869 --> 00:33:59,662 No, won't even be a memory.

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00:34:03,166 --> 00:34:04,584 [Reinke] I miss the babies a lot.

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00:34:04,792 --> 00:34:07,295 I really, really do. I miss Bonedigger and Cletus.

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00:34:08,046 --> 00:34:10,798 And, you know, they told me unless I just had

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00:34:11,049 --> 00:34:13,134 shitloads of money to dump in Jeff's lap,

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00:34:13,217 --> 00:34:14,802 I'd never get my animals back.

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00:34:14,886 --> 00:34:16,763 So I just had to walk away from them. 596

00:34:22,143 --> 00:34:23,978 [man] Yeah, that's a tender spot now.

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00:34:42,371 --> 00:34:44,290 [Dial] Everyone has lost in this.

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00:34:48,336 --> 00:34:51,881 What started out as this feud between two people,

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00:34:51,964 --> 00:34:55,593 a good and noble fight to stop cub selling, cub petting,

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00:34:55,676 --> 00:34:59,430 turned into a personal and legal court battle,

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00:35:00,014 --> 00:35:01,516 and it just became about them.

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00:35:03,935 --> 00:35:07,146 Think of that. It has to be millions of dollars. It has to be.

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00:35:07,230 --> 00:35:09,440Think of the hundreds of thousands

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00:35:09,524 --> 00:35:11,192 they spent investigating Joe.

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00:35:11,901 --> 00:35:15,071 Think of what millions of followers, donors and whatnot...

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00:35:16,531 --> 00:35:19,242 think of how far that could go saving these tigers

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00:35:19,325 --> 00:35:21,327 in their natural habitats.

608 00:35:27,542 --> 00:35:29,794 [Dial] We've completely lost sight

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00:35:29,877 --> 00:35:32,463 and lost touch of what really matters here.

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00:35:34,048 --> 00:35:37,635 And that's the conservation protection of the species of this planet.

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00:35:40,138 --> 00:35:42,557 There's a new home for exotic animals that's opening up.

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00:35:42,640 --> 00:35:44,433 It's a refuge for unusual creatures...

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00:35:44,517 --> 00:35:48,980 The G.W. Exotic Park has over 70 big cats in their park.

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00:35:49,063 --> 00:35:50,731 [Joe] These are very dangerous animals,

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00:35:51,399 --> 00:35:53,985 very beautiful animals, that have a place in the world,

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00:35:54,068 --> 00:35:58,281 and that's in Africa and Asia and India, not in Oklahoma.

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00:35:59,949 --> 00:36:01,325 [Kirkham] I truly believe

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00:36:01,409 --> 00:36:04,871 that Joe started the zoo for good purposes, good reasons.

619 00:36:05,204 --> 00:36:09,417 The state needs to pass laws that this breeding has got to stop.

620 00:36:09,500 --> 00:36:11,961 [Kirkham] But, as the money rose,

621 00:36:12,044 --> 00:36:14,505 I think his care for the animals declined...

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00:36:15,256 --> 00:36:16,174 God damn.

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00:36:16,257 --> 00:36:19,510 ...to the point that he didn't really care for the animals at all.

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00:36:19,635 --> 00:36:20,469 At all.

625 00:36:21,053 --> 00:36:23,764 And what was really sad is I had to...

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00:36:24,432 --> 00:36:26,767 film a reality show

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00:36:27,226 --> 00:36:29,061 to make it look like he did.

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00:36:30,855 --> 00:36:33,232 I ain't lived with that till this moment.

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00:36:37,445 --> 00:36:39,322 Sweet money right here, buddy.

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00:36:39,697 --> 00:36:41,699 Five thousand right here.

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00:36:43,367 --> 00:36:44,994 God, they're tiny, aren't they? 00:36:55,671 --> 00:36:56,964 [Joe] Are the animals happy?

633 00:37:00,885 --> 00:37:02,220 Who the hell knows?

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00:37:04,972 --> 00:37:07,975 I finally moved my two chimpanzees last week.

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00:37:10,561 --> 00:37:12,688 Probably one of the hardest days of my life.

636 00:37:15,775 --> 00:37:18,027

They sat in cages next to each other

637 00:37:18,110 --> 00:37:19,445 for over ten years.

638 00:37:20,863 --> 00:37:23,699 And we moved them to the Great Apes Center in Florida.

639 00:37:25,743 --> 00:37:28,829 And in two days, they were out in a big yard

640 00:37:29,413 --> 00:37:30,998 hugging on each other.

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00:37:34,126 --> 00:37:37,505 Did I deprive them of that for ten years?

> 642 00:37:38,714 --> 00:37:39,548 Yep.

643 00:37:45,471 --> 00:37:48,099 I... I deprived them of... of...

644 00:37:49,308 --> 00:37:50,893 being chimpanzees. 645 00:37:59,151 --> 00:38:00,820 Did I do it on purpose?

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00:38:02,196 --> 00:38:04,198 No, I was wrapped up in... in...

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00:38:04,824 --> 00:38:05,866 having a zoo.

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00:38:48,284 --> 00:38:50,286 [country song plays]

649 00:39:01,088 --> 00:39:03,507

) Tell all the hunters )

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00:39:04,175 --> 00:39:06,886 > To lay down their guns >

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00:39:07,970 --> 00:39:10,473 > Tell them that the tiger >

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00:39:11,098 --> 00:39:13,351 > Needs a little bit of love >

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00:39:14,393 --> 00:39:16,979 → Let 'em run the jungle →

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00:39:21,359 --> 00:39:24,153 > Then stand back and marvel >

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00:39:24,779 --> 00:39:27,531 → What a beautiful cat →

657 00:39:28,074 --> 00:39:31,577 \$ 'Cause I saw tiger \$ 00:39:31,660 --> 00:39:34,705 Now I understand >

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00:39:35,373 --> 00:39:38,376 > I saw tiger >

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00:39:38,834 --> 00:39:40,836 > And the tiger saw man >

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00:39:41,837 --> 00:39:43,714 > I can give him a home >

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00:39:45,466 --> 00:39:47,468 → Safe and warm →

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00:39:48,761 --> 00:39:51,555 > But the law wants to ban me >

664 00:39:52,223 --> 00:39:54,683 ) Can you tell me who's wrong )

665 00:39:55,976 --> 00:39:58,729 → Every time they move →

666 00:39:59,063 --> 00:40:01,816 ♪ Every time they breathe ♪

667 00:40:02,441 --> 00:40:05,444 > I can feel their power >

668 00:40:05,945 --> 00:40:08,739 ) I can feel their heat )

670 00:40:12,701 --> 00:40:15,579 ♪ Now I understand ♪

671 00:40:16,580 --> 00:40:18,999 ♪ I saw tiger ♪ 672 00:40:19,959 --> 00:40:21,961 ♪ And the tiger saw man ♪



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