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**TIGER KING**  
**MURDER, MAYHEM AND MADNESS**

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**"Playing with Fire"**

Joe ramps up his efforts to become an internet and TV star, but a mysterious fire and lawsuit threaten his plans – until an angel investor appears.

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## CAST

Carole Baskin	...	Self - Big Cat Rescue
Joe Exotic	...	Self - G.W. Zoo
Bhagavan Antle	...	Self - Myrtle Beach Safari
Howard Baskin	...	Self - Big Cat Rescue
John Finlay	...	Self - Joe's Husband
Eric Goode	...	Self - Filmmaker
Rick Kirkham	...	Self - Producer, Joe Exotic T.V.
John Reinke	...	Self - Manager, G.W. Zoo
Kelci Saffery	...	Self - Animal Keeper, G.W. Zoo
Erik Cowie	...	Self - Head Keeper, G.W. Zoo
Sylvia Corkill	...	Self - Reporter, News 9
Jeff Lowe	...	Self - Businessman
Tim Stark	...	Self - Wildlife in Need
Joshua Dial	...	Self - Joe's Campaign Manager
James Garretson	...	Self - Businessman
Allen Glover	...	Self - Handyman, G.W. Zoo
Lauren Lowe	...	Self - Jeff's Wife
Travis Maldonado	...	Self - Joe's Husband
Dillon Passage	...	Self - Joe's Husband
Larry Rhodes	...	Self - Gavin County Oklahoma
Marc Thompson	...	Self - Joe's Security Guard
Kody Antle	...	Self - Doc's Son
Marsha David	...	Self - Employee, G.W. Zoo
Amanda Green	...	Self - Federal Prosecutor
Mark McCarthy	...	Self - Former Employee, Mario Tabraue
Brittany Peet	...	Self - Captive Animal Law Enforcement, PETA
Susan Bass	...	Self - Public Relations, Big Cat Rescue
Moksha Bybee	...	Self - Doc's Partner
Gladys Lewis Cross	...	Self - Don's Ex-Wife
Bruce David	...	Self - Contractor, G.W. Zoo
Kenny Farr	...	Self - Don's Handyman
Barbara Fisher	...	Self - Doc's Apprentice
Joseph Fritz	...	Self - Don's Attorney
Dennis Hill	...	Self - Former Exotic Animal Owner
Jeff Johnson	...	Self - Former Reptile Dealer
Robert M. Johnson	...	Self - Senior Trainer, Myrtle Beach Safari
Dale Lively	...	Self - Don's Mechanic
Cheryl Maldonado	...	Self - Travis' Mother
John Marsicano	...	Self - Lead Homicide Detective
Dianna Mazak	...	Self - Employee, G.W. Zoo
Anne McQueen	...	Self - Don's Executive Assistant
Jamie Murdock	...	Self - Carole's Daughter
Chealsi Putman	...	Self - Joe's Niece
Gale Rathbone	...	Self - Don's Daughter
Lynda Sanchez	...	Self - Don's Daughter
Debra Sandlin	...	Self - Former Volunteer, Big Cat Rescue
Francis Schreibvogel	...	Self - Joe's Father
Shirley Schreibvogel	...	Self - Joe's Mother
Vernon Stairs	...	Self - Carole's Father
Maria Tabraue	...	Self - Mario's Wife
Mario Tabraue	...	Self - Z.W.F. Zoo
Wendell Williams	...	Self - Don's Business Associate
J.P. Wilson	...	Self - Magician
Vernon Yates	...	Self - Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation

1

00:00:13,388 --> 00:00:16,516  
♪ I wake up, I go to work ♪

2

00:00:17,183 --> 00:00:22,981  
♪ But every day I get someone  
Trying to slam me down ♪

3

00:00:23,231 --> 00:00:25,066  
♪ Back in the dirt ♪

4

00:00:26,651 --> 00:00:30,613  
♪ I don't care  
I move on ♪

5

00:00:31,531 --> 00:00:34,784  
♪ So bring on the media  
To the driveway♪

6

00:00:35,452 --> 00:00:39,539  
[Joe] I use my music  
as an escape from reality.

7

00:00:43,668 --> 00:00:48,131  
This is what I do right here,  
drive around and listen to myself singing.

8

00:00:48,214 --> 00:00:53,261  
♪ This old town is where I wanna be ♪

9

00:00:53,344 --> 00:00:55,388  
♪ Is where I'm gonna be ♪

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00:00:57,015 --> 00:01:01,269  
♪ I moved up here  
And I took a chance, yeah ♪

11

00:01:01,352 --> 00:01:04,439  
♪ Started my own brother's dream ♪

12

00:01:05,648 --> 00:01:08,026  
♪ Ain't much left here now ♪

13

00:01:08,109 --> 00:01:13,239  
♪ Just some beat-up buildings  
And a place to dream ♪

14

00:01:14,491 --> 00:01:17,827  
♪ They still haunt me ♪

15

00:01:18,828 --> 00:01:22,415  
♪ In this old town ♪

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00:01:25,085 --> 00:01:27,087  
[operator] <span style="style1">This is a prepaid call from...

17

00:01:27,295 --> 00:01:28,379  
[Joe] <span style="style1">Joe Exotic.

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00:01:28,713 --> 00:01:30,715  
[operator]  
<span style="style1">...an inmate at the Grady County Jail.

19

00:01:33,009 --> 00:01:33,843  
[Joe] <span style="style1">Me and Carole

20

00:01:34,219 --> 00:01:35,595  
made money off of each other.

21

00:01:35,678 --> 00:01:37,430  
We became popular off of each other

22

00:01:37,514 --> 00:01:41,559  
because I was her  
number one most wanted cub abuser

23

00:01:42,018 --> 00:01:43,436  
that she could make money off of,

24

00:01:43,520 --> 00:01:46,189  
and she was my number one  
murdered-her-husband

25

00:01:46,272 --> 00:01:48,691

and-fed-him-to-the-tigers-and...  
crazy bitch out there

26

00:01:49,317 --> 00:01:51,820  
that I could make music videos  
and shit about.

27

00:01:52,070 --> 00:01:53,988  
[man] All right,  
we're gonna get Joe in there now.

28

00:01:54,197 --> 00:01:55,406  
Oh, okay.

29

00:01:58,201 --> 00:02:00,161  
God, this stinks! Hurry up!

30

00:02:00,453 --> 00:02:01,746  
Come on, over here.

31

00:02:03,081 --> 00:02:04,916  
[Joe]

<span style="style1">If you don't think she's not making money

32

00:02:04,999 --> 00:02:07,669  
off of me being in jail right now,  
you're crazier than shit.

33

00:02:16,761 --> 00:02:20,557  
Howard, this entire row of files  
is all dedicated to Joe.

34

00:02:21,516 --> 00:02:22,392  
Actually...

35

00:02:23,268 --> 00:02:24,894  
this file cabinet...

36

00:02:25,937 --> 00:02:28,565  
this is the current legal stuff...

37

00:02:29,440 --> 00:02:32,443

and... this one down here.

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00:02:35,822 --> 00:02:38,074  
[Kirkham] Tilt up a bit, Michael.  
We'll put it right there.

39

00:02:38,158 --> 00:02:39,742  
Joe, let's have one right at this camera.

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00:02:39,826 --> 00:02:41,828  
-Come here.  
-You got stills, Michael?

41

00:02:42,203 --> 00:02:44,622  
Oh, it's a still camera?  
Somebody get my...

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00:02:44,706 --> 00:02:46,624  
[cubs mewling]

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00:02:46,708 --> 00:02:48,668  
[man] Wow, one with the mouth open  
and everything.

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00:02:48,751 --> 00:02:51,546  
[Reinke] The more Joe got aware  
of social media and how it worked,

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00:02:51,629 --> 00:02:54,257  
the more he realized that he needed  
to work the name.

46

00:02:54,340 --> 00:02:56,009  
Like, when you Google "big cat rescue,"

47

00:02:56,092 --> 00:02:58,094  
it pulls up Big Cat Rescue  
in Tampa, Florida.

48

00:02:58,469 --> 00:03:02,599  
Do you know the power you have  
if you search Google around the world,

49

00:03:02,682 --> 00:03:04,851  
and you're the first choice every time?

50

00:03:04,934 --> 00:03:08,062  
Hey, all you cool cats and kittens,  
it's Carole at Big Cat Rescue...

51

00:03:08,146 --> 00:03:09,355  
[Antle] She is the one.

52

00:03:09,439 --> 00:03:12,358  
She's the first choice every time,  
supersedes all the zoos.

53

00:03:12,442 --> 00:03:14,235  
She's at the top of all search.

54

00:03:14,319 --> 00:03:16,237  
Most of the cats ate well today.

55

00:03:16,321 --> 00:03:19,407  
Nat was a champ  
and so was Frosty, the serval,

56

00:03:19,490 --> 00:03:22,035  
except for no poop from Frosty.

57

00:03:22,744 --> 00:03:25,788  
[Reinke] Joe started realizing that if he  
made his name close to Big Cat Rescue,

58

00:03:25,872 --> 00:03:27,832  
when they Google it,  
it might pull him up first.

59

00:03:30,627 --> 00:03:32,128  
[Howard] Joe decided

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00:03:32,378 --> 00:03:34,964  
that the way he would get back at us...

61

00:03:35,548 --> 00:03:38,468  
was to rename his traveling show

62

00:03:38,927 --> 00:03:40,678  
"Big Cat Rescue Entertainment."

63

00:03:42,222 --> 00:03:46,893  
He did that as a ploy to help  
his, uh, ratings on the Internet.

64

00:03:47,518 --> 00:03:49,854  
[Goode] Where did you get the name?  
Where'd you get the idea?

65

00:03:49,938 --> 00:03:51,064  
Big Cat Rescue Entertainment?

66

00:03:51,147 --> 00:03:53,775  
I mean, we're the biggest center  
in the United States

67

00:03:53,858 --> 00:03:55,193  
who are rescuing big cats.

68

00:03:55,568 --> 00:03:58,613  
Uh, and we entertain people, okay?

69

00:03:58,696 --> 00:04:00,740  
Here's our logo, all right?

70

00:04:00,823 --> 00:04:03,326  
And here is what he started using.

71

00:04:03,952 --> 00:04:06,829  
Notice that the "Entertainment" below  
is a bit faded,

72

00:04:06,913 --> 00:04:08,206  
so you don't even see it.

73

00:04:08,957 --> 00:04:14,170  
The snow leopard eyes was, at that time,



the masthead on our website,

74

00:04:14,254 --> 00:04:16,005  
so he was copying that.

75

00:04:16,089 --> 00:04:17,590  
I don't want to say  
it's all the way similar,

76

00:04:17,674 --> 00:04:19,300  
but, I mean, it definitely looked like it.

77

00:04:19,384 --> 00:04:23,805  
Here, he was handing out a business card  
that said, "Florida office",

78

00:04:24,055 --> 00:04:27,267  
and had our area code and number  
that forwarded to him.

79

00:04:27,350 --> 00:04:30,603  
Yeah, he come up with a Florida address  
and a Florida phone number

80

00:04:30,853 --> 00:04:33,481  
to help ping all that stuff together.

81

00:04:33,564 --> 00:04:36,109  
And it worked.  
People were contacting us and saying,

82

00:04:36,192 --> 00:04:38,069  
"Hey, I didn't think you did  
this sort of thing."

83

00:04:38,152 --> 00:04:41,322  
Oh, that definitely pissed her off.  
And then it just got worse.

84

00:04:41,406 --> 00:04:43,741  
We couldn't sue him over the cub petting.

85

00:04:43,825 --> 00:04:45,868  
We didn't have standing to do that.

86  
00:04:45,952 --> 00:04:48,329  
But we could sue him  
for violating our copyright.

87  
00:04:48,955 --> 00:04:50,456  
[man] We are now on the record

88  
00:04:50,540 --> 00:04:55,795  
in the matter of Big Cat Rescue Corp.  
versus Big Cat Rescue Entertainment.

89  
00:04:55,878 --> 00:04:58,965  
This is the videotape deposition of Joe...

90  
00:05:00,091 --> 00:05:02,135  
uh, "Shreeb-uh-vogel"?

91  
00:05:02,427 --> 00:05:04,220  
-Schreibvogel.  
-Okay.

92  
00:05:04,304 --> 00:05:06,514  
Honestly, I thought it would end there.

93  
00:05:06,723 --> 00:05:09,767  
I thought he would look at that  
and be smart enough to say,

94  
00:05:09,851 --> 00:05:13,438  
"You know what?  
I don't want the expense of a lawsuit.

95  
00:05:13,521 --> 00:05:14,939  
I'll just stop using their name."

96  
00:05:16,024 --> 00:05:17,608  
He continued to use the name,

97  
00:05:18,234 --> 00:05:21,904

and he filed counter claims  
to drag this out.

98

00:05:23,156 --> 00:05:26,200  
We built a website, 911AnimalAbuse.org.

99

00:05:26,284 --> 00:05:29,871  
We put a reward out for information  
leading to who killed Don

100

00:05:29,954 --> 00:05:31,831  
or where Don's remains are.

101

00:05:32,373 --> 00:05:33,541  
[man] Why did you set that up?

102

00:05:33,624 --> 00:05:35,209  
Why did I set that up?

103

00:05:35,293 --> 00:05:40,506  
To start posting the truth  
about Carole Baskin for a change.

104

00:05:41,507 --> 00:05:43,509  
Is Don really under the septic tank?

105

00:05:45,470 --> 00:05:49,432  
We tried to expose the fact  
that she is scamming the public.

106

00:05:49,515 --> 00:05:52,810  
I'm gonna stay on your ass so hard...

107

00:05:53,770 --> 00:05:57,231  
that you're gonna end up in jail for fraud  
before this is over with.

108

00:05:57,732 --> 00:06:03,529  
Why did it take \$47,652  
to put on your Fur Ball

109

00:06:03,613 --> 00:06:06,574

to only raise \$45,000?

110

00:06:07,742 --> 00:06:09,577  
[Howard] This is just not true.

111

00:06:10,536 --> 00:06:15,166  
I don't think Joe considers lying to be  
a question of ethics.

112

00:06:15,249 --> 00:06:18,127  
I think he would consider it  
to be an art form.

113

00:06:19,587 --> 00:06:21,589  
It was like the Hatfield and McCoy.

114

00:06:21,672 --> 00:06:22,715  
They go at each other.

115

00:06:22,799 --> 00:06:24,550  
"Oh, you did this!" "Well, you did that!"

116

00:06:24,634 --> 00:06:25,968  
"I got this!" "I got that!"

117

00:06:26,511 --> 00:06:31,516  
It's just a crazy little comedy  
between exotic animal owners.

118

00:06:31,599 --> 00:06:33,476  
[chuckles]

119

00:06:33,559 --> 00:06:36,521  
She even got your big daddy cigar,  
looky there.

120

00:06:36,646 --> 00:06:38,648  
Oh, that's getting the phone to ringing.

121

00:06:39,482 --> 00:06:40,691  
[Kirkham] Joe Exotic was...

122

00:06:41,609 --> 00:06:44,862  
everything I had dreamed of  
in finding a reality show.

123

00:06:44,946 --> 00:06:47,073  
-This morning we're shooting...  
-...publicity stills...

124

00:06:47,156 --> 00:06:49,575  
...for Joe Exotic Tiger King,  
the reality show...

125

00:06:49,659 --> 00:06:52,412  
...in order to get the stills  
that we need to send out

126

00:06:52,495 --> 00:06:54,997  
to the news media  
and everything else worldwide

127

00:06:55,081 --> 00:06:56,791  
for the first episode of the show.

128

00:06:56,874 --> 00:06:59,502  
And how should we set this thing up then,  
knowing our poor angles...

129

00:06:59,627 --> 00:07:04,465  
[Reinke] Rick Kirkham, he came to the zoo  
as a producer for Joe's reality show.

130

00:07:04,549 --> 00:07:07,260  
Joe had been trying,  
and nobody could get it kicked off.

131

00:07:07,885 --> 00:07:10,221  
Rick Kirkham promised him  
he could get it done.

132

00:07:11,597 --> 00:07:16,310  
Doing his little Internet shows  
was only my way of getting into the zoo,

133

00:07:16,394 --> 00:07:19,439  
because I had a camera crew shooting  
a reality show

134

00:07:19,522 --> 00:07:22,233  
behind the crews shooting  
his Internet show.

135

00:07:22,316 --> 00:07:24,360  
I could give a crap  
about his Internet show.

136

00:07:24,444 --> 00:07:25,611  
But that was the deal.

137

00:07:25,695 --> 00:07:26,988  
He signed the contract.

138

00:07:27,113 --> 00:07:28,531  
"I'll let you shoot a reality show

139

00:07:28,614 --> 00:07:30,408  
if you'll go ahead and run my studio."

140

00:07:30,491 --> 00:07:33,035  
Okay, people, stand by.  
Fifteen seconds till showtime.

141

00:07:33,119 --> 00:07:35,204  
-Stand by, video one.  
-Video one is queued!

142

00:07:35,288 --> 00:07:36,330  
Let's get Joe on the set.

143

00:07:36,414 --> 00:07:38,499  
-Teleprompter...  
-[Kirkham] It worked out good for me.

144

00:07:38,583 --> 00:07:41,711  
I was like, "Hell yeah, I'm gonna make  
a million dollars off this reality show.

145

00:07:41,794 --> 00:07:44,005  
I'll do your little piddly-ass  
internet show."

146

00:07:45,173 --> 00:07:48,259  
This is Joe Exotic's episode  
of "Eaten Alive."

147

00:07:48,342 --> 00:07:50,219  
Discovery Channel, here I come!

148

00:07:51,471 --> 00:07:54,182  
[Reinke] I mean, it was a passion of his  
to do a reality show.

149

00:07:54,265 --> 00:07:56,767  
You know, gay man, owning a zoo,  
toting a gun.

150

00:07:57,226 --> 00:07:59,020  
He said it'll sell, for sure.

151

00:07:59,103 --> 00:08:02,064  
Hey, I'm Joe Exotic,  
otherwise known as The Tiger King.

152

00:08:02,148 --> 00:08:05,485  
The gay, gun-carrying redneck  
with a mullet.

153

00:08:05,568 --> 00:08:09,947  
He was like a mythical character living  
out in the middle of Bumfuck, Oklahoma,

154

00:08:10,156 --> 00:08:14,827  
and owned 1,200 tigers and lions  
and bears and monkeys and shit.

155

00:08:14,911 --> 00:08:16,871  
We're shooting the reality show  
in segments.

156

00:08:16,954 --> 00:08:19,373  
In this morning's segment,  
we would go into Joe's bedroom,

157

00:08:19,457 --> 00:08:22,335  
get the alarm going off, Joe waking up...

158

00:08:22,418 --> 00:08:24,837  
There was something so odd  
about the man,

159

00:08:24,921 --> 00:08:27,006  
and yet, he had so much confidence

160

00:08:27,089 --> 00:08:29,717  
because he owned the world in his head.

161

00:08:30,760 --> 00:08:31,594  
[man] Got you.

162

00:08:31,677 --> 00:08:33,846  
All right, keep rolling, keep rolling.

163

00:08:35,181 --> 00:08:38,100  
Now this is the kind of movies  
we're gonna make here, okay?

164

00:08:39,685 --> 00:08:41,979  
-[gunshot]  
-[Joe] Whoo! [laughs]

165

00:08:42,063 --> 00:08:44,232  
[indistinct speech through walkie-talkie]

166

00:08:46,234 --> 00:08:47,944  
[men laughing, grunting]

167

00:08:48,027 --> 00:08:51,072  
I'd settled on a title  
of <span style="style1">Joe Exotic, Tiger King

168



00:08:51,447 --> 00:08:52,406  
for the reality show.

169

00:08:53,950 --> 00:08:55,076  
That's fucking heavy.

170

00:08:55,159 --> 00:08:58,454  
I said, "Here's what I wanna do, Joe.  
I'm gonna build a king's throne.

171

00:08:59,038 --> 00:09:02,375  
Big, solid wood, red velvet,  
the whole works,

172

00:09:02,875 --> 00:09:05,461  
and I'm gonna put it in  
the middle of a big tiger cage

173

00:09:05,545 --> 00:09:07,338  
with all these tigers around you."

174

00:09:07,797 --> 00:09:10,007  
And he's like, "Oh-- Okay! I like that!"

175

00:09:12,260 --> 00:09:13,594  
He wanted to be famous...

176

00:09:14,387 --> 00:09:16,931  
more than he wanted anything else in life.

177

00:09:17,890 --> 00:09:21,060  
Man, when he saw that footage,  
he went wild.

178

00:09:21,519 --> 00:09:23,563  
He's like, "I am the Tiger King!"

179

00:09:23,646 --> 00:09:25,648  
I've always been the Tiger King!"

180

00:09:25,731 --> 00:09:28,276  
You can go in there and go into

the gift shop into his office

181

00:09:28,359 --> 00:09:30,486  
at eight, nine o'clock at night,  
and hear this...

182

00:09:30,570 --> 00:09:31,571  
[hums fanfare]

183

00:09:31,654 --> 00:09:33,573  
...and you go around,  
and he was sitting there,

184

00:09:33,656 --> 00:09:36,909  
playing this shot over and over  
of him in this throne.

185

00:09:47,503 --> 00:09:49,505  
[Kirkham] Joe's ego was so big.

186

00:09:49,672 --> 00:09:51,132  
Can you give me my whip?

187

00:09:51,215 --> 00:09:53,759  
[Kirkham] Way too big for his little body.

188

00:09:54,510 --> 00:09:57,305  
Look into my eyes. No-- [chuckles]

189

00:09:58,014 --> 00:10:00,266  
[Kirkham] He would have done anything  
to become famous.

190

00:10:02,226 --> 00:10:04,020  
I watched him fire people

191

00:10:04,604 --> 00:10:07,064  
just because he knew  
the camera was rolling.

192

00:10:07,148 --> 00:10:08,190  
[Joe] ...problem with that?

193

00:10:08,274 --> 00:10:11,694  
[Kirkham] Having the cameras run  
on the morning meetings set Joe off.

194

00:10:11,777 --> 00:10:13,571  
It was like lighting a firecracker.

195

00:10:13,654 --> 00:10:14,989  
[Joe] And if you think it's funny,

196

00:10:15,072 --> 00:10:16,949  
you can pack  
your shit and go right now!

197

00:10:17,033 --> 00:10:19,035  
-I like--  
-Because the disrespect around this place

198

00:10:19,118 --> 00:10:20,036  
is ending today!

199

00:10:20,911 --> 00:10:24,290  
You're the slacker,  
and you do less than anybody here.

200

00:10:24,373 --> 00:10:26,751  
Ain't gonna work with me,  
so you need to find a new job.

201

00:10:30,129 --> 00:10:33,883  
He started getting so crazy to where  
he had a rubber blow-up doll,

202

00:10:34,216 --> 00:10:37,345  
and he would have "Carole"  
written on a name tag on it,

203

00:10:37,720 --> 00:10:40,848  
and he would take a dildo  
and be shoving it in her mouth.

204

00:10:40,931 --> 00:10:43,684  
"Carole, this is coming for you!  
It's gonna catch up."

205  
00:10:43,809 --> 00:10:46,437  
I mean, it got crazy. Got crazy.

206  
00:10:46,812 --> 00:10:47,772  
She ain't going nowhere.

207  
00:10:49,315 --> 00:10:51,275  
You wanna know why

208  
00:10:51,359 --> 00:10:56,030  
Carole Baskin better never, ever, ever

209  
00:10:56,113 --> 00:10:58,074  
see me face-to-face

210  
00:10:58,532 --> 00:11:01,535  
ever, ever, ever again?

211  
00:11:02,078 --> 00:11:02,912  
[gunshot]

212  
00:11:04,205 --> 00:11:07,875  
That is how sick  
and tired of this shit I am.

213  
00:11:08,542 --> 00:11:10,586  
And this picture that you see back here,

214  
00:11:10,670 --> 00:11:13,047  
that's our sign-up front  
with him posing in front of it

215  
00:11:13,130 --> 00:11:16,967  
with bullet holes in it.  
It's like, this guy is just...

216  
00:11:19,136 --> 00:11:20,096  
unbelievable.

217

00:11:21,305 --> 00:11:23,307

We all tried to tell him,  
"Knock it off, stupid."

218

00:11:23,391 --> 00:11:26,644

Y'know, all you're doing  
is asking for a battle that you don't...

219

00:11:26,727 --> 00:11:29,271

Even if you do win,  
it's still gonna cost so much time,

220

00:11:29,355 --> 00:11:31,065

so much money, so much everything.

221

00:11:31,148 --> 00:11:33,317

Bow down, tell her to go fuck herself  
and walk the fuck out.

222

00:11:33,401 --> 00:11:34,402

But no, he didn't.

223

00:11:34,985 --> 00:11:37,655

He became more obsessed with all that

224

00:11:37,738 --> 00:11:38,698

than he actually...

225

00:11:39,907 --> 00:11:41,784

took care of the cats that he had.

226

00:11:42,743 --> 00:11:45,871

I'm not trying to pat myself on the back  
or anything, but I'm glad I was here.

227

00:11:46,622 --> 00:11:49,083

And then the rabbit picture  
showed up on Facebook.

228

00:11:50,626 --> 00:11:52,962

I was given a picture via email

229

00:11:53,629 --> 00:11:55,256  
from a lady in Florida

230

00:11:55,548 --> 00:11:57,550  
of Big Cat Rescue's employees

231

00:11:57,883 --> 00:11:59,593  
bashing rabbits in the head

232

00:11:59,969 --> 00:12:02,179  
and posing  
like they're some kind of trophies,

233

00:12:02,263 --> 00:12:03,723  
with big smiles on their face.

234

00:12:04,348 --> 00:12:05,975  
This is what I got sued over.

235

00:12:07,518 --> 00:12:08,769  
Does that look happy?

236

00:12:09,270 --> 00:12:12,982  
[man] Are you familiar with  
one of your videos that you titled

237

00:12:13,065 --> 00:12:16,944  
"Carole Baskin Saga 39:  
Killing Innocent Rabbits"?

238

00:12:18,571 --> 00:12:19,405  
Um...

239

00:12:19,905 --> 00:12:23,284  
I remember doing 57 sagas  
about Carole Baskin.

240

00:12:23,367 --> 00:12:26,579  
I don't, right in front of me,  
have what Saga 39 was about.

241

00:12:27,079 --> 00:12:31,000  
But yes, I did some sagas  
on Carole Baskin killing rabbits.

242

00:12:32,001 --> 00:12:35,546  
[Carole] It was back before we could  
afford to give the whole prey to the cats

243

00:12:35,629 --> 00:12:37,089  
as frequently as we do now.

244

00:12:37,173 --> 00:12:39,592  
So, they're holding these rabbits  
with blood on their noses,

245

00:12:39,675 --> 00:12:41,218  
and they're grinning from ear to ear

246

00:12:41,302 --> 00:12:43,637  
because their favorite cat's  
finally getting a rabbit,

247

00:12:43,721 --> 00:12:49,727  
and yet, that has been twisted  
into us being these horrific monsters

248

00:12:49,810 --> 00:12:52,521  
that would get pleasure out of  
hurting a rabbit.

249

00:12:52,813 --> 00:12:55,274  
So, you know, that kind of stuff,  
you're just like, "Ugh..."

250

00:12:56,192 --> 00:12:59,653  
really, do I have to explain this  
to somebody?"

251

00:13:00,029 --> 00:13:01,447  
She sued me for copyright.

252

00:13:02,072 --> 00:13:04,867

-[Goode] Well, what'd you do?  
-I posted it all over Facebook.

253

00:13:05,826 --> 00:13:07,369  
This wasn't her photo, either.

254

00:13:08,037 --> 00:13:11,457  
After I posted it, she paid five dollars  
for the person that took this photo,

255

00:13:12,666 --> 00:13:15,085  
and then, three months later,  
she copyrighted it,

256

00:13:15,377 --> 00:13:16,504  
and then, she sued me.

257

00:13:17,213 --> 00:13:19,465  
The one lawsuit was about the rabbit photo

258

00:13:19,548 --> 00:13:21,717  
and the other lawsuit was about  
a bunch of photos

259

00:13:21,801 --> 00:13:24,804  
where he would take a picture of Carole

260

00:13:24,887 --> 00:13:26,472  
and take her head

261

00:13:26,555 --> 00:13:30,518  
and put it on the body of a man  
in a diaper.

262

00:13:31,602 --> 00:13:33,813  
This here's this picture  
of this gooey thing

263

00:13:33,896 --> 00:13:36,398  
and it says "Smile everyone!  
Life could be worse.

264



00:13:36,524 --> 00:13:38,651  
You could have a crotch like Carole does."

265  
00:13:39,944 --> 00:13:41,153  
I believe they had just

266  
00:13:41,737 --> 00:13:43,155  
slaughtered a horse,

267  
00:13:43,239 --> 00:13:45,533  
and this is the horse's penis  
that he's holding

268  
00:13:45,616 --> 00:13:49,703  
and it says "Hey, Howard,  
suck my Captain Morgan, LOL."

269  
00:13:50,287 --> 00:13:52,790  
And by the way, that is a penis.  
A horse penis.

270  
00:13:53,415 --> 00:13:55,251  
That... that was my recollection.

271  
00:13:56,502 --> 00:13:59,046  
[Joe] We did a protest  
in front of Carole's place.

272  
00:14:00,214 --> 00:14:02,675  
[protester 1]  
Big Cat Rescue kills its cats!

273  
00:14:03,217 --> 00:14:06,095  
-[protester 2] Let's find Don Lewis.  
-[protester 3] Find Don Lewis.

274  
00:14:08,305 --> 00:14:10,391  
[Joe] Every person who drove by  
hollered, "Murderer."

275  
00:14:10,933 --> 00:14:12,893  
I don't even know  
how you hold your head up

276

00:14:12,977 --> 00:14:15,855  
in a community that thinks  
you killed your husband.

277

00:14:17,064 --> 00:14:19,233  
[man] And at the time  
that you were handing out

278

00:14:19,316 --> 00:14:21,485  
these handouts with the photograph,

279

00:14:21,569 --> 00:14:24,905  
which is Exhibit 1,  
this lawsuit was already pending, correct?

280

00:14:25,364 --> 00:14:26,407  
Mmm, yeah.

281

00:14:27,116 --> 00:14:30,035  
[man] And you were aware  
that Big Cat Rescue...

282

00:14:30,494 --> 00:14:35,499  
uh, did not approve of or authorize  
your use of this photograph, correct?

283

00:14:37,918 --> 00:14:39,920  
Yeah, except I didn't make these.

284

00:14:40,004 --> 00:14:42,047  
[man] But you participated  
in the demonstration

285

00:14:42,131 --> 00:14:43,257  
and handed them out, correct?

286

00:14:43,340 --> 00:14:46,093  
Yep. No, actually, I didn't hand them out.

287

00:14:46,176 --> 00:14:47,678  
I'm the one in the bunny suit.

288

00:14:48,262 --> 00:14:49,930  
[man] Third page, you're the bunny?

289

00:14:51,056 --> 00:14:51,932  
[woman] Put it on.

290

00:14:52,600 --> 00:14:54,143  
Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen!

291

00:14:54,226 --> 00:14:55,436  
I'm Joe Exotic,

292

00:14:55,519 --> 00:14:58,063  
and we're gonna make an honest woman  
out of this bitch.

293

00:14:58,147 --> 00:15:00,065  
-[protester laughing]  
-That's my opening.

294

00:15:02,943 --> 00:15:05,571  
[protester] Wait a minute.  
Wait a minute. Wait a minute.

295

00:15:16,916 --> 00:15:19,501  
[Howard] In early 2013,

296

00:15:19,585 --> 00:15:21,962  
we were coming up  
to this trial in January,

297

00:15:22,296 --> 00:15:25,799  
and we had filed a motion  
for summary judgment.

298

00:15:26,342 --> 00:15:29,303  
And the judge announced  
that she was granting our motion...

299

00:15:29,386 --> 00:15:30,220  
[gavel banging]

300

00:15:30,304 --> 00:15:32,139  
...and his counterclaims were going away.

301

00:15:32,932 --> 00:15:37,061  
[reporter] <span style="style1">Oklahoma's home for live,  
<span style="style1">local, late-breaking coverage!

302

00:15:37,144 --> 00:15:40,189  
[reporter 2] <span style="style1">An Oklahoma man  
<span style="style1">who goes by the name Joe Exotic

303

00:15:40,272 --> 00:15:42,983  
has agreed to pay  
a Florida animal sanctuary

304

00:15:43,067 --> 00:15:47,321  
nearly one million dollars to resolve  
a trademark infringement lawsuit.

305

00:15:47,404 --> 00:15:50,157  
You know the saying  
that you get your day in court?

306

00:15:50,240 --> 00:15:51,909  
Well, I don't feel  
we got our day in court.

307

00:15:53,160 --> 00:15:55,037  
Dirty politics is what I call it.

308

00:15:55,537 --> 00:15:58,666  
She had to result  
into financially draining us.

309

00:15:59,416 --> 00:16:02,920  
You know, I actually believed in  
the justice system there for a while,

310

00:16:03,170 --> 00:16:04,880  
until this happened.

311

00:16:08,425 --> 00:16:11,679  
[woman] The million-dollar judgment,  
you know, I just thought she did it

312  
00:16:12,346 --> 00:16:13,597  
to make a point.

313  
00:16:13,764 --> 00:16:15,891  
"Look, I'm not gonna back down.

314  
00:16:15,975 --> 00:16:20,104  
You're not gonna intimidate me,  
and you're not gonna have the final word."

315  
00:16:23,065 --> 00:16:26,694  
I was surprised that she was actually  
trying to collect payment.

316  
00:16:29,113 --> 00:16:31,198  
Who has the millions

317  
00:16:31,281 --> 00:16:34,410  
to spend that amount of time in court?  
She did.

318  
00:16:35,536 --> 00:16:38,497  
[Joe] She'll never get a million dollars  
out of me. I don't own anything.

319  
00:16:40,124 --> 00:16:41,041  
I don't own anything.

320  
00:16:42,334 --> 00:16:43,794  
This bus is not mine.

321  
00:16:44,670 --> 00:16:46,171  
Those cars are not mine.

322  
00:16:47,131 --> 00:16:48,090  
I'm not stupid.

323  
00:16:49,717 --> 00:16:52,720

[laughs]

324

00:16:53,929 --> 00:16:56,807  
She wanted everything in assets.

325

00:16:57,641 --> 00:17:02,146  
From vehicles to four-wheelers  
to... everything.

326

00:17:02,646 --> 00:17:04,982  
She can take everything away from me.

327

00:17:05,065 --> 00:17:10,446  
I don't give a shit because she will never  
shut this mouth up, all right?

328

00:17:10,529 --> 00:17:13,198  
Until the day I see her ass in prison.

329

00:17:18,245 --> 00:17:21,415  
Joe, he turned over what he had to.

330

00:17:21,582 --> 00:17:24,126  
'Cause a lot of it was possessions.

331

00:17:24,209 --> 00:17:27,379  
She took the semitruck,  
and she took the tour bus,

332

00:17:27,463 --> 00:17:29,673  
which, in her opinion, was a win

333

00:17:29,965 --> 00:17:33,635  
because he couldn't do road shows anymore,  
not without the equipment.

334

00:17:34,053 --> 00:17:37,056  
He had already spent  
a quarter million dollars fighting her.

335

00:17:37,556 --> 00:17:41,226  
Carole had him by the balls,

and he hated her.

336

00:17:41,810 --> 00:17:43,145  
God, he hated her.

337

00:17:43,228 --> 00:17:45,981  
Did I hear you say you wanted  
my fucking watch?

338

00:17:46,231 --> 00:17:47,983  
Really? My watch?

339

00:17:48,067 --> 00:17:50,402  
[Reinke] Any of the assets  
that Carole wanted in the lawsuit,

340

00:17:50,486 --> 00:17:52,780  
he would take out there  
and blow it up with Tannerite.

341

00:17:53,655 --> 00:17:54,782  
[loud explosion]

342

00:17:54,865 --> 00:17:57,659  
They tell me you want my goddamn bed too.

343

00:17:57,743 --> 00:17:58,702  
[explosion]

344

00:17:58,786 --> 00:17:59,995  
God damn.

345

00:18:00,537 --> 00:18:02,331  
[Reinke] He'd say,  
"Here's your assets, come get 'em,"

346

00:18:02,414 --> 00:18:04,416  
-and it'd just be a pile of crap.  
-[explosion]

347

00:18:05,459 --> 00:18:07,211  
He never stopped antagonizing her.

348

00:18:07,711 --> 00:18:09,213

All I did constantly was:

349

00:18:09,296 --> 00:18:11,715

"Roll the camera,  
roll the camera, roll the camera,"

350

00:18:11,924 --> 00:18:13,175

to get all that shit on tape.

351

00:18:13,258 --> 00:18:17,387

And I had everything on videotape,  
good, bad, and ugly.

352

00:18:19,181 --> 00:18:20,641

I wanna make this show go.

353

00:18:20,724 --> 00:18:23,852

I know how great  
this reality show could be.

354

00:18:24,019 --> 00:18:24,978

It's so unique.

355

00:18:26,021 --> 00:18:27,606

I just gotta get it on network.

356

00:18:28,857 --> 00:18:32,319

I've been living here on the zoo  
and living and working,

357

00:18:32,402 --> 00:18:34,154

and I'm here at the zoo 24/7.

358

00:18:34,738 --> 00:18:36,990

I'm just tired. Very tired.

359

00:18:43,038 --> 00:18:45,582

We were negotiating with a network...

360



00:18:46,250 --> 00:18:48,127  
uh, to buy the show.

361  
00:18:48,210 --> 00:18:50,587  
It would have netted him  
quite a bit of money.

362  
00:18:51,797 --> 00:18:54,675  
'Cause it's the only way  
he was gonna pay that million dollars.

363  
00:18:55,592 --> 00:18:57,427  
But it came to a crashing halt.

364  
00:19:05,936 --> 00:19:06,895  
[man] Oh, shit.

365  
00:19:08,856 --> 00:19:11,191  
[Cowie] Yeah, I got woked up  
at six o'clock in the morning.

366  
00:19:12,234 --> 00:19:16,280  
Reinke came in, and these motherfuckers  
had blown up our, uh...

367  
00:19:17,072 --> 00:19:18,198  
the studio.

368  
00:19:18,532 --> 00:19:21,076  
The blast was so big  
that it blew the doors open.

369  
00:19:25,038 --> 00:19:27,541  
Joe had gone to Chicago for a funeral,

370  
00:19:27,875 --> 00:19:30,377  
and it was me and Reinke  
on the park with the other crew,

371  
00:19:30,961 --> 00:19:33,797  
and Reinke says, "I ain't touching nothing  
till the fire department gets here.

372

00:19:33,881 --> 00:19:35,007  
I want it looked at."

373

00:19:35,924 --> 00:19:39,386  
That building,  
where the alligators were kept,

374

00:19:39,678 --> 00:19:43,849  
as well as a studio that Joe had...  
it was clearly an arson.

375

00:19:43,932 --> 00:19:45,184  
It was a set fire.

376

00:19:46,226 --> 00:19:47,936  
[Kirkham] It had burned so hot,

377

00:19:48,520 --> 00:19:50,564  
there was nothing left.

378

00:19:51,106 --> 00:19:53,108  
I dropped to my knees and I cried.

379

00:19:53,192 --> 00:19:56,778  
I cried because all of our footage  
was in that studio,

380

00:19:56,945 --> 00:19:59,781  
and I hadn't backed up anything  
outside the studio.

381

00:20:01,033 --> 00:20:03,493  
[Joe] An arsonist hit our facility

382

00:20:03,577 --> 00:20:06,997  
and set fire to not only  
my recording studio,

383

00:20:07,206 --> 00:20:09,917  
but the studio that houses our alligators,

384

00:20:10,250 --> 00:20:12,794  
which caused them all to burn up  
and perish,

385  
00:20:13,170 --> 00:20:15,339  
boiling alive in a--

386  
00:20:15,714 --> 00:20:16,715  
Let's see.

387  
00:20:17,257 --> 00:20:21,470  
Boiling alive in an inferno,  
a towering inferno?

388  
00:20:21,970 --> 00:20:26,350  
Boiling alive in a towering inferno  
of nothing but flames and fire.

389  
00:20:27,100 --> 00:20:30,395  
[Finlay] For somebody to burn down  
an alligator house,

390  
00:20:31,146 --> 00:20:32,940  
they gotta be a pretty sick person.

391  
00:20:33,941 --> 00:20:35,192  
Because they burned up...

392  
00:20:36,318 --> 00:20:39,071  
seven of my... crocodilians.

393  
00:20:40,197 --> 00:20:41,907  
If you have a problem with me,

394  
00:20:41,990 --> 00:20:43,992  
take it up with me, like a man.

395  
00:20:44,451 --> 00:20:48,622  
Don't burn live, innocent animals  
to get your fucking point across.

396  
00:20:49,831 --> 00:20:52,125

We're not really liked  
by the animal world, you know,

397

00:20:52,209 --> 00:20:53,502  
animal rights people hate us.

398

00:20:53,585 --> 00:20:57,673  
We get constant threats on the phone,  
e-mails, letters.

399

00:20:57,756 --> 00:20:59,883  
We're offering a 10,000-dollar reward

400

00:21:00,425 --> 00:21:03,512  
for information leading to the arrest  
and the conviction

401

00:21:03,845 --> 00:21:07,683  
of either this suspect  
or the people that were involved.

402

00:21:07,766 --> 00:21:11,311  
If it is tied  
to any animal rights organization,

403

00:21:11,645 --> 00:21:14,356  
we are going to double that reward.

404

00:21:15,023 --> 00:21:19,027  
Carole Baskin, crawl this fence  
and try to hurt any of my animals again,

405

00:21:19,319 --> 00:21:21,947  
you can guaran-goddamn-tee  
I'm gonna put a cap in your ass

406

00:21:22,030 --> 00:21:24,825  
the first time,  
to make you squirm around on the ground.

407

00:21:24,908 --> 00:21:27,577  
And then I'mma put a bullet  
right between your fucking eyes!

408

00:21:29,204 --> 00:21:31,748  
I'm waitin' for 'em  
to catch Carole Baskin in this.

409

00:21:32,249 --> 00:21:34,626  
Because we got e-mails between her  
and my producer.

410

00:21:34,710 --> 00:21:36,461  
She offered him \$20,000.

411

00:21:37,170 --> 00:21:39,798  
[Goode] Wait, wait,  
she offered who \$20,000?

412

00:21:39,881 --> 00:21:40,757  
My producer.

413

00:21:40,841 --> 00:21:41,925  
[Goode] To do what?

414

00:21:42,467 --> 00:21:45,178  
[Joe] To get all the footage  
and set fire to my studio.

415

00:21:46,179 --> 00:21:49,683  
I had sent Rick Kirkham a Facebook message  
and I said,

416

00:21:49,766 --> 00:21:53,020  
"I think you probably don't know about  
the person you're working for."

417

00:21:53,312 --> 00:21:54,813  
[Howard] Her intent was to warn him,

418

00:21:54,896 --> 00:21:56,398  
but we never made him any kind of offer

419

00:21:56,481 --> 00:21:57,774  
or asked him for anything.

420

00:21:58,692 --> 00:21:59,818  
I got him on videotape.

421

00:22:02,988 --> 00:22:05,782  
[Reinke] I swear that's Rick Kirkham  
walking in front of the video

422

00:22:05,866 --> 00:22:07,576  
that morning that it burnt down.

423

00:22:08,785 --> 00:22:09,786  
I was, like, in shock.

424

00:22:09,870 --> 00:22:11,872  
I was like,  
"Are you out of your fucking mind?"

425

00:22:11,955 --> 00:22:14,958  
It was like, "That's my retirement  
that just burned, okay?"

426

00:22:15,042 --> 00:22:18,587  
I got everything invested in that project  
that no longer exists."

427

00:22:20,339 --> 00:22:23,133  
As far as the footage,  
I don't know who's got it.

428

00:22:23,717 --> 00:22:26,678  
I suspected Kirkham  
of taking all of his material.

429

00:22:28,305 --> 00:22:31,933  
I was the one person Joe feared the most

430

00:22:32,017 --> 00:22:36,188  
because I was shooting everything  
in his personal life...

431

00:22:36,897 --> 00:22:42,235

and could take what I saw and witnessed  
and... and harm him with it.

432

00:22:43,570 --> 00:22:45,989

[Joe]

<span style="style1">There was all kinds of shit on there.

433

00:22:46,073 --> 00:22:49,493

Reinke doing veterinary work  
without a veterinarian.

434

00:22:50,285 --> 00:22:51,745

We had cameras

435

00:22:51,828 --> 00:22:54,748

on everybody every minute of the day.

436

00:22:54,998 --> 00:22:56,833

He could have sold it to Carole,

437

00:22:56,917 --> 00:22:58,502

and Carole could be,

438

00:22:58,627 --> 00:22:59,461

you know,

439

00:22:59,669 --> 00:23:01,880

just saving it for a rainy day.

440

00:23:02,464 --> 00:23:03,757

Fuck me, man!

441

00:23:04,925 --> 00:23:06,885

A scenario was thrown at me:

442

00:23:06,968 --> 00:23:08,720

do you think it could have been Joe?

443

00:23:10,972 --> 00:23:12,474

Because when that happened...

444

00:23:12,974 --> 00:23:15,394  
he was out of town for a funeral.

445  
00:23:16,103 --> 00:23:17,187  
What better timing?

446  
00:23:18,563 --> 00:23:20,690  
Nobody would have ever suspected him

447  
00:23:21,066 --> 00:23:23,026  
of calling to have it burned down.

448  
00:23:25,821 --> 00:23:26,655  
[Joe] All right.

449  
00:23:26,738 --> 00:23:29,783  
Follow me.<span style="style1"> Don't ever  
put that camera down in there.

450  
00:23:39,543 --> 00:23:41,169  
-[Joe] Hi guys.  
-[lawyer] What's happening?

451  
00:23:41,253 --> 00:23:43,046  
What kind of problem is there, Joe?

452  
00:23:43,130 --> 00:23:47,008  
A week before  
the studio burned to the ground,

453  
00:23:47,092 --> 00:23:48,593  
we had gotten into an argument,

454  
00:23:48,677 --> 00:23:51,012  
and he was like,  
"You know, I don't need you.

455  
00:23:51,096 --> 00:23:52,222  
I can go on."

456  
00:23:52,305 --> 00:23:54,141  
And I pulled out our contract.



457

00:23:54,224 --> 00:23:56,685

I showed it to him.

I said, "Joe, when I came here,

458

00:23:56,768 --> 00:23:59,438

not only do I own all the reality footage,

459

00:23:59,521 --> 00:24:01,648

I own all of your Internet footage

460

00:24:01,773 --> 00:24:03,608

from the time I came here

that I produced."

461

00:24:04,192 --> 00:24:08,530

[Joe] My producers

are filming a reality show.

462

00:24:08,613 --> 00:24:12,242

[lawyer] So they want to do a show  
related to your park up there?

463

00:24:12,617 --> 00:24:14,327

[Joe] They actually got it filmed.

464

00:24:14,411 --> 00:24:15,662

-[lawyer] Do they?

-[Joe] Mm-hmm.

465

00:24:15,912 --> 00:24:18,415

[lawyer]

And how are you protecting that?

466

00:24:20,292 --> 00:24:21,251

[Joe] What do you mean?

467

00:24:21,334 --> 00:24:24,296

[lawyer] Well, if they've got it filmed,  
what do they need you for?

468

00:24:25,881 --> 00:24:29,926

He blew up so bad  
when I showed him that contract.

469

00:24:30,260 --> 00:24:31,928  
He was like, "You don't own me!"

470

00:24:32,012 --> 00:24:34,306  
I said, "Joe, actually I do right now.

471

00:24:34,389 --> 00:24:37,142  
I do own this show. I do own it."

472

00:24:37,726 --> 00:24:40,770  
-[lawyer] Where is the film?  
-[Joe] In my recording studio.

473

00:24:41,104 --> 00:24:43,440  
-[lawyer] They don't have copies of it?  
-[Joe] No.

474

00:24:46,151 --> 00:24:48,612  
Do you see what I'm saying, Joe?  
-[Joe] I hear you.

475

00:24:55,202 --> 00:24:57,704  
-Just pisses me off, dude.  
-[camera operator] I know.

476

00:25:00,332 --> 00:25:03,043  
I'll find somebody that needs ten grand.

477

00:25:03,919 --> 00:25:05,504  
Make a name for themselves.

478

00:25:07,797 --> 00:25:09,299  
[engine starts]

479

00:25:11,176 --> 00:25:14,846  
[Kirkham] After the studio burned,  
whether he destroyed it or not,

480

00:25:14,930 --> 00:25:15,931

it was gone.

481

00:25:16,973 --> 00:25:20,143

I remember walking over  
and handing the camera to Reinke,

482

00:25:20,477 --> 00:25:22,604

and I just said, "I'm out of here, man."

483

00:25:22,687 --> 00:25:24,481

And he said, "Yeah, might as well  
go on home."

484

00:25:24,564 --> 00:25:25,690

I got my dog.

485

00:25:26,024 --> 00:25:27,359

I got in my truck.

486

00:25:27,442 --> 00:25:31,530

I left everything I owned, and I drove,  
and I left and went back to Dallas.

487

00:25:32,280 --> 00:25:34,074

I had a complete nervous breakdown.

488

00:25:40,956 --> 00:25:43,583

I was told by Joe and by Reinke,

489

00:25:43,708 --> 00:25:46,920

"If you step foot on the park again,  
we'll have you arrested for trespassing."

490

00:25:51,091 --> 00:25:53,385

[Rhodes]

This fire happened at about the time

491

00:25:53,468 --> 00:25:57,264

Joe had a judgment placed on him  
from a lady in Florida.

492

00:25:57,347 --> 00:25:59,224

Some of the items within this fire

493

00:25:59,307 --> 00:26:01,142  
were going to be under subpoena.

494

00:26:01,476 --> 00:26:04,938  
And that was some hard drives  
and... and some videotape

495

00:26:05,021 --> 00:26:07,607  
and thing like that,  
and that might have been a motivation

496

00:26:07,691 --> 00:26:09,609  
to maybe destroy some evidence.

497

00:26:11,570 --> 00:26:13,697  
They might have shut me up  
for just a little while,

498

00:26:13,780 --> 00:26:16,825  
but let me tell you,  
they've awoken a monster.

499

00:26:16,908 --> 00:26:18,910  
Now Joe Exotic's pissed off.

500

00:26:19,494 --> 00:26:20,787  
Be sure and get online

501

00:26:20,870 --> 00:26:23,999  
and help us rebuild the voice  
of you, the people,

502

00:26:24,124 --> 00:26:27,127  
to bring Joe Exotic TV back to the air.

503

00:26:27,586 --> 00:26:29,045  
Was it for the sympathy?

504

00:26:29,129 --> 00:26:30,088  
Was it for...

505

00:26:30,589 --> 00:26:31,548  
the attention?

506

00:26:32,007 --> 00:26:33,008  
Oh, yeah.

507

00:26:34,426 --> 00:26:36,511  
[man]  
Joe did take advantage of a lot of people.

508

00:26:36,595 --> 00:26:40,348  
That's why I think the fire  
of the alligator habitat was a scam.

509

00:26:42,267 --> 00:26:43,560  
When I first met Joe,

510

00:26:44,311 --> 00:26:49,399  
we discussed what I would charge him  
to rebuild at a decent rate.

511

00:26:50,650 --> 00:26:52,152  
I only charged him \$8,000

512

00:26:52,235 --> 00:26:55,238  
to rebuild that \$120,000 building.

513

00:26:56,031 --> 00:26:57,407  
[Goode] You didn't make any money.

514

00:26:57,490 --> 00:26:58,867  
-No.  
-Why'd you do it?

515

00:27:00,076 --> 00:27:00,994  
For the animals.

516

00:27:02,120 --> 00:27:03,747  
I mean, I got to pet cats that people

517

00:27:03,830 --> 00:27:06,124  
wasn't even supposed to be  
putting their hands in around.

518

00:27:09,085 --> 00:27:10,295  
[Joe] Five months ago,

519

00:27:10,378 --> 00:27:13,173  
an arsonist poured enough accelerant  
in there

520

00:27:13,256 --> 00:27:15,884  
to where it completely exploded  
the building

521

00:27:15,967 --> 00:27:17,594  
and burned the building  
down to the ground.

522

00:27:17,677 --> 00:27:19,929  
I would like to thank the people  
from all over the world

523

00:27:20,013 --> 00:27:22,182  
who don't even know us  
that dug deep in their pockets

524

00:27:22,265 --> 00:27:27,103  
in order to rebuild this great  
G.W. Exotic Animal Alligator Facility.

525

00:27:27,187 --> 00:27:28,271  
[applause]

526

00:27:28,355 --> 00:27:32,275  
Our investigation never did come  
to anything definitive.

527

00:27:32,776 --> 00:27:34,611  
So, the case is still open.

528

00:27:35,070 --> 00:27:37,238  
Again, it's clearly an arson fire.

529

00:27:37,322 --> 00:27:38,573

I got great news for you.

530

00:27:38,657 --> 00:27:42,327

JoeExotic.TV returns to the air.

531

00:27:42,410 --> 00:27:46,289

We're gonna expose the lies,  
the corruption, and we are...

532

00:27:46,373 --> 00:27:49,250

[Howard] That building contained computers

533

00:27:49,334 --> 00:27:52,462

that held information  
that we were seeking.

534

00:27:53,213 --> 00:27:55,799

I suspect that Joe was responsible

535

00:27:55,882 --> 00:27:58,093

for having someone burn down the building,

536

00:27:59,094 --> 00:28:02,472

but I have no firsthand knowledge,  
and I can't prove it.

537

00:28:06,059 --> 00:28:09,229

[Goode] How much has this cost you,  
this lawsuit between you and Joe?

538

00:28:09,312 --> 00:28:11,731

We've spent over a million dollars  
in legal fees.

539

00:28:12,399 --> 00:28:13,900

[Goode] You're kidding. Is it worth it?

540

00:28:13,983 --> 00:28:16,861

Well, if this were a purely  
commercial situation, it wouldn't.

541

00:28:16,945 --> 00:28:19,030  
You'd say this is not economic,

542

00:28:19,155 --> 00:28:22,033  
but this is part of our mission,  
to put a stop to this.

543

00:28:22,117 --> 00:28:25,370  
And we're not going to allow him  
to abuse the system

544

00:28:25,954 --> 00:28:29,332  
and wear us out and cause us to go away  
and succeed at that.

545

00:28:30,917 --> 00:28:32,669  
[Corkill] You know,  
if you've got the money...

546

00:28:32,752 --> 00:28:34,045  
If you've got the money,

547

00:28:34,129 --> 00:28:36,423  
you usually find yourself  
on the right side.

548

00:28:38,466 --> 00:28:39,843  
[Reinke] She's got deep pockets.

549

00:28:40,176 --> 00:28:43,888  
I don't know if she wants the facility,  
or if she wants the facility shut down.

550

00:28:43,972 --> 00:28:46,808  
But any way you look at it,  
she wants to take over the zoo.

551

00:28:47,475 --> 00:28:48,810  
[tiger huffs]

552

00:28:49,227 --> 00:28:52,939



[Finlay] When Joe pretty much maxed out  
all the credit cards

553

00:28:53,022 --> 00:28:57,986  
is when he asked me if I wanted  
to put the zoo into my name,

554

00:28:58,069 --> 00:29:00,321  
and at the time,  
it sounded like a good idea.

555

00:29:00,905 --> 00:29:03,783  
[Joe] I'm John Finlay,  
and I'm president of the G.W. Zoo.

556

00:29:05,076 --> 00:29:07,412  
Three, two, one.

557

00:29:07,537 --> 00:29:11,249  
Hi, I'm John Finlay,  
and I'm president of the G.W. Ex--

558

00:29:11,332 --> 00:29:12,709  
[children laughing, chattering]

559

00:29:12,792 --> 00:29:14,544  
[Joe] G.W. Zoo. It's real simple.

560

00:29:14,794 --> 00:29:15,628  
Right on.

561

00:29:15,712 --> 00:29:18,757  
They've done so many transfers  
and quick claim deeds, you can't--

562

00:29:18,840 --> 00:29:21,301  
No one can keep track of it,  
not even an attorney.

563

00:29:21,551 --> 00:29:23,762  
You can go down to the courthouse and ask.

564

00:29:23,845 --> 00:29:25,930  
If you just say  
the last name Schreibvogel,

565

00:29:26,014 --> 00:29:27,932  
they just take a deep breath  
and look at you.

566

00:29:30,727 --> 00:29:34,105  
Joe kept thinking if he changed the name,  
it would just derail them and derail them.

567

00:29:34,189 --> 00:29:36,399  
Well, it didn't.  
They just moved it to another lawsuit.

568

00:29:36,483 --> 00:29:39,944  
Carole Baskin's lawyers are vicious,

569

00:29:40,028 --> 00:29:42,405  
and they go after anybody involved.

570

00:29:42,489 --> 00:29:45,283  
She sued me also,  
just 'cause I was at the zoo.

571

00:29:45,366 --> 00:29:49,370  
It was in the works that  
I was going to be sued at the same time.

572

00:29:49,454 --> 00:29:52,999  
So, everybody that had been involved  
all got drug into court.

573

00:29:57,504 --> 00:29:59,798  
[Saffery]  
Joe's parents, Francis and Shirley...

574

00:30:00,048 --> 00:30:02,008  
Their name,  
Shirley's name is on everything.

575

00:30:02,091 --> 00:30:04,886

The trailers, the water bill,  
the electric bill,

576

00:30:04,969 --> 00:30:06,930  
the cable, you know, cable bills.

577

00:30:08,681 --> 00:30:11,434  
[Howard]  
Through the proceedings about the land

578

00:30:11,518 --> 00:30:14,103  
and fraudulent transfer to his mother,

579

00:30:14,521 --> 00:30:17,732  
the bankruptcy trustee went after her.

580

00:30:19,609 --> 00:30:23,571  
[Joe] <span style="style1">She sues my mom  
<span style="style1">for illegal transfer of assets.

581

00:30:23,905 --> 00:30:25,365  
Okay? Mom dumps

582

00:30:25,448 --> 00:30:28,952  
hundreds of thousands  
of dollars into defending herself.

583

00:30:29,035 --> 00:30:31,329  
Instead of being in a tiger cage today,

584

00:30:31,412 --> 00:30:34,999  
I'm... in a downtown area  
of Oklahoma City.

585

00:30:35,333 --> 00:30:38,920  
Thanks to Carole Baskin for dragging us  
all out of bed this morning

586

00:30:39,003 --> 00:30:43,216  
and sticking my mom at the very top  
of that building right there

587

00:30:43,299 --> 00:30:45,301  
in order to fuck with her.

588

00:30:45,385 --> 00:30:48,346  
Using a federal court in order to do that.

589

00:30:50,348 --> 00:30:52,433  
Between the park and the lawsuit,

590

00:30:52,517 --> 00:30:54,018  
Mom ran out of money.

591

00:30:55,061 --> 00:30:56,312  
Carole bankrupted 'em.

592

00:30:57,313 --> 00:31:00,441  
Hello, good afternoon  
to everybody in the nation.

593

00:31:01,025 --> 00:31:03,611  
I want to thank you with my whole heart

594

00:31:03,862 --> 00:31:06,155  
for all the support and help you have done

595

00:31:06,447 --> 00:31:12,287  
to get me and my husband out of the mess  
we were in with this attorney.

596

00:31:12,495 --> 00:31:15,123  
They come banging on my door  
with the sheriff

597

00:31:15,623 --> 00:31:18,042  
and demanding the whole sum of money

598

00:31:18,126 --> 00:31:21,254  
or else they were going to come in  
and confiscate all the furniture

599

00:31:21,337 --> 00:31:22,297  
right then and there.

600

00:31:22,380 --> 00:31:25,133  
And I know from the bottom of my heart,

601

00:31:25,425 --> 00:31:27,552  
Carole Baskin down in Florida

602

00:31:27,635 --> 00:31:29,178  
is behind a lot of this

603

00:31:29,262 --> 00:31:32,307  
because she's been harassing us  
right along with Joe

604

00:31:32,390 --> 00:31:33,641  
for years,

605

00:31:33,725 --> 00:31:35,560  
because she's so greedy,

606

00:31:35,643 --> 00:31:39,314  
and she's so jealous of what he has made  
of his animal park

607

00:31:39,647 --> 00:31:41,649  
when hers is nothing.

608

00:31:42,275 --> 00:31:44,485  
[Putman]  
It's... "Mom, pay for this attorney."

609

00:31:45,278 --> 00:31:47,739  
That's every phone call.  
"Mom, I need some money for this."

610

00:31:47,822 --> 00:31:49,073  
[Joe] Like 300-something.

611

00:31:49,157 --> 00:31:50,325  
I went down to the courthouse

612

00:31:50,408 --> 00:31:52,410  
and got a copy of one of the deeds,  
and I said,

613

00:31:52,952 --> 00:31:55,496  
"Grandma, are you aware  
that this happened?"

614

00:31:55,580 --> 00:31:58,416  
And she said, "Well, he shoved a paper  
in front of me and told me to sign.

615

00:31:58,499 --> 00:31:59,834  
I didn't think anything of it."

616

00:32:01,502 --> 00:32:02,712  
Joe drained them dry.

617

00:32:06,925 --> 00:32:08,509  
I told Joe,  
"How're you gonna make money?"

618

00:32:08,593 --> 00:32:09,802  
"How are you gonna make money?"

619

00:32:09,886 --> 00:32:12,680  
He didn't have any other way to make money  
other than cub petting.

620

00:32:12,889 --> 00:32:13,973  
So he had to breed.

621

00:32:15,516 --> 00:32:18,645  
[cub mewling]

622

00:32:19,103 --> 00:32:21,856  
[Joe] She's pushing another one out.  
You need to be filming her ass.

623

00:32:21,940 --> 00:32:23,441  
See that cub come out  
with that camera.

624

00:32:23,524 --> 00:32:24,525  
Zoom in on her ass.

625

00:32:27,695 --> 00:32:30,156  
[Johnson]

At that point, Joe was really desperate.

626

00:32:30,740 --> 00:32:32,742  
He was gonna lose the zoo.  
Carole was gonna take it.

627

00:32:37,038 --> 00:32:38,331  
[Joe] She's panting hard.

628

00:32:38,414 --> 00:32:40,792  
I know she's panting hard,  
but she's having a cub.

629

00:32:41,626 --> 00:32:42,627  
You'll see, watch her ass.

630

00:32:43,628 --> 00:32:44,671  
Get me a hole cut.

631

00:32:45,922 --> 00:32:47,465  
There's a towel in my car. Go get it!

632

00:32:50,885 --> 00:32:52,720  
[man] Careful. Careful.

633

00:32:54,222 --> 00:32:58,226  
[indistinct chatter]

634

00:32:59,602 --> 00:33:02,271  
[Joe] Everything's all right.  
Everybody calm down. It'll be all right.

635

00:33:02,355 --> 00:33:03,690  
Just do  
what you're supposed to do.

636

00:33:10,113 --> 00:33:10,989  
Female.

637  
00:33:11,781 --> 00:33:14,117  
[cubs mewling]

638  
00:33:14,200 --> 00:33:16,953  
[Joe] They just never stop screaming.

639  
00:33:18,121 --> 00:33:19,956  
[mewling continues]

640  
00:33:20,540 --> 00:33:23,251  
[Joe] I had to finally go sleep  
in that studio yesterday.

641  
00:33:23,334 --> 00:33:25,003  
It was the only way to muffle it.

642  
00:33:26,212 --> 00:33:30,925  
It still costs 60,000 to 70,000 dollars  
a month just to feed all these animals.

643  
00:33:31,009 --> 00:33:33,386  
[tigers growling]

644  
00:33:33,469 --> 00:33:35,555  
[man 1] You gonna let them in  
or you gonna stand there?

645  
00:33:35,972 --> 00:33:38,933  
[man 2] There's only 5 buckets of meat  
in there and there's 14 cats in here.

646  
00:33:40,018 --> 00:33:42,228  
[man 1] All we've got is  
one barrel of meat right now.

647  
00:33:42,311 --> 00:33:43,563  
That's all we've got.

648  
00:33:46,232 --> 00:33:47,567



So they all getting half buckets?

649

00:33:47,650 --> 00:33:50,319  
[Cowie] It's the Walmart meat trucks  
have sucked lately.

650

00:33:50,403 --> 00:33:53,489  
We don't even have enough meat  
to do the wolves. This is ridiculous.

651

00:33:54,449 --> 00:33:56,325  
-[tiger growls]  
-Ah, no.

652

00:33:57,452 --> 00:34:00,538  
Maintenance. It's like putting a band-aid  
on everything every day.

653

00:34:03,708 --> 00:34:05,501  
I don't even have bear buckets today.

654

00:34:05,752 --> 00:34:07,170  
I got one ham.

655

00:34:07,712 --> 00:34:09,130  
We got chicken coming, so...

656

00:34:09,839 --> 00:34:10,882  
You can feed heavy.

657

00:34:16,304 --> 00:34:17,597  
[Reinke] Things got so bad,

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00:34:17,680 --> 00:34:20,349  
we started negotiating with Carole  
and Howard on how to get out of it.

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00:34:23,144 --> 00:34:26,522  
[Joe] <span style="style1">And that's when  
<span style="style1">I had mediation with Howard

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00:34:26,606 --> 00:34:28,858

to try and settle the bullshit,

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00:34:29,233 --> 00:34:30,777  
you know, the lawsuit and everything.

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00:34:32,904 --> 00:34:34,238  
[Howard]

The prospect of collecting

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00:34:34,322 --> 00:34:37,617  
a million dollars from Joe  
was not real high,

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00:34:37,700 --> 00:34:41,245  
and I was willing to make concessions.

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00:34:41,329 --> 00:34:44,749  
He pointed out  
that his cash flow is very seasonal,

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00:34:44,832 --> 00:34:46,667  
that he has few visitors in the winter.

667

00:34:47,001 --> 00:34:49,962  
What if we take these monthly payments

668

00:34:50,046 --> 00:34:52,632  
and make them lower in the winter  
and bigger in the summer.

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00:34:52,715 --> 00:34:55,885  
So, there were four  
or five issues like that

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00:34:56,010 --> 00:34:57,386  
that I was willing to accommodate.

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00:34:57,470 --> 00:35:01,140  
We basically had a deal.

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00:35:01,933 --> 00:35:03,476  
[Joe] <span style="style1">Me and Howard

<span style="style1">came to an agreement.

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00:35:03,559 --> 00:35:06,687

And then, he got Carole  
on the phone. [laughs]

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00:35:06,771 --> 00:35:09,440

[continues laughing]

<span style="style1">And Carole got greedy.

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00:35:09,774 --> 00:35:12,568

She wanted my mom and dad's house  
as collateral.

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00:35:13,528 --> 00:35:14,821

That was a deal-breaker.

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00:35:16,572 --> 00:35:17,990

Carole Baskin,

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00:35:18,074 --> 00:35:21,202

you've already stripped me  
of just about everything I own.

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00:35:22,829 --> 00:35:25,957

And you're gonna have to kill me  
to shut me up...

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00:35:27,208 --> 00:35:29,460

because I'm gonna die a hero...

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00:35:30,086 --> 00:35:31,879

and I'm gonna liberate...

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00:35:33,881 --> 00:35:35,466

the animal world.

683

00:35:36,509 --> 00:35:40,471

It will be a cold day in hell  
before you beat me.

684

00:35:45,268 --> 00:35:46,936

God is in control.

685

00:35:47,687 --> 00:35:50,690  
So he'll either pull me through this or...

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00:35:52,441 --> 00:35:53,526  
he won't.

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00:36:10,710 --> 00:36:13,254  
[Reinke] Jeff Lowe came on the scene  
sometime in 2015.

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00:36:14,380 --> 00:36:17,466  
He just brought the persona  
that he was gonna save the zoo,

689

00:36:17,758 --> 00:36:19,594  
so we dubbed him "the Godfather."

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00:36:22,054 --> 00:36:23,514  
[David] He says he's rich.

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00:36:23,598 --> 00:36:24,599  
He's all about money.

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00:36:24,682 --> 00:36:26,684  
It's money, money, money, money, money.

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00:36:27,268 --> 00:36:30,354  
My introduction to Jeff Lowe was,  
"Hey, Saff, this is our new investor."

694

00:36:30,938 --> 00:36:33,816  
[Reinke] He came to the zoo.  
Talked with Joe mostly.

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00:36:33,900 --> 00:36:36,235  
He would need someplace to put  
14 of his own cats.

696

00:36:37,987 --> 00:36:41,115  
[man] My grandfather owned--

It was called Robbins Brothers Circus.

697

00:36:41,908 --> 00:36:44,327  
It became the largest menagerie  
of animals on Earth

698

00:36:44,410 --> 00:36:45,995  
with almost 100 elephants.

699

00:36:46,078 --> 00:36:48,581  
I mean, this guy was--  
He had a ton of animals,

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00:36:48,664 --> 00:36:53,211  
and my first cats that I got were probably  
at 16 or 17 years old.

701

00:36:53,294 --> 00:36:56,589  
Mountain lions and one tiger.

702

00:36:56,672 --> 00:36:58,799  
What can I get you? What can I...

703

00:36:58,883 --> 00:37:01,302  
[Saffery]  
Jeff was a businessman, for sure.

704

00:37:01,385 --> 00:37:06,098  
You can tell he's been through  
the business world a few times.

705

00:37:06,182 --> 00:37:08,893  
[engine roaring]

706

00:37:08,976 --> 00:37:10,853  
[Reinke] He flashes a Ferrari around.

707

00:37:11,437 --> 00:37:13,648  
Rumor has it he has a jet.

708

00:37:14,232 --> 00:37:18,069  
He would float back and forth

from Vegas to Wynnewood a lot.

709

00:37:20,780 --> 00:37:21,906  
He liked the party life.

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00:37:21,989 --> 00:37:23,074  
He liked the scene.

711

00:37:23,157 --> 00:37:26,744  
Up all night, Ecstasy, all that stuff.  
I mean, that was just their style.

712

00:37:26,827 --> 00:37:29,580  
And that was a big attractant for him  
because he's a swinger.

713

00:37:29,664 --> 00:37:31,457  
You know, him and Lauren swing.

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00:37:32,208 --> 00:37:34,961  
They like to have sex with other women  
at the same time.

715

00:37:36,045 --> 00:37:37,922  
They use the tigers to entice 'em in.

716

00:37:38,089 --> 00:37:40,549  
So, he took a few cubs out to Vegas.

717

00:37:40,633 --> 00:37:42,468  
[Goode] So those are like bait  
to get girls?

718

00:37:42,551 --> 00:37:44,470  
Oh yeah, it's good bait to get girls.

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00:37:45,513 --> 00:37:47,473  
Who doesn't want  
to play with a baby tiger?

720

00:37:47,556 --> 00:37:49,684  
For, I guess,

like, a really beautiful woman

721

00:37:49,767 --> 00:37:52,561  
to get her picture with  
a cute little dangerous animal,

722

00:37:52,645 --> 00:37:55,231  
it's like, "Oh, she's got a little spunk  
in her, too!"

723

00:37:55,314 --> 00:37:58,276  
A little pussy gets you a lot of pussy.  
There you go...

724

00:37:59,026 --> 00:38:00,444  
Yeah. [laughs]

725

00:38:02,530 --> 00:38:06,200  
He put tiger cubs into, like,  
a Louis Vuitton bag.

726

00:38:08,077 --> 00:38:11,247  
He rolled them through the casino,  
up into the suites,

727

00:38:11,580 --> 00:38:14,542  
and then brought people up to have  
play times with them and party with them.

728

00:38:14,625 --> 00:38:16,627  
[woman] Oh, she loves you, honey.

729

00:38:17,211 --> 00:38:19,213  
[Mazak]  
Basically, that was their free ride.

730

00:38:20,298 --> 00:38:22,842  
[Saffery]  
And girls came from everywhere.

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00:38:24,135 --> 00:38:27,513  
[Mazak] He posted so many pictures  
of him in bed with girls,

732

00:38:27,596 --> 00:38:30,141  
and Lauren in bed with girls,

733

00:38:30,224 --> 00:38:33,352  
and it's the cats, it's really the cats  
that'll draw people in.

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00:38:34,645 --> 00:38:37,231  
[Reinke] Joe says, "Y'all want more?  
I'll give you more."

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00:38:39,150 --> 00:38:40,818  
He's a playboy, and he's never denied it.

736

00:38:40,901 --> 00:38:42,945  
[plane approaching]

737

00:38:46,824 --> 00:38:51,829  
[Finlay Joe and Travis went out  
to the mansion that Jeff Lowe had.

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00:38:52,163 --> 00:38:53,581  
[Joe] <span style="style1">Great big fucking mansion,

739

00:38:53,664 --> 00:38:55,750  
indoor swimming pool in the house  
and everything.

740

00:38:55,833 --> 00:38:57,501  
Fucking crazy.

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00:38:57,585 --> 00:39:00,546  
Sitting here with Jeff Lowe.  
We have had a fun day. We went...

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00:39:00,629 --> 00:39:02,423  
He wines us and dines us,

743

00:39:02,506 --> 00:39:04,050  
and goes and spends all this money



744

00:39:04,133 --> 00:39:07,094  
on weed and everything else  
for Travis and...

745

00:39:07,178 --> 00:39:09,722  
It was awesome. It was awesome.

746

00:39:11,390 --> 00:39:14,310  
You know, I think he got up there,  
and he was enamored by the big house

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00:39:14,435 --> 00:39:15,644  
and fancy cars,

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00:39:15,728 --> 00:39:18,230  
and he thought that,  
"Here's my next victim."

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00:39:18,314 --> 00:39:20,566  
-[laughing]  
-[man] What have you got?

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00:39:20,649 --> 00:39:22,651  
[Joe] <span style="style1">He had the money to fight Carole.

751

00:39:23,402 --> 00:39:25,279  
I want two or three of those roller carts

752

00:39:25,363 --> 00:39:27,365  
of hundred dollar bills  
you had in your warehouse.

753

00:39:27,448 --> 00:39:28,783  
[laughs]

754

00:39:28,866 --> 00:39:30,910  
-We might be able to get you one.  
-[laughs]

755

00:39:31,285 --> 00:39:33,954  
I saw, like, Joe bow down to Jeff.

756

00:39:34,497 --> 00:39:36,624  
And I didn't like that at all.

757

00:39:38,417 --> 00:39:42,088  
Joe was kind of secretive  
about what was going on.

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00:39:43,130 --> 00:39:44,048  
[Lowe] Hey, guys.

759

00:39:45,383 --> 00:39:47,134  
[woman] <span style="style1">Welcome to free conference.

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00:39:47,218 --> 00:39:49,720  
They had a call inside the office.

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00:39:49,887 --> 00:39:54,225  
It was a conference call between Joe,  
Howard Baskin, and the attorneys.

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00:39:55,267 --> 00:39:58,854  
That was supposed to have been private,  
all of us had to go outside the office.

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00:39:58,979 --> 00:40:02,400  
But Jeff Lowe was actually in there,  
and he was laying low during the call.

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00:40:02,483 --> 00:40:05,277  
They thought they had Joe against  
the ropes because he was broke.

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00:40:05,903 --> 00:40:08,155  
Joe offered to pay them \$5,000 a month.

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00:40:08,823 --> 00:40:10,449  
They said, "Well, that isn't good enough."

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00:40:10,533 --> 00:40:12,743  
She says, "We want \$5,000 a month,

768

00:40:13,452 --> 00:40:16,956  
and you're gonna stop breeding,  
and you're gonna stop cub petting."

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00:40:17,665 --> 00:40:19,583  
And Joe says, "Well, how do you think

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00:40:19,667 --> 00:40:23,462  
I can make the \$5,000 a month to pay you,

771

00:40:23,546 --> 00:40:25,131  
if it's not through what I do?"

772

00:40:25,714 --> 00:40:28,050  
I just got sick of it, and I stepped up.

773

00:40:28,759 --> 00:40:30,678  
So this is all just a waste of time.

774

00:40:30,761 --> 00:40:34,640  
That settlement agreement  
is so far from acceptable.

775

00:40:34,723 --> 00:40:36,934  
[lawyer] <span style="style1">Whoa, whoa, whoa.  
<span style="style1">Who's speaking, please?

776

00:40:37,226 --> 00:40:38,144  
[Lowe] Jeff Lowe.

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00:40:38,853 --> 00:40:41,063  
-[lawyer] <span style="style1">We need you to get off the call.  
-You know what?

778

00:40:41,147 --> 00:40:43,899  
When I woke up this morning  
I was in a free fucking country!

779

00:40:44,650 --> 00:40:45,776  
And I'm still there.

780

00:40:46,485 --> 00:40:49,655

[Howard] And the mediator said,  
"If you won't get off the call,

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00:40:49,738 --> 00:40:51,323  
we have to terminate the call,"

782

00:40:51,740 --> 00:40:54,076  
and Jeff said, "Well, then,  
I just want to say..."

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00:40:54,160 --> 00:40:57,204  
[Lowe] Howard, fuck yourself,  
and fuck your cunt wife.

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00:40:57,288 --> 00:40:58,956  
"...fuck Howard and his cunt wife."

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00:41:04,378 --> 00:41:06,797  
With Jeff Lowe coming in to help him,

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00:41:07,298 --> 00:41:09,550  
Joe believed that if he just

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00:41:09,925 --> 00:41:11,385  
convinced us that he had

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00:41:11,469 --> 00:41:13,762  
endless resources  
to keep the lawsuit going,

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00:41:13,846 --> 00:41:16,015  
we would suddenly fold our tent  
and go away,

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00:41:16,098 --> 00:41:18,601  
which, of course, we were not going to do.

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00:41:19,185 --> 00:41:22,104  
He owed 40 or 50,000 dollars  
to attorneys

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00:41:22,188 --> 00:41:23,355

that were ready to...

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00:41:23,856 --> 00:41:25,649  
stop defending him in his lawsuit

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00:41:25,941 --> 00:41:27,318  
that he had with Carole Baskin.

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00:41:27,401 --> 00:41:31,280  
[Joe] <span style="style1">And they said,  
<span style="style1">"We'll make it 35 if you can pay that."

796

00:41:31,530 --> 00:41:35,117  
So, Jeff got a cashier's check  
for \$35,000.

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00:41:35,951 --> 00:41:38,662  
And then my lawyers recommended

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00:41:38,996 --> 00:41:43,125  
that we just dissolve the Garold Wayne  
Interactive Zoo company

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00:41:43,209 --> 00:41:45,669  
and let Jeff open one in his name,

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00:41:45,753 --> 00:41:48,672  
so Carole would have to start the lawsuits  
all over again.

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00:41:49,256 --> 00:41:51,217  
So that's what we did.

802

00:41:52,134 --> 00:41:54,512  
-Here's another \$10,000 reward--  
-Cash!

803

00:41:54,595 --> 00:41:56,805  
In cash. I'm not saying she did it.

804

00:41:56,889 --> 00:41:59,225  
I'm saying if you have information

805

00:41:59,475 --> 00:42:03,521  
that leads to her arrest,  
not even conviction, just her arrest.

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00:42:04,104 --> 00:42:04,939  
Wow.

807

00:42:05,189 --> 00:42:07,608  
[Goode] What do you know  
about Jeff Lowe? Like what--

808

00:42:07,691 --> 00:42:09,944  
Only allegedly, not my business.

809

00:42:10,486 --> 00:42:12,696  
[chuckles] Right?  
I'm not gonna tell on camera

810

00:42:12,780 --> 00:42:15,658  
what's wrong with Jeff, so that one day,  
this becomes a lawsuit.

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00:42:16,116 --> 00:42:16,951  
You know?

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00:42:17,743 --> 00:42:20,120  
-[Lowe speaking indistinctly]  
-[Joe] <span style="style1">When I met Jeff Lowe,

813

00:42:20,663 --> 00:42:21,956  
I thought I could trust him.

814

00:42:22,748 --> 00:42:25,042  
And, oh, my god, shit hit the fan.

815

00:42:26,126 --> 00:42:28,462  
I didn't know that mansion was rented.

816

00:42:29,046 --> 00:42:31,715  
I didn't know that he was behind  
on Ferrari payments.

817

00:42:32,091 --> 00:42:35,719  
And as soon as he got the zoo  
in his name,

818

00:42:36,595 --> 00:42:39,014  
the evil side of Jeff and Lauren came out.

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00:42:42,935 --> 00:42:44,019  
[Lowe] Get out, Lauren.

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00:42:44,436 --> 00:42:46,313  
[Lowe] No, get! Get!

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00:42:51,485 --> 00:42:53,028  
-[camera operator] You all right?  
-Fine.

822

00:42:55,990 --> 00:42:58,784  
[Goode] And tell me what happened  
when Jeff Lowe got involved.

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00:42:59,285 --> 00:43:00,578  
Jeff Lowe stole the zoo.

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00:43:01,579 --> 00:43:04,123  
-Wait, say that again?  
-Jeff Lowe stole the zoo.

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00:43:06,917 --> 00:43:10,879  
[closing music theme]

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