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Transcript

The day, the sun is turning. Every love is a goal for them.

But just one call could be a goal.

What do you do there, late bear? Knowing your own familiarity.

There's something I want to eat.

You told me meat was carnal and cheap. I'm sorry, you're cheap and violent.

Well, it's up, Dad. Yeah.

Come on. Come on, stop that. We gotta get right to it from Grizzle, remember? Okay. Deal got some smoothie for you. You're gonna ***** hate it. It's healthy. Want some? I wouldn't recommend it. It's disgusting. Okay, boops. Dance time.

Together Together Every minute's got to.

Count But something you and I can be proud of It's not every day in my life We can be together Together. We got to respect. Together. No, no. Anything for love, but he won't do that. What's the thing that he won't do in that song?

What's left for him to not do? ****. No, but I won't do that. I used to imagine Jeff Problum with my dad. Saw him on the ***** floor.

I was like, yo, that must be what my dad looks like.

Also explains A lot, because the dude's ***** weird, but he looks like me, man. It's true. Yeah. Kind of look like Jeff Goldblum. Why is it okay to like use a toothpick in public, but not floss? Have you ever tried that? Floss my teeth in public. I look like you're just at the dinner table. You just pull out something. I used to imagine my funeral a lot when I was a kid at school in math. I used to daydream about my funeral, then I'd make myself cry. Yeah, I think I'd get cremated. What about you? Cremated. You're like just fed different birds, you know? Well, you know, now you can get ashes put into tattoo ink. My face on your back where the clown is. What? Yeah. Scary clown.

We don't need to put them all out.

I know, but we just need to fill them up a little bit.

Okay. Do you want to put out some different ones? Okay, this one costs about 50 bucks extra because... It's an original artwork. I'm going to spend it on the \$50. Okay, 100 bucks. 10 grand. You guys sound check.

No, not yet. We're going on it.

Did Margaret sound check yet? Don't you sound check yet? No, I'm not looking forward to it. I'm terrified. How fresh it is going to be now?

Everything's acting all funny.

I think we're upset tonight. I think we have before, yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah, in New York. It's probably a two out of 10 in terms of his hearing. He can't, he's having trouble even communicating with me. I got to see a doctor. He can see you now. He can see you right now. Now? Yes, I. There's a. I'm sorry I had to run out of the meeting. I gotta deal with some ****. OK. Oh, yeah. Okay, how is that volume?

Is it volume loud enough? Good. Can you hear me? You can hear me okay?

Volume loud. Okay.

I'm going to say these words. I want you to repeat them back to me. I'm going to start with just your right ear.

Noisy Search Throat Ditch Fish Talk Ring.

Drum.

Germ. Life. Team. Lid. Lid. This is your chart, Ruben. Now, as far as the volume that you can hear, you, on your right ear, were 28%, and on your left ear, you were 24%. That's why? In the left ear, you came in at 24%. Okay. No matter how loud I made the test, I could have put it at 11. You were still going to miss 70 to 80% of the words that I said.

Okay.

That is not good.

Yeah, I see that. So what... What can we do about it? How do I get it back?

Well, um, you have to understand something here. Whether or not this is related to your exposure to noise, or it's an autoimmune issue, doesn't really matter.

I understand I got a problem. I'm asking you what I can do about it.

What you can do about it first is to eliminate all exposure to loud noises. And then we can run some tests and we can determine exactly what is going on with your ears. And if we do, then we can have our other conversations.

You can have what?

Well, there are implants that bypass the cochlea.

You said implants.

Yes.

Those work.

People with severe hearing loss or complete deafness, yes, they help.

Well, then let's do that.

Well, it's not that simple. It's a very involved process, and it's quite costly.

How much is it?

Well, they can run between \$40,000 and \$80,000, depending, and they are not covered by insurance.

Okay. And, um... Like, when can you do it? You got them in stock now?

Mr. Stone, your hearing is deteriorating rapidly. Am I right? And over the next few days, or even hours, it's going to continue. And the hearing that you have lost is not coming back. You have to understand, your first responsibility is to preserve the hearing you have.

Yes, it'll come back. I have to... There's like a surgery.

What?

It's simple. It's all it is. There's an implant. They put it in your ****. It's like a... Okay, it'll come back. It's fine, Luke. It's like 40 grand, 80 grand, or whatever, but it's... It'll come back. Till then, Lou, we just keep going, okay?

No.

Lou. No. Listen to me. Let's play them all. Let's see what it's like. Let's try it, okay? I'm going to be like a click track. You can play to me. No. You can adjust. It's different, but it is what it is, Lou. Lou, we have a, Lou, we have a tour book. It's not safe. We have a tour book. We have a tour book, Lou. No.

It doesn't matter.

Yes, we do. It doesn't matter. It's not safe. It's not safe. It's not safe. This is ridiculous. He's sleeping.

Hi. Hector. Hi, this is Lou. Ruben's having a bit of a bit of trouble right now. Hey, Hector, what's up? Yeah, I mean, I can put him on, but he won't be able to hear you. Okay. Talk to him. Talk to him.

Hey, Hector, what's going on, man? It's Ruben. I'd say it's good to hear your voice, but I can't hear a ***** word you're saying right now. So this is completely pointless. Lou wanted me to call you because I had a cigarette. You know, not great, not ideal, but considering the circumstances, which are pretty ***** ** you know, understandable. I'd say understandable for everyone apart from Lou, it seems. I got this, bro. I know you'd probably be asking me if I'm steady right now, if I'm feeling level. Not completely, but I'm cool. You tell me serenity is something you get when you stop wishing for a different past. Bro, I love you, man. Oh, my manager wants a phone back, so I gotta go. Okay, love you, bro.

Hey. Yeah, he can't hear a word. Well, if you get him to a group, then how's he gonna hear? Okay. Okay, thanks. Thanks, Hector. Thank you. When? When? Okay. Yeah, I'll make sure it's on loud. Okay. Thank you so much. Thank you. Okay, bye. He's gonna call back.

What did he say? Write it down. Tell him what he...

Call back.

He's gonna call back. That's all. ***** Hector. What are we going to do now? What do you want to do, Lou? It's Hector.

Hey. Yeah, he's here. Not so good. Oh, okay. Yeah, what is it? What?

What's the plan?

Well, we're in Missouri, so that's gonna take a few days. I don't really know. No, no, we'll leave right away. Okay, yeah. Okay, thank you. Thank you so much. I really, really appreciate it. Thank you. No, yeah, I'll tell him. Okay, bye.

What?

He's found a place.

Is that him? Ruben. I'm sorry, I don't know that. I'm Ruben. That's a Lou.

Hi, I'm Lou.

I'm sorry, I read lips.

My name is Lou.

Lou, I'm Joe.

Hi, Joe.

You mind if I borrow him for a minute?

No.

All right, you mind if you watch my beast here for me while we have a talk?

Okay.

Hello, this is Louie. Oh. He's my hearing dog. He let me know you were here. I named it after Louie Aparicio from the White Sox in '59. You want to be best friends, then give him one of these.

Oh, sure.

Okay.

Yeah.

Yo, what about... Louie, you coming?

No, no, you...

You sure?

Yeah.

It won't be long, okay? Okay.

Be a good boy. Okay. Test. Oh. Okay. So, it works. Is this okay for you?

Yeah, can you hear me?

No. I'm going to read your lips. I might miss some things, but I'm gonna try, okay? Okay. Try to speak clearly.

Yeah.

How are you, Ruben?

I'm okay.

You're an addict.

Yeah.

What sort of drugs? What did I take?

Everything. Um... Mainly heroin. Heroin.

Have you thought about using since you lost your hearing?

Today's not a good day. I'm not thinking clear today.

Let's talk about me. I'm an alcoholic. I lost my hearing in the Vietnam War when a bomb exploded near me. I still remember the music I was listening to when that bomb went off. After that, I lost everything else. My wife, My kid. Not because of being deaf, mind you, Ruben. It was the beer. How long you been clean?

Four years.

Four.

Oh.

And you need some help right now.

You know, I should check on Luke.

How long you two been together?

Four years.

You play music, right?

No.

No.

No, not anymore. Not until I get the implant.

Implant.

Yeah, sorry. You know about these implants they got now? It's like, it's like, hey, they have implants.

I know. Yes. Expensive.

Yeah, thank you. Yes, they are.

So, you should understand that this is a deaf community. Not just my program, but we're part of a larger deaf community, and my program and the people in it, they benefit tremendously from that deaf community. We work with them, and they work with us. But it's very important, if you want to be here, to understand that we're looking for a solution to this. Not this. Why don't you go invite Lou in here?

Sure. Lou.

This guy wants to talk to you.

Okay.

Well, I think it's important that you stay here with us right now, Ruben. Learn some sign language, find some solid ground. What do you think?

Man, it sounds great, but we don't have a lot of money right now.

Well, sometimes our church sponsors deaf people in need, and right now, you fit the bill, Ruben.

We're really not church-going people.

Sorry, Ruben, I read lips. I can't, what'd you say?

We're not religious, either of us. Very much not in a religion. No offense.

Religion plays no part in this, Ruben. The church helps people in need, not religious people. The important thing is that you want to stay here.

Yeah.

Lou, do you think Ruben needs help right now? You understand, if Ruben were to stay here, he'd have to do it on his own. Members live in a house separate from the outside world. No contact to the outside world. No phones. I found that in all cases, that's the way it works best.

Yo, hold up a minute, okay? Let me catch up. Okay.

Can you help Ruben commit to that, Lou?

You want to try this for a couple of days? We have our own home. We can stay in the RV.

Oh, I'm sorry to say that's not the way that works here, Ruben.

Well, that's the problem, then.

Do you have anywhere you can be during this time, Lou?

Yo, that's that, man. We're done. We're done. Thanks a lot for your time, bro. Appreciate it. Okay? We're out, baby. Let's go. Hey. Look. I'm thinking we should still go hit our ***** show in Dayton. Okay? I can ***** watch you for cues. I know it was Rocky last time, but we weren't on the same page. Now you know what's up. I can ***** watch you, and I know this ***** inside out. Okay? Yo, I can ***** make it work until we have enough for surgery. Okay? We're gonna get there. Yo, seriously, we're good to go. Lou. Hmm? Hey, I'll deal with this *****. I'll deal with it. You know I ***** will. It's just money. You know that, right? Huh.

Ruben! Ruben! Ruben! Stop it! Ruben.

Lou, look at me. I'm not going back to that ***** place, okay? I know. I know. I'm... Well, then ***** support me. How's about that? ***** support me, Lou. Huh? You don't want to be here? Of course I do. I knew it. I ***** knew it. I ***** knew this was coming. I ***** knew it. This is about the ***** album, huh? What happened? You get a better offer.

What are you talking about? What are you saying?

I can't hear you. I can't ***** hear you. Do you understand me? I can't. I'm ***** deaf. I'm ***** deaf. No ***** hearing. Okay? Okay? No, what I need-- what I need is a ***** gun in my mouth. What I need is a ***** gun in my ***** mouth. Okay?

Look, I'm sorry. I'm just ***** **. I just need a little, I need a minute to think. Okay?
There's got to be another way. Luke.

Hello? Hey. Oh, really?

Who is that?

Okay, well, I need to get ready. Okay. No, I'll get a cab. Yeah, it's fine. Okay, bye.

What's going on?

What's going on?

I'm getting on a plane and you're going to go back to that place.

Slow down, okay? Slow down. Yo, chill, dude. There's going to be a minute. Just chill,
okay? Just slow down a minute. This is so ***** **.

Who's going to be looking out for you over there?

Who's gonna look out for you? Don't say that guy. It's a I need more of a plan, Lou. I
need, I need... more from you, Lou? I need more of a plan, Lou. You can't just *****.
Aw, Jesus, Lou, come on.

Ruben, Ruben. You hurt yourself? Ruben, you hurt yourself? You hurt me? I'll hurt
myself too. I'll hurt myself too. Promise. Say it, Ruby, or all of this is for ****. Say it.
Promise. Go back there right now. Promise. Say it.

I'll promise if you-- No, say it.

Promise. Go back to that place.

I only-- I need-- I need you to wait for me, okay? You're it for me. Loo, you're my *****
heart. You're it for me, okay? You gotta wait for me.

Look.

Listen to me, listen, listen, when you get there, I need you to... I need you to write to me,
okay? Yeah? Will you write me when you tell me you're okay? Huh? Promise me? And
listen, if it's-- if it's ***** you just get your *** back here. I'll fix it, I swear to God. You
know I'll ***** fix this. It's not that hard, okay? Just come back here. I love you. My
***** heart, okay? *****. Oh, *****. ****. *****. Oh.

****. ****.

What's up? Yo, hey. You want my car keys? I asked for them back. I want them back,
okay? We're not doing that. My name's Ruben. I'm an addict. I have four years clean
now. I'm sorry I don't talk sign language. My name is Shaheen. I'm an addict.

All right.

Oh.

What? What? Okay.

I don't know.

I don't know. Sorry. Ruben. Ruben. Okay. Yeah. I'm coming, okay? One minute. I'll be back. Oh, hey, Joe.

What was that all about, Ruben?

Oh, your roof? I was fixing your roof. It's like one of the Eves is, you know, trying to fix your roof.

You don't need to fix anything here.

Okay.

I've got a little assignment for you, okay? You get up early, right?

Yeah, pretty early, yeah.

I'll have hot coffee waiting for you at 5:30. Early enough for you?

I don't know, I guess.

Okay, five. And I'll provide a room for you. Or four? And there's nothing that needs to be accomplished in this room. All I want you to do is just sit. Psst. All I ask is if and when you cannot just sit, you turn yourself to the pen and paper that I'm going to supply for you, and I want you to write. Doesn't matter what you write, how you write, whether it's spelled correctly. Or if it's just a big mess. I don't care. No one will read it, okay? But I want you to keep writing continuously, without stopping, until you feel like you can... sit again. Does it have to be writing? Writing, yes. No drawing. Writing, yes. And if sometime in the future it feels like it's a little bit too difficult for you, should come and find me. I'll be in my apartment doing the same thing as you, okay, Ruben? I'll be writing, too.

Okay. Nice, nice, nice. So ***** stupid. You ***** idiot. What a ***** idiot.

No.

I feel a little bit old today.

Whoa.

I love your name sign, Reuben. The first day you were here, you reminded me of an owl.

Owl.

And you've become very important to a lot of people around here. Well, it's true. I'd like to offer you a way that maybe you could continue on here with us. Imagine you're

starting to think about the future a little bit. Future? Future. I know I am. But I do think there's a way you could maybe stay and work here. Maybe with my program. Maybe with the kids at school. Maybe both. Anyway, you think about it, you know.

What the ****? Her? Yeah. Cute. What do you think, Yo, what do you think? This. Yeah. Whoa, wait, yo, it's easy. It's easy, just slowly. Yo, it's for her, It's for her. We need money. We need money. It's for us. I'm let alone with you. It's for her. Yo, for this, for this, remember, it's cash, okay? Not check. Cool. Yo, you okay? You sure? Is that Prince Audiology? Can you hear me? It's Stone, Ruben Stone, R-U-B-E-N, Stone, S-T-O-N-E. I'm confirming an appointment. Yeah, I can hold. So, listen. Write it down. Yeah. I can't even write it down. I've got a proposition for you. What's that? What if I give it to you at this price? But on one condition. I have the option of coming back to you within eight weeks, okay? I get to buy it back off of you for 10% more than this. Everything has to be in its current condition. Everything has to be exactly like it is now. Hmm? What do you think? Well, why would you want to do that? Dude, I can't hear you. I'm deaf. So it's take it or leave it. What's it going to be?

You're back. Have a seat here.

I did the need.

The deed.

Surgery.

How'd you get the money?

Sold my RV. Another ****.

Okay.

Look, Joe, I really don't want to explain myself right now. Okay? It's time, okay? It's time. I got to do something.

Right.

Trying to save my ***** life. So that's what I'm doing. Okay? No one else is gonna save my life. Right? If I just sit here and diddle around, what am I gonna have? Nothing. Okay? And all this **** like, what does it matter? What does it matter? It just passes. Yo, if I disappear, like, who cares? Nobody cares, man. Seriously. Yo, and that's okay. That's life. That's life. No, for real, okay? It just passes. It just ***** ***** passes.

I wonder, all these mornings you've been sitting in my study. Sitting. Have you had any moments of stillness? Because you're right, Ruben. The world does keep moving. It can be a damn cruel place. But for me, those moments of stillness, that place, that's the kingdom of God. And that place will never abandon you.

But...

I see you've made your choice, right? And I sincerely hope that it brings you happiness, Ruben.

I was wondering, Joe. I don't know if it's possible. But, uh... it took. I used to buy back my RV. You know, me and Lou.

This is where we live.

That's all. I can totally pay you back. Just, now we've got an issue with time.

Ruben. I don't understand the situation that you put yourself in. But if I'm a wrong sitting, you look... and sound like an addict.

No, no. Yo, no. It's not... It's not a... not an a... It's fine, okay? My situation, it's cool, okay? Seriously, my girlfriend's dad is rich, and give me the... give me the money, okay? This is nothing. You can't imagine how nothing is this... Seriously, okay? I'm ***** stupid. I'm sorry to ask. I'm sorry, okay?

Okay. This guy is damaged. Three, four weeks. Delay. Activate. Prove it. As you know, everybody here shares in the belief that being deaf is not a handicap, not something to fix. It's pretty important around here. All these kids... all of us need to be reminded of it every day. And my house is a house built on that belief and built on trust. And when that trust is violated, things happen.

And I can't have that.

There are too many others to consider. And so, in your current state at this time, I'm going to have to ask you to pack up your bags today and find another place to be, Ruben.

Cool. Are you ready? Okay.

Here we go.

Say again.

How's the sound?

Oh, it sounds like an arrogant. Try making an adjustment.

Oh, that's bad. Um... Bad. What's your name? It's um... Like... I... I... Um... Um... I can try and make another adjustment.

How's that? Okay.

This does not sound like you remember, and it's the implant in your head that's tricking your brain into thinking that you're actually hearing, when, in reality, your ears aren't working still. I would suggest that you take it easy for the next few weeks and just get adjusted to how things sound. Just take your time.

Yeah, I got um...

Huh.

Who is this?

Ruben.

It's Ruben. Hey. Ruben.

Come in. You're hungry, Robert? Yes? Luis is not here. You are hearing? You are hearing?

Yeah, I had an operation.

Wow, yes? what is this? Oh, that's very good. Louis told me you wish for this. And so, you're back to your drums now.

Not yet. I gotta, I gotta, I gotta deal with some stuff first, you know. Just gotta, gotta settle some things.

Yes, settle. Like what?

You know, just like... getting back into it, and also some financial stuff.

Yes.

Now he's got to figure it all out.

Mm-hmm. Yes. And Louise knows that you're here.

No. No.

So it's a big surprise. Well, Louise has been quite busy, you know. Mm-hmm. We're doing a party. So she'll be back home tonight, most certainly. Oh, yeah. I'm gonna make you some eggs. Oh, no, I'm good.

Do you need any help with any of this?

No, You need some eggs.

Thanks.

Where did you grow, Ruben?

Where did I grow up?

Yes.

Um, like all over. You know, Texas, California, Arizona, Virginia. Yeah, all over.

Why so many places?

It was like, uh, my mom was a nurse in the military. Mm-hmm. You know? So she kept moving around.

And your father, too.

No. You mean, I don't know?

I see. I must be honest. I did not always have good feelings for you, Ruben, all these years. I confide it is like if one... had stolen something precious. You understand? But I know it's not you that took Louise from me. My mother did that. She took Louise when she left me, and she took her again when she killed herself. And Louise must have come back home then. But she was hating me so much. What could I do? And you, well, you gave her a place to go then. This is a good thing. You see, I didn't like you much at the time, but now I thank you. I want to sell you that. But anyhow, you're going to be so happy to see how Louise It's going great now. And that's the most important. Isn't it? Okay.

Whoa. Whoa.

Hi. Can you hear me?

Yeah, loud and clear. Oh, look at you, Lulu.

Holy ****.

Look at you, huh?

What?

Now you look different. Whoa, no scratching, huh? Oh, yeah.

That's good. Does it feel weird?

Yeah. Does it look weird?

No. it doesn't. It looks really neat. So crazy. How'd you do it?

Just worked some magic. I have to talk to you about it. I had to just move some things around.

Um... Did Richard tell you about this party thing tonight?

Oh, **** yeah.

Yeah, I just got to go and start some things out.

No, it's great. It's cool. Yeah. You want to do your thing? Okay.

Do you need anything?

No, I'm good.

I'll just be downstairs. Velayel, sofas, les couloon, ensemu, catamu.

S'etamu, sifu, coutu, napakonu.

S'etamu, matu, encour.

Hey. You okay? Hmm.

I'm sorry. I just need some water.

Are you okay?

Mm-hmm.

Yeah? Yeah, she's a little dry in here.

That was-- that was, uh, pretty cool tonight.

You sounded ***** great.

Yeah, right.

What? You're telling me you weren't feeling it? You were in it. Straight up, you said an amazing thing like that.

It's my dad's stuff, but...

And you're speaking French now?

Oh my God, barely.

I didn't know you could do that.

Well, I've mostly forgotten, but it's coming back a little.

Yeah, I was thinking, like, do you remember? Do you remember this place at all?

I didn't, but so disconcerting the things that your memory holds on to without you knowing. I don't know. My mom and I never really talked about this place. It was always some weird, dreamy idea. I mean, now it's come back a little. Right.

Yeah.

I told everyone about our little gypsy life together. I miss it.

We got to get back into it, you know? We got to get back on it. We got to get back in the ***** in the groove, Don't you think? I got to go get the airstream sorted.

What do you mean, sorted?

I just got a **** ton of things to do.

Right, like with the tour stuff.

Yeah, the ***** tour, everything. Like, we just got to get back on it, you know, everything. The album, the tour, you know.

Yeah. Hey.

It's okay, Luke.

What?

It's okay. You saved my life.

You made it. You made it beautiful.

It's okay. What?

Why are you saying this? You saved my life too, Ruby.

I know you ain't really it. All this time, shame on me. You can howl and scream. I can't hear anything.

I can't hear anything.

And you chase me.

Down the mountain, through this city but all, my country heart, I'm only seeing queen. More adventure movies including Keanu Reeves hunting down the bank robbers known as the ex-presidents. Point Break is on iPlayer. Gone into the rain today Wet fields of green Gone.

Gone into the rain today, into the rain today Gone, gone to safety, to safety Gone, gone