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STREET

*JIM and KEENAN at Cabela's.*

JIM

This place is pretty great, right?

KEENAN

I like how the outside looks like a log cabin on steroids, and then the inside... looks like... the inside of Ted Nugent's brain. On steroids.

JIM

KIDS! Stop running, someone's gonna shoot you. Serious. This is the only public place I can use that and they believe me. Y'know the thing about having kids?

KEENAN

Tell me the thing about having kids, Jim.

JIM

Takes the pressure off, a little bit. Before we had kids, it was all on me. Just had this one life, sink or swim, make it or don't. Having kids, you diversify your holdings a little bit. You skip a few extra stones across the pond. I mean, maybe I won't do anything great with my life. But *they* might. And I made them, so. Good on me.

KEENAN

Jim, you're, like, incredibly successful.

JIM

Yeeeahhh, I've made some money. That's for sure. I've gotten people to get their car stereos from me instead of one of the eight other places in the area where they could've done the same damn thing. But I'm not exactly, what, Isaac Newton, know what I mean? One of my kids, though... maybe they'll be.

KEENAN

Maybe one of your kids will be Isaac Newton?

JIM

Or William Shakespeare, whatever. Ronald Reagan, something, I don't give a shit. You kick the can as far as you can down the road, it bounces past the horizon and you don't know, they might be anything. Important thing is: you've done your part.

KEENAN

I guess the thing about kids is they can always surprise you.

JIM

First thing you learn: you got no control. None. They're gonna be what they're gonna be.

KEENAN

A Supreme Court justice...

JIM

A Formula One driver...

KEENAN

Heh, for all you know, one of your kids might grow up to be a big ol' liberal.

JIM

Well I don't—

KEENAN

A civil rights lawyer... they could work for Greenpeace.

JIM

Seems unlikely but that's what I'm saying, that's the idea...

KEENAN

They could root for Michigan.

JIM

OKAY. And your kid might grow up to be a big ol' Republican.

KEENAN

Oh that's not gonna happen.

JIM

Like I said, Kee: you've got literally no control. Remember that.

KEENAN

Jim, not gonna lie, you make parenting sound a little scary.

JIM

Scary? Naw. More like — terrifying. Like piss-your-pants terrifying as shit. It ain't for the faint of heart, guy. You gotta be worthy. Which — I gotta say — I think you are.

KEENAN

For real?

JIM

Big-time. You and Madelyn both, actually. And, Kee, this kid of yours? Think about it. She's gonna be so smart. She's gonna be a goddamn wonder. I mean, shit: she could

change the world. As much of a clusterfuck as this whole thing has been, medically and everything else — Heather and me, we kind of feel honored to be a part of it.

KEENAN

Wow. Wow. Jim. Thanks.

JIM

Now you're not gonna tell anyone I said I was terrified, right? What happens at Cabela's, stays at — you know the old saying.

KEENAN

I'm not sure I know that old—

(startles:)

Holy Jesus that's a lion.

JIM

You love it, don't you?

KEENAN

Someone shot and killed that lion, and stuffed it, and brought it to the midwest. And put it inside this retail store.

JIM

All that stuff happened in some order, yeah. And now it's all like RAWR.

KEENAN

It sure is — that's what it's like.

JIM

All right, next step I want to take you hunting. Wouldn't that be a blast?

KEENAN

Frankly, it seems like the kind of thing I would avoid at all costs.

JIM

That's what's fun about it!

KEENAN

It's just so fish-out-of-water, I mean just classic—. I'd end up non-fatally shot, you know, which could be hilarious in like a movie but I'm pretty sure it would suck in real life.

JIM

Right, okay. And you know about that, I guess, with your, I mean, "job."

KEENAN

Comedy, sure. Right, exactly. Kinda my thing.

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