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Evan Taylor: Are you doing

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Joanna Clark: Well, I'm just trying to figure out how to use this thing.

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Evan Taylor: I can hear you. And I can see that's the most important part

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Joanna Clark: Okay, good.

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Joanna Clark: It's a little confusing when you've ever used to before.

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Evan Taylor: But you figure it out. But no, no problem. It looks. Looks like it looks like you that you can hear me and see me.

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Joanna Clark: You're good. I can hear you fine.

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Evan Taylor: Fantastic, fantastic.

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Evan Taylor: And so we thought the recordings just on automatically. So there's nothing you need to worry about our setup. It's just going to record our conversation.

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Evan Taylor: Just as it

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Evan Taylor: Sounds good, fantastic. Um, so, as you know, the whole you know the whole project is about collecting trans activists histories and sort of looking at how people did activism in the long before the internet was around

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Evan Taylor: And so sort of recording some of that and and so one of the approaches that I take is I think it's super important to just acknowledge that doing oral history is inherently always going to be an intergenerational project.

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Evan Taylor: So I know as somebody who is also part of the trans community in whatever way one wants to define that.

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Evan Taylor: It's working for me to acknowledge I've benefited from the work the other folks have done. And so how can we, you know, record record that history and make that accessible for the generation beyond myself.

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Evan Taylor: So any questions that you had about the consent process or anything like that. I've got the form back for me. I think so. I think that's all fine. Um, any, any questions. But before we get started.

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Evan Taylor: No. Fantastic. Okay. So I'll start off with a few sort of quick demographic questions, and then we'll get into some of the more interesting questions about your activism in history.

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Evan Taylor: That's right, sort of,

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Evan Taylor: Ended off on a of sort of look at future future generations and ideas that you might have around that.

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Evan Taylor: Okay, awesome. So first, first question, just take for state for the record, of course, because other folks be listening to this in the future. And what's your, your full name and what crone and see us.

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Joanna Clark: It's a joy I know Michelle Clark.

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Joanna Clark: And I use the pronouns. She, her

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Evan Taylor: Thank you very much. And how old are you today.

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Joanna Clark: Oh, oh, am I today. How many one and a half.

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Evan Taylor: One and a half. I love your leasing using a half

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Evan Taylor: Where we are born on

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Evan Taylor: Michigan. Sorry. Where Michigan.

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Joanna Clark: Pontiac Michigan. Okay, the suburb of Detroit about 25 miles northwest.

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Evan Taylor: Gotcha. Okay, so pretty, pretty close to a big city.

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Evan Taylor: Mm hmm. And where do you live now.

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Joanna Clark: Southern California.

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Evan Taylor: Southern California. And how long you been in Southern California.

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Joanna Clark: Came back here and let's see 1974 74

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Evan Taylor: Wow, even there. Uh,

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Evan Taylor: Huh. And I'm assuming at this point here, you're retired or semi retired. So what was your work.

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Joanna Clark: I retired.

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Evan Taylor: And what did you do for work.

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Joanna Clark: I was in the military.

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Joanna Clark: 22 years of active and reserve time

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Joanna Clark: served in Vietnam and 68 and I was amazed. But they gone they taps instructor evaluator on the P3 Orion as W control plane.

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Cool.

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Evan Taylor: Um, and what's the, what was your educational background.

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Joanna Clark: Bachelor's Degree Liberal Studies with a semi major in sociology and psychology and also degree in electrical engineering

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Cool.

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Evan Taylor: And do you have any visible or invisible disabilities or chronic health issues that affect your life.

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Joanna Clark: Oh yes, I was exposed to Agent Orange while I was in

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Joanna Clark: We said effects I injured my back jumping off when you have a P3 Orion and aligning to heart and in the governor rice paddy

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Joanna Clark: Wow. And so I fractured my L and CEO for for actually my L five

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Joanna Clark: Alarm bar and my spine.

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Evan Taylor: Oh my goodness.

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Joanna Clark: So I'm considered 100% disabled.

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Joanna Clark: Lost my hearing white one year to be around jet engine solid time

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Joanna Clark: And then the effects of aging orange.

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Joanna Clark: Cause me a

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Joanna Clark: Heart problems kidney problems and what have you.

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Evan Taylor: Wow. So you deal with my acquaintance, a rain over a range of health issues on a daily basis.

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Joanna Clark: Huh. Yes.

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Joanna Clark: Yeah neuropathy is my biggest problem and lower back pain.

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Joanna Clark: And unfortunately the only medication for pain that I could use was Demerol

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Joanna Clark: Because it didn't concentrate me really well all the other opiates tend to concentrate, concentrate meet severely

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Evan Taylor: Yeah, actually it

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Joanna Clark: Wasn't all three months ago. And so I'm learning to live without pain medication.

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Evan Taylor: Wow, so

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Evan Taylor: That's, that's, that sounds chocolate. I mean,

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Evan Taylor: There's so many issues that the dosage must be quite high. So the lot of side effects and stuff.

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Mm hmm. Yeah.

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Evan Taylor: Um, what's your relationship with your family status.

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Joanna Clark: I'm currently married. Ah, I

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Joanna Clark: Had a housekeeper for 10 years who I really liked and she always made me laugh and what have you and

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Joanna Clark: She came once a month and I says, How about coming twice a month. And how about coming weekly

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Joanna Clark: And then when the doctors reported, I need to have a caretaker look after me since I was falling quite a bit.

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Joanna Clark: We made her my caretaker, and I live in a mobile home park. And so then you then want me to change my

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Joanna Clark: rental agreement on the Space. Space Rand, and it should have to evacuate the house within 72 hours of my passing

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Joanna Clark: Oh my goodness. I says, that's not going to happen. I says, I'm giving her the house. Well, we got to make sure she can afford to stay there, as is. She'll have money to stay there and for the rest of her life. And so every time I go over to pay this face friend.

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Joanna Clark: They have something. So finally, when they said we're going to solve this problem once and for all. Let's go get married.

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Evan Taylor: No way.

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Joanna Clark: So we went and got married.

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Evan Taylor: That fantastic what a

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Joanna Clark: Great. You know my life. And she takes good care of me.

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Evan Taylor: Wow, well,

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Joanna Clark: honing in the background. She's, she's in the kitchen right now rebuilding the kitchen.

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Oh my goodness.

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Evan Taylor: That is a great that is so wonderful. Do you have any Joanie kids or grandkids or

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Joanna Clark: A for my first marriage. I have a granddaughter, and as a son and a grand daughter.

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Joanna Clark: And my son is. Oh my gosh. She'll be 60 this year.

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Joanna Clark: 60 next year, I should say, and my granddaughter turned 22 this year.

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Evan Taylor: Wow.

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So,

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Joanna Clark: And my son is getting ready to Mary and Mary getting ready to retire and then it's going to move back to Hawaii.

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Joanna Clark: Where his mother lives.

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Evan Taylor: If you're gonna retire retire in Hawaii, I guess so.

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Joanna Clark: That's where I had planned to retire. I consider myself more Hawaiian than anything else.  
Now,

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Evan Taylor: And so intimate even be still in Southern California. Since 1974 you just decide, oh nevermind the Hawaii thing.

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Joanna Clark: Well, when I came back in 74 it was started my transition and my parents were legally blind and they needed help.

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Joanna Clark: Right ended up

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Joanna Clark: moving in with them and it worked out. They gave me a place to live. While I was transitioning and

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Joanna Clark: In turn, I took care of them.

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Joanna Clark: Right, so

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Joanna Clark: And mom passed away and 2001

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Joanna Clark: Two days after Christmas, and then my dad year 2014 I was one

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Joanna Clark: Or two, I'm sorry. Let's see 2004 he passed away.

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Evan Taylor: Oh, wow. So they've been around for quite a while that way.

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Joanna Clark: And dad was 93 when he passed away and mom was 89

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Evan Taylor: I

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Evan Taylor: Have a

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Joanna Clark: Good stock. Oh, yes, yes, my grade. And that was

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Joanna Clark: 101 plus two years, two months.

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Evan Taylor: Oh my goodness. Wow.

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Joanna Clark: Passed away.

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Evan Taylor: Wow, we should all be so lucky to even get anywhere close to that.



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Joanna Clark: Yeah, and she was, she was quite the woman. She was the first woman to be elected to

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Joanna Clark: public office in United States.

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Joanna Clark: In wow 87

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Evan Taylor: And this is this is the NBA, you're telling us from Kansas.

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Joanna Clark: Haha, yes.

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Evan Taylor: And what was the city that she was mayor of

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Joanna Clark: Are going

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Evan Taylor: Are going yeah okay that

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Joanna Clark: He has about 50 miles south of Topeka approximately

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Evan Taylor: Okay. Yeah, that's interesting history. We need to make sure that that's recorded

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Joanna Clark: Mm hmm. Yeah. I was a practical joke that backfires but wives.

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Evan Taylor: Yeah. So tell me, tell me that story, cuz I got a little taste that when we're on the phone but it'd be great to record it.

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Joanna Clark: She was president of new and Women's Christian Temperance Union and of course they were fighting to have Kansas a dry state.

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Joanna Clark: Right and the west of course they didn't like her for that reason. And so when Kansas gave women the right to vote in class one, two and three cities are going. He was a class three city.

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Joanna Clark: And so they decided that they would embarrass her. And so without without their knowledge they put her name on the ballot to run for mayor and so the morning of the vote by eight o'clock and knock on the door came and it was the chairman, the local Republican Party.

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Joanna Clark: And for guard gonyon. He says, you know, your name is on the ballot running for mayor and she's know as well. I have one question for you, would you accept if you were elected and she said yes. And without even hesitating. And so that afternoon. She won by 60 votes.

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Evan Taylor: Oh my gosh.

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Evan Taylor: That's a great. That's a great story. Love that. It backfired so badly on

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Joanna Clark: Your husband came home and find out. She was the mayor.

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Joanna Clark: City console. So he was going to have to answer to her.

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Evan Taylor: Oh my goodness, that would have been great, especially at that time.

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Joanna Clark: Yeah. So anyway, so I got to meet her. I met her. When I was six, but I have no memory of her I i remembers the long walk up the hill side to their house in Topeka and

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Joanna Clark: My misbehaving and getting my dad picked me up and spank me

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Evan Taylor: In your mind.

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Joanna Clark: Oh, yes, but then when I got transferred to Norman, Oklahoma for nine weeks of school when I went into the Navy. My grandmother told me says, don't forget to look up your aunt. She lives in are going, Yeah, I'm sorry, lives in northern

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Joanna Clark: Yeah. So my first weekend I was there and have liberty. I went over and knock on the door and says, is

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Joanna Clark: Susanna Dora solder live here and they said yes to God. Could she have visitors and he says, Who are you and I says, well, she's my great aunt. And so they went and got her and brought her on the porch.

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Evan Taylor: Oh, that's great.

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Joanna Clark: No, she was in her late 97

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Evan Taylor: Oh, wow. So, yeah. And so, so that was probably the last chance you saw at them before she died.

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Joanna Clark: That after I went to Memphis for 49 weeks of school and then from there I went to Bermuda for three years.

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Evan Taylor: Three years in Bermuda.

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Joanna Clark: Yes, that's where my son was born.

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Joanna Clark: Okay, so, so he is has dual citizenship.

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Evan Taylor: Right. Okay. And so that's why he's able to hand out those that that way.

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Joanna Clark: Mm hmm.

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Joanna Clark: Okay, so

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Joanna Clark: So we lived there for three years. He was mine and see he was

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Joanna Clark: I'm trying to think. He was born in

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Joanna Clark: Haiti.

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Joanna Clark: Missing a. He was born in

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Joanna Clark: 6062 I guess it was he was born.

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Joanna Clark: 62 yeah

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Evan Taylor: And were you out there for that whole at that time you were having promoted they're being printed as well.

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Joanna Clark: Mm hmm. Okay. I was there for the whole time I was buying a CC point Squadron.

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Joanna Clark: We flew the p five MC planes.

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Evan Taylor: Okay.

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Joanna Clark: Yeah. And then when I left there. I went to instruct your duty and Memphis for six years.

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Evan Taylor: And is that where is that where you were when you when you transitioned at that point and then came back to

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Joanna Clark: Know you know from my I was in Memphis from 65 to

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Joanna Clark: 61 to 6565 I transferred to VP six of barbers point Hawaii.

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Joanna Clark: And I was a VP sex until 69 where I decided to get out.

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Joanna Clark: And so I left active duty went in the Naval Reserve and I took a job at MCI to see Test Range.

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Joanna Clark: Which is do I had a saturation diving project going on.

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Joanna Clark: And I was there for a year and then got laid off when he went bankrupt.

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Joanna Clark: And spent a year teaching scuba and from there I took a job and quietly metal

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Joanna Clark: And I was unquiet for

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Joanna Clark: From March of 71

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Joanna Clark: To december of 72 okay and and came back and spent a year in Hawaii and then came back.

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Joanna Clark: In February of 74 I came back to the mainland to start my transition

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Evan Taylor: And was that the main reason that you were moving, moving back at me. I remember you said about your parents as well so

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Joanna Clark: Yeah. Well, no. At that time, the only major gender program was either Stanford or Johns Hopkins right and so

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Joanna Clark: Stanford was the closest and I had had been stationed at Moffett Field. So at least I knew a little bit of the locale.

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Joanna Clark: So, and when I flew back. I had to go into Los Angeles and then catch the Fly. Fly to San Francisco. Okay. And my ex who I married when we were married for a year and it was kind of a unique she saved my life and I saved her life.

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Joanna Clark: So, as it turned out, and so anyways. When I got on the plane. She immediately went home and call my parents told me I was on my way and

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Joanna Clark: I would they, they came to the airport and pick me out. So, and told me I was coming home with him and they've gone to see a psychiatrist and psychologist told him, and he wasn't an expert in the field. But if I was

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Joanna Clark: transsexual if they had a daughter all along.

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Joanna Clark: And

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Joanna Clark: So anyways,

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Joanna Clark: I got home and I went in and I changed and came out and dad gave me a package with the parent islands in it.

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Ah,

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Joanna Clark: So anyways, they were they were very supportive. My mother had more of a problem. And my dad did because they took care of my grandmother

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Joanna Clark: Two weeks out of every month and right which is reason they moved to California. My aunt and uncle and doing Costa Mesa, and they were RETIRED AIR FORCE. And so they would take her for two weeks and then she'd come in live a mom and dad for two weeks. And when I got there.

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Joanna Clark: I was taking over her bedroom.

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Evan Taylor: Ah, I see. Okay.

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Joanna Clark: So when she'd come down, I'd had to move into the living room and sleep on the phone away.

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Joanna Clark: And my grandmother refused to accept me. And so finally, and may I went off for my surgery and I came back.

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Joanna Clark: The day I came back. She came

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Evan Taylor: To me, for me, it's

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Joanna Clark: 3535 I had my surgery. Okay. And so I was June 24 of 75 that I had my surgery. I tried to get it on June 16 which is my birthday but they didn't have any opening so I had to do it on the 24th.

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Joanna Clark: But anyway, so. So I'm in there on the bed lying cleaning up myself and changing the bat. My bandages and they take it a skin graft off my leg.

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Joanna Clark: Right. And I was cleaning that up and she came in had to use the restroom and she was in a wheelchair and her her restroom have barn where she held on to to get out of a wheelchair.

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Joanna Clark: So I said, combining Grammy go ahead and use the bathroom. So she went in and when she came out, I was on the bed and stark naked and just getting ready to put the bandage and she just sat there and stared at me. My mother walked in the same time.

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Joanna Clark: Oh my goodness. She excuse yourself. And I says this. Okay. I says, Grandma. Do you want to see. And she didn't say a word. But she said speed records. I think getting from the doorway, or is it a bad

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Evan Taylor: Oh my goodness.

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Joanna Clark: She looked down at me, and she looked at my mind says she looks just like us.

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Joanna Clark: That was the first time she'd ever use the female pro now with me.

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Joanna Clark: Ah, and after that she defended me

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Evan Taylor: Isn't that interesting. So for her. It was just all seen it once she saw the search results. She was able to make that switch in her mind.

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Joanna Clark: He went went to switch over right away.

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Joanna Clark: So anyways,

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Evan Taylor: That's what it says something pretty special. They know about the folks, certainly from that generation anyway.

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Joanna Clark: Yes. So, so I was really lucky and

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Joanna Clark: I didn't set out to be an actress by any means. I felt I was gonna get my surgery and I was just going to disappear into the woodwork.

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Evan Taylor: Right.

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Joanna Clark: Can go and try and make up for all the years that I've lived in struggling with who I was. And then I met Jude. He was patent. He was lecturing at a human sexuality class that I was attending

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Joanna Clark: Right, and so we became acquainted and became friends. And then when I started majoring in sociology.

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Joanna Clark: He invited me to go up to the Melrose Wilcox mental health center one night in LA.

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Joanna Clark: La

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Joanna Clark: Excuse me, I'm, I'm kind of horse.

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Evan Taylor: Yeah, you're just getting it was just getting over the cold stuff.

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Joanna Clark: I don't know if it's a cold or not, but

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Joanna Clark: The they say I'm clean. I don't have an infection and no sign of a cold or anything, but boy I've been cough, cough up a storm at night.

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Joanna Clark: And pretty much worse, most of time right now. So I go back to the doctor tomorrow and hopefully they'll tell me something new. Right.

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Joanna Clark: Then get a clear because I'm getting tired of it. Anyways, we went up there and there was about 15 people that were there and

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Joanna Clark: They were all complaining about, you know, unable to find employment and I asked him, I said, Well, what's the problem. And of course, I always just transitioning, so I hadn't gotten myself a full time job either right and

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Evan Taylor: At least for all male to female folks.

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Joanna Clark: They were all may have all male, female at night. Okay, one dude was the only female to male that was president there so anyways.

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Joanna Clark: I ASKED HIM. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM IS IS WHAT WE CAN'T GET OUR IDENTIFICATION change. It says

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Joanna Clark: What do you mean, well we can get our Vegas change. And I said, Well, why not is the, what's the law. And so, you know, I rather flippantly said, well, change the law.

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Joanna Clark: And of course, you know, they all looked at me says, You're out of your mind. Nobody's gonna listen to us. And, you know, blah, blah, blah, blah. And he went on and see just did not come back.

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Evan Taylor: Really. Oh my goodness.

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Joanna Clark: So in a way back. I told you guys, you know, right now I'm not even registered to vote.

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Joanna Clark: Because I spend most of my life defending the Constitution and our country and our way of life. And I guess I need to find out if the system actually works. And what are you gonna do is, I'm going to change the law.

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Joanna Clark: He says, You're out of your mind.

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Joanna Clark: And I got home and next morning I have breakfast I told my parents what I was going to do. And my dad says, You're out of your mind. Nobody's gonna listen to you. My dad was the next city councilman

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Joanna Clark: And so I drafted a letter in my head might got it to work. I went in us two counties word processor wrote my letter ran it off. We are all the addresses in there and the database. So I merged it and

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Joanna Clark: ran off 140 letters. One day each member of the legislature and I put them a file folder and bottom home at night sign them all put them in envelopes and put stamps on them and drop them in the mailbox.

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Joanna Clark: And I got 10 responses. Thank you. But no, thank you.

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Joanna Clark: Right, and the rest of them didn't. Hundred and 10 and didn't bother respond at all. And then about a week later, so I get a call from personnel that there's an attorney trying to reach me

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Joanna Clark: And so I said, we'll put them through and I was working that time. It's a county and so they put him through and he says, I understand you've written a letter to the legislature about birth certificates.

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Joanna Clark: And he says, Yeah, I did. He says, Well, I'm got a client here. I'm trying to help out and not getting anywhere and

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Joanna Clark: So I just want to find out what you were trying doing this was going to see if we could change the birth defects. These why know somebody that might be able to help

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Joanna Clark: So let me inquire, and a couple days later, I got a letter from WILLIE BROWN, who is the Speaker of the Assembly saying you would introduce legislation.

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Joanna Clark: So I turned out that the attorney Paul for do was a neighbor of yours, and knew him quite well.

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Evan Taylor: And so it sort of after asked a little bit of a favor from his neighbor.

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Yes.

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Joanna Clark: So that got the ball rolling. So then, dude. I we went up and we spoke to the legislature, a couple times and committee hearings and finally got it.

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Joanna Clark: Got it to pass to the legislature and then it went to the Senate, and we went up there and we're from Orange County and that time Dennis Carpenter was our senator and he was Mr ultra, ultra crazy conservative

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Joanna Clark: And he had been very outspoken. And this was crazy. He would never consider anything like this. And so the lights aren't going on. And they're all red and the Republicans were all voting no. And all of a sudden he puts his hand up and asked to speak and

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Joanna Clark: He says, this is a medical issue.

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Joanna Clark: And I don't fully understand it. I think it's the right thing to do.

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Joanna Clark: And you just hear the gas in the Senate.

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Joanna Clark: And also know the laser read turn cream.

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Joanna Clark: Wow, and the bill passed by five votes and what

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Evan Taylor: You think can change his mind or got him to do that.

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Joanna Clark: I don't know. I really don't know.

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Joanna Clark: But he changed his mind. Okay, and

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Joanna Clark: So, Governor Brown and signed it into law and

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Joanna Clark: It became effective

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Joanna Clark: In

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Joanna Clark: January of 78, I think it was

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Evan Taylor: 78 okay

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And so

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Joanna Clark: With that is sent me on the thing is is hey, the system works.

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Joanna Clark: Yeah, so this

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Evan Taylor: This is your first sort of venture into into activism that happened completely accident.

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Joanna Clark: And of course, I wasn't even born in California. I was born in Michigan. So, and I find somebody else in Michigan was working on it. I started writing letters to Michigan.

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Joanna Clark: And then I got a letter, one day from says stop reading your letters, don't say a thing from it between now and next month. And he says,

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Joanna Clark: We're revising the entire health code. It's over 6000 pages and in there is a change because will allow you to change your birth to it. And if you keep writing, it's going to draw attention to it and they'll find it not probably cross it off.

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Joanna Clark: So I live in

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Joanna Clark: So nobody knows. And when I signed the bill because nobody's going to read 6000 pages. And sure enough, and so they passed, and then I got a letter from him with application to fill out and send back into get my numbers to it.

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Evan Taylor: And who was it that that sort of gave you that heads up.

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Joanna Clark: Well, it was, I don't remember her name, but she she was among I think from Royal Oak

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Joanna Clark: And she was one had been hitting up and trying to get it change and

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Joanna Clark: I don't know who told me about her then. But I wrote a letter to I know and and got the information I needed and then started writing my own letters.

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Joanna Clark: And so then

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Joanna Clark: One night through the console, people were complaining, they were going to go to Taiwan for their surgery. Right. You're getting good surgeries over there and it was much cheaper by fans passport problem.

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Joanna Clark: And passport office wouldn't change your change your passports, who are

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Joanna Clark: So you will have a problem you're going over there as a male and coming back as a female, they might not let you in going back

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Joanna Clark: Right, because you don't have the appropriate identification. So I wrote a letter to the State Department and

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Joanna Clark: I got a nice letter back basically saying, No, and I wrote back to my says, look, this is this is a serious problem. These people so they're going over medical care because it can get better medical care there, then we can hear at a lower cost and but this creates a problem for them.

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Joanna Clark: Mm hmm. And so they came back and says, okay, will issue a one year temporary passport.

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Joanna Clark: In their new if they've had a legal name change right and

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Joanna Clark: So,

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Joanna Clark: And then when they come back for their letter, showing that they've had the surgery. Then we'll issue them on a brand new five year pass for

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Joanna Clark: Gotcha. So we've got that through. And then we weren't getting any protection from the Rehabilitation Services Administration.

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Joanna Clark: And so I took them on and finally they agreed that they would provide

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Joanna Clark: Funding for electrolysis for

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Joanna Clark: males or females and that lasted about six months and then they did away with the Rehabilitation Services Administration and they pass the American Disabilities Act and in there they excluded transactions altogether.

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Joanna Clark: So,

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Joanna Clark: Anyways,

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Joanna Clark: Then

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Joanna Clark: I had my surgery and

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Joanna Clark: November anchor was of 75 I was working at the colony and

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Joanna Clark: This kernel comes in, Lieutenant Colonel Woolford. And he wanted to put out recruiting posters for the Army Reserve. Right. And so I walked down and certainly we can put him up and

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Joanna Clark: He's like to join ISIS. I don't think I'm eligible nice is how old are you, and I says, I'm 32 for no. I said 35 and you see well okay 30 tues to cut off.

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Joanna Clark: So yeah, that would disqualify unless she got to be a service. And I said, I've got previous service in the Navy, and he says,

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Joanna Clark: How many years I since I was in active duty for 12 years and then I have the rest of it was reserved time for a total of 17 right and he says all that satisfies that and we can take you. And I said, Well, I don't think, I don't think I'm eligible and

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Joanna Clark: He just kept, you know, why do you think that so I finally said, Okay, well I had sex reassignment right. Did you watch Medical Center last night.

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Joanna Clark: And I says, yeah, I says, I saw the doctor play bio always his name, the actor read

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Joanna Clark: The transsexual

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Evan Taylor: Okay.

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Joanna Clark: Is that was fascinating and

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Joanna Clark: He says, Well, he says, but I don't understand. He says, you can still do the job. He is the course I can.

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Joanna Clark: He says, Well, why don't you send me your DD 214 let me look into it. Well, I've got my DVD 14th corrected.

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Joanna Clark: With the help of Congress.

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Joanna Clark: Okay, and

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Joanna Clark: Which is a story in itself, because when when it got done

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Joanna Clark: My dad knew fell apart from his days when he was an assemblyman and so dad went back there and he stopped into thanking and

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Joanna Clark: He wasn't in the office that day, but he talked to his chief of staff and he says, you realize what happened and how the center didn't my dad says no.

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Joanna Clark: He says, well, the Navy refuse to change your records. So the center says, well, when you change your records. I'll still scheduled hearings fear appropriations for your new aircraft carrier

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Evan Taylor: Oh my goodness.

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Joanna Clark: So they changed my records, very quickly.

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Evan Taylor: And so, so all this happened all these records were changed after your surgery.

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Joanna Clark: after my surgery. Yes. Okay.

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Evan Taylor: And so around. What time is it, what year is this around about when this when this recruiter comes in.

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Joanna Clark: And it was 75 November 75

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Joanna Clark: Okay, I had my surgery in June.

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Joanna Clark: Okay, so see you

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Joanna Clark: Later, I haven't. The only my copy my DVD 14th and he calls up and says, If you can pass the physical, we can take you

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Joanna Clark: And I said, okay, so I went out and

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Joanna Clark: Took the physical and I yeah

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Joanna Clark: And I know there was something going on in their minds because the couple of the doctors were whispering

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Joanna Clark: Right after the examination, but I put down that I'd have pelvic reconstruction.

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Joanna Clark: Right. And because that's going to set up my medical records.

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Joanna Clark: And so anyways.



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Joanna Clark: And they did a pelvic exam and

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Joanna Clark: So I would just tell you, I sue Olivia tells you how good the surgery was in the qualifications of at least one army ob gyn

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Evan Taylor: Right, I was gonna, I was gonna, I was gonna say if that was that part of it was that a standard part of that that physical exam was that an expert that

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Joanna Clark: Because part of it physically

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Joanna Clark: So anyways, I went out filled on all the paperwork and I filled it out completely accurately previous name everything so

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Joanna Clark: I got sworn in on February six of 76 has a sergeant first class and I was with the 49th medical Battalion, and I was there.

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Joanna Clark: Until we see

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Joanna Clark: On June and they talked me into going full time as a reserve technician and I put in a job application because was civil service and I came through and I was accepted and I got a GS five position at 63rd are calm, which was planned okay branding general so I'm up there.

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Joanna Clark: Were 76. This was a 76

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Joanna Clark: So June is 76 so I'm there for a month and my name comes up on the GS seven list for a job of being a fort MacArthur in San Pedro. So I go down there and I'm interviewed by Colonel Peterson and it was going to be for the US to position, which was intelligence and

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Joanna Clark: We go through discussion and he says, well, he says, I think you can handle a job. And he says, but there is one thing you need to know the person that you'll be working for is major queen. Oh, and he's a high priest of the first Church of Satan.

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Joanna Clark: Would you ever problem with that.

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Joanna Clark: And I looked at Mrs. Well, as long as he doesn't have a probably somebody said a sex change right girl started laughing mused as a good comeback.

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Joanna Clark: So he says, When can you start as soon as well. And we see how about next Monday. And he says, Great. We'll see here Monday morning. And so the following Monday I signed in, and took out my new job, and I was

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Joanna Clark: Found a place was in an absolute mess. And so I said the cleanup process, they had all I had for army regulations was Fifth Army. They were about five years out of date.

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Joanna Clark: And so I had to go over in order all new regulations and get to the library of today. And then I found it. It was lots of people have requested school and they were just sitting there.

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Joanna Clark: So I started calling them up on the phone and talking to them and says, I found your application for school.

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Joanna Clark: You still want to go right yes if I can get it. So I said, Okay, I'll look into it, but I was, I think,

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Joanna Clark: Seven or eight maybe nine people are totally requested school in their application is just with setting in the drawer and the technician Sarah hadn't done a thing.

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Joanna Clark: And so I got on the phone, made some phone calls, call them up and says, okay, is new class starting in three weeks, can you be there.

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Evan Taylor: Right.

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Joanna Clark: I'll say yes.

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Joanna Clark: school they went and which made him very happy. Well, then

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Joanna Clark: My boss.

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Joanna Clark: In the civilian aspect of it Vito morrow. He was a S one and he was an automobile accident and not a quadriplegic and then passed away. Well, that made me now the acting

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Joanna Clark: senior officer there, you can say okay and but every card. They have a commission. So they nominated me for promotion to warrant officer second position and when my records GOT TO THE NOMINATION. Got to

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Joanna Clark: Washington, that's when the verbal crap hits the fan.

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Joanna Clark: And all the people mattered out here in California, and they knew right didn't buy them at all. Even the commanding general knew

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Joanna Clark: And all he could say is, you know, I wish we had more like you

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Joanna Clark: Wow, you know you are doing such a good job. And so anyways. Then it became. See ya. Time for them and they started saying, Well, we didn't know anything about it.

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Joanna Clark: But I pulled up the records, you know, here's my records look everywhere. I mean, I didn't leave anything out.

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Joanna Clark: And they looked at it and this is all right, well, we can't get you on fraud on the list, but then it's going to have to be an erroneous unless when Ben somebody got the idea. Well, before we do that, maybe we ought to send it over the Naval Hospital for physical

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Joanna Clark: And so they sent you over to Long Beach naval hospital and I'm minister of so is

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Joanna Clark: African American Navy captain and he's doing this exam pelvic exam and he says this is too important.

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Joanna Clark: Can you come back tomorrow. I says, What do you mean, he says, I want you to see the head of every department. They will all be Navy captain, so I'll be board certified in especially

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Joanna Clark: Right. I don't want you to tell them anything unless they ask you point blank.

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Joanna Clark: Okay, then you can tell. So because we don't want to buy some before they get started right. And so I went to that guy a tree, you got evaluated there and got past went to internal medicine got past there. Got to ob gyn and I'm on the table.

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Joanna Clark: And he's got the spectrum and maybe he's looking around and he says, I really don't understand this. Why, any incident could have done this.

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Joanna Clark: And why do they insist that I do and it's as well because I'm considered a special case, he says, What do you mean a special case, you're just a sergeant first class.

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Joanna Clark: And I said, Well, it's a little bit more complicated than he said, Well, what is it, and I says, I've been to sex reassignment as head pops down notes around he looks up. This is now I can say, I've seen everything he so I still don't understand what's the problem.

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Joanna Clark: And this is what they say there is a problem.

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Evan Taylor: Right.

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Joanna Clark: And this is why you sexually active. And I says, Yeah, I have a boyfriend and

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Joanna Clark: This is

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Joanna Clark: Are you happy. I said yes and

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Joanna Clark: Only disappointed. I can't get pregnant and but I'll say that I'm fine. And he's okay. He says, Uh, I'll have to talk it over the others Napa.

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Joanna Clark: And we'll see what happens. So the next day I'm called to come back. We go into the commanding officers office and sit down and all these actions to anchor is five or six doctors all Navy captains all board certified

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Joanna Clark: And he says this is the way we're going to write it up disqualified only on the current wording of they are 40 dash five one paragraph to 13 s qualified physically and psychologically to perform all the requirements of their position and rank recommend full intent for retention.

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Joanna Clark: And the next day my list was voided

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Evan Taylor: Oh no. So, so this was the doctor in California, who's telling the doctor everyone in Washington. This is basically this person is medically, you know,

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Joanna Clark: Working with one doctor, it's the entire team and then signed off by the commanding officer of the Naval Hospital.

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Joanna Clark: And all broke, board certified physicians all saying the same thing. I was qualified physically and psychologically perform the duties of my rank and position.

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Joanna Clark: And beyond that was the other aspects, why's that chapter to apply to appointment induction or enlistment and a pre existing conditions.

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Joanna Clark: If you had served or four months, then you had to be evaluated in your chapter three and chapter three made no mention so they basically they had no grounds to discharge me

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Right.

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Evan Taylor: So what happened next in Washington.

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Joanna Clark: So anyways,

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Joanna Clark: Ah, they've waited, the enlistment and let me go. I made applications to try and get things changed. You got nowhere.

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Joanna Clark: So I packed up and by then, of course, the president gotten a hold of it.

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Joanna Clark: What had happened was is that after they avoided enlistment I've gone over and talk to him. Christine sharks and who had become friends with she lived a couple miles away from us.

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Joanna Clark: And I go over and stay at her house and take care of our dog whenever she was traveling and so Christine says well you when you go to the press and so I don't just a person sees she called shearling Duke at the LA Times.

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Joanna Clark: He was investigative report Charlene came out and he interviewed me and says, this is what we call it g with story I'd like to run with it, I says, okay, you'll need this, I gave her the alert roster. It had the name and address if everybody in the battalion.

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Joanna Clark: And being a good investigative reporter instead of calling the commanding officer, the battalion. She called the lowest ranking person interview them and then work your way up and she talked to about 70% of the battalion.

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Joanna Clark: Before the before she got the exact

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Joanna Clark: Becky boxer says, I shouldn't be talking to her, and hung up on her.

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Joanna Clark: And the next day they put a gag order, but it was too late.

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Joanna Clark: So the story ran September 14 of 77

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Joanna Clark: And

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Joanna Clark: I took that and I did a TV interview on PBS and they gave me a copy of the videotape. And I took the videotape and the LA Times story, put it together in a package and wrote President Carter and asked for help.

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Evan Taylor: Did you hear back

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Joanna Clark: Oh yes Christmas Eve, I'm

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Joanna Clark: The Horns honking look up the kitchen window. And here's the postman coming down the street.

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Joanna Clark: honking his horn and itemize what's up is. It's here. It's here, it's here he hands me a letter from the White House. It was three page letter and it

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Joanna Clark: Showed that the allegations against me and nope no foundation. They were created strictly to discredit me in case you've got into the press. So I was cleared of everything.

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Joanna Clark: It also said that record showed that I was psychologically qualified perform the duties of my rank and decision. However, many medical record regulations at the time prohibited by investment so he couldn't bring me back in, but he didn't give me clear to volley allegations.

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Okay.

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Joanna Clark: So anyways, I wrote him back in a slider and thank you for what he did for me and

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Joanna Clark: I didn't get a response back back time but

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Joanna Clark: I'm sure you got the letter, and I hope he did

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Evan Taylor: I mean, if you guys are not the first one and acted so it you know just so much based on one

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Evan Taylor: That one letter. I'm staring out the second one.

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Joanna Clark: Yeah. So anyways,

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Joanna Clark: That was it. So after that, depressed. How to me for a few Oh probably six, seven months doing stories, then the A finally decided that I wasn't going to be a story anymore. And then I made vows as a sister and in

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Joanna Clark: January epiphany January's fix of ABA. Okay. And unfortunately, a friend who worked in the same building where I worked at

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Joanna Clark: She needed to the contact reporting and I've given her Jean past goes name at the register and she was getting ready to sue the school board. And so anyway, she called gene and gene says, Well, how is Joanna doing so fine I see she's becoming sister. She said, You thousand 20

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Joanna Clark: So do you showed up and was in the audience at night when I made my files.

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Joanna Clark: And on the front page and it was everything I told the church was going to happen, they got into the press and I had to postpone it, but they said no, they said if the press shows up is because God wants them here and I don't understand.

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Joanna Clark: And they didn't

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Joanna Clark: Okay, so the next day I found out to division was that going to

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Joanna Clark: See us and we have to wait almost, almost nine weeks before he finally agreed to see us. Wow. And he said, no, we can't support you.

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Joanna Clark: So with that,

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Joanna Clark: I was basically out of the church and wasn't excommunicated. But to this the fact that they were not going to support anything I was doing

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Joanna Clark: And so I

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Evan Taylor: very explicit that that was

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Evan Taylor: That was that the that the transition was the reason like

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Yeah.

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Joanna Clark: They, they couldn't accept that part of it. Okay, anyways, that put me on the picture. Well, then

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Joanna Clark: I have been doing volunteer work with the homeless and and

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Joanna Clark: Poverty groups and down in Capistrano beach. There was a HUD housing project down there called the Cofield apartments and

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Joanna Clark: I got involved with them and I was going down and running a scholarship program to the kids write an essay and why you want to go into space and the best essay would get a free trip to the space Academy in Huntsville for a week and so

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Joanna Clark: We had one one boy we sent and then the next one, who is a girl and she won the contest, but her mother wouldn't take her down to her and get her physical

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Joanna Clark: And she had to have a letter from Jackie was showing. She was good bonuses. So I kind of cost you anything mail. I says.

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Joanna Clark: Or just take you take her down there. She gets clean bill of health and letter from the doctor and then she's ready to go. We'll get her a plane ticket and she can go to Huntsville spend a week there in the school just like

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Joanna Clark: The Lopez boy did and

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Joanna Clark: It will come back, you know, we're wearing a national jumpsuit.

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Joanna Clark: And she says, No, I won't do it on. She can't go.

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Joanna Clark: And I don't know what her reasoning was because I mean she literally stole an opportunity of the world, all because the fat you think your daughter in the air. Examine now the doctor give her a letter saying that she was healthy

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Joanna Clark: Right and so anyways and

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Joanna Clark: I had an opening, but I had nobody to go and so

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Joanna Clark: I asked around trying to find somebody else and didn't have anybody that was qualified or in a position to go. So the young man that I sent previously. I says, How jack to go again to the advanced course he's oh yeah so okay

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Joanna Clark: It's your lose a week of school.

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Joanna Clark: Right, that's going to be the class because the last class before Christmas.

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Joanna Clark: So you get to all your homework for the teacher, do you have to do for that week and you get that work done before you leave. And you can go

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Joanna Clark: And so I sent him back. He went back and did the two week program and came back, just the static and then from there, he said he wanted to go to summer school and

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Joanna Clark: Enroll over at capital.

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Joanna Clark: Capital Renshaw Dana hills school and

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Joanna Clark: He was there for a week and a half. And he says, You don't belong here. You're supposed to be in San Clemente

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Joanna Clark: So they tossed him out in San Clemente wouldn't taking because it was too late to schools are you an operation. So we went and got a tutor.

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Joanna Clark: And next thing you know all the kids that were in the HUD housing project we're all coming over to his house they set out an online and the tutor would tutoring for eight weeks for the summer.

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Joanna Clark: And so he went on a graduate from high school and graduated magna cum live from San Diego State goddess master's degree in business education.

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Joanna Clark: Why then he went to work for the gap and I lost contact with after a few years, but he went back and got a job in Chicago at the gap and management so so anyways. Those are some of the things that I was doing the not really involved.

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Joanna Clark: With you know the trans Cisco transsexual community.

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Joanna Clark: Then when the problems of the church. I finally packed up and I went to Missouri and that's where I met a couple people who are HIV positive.

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Joanna Clark: They had no place to go. And, of course, that time. If your neighbor new you at HIV. The tendency is you got your house burned to the ground.

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Joanna Clark: And which is basically a quick call was what happened with why Mr Ryan White sub parents. They got burned out because he was HIV positive.

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Joanna Clark: And so anyways.

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Joanna Clark: So this is

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Joanna Clark: The 89. This was a at 89 that was there and so

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Joanna Clark: I said it's gotta be a way to get them information and help

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Joanna Clark: Right. And I was working on electronic bulletin board to the time. And I said, this is it. And this is because they all have party lines and somebody picks up the phone all agree here is a BB BB BB

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Joanna Clark: modem talking back and forth and they'll hang up and it will maybe break the connection. But on the other hand, they won't lose their privacy.

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Joanna Clark: Right, and so I packed up came back to California and moved in here. Oh, my parents again. And so bulletin board and

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Joanna Clark: The next thing we knew the Internet came along and

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Joanna Clark: They

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Joanna Clark: contacted me from

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Joanna Clark: Several communications and he says, Would you accept money from a pharmaceutical and I says, what all the pen. I says, if they've got a good drug

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Joanna Clark: You know, I'll mention him, but I'm not going to promote their drunk. Right. And he says, well that's good enough, is we just want to get information, you just want to get information out. That's good. And you made a name for yourself.

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Joanna Clark: So they call me and they came out to visit and they agreed to fund us to go on the internet and I got a kick out of it because

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Joanna Clark: When they called the following call me was name was Tom Sawyer.

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Joanna Clark: And his boss with Ian went

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Joanna Clark: Back.

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Joanna Clark: And thinking, this can't be for real.

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Joanna Clark: But then, there they were. They came out and my dad says, nobody's going to give you \$109,000

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Joanna Clark: And now after they left faces. They said they were, they just pointed like nobody's going to do that. So the next morning FedEx comes with an envelope and

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Joanna Clark: I signed for open it up. My dad, of course, use the visual tech machine, and we went in there and now I said, Dad, you need to take a look at this, you put it as visual, tactile he certainly is 10900000 109,000 sec, I did you notice the dollar sign before these slides it back is

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Joanna Clark: Nobody would give you \$109,000 ISIS, Dad. There's to check, obviously.

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Joanna Clark: He says, okay, he says.

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Joanna Clark: You can start paying rent and I said, Okay. And I'll start charging you for every time you have to go someplace.

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Joanna Clark: Okay, but you're going to pay the electric bill and I says, the electric bill will be paid. And he says, how much is it going to be. And I said, well, this month. It was a fun \$150 he's \$150 I never paid electric bill or \$35

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Joanna Clark: Let's wait a month or two, and see what it's going to be so two months later he comes in. He says, do you get the bill yet. And he says, yeah, how much was the electric bill as a \$745

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Evan Taylor: Oh my goodness.

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Joanna Clark: He says seven and \$45. He says, Who's going to pay back and I says, The National Institute of Health.

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Evan Taylor: That's all 109,000 \$200,000 for



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Joanna Clark: Know that was a separate grant from the National Library of Medicine.

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Evan Taylor: Oh, so this is a separate piece. So you did.

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Evan Taylor: You end up and charging the electrical bounce it back to national health

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Joanna Clark: So national National Institute of Health, Peter electric bill.

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Evan Taylor: That they actually did.

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Yes.

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Evan Taylor: That's great. So how long did you run. So this was the ages site. Yes.

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Joanna Clark: Yes, it was a just say we ran the Aegis site until 1990 from 1990 Missy when we went active on the bulletin board 1990 and it was 1996 when we went online on the Internet.

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Evan Taylor: Okay.

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Joanna Clark: We ran until 2015

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Evan Taylor: And we have to find it that entire time did you pass it down to other folks.

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Joanna Clark: Know I ended up I reached a point where I couldn't do it all myself. I was too big. And so, Tom, called me one day is our things going guys is fine. Except, Tom, I suppose it's gotten too big for me.

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Joanna Clark: This is going to take more people to run it and he says, Oh, great. You finally realize that, and I CGI so 16 hour day, seven days a week. I says, people have been calling my parents asking him from saw alive.

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Evan Taylor: Oh my goodness.

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Joanna Clark: That's a lot of work anymore. And so he says, well, how much going to need. And I had no idea what to ask for. And I said, Well, I'm going to hire at least two people, and at least \$25,000 each for basic starting salary and he says, you'll have it tomorrow morning.

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Joanna Clark: Yeah. And the next morning the FedEx was there and had a check. And so we hired our first two people and that fear came on board you as a business leader became our business manager and

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Joanna Clark: You. He had a he was a CPA and so he took early retirement and

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Joanna Clark: And then we hired a young woman who just had a baby and she came for an interview she had the baby with her and Zach was

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Joanna Clark: At that time, was about three months old. And so I do the interviewer I'm holding the baby on my lap bouncing up and down. Yo, and and having a ball and I said, Okay, I said I'll hire you. On one condition. And she says, What's that you got to bring the baby to work every day.

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Joanna Clark: It seems like she's You're kidding. I said, don't ask the conditions. Well, yeah, I'll be happy to bring yes and

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Evan Taylor: It's a nice extra, extra that spending of your income on all the babysitting that usually

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Joanna Clark: Required. So we got to play piano and put it in the living room. There were the computer uses brawl at now.

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Joanna Clark: And she took or the dining room area and we we closed it in. Okay, and I work in the living room and she had an open doorway coming into living room.

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Joanna Clark: So that she could see the baby and Zachary we put down in front of the TV and I got a bunch of DVDs and stuff that were all designed for babies.

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Joanna Clark: And keep them occupied during the daytime. And then we had to hire another person. So Lisa came on and she took my position in my corner and I moved over where the main TV and been on the wall.

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Joanna Clark: And

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Joanna Clark: That became my desk for a while, but then we had to hire someone else to come on board. And so I moved into the bedroom and I put a pool in the middle of the floor and

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Joanna Clark: That had a minor and keyboard swung over my bed and I got to adjust to bed. And so I lay there in my bed and work all day long.

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Joanna Clark: And Zachary would come in and climb up on the bed next to me and he have he turned on the TV so he could watch

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Joanna Clark: Cartoons when I was in there and take a break and

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Joanna Clark: Pretty soon. I said, watching nog courses from the teaching company.

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Joanna Clark: Right. And I'd be mala tasking working away in the course on the corpsman I exactly came in and started watching them.

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Joanna Clark: A Mind you, he's not even five years old, yet watching these things and

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Joanna Clark: So he starts kindergarten and at the end of the day, his mother comes and picks him up and she has about two and a half hours of work to do before it's time to go home and so exactly comes in and joins me in my room and watches these courses. And then finally,

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Joanna Clark: After my dad passed away. He started going into the other bedroom and climbing over the bed and watching him there.

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Joanna Clark: And by the time he gets the fourth grade. He's completed physics theory relativity quantum physics is just starting string theory.

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Joanna Clark: Oh my goodness, you know, and these are kinds of courses. So he gets into the class one day and the teacher introduces the class to protons, electrons and neutrons. And he asked him afterwards is any questions. And sorry, what's the hands up and says, What about the quarks.

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Joanna Clark: And this is this is the what the court, you know, the quarks and the teacher had no idea what he was talking about.

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Joanna Clark: Let me pause here and

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Joanna Clark: Vanessa puts the speakerphone on so I can hear and he's rambling about what what the devil is Zach talking about where do you get all this crazy ideas and stuff. And finally, a month SS as well. He's completed.

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Joanna Clark: Roughly four years of college courses and advanced physics, you know, you might ask him to teach a course.

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Evan Taylor: At this point, you have all these people working in every single room, basically in the house.

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Joanna Clark: Yes, yes.

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Evan Taylor: And how many people was this at this point that we're actually

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Joanna Clark: Working then

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Joanna Clark: We had 123 those five of us who were here.

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Joanna Clark: And

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Joanna Clark: Forum. We're in the living room.

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Joanna Clark: And dining room or yeah

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Joanna Clark: And it

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Evan Taylor: Sounds that you're in now.

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Joanna Clark: Mm hmm.

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Joanna Clark: So anyways,

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Joanna Clark: Then when it got to that point, it was just too crowded and I was getting concerning we were gonna blow those circuits here because of the pedestal would only handle 110 am

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Joanna Clark: Right. And I was concerned about that. So I finally one day and and my dad was still alive and taking taking care of him.

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Joanna Clark: And he wander off sometimes do we have to go track him down. Find out where he's gone. He get lost and so anyways we move the office down to

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Joanna Clark: Pursue Adelanto and just happened to be that looking at our kitchen window looking down the street to a carport of the house down at the end of the street. We look right directly into the window, the office, we had

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Joanna Clark: So when it became clear that

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Joanna Clark: Somebody who's ever stayed home. My dad I moved back to the house and we set up a wireless connection between the house in the office shooting straight through the neighbors carport

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Joanna Clark: So anyways,

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Joanna Clark: And then dad passed away and then we lost one of our grants. So he said, Well, we're going to move everybody back the house.

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Joanna Clark: I said, Well, we've moved all the servers back here, get them all set up and I'll run them from the house. Let's go to a wide area network and everybody can work from home.

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Joanna Clark: Okay, and the requirement is you got to put at least six hours a day, five days a week. Well, all of them were volunteers to a certain extent because they were putting in eight and 10 hours a day, right, maybe for sex.

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Joanna Clark: But they all had somebody in their family. They was HIV positive. So they really were motivated. Yeah. So, it kept buying we had 20 newspapers globally that allowed us to use their material. And so we had all your stories that were being published. Wow. And, and then we had all the AIDS conferences.

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Joanna Clark: All the abstracts from them, we were putting online. Okay. And we would go out and

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Joanna Clark: Find the authors. So they presented at the conferences and they asked him if they had their PowerPoint or PDF to these for the presentation. And if they would share it with. And then what we do, we'd give it the same file name with a PDF on it or PPT and attach it to the abstract.

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Joanna Clark: And so then they could read the abstract and if anyone read the full article or presentation but God and then later I'm doing

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Evan Taylor: This with their with their PowerPoints.

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Joanna Clark: And then it could pull it up and people could read it right online.

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Evan Taylor: Did you get did most people that your approach to give you the give you the PowerPoint.

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Joanna Clark: On. No, I would say maybe 60%

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Evan Taylor: Okay, wow.

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Joanna Clark: Game and others would say we're getting ready to publish, so we can't do it.

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Joanna Clark: Right. So, and then

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Joanna Clark: NIH show after the

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Joanna Clark: bio med central and UK became a free medical library. And then we started here. It was the Public Library of Science.

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Joanna Clark: Kill last which is still there and

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Joanna Clark: They brought pressure on NIH that in giving grant money to people for research, they would have to sign an agreement that 12 months after publication, they had to give a copy of their paper to National Library of Medicine okay created public central

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Joanna Clark: Now you'll find their entire papers online right now and the paid

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Joanna Clark: publishers like New England Journal john general medicine and stuff. They were not happy campers.

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Joanna Clark: By there was nothing they could do

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Joanna Clark: And then

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Evan Taylor: These articles.

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Joanna Clark: Then p o s came along and publishing also, and more and more people were publishing and POS he had Peel, peel PLOS One was their first publication.

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Joanna Clark: I haven't been other in a long time. But there was, I think, about six, seven publications that they created like Biomet central did in in the UK. Okay.

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Joanna Clark: So that became the competition to keep the prices down.

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Joanna Clark: Because suddenly people, you know, you go out there, like how you want to buy an ABS you read the abstract and say you want the full report don't charge \$150 for it.

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Joanna Clark: Right, maybe six pages long.

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Joanna Clark: Right. Oh.

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Evan Taylor: And how did you, I mean, how did you did you have mentors or people that you looked up to that you knew how to do this type of sort of activism, but because it sounds like you would do, you know, just all all seem to kind of fall in your lap.

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Joanna Clark: It was learning to go

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Joanna Clark: Okay. And one of the things like starting out on the BBS using Doss, you only had a maximum of eight characters plus three characters for your tagline like txt vertex HTM for an HTML file.

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Joanna Clark: And

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Joanna Clark: So trying to keep this thing organized. We came up with the idea that, okay. Associated Press AP and then the year two digits and the month two digits. And then, which article sequence of was so you'd have say AP

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Joanna Clark: Eight.

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Joanna Clark: 812 oh six, which you'd be was published in December, radiate, and this was the six article of the month.

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Joanna Clark: Okay, well great enough we could go up to 99 if we had more than 99 articles for the month. Then we go to

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Joanna Clark: A baby AC, so forth.

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Evan Taylor: Gotcha, and

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Evan Taylor: Very complex cataloguing system in order to make sure you can actually host all of

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Joanna Clark: Payments. And it turned out it worked out beautifully.

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Evan Taylor: And where was all the work that you did you enjoy did not. They had the the J to CP work that you did. So where did. Where did that fallen in the

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Joanna Clark: J TCP a half your Dude, I got involved.

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Joanna Clark: Harrington foundation shut down. Okay.

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Joanna Clark: It's almost complete simply got Paul Walker in Galveston University, University of Texas Galveston, and they moved it down there and renamed it the Janice information facility.

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Joanna Clark: Okay. And then Paul decided to leave there and go into private practice and he didn't have the time to run it. And so a

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Joanna Clark: Dude, and I offered to take it over condition was we had to rename it. We couldn't call it the Janice information.

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Joanna Clark: Okay. And so we had to come up with a name and we couldn't think of anything. And one day I kind of spiked out. So how about Jay to CP, you know, join in June, June Joanna Clark and patent and you know I'm juice that works for me.

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Joanna Clark: So we became J to CP and and Paul had a fit.

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Evan Taylor: Because he renamed it

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Joanna Clark: Because we've renamed it and they inject ourselves, so to speak, right as well. You know, we wanted to be Janice, you wouldn't laws to use it. So,

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Joanna Clark: So anyways, then I started writing legal issues and got the first couple pamphlets out and then I was asked to write a major pamphlet.

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Evan Taylor: Around what year is this

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Joanna Clark: A that would be

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Joanna Clark: 8988 89 along in the air. Okay, let me see you don't go back longer that we took over.

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Joanna Clark: Let me see.

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Joanna Clark: The Prison case was

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Joanna Clark: 81

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Joanna Clark: To 86

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Joanna Clark: So we'd probably took it over.

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Joanna Clark: Around 87

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Okay.

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Joanna Clark: So then, at nine and then 90 I made the growth. The big one sister Mary Elizabeth and had the white cover on it, which is published.

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Joanna Clark: So,

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Joanna Clark: And

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Evan Taylor: And how to be that work continued to evolve.

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Joanna Clark: Well, it evolved during the the

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Joanna Clark: Writing and during that time. But what happened was is that I

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Joanna Clark: got hired by the ACLU for a couple years.

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Joanna Clark: Okay, I only worked for him for you full time for a year and LA, and then they started exporting stuff down to my office by your own secretarial service in San Juan and

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Joanna Clark: I had Alexa Tron word processor that my parents who blow me the money for Dubai and

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Joanna Clark: Which is one of the first certainly word processors and so I would start doing work for them. And they would send a couple of attorneys down

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Joanna Clark: Who'd spent a day working in my office with me. Okay. And I bought a small legal library there of the American law reviews and the California codes and some of the federal codes and

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Joanna Clark: So we work there. And then one day I got a call and

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Joanna Clark: Let's call. No, I got a letter was forwarded it to me from ACLU and it was a jailhouse lawyer in San Diego, and they had a male to female pre op that was there.

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Joanna Clark: Being badly abused by the system and they asked to come down and investigate and so they sent me down and I went down, it wouldn't be it wouldn't allow me to see here

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Joanna Clark: So I got to talk to the jailhouse lawyer be show me your picture that he gotten over and gave me a whole bunch of paperwork.

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Joanna Clark: And I left there. I called and told him what was going on. And they gave me a name of a couple of attorneys in San Diego.

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Joanna Clark: So I call them and introduce myself to him what was going on and why, this is why I can be there tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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Joanna Clark: I said, Okay, go see her and see which is come. So we went out and talk to her and agreed to take her cases. So I'll be back. This afternoon for you to sign the paperwork taking back that afternoon, she was gone.

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Joanna Clark: Know they had moved her

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Joanna Clark: And

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Joanna Clark: It was

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Joanna Clark: Close to a month before we heard from her. And then I got a phone call from her collect she was in butter North Carolina at the federal

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Joanna Clark: correctional facility there. And so I contact an attorney and they say, oh you to go down and see here. He went down and talk to her, said, I'll be back in a couple hours with the paperwork came back, she was gone.

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Joanna Clark: In 24 months.

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Joanna Clark: She was in 22 prisons or was it 22 months and 24 prisons and jails, they just kept moving all over the place in front of the got her back to pleasant pleasant and or she started out okay and

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Joanna Clark: When she got to pleasant in that they had put her in with a man and she got rate. So then they put her in them and saying, and she was in administrative segregation when Sarah Jane more got moved in.

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Joanna Clark: And Sarah was

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Joanna Clark: Been moved from all all their

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Joanna Clark: Order and I think it was

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Joanna Clark: On the east coast back to Pleasanton, and

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Joanna Clark: I don't know if you remember, recognize the name but Sarah tried to assassinate Ford outside the hotel in San Francisco.

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Evan Taylor: Okay, yeah.

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Joanna Clark: Misty image data and then shot a gay fella, who is standing behind you.

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Right.

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Joanna Clark: Person. You only got wounded and then see your service scores took her down. So she was serving life when she got in there where she couldn't see any oh yeah so Judas windows that and they could talk back and forth, right, and

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Joanna Clark: Finally got Andrew to talk to. And he was suicidal and Sarah says, I'm not going to commit suicide because that's what they want you to do. And so she

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Joanna Clark: Talked her through it and tender into an activist, so to speak, that wasn't going to take any more crap off the feds right yeah and so she got back in contact with us. We went out and saw and came back down and I was joined by Diane Saunders, who had been jailhouse lawyer.

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Joanna Clark: And she came down and started helping me out and she was brilliant. And so we wrote the complaint and everything went back up and you read it through and signed it, then we took it over and filed in Federal court.

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Joanna Clark: Meantime,

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Joanna Clark: I see.

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Joanna Clark: From Pleasanton, because she

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Joanna Clark: We found the first complaint in federal court in San Francisco and the feds want to get rid of her. And they moved her into Vacaville which is just a prison.

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Joanna Clark: And that's where I got to meet him for the first time, face to face, and then that's where we got the paperwork that she signed. Then we went over and filed with the court in Sacramento.

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Joanna Clark: Ah, because we came out of the courtroom clerk's office there was an

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Joanna Clark: Newspaper guy there from the Sacramento Bee, and he says what we filing and we told him he so that's I'm be a fascinating story. He says, Can I go out and talk to her. And I said, well, what you see here. Yes. Do it.

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Joanna Clark: Okay, I'll do it. So we've gotten a date for I said it'd be about two weeks for the

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Joanna Clark: Hearing for a temporary restraining order. Yeah. So we said, okay, we'll be coming back up. Well, a day. We arrived there for the hearing.

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Joanna Clark: Was the day that the story appeared in the sacrament of be on the front page. I just know could judge Ramirez who drew a straw for that case because when they come in, they don't know what cases are going to have for the day and the carcass hands in the bowl and they pick up their tickets

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Joanna Clark: And he got her

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Joanna Clark: And

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Joanna Clark: Got in Eric or she wasn't there, and the

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Joanna Clark: Complaint was read I made sure it was was Diana. You got to read the complaint and

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Joanna Clark: And so

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Joanna Clark: He

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Joanna Clark: adored the fez is is you have anything to say. And I said, well, it's just a nuisance case, Your Honor. And he says, I don't think so. We're going to hear it. We go to trial.

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Joanna Clark: And so we went to trial. We made four or five trips back and forth, up there. We were able to get Paul Walker Richard Doug Green, who has written a number of books. He was psychiatrists, he's over in England. Now, I think.

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Joanna Clark: He's still alive.

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Joanna Clark: Because of age and

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Joanna Clark: We had one doctor in

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Joanna Clark: Kathy was a from the University of Washington who also had been treating transgender people and

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Joanna Clark: I'm using Word transgender. I hate transgendered. I was

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Evan Taylor: I was going to ask you about that. So I'm very interested in how language has changed over time.

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Joanna Clark: Yeah it well you transgenders become politically correct. Thanks. A key, but

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Joanna Clark: I don't think it describes us because we didn't change our gender we change our sex to conform to our gender.

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Joanna Clark: Right and but everybody uses transgender today and I use it. Also, but I hate the word because it doesn't describe it. So it's wrong.

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Joanna Clark: Right and

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Joanna Clark: So,

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Joanna Clark: Anyways,

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Joanna Clark: He thought he recognized me and

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Joanna Clark: I said well as First time I've been here I since I've been up to Sacramento, a couple times before.

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Joanna Clark: The legislature, but this is the first time I've been in the court system. He's why I'm I know I know who you are. I've seen you number of times.

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Joanna Clark: We've never met. So I get back here to Sacramento saying one, and he calls me on the phone. He says, I went out and started. He is amazing. Got a great story will be publishing and shortly, but

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Joanna Clark: You're famous

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Joanna Clark: And it's all good. And I said, Well, I'm not part of the story.

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Joanna Clark: And he says well you need, we need to talk about tonight says no.

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Joanna Clark: I'm not part of the story. She's a story you stick to her. Okay. And so he agreed to. And he'd stick to every ladies, I want to do a story and you later as well. We'll talk about it later, I get this one resolved first

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Joanna Clark: So anyways,

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Joanna Clark: The judge had to set the article because after the short, brief discussion and all this, he was going to trial.

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Joanna Clark: And so we got

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Joanna Clark: We got Paul and we got Richard coming on and the other dashboard and he wrote a letter and

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Joanna Clark: Any wasn't there for the first day and we went in there and did battle and the judge ruled in her favor giving us a temporary restraining order.

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Joanna Clark: And then with set set the date for trial for the preliminary injunction.

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Joanna Clark: And so high, he ordered that she'd be transferred out of Vacaville and because we were in Southern California. Your that she'd be transferred down to Terminal Island and be housed in the hospital wing away from the man.

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Joanna Clark: And that should not be transferred to you with with other males right so

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Joanna Clark: Transfer starts out the marshes pick her up.

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Joanna Clark: And I get a call that night from her and she's in tears. I since the Andy what's wrong. She says, I'm in the drunk tank in San Francisco with a whole bunch of men.

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Joanna Clark: And so I I call the judge and get a hold of his assistant and



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Joanna Clark: The judge says, I'll take care of it. And so she gets moved out of their into a private cell and then the next morning they transfer down to Terminal Island, and then they bring her back up for the hearing.

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Joanna Clark: And when she comes up for the hearing.

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Joanna Clark: She gets to testify

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Joanna Clark: And she starts to tell her story and the judge says

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Joanna Clark: Can you hold for just a moment, please.

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Joanna Clark: And she says, Yes. And he turns to bail. I says, Would you get some Kleenex for the audience.

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Joanna Clark: They were all crying.

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Joanna Clark: I mean the only the only dry eyes.

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Joanna Clark: And just second ladies.

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Joanna Clark: I'm pretty good. What you doing

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Joanna Clark: Well,

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Joanna Clark: Because you have him down to speak about what

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Joanna Clark: Coalition is doing and he's not part of that.

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Joanna Clark: Meeting, but he doesn't really know anything about it. Oh boy. Yeah. He'd already confirmed with me that he was, he would be here to talk

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Joanna Clark: For it like to be there. I just don't think you get anything to be able to say too much about it. Now, tell me about something else which is climate change related

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Joanna Clark: I could I could come. Would you do it.

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Joanna Clark: For

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Joanna Clark: The afternoon. Yes.

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Joanna Clark: Have you

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Joanna Clark: Well, we've got a small group here of people that are involved, and we want to cover all the hillsides here with trees over

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Joanna Clark: We're going to start, we're going to start small, though, and do some of the places here in town.

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Joanna Clark: Great because

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Joanna Clark: We want the Orange County remove that. Okay. It has started. We want all the cities in Orange County to be part of it. So definitely glad I'm happy to speak about it, you know, we're just kidding.

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Joanna Clark: Well, that's the same with us, we're just getting started. And we're a bunch of novices and don't don't know where we're going or how we're gonna do it.

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Joanna Clark: Okay. Well, listen, we'll look forward to seeing you then. On Tuesday, the seventh

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Joanna Clark: Okay. In the meantime, have a happy new year.

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Joanna Clark: Okay. Okay, bye. Bye now Bye bye.

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Joanna Clark: Great.

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Evan Taylor: Project

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Joanna Clark: I want her in the first place. He was the most knowledgeable

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Joanna Clark: So, and we're trying to try it before. It's the entire area here.

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Evan Taylor: Is that it's this sort of about climate change piece of activism, you're doing

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Joanna Clark: Yes, and that's all I'm doing today is that is climate change trying trying to save the world for for our children.

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Evan Taylor: Which I have a great question about that. I'm actually wondering

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Evan Taylor: In terms of just we talked a little bit about how some, you know, some of the language around transgender and transsexual and how that

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Evan Taylor: All that change. What are some of the biggest changes you've seen that have happened in how do you see things for the trans generation or whatever trans folks and transgender transsexual. How do you see this sort of gender diversity changing in the future.

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Well,

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Joanna Clark: Up until

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Joanna Clark: We got our illustrious narcissistic Zena phobic racist misogynist.

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Joanna Clark: phobe.

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Joanna Clark: homophobe transform president, things are going very well.

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Joanna Clark: The

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Joanna Clark: Obama and Ash Carter, who is a secretary defense had lifted the ban on transgendered so they could serve in the military.

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Joanna Clark: On. So that was progress there and it was a great deal more acceptance coming. I think I'm taking place our children now have clinics.

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Joanna Clark: Where they can receive treatment and you're finding out children are starting to transition, you know, at three and four years of age, right, which when I went through it and 75 you couldn't have surgery before you were 21 right now and

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Joanna Clark: So big changes there. And then you've got a TV program. The series. It was on Discovery Channel. I am j is for the young girl into it right and

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Joanna Clark: We've had more and more films where there has been a transgendered.

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Joanna Clark: Character in the series that was making a significant contribution to, you know, the storyline. So I think that

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Joanna Clark: Things are going well. But now I would say as Christine Jorgensen would say we take two steps for her take three steps forward and one or two back racers or one or two back. I think this time instead of three steps forward. We took a giant leap backwards.

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Joanna Clark: And

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Joanna Clark: We're seeing

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Joanna Clark: The homicide rate going up again.

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Joanna Clark: As a result of all the language and stuff that's going on, coming out of the White House and

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Joanna Clark: It's going to take a while to recover. Yeah. And, but we do have at least I think one transgendered. You've got elected public offices here to we serving on Congress, next year, right.

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Joanna Clark: So our and I take it back. She I guess she serving now and he was a special election, but so I don't know where it's where it's all going to head. I think we're in for probably a few years of difficulty to work through and become a coming united again and

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Joanna Clark: I hope that

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Joanna Clark: I hope that things work out after 2020 we can get rid of him. I'm concerned about the impeachment. If I impeachment. Now we get pens and pencils pencils and crazy, but he is a Dominion Sn extreme radical

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Joanna Clark: And he's probably the one that's been pushing the idea that, you know, we just need to clean house and get rid of all these people

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Joanna Clark: And because you see a lot of Congressmen now, or state senators or state representatives there on Facebook. Who's saying these people should be exterminated right and which I don't know if you're on Facebook and read anything I'm right.

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Evan Taylor: It's not a it's

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Evan Taylor: Not a Facebook person. Maybe I should be if you're on there.

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Joanna Clark: You know, yeah, I'm on air. I'm doing battle all the time, you'll find I live in Kailua Kona and when you see it because i don't i don't tell anybody where I live at

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Evan Taylor: Right, okay.

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Joanna Clark: I don't want anyone I had a bad experience back in the 70s when somebody put a 22 through a window just miss my mother.

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Evan Taylor: Oh my goodness.

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Joanna Clark: When it in shatter fortunately was safety glass and but it put a nice little 22 caliber hole through with shipped and we found the boys in the wooden in the

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Joanna Clark: Back of the kitchen.

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Evan Taylor: Oh my goodness.

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Joanna Clark: If somebody's been sending the kitchen. They probably would have gotten yet, but that was 1774

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Evan Taylor: It was it was a backlash against your

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Evan Taylor: Sort of disability.

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Joanna Clark: At that point,

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Joanna Clark: This is a backlash. You got mad, but I think this was

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Joanna Clark: Women 70 late 77 after the newspaper story started spreading

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Evan Taylor: Gotcha. Okay.

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Joanna Clark: So anyways, uh,

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Joanna Clark: Ah, I decided I was going to be public on Facebook and that that I was going to

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Joanna Clark: Tell where I lived at

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Evan Taylor: Right, yeah. Make

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Joanna Clark: Sense or making more difficult. Of course, and

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Joanna Clark: But anyways, uh, yeah. I've been. I've been taking on the religious fanatics and what have you and

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Joanna Clark: Me see here

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Evan Taylor: Would you say that the visibility of trans folks, you know, as, as things change and become we've been much more visible in the last last few years.

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Evan Taylor: Would you say that that is something that you saw you know if you saw coming in your lifetime. When you were in your first transitioning into the 70s, if you see that kind of change happening.

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Joanna Clark: Uh, I didn't anticipate it to happen so fast. Right, and I think it could Christine by surprise. Also, that when she saw that the change is starting to take place.

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Joanna Clark: And the fact that it wasn't

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Joanna Clark: All the articles written on me were all positive right when I did the TV shows. I had one is turned off bad and

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Joanna Clark: Then after I made a couple remarks the

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Joanna Clark: Host looked over at me and says, You're for real.

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Joanna Clark: And I said, Yes.

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Joanna Clark: And then he changed his old tune and after that the, you know, we are, we had a good exchange.

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Joanna Clark: So,

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Evan Taylor: Starting off of the sort of that the freak show narrative and then

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Joanna Clark: Relax basically started out the freak show near you and

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Joanna Clark: So I put it in this place politely and then you realize, wait a min

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Joanna Clark: And

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Evan Taylor: more respectful journalism at that point.

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Joanna Clark: Yes, he became a real journalist center.

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Right.

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Joanna Clark: So anyways,

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Joanna Clark: Here's one. It was article is finding Catholic bishops encourage parents to be check their transgender children.

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Joanna Clark: That's a story and that was in

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Joanna Clark: And my response to it was when will these old men masquerading as men of God. Learn the gay, straight or trans. There's no more choice and being quiet or colored

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Joanna Clark: Left or right handed or blue or brown eyed Jesus second commandment was loving thy neighbor as thyself. He did not say quote love thy neighbor as thyself, except gay trans left hand and brown skin brown eyed people

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Joanna Clark: Are prejudiced towards others we perceive is different is nothing more than an emotional commitment to ignorance that leads to hate

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Joanna Clark: Are graded our greatness comes not in the color of our skin or the color of our eyes or whether we're right or left handed or gay or straight or trans our greatness comes in our diversity and our ability to love.



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Evan Taylor: Well said. Congratulate beautiful slow clap for that one.

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Joanna Clark: So anyways, on the one are there. I wrote this for slightly different for

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Joanna Clark: evangelicals and then I did change. It also addressing politicians.

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Joanna Clark: Right in the one who was based on an article

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Joanna Clark: In the Republic Tribune, I think it was. And I went out there and I responded to it directly. And then I went and Googled it and find all the papers order it appeared and when posted in every one of the papers as a as a comment.

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Joanna Clark: Nice.

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Joanna Clark: So these are, this is my activism today.

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Evan Taylor: And if you have to give advice to your activist self back in the early days when you didn't know you were going to have to end up doing all this activism and what advice the wisdom, you've gained in that time. What advice would you give your earlier activist self.

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Ah,

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Joanna Clark: Well, I would

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Joanna Clark: Say one gentleman said to daughter, you create your own box and be true to yourself.

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Evan Taylor: That's a nice one. Create your own box of be true to yourself. That's a good one. I like that.

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Joanna Clark: It was a story.

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Joanna Clark: The mother was black. The father was white and she was light skin.

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Joanna Clark: And

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Joanna Clark: When it came filling out some paperwork in school. It had you had to check the appropriate box Caucasian African American, blah, blah, blah.

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Evan Taylor: Right.

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Joanna Clark: He says, I didn't know which window to check

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Joanna Clark: I says, I'm not white. I'm not black. I'm

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Joanna Clark: Half and half. Yeah. And there's no box for me. And the teacher came over and says, Mark Caucasian and she says, but I can't do that because that would hurt my mother.

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Joanna Clark: And I can't check black because that would hurt my father.

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Joanna Clark: Right, so she refused and she didn't check any box. And so then the five older you create your own box.

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Evan Taylor: Love it, love it.

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Joanna Clark: The young girl, they showed showed pictures and we're growing up.

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Joanna Clark: The young girl was making Marco

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Evan Taylor: Was

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Evan Taylor: That came full circle. That was great. I like

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Evan Taylor: If you had to get to think about what kind of a legacy or what would you like to be, what would you like to be remembered for people, you know, and 25 5100 years are looking at this video. What, what would we want them to know about your, your, your legacy

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Oh,

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Joanna Clark: I don't know. Just today. I tried to do the right thing. Um,

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Evan Taylor: I like that because that's come up. That's the second time that phrase has been used

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Joanna Clark: Mm hmm. I think, you know,

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Joanna Clark: I get angry sometimes when I read something that is being written by a lot of the transgender community. Ah.

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Joanna Clark: Because he I get to him and say did you vote. Well, no, it's a waste of time because nobody's going to listen. Right.

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Joanna Clark: This is

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Joanna Clark: Not going to listen if they can't hear you right in the only way they can hear you, is for you to speak up and it says he go out, you get yourself educated on who they are when you're voting and you vote for the people that you know you believe will do the best job and that will

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Joanna Clark: serve you as without degrading you right

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Joanna Clark: And I says, if you don't, then you have nobody to blame but yourself.

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Joanna Clark: You've got to be active and that's how we're we're supposed to be a government with the people, by the people, for the people.

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Joanna Clark: Right. And what we've become is a country of for the corporation corporately by the corporately

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Joanna Clark: Very much.

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Joanna Clark: And that happens because people don't get informed don't vote.

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Joanna Clark: Right.

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Evan Taylor: And I always said, if you don't vote, you don't get to complain.

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Joanna Clark: That's it. And there was years I was in the military. I didn't vote because I didn't figure is in place long enough to get acquainted with the local situation.

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Joanna Clark: Right, I could vote intelligently so Mike's listeners don't vote, I voted for Kennedy. That was the first time I voted, I could have voted for some a couple others before Kennedy.

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Joanna Clark: But I didn't. And after Kennedy. I didn't vote again until a

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Joanna Clark: Later, I got to Reagan, I voted against Reagan.

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Joanna Clark: So,

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Evan Taylor: And what would you, what would you, your hopes be for the next generation of trans trans folks. So I'm just less than half your age. So the folks that are then being born right now who are going to end up being trans. How do we, what would you look out and hope for that.

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Joanna Clark: I would hope that they could

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Joanna Clark: Not have to live their lives in fear.

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Joanna Clark: That they would take an active part in their can society.



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Joanna Clark: You don't have to wear the label.

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Joanna Clark: And it's like is Megan Marcos via said make your own box.

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Joanna Clark: And and be true to yourself.

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Joanna Clark: Would I have become an activist.

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Joanna Clark: Maybe, maybe not.

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Joanna Clark: That one night set me on the road to becoming an activist.

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Joanna Clark: Yet in

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Joanna Clark: 96

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Joanna Clark: I dropped out of the activist community completely

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Joanna Clark: I was working with HIV and AIDS and abs and I wasn't out doing battle, like I do now on Facebook.

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Joanna Clark: I was just simply going out each day finding all the news that I could find and finding on the latest scientific papers and making sure they were organized and displayed in such a way that people could use the database and find the information we're looking for easily

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Joanna Clark: And

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Joanna Clark: But

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Joanna Clark: I would say don't run away from things

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Joanna Clark: Face life head on.

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Joanna Clark: And change what you can remember nothing's going to change. If you don't

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Joanna Clark: Try right

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Evan Taylor: And what's hot. What caused you to quit the active scene at that just at that point in 96 there.

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Joanna Clark: Well I, I was, I was working 16 hour day, seven days a week.

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Joanna Clark: Collecting data for HIV, and I didn't have time for anything else.

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Evan Taylor: Right, okay.

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Joanna Clark: So now after we shut down. I started writing letters. Again, mainly to

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Joanna Clark: Congress saying, you know, that is time to you.

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Joanna Clark: Clean up the regulations in the military, so that the people can serve openly.

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Joanna Clark: Themselves. I said, you'll get a better person, a better person.

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Evan Taylor: Right, yeah.

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Joanna Clark: They won't have to be worrying about all the garbage and that they've had to deal with.

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Joanna Clark: And they will be

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Evan Taylor: Trying to hide that in order to be to be present to be themselves and do good.

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Joanna Clark: And you know, it's amazing. I when I was in the Navy.

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Joanna Clark: I spent my time with my nose in a book all the time.

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Joanna Clark: Or working two jobs just to get back to you and keep my mind off my own personal issues that I was trying to do on suppress

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Joanna Clark: I got married, I know I had a son. I was allowed the parent

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Joanna Clark: I spent most of my time working a second job and coming home, you'd already be asleep and

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Joanna Clark: Kind of like during the war years, who my father. I didn't know memory. My father before each for

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Joanna Clark: He was there, but he was working two jobs right

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Joanna Clark: In the, in the war effort. And so he'd be gone by the time I got up even left the house already and you wouldn't get home until an hour or two after I'd gone to bed.

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Joanna Clark: And so

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Joanna Clark: I look back on it, and I can say is I was lousy parent

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Joanna Clark: And

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Joanna Clark: I think that

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Joanna Clark: We need to create an environment where people can just be themselves and be accepted for who they are.

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Joanna Clark: And

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Joanna Clark: That's going to take some major changes now because of what's happening last couple years.

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Joanna Clark: Have you ever heard a Jane Elliott.

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Evan Taylor: Me.

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Joanna Clark: You got on YouTube and do Jane Elliott, blue eyes brown eyes. Okay, and

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Joanna Clark: There's a

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Joanna Clark: full hour program on her on frontline and a lot of little articles in there.

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Joanna Clark: She was a third grade school teacher in Iowa when Martin Luther King was killed.

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Joanna Clark: And she had to do something.

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Joanna Clark: And the next day she came in and she had ribbons to put around your neck.

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Joanna Clark: And she separated the class brown eyes and blue eyes, right, and blue eyes were superior to brown eyes.

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Joanna Clark: And they could get an extra five minutes on the playground, they could drink from the water fountain.

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Joanna Clark: Or as the brown eyes had to use a paper cup.



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Joanna Clark: And

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Joanna Clark: She was amazing how long it took to that these kids have got along so fine all the time. And there was never a fight and own bowling GOING ON SUNDAY, THEY WERE bullying each other.

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Joanna Clark: Right. And then the next day she came in and she says, I made a horrible mistake. I'm sorry, but it's brown eyes are superior

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Joanna Clark: And of course, better reversal whole thing all over again and

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Joanna Clark: The frontline article

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Joanna Clark: Is the class coming back after 1012 years and talking about the experience. They had

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Joanna Clark: But

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Joanna Clark: We've got a tremendous amount of bullying going on right now in the schools, not just  
trance.

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Joanna Clark: But Hispanic Muslim doesn't matter color your skin. Yeah.

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Joanna Clark: Any difference it's anything is different. Yeah. Ah, that separates you from being a white  
person right and

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Joanna Clark: I would like to see Jane Elliott program adapted for third graders and again for sixth  
graders.

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Joanna Clark: As a refresher course.

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Joanna Clark: And I think that would go a long ways done doing some of the damage being done to our  
children today are being done in their homes.

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Joanna Clark: Yeah, by

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Joanna Clark: Parents who are so divided

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Evan Taylor: Yeah, that gets passed down

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Joanna Clark: Yeah.

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Evan Taylor: They weren't like that when they were born.

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Joanna Clark: No, in fact, there was one article

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Joanna Clark: I know, pick a fight or not.

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Joanna Clark: Let's see.

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Joanna Clark: Yeah. And if I can read this or not to you. It's a letter to my grandfather about Trump dear Grandpa. You've been such an important part of my childhood.

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Joanna Clark: From my earliest days the lessons you taught me have served as my guide to a good and proper life when I denied taking cookie from the cookie jar you taught me why it was wrong to lie.

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Joanna Clark: When I asked you to do a homework assignment that I could do later hand in is my own you Tommy that cheating was wrong.

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Joanna Clark: When I got into an argument with a neighbor you taught me to be kind to others to respect their opinions, even if I disagreed with them.

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Joanna Clark: From you. I learned that all people are created equal. They're looking out for those less fortunate was nothing short of divine

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Joanna Clark: I recall our walks together in the park and the times when you would bend over to pick up someone else's letter so often you marveled at the beauty of nature and spoke

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Joanna Clark: Of our responsibilities as good stewards of the earth. And who can forget the time we walked down the aisle of the supermarket.

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Joanna Clark: And coming toward us was a young boy who is limping and seem to waive his hands uncontrollably.

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Joanna Clark: As I laughed and pointed you got down on your knees and grab my shoulders with your big strong hands you look me sternly into my eyes and told me never ever make fun of someone with a disability.

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Joanna Clark: And today, as I listened to you, praising President Trump you have taught me a yet another lesson. Sadly, it is a lesson I would prefer not to learn for now I understand the meaning of hypocrisy.

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Evan Taylor: Oh, that's a sad. That's really sad.

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Joanna Clark: Yeah, it is.

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Joanna Clark: But it sends me, you know,

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Joanna Clark: To me, when I read it, I said, Wow, I wish I could roll tab.

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Joanna Clark: Because it's a, I think it's important. Yeah, and

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Joanna Clark: We become we well

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Joanna Clark: I look at from the standpoint that in our pledge of allegiance. We were all required to say in school that one nation.

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Joanna Clark: Indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. And then they added in under God.

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Joanna Clark: Back and went 15 1954 I think right but the fact is it's a lie.

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Joanna Clark: Or have had liberty and justice for all. From the very beginning, our Declaration of Independence.

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Joanna Clark: All men are created equal, white men.

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Joanna Clark: Indians. He's looking at a declaration of independence refer to them as merciless singing savages. Right.

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Joanna Clark: And women are not even mentioned

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Joanna Clark: People

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Joanna Clark: So it's from day one has been white men. Right. And there are created equal and nobody else

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Joanna Clark: The 14th amendment finally gave a bit of credibility, except he didn't define person, but it's a person

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Joanna Clark: So,

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Joanna Clark: All persons have rights. What is a person

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Joanna Clark: Right. And if they did explain that out. Maybe we wouldn't have any discrimination going on today.

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Joanna Clark: Continues against other minorities.

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Joanna Clark: Haha

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Joanna Clark: The

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Joanna Clark: lost my train of thought, oh,

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Evan Taylor: No worries. Well, I think the thing I was I was trying to get out of. He was the what what it is that you see that that change could be happening in the future or what what might have to happen in order to make things a bit better in that way.

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Joanna Clark: Yeah, well,

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Joanna Clark: As I say,

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Joanna Clark: The statement liberty and justice for all is a fantasy. It's alive doesn't exist ever has. But it could be

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Joanna Clark: You know, it's like in the first episode of the newsroom

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Joanna Clark: That al and Aaron Sorkin road okay when

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Joanna Clark: He said, America is not the greatest nation in the world.

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Joanna Clark: And after he went to breaking it down. Why then, at the end he says

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Joanna Clark: But it could be

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Right.

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Joanna Clark: But it means that people have to think

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Joanna Clark: critically about what's going on around them. We have to recognize alive for what it is.  
Mm hmm. We've got to recognize the fact that

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Joanna Clark: We are all equal, whether we like it or not.

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Joanna Clark: You want you want to discriminate against a black person want to go and take them by the shoulders and say thank you. If your ancestors had walked out of Africa, I wouldn't be here right

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Evan Taylor: They have made it all those bullets all the way across.

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Evan Taylor: Yeah survive what most of them didn't.

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Evan Taylor: Yeah yeah

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Joanna Clark: And but the fact is, we're all African

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Joanna Clark: And

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Joanna Clark: And the fact that we became white was just evolution is a choice, either become white or continue having working

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Evan Taylor: On this is this one of the threads. I think that I'm as I'm sort of listening to the entire story that I've just heard of so many different so many different narratives that you have

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Evan Taylor: And as I'm thinking about that. There's a thread that I'm seeing that's all that I try and sort of see see what the commonality is and one of them that I'm hearing from you is this thread of you don't back down, you face the things that are in front of

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Joanna Clark: You

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Evan Taylor: But you do so with dignity and a critical a critical eye to it. You don't take it at face value, but you search for those moments where something is on equal and you confront that

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Evan Taylor: That creation of

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Joanna Clark: Of inequality, it's like you know how lucky, a black person is they have natural sunscreen.

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Joanna Clark: Me, you got to go out and spend money on Coppertone

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Evan Taylor: Oh, certainly. If I think about the sun for too long I burns. Yeah.

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Joanna Clark: So we spend a fortune on Coppertone

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Joanna Clark: Right, and they don't have to

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Evan Taylor: So it just it. I think there's a whole a whole thread there that I think it's so important about just understanding equality among so many types of people

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Evan Taylor: Regardless whether it's

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Evan Taylor: Race or HIV or disability or gender or sexuality or anything else.

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Joanna Clark: Then

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Evan Taylor: At that pursuit of equality has been very much

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Joanna Clark: A lifelong passion for you. It has been more so after the transition

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Joanna Clark: That I beforehand. I was just a conservative Republican. Hmm. And because my whole family was republican all because of what happened to my right hand.

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Evan Taylor: And how did that. How did that transition open up a different worldview for you.

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Joanna Clark: Well, it

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Joanna Clark: He had opened up, I think.

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Joanna Clark: My experience with, like, for example, when I left Pontiac and went into the Navy.

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Joanna Clark: Our school our schools were not segregated our schools and Pontiac. We're all fully integrated, but the town was segregated.

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Joanna Clark: The blacks lived on the South side of town where all the heavy industry wasn't all the pollution was the poor whites lived on the east side of town middle class on the North side of town in the wealthy on the west side of town. Yeah.

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Joanna Clark: Gotcha, Norman, Oklahoma, my first real experience there blacks were writing it's back the bus. They had their own water fountains their own toilets their own restaurants.

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Joanna Clark: Their own grocery stores, so to speak, you making going to a white grocery store, but they had a hard time

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Joanna Clark: Service.

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Joanna Clark: Experiencing that for the first time getting to Memphis experiencing that for the same time they're on a larger scale, then getting to Rita or black and white sooner. Mary freely like the one you discriminate against was the Portuguese any white

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Evan Taylor: Right.

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Joanna Clark: But they were in the eyes of many black and whites and in Bermuda. They were the scum of the earth.

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Joanna Clark: Great, and not to be associated with hey on

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Joanna Clark: And I went out looking for a Baptist church. The Baptist Church second fine with the Portuguese Baptist Church which I joined and then when my daughter asked me if I found a church. I says, yes, I, I joined a Portuguese Baptist Church, and I thought the poor guy was gonna have a heart attack.

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Joanna Clark: You want

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Evan Taylor: Really



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Joanna Clark: Don't you know you don't associate with those people.

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Evan Taylor: Right.

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Joanna Clark: And I says, I figured why he's this is muted you just don't do it, and then a week before I left for me to come to the

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Joanna Clark: States to go to Memphis and teach

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Joanna Clark: I'm out on my front porch cleaning up stuff and

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Joanna Clark: Getting everything ready to move out of the house in the end of the week. And along comes this horse and wagon and MARIANA use a friend of mine from the church.

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Joanna Clark: I saw when I waiting Oren he got off his wagon came up several reports to me and I got some lemonade and we're sitting here talking and

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Joanna Clark: reminiscing about our time together and things we did and Mr Butterfield my neighbor comes home and he's a six foot two 250 pound strapping black premium.

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Joanna Clark: He sees the wagon. He looks on the porch and he sees Mariani and he continues on doesn't say anything.

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Joanna Clark: Pretty soon he comes out of his house goes out and does the narrative across the street from us. So you can see our front porch.

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Joanna Clark: And he looks he walks back pretty soon, he's back again just back and forth.

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Joanna Clark: And all I could relate to as as it was a bowl and the pastors coming out, seeing something you didn't like couldn't do anything about it. So go back then you come back and check again, back and forth.

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Joanna Clark: Find Mary. It said, I think I better go and he laughed and as soon as the left which Butterfield came streaming over and screaming at me. Don't do know, don't you know and I said, What do you mean, that was the Portuguese as such as he's my friend. You don't have Portuguese friends.

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Joanna Clark: And this is why do you say no you don't. This is Bermuda. You don't associate with those people.

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Joanna Clark: And I says, Mr Butterfield. That's the way they would. I would be expected to treat you when I go back to the States and go to go to Memphis, Tennessee State says that the reader.

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Joanna Clark: And so those are things I experienced when I get there to Memphis and shortly thereafter. A friend of mine from the squadron, who was from Cleveland and was black, as they come.

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Joanna Clark: He had married a brilliant girl who was white as they come. Except she was black also

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Joanna Clark: And so they come and I said, we can stay was the house here for a couple days till you get into base housing. I was living off base with me, Jay.

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Joanna Clark: And so I can remember is looking out and seeing the neighbors and looking at the windows like this, you know, saying, what's a black person going into the house with a white woman and look at that baby. Oh my god, they're

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Joanna Clark: They're married, I can't be

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Joanna Clark: And when we get out to the base to check them in. They thought that may was my spouse.

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Joanna Clark: Right. And I says.

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Joanna Clark: No, I says they're married

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Joanna Clark: And they, the officer there. He slapped his pen down on a table and he says, What stupid sob. We didn't say so. But he spelled it out.

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Joanna Clark: give you orders here.

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Joanna Clark: It says, The Navy did. Who else he says, where are you staying at. And I says they're staying me until I can get base housing and where do you live, I said Millington just know they're not. You can't stay there. I says.

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Joanna Clark: They'll come in hangar.

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Joanna Clark: Oh my goodness. Yeah, and

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Joanna Clark: In Melbourne burn your house, the ground.

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Joanna Clark: Has it was not my house belongs Burlington homes. He's as well.

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Joanna Clark: They'll burn down and they'll kill you in the process because you're you're taking somebody like that.

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Joanna Clark: So, I says, well, okay, find my place on the basin.

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Evan Taylor: Right.

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Joanna Clark: And so he says we'll get your place, you can't you can't stay there. Right.

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Okay.

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Joanna Clark: And he says, and whatever you do, you don't go into town by yourself as a couple. Because if you do, they're going to pick you up. So make sure you always go in the company of two or three other people from the base.

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Joanna Clark: Right, and so they got the message.

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Joanna Clark: But the only place they had this form to stay temporarily was the emeralds visiting quarters.

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Joanna Clark: He was a second class Petty Officer, so he is it

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Evan Taylor: That's a nice upgrade.

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Joanna Clark: It was a nice upgrade. Yes.

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Joanna Clark: He was there for about a week and a half, and they finally got him a housing on base, but it was experiences like that and going to church and make it go in, but Ernie couldn't all because of the color of his skin right yeah and I can't say it woke me up right away.

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Joanna Clark: I don't think I really woke up until I started the transition and began to feel real discrimination right yeah and and then exist kind of slapped me in the face and says, Oh, my God.

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Joanna Clark: And

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Joanna Clark: Then I had to make a decision. Yeah, and

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Joanna Clark: I was what I was gonna be my job. I was going to take any guff from anybody.

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Joanna Clark: And but I wasn't going to give any guff to anybody either unless I had no other choice.

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Joanna Clark: And it worked well. I went in, got a job with the county under the seat of program after 30 days they gave me a full time position. Yeah. And because I was more than qualified for the job. I was doing

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Joanna Clark: And then after 90 days I took medical leave I, in turn, the Health Insurance team into a play and I had they had Prudential and prudential was the only insurance coming up concert at the time.

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Evan Taylor: Okay.

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Joanna Clark: And so I told him I was going to have a hysterectomy.

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Joanna Clark: And I went off some Memphis, Tennessee and and not enough. So I went to. I'm sorry, Oklahoma City.



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Joanna Clark: And went to go and save him.

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Joanna Clark: And he had the surgery there and then came back and

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Joanna Clark: They couldn't understand why I'd gone to Oklahoma City. Well, it was a friend of mine, whose

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Joanna Clark: Husband was the surgeon. It was doing my surgery. Gotcha. And and give me a chance to visit with them. And so as soon as I did so I didn't, didn't know

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Joanna Clark: Right time but eventually the word got out and by by then I had already established a relationship. And when in friendships with some of the people.

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Joanna Clark: Right, just to make a difference.

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Joanna Clark: And one of the women that I went after we came off a supervisor. One of the women that I hired

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Joanna Clark: She was

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Joanna Clark: Older than most coming into a job of being just a secretary and

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Joanna Clark: I hired her and she's eight years old now lives up in Reno for their husband and I get a Christmas card every year from

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Joanna Clark: Two or three emails during the year of what's going on. We've maintained our friendship all these years. Well, it's lovely. And so, but things like

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Joanna Clark: It made it made me more tonight. He was going on around me, and I wish that my message to others would be is when you see something that's wrong that you can fix fix it.

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Evan Taylor: Would you also say they gave you that that that ability to look at things more critically and to have that that kind of

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Joanna Clark: The world we have a CD program at the time. And we had a young woman node.

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Joanna Clark: We've been in Brighton to Sita, and she was working in our library filing documents and everybody was complaining about her. She was Miss filing stuff and all this and I went in one day and I

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Joanna Clark: Observed her

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Joanna Clark: And she was putting some of your face like this like trying to read it.

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Joanna Clark: And I walked over and I says, Do you have glasses and she says, no, I can't afford them. And I says.

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Joanna Clark: You can't read. She's I have a hard time reading anything

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Joanna Clark: And so I says.

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Joanna Clark: Okay, I'll be back in a couple minutes. I went down to personnel and I told personally what was going on. I says, I want you to get sent over get an eye exam and get a pair of glasses.

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Joanna Clark: And see to pay for it.

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Joanna Clark: And they saw can't be done, and he says it will be done.

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Joanna Clark: And I says, Do I have to go over your head and go to the supervisors.

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Joanna Clark: This. Oh, no, no. What we'll get it done. And so they sent her out. Got arises. We haven't got the glasses. She was on our best workers.

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Evan Taylor: I bet, I bet that's exactly what happened.

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Joanna Clark: To support, you know, it seems like that that

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Joanna Clark: I think affected me the most.

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Joanna Clark: In in as I grew so to speak and on

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Joanna Clark: When we close down Aegis and I got involved in Facebook and I while I still got some growing to do

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Joanna Clark: Yeah, and I guess some battles to fight too because I'm not going to tolerate this out. And there's one association or transsexual professionals. I'm not welcome there.

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Joanna Clark: To this

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Evan Taylor: Not getting the transgender and the transsexual professionals.

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Yeah.

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Joanna Clark: Yeah, I went in. I says, I'm sorry I'm not transgendered. I'm transsexual. They said, No, you're transgendered. I said, No, I says, I changed my sex to conform to my gender. I says, I didn't change my gender to conform to my sex.

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Evan Taylor: Right. Right. That's a completely different thing.

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Joanna Clark: Yeah. And I says, and I'm not gonna lie about it.

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Joanna Clark: So,

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Joanna Clark: But

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Evan Taylor: We're certainly living in a time of some very divisive politics in our community.

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Joanna Clark: Yes, we are within their community and

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Joanna Clark: But the important thing is I think I see here on Facebook is so many of them they complain. But then as far as Louis a complaint, they won't. You know, I tell me write a letter, your congressman

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Evan Taylor: Right or 120 of them, as it were.

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Joanna Clark: Yeah. And they said, well, it won't matter. I says it will matter if you get organized. Yeah.

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Joanna Clark: I says, they may not read your letters from the letter comes in there and look at the first paragraph and say yes, no, yes. Right. Hey boss. We got 50 no's today and 5000 yeses think you better support the bill. Right.

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Joanna Clark: Absolutely. Yeah, and

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Joanna Clark: And that's the way it works, and

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Joanna Clark: So you got to get active

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Evan Taylor: Yeah, absolutely. I think that, again, I think that's another one of those nice nice themes that I think I've heard threat. Last couple of hours that we've thrown out so many of your stories.

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Yeah.

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Joanna Clark: No, I just today. I can't see any other way.

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Joanna Clark: You've got to get involved. Huh. Ah, you don't have to go out there and say, Hey, everybody. I'm a transgendered Irma transsexual

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Joanna Clark: Ah, I don't talk about it that much.



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Joanna Clark: On Facebook about myself.

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Joanna Clark: Right. Ah, people know that know me over the years when my name and whatever, and they see my picture rainbow. I basically I don't do it. I just stand because I got a family doesn't all know right and

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Joanna Clark: I

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Joanna Clark: It's not that I'm not hesitant to tell them in time. I think some of them probably already figured it out. But they've chosen not to say anything about it right and or what have you, but I still it's the idea that

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Joanna Clark: Things are going to change unless we're we set things in motion that need to be set in motion.

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Evan Taylor: I'm also hearing that, that when you do that sort of changes and activist your it's not necessarily about yourself for your trends Nestle or not.

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Evan Taylor: mins about the next step what needs to be done.

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Evan Taylor: Yeah.

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Evan Taylor: And planting trees needs to be done because we don't do that. Doesn't matter for trans or not we're not going to be in this planet.

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Joanna Clark: I wrote a letter or a couple weeks ago to Congress, I have to fax lines and I have I have Congress on speed dial and both lines so I can load an facts into one moment of the facts and the other one, Inc. Send them off.

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Evan Taylor: Nice, nice.

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Joanna Clark: So I'll be sending the senate over here and I'll be sending the house. So we here. Well, the letter I wrote was a big article to article in the LA Times, and it was on a new tech at all in our silence I were to go sign Kwajalein for

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Joanna Clark: 22 months and I got one trip I made over two and we check why internally tech

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Joanna Clark: Net Island, there's a large crater iron and they took all the radioactive waste and 76 and 77 that they get data, put it in the crater.

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Joanna Clark: They took 111 million tons of radioactive soil from Nevada and shipped it out there and put it in the crater and then they put this huge concrete don't mind.

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Joanna Clark: To cover it up. Ah.

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Joanna Clark: We're fine said now C level was rising

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Joanna Clark: And the craft the cover is starting to break up.

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Joanna Clark: Right that material is starting to leak out

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Joanna Clark: So the marks Lee's they come to us and say, hey, we need your help. It's breaking up.

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Joanna Clark: And the Trump administration response back. Hey, it's a Marshal these land is your problem, not ours.

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Joanna Clark: Were the one that created the problem in the first place. Right.

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Evan Taylor: And we're all going to be the ones to suffer the negative

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Joanna Clark: Yeah. Ah.

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Joanna Clark: In 76 and 77 be sent 4000 troops.

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Joanna Clark: Out there to clean up the mess.

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Joanna Clark: They didn't give them adequate protection.

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Joanna Clark: They were saving money.

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Joanna Clark: They were going around on the ground on who net island and a couple other islands. They were picking up these pieces of rock like material.

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Joanna Clark: Right, put it in total, to put it in a plastic bag, then take it or and dump it in the crater. Well, those little pieces. They're picking up in their hands was put Tony them.

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Evan Taylor: Oh my goodness.

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Joanna Clark: weapons grade.

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Joanna Clark: When when million to announce. So the stuff is definitely

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Evan Taylor: Wow.

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Joanna Clark: Now, of those 4000 troops. Some are still alive.

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Joanna Clark: But the majority of my think who died from cancer.

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Joanna Clark: But hey, save money.

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Yeah.

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Joanna Clark: But now the Barclays are going to pay for it again. And when that turned down goes, I think what's going to happen is going to be worse than she noble or who's Yama DE DE It

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Joanna Clark: Was an accident.

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Evan Taylor: That's a scary, scary future living before us in that way.

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Joanna Clark: Yeah.

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Joanna Clark: And would be the worst in Castle Bravo.

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Joanna Clark: Which was the first major nuclear accident that we had. Right. Oh.

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Evan Taylor: Well, I know we've kind of covered a lot of ground and I've we've got a couple of hours. I'm a little conscious of the time. I don't want it to tire you up too much.

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Evan Taylor: But is there anything that I haven't asked you about your activism, or your, your, your history of the work that you've done amazing, amazing types of different work you've done

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Evan Taylor: asked you that you want to make sure we include in the in the entry of recording

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Joanna Clark: No, I think Langley card. Pretty much everything

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Joanna Clark: I can't think of anything specific. I mean, it's all in a day's work, so to speak.

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Joanna Clark: I

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Evan Taylor: Know that when I like, I like that. I might post that on you because

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Evan Taylor: The word does more than

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Evan Taylor: More than a lifetime's work that you've done.

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Joanna Clark: It's a I you know I didn't consider it work at the time. I don't think



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Joanna Clark: I don't think I really give that much thought to anyone. I just thought, here's somebody who's wrong and he's be corrected.

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Joanna Clark: And if nobody else is going to speak out. I'm going to speak on

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Evan Taylor: Just do the right thing, right.

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Joanna Clark: But in all honesty, it all comes back to that and then night with Jude, you know, in my big mouth.

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Joanna Clark: I mean, I would

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Evan Taylor: Change the law.

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Joanna Clark: You know, I really, at that time, I can't say I was really thinking about what I was saying.

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Joanna Clark: It was just more sarcasm. I think of a yells

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Evan Taylor: Right.

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Joanna Clark: When I said it, then it stuck with me and came back and said, Hey, why don't you just say

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Evan Taylor: Maybe that's the right direction to go.

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Joanna Clark: Um, maybe I better prove it because it can happen and and yeah I found it, not just me, but others have done the same thing. It's always been one person that gets the ball rolling.

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Joanna Clark: Yeah now and

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Joanna Clark: When the health, firstly, the globe went through. Yeah, I wrote the first letter.

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Joanna Clark: But it didn't happen just because of me. It happened because I was got involved.

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Evan Taylor: It start it starts that avalanche effects.

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Joanna Clark: And so I don't see myself as any

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Joanna Clark: If any big, you know,

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Joanna Clark: Individually, we met remembered. I was just one of the many

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Joanna Clark: And there's a lot of people that have done a lot more than me.

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Evan Taylor: Well, I won't do the indignity of arguing with you, but I will respectfully hold an entirely different opinion of you for the rest of my life.

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Joanna Clark: So,

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Joanna Clark: I think you know some of the people at

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Joanna Clark: Mary, it has worked with

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Joanna Clark: And that accomplished so much

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Joanna Clark: And

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Joanna Clark: Jazz, who is a 14 year old accomplished.

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Joanna Clark: And there's so many others out there that have accomplished a lot in our field and they they dare you, sir, just as much credit if not more.

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Evan Taylor: And we'll, we'll get to that we'll get to them later they'll have their time.

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Joanna Clark: But

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Evan Taylor: I think it's important for me that there's one my favorite quotes that that came from my history teacher when I was in high school and you said, you know, without knowledge of the past. We're like orphans to the present.

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Joanna Clark: Yeah.

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Evan Taylor: I think that that's why it's so important to get to get this history of recorded to get that there for folks so that when jazz finally gets gets to grad school and wants to do some research on on some history of the trans community, then it's going to be sitting there waiting

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Joanna Clark: Yeah, my favorite line came from Robert actually scattered

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Joanna Clark: And figure out who he was.

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Joanna Clark: He invented the liquid fuel rocket

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Evan Taylor: Oh, okay.

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Joanna Clark: When he graduated from high school. He was valedictorian of his class. And he said to his class it is difficult to say that anything is impossible to the dreams of yesterday or the hopes to today and the reality of tomorrow.

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Joanna Clark: Absolute. Wow. He was ignored.

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Joanna Clark: Funny.

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Joanna Clark: He wrote a paper graduate paper means of reaching a high altitude, perhaps, going to the moon. The New York Times responded with got it a lunatic on the front page.

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Joanna Clark: He was ignored. Over the years, he went out to Roswell, New Mexico, funded by the Guggenheim Foundation, and he build us rockets with a small team of people with him.

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Joanna Clark: They ignored him. He built a bazooka in World War One.

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Joanna Clark: It stayed on the shelf until World War Two.

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Joanna Clark: He discovered his oh my god we could use this in World War One.

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Joanna Clark: And when dorm burger was captured. He was ahead of the V2 rocket program and they interrogated me says, Why do you ask me all these questions. Why don't you ask your own doctor Goddard. He gave us a way to the means to do it in his papacy wrote

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Joanna Clark: Remake Jordan Yeah. So, and then when we went to the Mon. He still hadn't been recognized by NASA and so his family. He died in 45 his family soon.

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Joanna Clark: And they want a huge amount of money because the rocket that went to the moon Apollo 11 he violated the law 214 of his patents.

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Evan Taylor: Oh my goodness.

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Evan Taylor: Just goes to show you gotta write that down and get a

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Joanna Clark: Marvelous stage rocking rocket gambled engine running the the fuel through the lining of the rocket motor to keep it from melting and preheating your fuel all these things where he patented

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Joanna Clark: Oh my goodness, a funny name the Goddard Space Flight Center after him and gave a family millions and millions of dollars, which they didn't take a cent for themselves. They put it all into scholarships for people going to worship college

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Evan Taylor: Oh that's lovely.

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Joanna Clark: So then we said one line stuck with me. Yeah. Is that is difficult to say nothing is impossible. Mm hmm. Dream so yesterday or the hope to today. Hey, real you tomorrow.



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Evan Taylor: Well, I'm so glad that you went to that meeting all those all those years ago and

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Evan Taylor: I'm so glad that you had the wherewithal to tell you couldn't do it because it seems

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Joanna Clark: Yeah, I'm good. I guess in a way. Now I look back, I'm kind of glad it if he if he hadn't said anything.

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Joanna Clark: I probably wouldn't to try

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Joanna Clark: What do you said crazy nobody would listen to you and that rang a bell with me that. Wait a minute. I spent all these years.

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Joanna Clark: Defending Our country.

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Joanna Clark: Mm hmm. And

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Joanna Clark: I got to see no forks. Yeah.

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Evan Taylor: I've worked for my country and see if my country will work for me.

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Joanna Clark: Yeah, and I already knew that wouldn't work for me because of the fact that the Navy discharge me

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Joanna Clark: Right, all because I've gone to Stanford and gotten evaluate

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Evan Taylor: Know,

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Joanna Clark: I knew I was going to have a hard time. And of course, I wasn't, I was having a hard time with them getting employment right back that

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Joanna Clark: I had a top secret clearance, which had been pulled and wherever I went where I had experience. Like, I went to lucky the people knocking knew who I was more I walked in the door.

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Joanna Clark: And they'd heard about me.

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Joanna Clark: In the great fine but then the heavy standing in front of them and say oh my god you know and chief. What are you doing here. I said, Well, I'm here for a job. Oh. Oh well.

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Joanna Clark: You haven't got a clearance anymore.

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Joanna Clark: Now, get it back, you know, we'll put an application for it. You're not going to get it.

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Joanna Clark: And

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Joanna Clark: So finally, it was my first job was to me was Sita who's getting hired to go in as a clerk typist

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Joanna Clark: And then afterwards, I ended up with the ACLU and then going into the army and well ECU ACLU came after the army and

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Joanna Clark: In home line of activism. Sorry.

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Joanna Clark: So he just seemed to fall in place. Mm hmm. Well, then

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Evan Taylor: taking that step whatever's in front of you that you've you've always seem to be if that's the interest. It says in front of me that that's what I'm going to confront next

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Joanna Clark: Huh, yeah.

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Joanna Clark: So so anyways.

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Joanna Clark: Next year, maybe the book come out.

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Evan Taylor: Well, I can't wait. I can't wait to read it.

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Joanna Clark: Well, I hope it's better in glimmerings

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Evan Taylor: I, I can't wait to see all the stories. I mean, we even have. In this project we're hoping to get about 30 interviews. So

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Evan Taylor: There's not a

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Evan Taylor: Whole movement right now going, going forward.

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Evan Taylor: To tell their stories and our histories and i think it's it's wonderful that we're gonna be able to preserve that

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Joanna Clark: Well, hopefully you can put this into order.

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Evan Taylor: Absolutely yeah we. Yeah, you don't have to worry about that. What you do

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Evan Taylor: Think about those. I will send you a copy of this. So you'll get a transcript and you'll get a copy of the video. So if there's if you think about things. If you're later on going, oh, you know, cut that bit or you know whatever, then that's

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Evan Taylor: Always make those edits later or if you think about something that you wish you'd said, then let me know and we'll set up another meeting.

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Joanna Clark: Well, let's do a voiceover

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Evan Taylor: anytime. Anytime you let me know that we will change anything you like. And I'm happy to

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Joanna Clark: Know her voice overviews Meghan Markle or somebody else.

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Evan Taylor: Fit.

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Evan Taylor: Megan in there.

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Joanna Clark: So anyways. Okay, listen, you take care

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Evan Taylor: Thank you so much to me. It was wonderful. Just to get to know you just a little bit over the last couple of hours, and I look forward to being in touch with you and making sure we get this get this history archived and preserved for future trans folks.

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Joanna Clark: Future generations. Sounds good. Okay, I'm gonna

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Evan Taylor: Have a happy new year.

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Joanna Clark: Thank you, YouTube.

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Joanna Clark: And see how we close this thing out.

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Evan Taylor: I'll take care of it.

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Okay.

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Joanna Clark: Bye bye.