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# Mommy Dead and Dearest

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[Waukesha County Sheriff's Office]

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Waukesha, WI]

- **Man:**

- Stanley Hancock: Hi, Gypsy.

- I'll let you guys talk.

- Hi, I'm Det. Hancock.

I'm with Greene County

Sheriff's Office.

- How are you today?

- **Gypsy:**

**Hancock:**

Good.

**Hancock:**

And if you're involved in anything

that I'm about ready to tell you,

then you need to tell me, okay?

- Absolutely.

- Um, your mom's dead, okay?

Now, what I want to ask you--

- Wait, what, what?

- Your mom's passed away, okay?

She's deceased, all right?

Now, what I want to ask you--

did you have involvement in this?

- Okay.

- No, no--

Hang on, listen to me for just

a second, okay?

- Uh-huh.

- What happened with your mom,

that night?

Um...

I don't know what happened

with my mom at all.

- Help me. Please help me.

- Okay, you...

Just listen to me, okay, sweetheart?

You know what happened to

your mom, okay?

And I know that you know.

**Gypsy:**

Why would you think that it's me?  
I have always loved my mom.  
My mom and I are best friends.

**Hancock:**

Please don't dig yourself in this hole,  
and that's what you're doing.

**Gypsy:**

- I know you do.  
- Please.  
I know you-- sweetheart,  
I know you love your mom.  
I have no doubt that you love your mom.

**Hancock:**

Now's the time to be truthful,  
sweetheart.  
No more lies.  
- Did you kill your mom?

**- Gypsy:**

**Hancock:**

your mom?

**Man:**

please welcome a cancer survivor  
and passionate young lady,  
Gypsy Rose Blanchard  
and her mother, Dee Dee Blanchard  
from Springfield, Missouri,  
to the stage.

[Six years earlier]

I believe  
There are angels among us  
Sent down to us  
From somewhere up above  
They come to you and me  
In our darkest hours.

**Dee Dee:**

I've always said  
you're the reason I was born to  
be your mama.  
[SPRINGFIELD, MO]

**Reporter:**

48-year-old Dee Dee Blanchard  
was found dead inside her home.  
Her 19-year-old daughter Gypsy  
is still considered missing.

**Jim Arnott:**

receiving a call on June 14th  
to check the well-being of a family.  
[Greene County Sheriff]

**Linda Ong:**

were Hurricane Katrina survivors.  
Everybody believed that they were  
coming here  
to the Ozarks to make a better life.  
[Local news reporter  
Springfield, MO]

**Arnott:**

that was quite alarming.  
We were actually thinking that it was  
somebody that hacked into Facebook  
and it wasn't actually a threat.  
[WHAT?!!! Did your FB get hacked?  
I have never heard you talk like that.]

**Elaine Scherer:**

wheelchair.  
She had leukaemia and she was  
having seizures  
[Community Service Worker Aurora, MO]  
and she had to be tube-fed.

**Arnott:**

my primary responsibility  
at that time was really to ensure  
that her well-being was okay.

Whatever they were going through  
was incredibly hard for them,  
especially with the medical conditions.  
[Gypsy's neighbor and friend]  
And so, everybody gathered around them  
and would try to help them out  
as much as possible.  
It just proves that happy endings  
are not just in fairy tales,  
they're real.  
The Facebook post was quote...  
"The bitch is dead."  
And another post stating,  
"I fucking slashed that fat pig  
and raped her sweet, innocent daughter.  
Her scream was so fucking loud, LOL."  
[Green County Sheriff's Office]  
[June 16, 2015]  
Okay, good morning.  
I want to specify at the beginning  
of this press conference  
that this is an ongoing  
investigation.  
And I want to start off with saying  
things are not always as they appear.  
The truth is-- okay, I'll admit it.  
[Gypsy's boyfriend]  
I did actually...  
stab her.  
- I will admit it.  
- I know, okay.  
The only reason I did it  
is 'cause I did it  
for me and her.  
- I would've never did it  
if it was not for me and her.  
- Okay.  
I know that he loves me, and...  
he would do anything for me  
and-- to be with me.  
Did Gypsy know that you were going  
to kill her mother?  
Um... honestly,  
she asked me to.

Okay.

[The bitch is dead]

**Arnott:**

were authored by Gypsy.

[I fucken slashed that fat pig  
and raped her sweet innocent  
daughter...]

[Her scream was soooo fucken loud LOL]

The prosecutor has filed charges  
this morning

for first-degree murder.

This is a tragic, tragic event  
surrounded by mystery  
and public deception.

Gypsy can walk without assistance  
or a wheelchair...

and she can do that very well.

Okay.

[Gypsys arraignment

June 16, 2015]

This individual has alleged  
to conspire with Nicholas Godejohn  
to stab her mother to death  
so that they could be together.

- The penalty is life imprisonment  
or death. (sobbing)

**Reporter:**

walk on her own two feet  
in a Wisconsin courtroom  
was a shock to friends and neighbors.

[Gypsy's neighbor]

Is she sick?

I don't know yet.

We're trying to figure that out.

[Can she walk?]

Um, yes.

Oh, son of a bitch.

To see her walk...

was really upsetting.

Obviously, if that's a lie,  
then who knows what else was a lie.

We really don't know the true

background of this family,  
as we have unearthed the appearance  
of a long financial fraud scheme.

**Reporter:**

medical airlifts,  
Disney travel, and free housing  
over the years  
because of Gypsy's supposed disabilities.

**Reporter #2:**

that translated online,  
[The Gypsy Rose trip]  
donations pouring in  
for Gypsy's reported muscular dystrophy  
and leukaemia.  
[Click here to support Gypsy's  
medical trip by Dee  
and Gypsy Rose Blanchard]

**Arnott:**

the age of Gypsy.  
It appears that there are  
several dates of birth  
that have been used  
over a period of time.  
I almost want to say,  
"Man, I can't believe she--  
I even wanted to associate with--  
why did I even help them?"  
I just never would see  
that that little girl  
really wasn't who she was  
supposed to be.  
[July 24, 2015]  
[The prosecution presents its  
preliminary evidence against Gypsy.]  
Case exhibit 53.  
Can I ask you if you'll tell me  
what that is?

**Dan Patterson:**

with murder in the first degree.  
When you commit a first-degree murder,

[Greene County Prosecutor]  
you knowingly cause the death  
of another person  
after deliberation.  
Analysis of cell phones  
provided evidence of  
numerous text messages  
between Gypsy Blanchard  
and Nicholas Godejohn.

**Patterson:**

that Gypsy Blanchard met online.  
They began an online dating relationship.

**Patterson:**

the two discussed  
Nicholas killing Clauddine.  
[The shits gonna go down tonight...]  
[Babe its my evil side doing it]  
[he won't mess up because he enjoys killing]  
[...we'll be happy soon.]  
[After this night  
we will never bring it up]  
At the beginning,  
it looks like a tabloid case.  
It looks like, "Here's some people  
in some weird outfits,  
and they're pretending  
to be disabled and they're  
scamming everybody.  
And then there's this, like,  
sort of horrible murder,  
and the Facebook status,  
'That bitch is dead.'"  
[Freelance Journalist]  
Like, all of it is very tabloid.  
[The New Yorker, BuzzFeed]  
And then, gradually, that story  
just sort of fell apart.  
Still, it feels to me like it's  
developing into something else.  
[Lafourche Parish, LA  
Gypsy's hometown]  
[Gypsy's father



Dee Dee's ex-husband]

I still ask the question,

"How do you kill your own mother?"

I mean, there's got to be a reason.

There's got to be some abuse there.

You don't just...

"I'm gonna kill my mother

because I wanna be with a boyfriend."

Like I told my mom when I called my mom

and talked to her about it.

I said, "Mama, I've been-- you know,

I was mad at you before,

but I've never, ever

in a million years

thought about killing you."

I said, "For me to think

about killing you,

you'd have had to done

some pretty bad stuff to me."

Nobody wants to believe that something

like this can happen.

[Gypsy's lawyer Missouri Public Defender]

I think the initial reaction is--

is that, you know, Gypsy's been lying

to everybody.

But when you look at the backstory,

when you look at how we got here,

this all started long before Gypsy

would've ever had any type

of say in what was happening.

[Gypsy, 3 months old]

Right from birth, three months old.

Dee Dee was telling me

that she had sleep apnea

and she needed a breathing machine

or breathing monitor machine,

which, I mean, I-- to this day,

I don't know if that was real

or not, you know?

It escalated from then.

Problems with her eyes,

her hearing,

her digestive system.

After that, Gypsy couldn't walk anymore.

She had a muscular disorder.  
[Gypsy, 10 years old]  
And Dee Dee told me  
she would need a wheelchair.  
You know, I asked her.  
I said, "Man, she's got  
a lot of issues.  
What's going on?"  
You know, and, um...  
They had done some tests and found out  
she had a chromosome disorder  
that was causing all of her functions  
from developing--  
her digestive system  
and her muscular system.  
Dee Dee told me  
she's not going to live  
to be, you know, 18 years old.  
She may be an old teenager,  
that's about it.  
You know, I was like, "Really?"  
You know, it was shocking,  
it was disturbing.  
And to see her at 23 years old now,  
perfectly healthy--  
It pisses me off, you know?  
[Gypsy's stepmother]

**Kristy:**

I don't know if this was the surgery  
where she thought her stomach lining  
wrapped around her oesophagus.

**Rod:**

She had that feeding tube  
way before then.  
You know?  
She was 10 here.

**Rod:**

to the first year or two  
when she was in a wheelchair.  
Yep.  
Breaks my heart...

knowing she got put through all of this when she didn't need it.

Fourteen years.

To be confined.

The last 14 years in a wheelchair.

I couldn't imagine.

**Stanfield:**

that is even close to what

Gypsy has gone through.

Her mother appeared to have taken

great steps

to keep Gypsy in a very juvenile role,

making her act several years younger

than her actual age.

It appears that Gypsy was not even aware

of what her actual age was.

**Rod:**

and Dee Dee said,

"Don't tell her she's 18, you know?"

I'm like, "What you mean

don't tell her she's 18?

She knows she's 18.

It's her 18th birthday."

"Yeah, but she don't know she's 18.

She's-- you know."

I thought it was weird, you know?

I-- she--

I mean, I always did know that she--

she told me her mental capacity was,

you know, like, five years behind.

When she was, like, 15, she was like,

"Oh, yeah, her learning is coming along,

but she's like, mentally,

at a 9- or 10-year-old."

**Kristy:**

she would be 10 and 11,

and she was probably like, 21, 22.

I wonder what she was thinking.

Hello, everybody! This is Gypsy Rose

reporting from Aurora, Missouri.

I'm about to dive off our porch

[Dee Dee's home movies]  
into the pile of snow.  
You ready?  
That was so grand!  
Whoo!  
All right!  
Yooh!  
Yeah!  
[A special day]  
That's so cool. Let's do it again.

**Dean:**

a lot questions  
about who Gypsy is, right?  
Because she was somebody else  
for such a long time.

**Dean:**

as almost a completely different person.

**- Erin Lee Carr:**

- I remember.

**Dean:**

if anybody Gypsy has talked to  
feels they're getting the full story.  
This is actually kind of the first time  
I've been honest  
besides being honest, you know,  
with my attorneys.  
Even then, I haven't been completely honest  
with them, so...

**Carr:**

Um...

Unique.

Um...

I mean, I used to always think  
that maybe she was a little overprotective.  
So, if I had to say one word about her,  
it would be overprotective.

**Dee Dee:**

[Gypsy, 1 year old]

(Dee Dee's voice offscreen)  
You're one.  
And where's your cranial?  
Very good. And where's your phalanges?  
Yes. Very, very good.  
I really didn't think  
any abuse was going on.  
Um... it's like when you're abused,  
but you've lived that way  
your whole life.  
You don't really know  
that you're being abused.  
You don't know any different.  
Looking at the open ocean now.  
And it's beautiful!

**Gypsy:**

or my life was different  
from other kids'.  
But people thought of us, as, you know,  
the sweetest mother-daughter family ever.  
The best two people in the world.

**Carr:**

say that you had?  
Um...  
Asthma, epilepsy, hearing impaired,  
vision impaired, fed with a feeding tube,  
paralyzed from the waist down.  
Um...  
slow, so retardation.  
And-- among other things,  
I just can't remember them.  
[Gypsy Rose's diagnosis]  
[List of conditions Dee Dee gave to doctors]  
[G.I. reflux, anemia, hyperventilation,  
incontinence, lung disease, heart murmur]  
[Dee Dee's medical closet]

**Gypsy:**

Medication for seizures.  
Medication to help go to the bathroom.  
Pain medication, anxiety medication.  
Just everything.

I would have to put on  
the breathing machine every night.  
I hated it, though, because it seemed to make  
my breathing worse, not better.  
And then another machine  
was for the feeding tube.  
It was controlling what I'd eat.  
My medications would be put through there.  
I really wouldn't even have to be awake.  
So, she could put whatever in my body,  
and I wouldn't even know.  
[Dee Dee and Gypsy on one of their  
medical trips]

**Dee Dee:**

So, where are you going today?  
I'm going to Children's Mercy Hospital  
to see my dentist.  
For my teeth.  
And we'll be back.  
And we'll be back soon.  
Not yet.  
[According to medical records,]  
[Dee Dee brought Gypsy to  
local hospitals]  
[over 100 times between 2005 and 2014.]

**Gypsy:**

she would do all the talking.  
I'd always have a stuffed animal  
or a Barbie doll.  
She'd just tell me just play  
with my Barbie doll.  
And if the doctor would come  
to examine me--  
"Just stay in the wheelchair,  
be calm, play with your doll,  
and don't move your legs."  
[Gypsy underwent multiple surgeries  
during her hospital visits.]  
[They included gastrointestinal operations,]  
[eye procedures, and the removal]  
[of her salivary glands.]  
I was just as much in the dark

as everybody else.  
The only thing I knew is that  
I could walk.  
As for everything else,  
you had the leukaemia and the epilepsy.  
I was taking medication  
that she said was cancer medicine.  
She would shave my head and say,  
"Well, it's going to fall out anyway,  
so let's just keep it nice and neat."  
I just went on blind faith  
that a mother knows best.  
[The medications Dee Dee gave Gypsy  
induced many of the symptoms  
[of diseases doctors thought  
they were treating.]  
You're supposed to love  
and protect your children.  
How could you do this to your child?  
Dr. Marc Feldman: Gypsy Rose Blanchard  
[Skype interview] was as consistently  
and viciously subjected to,  
[Clinical Psychologist]  
in my opinion, Munchausen by proxy  
[Munchausen expert]  
as anyone I've come across.  
Munchausen by proxy involves a caregiver  
[Munchausen by Proxy Syndrome]  
who either feigns or actually induces  
illness in her children.  
And her goal is some kind  
of emotional gratification--  
looking for sympathy, attention, care,  
concern that she feels unable to get  
in any other way.  
It is a form of child abuse,  
first and foremost.

**Gypsy:**

that I can remember  
probably would be  
having my feeding tube put in.  
You have to have it constantly changed,  
like every six months.

And that would be pretty painful,  
because they don't put you  
under anaesthesia,  
they just take you  
in the emergency room,  
rip the old one out,  
and put a new one in.  
I don't know why  
these procedures were done  
or how her mother was able  
to convince the doctors.  
"Mind-boggling" is the only way  
I can put her ability  
to manipulate people.  
Basically, each one  
of these paperclips  
is some medical record  
where Dee Dee essentially lied  
to the doctor about something.  
Mentally, Gypsy is behind.  
She's at the level of a seven-year-old  
on mother's information.  
And this is something that you see  
almost across all of the records,  
is "Upon mother's information,"  
"Upon history by mother."  
So she's talking to the doctor here  
and she's talking about  
how she has mental and  
developmental delays, needs assistance.  
Apparently, "while holding  
her hands over Gypsy's ears,  
so as not offend,  
history of mental retardation--  
seven-year-old level, per mom."  
And so, this was the one time where  
a doctor actually put in the record  
that Dee Dee's got her hands  
over Gypsy's ears,  
so Gypsy can't even hear what  
Mom is telling the doctor.  
Then we get into the family history.  
The family history changed  
depending on what doctor she was at.



You'll notice here, we don't get a whole lot of...

- She's at the cardiologist.

- Right, she's at the cardiologist, and so they all died of a heart attack.

Now, this was the first one that jumped out at me.

She ends up going to the neurologist, Dr. Flasterstein, and so...

the very first thing right off the bat--

"Mother is not a good historian,"

which is interesting, because he puts that in bold and underlines it.

Dr. Flasterstein: One of the things that was a big discrepancy

was that for a person

that has not walked

for nine years, for years,

she should have, technically,

almost no muscles in her

lower extremities.

But she did have muscles

that looked quite normal.

And she was able to support

her body weight.

I remember her standing.

So, I had a big doubt about the whole thing, from the beginning.

**Stanfield:**

I managed to talk to one of her previous providers.

She specifically remembers

Gypsy Rose and mentioned that

her previous neurologist

clearly reported the fact

that Gypsy does not have

muscular dystrophy.

Analyzing all the facts,

and after talking to her

previous paediatrician,

- there's a strong possibility

of Munchausen by proxy..."

- What?

...with maybe some underlying, unknown ideology to explain her symptoms." Once in a while, we report patients to Social Services. We do that when we feel that there's a neglect. But a neglect is different from what this mom was doing. She wasn't really neglecting her, she was over-treating her. We have a system, which is a big integrated system, that decided to adopt her and bring her, support her. So many people looking at her, knowing the history, knowing what she was going through, knowing what she went through, I would have been rejected on the spot. So all that I could do was put that in my notes. Nobody in the system ever said anything about it, and I didn't see it right to keep going in convincing other people that something is not right here.

- Now...
- Un-freakin'-believable.

...here's the interesting thing. This is the last record from Mercy, here in Springfield, until 2015. So, this is 2007.

**Rod:**

What I couldn't figure out was how Dee Dee figured out that Dr. Flasterstein was on to her. But if you look at a lot of these social work notes, Dee Dee's requesting medical records. She would have gotten a copy of this letter.

But I still don't understand  
why you put your child through this.  
I don't know.  
I mean, the thing is...  
- Good question.  
- ...it just keeps going.  
And it would have kept going  
Cause her mama was an insane,  
compulsive liar.

**Rod:**

at the bowling alley one night.  
Met up again a couple of weeks later.  
And then we started dating then.  
She got pregnant.  
She got pregnant and...  
being from the South, I guess, it was--  
I was raised where if you  
got a girl pregnant,  
then you got married.  
There was no other question  
about what you did.  
I was 17.  
I woke up on my 18th birthday  
and I'm like, "What am I doing here?"  
She was kind of into some dark--  
darkness-- dark things.  
Uh...  
she started talking a little bit  
about witchcrafts  
and just different weird,  
dark stuff like that.  
It was kind of weird.  
She had a pet tarantula.  
Dee Dee was my aunt.  
Um, real... weird girl.  
I would think she's bipolar, no doubt.  
Multiple personalities, perhaps.  
Definitely...  
an evil person, I would say, you know?  
To shave your kid's head  
and say that she's got leukaemia?  
You're a sick individual.

**MC:**

to present to you  
South Lafourche ROTC Military Queen,  
Ms. Clauddinea Pitre.  
Her escort-- Sergeant Earl Longden.  
Clauddine "Dee Dee" Pitre...

**Carr:**

as a child?  
What, baby?  
What was Dee Dee like as a child?  
- What was Dee Dee like as a child?  
- Dee Dee?  
She was okay.  
We were pretty close, me and her.  
Yeah, I would give her everything  
that she wanted anyway.  
Whatever she wanted.  
Except a dog in the house.  
I didn't want that.  
Now we wind up-- we got  
two dogs in the house.  
Ahem, but this-- she was something else.

**Laura Pitre:**

very filthy person.  
If it didn't go her way,  
she'd see to it that you would pay.  
And did we pay.  
Paid a lot.  
She opened credit cards in my  
dad's name,  
my grandpa's name, ran up crazy bills.  
Supposedly, America's Most Wanted  
was looking for this girl.

**Laura:**

Slidell-- she was wanted.  
Bad checks in New Orleans.

**Claude:**

she was doing all kind of stuff.  
She was poisoning my stepmother.  
Supposedly, she was giving her some...

Roundup in her food and stuff.  
She was putting some poison in my food.  
The same thing she had put in the plant.  
And she wind up-- she stayed nine months  
in bed after that.  
She couldn't get up.  
I didn't think she was going to make it.  
There was nothing she couldn't  
get away with.

**Laura:**

like her.

**Claude:**

Her mama was a shoplifter  
and all kind of stuff.  
I don't know how many times  
she had to go to court  
for shoplifting and other things.

**Laura:**

money from your daddy?  
Before he got married, she had stolen  
I think it's \$3,000 or \$4,000  
from my daddy.

**Bobby:**

my grandmother died,  
Dee Dee kind of went off the deep end.

**Kristy:**

Dee Dee was in the house somewhere,  
and Dee Dee was starving her.  
Like, she wasn't-- Dee Dee wasn't  
giving her anything to eat.  
I asked her sister--  
you know, I was like,  
"I hate to ask this,  
but you think Dee Dee had anything to do  
with her mom's death?"  
And she, you know, said,  
"Now I wonder."  
That's how evil she was.  
To leave your mama dirty

and asking for food  
and not want to feed her...

- Yeah.

- ...that's evil.

**Carr:**

when you heard she was dead?

Me?

I didn't believe it.

- It didn't--

- It just didn't sink.

It took a few days before... you know?

I didn't believe that she was dead.

I thought it was another

one of her tricks.

I said, "Who did Dee Dee piss off now?"

You know, what kind of shit

did Dee Dee get into?"

I wasn't thinking,

"Oh, God, my aunt's dead."

Because I figured that one day

she'd piss off somebody

to that point, you know?

And I actually did think that it would

probably be Gypsy, you know?

And whenever-- we later got the word

that Gypsy was fine and she was

by her boyfriend's house,

we were like, "She killed her mama.

She finally did it.

She couldn't take it anymore."

She finally just said,

"Fuck it all.

I'm killing this bitch."

**Carr:**

what she deserved?

- According to Gypsy, yes.

- Yes.

Yeah, she got what she deserved.

I know all the brothers

and sisters don't care

about Dee Dee no more.

Gypsy-- she got cremated.

She said, "What you want me to do with the ashes?"  
Everybody said, "I don't want her. I don't want her."  
- Darla said, "Flush 'em."  
- I told her, "Flush that in the toilet."  
I didn't want it.  
Her sister said,  
"Flush that in the toilet."  
She said, "We're going to bring that in Mama's room, make her a mass and everything."  
"You going to pay for it?"  
I'm not paying for it.  
We can't afford it.  
Flush it in the toilet."  
[Greene County Courthouse  
November 9, 2015]

**Reporter:**

not to seek the death penalty against a Springfield woman and her boyfriend, both of whom are accused of murdering the woman's mother.

**Reporter #2:**

after several conversations between the defence and prosecution, both agreeing this was the best decision.

**Patterson:**

the standard is to do what's right and what's just.  
When you look at the mitigators as well as the background of these individuals as we know it, as well as the facts of the case, this case was not an appropriate first-degree murder case in which to seek the death penalty. This is a case that we

haven't dealt with,  
and it's because it's so unusual.  
I mean, it really is an unusual case.  
What we thought initially may be a victim  
turns out to be a suspect,  
and in the middle of a story  
that is twisted.

We think we know who Gypsy is,  
but once this trial starts,  
we'll be able to see her life unfold  
and find out exactly what she  
was all about.

[Home video from one of Dee Dee  
and Gypsy's trips to Disney World]

Hi, everybody.

Right now, I'm in Cinderella's castle  
eating some real mashed potatoes.

Mm!

That is good.

**Dean:**

because they were stories that resolved  
in happy ways.

And ultimately, her story was  
not resolving in a happy way.

**Gypsy:**

"Tangled."

It's about Rapunzel.

She's a princess in this kingdom  
and she's kidnapped by Mother Gothel  
from her real family.

And Mother Gothel keeps her  
in this tower for all of her life  
and tells her, "Don't leave this tower."  
And so, that is all she knows.

**Woodmansee:**

just wanted her life  
to be like any fairy tale princess  
and have the perfect ending.

You know, all the bad villains  
get what they deserve.



**Gypsy:**

She got thrown out a window,  
um, because Rapunzel tried to stand up  
for herself  
and leave her tower.  
But in Disney movies,  
everything's a fantasy.  
It's a fairy tale,  
and life is not a fairy tale.  
I learned all that the hard way.

**Stanfield:**

Gypsy's life sheltered  
would do it justice.  
I've kind of come to describe it  
as a fairy tale nightmare.  
Her mother controlled almost  
every aspect of her life.

**Dr. Feldman:**

in the same sense that the control of  
a kidnapped victim  
sometimes is total.  
Her daughter was, in essence, a hostage,  
and I think we can understand the crime  
that occurred subsequently  
in terms of a hostage trying to  
gain escape.

**Woodmansee:**

were together,  
her mom was always present.  
She was immediately like a  
filter for us, you know.  
Like, Gypsy wouldn't talk  
about anything personal  
while we were together.  
That's like, really, the big red flag,  
thinking back on it all now.  
Dee Dee would always hold  
Gypsy's hand, you know?  
It was like, I don't know--  
it was almost like, you know, just,  
"If I squeeze it, you'll know

what to say."  
I mean, that was just so strange to me.  
Just to feel it now, I think  
that was really strange.  
Even in videos I've seen since then,  
I'm like, "Yep, it's just the  
same thing."  
It's like she's holding her hand.  
I mean, now I'm--  
it was maybe a control thing.

**Dr. Feldman:**

and the tight hugs  
is a way of asserting mastery  
over another person  
and saying, "You're not free.  
You are under my control  
at all times,  
even in relatively benign situations  
like our being photographed  
getting the Habitat for Humanity home."  
You know, those are innocuously  
happy occasions,  
but they were also occasions  
where Dee Dee  
reasserted her mastery over Gypsy.  
My mom had cake...

**Gypsy:**

you know, if I said something  
that I wasn't supposed to,  
she'd squeeze my hand, and  
I'd know, "Zip it."  
I was just afraid, just too afraid.

**Dr. Feldman:**

that the extent of the control over her,  
heavily psychological as it was,  
would've involved physical punishment  
as well.  
She'd hit me with a coat hanger...  
or her-- or her palm.  
And I'd have to take so many slaps  
for-- depending on what,

how severe it was, I did.

- **Carr:**

- Never.

Never.

It's like if you have a baby  
and you, like, get in its face  
and the baby starts to struggle  
and get away from you.

Now picture that happening  
for your whole life, right?  
Your mother is just in your face  
and will not get away.  
That's basically what Gypsy's whole  
life was like.

It's snowing.

I'm not joking.

[Dee Dee at home in Missouri]

They said it's snowing,  
so I'm staying under my heating blankie.  
And I'm not getting out, mm-mm.  
She wants to get out.  
Ain't gonna happen.  
Let her doll take care of her.

**Gypsy:**

Her mother was so suffocating,  
so powerful, so manipulative  
that Gypsy may have felt any  
efforts to escape  
were bound to fail.  
The first time I ran away from home,  
I had met a friend.  
We both went to this sci-fi  
fantasy convention called Visioncon.  
I told him vaguely  
about what was going on at home.  
And he told me, you know,  
"You just pack your stuff  
and you can come live with me  
in Arkansas."  
And I said, "Okay."  
I stepped out, got a ride from  
a stranger,

and went over to his place.  
And then within, like, four hours,  
my mom found me at his place  
because we had mutual friends in common.  
So she was threatening  
to call the cops on him.  
And she took me back home  
and smashed my computer with a hammer,  
smashed my cell phone  
with a hammer and said,  
"If you ever try to do that again,  
I'm going to smash your fingers  
with a hammer."  
It was a rough year.  
I call that "the bad times."  
She had taken this dog leash  
and clipped it to a pair of handcuffs,  
and clipped the handcuffs to the bed  
and kept-- it was like that for  
about two weeks.  
My mom had actually convinced a lawyer  
to draw up some papers  
saying that I was incompetent.  
So I thought if I had tried  
to go to the police,  
they'd look at these papers  
and say, "She's retarded.  
She doesn't know what  
she's talking about."  
Gypsy has essentially fallen  
through every crack there is  
in the system.  
The Greene County Sheriff's deputies  
came out to the house on  
an anonymous report  
that Gypsy was potentially being abused.  
And they came to the house,  
they spoke with Dee Dee,  
and Dee Dee did exactly  
what she does all the time--  
she manipulated the police officers,  
showed them a few things, and they left.  
And at that point,  
Gypsy has absolutely nowhere

else to turn.

Literally everyone failed her.

Literally.

The doctors who were positioned  
as there to help her didn't help her.

Her father,

who I think was in a  
very difficult position,  
couldn't help her.

How was she supposed to think  
anybody could?

I was just kind of at that point  
where you're like,

"I'm angry at the world  
and this is unfair."

Why couldn't anybody figure this out  
before it got this bad?

**- Woman:**

**- Dee Dee:**

We all kind of did see how Gypsy was  
being treated by Dee Dee,  
not that it was like horrible,  
beating the shit out of her  
in the back room with a freaking cable,  
you know?

She would just-- she put her  
in a wheelchair and told her,  
"Your leg's messed up.  
You can't walk."

Her sister told me once,  
"Rod, you know,  
Gypsy can walk."

And I asked Dee Dee about it.  
She's like, "Yeah, well,  
with her muscular dystrophy  
or with her disease,  
her muscles hurt sometimes.

So sometimes she can walk  
when she's feeling okay,  
but it's progressive.

It's going to get worse."

And it wasn't long after that

that they were--  
they started moving further and  
further away.  
And there was nobody there  
to question--  
question that anymore, you know?  
After all of the doors had been closed--  
family, friends, the police--  
I think that Gypsy felt she had  
no other--  
no other avenue.

**Gypsy:**

a Christian dating website.  
He was one of the profiles  
that I had saw.  
Thought he was cute,  
so I checked him out, sent him a wink.  
He sent me one back.  
Once you met on there, what happened?  
We got closer on there,  
and we connected more and more.

**Godejohn:**

we somehow just knew  
we were right for each other.  
Four days later, we started  
a relationship together.

**Dean:**

that wasn't this sort of heightened  
Prince Charming narrative.  
And Nick just happened to be there.  
His background equipped him  
with a bad narrative in different ways.  
So, it was like two bad narratives  
collided with each other.  
What kind of person--  
if somebody never met him,  
what kind of person is Nick?  
He's pretty quiet, kept to himself,  
you know.  
We always tell him he's got to get out  
and mingle, you know.

- Sure.  
- But he's like, "I'm afraid of getting backstabbed, because everybody backstabs you," and all that stuff.  
He has autism, you know, Asperger's.  
Has he been diagnosed with autism and Asperger's?  
- Yes.  
- Okay.

**Stephanie:**

they said his mind is probably always going to be 15, 16, right around there.  
At first, it was all lighthearted, you know.  
"If you got married, where would you like to have your honeymoon?"  
You know, "Where would you like to get married?  
Where are all the places you want to travel?"  
Different things like that, normal stuff.  
And as it progressed, things got weird.  
He started talking about something called BDSM.

**Gypsy:**

know what it was, so I looked it up.  
And once I looked it up, I was like, "I don't want to do this."  
And then he kind of just talked me into it and was like, "It'll be fine," you know?  
"Try this with me."  
And so, I agreed to it.  
I was taught that a woman's role is to be submissive and the man is dominant, so I didn't think

it was that outlandish.  
Then his ex had messaged me.  
She told me, you know,  
he's a really bad guy.  
He thinks he's a vampire  
and he's into all this  
dominant/submissive stuff.  
And I was thinking, it's just an ex.  
You know, she's just badmouthing him.  
She doesn't know anything.  
She's jealous, blah, blah, blah.  
She was right.  
Godejohn also has a criminal past.  
In 2013 he was arrested  
after investigators say  
he was watching pornography  
and fondling himself  
in a McDonald's restaurant  
for nine hours,  
police finding a large knife  
during the arrest.  
I really don't know what's  
wrong with him,  
but, I mean, it's not like  
I ever had a boyfriend before,  
so I really didn't know  
what was a normal relationship.  
How don't know how much  
she told you about me, but...  
Have you been diagnosed with that?  
I probably should be diagnosed with it  
because it-- it happens--  
the thing is, I used to take  
a medication.  
I used to hear voices in my head.  
Then it went away.  
And then somehow it's a part of myself.  
Okay.  
Does Gypsy know that?  
- Yes. She does know that.  
- Okay.  
His multiple personalities  
would come out,  
and he had talked to me one day



and he was just like, "You know,  
I would like  
my other personalities to  
have a girlfriend."  
So I made up some  
individual personalities  
to match his other personalities.

**Godejohn:**

It's like a little girl inside of her.  
We had another one called Candy.  
She has an evil side of herself as well.  
She used to call her Ruby.

**Gypsy:**

And sometimes, it's a big crazy love.

**Dean:**

things about this case  
is that no matter how much control  
you have over an individual,  
you can't stop adolescent sexuality  
from blossoming.  
Her whole life,  
this had been a subject that was  
forbidden to her,  
and, ultimately,  
that turned into a really  
destructive force.

**Gypsy:**

into our relationship,  
I just couldn't lie to him anymore.  
And I just told him everything.  
Why did nobody know she could walk?  
Her mom wanted everyone to think  
that she was, like, 16 the entire time.  
So, yeah, she felt kind of trapped  
on a wheelchair  
when I actually was trying  
to encourage her  
to be able to walk  
more and more and more.

**Gypsy:**

like, "I want you to kill her."  
But he had said,  
"I'll protect you from anybody."  
And I said, "Anybody?"  
And he said, "Yeah."  
And I said, "Even my mom?"  
And he said, "Yeah."  
And that's where it kind of developed  
from there on.  
We'd call it "plan B."  
But we always pushed it back.  
You know, it was just a thought.  
It was never reality.  
We'll consider other options.  
We had planned a meeting at  
a movie theater.  
I and my mom was going  
to go see "Cinderella,"  
the live-action version  
of "Cinderella,"  
and I was like, "This is a perfect time  
for us to meet.  
I'll buy your ticket, and you  
come to the movie theater.  
We'll meet like we're just  
meeting as new friends,  
and it's going to be perfect."

**Godejohn:**

with me, so I did.

**Officer:**

to have sex with you?  
- Yes.  
- Wow, did her mom know?  
Um, we kept it from her mom.  
Okay. Where did you have sex at  
in the theater?  
- It was in the bathroom.  
- Okay.  
In the girls' bathroom  
or boys' bathroom?  
She just took me in the boys' bathroom.

I didn't have any choice.  
We went right into the boys' bathroom.  
She was okay with it.  
Okay, okay.  
And then what happened after  
you guys had sex in the theater?  
We went to our movie and watched it.  
They're all looking at you.  
Believe me,  
they are all looking at you.  
I don't know what it was,  
but, apparently,  
the night got ruined in some way.  
I couldn't--  
I was trying to understand  
what was going on with her mom.  
She despised him.  
She was like, "He's creepy.  
He's weird.  
He's coming to see a kids' movie  
alone by himself."  
And now looking back on it,  
yeah, it is weird.  
We were the only people at the movies,  
and he didn't have a kid with him  
or a girlfriend or nothing.  
He's just this guy going to see  
this chick movie.

**Carr:**

that you have a friend  
and you want to introduce them?  
I wouldn't have had no way  
to meet him, you know?  
I can't say I met him online or...  
She's-- she was all the time with me,  
so there would be no other time  
to meet him.  
Once all of those plans seemed  
to fall apart,  
I just got desperate.

**Gypsy:**

I managed to scrape up enough money

to pay for him a ticket.  
And the next day, we went to  
the grocery store,  
came back home.  
She went to sleep very, very late,  
and I was up texting Nick.  
(voice breaking)  
We painted each other's nails.  
And I acted like everything was fine.  
We had just recently got into  
an argument,  
and we had made up.  
And I said I was going to be  
a good girl.  
And then she went to sleep  
because I hurt her feelings or something.  
She said, "I'm starting to  
feel more relaxed.  
Don't hurt me."  
The last words she said to me was  
"don't hurt me."  
I went into the bathroom.  
I got kind of in a fetal position  
and I covered my ears.  
And I heard my mom wake up.  
And then she sounded startled.  
And there was some noises  
that I can't make out,  
and I heard her say my name  
a couple times.  
And she said, "Help me."  
And then there was just silence.

**Carr:**

Yeah.

**Dean:**

a premeditated murder  
as I've ever seen.  
It's brutal.  
And I think it would be  
very hard for anybody  
to not have a moment  
of being taken aback.

- Did you have sex with Dee Dee?

- No.

You didn't stick your penis  
anywhere on her?

- Nope.

- Are you sure?

- Yep.

- Positive?

- I'm 100% positive.

- Okay.

Did you stick your penis in her mouth?

- Nope.

- Okay.

Did your penis touch anywhere on  
Dee Dee's body?

- Nope.

- Okay.

Did your mouth touch anywhere on  
Dee Dee's body?

- My mouth? No.

- Okay.

- You didn't kiss her or...

- Nope.

- ...lick her or anything like that?

- Nope.

Okay. What do you think about people  
that have sex with dead bodies?

I mean, it's quite disturbing, honestly.

Okay, that's-- that would bother you?

Yeah. I don't like necrophilia.

Okay, because I think one of the things  
that she might have said  
was that you had mentioned  
that you'd like to rape her mom.

- Yeah, at one point, I was  
thinking about it.

- Okay.

He had wanted to rape my mother.

That's what he wanted to do.

He was like, "I'm going to kill her,  
but I'm going to do it my way,  
and I'm going to rape her."

So what I did was I made  
a deal with him.

I'd let him rape me, and--  
and then he wouldn't--  
he wouldn't do that to my mom.

- So you guys have sex.

- Yes.

And what kind of sex?

What is sex like to you?

Well, to me, the kind of sex  
that it was

was pretty much kind of con-- consensual?

Is that the word I'm looking for?

**Officer:**

Are you punching her?

**Godejohn:**

lay my hands on her.

I didn't even bite her at all, actually.

Not for a long time, that is.

The very first time, she whispered  
in my ear

that that was a turn-on of hers,  
is biting.

- I bit her twice.

- Okay.

The first time I can't remember.

The second time I remember,  
because I bit her a lot harder.

However, she seemed to still enjoy it  
even though it was really hard.

**Gypsy:**

to that point,

I screamed for him to stop,  
and he didn't.

So I don't consider it to be consensual.

Okay, all right.

Is there a reason you  
didn't feel pleasure?

I don't know. It's really hard to say.

I did make her have an orgasm once.

- Okay.

- And then after that, I--  
she might've blew me a bit.

And then after that, I think we stopped  
because we realized  
there was a lot of packing  
and stuff to do.  
Okay, so you guys get everything packed.  
She wipes down the fingerprints.  
And then what do you guys do?  
We get in a taxi and  
we get to the hotel.  
Hi, honey.  
I'm filming.  
He's eating a brownie!

**Gypsy:**

I loved Nick very much at that time,  
and being with him felt exciting  
because I was with someone I loved  
and someone I thought cared for me.  
We took a Greyhound bus  
back to Wisconsin.  
My mind wasn't thinking back  
to what was at my house.  
I just kept thinking,  
"I'm free, I'm free,"  
and that excitement of being  
free and walking.  
I always reference myself to this  
little bluebird  
that was trapped in an invisible cage,  
and I felt like this bluebird was  
set free.  
Did you guys talk about your future?  
What was your plans for your future?  
We wanted to have a family together,  
and we wanted to build  
a life together and stuff.  
We thought we really had  
a chance to do it,  
so we were happy about that.  
Does your mom and stepdad  
know what you did?  
No, they don't.  
And this is the first time  
they ever met Gypsy?

Yeah. In person, yes.  
Okay, and they agreed  
to let her live there?  
- Yep.  
- Okay.

**Officer:**

What did you do think about Gypsy?  
You know, it was weird  
because when I picked them up  
from the bus station, I even asked her,  
"How's your mom doing?  
How is your..."  
'Cause I was told she was  
in a homeless shelter.  
Her mom kicked her out.  
So I asked her how her mom was doing.  
This might have been the first thing  
I asked her.  
No big deal, They acted like nothing.  
What was your impression?  
Did you feel like there was  
anything wrong?  
- Did you feel like everything was good?  
- Everything seemed normal.  
The only thing that freaked me out  
is she was wearing a wig.  
Okay.

**Hancock:**

in the mail  
an envelope or anything addressed to  
Nick or Gypsy or anything like that?  
There was one that just came in--  
hmm-- Saturday?  
I have no idea what was in it.

**Hancock:**

- **Charles:**  
- Okay.

**Charles:**

- That was the night that he had



stabbed her to death.

- What?

They mailed it from their house there to your house.

- Are you serious?

- Yes, ma'am.

- Oh, my God.

- And that was located in your house.

**Stephanie:**

**Officer:**

around \$4,000-5,000 of cash that they had stolen from her mom.

**Stephanie:**

Did you see the Facebook post where it says--

- No.

- Okay, that's right.

On Dee and Gypsy's Facebook post that they share,

there are some horrible messages that were posted on there that said, like--

I believe, like, they slashed her-- like, "I slashed her. I killed her.

And then I raped the girl, and the girl's dead, too."

Well, those all were actually posted by Gypsy.

**Dr. Feldman:**

who went online

to announce, you know,

"That bitch is dead,"

and to go even further

and describe a scenario

where she was raped

is just perverse.

It implies a fair degree of sociopathy.

Just the way the girl acted--

I mean, how can you

do something to your mother  
and lose your mother,  
and just act like that?  
I was like-- I'm just trying to wrap  
my head around it.  
I mean, they acted like  
two normal people.  
- Yeah.  
- That's what's really freaky.  
Yeah.  
How can you do that?

**Bobby:**

the mastermind herself.  
I think it's most anybody's instinct to,  
"Oh, shit, you murdered your mother,"  
you know?  
Watch that girl.  
Don't turn your back.  
You she might stab you.

**Dean:**

is potentially dangerous.  
Dee Dee was a master manipulator,  
and it's impossible that Gypsy would not  
have picked this up and used it.  
- Yeah.  
- You know?  
I know. I mean, that's the way  
it works, though,  
when you have what he has.  
Your mind focuses on one thing.  
Do you know what I mean?  
Yes, ma'am.  
Do you think that if Gypsy hadn't asked  
you to kill her mom,  
you'd have ever killed her mom?  
I know I wouldn't have done it.  
Okay. You just did it because  
you loved Gypsy  
and Gypsy asked you to do it.  
Is that what I'm thinking?  
- Yes.  
- Okay.

For him to ruin his life over that,  
I'm sorry, but she's a beast.

Yeah.

She now doesn't have a language  
beyond manipulation and retaliation.

I mean, is she taking any sort of--  
you know, is she like,

"Well, okay, it was me, too,"  
or is she to trying to put it  
all on Nick?

She...

takes some responsibility,  
but not much.

Not much at all.

- Did you kill your mom?

- No. No, sir.

- Did you help?

- No, sir.

- No one else killed your mom?

- No, sir.

No, sir.

Did you have knowledge that Nicholas  
was going to kill your mom  
before he did it?

No, sir.

Okay. Sit tight for me, okay?

It's okay.

I wonder if people feel that Gypsy  
is telling them the truth now.

**Female voice:**

a call from...

**Gypsy:**

She was still in Wisconsin  
when she called me.

**Kristy on phone:**

**Gypsy:**

**Kristy:**

**Gypsy:**

It's so good to hear your voice.  
At that time, she still wasn't trusting,  
really, anyone.  
She was still not telling  
Mike everything.

**Gypsy:**

It's a complicated situation,  
but what they say on the news  
is not true.  
Then we went in the courtroom,  
and that's when they showed  
all the text messaging.  
And when they said they were  
presenting that,  
she turned around and looked at us  
with fear in her eyes.  
I guess she didn't think  
that they were going to pull  
all of those messages up.

**Carr:**

Yeah, I did.  
They didn't get caught red-handed,  
but they got caught red-handed.  
You know, they have a lot of evidence.  
They have the murder weapon,  
texts, videos.  
I mean, no doubt they did it or  
planned it and everything,  
so it was just a matter  
of why they did it,  
you know, and is that reasonable?

**Carr:**

is not here to abuse you anymore?  
Yeah.  
But at the same time,  
I'm not happy that she's dead.  
You know, I didn't want that.  
I know it sounds strange to  
plan something  
and go through the steps  
to make it happen,

and then-- but at the same time  
not want it to happen.  
One of the problems with the legal system  
is that it demands that people  
have this one intention  
and this one moment in time  
and be certain about it,  
and I'm not sure that  
that really happens.  
And especially in this case,  
I'm not sure that it happens.  
It's possible that Gypsy had  
ultimately ambivalent feelings  
about killing her mother.  
I wonder what she was thinking  
in the other room  
listening to her mother  
screaming sometimes.  
I didn't think anything.  
I was scared.  
I was shaking.  
I just-- I didn't have a thought  
in my brain.  
It was like it was all not real.  
I was on a bunch of medications,  
and I know that's no excuse,  
but on Xanax, I felt like  
I had no emotion  
and I wasn't thinking right.  
Munchausen by proxy victims  
can lose contact  
with reality at times,  
and that may be part of the defence  
in Gypsy's case.  
She may have trouble distinguishing  
what's real and what isn't.  
Is sickness real or is it fake?  
Is death real, or is it exaggerated  
or fake?  
So, I think she had limited capacity  
for reality testing,  
which just means seeing  
what's normal behavior  
and what's really strange behavior.

**Stanfield:**

an alternate reality  
to what the rest of us live.  
By her mother isolating her  
from the outside world,  
she doesn't know or understand  
what normal really is.  
Hi.

**Gypsy:**

I don't know what's right, what's wrong,  
but to say that, yes, I did this.  
I'm sorry for it.  
I feel bad for it.  
It just feels good to be honest.

**Gypsy:**

I could've done differently  
that I know better now is reach out  
to my dad,  
told my dad.  
And he could have came and got me,  
and I would've went and lived with him.

**Rod:**

where I'd visit with Gypsy.  
At that time, she was real young.  
I remember one visit...  
she was so scared of me, man.  
She was shaking.  
I don't know what Dee Dee  
told her about me,  
but I probably was the big bad wolf  
or something, you know?  
Gypsy must have been so confused,  
you know?  
She was probably telling her  
the day before  
that, you know, I don't love her  
and all this stuff,  
and then here she is visiting with me  
and telling her,  
"Look, that's your daddy.

Give him a hug," you know?  
That's old history now, so we're  
just going to try to build  
a real father-daughter  
intimate relationship,  
you know, like we should have.  
It's hard.  
Thinking what she had to go through  
and that she didn't have  
to go through all that.

**- Woman:**

- Look at that.  
She would probably have been  
a perfectly fine kid  
had it not been her mom was Dee Dee.  
Okay, y'all want to get  
the table ready or what?

**- Women:**

- We're going to eat off the trays?

**Claude:**

I hope she gets out, and  
I don't know what--  
what she's going to do when she gets out.  
She was punished enough  
to where they should let her go free.  
That's the way I feel.  
'Cause that child's--  
she's been through a lot.

**Kristy:**

**- Woman:**

- Yeah, when she was normal.  
I blame myself now for not doing more.  
I mean, it is what it is.  
I'm not a "blame yourself" type of guy,  
but who else is there to look at,  
you know?  
Okay.  
This is-- sorry.  
I didn't realize they were going to

bring you out immediately.  
This is the new charge--  
class-A felony  
of murder in the second degree,  
and then acting in concert with another  
who knowingly caused the death  
of your mother  
by stabbing her, okay?

This is in the case of State of Missouri  
v. Gypsy Rose Blanchard.

Please raise your right hand.

Do you swear and affirm  
that the testimony  
you're about to give will be the truth,  
the whole truth,  
and nothing but the truth?

Yes, sir.

Would you state your name  
for the record, please?

- Gypsy Blanchard.

- And how old are you?

I'm going to be 25 years old, but 24.

Okay. And how far did you go in school?

About the second grade.

How do you plead to the class-A felony  
of murder in the second degree?

- Guilty.

- The court finds that there is  
a factual basis for a plea of guilty.

The court accepts defendant's

plea of guilty

and finds the defendant guilty thereof  
beyond a reasonable doubt.

She's to be sentenced to 10 years  
in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

She'll have to do 85% of her sentence  
before she's eligible for parole.

Let's go off the record.

There you are.

**Patterson:**

and extraordinary.

Gypsy Blanchard endured  
nearly two decades



of systematic, purposeful abuse  
at the hands of her mother  
for the purpose of fraud.  
And so, by amending to murder  
in the second degree,  
we were able to both hold  
Gypsy Blanchard accountable  
for the murder,  
which was not justified  
nor excusable,  
but yet account for  
those mitigating circumstances.  
All of us involved are--  
it's a relief.  
You know, at the very beginning of this,  
there was the question of  
the death penalty on the table.  
Ultimately, it's the best  
outcome for her.  
It's the best outcome  
for the State of Missouri  
and ultimately the right thing  
to do for everybody.  
That one's in this pocket.  
Ooh.  
I mean, it's a murder.  
There's nothing we can do about that,  
so, you know, that has to be dealt with.  
But ultimately, when you look at the fact  
that at the end of that 8 1/2 years,  
when she's already done a year of that,  
she'll be 32 years old.  
She'll be three years younger  
than I am right now.  
So, I mean, she will actually be able  
to enjoy just the world.

**Carr:**

is better  
than 10 years of living  
the way that you had to live?  
Yes, it is.  
I need to start over like I'm newly born.  
- Honey?

- Yeah.

- Green?

- Yeah.

White or green?

No, no, no, no, no.

It's my favorite hat.

No, other hat.

**Kristy:**

You know, it's going to be  
very emotional.

Yeah, you're a big crybaby.

You're probably gonna cry, too.

And then when you're gonna cry,

I'm going to cry

because you're crying,

because it's hard to see grown men cry.

I don't cry.

Bullshit.

You cry.

- Hello.

- Daddy.

Oh...

I've missed you.

- You're so big.

- I know!

I'm almost as tall as you.

So how's everything going  
with you health-wise?

- You good? You feel good?

- It's going good, yeah.

You've been exercising  
and everything?

I've been going to the rec yard,  
been exercising.

That's good.

My tube site is finally all healed.

It's gone?

That's good.

Looks great.

Looks good.

All healed up, so...

Every once in a while,

I get a little pain,

but I think it's just  
phantom pain or something.

Yeah.

So, are you glad that it's--  
I'm happy that it's over.

Yeah. We was-- honestly,  
we was hoping for less.

I mean, I know it was your decision  
and everything.

- That's a gamble you take.

I mean--

- Yeah.

I look at it like

you could've got 30 years.

I look at it that I could've got  
life in prison, you know?

I was hitting a really down point,  
and it was before--

before the plea agreement,

before I knew anything about it.

I was thinking if I get life in prison  
and that is what I get,

I'm committing suicide  
right now, you know?

I was seriously considering it.

- Well, baby--

- 'Cause I'm like, it could just be over.

I just want to make sure  
you know that

if I had done anything wrong,  
I'm sorry, baby.

No, I don't think

you did anything wrong.

I think it's just Mom was very good  
at what she was doing,

and I think you just  
was completely in the dark.

And I don't-- I want you to know  
I don't blame you for any of it,  
either of you.

- Thank you.

- I take blame on myself.

And I blame other people,

but I never once blamed y'all.

Don't blame yourself, sweetie.

We blame-- I hold enough  
for myself, you know?

Accountability, it's--  
but, I mean, we're not  
gonna dwell on that.

- No.

- No.

We're gonna go forward,  
and when you get out..

- We'll heal together.

- ...you're still gonna be young.

We can have a great relationship.

Look, God pulled you through it.

- **Rod:**

- You know?

The devil don't got you, baby.

God got you.

- **Gypsy:**

- And we got you.

Give me a hug.

Hang in there, baby.

You need anything, call any time, okay?

Oh, she knows.

We'll come see you again  
over there, wherever.

Just hang tight. Stay strong.

- We love you.

- I love you, too.

I don't want to go.

I don't want to go.

I don't want to go.

It's okay, baby.

You can do it, okay?

Just stay strong.

You got this far, okay?

The rest is gonna be easier.

- Okay. Okay.

- Okay?

You guys have a safe trip back.

- Don't get in no trouble.

- I won't.

- Be good.
- I'll be a good girl.
- Follow the rules.
- I will.

Bye.

- Set a good example.
- I will.

We were very happy  
Well, at least I thought we were  
Can't somebody tell me  
what's got into her?  
A house, a home, a family  
And a man  
that loves her so  
Oh, say, has anybody seen  
My sweet Gypsy Rose?  
Here's her picture  
when she was my sweet Mary Jo  
Now she's got rings  
on her fingers  
And bells on her toes  
Say, has anybody seen  
my sweet Gypsy Rose?  
Oh, I got wind  
my Jo's been dancin'  
Here in New Orleans  
In this smoke-filled honky-tonk  
They call the Land of Dreams  
Whoa, here she comes a-struttin'  
In her birthday clothes  
Say, has anybody seen  
my sweet Gypsy Rose?  
Sweet Gypsy Rose  
Sweet Gypsy Rose  
So take those rings  
off your fingers  
And bells off your toes  
Say, has anybody seen my  
Now you know just what I mean by  
Has anybody seen my Gypsy Rose?