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REED: Good morning everyone! It's 9 am and you're listening to Daily People radio. I hope everyone is doing amazing! Today I have the honor of having two very special guests with me. Most of you already know them. They are one of the young men who experienced a sudden plane evacuation and fought for their lives, while being stranded on a deserted island. It's Ralph and Jack! Thank you so much for being here! How are you today? How has been life treating you?

RALPH: Hello Jenn and hello to everyone out there! Thank you for having us! I'm doing good. It's an honor to be here. Life has been a rollercoaster of events but I'm back on track and couldn't be happier.

JACK: Thank you for having us. We're excited to be here. Everything has been hectic but now all of it settled down and I'm living my best life. Both of us are in college now actually. I'm a law major and Ralph is majoring in social studies.

REED: That's amazing guys! You should be proud of yourselves. I can imagine that this road was a long road of emotions and life-changing events. I'm aware of the fact that you two and the other boys had to go through a lot of things. Firstly, I want to start off by asking you guys, if it's alright to talk about that certain time of your life. We respect you two, regardless of your decision.

RALPH: Of course, it's alright. That's what we're here for.

REED: Jack is it alright with you, too?

JACK: Sure Jenn! We're here to talk about our story and about our past interactions. I can't lie and say it's not an unusual experience, especially for kids in that age.

REED: Lovely! So, this plane evacuation has bombarded the news and people were going insane when they heard about it. You were one of the older lads on the plane at that time, but still very young. What went through your heads when they told you, that you all had to evacuate the plane?

JACK: Yes, both of us were 12 years old at the time, but most of the boys were around the ages of 6-10. It's hard to describe. It all happened so fast. One minute we're casually sitting on our seats and the next minute, they yelled at us and told us that they're going to shoot us off because of a nuclear bomb.

RALPH: We were kids. It was surreal. We were scared, anxious and thought that this was it. The end. But we landed safely and immediately got an impactful impression of the island.

REED: How would you describe the island's circumstances?

JACK: Well, to begin with, very hot. A lot of palm trees and a beautiful sandy beach with fruit trees. Sounds like a paradise, doesn't it? But the whole island wasn't like that. Besides the palm trees, there was a dark forest and a lot of broken trunks and fallen branches, which scared the living crap out of us.

REED: Well, you weren't all by yourself though. Where were all the other schoolboys? Did you gather around with all of them quickly or did you never see them again after the evacuation?

RALPH: No, we weren't by ourselves. I met a boy called Piggy, well, at least we called him that, who became one of my best friends very quickly. He was one of the most intellectual and kindhearted people I've ever known. Later on, I met a pair of twins called Sam and Eric. The situation was super chaotic, but he always managed to stay rational and think strategically. We were on our own at first, but thankfully Piggy found a conch and had the idea to summon the other boys with it by blowing in it. And to our surprise, it worked. That's when I met Jack and the other ones.

JACK: Oh, I remember that. Me and my fellow choir members, which are Simon, Roger and some other lads, heard a blunt noise and walked towards that and happened to see Ralph and Piggy. We exchanged names and had quick introductions and thought that it would be smart to elect a leader. The conch became a sort of "assembly call" for all of us.

RALPH: Not to be a humblebrag or anything but, I got chosen by the way.

REED & JACK: *laughing*

REED: Since Ralph got chosen, didn't that cause somewhat of a rivalry between the groups? Did there occur any disagreements or fights among you guys?

JACK: Definitely. You need to keep in mind that I was a mean rascal at that time of age. I was furious when Ralph got chosen as the leader and I was willing to do anything to get rid of him and take over this leadership.

REED: I can imagine it being hard, having to accept that kind of defeat. It lowers your self-esteem in a way. How did you get along during this time, despite the feud between you two and the split groups?

RALPH: Well, we needed to. It was a ride or die situation. There were no adults around us and there were a few tense moments between all of us but I decided that it would be smart, to assign tasks and jobs to each and everyone. Jack, Simon, Roger and the other choir boys were in charge of hunting. Simon was also in charge of exploring the island and giving us an overall view. Me and the other boys were supposed to watch the fire, collect wood and fruits and all that.

REED: Hunting at that young age? How did that turn out?

JACK: Well, it sure was something. The first time we went hunting, I almost got the pig but I couldn't get myself to kill it. I felt like such a coward.

REED: You were all very young and unknown of the reality of this world. Was there a point of that time where anxiety and fear hit you?

RALPH: Many times, yes. We didn't know how long we were going to be stuck on that island. A lot of thoughts went through our heads. How long are we going to be here? Are we going to die? Do our parents know that we're here? Thoughts like that. That's why we started making signal fires to call out for help.

JACK: Oh, and also when one of our little ones claimed to see a dark beast-like creature.

REED: What? A beast-like creature? What exactly are we talking about here?

RALPH: The little ones of our group claimed to see that certain “beast” multiple times but we all blamed it on their reoccurring nightmares. But they are young, so I can’t really blame them for it. After complaints and complaints and telling us over and over again that they indeed saw a beast, - we made it our mission to find it.

REED: Poor guys. I bet they must’ve been scared for dear life! But did your feuds ever stop?

RALPH: I would love to say yes, but no they didn’t. Although we started to have a strategic and daily routine, we would always get into arguments. Especially Jack and I would fight a lot about how things are supposed to work around here. There was a moment where we had a huge fight because some certain people went hunting, instead of watching the signal fire and because of that, we were left with a pig carcass but no fire.

JACK: *coughs nervously* Well, atleast I got us food, right? But it’s true, that situation got out of hand very quickly and escalated, because of me. Most of our fights were because of lack of work. A lot of us didn’t do what they were ordered to do, hence why everything got out of hand.

REED: Who can blame you guys? You were kids. You reacted based on your current emotions. You didn’t think about the consequences. Earlier, you mentioned the little ones. How was your relationship with them?

RALPH: It was neutral for the most part. We had to take care of them. It would get annoying sometimes, when they would enjoy themselves playing and we would work or hunt.

JACK: I can’t speak for all of us but I was annoyed most of the time and would push them around a lot, because they got on my nerves.

REED: You two mentioned something about the beast, which everyone was so afraid of and was keen on finding. Has it ever been found?

RALPH: After an assembly we had with all the lads, Jack and I decided to go and look for the beast ourselves and let’s just say, we didn’t like what we saw.

JACK: I came up with the brilliant idea to use the pig carcasses head as a bait for the monster or as an offering to the beast. But instead of a successful catch of the beast, something else happened, something tragic.

REED: What do you mean tragic?

RALPH: Let's just say, we lost a dear friend. Our dear friend Simon passed away. Under which circumstances doesn't have to be known to the public world. We're sorry.

REED: Oh dear! My condolences! I can't even begin to imagine the pain you must've went through. Did that stir up the group's dynamic at all?

RALPH: Thank you. It definitely did. Most of the guys joined Jack's tribe and I was left alone with Piggy, Sam and Eric and a couple of the little ones. Jack went on and stayed at "Castle Rock" and I think that was the worst part. The part where everything went downhill.

JACK: That was my time to shine. My peak of leadership. I basically ruled over Castle Rock. I was out for revenge and wanted to obtain all the power. So, I came up with a plan to attack Ralph's tribe at night and beat them up to teach them a lesson. Oh, and we also stole Piggy's glasses, which gave us a huge advantage.

RALPH: I remember getting furiously mad looking at our situation and our vulnerability and I couldn't let that be. I picked up the conch and made my way to Jack's tribe. We started yelling at each other, throwing around assumptions and a verbal fight instantly turned into a fist fight. But that fight got broken up very soon after that due to another heartbreaking moment.

REED: It can't be another death, can it?

RALPH: Yes, unfortunately it was. Piggy died. A death, I have never expected nor have I ever thought about.

JACK: *glances at RALPH* Let's not talk about that. This is a family-friendly radio show right? That's a topic for another time.

REED: Of course, I respect that. And again, I'm terribly sorry for your loss! It seems like there wasn't any civilization left for you guys?

JACK: No, there wasn't. All of us completely lost our minds.

RALPH: I found out that Jack wanted to send his entire tribe against mine, so because of that, my first instinct was to hide in a thicket. What I didn't know, was that Jack would go insane and behave like a maniac. No offense dude.

JACK: None taken. I own up to what I did and I regret every single bit of it. I was angry and started fires all around the island and the jungle. I know, it was awful. I am completely aware of my actions.

RALPH: I was so scared when I saw and smelled all the smoke and I began to run towards the beach when I witnessed the happiest moment of my life. A naval officer.

JACK: I began to pace after him but stopped when I was left in utter surprise at the sight of the naval officer, our savior.

REED: That's unbelievable! You finally got saved! How did you guys feel at that exact moment? It must have been euphoric.

RALPH & JACK: We cried our eyes out

RALPH: I was so relieved. I can't even describe it. I thought I was about to get killed but that naval officer arrived at the perfect timing, like a knight in shining armor.

JACK: I couldn't agree more.

REED: I am beyond glad to see you two safe and sound! But that process must've been tough right?

JACK: It surely wasn't a piece of cake. Both of us had therapy sessions and other help which we are thankful for to this day.

REED: How come you guys get along now?

RALPH: It took a long time. But we eventually matured. We talked things out. Talked about our feelings and thoughts. That really helped.

REED: I can't thank you guys enough for sharing this incredible story. I am very honored, to have been able to hear this from the very true people, who have lived through it all. I want to commend you two and all the others, on your bravery and your ability to still stay happy and confident after all this experience.

RALPH: Thank you for having us. We enjoyed talking to you!

JACK: It was a lovely interview. Thank you so much for everything! Stay safe everyone!

REED: This was Daily People radio with Ralph and Jack. I hoped you enjoyed listening to these brave young men just as much as I did. We'll hear us on the next airing. Stay safe everyone and enjoy your weekend!