

00:00:00	Biz Ellis	Host	Hi. I'm Biz.
00:00:02	Theresa Thorn	Host	And I'm Theresa.
00:00:03	Biz	Host	Due to the pandemic, we bring you <i>One Bad Mother</i> straight from our homes—including such interruptions as: children! Animal noises! And more! So let's all get a little closer while we have to be so far apart. And remember—we are doing a <u>good job</u> .
00:00:21	Music	Music	"Summoning the Rawk" by Kevin MacLeod. Driving electric guitar and heavy drums.
00:00:25	Biz	Host	<i>[Continues through dialogue.]</i> This week on a very special Halloween <i>One Bad Mother</i> —Halloween memories! Biz's sister, Helen Michelle, stops by for a haunt; and Biz discovers a new body in the booth.
00:00:37	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Biz and caller: Woooo!
00:00:41	Caller	Caller	Yeah. I'm not okay.

[Biz laughs.]

I mean... Everybody thinks I'm okay? But I'm not okay! I've had to miss my last two therapy appointments because of a insurance hiccup. I am three months behind on my rent. I just spent pretty much my entire paycheck paying off a back electricity bill. I just had to redo food stamps. Like, every time I turn around, something new was falling apart. I'm scrambling putting something back together while like three other things are collapsing behind me. And I'm just tired of it. I'm tired of trying to hold it together and I'm tired of everybody thinking I'm okay, but I don't know how to let people know that I'm not okay without just screaming my head off. I don't know how to communicate that I'm getting help, but I need more help.

[Biz laughs.]

I don't know what to do. And I live in a state where the whole thing is just set up horribly if you need help, because the whole point is to discourage you from doing everything so they can give you as little help as possible. I just—*[sighs.]* Hate this place. I hate this time of year. I hate the fact that it is an election year. I don't even wanna deal with this. Ugh. *[Sighs.]* But it is what it is—

[Biz laughs.]

—and yeah! I'm just—I'm not okay! And I need to say I'm not okay to someone who's not going to just be like, "Let me fix you! You're broken!" cause I don't wanna add that stress to other people. So yeah. Thanks for listening. You're all doing a great job and I'm doing a great job of pretending I'm doing a great job.

[Biz laughs.]

00:02:30	Biz	Host	Well. If I was passing out the Academy Award for pretending that you're doing a great job when you don't feel like you're doing a good job, may I present... this Academy Award. That was one hell of a check-in. And I am so glad you did check in, because you are right! That's... too much! Everything you just listed there—even just one of those things? Too much. And it—this—it is what it is. It's just
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like another motto for 2020. It is what it is! Y'know? Like it's like—
[Laughs.] It's like having a brand-new hat and feeling so pretty and walking outside and then a bird taking a shit on your head. Like that is—that's where we are. And I think, actually, you're pretty remarkable? Because... you—it is obvious that you are focused and working on trying to stay ahead of the next thing that falls?

And... I think how do you tell somebody? Is you just say it. We just all should be done with it. 'K? Let them decide if they can help you carry it or not. Okay? You don't have to decide in advance if somebody would be willing to help. Whatever that "help" is. Okay? Let's take that one off our plate and let them make their own decision. Don't worry; they'll let you know. [Laughs.] If they slowly start backing away and throw a smoke bomb and go "poof!" and disappear, they weren't—they weren't in a place to support you emotionally. But I... think... we all might be surprised by who does wanna help support us. So I think you're doing actually a really remarkable job. That just sounds like a lot. That sounds like a lot. You know what also is a lot? Is my undying love and appreciation for everybody out there who is... making it happen during this pandemic. Essential workers? [Singing] Do-do, do-do-do-do-dooo! [Regular voice] Roll call! And let's just go ahead and note that this roll call will forget like 90% of the amazing people out there who are doing work in unbelievable circumstances. All medical professional. Y'know—[sighs.] I now do not know a single person who hasn't had to go in for something to a doctor's office or to an emergency room, and hasn't come out saying how amazed they were by how smooth it went; how empty it felt; now I know, y'know, people are experiencing different things in different locations where we are having extreme spikes? But I just... I know people are working so hard in the medical industry to make things clean and safe and healthy for us.

00:04:30 Biz

Host

And... for all of you who go in every day and put yourself at risk to take care of us, I appreciate you. I love all the people who—I—y'know, people keep yelling—well, not people. There's one person in particular who keeps yelling that we should just open everything because nothing's wrong if we just believe hard enough that nothing's wrong. It won't affect us. But as a result, a lot of people are having to go back to work who might not be ready. Teachers? I love you! I hear how tired you are. I hear it! Over the Zooms. You're amazing. School administrators. The people who help—for those people who have in-person learning? All the people who help keep that school clean and safe for the kids. People who are driving kids back and forth in buses. You're amazing.

People in stores and shopping and delivering. Thank god somebody will deliver wine to me. You are so very, very nice to do so! And I appreciate you. And of course, our United States Postal Service. Thank you! This is a big time of year for you. Handling all the mail-in ballots and I appreciate all the hard work that you are doing to help our election happen. And to the post people who deliver and pick up our mail. And finally, to all of you who are volunteering to be poll workers? Thank you, thank you, thank you! And to everyone who voted. I love you. I love you very much. Thank you for voting.

00:07:25	Biz	Host	<p><i>[Deep breath.]</i></p> <p>Now, how am I? Well, like I teased at the beginning, there's a new body in here, guys! We have a new producer! And their name is Gabe. And I'm looking at Gabe right now. And I am <u>so</u> excited that Gabe is joining us as our new producer. Do not worry—I did not murder Hannah. Hannah just went out for milk and never came back. I'm just kidding! Hannah had a wonderful opportunity arise for her and we support her in her new adventures. Also wanna thank Kristen Bennett, the Maximum Fun fellow who helped get us through these few weeks of transition and we are <u>so</u> excited. So if you see Gabe appearing on the Motherboard or any of the boards or anywhere, please say hi and say welcome! Welcome, welcome, welcome.</p> <p>Gabe, guess what I did? I... bought too much candy for Halloween. That's how I'm doing. That's my check in. I bought too much candy. I overdid. Not sure how it's gonna unfold Halloween night. Maybe to make sure that we have the right amount I should just eat some of it in advance. But I love Halloween candy. I love it so very much. I love Halloween so very much. And I think that ties in nicely to what's gonna happen today... in the past piece of a bonus episodes, guys! Today it's all Helen Michelle. And all me. Talking about our favorite Halloween memories.</p>
00:09:07	Music	Music	Banjo strums; cheerful banjo music continues through dialogue.
00:09:08	Theresa	Host	Please—take a moment to remember: If you're friends of the hosts of <i>One Bad Mother</i> , you should <u>assume</u> that when we talk about other moms, we're talking about <u>you</u> .
00:09:16	Biz	Host	If you are <u>married</u> to the host of <i>One Bad Mother</i> , we <u>definitely are</u> talking about you.
00:09:20	Theresa	Host	Nothing we say constitutes <u>professional</u> parenting advice.
00:09:23	Biz	Host	Biz and Theresa's children are brilliant, lovely, and exceedingly extraordinary.
00:09:26	Theresa	Host	Nothing said on this podcast about them implies otherwise.
			<i>[Banjo music fades out.]</i>
			<i>[Biz and Helen Michelle repeatedly affirm each other as they discuss the weekly topic. They slide in and out of Southern accents, to various degrees, from one word at a time to a full paragraph.]</i>
00:09:33	Biz	Host	This week we are welcoming back my sister! Helen Michelle. <i>[Laughs.]</i> Who also is known for a few things, like writing <i>American Housewife</i> . <i>[Laughs.]</i> And <i>Southern Lady Code</i> . And... if you really wanna go back, <i>Eating the Cheshire Cat!</i> Go get that one. Go demand it. That's a good one if you wanna learn something about the South we grew up in. And she has a new book on the way soon! Welcome, Helen Michelle!
00:10:13	Helen Michelle Ellis	Guest	Do I get to woo?
00:10:14	Biz	Host	Yes! You can woo with me!
			<i>[Hallie laughs.]</i>
00:10:17	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Both: Wooooo!
			<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>

00:10:20 Helen Guest Or should we say, “OooOOooOo!”
Michelle

00:10:23 Biz Host I know! “OoooOOoOoO!”

00:10:24 Helen Guest Because you know I am coming to you live from New York City
Michelle where it is officially a ghost town.

00:10:30 Biz Host I know! It’s a ghost town!

[Hallie laughs.]

00:10:34 Helen Guest It is a ghost town in New York City!
Michelle I’ll be going out tonight with a few other ghosts.

[Biz laughs.]

00:10:39 Biz Host Down in Tribeca.
Very nice. Very nice. Helen Michelle! It’s time for our annual
discussion about all things Halloween! First though, how are you?
This is the first time I’ve laid eyes on you in...

00:10:52 Helen Guest I know! I know. We are phone talkers in our family. I have not laid
Michelle eyes on my parents *[through laughter]* or you—

[Biz laughs.]

00:10:59 Biz Host Here. I’ll give you a little taste. I’m gonna take the hair down.

00:11:03 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Helen Michelle:** Oh Lord Jesus, Lady Godiva!

00:11:07 Biz Host **Biz:** I know. I’m like a witch!
I’m like a witch is what this hair looks like.

[Hallie laughs.]

00:11:11 Helen Guest Okay.
Michelle I’m good! I’m good. But I wanted to say—‘cause I was just listening
to the last episode ‘cause I listen to you every week.

00:11:18 Biz Host I know. You’re so nice.

00:11:19 Helen Guest Listening to Ellis and his missing tooth.
Michelle

00:11:21 Biz Host I know! *[Laughs.]*

00:11:23 Helen Guest And I love how you always thank the essential workers and I know
Michelle that I am going to thank you because you are an essential worker.

00:11:34 Biz Host What?!

00:11:35 Helen Guest Yes, you most certainly are. I know that your listeners agree that
Michelle you are there every single week and it is greatly appreciated and
you give people hope and comfort and understanding and I know
that everyone appreciates it. So thank you, Elizabeth!

00:11:57 Biz Host Thank you, Helen Michelle!

[Hallie laughs.]

00:12:00 Helen Guest I appreciate that! *[Laughs.]*
Michelle The accents are gonna come on thick.

00:12:04 Biz Host Oh yeah. Get ready, Gabe. Buckle up.

[Hallie laughs.]

Buckle up. Again, thank you. I wanna jump in to Halloween. We have spoken. You guys can go back and find us talking about ghosts and haunts—haints and haunts. I think we also talked about superstitions—

00:12:22 Helen Michelle Guest Yes.

00:12:23 Biz Host Which I think we concluded basically all brought us back to the Devil.

00:12:27 Helen Michelle Guest Yes. Well superstitions, that's just paying attention.

00:12:30 Biz Host Yeah, that's right! *[Laughs.]* It is. Superstition's just paying attention. And some of our other sort of family... I don't know.

[Hallie laughs.]

00:12:43 Helen Michelle Guest Witchiness? Southernness? Tradition.

00:12:44 Biz Host Prophetic dreams.

00:12:45 Helen Michelle Guest Yes!

00:12:46 Biz Host But today—

00:12:47 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Helen Michelle:** I dreamed of Ellis's birth.

00:12:50 Helen Michelle Guest **Biz:** Oh! Yes! Yes, she did! Of your pregnancy. Mm-hm. Mm-hm.

00:12:53 Biz Host Yes. The day I took a test and found out I was pregnant, my sister called me. I was at Mary Burke's wedding. And she calls me and I'm like in a cabin up in the middle of the mountains and she says, "Elizabeth, I just had a dream."

[Hallie laughs.]

00:13:09 Helen Michelle Guest And she informed me— That you had a son.

00:13:10 Biz Host I had a son. And I said, "Well that's weird 'cause I just took a test."

[Hallie laughs.]

00:13:15 Helen Michelle Guest "And I'm pregnant." No! Now I feel that I predicted it and then you went and got the test. That's the way I tell it.

00:13:20 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Biz:** Oh, is that it? Okay, let's tell the story that way.

00:13:21 Biz Host **Helen Michelle:** That's the way I tell it. That's a much better way to tell the story.

00:13:24 Helen Michelle Guest Well and y'know, one of my costumes as a child was always "gypsy." *[Laughs.]*

00:13:27 Biz Host Gypsy! Which—you cannot be a gypsy anymore. Let's just jump in to—

00:13:32 Helen Michelle Guest Inappropriate costumes.

00:13:34 Biz Host It is! Let's just jump into inappropriate costumes.

[Hallie laughs.]

Our life in the South. So— *[Laughs.]* Costumes. I just would like to start with costumes. And I think that gypsy—and again, it's like dressing up as a pirate. It's the most, like, extreme like movie-fed, y'know, generated version of like whatever you can rummage through your mother's closet.

00:14:00 Helen
Michelle Guest

Yes! It is the easiest costume. All of our costumes were from our parents' closets. *[Laughs.]*

[Biz laughs.]

So—that—does your mother have a 1970s ankle-length patchwork skirt? Boom! You're a gypsy!

00:14:15 Biz Host
00:14:16 Helen Guest
Michelle

That's right. Or Stevie Nicks.

Do you have a—does your father have a handkerchief? Tie it to a broomstick! You're a hobo. *[Laughs.]*

[Biz laughs.]

All you have to do, you have a little dress? Paint on some little rosy cheeks and some lipstick and you're a baby doll.

00:14:29 Biz Host

You're a baby doll. I mean, like, none of us can ever run for public office because we all have these floating around somewhere. I mean, it's just—and it's wonderful that we have moved on. But I wanted to ask you—I hope. Do you remember having a favorite costume?

00:14:50 Helen
Michelle Guest

Oh, that's a good question.

00:14:52 Biz Host

Thank you! *[Laughs.]*

00:14:53 Helen Guest
Michelle

I don't know if I had a favorite costume, but I have a very memorable costume. *[Laughs.]* I was in the tenth grade. 'Cause I was never... someone who... sexualized my costumes. Because y'know, we all remember my 13th-grade birthday party 'cause my birthday is right before Halloween and so there were often Halloween-themed parties and an overly-developed sixth grader—

[Biz laughs.]

—came to my 13th-year-old birthday party in a nude bodystocking and a six-foot carnival snake wrapped around her because it was the Bible Belt and she was Eve!

[Biz laughs.]

So—so I think—well, I do think I have a favorite costume, now that my mind is running. My favorite costume was probably from being ten years old, and we had a... detective. Birthday party. And again, Mama made fantastic birthday cakes. One layer. Circle cake. Circle cake. With just a one piece of rectangular piece of cake to make it look like a magnifying glass. Like a magnifying glass cake. And I was Fargo North. Do you know who that is? *[Laughs.]*

00:16:13 Biz Host

Yes! Fargo North! It was a character from a book, yes.

00:16:16 Helen Guest
Michelle

Yes. So again, it was just my mother's trench coat and—

[Biz laughs.]

00:16:23 Biz Host —a pencil moustache!

00:16:25 Helen Guest That's right. I think you had Papa's hat as well.

Michelle Guest Yes, and Papa's fedora! But I do also remember being humiliated at various attempts of costumes, and that's where I go to tenth grade where there was a big, y'know, girl-boy party at some sort of, y'know, park shed. And again, last minute thinking, "I'm gonna be Sleeping Beauty!" And so I put on my, y'know, Vermont Catalogue flannel—

[Biz laughs.]

—floor-length rose-print *Little House on the Prairie* night gown—
[Laughs.] And go and everybody all night called me Wee Willie Winkle! [Laughs.]

00:17:03 Biz Host [Biz laughs.]

No! Wee Willie Winkle! Upstairs, downstairs—well that reminds me of my worst—like, my favorite but worst Halloween costume, which is where I was gonna go Trick-or-Treating as Pat Benatar. Do you remember this? I was gonna be Pat Benatar and you and a friend came with me—'cause I guess I had no one to go Trick-or-Treating with—and you guys came with me and you guys were gonna be my backup singers. And every—and I had like this green, y'know, kinda ripped—something left over from some, y'know, school costume related things. Like, shiny green material with a belt around it. Cinched around it. Leggings and like, y'know, my hair was short. And all this stuff. And like crazy makeup. And every fucking house we went to was like, "Peter Pan!"

[Hallie laughs.]

00:17:56 Helen Guest And I'm like, "I am Pat... Benatar!"

Michelle Guest Pat Benatar! Yes. Was there a costume that you wish you had done and could've pulled off? But you never did?

00:18:04 Biz Host I have always found all costumes hard to pull off because of the glasses.

[Hallie laughs.]

Because, like— [Laughs.] Like, do I limit myself to only costume—like, only costumes with glasses. Or do I just, y'know, there were a couple of those like eighth grade, high school years where I know I just went blind to parties trying to pretend that I was, y'know, a vision without glasses. But I know I've shared it in the show before, but I will never forget—I was going—it was like a preschool kind of like maybe or kindergarten class. You wore your costumes. And I went as—I wanted to go as Darth Vader.

[Hallie laughs.]

00:18:56 Helen Guest And Mama took—I know. Whatever.

Michelle Guest Things I have never said.

00:18:57 Biz Host That's right.

[Both laugh.]

Everybody get out your list! Get out your punch card for things I say that my sister's never said and vice-versa. Mama took—we could not find one and Mama took a skeleton mask. You know those plastic ones with the little elastic straps? Snap onto your face. Spray-painted it black and y'know put me in some sort of black cape and I went and everyone made fun of me and were like, "That's just a skeleton suit you've painted black!" I remember just feeling like...

[Hallie laughs.]

00:19:33 Helen Guest —shit. But I am a stronger person for it now.
Michelle I have such a vivid memory of—y'know—

00:19:35 Biz Host Yeah! Do you remember anything of me being in anything?
00:19:38 Helen Guest *[Sighs.]* Well I remember going to one of your birthday parties. And
Michelle it wasn't a Halloween birthday party.
00:19:43 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Biz:** No, it was the doll party.

00:19:45 Helen Guest **Helen Michelle:** I must've—
Michelle It—was it a doll party?

00:19:46 Biz Host Was it the doll party where I was dressed up—it was in the Parks &
Recreation shed.

00:19:51 Helen Guest That's exactly what it was!
Michelle

00:19:52 Biz Host That you rent out. Yeah.
00:19:53 Helen Guest And again, just to show you the changing times, I had the flu.
Michelle *[Laughs.]* But I still put on my full clown outfit—

00:20:01 Biz Host Oh yeah! Oh yeah! *[Laughs.]*
00:20:03 Helen Guest And fright wig. *[Laughs.]*
Michelle

00:20:04 Biz Host 'Cause you were a clown doll!
00:20:06 Helen Guest I was a clown doll.
Michelle

[Biz laughs.]

And I had—there's this picture of me and I wish it could be unearthed in the parents' basement—wherever it is—of me just sitting with my head in my hands because I had just thrown up. *[Laughs.]* In the back—y'know, the back of the party.

[Biz laughs.]

00:20:31 Biz Host And I was so sick. Just waiting for someone to take me home
'cause I didn't want to ruin the party!
00:20:33 Helen Guest You don't want to ruin the party, Helen Michelle!
Michelle No! No!

00:20:35 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Biz:** I will make sure I post this on Instagram. But it—it—no!

00:20:40 Biz Host **Helen Michelle:** Oh, what is it? Is it me?
It's not you. It's me.

00:20:41 Helen Guest Oh yes. That's where I puked!
Michelle

00:20:43 Biz Host That's the doll party with the doll cake and Mama and her fabulous short hair. And all those other kids dressed like dolls.

00:20:52 Helen Guest Dolls. Which we would just call *Toddler & Tiara* pageant-wear now.
Michelle

00:20:56 Biz Host Exactly.

[Hallie laughs.]

00:21:00 Helen Guest That is exactly right. Lotta lace. *[Laughs.]*
Michelle That's why I imagine in my mind, like, if I'm ever to go to a Halloween party again, I would want to get a full spray-tan. *[Laughs.]* 'Cause I am not the tannest of ladies. I'm basically the color of a peeled banana from top to bottom.

00:21:15 Biz Host That is true.

00:21:17 Helen Guest I've worked very hard at keeping it— *[Laughs.]*
Michelle

00:21:18 Biz Host She is! *[Laughs.]* Yeah! Her skin is flawless! She's just like this little—y'know. Yeah. Naked banana, I think, is a really good way to describe you.

00:21:28 Helen Guest Two little pink knots.
Michelle

[Biz laughs.]

Anyway, so I would get a full spray-tan and then get a huge, blonde, like Shirley Temple wig. Bind my chest. Get, y'know, Mary Janes and go as a *Toddler & Tiara* and make my husband go as a pageant mom. *[Laughs.]*

00:21:45 Biz Host Oh! That would be—
00:21:47 Helen Guest That's my fantasy.
Michelle

[Biz laughs.]

00:21:52 Biz Host We'll say it's a Halloween fantasy.
That's right. *[Laughs.]*

[Hallie laughs.]

00:21:59 Helen Guest It's—somebody's got a birthday coming up!
Michelle But I do think about the number of times that—especially now, where we're so aware of being sick and not spreading germs. The number of Halloweens that I went out sick as a dog?

00:22:10 Biz Host Oh yeah. You went Trick-or-Treating when you were sick. There is absolutely 100%, yes. There is no way I did not go Trick-or-Treating sick. And there's no way the folks didn't let us still come home and eat that candy. I wanna talk about Trick-or-Treating and candy for a second. Trick-or-Treating—in our little neighborhood, we live at like the beginning of a—we lived, basically, it looked like a magnifying glass. We were on the—

00:22:37 Helen Guest Yes! A circle.
Michelle

00:22:38 Biz Host —the end of the handle leading into the cul-de-sac. I guess—here's some questions, 'cause I don't remember. When... A, I'll wanna know your favorite memory or most vivid memory.

00:22:52	Helen Michelle	Guest	<i>[Through laughter]</i> I behaved... like a fraternity brother on spring break. As a 13-year-old girl.
			<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>
00:23:23	Biz	Host	The things I did to people's houses! To people! Because there were no cell phones and what did we do before cell phones? We took rolls of toilet paper and we threw them into your trees and we took shaving cream and put it into your doorknobs and I once—
00:23:25	Helen Michelle	Guest	Yes?
00:23:45	Biz	Host	We'll see if it makes it into the podcast. You drive around scooping up dog crap from people's yards, and putting it into a—y'know, rubber trash can. You fill that with somebody's hose with water so it's just a big, like, bobbing for poop. Trash can. And then you lay it against somebody's front door—
00:23:47	Helen Michelle	Guest	<i>[Yelling]</i> No! Helen Michelle!
			And then you ring the doorbell—
			<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>
			—and you run so when they open the door it is a river of feces. And that's what we called a good time! <i>[Laughs.]</i>
			<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>
00:24:02	Biz	Host	Isn't that terrible? <i>[Laughs.]</i> You have to make your own fun.
00:24:10	Helen Michelle	Guest	Yeah. Guys. Everybody get out their notebooks, write those ideas down. Yeah. I don't remember doing that.
			Because we took the <u>Trick-or-Treating</u> very seriously. Y'know. It was... if you're not gonna put candy out or be home, y'know, we are gonna look through the windows and see if you're home.
			<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>
00:24:36	Biz	Host	If you're not home, you are gonna get—Mary Jo and I would take a—what do you call it? Milky Way? No, no, no—a Three Musketeer bar. A Three Musketeer bar was better than a Milky Way. You take the little Milky Way, y'know—bite sizer—
00:24:38	Helen Michelle	Guest	They weren't little back then. They were still pretty big. <i>[Laughs.]</i>
00:24:41	Biz	Host	They were. <i>[Laughs.]</i> They were full adult size.
00:24:43	Helen Michelle	Guest	A fist full of candy. That's right.
			So you take that Milky Way. You bite off one end and then if you're not answering the door, you take that Milky Way and you jam it into their doorbell so it just continues to ring!
			<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>
00:24:53	Biz	Host	And then you run.
00:24:57	Helen Michelle	Guest	Alright. How much were the folks aware of any of this?
			Um— <i>[Laughs.]</i> They probably were very aware. <i>[Laughs.]</i>
			<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>
00:25:00	Biz	Host	<i>[Through laughter]</i> I know!
00:25:02	Helen Michelle	Guest	'Cause I was very proud of myself.

[Both laugh.]

And I mean, I was such a tame child! Y'know, like I—I didn't—I rarely got in trouble, so, y'know. I never—never smoked weed or got drunk or, y'know, got pregnant. So what if she sticks a Mallomar in the doorknob?

[Biz laughs.]

00:25:25	Biz	Host	One night a year. It was The Purge! It was 1984!
00:25:32	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	That's right. I would like to hear the Lee Steagall Trick-or-Treating yard story. Because that's— Biz: That shows you commitment.
00:25:36	Helen Michelle	Guest	Helen Michelle: That is how you know that we are from the South. In that we know everybody's first and last name and use them with regularity.

[Biz laughs.]

So Lee Steagall, who very famously asked 32 girls to the prom.
[Laughs.]

[Biz laughs.]

00:25:57	Biz	Host	Until he got a yes. God bless him. He lived at the top of like a rolling hill.
00:25:58	Helen Michelle	Guest	Oh, big hill. Y'know, if you think of a Jell-o mold or a Bundt cake. So it's like a level and a level of hill. So we had to climb that hill and that was my one year as a baby doll.
00:26:09	Biz	Host	You were a baby doll!
00:26:11	Helen Michelle	Guest	My baby doll. <i>[Laughs.]</i> Rocking that bowl haircut! And we go up there. My friend Mary Jo and I were always Trick-or-Treat together, and we go to the doorbell, get the candy and—again, you have to sort of make your own fun in life. So he dared us to slide down the hill. And we slid down the hill. And I slid a little faster because I slid through... lots of dog shit. <i>[Laughs.]</i>

[Biz laughs.]

But again—again, I remember Papa saying “What stinks?” As we were walking to another house. And then, “Oh.” And I just kept on trucking. Like, that's not gonna stop me! I would just back away from the other doors. But we would often get driven to like the rich neighborhoods. Like, word would get out where the rich neighborhoods were or where people just like left a bowl of candy out. You leave a bowl of candy out, that's gonna be like three visitors. You like get three visitors.

00:27:07	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Helen Michelle: But nowadays—they're gonna take it all.
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00:27:11	Helen Michelle	Guest	Biz: Because they're gonna take it all. They're gonna take it all. Nowadays, from what I understand, parents like bring like a red solo cup with them because people who are home give out booze or snacks to the parents!
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00:27:21	Biz	Host	Those are very specific neighborhoods. Those are—
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00:27:24	Helen Michelle	Guest	<i>[Inaudible.]</i>
00:27:26	Biz	Host	Or apartment buildings. That is not our neighborhood.
00:27:29	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Biz: But that would be a good time.
00:27:31	Helen Michelle	Guest	Helen Michelle: No, and let me tell you— As the saddest thing—as my husband says, the saddest thing. I moved into—when I married my husband, I moved in. It's been 20 years in this building. We live in a Pre-War building on the Upper East Side and the average age here is like 87. <i>[Laughs.]</i>
			<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>
			At the moment there are 13 apartments occupied out of 85. So—but my first Halloween here, I'm all excited. And I have a ghost on the door. And I've ordered like... retro candy from Oriental Traders. So I've got blood bags and eyeballs and, y'know, Fun Dip and all that stuff. Not <u>one</u> Trick-or-Treater. We never get Trick-or-Treaters 'cause there's no children in this building! And so—and Lex says he's never seen me sadder.
			<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>
00:28:21	Biz	Host	Waiting for the Trick-or-Treaters. Nothing. So I'm curious to see how it will go this year with the Trick-or-Treating. We don't know. On our street—'cause we've got—there are a lot of kids on our street! A lot of littles. I call them 'littles' 'cause they're all like five and under. So we are doing a parade. Costume parade. I have spoken to— <i>[Laughs.]</i> Thanks to the pandemic, we all know our neighbors now because everybody's out walking! And you're just sitting outside! And so there's a parent at the far end of the street; a parent in the middle of the street; and I am at the other end of the street. And so—
00:28:49	Helen Michelle	Guest	The leading end.
00:28:52	Biz	Host	That's right. The—there—we're going to do a little parade for all the kids. A little costume parade. And that's very socially distanced. And then, y'know, some people are gonna Trick-or-Treat and some are not. We <u>clearly</u> —I started the show by saying I have bought <u>way</u> too much candy.
00:29:09	Helen Michelle	Guest	Good!
00:29:12	Biz	Host	It was a deal. You get one, you get 25% off the other! So I should get four, because are the—
00:29:16	Helen Michelle	Guest	Let me just tell you. I have to interrupt to say—again—I'm just gonna consider this a part-time confessional. And how I used to torture you. My little sister. Because we would go Trick-or-Treating—
00:29:28	Biz	Host	Which story will this be? Which story?
00:29:31	Helen Michelle	Guest	Which story will it be?

[Biz laughs.]

So I would torture you because I could—in addition to like at Christmastime, the torture was—opening my presents than a slower rate than yours so that you would've opened all your presents and

then I would still have three presents left and it would look like I had more presents, but I did not.

[Biz laughs.]

So with the Halloween candy, I could make that Halloween candy last until St. Patrick's Day. And I would torture you.

00:29:56 Crosstalk Crosstalk

Helen Michelle: "Oh, I want a Smartie!"

00:29:59 Biz Host

Biz: It all goes back—

It all goes back to the donut. Helen Michelle, we would—we had—we both got donuts. And I ate my donut right away. 'Cause I like to live in the moment! You took one bite out of your jelly donut and then—'cause we were watching TV or something. Laying on the floor. On the—

00:30:17 Helen Michelle Guest

As one does.

00:30:19 Biz Host

Yeah. And you just placed it like on your chest and you were like, "Ohhh, I'm so glad I still have this donut."

[Hallie laughs.]

00:30:33 Helen Michelle Guest

"Ooo, it's soooo goood! Mmmm!"

"What is this, strawberry? Is this—no, it's grape!"

00:30:36 Biz Host

"It's so yummy! I'm just gonna take a little bite, Elizabeth."

[Hallie laughs.]

00:30:41 Helen Michelle Guest

The whole time!

Yes.

00:30:43 Biz Host

Anyway.

00:30:44 Helen Michelle Guest

If we took that marshmallow test, I could wait like seven days to get a bag of marshmallows. You would eat that marshmallow right away.

00:30:49 Biz Host

Oh, I would eat that marshmallow right away. The kids, we told our kids about the marshmallow test and they're like, "Oh, is there a chance for marshmallows? Give us that test!" We were like, "No." Alright. Food. Treats. Candy.

00:31:02 Helen Michelle Guest

What is your—what was your favorite candy? Favorite and least favorite.

00:31:06 Biz Host

Oh, I fucking hated the people who gave us the wax Coca-Colas. The little wax Coca-Colas. Or the wax teeth. There was always somebody who gave us the, like, wax teeth. And I was like, "Am I supposed to eat this?" Uh, the answer's no. Don't eat it. It's not—

00:31:23 Helen Michelle Guest

What were those little, like, I guess it was taffy. And it came in either a black wrapper or an orange wrapper.

00:31:29 Biz Host

Oh, those were like—those were like the hard candies that y'all grandma might have out in a bowl.

00:31:36 Helen Michelle Guest

They were chewie! Not a Werther's Original.

00:31:40 Biz Host

Yeah! They were like... they were flavored, but like a nut flavor chew. Like a nut chew.

00:31:46 Helen Michelle Guest

I am sure they are outlawed now because of peanut allergies.

00:31:50 Biz Host Yeah. They were no good. I really liked this, y'know, the '80s there was just a boom of new types of candy. And now for the life of me I cannot remember what it was called but it have—it was like—it wasn't gum, but it was chewie. And on the outside it was one color and on the inside it was another color. And I used to have this memorized and now I cannot. So I'll just say—Reese's—no, what was it? Whatchamacallit. Oh! No! I lied! I lie. Ten—because I've blocked out not being able to eat caramel for all these years? My favorite.

00:32:26 Helen Guest Yes. A hundred thousand dollar bar.
Michelle

00:32:28 Biz Host That's right—yes. The ten thousand grand. The grand! Those...

00:32:31 Helen Guest Yes.
Michelle

00:32:32 Biz Host Were so good.

00:32:34 Helen Guest Yes.
Michelle

00:32:35 Biz Host I loved those. Those were my favorite. How about you?

00:32:38 Helen Guest If you put one in—and if you put one in a punch bowl, it would look like you pooped in the punch bowl!
Michelle

00:32:42 Biz Host You could put that in your garbage can and tip it.

00:32:45 Helen Guest Every time someone says “pooped,” we—you have to drink.
Michelle

[Both laugh.]

00:32:50 Biz Host I like a Smartie.
You—see? Something I'll never say out loud. *[Laughs.]*

[Hallie laughs.]

00:32:57 Helen Guest I'll never say—
Michelle Same with gentlemen! I like the smarties. *[Laughs.]*

[Biz laughs.]

00:33:01 Biz Host I—alright. We're gonna wrap up on your birthday. Because—this could explain so much about—but I have questions about this, too. You have a... Halloween birthday. I mean, your birthday's not on Halloween, but it's two days before Halloween. Do you—couple of questions before we get into the story that you have never shared on the show.

[Hallie laughs.]

00:33:26 Helen Guest But did you—
Michelle Brace yourselves

00:33:27 Biz Host —always have Halloween birthdays?

00:33:30 Helen Guest Yes. Always had Halloween birthday parties because—and it was the greatest, because the 29th is my birthday and—so that was exciting. And then like the 30th was always the school—what do you call it? Carnival? Halloween Carnival?

00:33:46 Biz Host Yeah. No one has those anymore, I don't feel like.

00:33:48 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Biz:** We used to go—yeah. Have cake walk and—yeah. Loved it.

Helen Michelle: Yes! Yes, oh my god, is this like a—

00:33:51 Helen Michelle Guest Is this science class, or what is that? I'm gonna put my hand—goodness, what's in this bag? Peeled grapes!

[Biz laughs.]

00:34:01 Biz Host What's in this bag? Wet spaghetti!
00:34:04 Helen Michelle Guest Eyeballs! That's right! This one's just full of peanuts. *[Laughs.]*
00:34:12 Biz Host Oh, yeah! And—put your head in this bucket of apples that everyone else has put their head in. Alright.
00:34:14 Helen Michelle Guest Just drink that water down. That's right.
That's right. It's a water park for your mouth! *[Laughs.]*

[Biz laughs.]

[Through laughter] There's a party in my mouth and everyone's invited! *[Laughs.]* And then the 31st was Halloween! So it was a great, y'know, a great end of the month. So yeah. So I always had Halloween parties so it was like the detective theme party. I don't know. I guess there were other themes. That's the one I remember the most. Oh my god! And then there was one—like, when I was 16 or 17.

00:34:49 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Helen Michelle:** Just to show you—never. It was Sweet Sixteen!

00:34:53 Helen Michelle Guest **Biz:** You're too old to have a birthday party! I'm just kidding. It was Sweet Sixteen. This is what I did for my Sweet Sixteen. For my Sweet Sixteen, I didn't think I was doing anything and unbeknownst to me, my parents rented a white, unmarked van—
[Laughs.]

00:35:06 Biz Host Let's go back to the '80s, guys!
00:35:09 Helen Michelle Guest Let's go back to the '80s! 1987! And drove around picking up six of my—quote-unquote “kidnapping”—six of my best friends. *[Laughs.]* Putting them into this serial-killer-like van, and then coming to pick me up to go to have Chinese food at the one Chinese restaurant that was closed because they'd been serving us rats. And let me tell you—they were delicious. Sweet'n'sour rats were delicious.

[Biz laughs.]

00:35:37 Biz Host And we'd go there and then we all went off to this like haunted house—Hell house or—yeah.
00:35:40 Helen Michelle Guest Oh, a Hell house. Was it a Hell house?
Well, we never got in. 'Cause somebody didn't make reservations. *[Laughs.]*

[Biz laughs.]

00:35:50 Crosstalk Crosstalk You gotta make reservations for the Hell house. I never actually went to a Hell house. 'Cause the Hell house is religious.
Biz: Yeah. Yeah. 'Cause the people—if you don't know—

00:35:53 Biz Host **Helen Michelle:** As opposed to a haunted house. There are haunted houses and then there are “Hell houses.” And Hell houses are completely religious themed. Like—
00:36:00 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Biz:** —if you're walking—yeah!

Helen Michelle: The abortion room.

00:36:03 Biz Host There's always an abortion room. There's always like—
00:36:06 Helen Guest The rave room.
Michelle

00:36:07 Biz Host The rave room! That's right. With drugs and then, y'know—
00:36:09 Helen Guest I hate to say—
Michelle

00:36:13 Biz Host I know! But yes. We all know the things. We can all—let's all just sit
down and use our imaginations. As to what may be in the Hell
house.

00:36:20 Helen Guest Frowned upon.
Michelle

00:36:21 Biz Host Yes. Frowned upon in a Hell house.
00:36:22 Helen Guest By Jesus. Yeah.
Michelle

00:36:24 Biz Host And then when you come out, they—
00:36:25 Helen Guest They recruit you!
Michelle

00:36:26 Biz Host Yeah. They recruit you!
00:36:28 Helen Guest They do!
Michelle

00:36:29 Biz Host That's right. They do! I know. No, I know. You get your—yes.
00:36:32 Helen Guest As opposed to a haunted house, which is like— *[Laughs.]* Y'know,
Michelle just people are grabbing you.
00:36:37 Biz Host Touching you. Just touching. Haunted houses. Your birthday.
We've never shared this story. If, though, you are a reader of my
sister's books, then you are already aware of this story. It is my
sister's—god knows. Maybe I'm so old. Maybe we have told this
story. We've been doing this show so long.

00:36:59 Helen Guest I don't think so!
Michelle

00:37:00 Biz Host I don't think we have.
00:37:01 Helen Guest Mm-mm.
Michelle

00:37:02 Biz Host I think everybody—it—this story... when Theresa read it in your
book, she said, "Oh." She was like, "Oh."
00:37:11 Helen Guest "Now I understand everything."
Michelle

00:37:14 Biz Host "Now I understand everything, like, in terms of why you think some
things are very funny and I think we should cut it from the show."
So—

[Hallie laughs.]

Alright. You've already shared that our parents thought it was fun to
rent a white van and kidnap your friends and, y'know, take you guys
around. Please share with us... your... birthday story. Is this 15? It's
15, right?

00:37:36 Helen Guest 13!
Michelle

00:37:37 Biz Host 13!
00:37:38 Helen Guest 13.
Michelle

00:37:39 Biz Host Let's be clear.
00:37:40 Helen Guest So. *[Clears throat; laughs.]* It's my 13th birthday party, and it's gonna
Michelle be a costume party! And I, of course, am making my own costume
so me and my friend Nicky Buckley get a Police—y'know, our

Police Roxanne, y’know, t-shirts. Put some safety pins in it. Some tights. And put some lipstick on ‘cause we’re punk rockers with like a side pony.

00:38:04 Biz Host Let’s be clear—Police, the band. *[Laughs.]*

00:38:06 Helen Guest Yeah. That’s correct. That’s correct. Um— *[Laughs.]* So—and it’s a bunch of 13-year-olds. And again, where you had your doll party, I had this Halloween party. And this is 1982, 1983. So we go out to a cabin in the woods. *[Laughs.]*

00:38:24 Biz Host Yeah. Basically what it is.

00:38:27 Helen Guest Nobody else’s parents are at this. They just drop them at this cabin in the woods. There is nothing for miles. You have to run for miles to find civilization or a Taco Casa.

[Biz laughs.]

And my mother—our mother is in law school at the time. Y’know. And she went to law school at 40 so she’s in law school and she has brought another law student. A young, probably 24-year-old woman to help out with the party. So it’s my father, my mother, and this law student. And everybody’s arriving at this party. There was, of course, the young woman with the snake wrapped around her body and somebody was Zorro and my friend Elizabeth Ponder came as Death. With—

[Biz laughs.]

With like the full cape and the Reynolds Wrap sickle.

00:39:13 Biz Host Nice.

00:39:14 Helen Guest Y’know. Somebody wore a boa and was a prostitute.

Michelle

[Biz laughs.]

A lady of the night. I mean, this is—again, this is the ‘80s. And we are all just like hanging out and whatever, and then we sit down to have pizza. And watch a movie.

00:39:28 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Biz:** *Cat People!*

00:39:31 Helen Guest **Helen Michelle:** And the movie is—
The Black Cat.

Michelle

00:39:32 Biz Host Oh, it’s *The Black Cat*, not *Cat People*. Sorry.

00:39:35 Helen Guest Oh, wait, no, no! You’re right!

Michelle

00:39:36 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Helen Michelle:** *Cat People. Cat People.* It was the—yeah. Natassja Kinski’s *Cat People*.

00:39:40 Helen Guest **Biz:** It was *Cat People. Cat People.*
And we made—and all the lights go off in this cabin and there is no way out of this cabin. There’s one way in and one way out and it’s a circle in the middle of the woods. Just, like, maybe one window and we’re all sitting at cafeteria-style tables with our pizza watching the tiniest, y’know, television. Where *[inaudible]* you can like plug it into the wall and we’re all leaning forward and watching this and we probably make it into it 10 minutes. And we start to hear... a kerfuffle. We hear... a fight. Or an argument. Tones. Tones! And you were not at this party. Where were you?

00:40:14 Biz Host I had just left. I had gone to go roller skating with Joanna Weaver.
[Laughs.]

00:40:18 Helen Michelle Guest *[Hallie laughs.]*
 So off she goes and we look over at the corner of the door and I see my father talking to a man. And it's a young man. Like, I remember he was bearded in like a plaid shirt with a trucker's hat. And he is... mad! And my friend Laura Monday, who had come dressed as Coco from *Fame* in leg warmers— *[Laughs.]*

00:40:40 Biz Host Nice! *[Laughs.]*
 00:40:41 Helen Michelle Guest Just reaches over and turns off the TV.
[Both laugh.]

00:40:49 Biz Host And we're all, y'know, just watching.
 00:40:50 Helen Michelle Guest Everybody just turns! Right.
 And we start to suss it out that this is... the boyfriend of the law student. And he is holding a wallet in his hand. And it is not his wallet. And he says—he starts to yell at this young woman, "I found this under our bed. Who the hell's wallet is this?" And she's saying, y'know, "I *[inaudible]*."
 00:41:13 Biz Host "Look at this children's party!"
 00:41:16 Helen Michelle Guest Yeah. And y'know, it's this—and we're all like—but all of us are like, "This is better than *General Hospital!*"
[Biz laughs.]

00:41:27 Biz Host But it is starting to get a little scary 'cause it's a stranger in a closed environment yelling. And... he is saying—
 00:41:29 Helen Michelle Guest At Papa!
 At my father. At this woman. And... the lights are out. And... he pulls out a gun.
 00:41:36 Biz Host Oh my god.
 00:41:39 Helen Michelle Guest A for real—
[Biz laughs.]

—we all know what a gun looks like. We were all raised with guns. He pulls out a gun and he says something like, y'know, "If I can't have you, nobody can." And he is brandishing this gun. And my friends are freaking the fuck out. Going under the table because I come from a public school in Alabama and I've seen a gun pulled at school.
[Biz laughs.]

And what you do is you get under the table. You don't run. You get under the table. You go under the table. People are hysterical crying. This gunman is like, waving this gun. My mother—I will never forget—puts her hands on her hips and she says, "You are ruining my daughter's party!"
[Both laugh.]

Y'know, and my father's like, "Let's just take it outside." And my father's younger than we are now! He's 43! And he's saying, "Let's

			just take it outside. Let's just take it outside." And it's a glass door! Y'know. And so my—they go outside and my mother and this law student are watching what we cannot see through this glass door. And... the gun is fired. And my mother screams bloody murder. We are <u>all</u> screaming 'cause he has clearly killed our father.
00:42:54	Biz	Host	Yeah. Papa's dead.
00:42:55	Helen Michelle	Guest	Everybody is hysterical. My mother—Mama is trying to remain calm. The law student is sobbing. And then all of a sudden my father just bounced at the door with this man, saying, "Okay!" Y'know. "Happy Halloween! Who's gonna remember—we're gonna play a game! Who can remember the most about this incident?" And Mama just starts handing out legal pads and pencils.
			<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>
			And we play this game of like, "What was he wearing? What kind of gun was it?" Y'know. "What did he say?" <i>[Laughs.]</i> And they were two actors that my father had paid \$25 apiece from the <i>University of Alabama</i> to come and it was one of his real guns. And it was—but it was blanks, as Papa told me later, 'cause, y'know, real guns might've been dangerous.
			<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>
			So real blanks that he had fired out the window. And this is 1982. My parents never received a phone call about this.
00:43:48	Biz	Host	Never.
00:43:49	Helen Michelle	Guest	There was no video of this. There was... y'know, nobody went to therapy for this.
00:43:54	Biz	Host	Therapy for this! Not even you! For this. <i>[Laughs.]</i>
00:43:57	Helen Michelle	Guest	Nope! I mean, I made good money off of this 35 years later. <i>[Laughs.]</i>
00:44:01	Biz	Host	That's right.
00:44:02	Helen Michelle	Guest	And people still remember it to this day. Like when I was in Athens, Georgia, on book tour last year, I read that story out loud and my parents were in the room and four women who were at that party were in the room. So I made them all like stand up and say, "Yes," y'know, "This happened." And then I said, "Anybody—you can ask them questions. You can ask me questions." And an audience member asked my father, "Why would you <u>do</u> that?!" <i>[Through laughter]</i> And his response was, "Well you gotta make your own fun in life!"
			<i>[Both laugh.]</i>
00:44:38	Biz	Host	And... I think we have proven that we have taken that to heart our whole lives. <i>[Laughs.]</i>
00:44:43	Helen Michelle	Guest	Yes.
00:44:45	Biz	Host	I... love that story. And because it just could not happen today. Ever. Not even. Not even a little. Helen? Michelle? Thank you for coming on the show—
00:44:58	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Biz: —to talk about Halloween!
			Helen Michelle: Thank <u>you</u> , Elizabeth!
00:45:01	Helen Michelle	Guest	Thank you for validating my life choices! <i>[Laughs.]</i>

00:45:05	Biz	Host	Well, you're still here. As Papa would say, "You're still here. So must'a worked out." <i>[Laughs.]</i>
00:45:10	Helen Michelle	Guest	Yup. <i>[Laughs.]</i>
00:45:14	Biz	Host	"You guys turned out alright. I don't wanna know about it. I don't wanna know about it. I don't—don't tell me. I don't wanna know." <i>[Hallie laughs.]</i> Well thank you and have a happy birthday! And happy Halloween. And we'll have you back on when your new book comes out this summerrrr.
00:45:31	Helen Michelle	Guest	Summer '21!
00:45:33	Biz	Host	Summer '21! <i>[Hallie laughs.]</i>
00:45:38	Helen Michelle	Guest	If we can make it to '21! Summer '21! And then you can hear—in <u>that</u> book I have my sister's haggling skills.
00:45:42	Biz	Host	Yayyyy!
00:45:43	Helen Michelle	Guest	Can hear all about Elizabeth's haggling skills. She has never paid full price for a Christmas tree.
00:45:48	Biz	Host	That's right. Gotta make your own fun in life.
00:45:51	Helen Michelle	Guest	That's right!
00:45:52	Biz	Host	Thank you Helennnnn,
00:45:53	Helen Michelle	Guest	Thank you, Elizabethhhh!
00:45:54	Biz	Host	Bye-byeeeee!
00:45:56	Music	Music	"Ones and Zeroes" by "Awesome." Steady, driving electric guitar with drum and woodwinds. <i>[Music fades out.]</i>
00:46:12	Music	Music	Laid-back acoustic guitar plays in background.
00:46:13	Theresa	Promo	<i>One Bad Mother</i> is supported in part by Curiosity Stream. It's like Netflix for documentaries. Smart TV for your smart TV! <i>[Biz laughs.]</i>
00:46:23	Biz	Promo	Let's get smart! Curiosity Stream is a streaming service that has thousands of documentaries and non-fiction TV shows on topics like history, nature, science, food, technology, travel, and more! They even have exclusive programs featuring David Attenborough, Stephen Hawking, Nick Offerman, and Chris Hadfield. How fun! I could watch... David Attenborough talk alllll day long. <i>[Theresa laughs.]</i>
00:47:00	Theresa	Promo	You can easily stream everything from your TV, phone, tablet, or computer. Go to CuriosityStream.com/badmother or use code "badmother"—all one word—to sign up. Just \$14.99 for the whole year! <i>[Music fades out.]</i>

00:47:15 Theresa Host Hey, you know what it's time for! This week's genius and fails! This is the part of the show where we share our genius moment of the week, as well as our failures, and feel better about ourselves by hearing yours. You can share some of your own by calling 206-350-9485. That's 206-350-9485.

00:47:36 Biz Host *[Singing]* Genius fail time! Da-da daaa! Theresa! Theresaaaa! *[Regular voice]* It's because you're back with me even just for these brief moments on the ship sailing the pandemic life that I'm like— *[Laughs.]* I feel like I have to sing you in. So—but it's just—it's a new change. *[Singing]* Theresaaa! Theresaaa! *[Laughs.]*

[Theresa laughs.]

00:48:04 Theresa Host It feels so right.
00:48:06 Biz Host It does, doesn't it? So maybe this will be it.
00:48:08 Theresa Host Did you do that the last couple weeks? 'Cause I feel like—
00:48:11 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Biz:** Yeah! I think I've been kind of singing—

Theresa: I don't think I noticed—
00:48:13 Theresa Host Like I don't think I noticed 'cause it just feels like—
00:48:15 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Theresa:** That is what we do. Yeah. It feels normal. Yeah. Yeah.

Biz: So normal. So right. It just feels so right.
00:48:19 Biz Host *[Singing]* Theresa! Theresaaaa! It's time to genius me!
00:48:24 Clip Clip *[Dramatic, swelling music in background.]*

Biz: Wow! Oh my God! Oh my God! I saw what you did! Oh my God! I'm paying attention! Wow! You, mom, are a genius. Oh my God, that's fucking genius!

[Biz and Theresa repeatedly affirm each other as they discuss their respective genius moments of the week.]
[Biz laughs.]

00:48:39 Theresa Host

Okay. Again, the bar is low. But! My... oldest child, my nine-year-old, is now at the age where she's enjoying watching *Simpsons* reruns with me?

00:48:53 Biz Host So good.
00:48:54 Theresa Host And we've even been able to watch some of the—I forget what they call the Halloween specials that they like did every year that are so good? So we've been getting into the Halloween spirit watching some of those. And... it's just—it's so—like, it's just one of those things where... it feels great to me to do this activity.

[Biz laughs.]

00:49:17 Biz Host And it's so nice that I can do that now with her.
That is a genius. This is—there—Theresa, I don't want to, like... y'know. Screw it up. But, it does get good. There are some moments that get good like this. So I'm so glad—

00:49:35 Theresa Host Yeah. I'm definitely still at the stage where it's shocking to me.
00:49:39 Biz Host Yeah. No. I—you deserve this moment!
00:49:42 Theresa Host That something is so nice. And easy. *[Laughs.]*
00:49:44 Biz Host You've worked so hard for this!
00:49:45 Theresa Host Something came easily?!

00:49:48 Biz Host *[Biz laughs.]*
And it's enjoyable! It's enjoyable. "Tree House of Terror." That's what they're called. Yes!
00:49:53 Theresa Host Thank you. Yes.
00:49:56 Biz Host You are welcome! I... speaking of low bars— *[Laughs.]* I went on a walk four days in a row. *[Laughs.]*

[Theresa laughs.]

00:50:05 Theresa Host Guys? Hey—
00:50:09 Biz Host I mean, that's a big deal. I can't say that. So.
00:50:11 Theresa Host No. I couldn't say it a week ago.
00:50:14 Biz Host It's a big deal. Yes. It's a really, really big deal.
I'm not like resentful that Stefan walks every single day at the crack of dawn. I'm not resentful of the consistency.
00:50:22 Theresa Host Oh, I can hear how not-resentful you are. *[Laughs.]*

[Biz laughs.]

00:50:26 Biz Host But I'm just gonna walk it off! So I'm walking. And as soon as the weather changes in California and it's a hundred fucking degrees again in November, I'll stop! So.
00:50:37 Theresa Host Great. Perfect.
00:50:38 Biz Host Yep! There ya go.
00:50:40 Caller Caller *[Answering machine beeps.]*

Hi, *One Bad Mother!* This is a genius. Like so many other parents, I walk around most of the time wanting to scream. And the other day it was that tough time between dinner and bedtime and my toddlers were literally just running around screaming. And screaming. And so I joined them. We had a Wild Thing rumpus with all of us running around and screaming and waving our arms around and it was so cathartic.

[Biz laughs.]

Do I still want to run away to a silent meditation retreat in the woods? Oh, yes. Yes, I do. But it certainly took the edge off. And we are all doing a great job. Thanks! Bye.
00:51:19 Biz Host Good job!
00:51:20 Theresa Host That's good. That's really good. It's really good when you can like authentically... blow off steam.

[Biz laughs.]

In front of your kids in a way that is non-traumatizing.

[Biz laughs.]

00:51:37 Biz Host For them. *[Laughs.]* Like, that's—it takes like finesse. I agree.

[Theresa laughs.]

It does. You gotta finesse that screaming. With your children. Yeah. I'm... very impressed. I think this ties into last week's episode—or

			just supports our theory from last week that yes! We are all still screaming. And it's okay. You are doing... a wonderful job!
00:51:59	Theresa	Host	Yeah, you are!
00:52:01	Biz	Host	Failures.
00:52:02	Clip	Clip	<i>[Dramatic orchestral music plays in the background.]</i>
			Theresa: <i>[In a voice akin to the Wicked Witch of the West]</i> Fail. Fail. Fail. <u>FAIL!</u>
			<i>[Timpani with foot pedal engaged for humorous effect.]</i>
			Biz: <i>[Calmly]</i> You <u>suck!</u>
			<i>[Biz and Theresa repeatedly affirm each other as they discuss their respective failures of the week.]</i>
00:52:08	Biz	Host	Fail me, Theresa.
00:52:11	Theresa	Host	Okay. <i>[Sighs.]</i> I just—I made a really, really stupid purchase.
00:52:16	Biz	Host	Oh.
00:52:18	Theresa	Host	It was time for like some new bath toys for Frankie and Oscar and they've been like... they've been into pirates again lately? Whatever. They really wanted like a boat for the bath and I just... I should've spent more time searching? But I was just like... pirates. Bath. Y'know. And I just looked at it and I was like—
00:52:39	Biz	Host	Beep, bop, boop.
00:52:40	Theresa	Host	Okay, yeah. Boop. And— <i>[Laughs.]</i> And then—so then they came and—well, a couple things. First of all, right away I noticed a lot of these pirates are holding guns. Like, big guns!
00:52:53	Biz	Host	Yeah. Oh yeah. Pirates—
00:52:56	Theresa	Host	Which totally like breaks a rule in our house to have toys with guns.
00:53:01	Biz	Host	Yeah. I remember that rule. <i>[Laughs.]</i>
00:53:03	Theresa	Host	Yeah! And then the other thing was—these are not bath toys! Like... they're—it's like a— <i>[Laughs.]</i> it's like a bucket of pirates including like pirate ship, but it's not for the bath and like one piece of it has like... is like electronic in some way? And you can't—but it's a shark? And so you're like, "Does <u>this</u> go in the bath? But it seems electronic? Like, probably it doesn't go in the bath?" But then there's no other electronic stuff but then the boats—we brought them in the bath 'cause I was like, "Well, this is what they were for."
00:53:35	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Biz: They're bath toys now!
			Theresa: Not the electric one.
00:53:39	Theresa	Host	But they're bath toys now! We brought them in the bath but like the ship—the boats just like have holes in them and just like sink instantly. I mean, like, <u>instantly</u> . Like they're just totally not bath toys! So yeah. I just—
00:53:48	Biz	Host	They're not even good pirates! If they're sinking. If they're sinking, they're not even very good pirates.
00:53:53	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Theresa: No. It's just—yeah.
			Biz: The real question is...
00:53:56	Biz	Host	Why would you make pirate toys that aren't meant to go in water? <i>[Laughs.]</i>
00:54:00	Theresa	Host	That was my question. Thank you. Thank you for having my back with this. <i>[Laughs.]</i>
00:54:04	Biz	Host	You're right. They're not space pirates. They're not mountain pirates. Pirates... are on the ocean!

00:54:11 Theresa Host Yeah!

00:54:12 Biz Host Yeah!

00:54:13 Theresa Host That's the whole thing!

00:54:14 Biz Host Yeah! You're doing a horrible job. Just—

00:54:17 Theresa Host Oh, I know.

00:54:18 Biz Host —purchasing the first pirate thing you come—isn't that like in the *What to Expect When You're Expecting* book? Don't just buy random pirate toys?

00:54:27 Theresa Host Yeah. I think so.

00:54:30 Biz Host Well, enjoy those guns.

00:54:32 Theresa Host Yep!

00:54:35 Biz Host *[Both laugh.]*
I... you guys... know I enjoy crafting and making things and, y'know, when my children say "I would like a thing" I like making a thing. Though recently we've discovered that may be changing. Theresa and I may be doing a Freaky Friday where she has started enjoying things. Like making them. Not just things, but. *[Laughs.]* Making them. And I no longer want to. But! The point is, my children have asked for ridiculous costumes. That I said—sure. And I do think—I might have even mentioned this on a show that I got ahead of the game and I got the stuff for the costumes, like, in advance.

00:55:19 Theresa Host Wow.

00:55:22 Biz Host The fail is that... they are hard—this is like—Katy Belle's is technically cosplay. Okay? And I did not get the right materials 'cause they were not available at the Joann's and I wasn't making multiple trips around. So I'm just making it work. But it's—I'm building boots right now.

[Theresa laughs.]

And like... everybody wants them like a week early 'cause everybody's gotta fucking Zoom their costumes a week early for different events and there ya go! Happy... Halloween. Like, 40 hours' worth of work on something that will eventually be shoved under their bed. So...

00:56:03 Theresa Host Ugh.

00:56:04 Biz Host And guess what?

00:56:05 Theresa Host That—

00:56:06 Biz Host Guess what? Guess what? Ask me what I'm gonna be.

00:56:08 Theresa Host What? What are you gonna be?

00:56:10 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Theresa:** Wait, no, no, no! No. No. No.

00:56:13 Biz Host **Biz:** I'm gonna be a mother—oh. I am!

00:56:15 Theresa Host I'm gonna be a motherfucking witch.

00:56:16 Biz Host You are not!

00:56:19 Theresa Host I'm gonna be a witch! Yeah. Oh yeah.

00:56:20 Biz Host *[Sighs.]* I mean...

00:56:23 Theresa Host I know!

It—actually, it makes sense.

[Biz laughs.]

00:56:25 Biz Host This is why moms have been witches since the beginning of witches! This may be— *[Laughs.]*

[Theresa laughs.]

This may be why women have been witches since the beginning of witches. Anyway. There you go. Ta-da. The real fail—I'm gonna be a fucking witch. Anyway.

00:56:42 Theresa Host
00:56:43 Biz Host
00:56:44 Theresa Host
00:56:45 Biz Host
00:56:46 Caller Caller

Ugh. Ugh.
Yeah.
You suck.
I do suck.
[Answering machine beeps.]

Hi! I'm calling with the dumbest fail. I feel like this is such a basic human failure. My fail was giving my child a strawberry milk in an open cup? While he was tantruming? On the only rug in the house. He's two. Which meant that when I handed it to him with medicine secretly mixed into it, thinking I was being a genius by giving him secret medicine so that he would stop crying because he's teething, instead of that being successful? He just... threw it across the rug. The thing is—what's more of a failure I think was "Don't cry over spilled milk" which is stupid because it's not about the spilled milk. It's not like the rotten milk smell that's gonna be in my rug if I don't clean it properly and the fact my kid didn't get his medicine and like just all the failures, you know? Anyway. I suck.

00:57:58 Crosstalk Crosstalk

Theresa: Sounds like plenty of stuff to cry over.

00:58:01 Biz Host

Biz: You do.
Yeah. Mmmm. Sounds like somebody's enjoying a big, tall glass of strawberry suck! *[Laughs.]*

00:58:08 Theresa Host

Mm-hm. Mm-hm. Yeah. I feel like that choice to serve that in an open cup in that moment—like, none of us are thinking clearly in that moment when you're being tantrumed at? And I've seen myself do that so many times where I'm like, "Today for right now, this will be okay—" Like, just not thinking clearly at all!

00:58:32 Biz Host

And the smell... will be like a ghost that haunts you the rest of your life.

[Theresa laughs.]

00:58:43 Music Music

Reminding you that you're doing a terrible job.
"Mom Song" by Adira Amram. Mellow piano music with lyrics.

*You are the greatest mom I've ever known.
I love you, I love you.
When I have a problem, I call you on the phone.
I love you, I love you.*

[Music fades out.]

00:59:07 Music Music
00:59:09 Biz Promo
00:59:12 Theresa Promo

Cheerful ukulele with whistling plays in background.
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00:59:51	Biz	Promo	<p>people; see qualifications and certifications; and reach out to potential caregivers.</p> <p>To save 30% off a care.com premium membership, visit Care.com/badmother <u>or</u> use promo code “bad mother.”</p>
01:00:07	Promo	Clip	<p><i>[Music fades.]</i></p> <p>Music: Dramatic, movie trailer–esque music.</p> <p><i>[The hosts use very “announcer” voices in this promo.]</i></p> <p>Mark Gagliardi: We interrupt the podcast you're listening to to tell you about another podcast! That's right: <u>We Got This with Mark and Hal</u>.</p> <p>Hal Lublin: That's correct, Mark! This is Hal. We do the hard work <u>for</u> you! Settling all of the meaningless arguments <u>you</u> have with your friends.</p> <p>Mark: So tune in every week on the Maximum Fun network for <i>We Got This with Mark and Hal</i>, and all your questions will be asked... and answered.</p> <p>Hal: You're welcome!</p> <p><i>[Music reaches an apex and quiets down.]</i></p> <p>Mark: Alright. That's enough of that.</p>
01:00:36	Promo	Clip	<p>Chorus: <i>[Singing]</i> <i>We Got This!</i></p> <p>Music: Jazzy brass music plays in background.</p> <p>Annabelle Gurwitch: Hi. Are you someone who thinks that when one door closes, another one opens?</p> <p>Laura House: Someone who always sees the light at the end of the tunnel?</p> <p>Annabelle: If you answered yes to one or both of these questions, good for you!</p> <p>Laura: We are not those people.</p> <p>Annabelle: Nope! I'm Annabelle Gurwitch, and I'm a “Y’know that other door opening? It probably leads to a broom closet” kind of person.</p> <p>Laura: And I’m Laura House. When I see a light at the end of a tunnel, I assume it’s a train headed right toward me!</p> <p>Annabelle: Laura and I have created a brand-new podcast for people like us! It’s called <i>Tiny Victories</i>. We’re sharing personal tiny victories or things we’ve read or seen that inspire resilience.</p> <p>Laura: So if you’re looking for a tiny reason to get out of bed each week, subscribe to <i>Tiny Victories</i>.</p>

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01:01:23 Biz Host **Laura:** Let's get tiny!
Guys? We're back. And Theresa's back with me! For the rant part of our show. And there is just nothing more enjoyable than snuggling up virtually with Theresa—

[Theresa laughs.]

01:01:42 Caller Caller —and listening to a mom have a breakdown.
[Answering machine beeps.]

Hello. This one probably fits more in the rant, although it feels like a fail. I don't know what to do with this home... distance learning. My son already has so much anxiety about being seen. About not being good enough. He's only five. And he doesn't know what school looks like. And so we're trying to do these Zooms in different ways. Spread 'em out. Put 'em all together. And this morning I can't even get him dressed. *[Laughs.]* 'Cause he does that to keep from getting on a Zoom. *[Chuckles.]* So then we do it without the video. He's just so... smart. He can get all the answers. But he's so afraid of saying it out loud and then now that I made him do that he's throwing everything at me. Ugh. *[Laughs.]* iPads and lotion that's sprayed all over the freaking ceiling and turning over couches.

I'm just so tired. Its like I could've made—I made it through preschool by just getting him ready and getting him out the door and there. *[Laughs.]* Now I have to do that getting him ready over and over and over again for every lesson and every Zoom. I'm exhausted! *[Laughs.]* And I'm emotionally drained. *[Laughs.]* And so is he. Because he also has to go through that. And I recognize that. Ugh! I'm just tired. Thank god it's asynchronous learning so I can at least try to do it when he's in the right mindset. D'oh. *[Sighs.]* Thank you for listening. You guys are doing awesome. Bye.

01:03:24 Biz Host You are doing... awesome. You are doing... an amazing job. And you are... not alone.

01:03:35 Theresa Host No. In fact, I am literally right there with you. I mean, I guess not literally. That's the wrong use of that word.

[Biz laughs.]

01:03:44 Biz Host I am—I—
Surprise! Theresa's behind you!

01:03:46 Theresa Host Yeah. *[Laughs.]*

[Biz laughs.]

We have the same life. I am so with you and I almost—I almost can't think of anything to add to what you said. Because you said everything so beautifully and your compassion for what your child is going through right now? Is really, really beautiful to hear and see. And that almost makes it harder. Because you're carrying all of that for your child and you are suffering through this thing. Which is not a fit. It's not a fit. It is a fit for a few people. It is not a fit for a lot of other people. And so all of us who it's not a fit for— *[Laughs.]*

[Biz laughs.]

01:05:02 Biz Host —are left trying to figure it out and every day is trying to figure it out again. And like you said, every time. Get ready for every lesson. Get ready—how many times a day. And it's... it feels really impossible sometimes and yet we just keep trying. Like, there's—I guess we'll just keep trying! So I'm right there with you. I'm trying with you. It's so hard. It's so hard. You're doing such a good job. It's the like—okay, well what am I supposed to do? And so... when you have... very bad choices, the choice seems to be to just like, "Alright. We're just gonna do this. The hard, horrible, like, exhausting thing. Every day." Y'know? *[Laughs.]* That's—that's no fun to go to sleep thinking about. It's no fun to wake up at two o'clock in the morning thinking about. And it's no fun to have to get up and do the next morning.

01:05:37 Theresa Host And it's no fun to like... *[Laughs.]*

[Biz laughs.]

Like I feel like what I loved about this call was, you so correctly point out, like, "We're trying," y'know, "How much we do. Or which ones should we do. Or when should we do it." And like I've been doing that too! And the thing that I've realized is it doesn't matter how little we do. Even if we get—do less and less every single day; we do less and less and less, that doesn't fix it. It's not that like a small amount is fine.

[Biz laughs.]

01:06:22 Biz Host It's like, no. None of it works. None of it is working. Doesn't matter if you do it at 8AM or at four o'clock in the afternoon. It still doesn't work. *[Laughs.]* Like— *[Laughs.]*

Just keep whittling away 'til there's literally nothing. There's no school. And I just—again—wanna emphasize how not alone you are in this. I have... a friend. She just pulled her sixth grader to home school and she don't wanna do that. But the other fit was way worse! Right? And like, y'know, the anxiety that you see with kids who a year ago were running around the playground with no fear? Now... thinking everybody isn't gonna wanna listen to them or they don't wanna answer. They don't wanna raise their hand. Y'know, this is happening everywhere to some degree. And it comes out in weird ways. And we think everybody's like, "Everything's great!" And then it's just like a sore. It just festers and it seeps out and it catches us off guard and it probably smells like strawberry milk and...

[Theresa laughs.]

I just—you are—yeah. And I'm sorry. One last thing, and that is what Theresa pointed out. And that was the compassion and empathy that you are showing for your child. That really... to step aside and be a selfish adult for a second, that's a lot to carry. And I don't think we give ourselves credit? For the emotional toll that takes on us. Because we are told that's supposed to come so naturally and that just—ugh! And just give! Right? And it—

sometimes it doesn't, and even if it does! It's still a lot! To manage!
 You're remarkable.

01:08:04 Theresa Host You are.
 01:08:05 Biz Host You're remarkable! Yeah.
 01:08:07 Theresa Host Yes. Good job.
 01:08:10 Biz Host Good job! Theresa? You're doing a good job.
 01:08:14 Theresa Host Thanks, Biz. So are you.
 01:08:17 Biz Host *[Singing]* I'm... always so excited to see you!
 01:08:22 Theresa Host I'm excited to see you, too. I'm excited to meet our new producer,
 Gabe.
 01:08:26 Biz Host Yep. Yayyy!
 01:08:28 Theresa Host Doing a great job, Gabe.
 01:08:29 Biz Host I just... see you? I'm witnessing you.

[Theresa laughs.]

I am excited to make Oscar their birthday cake!

01:08:40 Theresa Host Oh my god.
 01:08:42 Biz Host I know. I know.
 01:08:44 Theresa Host I am really, really impressed that you remembered that.
 01:08:47 Crosstalk Crosstalk **Biz:** I remembered, but I'm a little panicked—I'm a little panicky 'cause I'm like, "What's the date?"

Theresa: I was gonna text you later and be like, "Is this still okay?"
 Sunday.
 01:08:54 Theresa Host
 01:08:56 Biz Host Oh. Done. I can have a cake done by Sunday. Done!

[Theresa laughs.]

Alright. Uh, Theresa, you're doing a good job.
 Thank you, Biz.
 01:09:03 Theresa Host
 01:09:04 Biz Host Goodbye.
 01:09:07 Theresa Host Bye.

[Both laugh.]

01:09:11 Biz Host Oh, *[singing]* I love Theresa! And I love my sister. And now I love Gabe. Whewww! *[Regular voice]* Guys, this was an exciting show. This was the kind of motivational show that makes you just wanna lie on your couch and eat Halloween candy. And I hope everybody goes out and over-buys. What did we learn today? Well— *[Laughs.]* We learned it's better to not know what your kids are doing on Halloween. It's also— *[Laughs.]* Better that we are evolving socially in our country. *[Laughs.]* When it comes to no longer culturally appropriating Halloween costumes. That is actually really good. *[Laughs.]*

What else did we learn? Oh. You know what I was thinking about this with not only our woo-er at the beginning and our ranter at the end, but I had this—I had this moment myself this week. Where I said, like, to myself in my head, "Do you know why I need to hear I'm doing a good job? Do you know like why this—" 'Cause sometimes, y'know, I say it and I definitely mean it, but like... why is this so important? Like, why is this something that we have just become so... dependent on? And it's because I'm so keenly aware of how hard I am trying. And I want to yell at my kids "Do you see?! Do you see this?!" I am juggling your, y'know, trying to carry your

			emotional, y'know, weight while you sort this out. I am trying to make this setup so that you can, y'know, Zoom learn. I <u>am</u> trying to make Halloween happy.
01:11:04	Biz	Host	<p>I am trying to also take care of myself. I am trying to make sure that, y'know, we've got <u>all</u> this stuff. And you wanna be like, "Do you see? Do you see it?" Like... I am <u>definitely</u> having moments where, y'know, with my tween where there are things that she would like to have right now. And they are not things I am ready for her to have. And I'll let you guys just mystery think about that. But the bottom line is—she doesn't see all the research, all the work, all the like talking to people to find out what's the right thing; what are you doing; how did you do this; what would be appropriate? Y'know. And I know eventually it will just come down to—y'know—letting her experiment and try things 'cause that's what they're supposed to do at that age. But she doesn't see all the extra work. And I think about all the extra work everybody's doing out there?</p> <p>And I just... want to say... you're doing a <u>good job</u>. Because that's just like one of the <u>million</u> reasons we need to hear it. You're doing... a great job. You're doing more than you expected to do. Everything keeps changing. Are we in school? Did the school just get shut down? Oh my god. I'm home all day. I'm suddenly a work-from-home or stay-at-home parent and that is <u>not</u> what my plan was. Right? Like, that was <u>not</u> what I wanted to do. <u>Or</u>, I'm having to be out all the time in a world that may scare me. Y'know? And it is... it's—it is a lot. And... you're all doing... remarkable? And I really, <u>really</u> hope that for those of you who enjoy Halloween, you are able to make some Halloween fun of some kind. Helen Michelle certainly probably gave you a lot of ideas. I'm pretty sure that toilet papering someone's house is considered social distance activities. And I hope you have a happy Halloween. And I will talk to you guys... next week. Bye!</p>
01:13:25	Music	Music	<p>"Mama Blues" by Cornbread Ted and the Butterbeans. Strumming acoustic guitar with harmonica and lyrics.</p> <p><i>I got the lowdown momma blues Got the lowdown momma blues Gots the lowdown momma blues The lowdown momma blues Gots the lowdown momma blues Got the lowdown momma blues You know that's right</i></p>
01:13:48	Biz	Host	<p><i>[Music fades somewhat, plays in background of dialogue.]</i></p> <p>We'd like to thank MaxFun; our producer, Hannah Smith; our husbands, Stefan Lawrence and Jesse Thorn; our perfect children, who provide us with inspiration to say all these horrible things; and of course, you, our listeners. To find out more about the songs you heard on today's podcast and more about the show, please go to MaximumFun.org/onebadmother. For information about live shows, our book and press, please check out OneBadMotherPodcast.com. <i>One Bad Mother</i> is a member of the Maximum Fun family of podcasts. To support the show go to MaximumFun.org/donate.</p>
01:14:16	Theresa	Host	
01:14:38	Music	Transition	<p><i>[Music continues for a while before fading out.]</i></p> <p>A cheerful ukulele chord.</p>

01:14:40	Speaker 1	Guest	MaximumFun.org .
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