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01.00.30 PICTURE UP

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

01.00.43 LING YOUNG : (MID-STATEMENT) All I remember was a beautiful day, talking to the fire marshal, and just (?) taking picture, that was it. That's the only thing I remember. So say is that good or bad? Because 'cos you know, I saw more than that. He said that well, it's good in a way because you don't remember I said, but will it come back? He said, well, I could be. So he's not giving me a definite answer.

01.01.11 And if it does come back, what's gonna do to me? 'Cos I remember the explosion, uh, but the firework completely just freaked me out. It was just like a boom, it was just like that boom that I remember. So he said uh, uh, don't worry about it, when the time comes, you know, we'll deal with it.

01.01.30 But, but I wanted to look at one morning and all the sudden I remember all (?) these crazy things. So uh, it was a, it was like back to Memory Lane, something I don't know about. The people's telling me what's going on. So uh.

JW : What was making you go back to Memory Lane?

01.01.48 LING YOUNG : It's what they tells me and then I said, gee. I, then I remember what happened on the 70<sup>th</sup> floor. But then after that I don't remember anything. I don't remember coming down.

01.02.00 Walking on the street. It was like a (?) day like this almost. Uh I understand that things are flying all over the place, but (?) in my mind, I don't remember one little thing. Not one slight little piece of thing that was anything flying was anybody here around me, was anybody running around with screaming. No.

01.02.27 And that's what kind of got scare me a little bit for like a, at least a week before I (?) I went to talk to him. We meet on a Wednesday. I don't see him 'til the following Wednesday. So that didn't do me any good. And I don't like to call unless I have to, 'cos I was in that, I wasn't that, I was upset but not a point that I was like sweating, I wouldn't say that.

JW : You were upset because?

01.02.52 LING YOUNG : They were try saying things that how come I have no clue about? (~I~) I mean, uh, I went through that already. But he just uh, if it happens again, he just said, then you, this time I really question myself. Was I really that shocked that I don't remember anything? Because I know that Jim told me that he was pushing me around. So (?) making sure that I wouldn't step on certain things. But. I don't remember. But he said there were people flying all, people jumping. And then one uh, these other guy was saying that uh, he was in Building 2 with me.

01.03.31 He was in building two and uh, he said, my god. People are jumping and the boss said, you know, you got all kinds of excuses just not to work. That was the statement he make. Not, (?) ask him that if he made it out or not, but. (?) the people don't believe it, because this is like hey, yeah, right, you know? What are you talking about. What (?) about the explosion? Wasn't it just like besides hearing it, you actually felt it.

01.03.56 So I don't know he's a little crazy or whatever reason was. But he, he (?) he lost his (?) brother. And uh, his brother has three kids. He just got a divorce, so he was a mental, mental wreck. So somehow he was my, that the social worker that works with us actually found him in a hospital. So he joined us. And uh, lately do you believe in spiritual things?

JW : Yes.

LING YOUNG : Oh, you do then. Then you (?) you're into it. See, I'm not too much into it.

JW : It depends on how you define it.

01.04.37 LING YOUNG : Well, this lady's a healer. (~I~) Ok? I went to one. And if I uh, anything because I guess maybe because I'm not into it, 'cos I don't feel anything. So she was like the reggae, I said reggae? (?)

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

01.05.03 LING YOUNG : (MID-STATEMENT) and they do like, they don't touch your body but they could feel your pain and they're supposed to take it away, you know, things like that, so. I'm like, you know, one of those things. I went to one because it was like uh, in Jersey there's an organization called (?) Tuesday's Child. They have all kind of things for widows and widowers. And somehow they invited me into this thing. And I've been into one. I didn't find it working.

01.05.29 But they say if you really spiritual into it and if you really uh, believe in it, you do feel it. 'Cos this guy swear to it that if, after she's done with him, he feels so much (?) more calmer that he's very, very calm and uh, and also tells me if you really, really (?) yelling and screaming (?) just like that. And he did it, he says it worked out.

01.05.59 And he said his wife said that I never have no idea what you said but I really don't care what you said. Uh, so he, she came to the group and uh, he, supposedly shook up a couple of people. And one guy. Andy is the guy I was talking about, that he actually took up, he took everybody's pain supposedly. He was crying his heart out. That's the guy that I told him to say overnight. So that night I figured out, normally he comes over, just leave him alone, and just let him watch TV and then, and then go to sleep.

- 01.06.30 But that didn't, really wanted was to drive home. And no one's really offering. So the kids were out anyway, so I said, why don't you just come on and stay over night, it's not a big deal? Ok, so that's what he's been doing. Uh, that night I know he was, he's not all there. so I, I stuck around just talking to him about relationship and all these other things. The bad part is he has a wife that is, doesn't really give a damn about it. Because she has like her own world.
- 01.06.59 So she, he's like, like he's in the background. He has a big, happy family. His wife is happy now 'cos they just moved to Pennsylvania. Uh, they bought their own house. It's no more mortgage, he sold the house over here. No more mortgage, really no more financial problem for the time being. But he's not getting out. So he's really miserable. And he was also on 93. So what happened on 93 didn't matter uh, at the elevator 'cos they were stuck there for four hours, a room or something like that.
- 01.07.35 They came out, went, they, they went out, they got married, they have kids and that was the end of the story. So everything was working OK, but until 9-11 came, everything just shatter. And he just couldn't get back. And to get back to where he, what, what he does before, it's no way in hell. He's not even mentally able to work in a Burger King, that's how, how, how bad he is.
- 01.08.00 But there's no medical benefit. So somebody has to go out and get some medical benefits. So that's how uh, it's a sad story about him. We see him getting better, after almost 3 years, he finally found a psychologist that's great. I'm going to the same one. And uh, he (~I~)
- JW : How long have you been going?
- 01.08.21 LING YOUNG : Since Day One. (~I~) Since Day One I was, I'm going. But this new one I've been going seeing's uh, oh, about April of this year, after what I was going to, kind of semi-retired and she's always, always on vacation, she's always busy and when I need to talk to her, I can't talk to her. I got to e-mail her. I don't want that. When I want to talk, I want to talk with someone alive. So someone recommended him, and the reason why he's so good is

he was at Ground Zero after that, afterward. He was there like over two weeks, helping out. He's like a trauma, trauma psychologist, whatever. He's into everything.

01.09.00 This guy, this tiny little guy, he works like (?) 9 to 10 hours a day, running from one place to another. This guy's amazing. And we've been (?) convincing uh, him to go to someone that listens to you. Said, don't go to a psychiatrist just to give you pills after pills. That's not gonna do anything for you. So he finally listen. He went to Hanberry. His name is Ray, Ray Hanberry. He's great. Because he was there, see.

01.09.30 When you watch it on TV you see it, but you, you're not feeling it. So he felt it. So when he talked to us, he has a more sense of what we're talking about. So he was doing (?) having progress and boom all the sudden he (?) they sold the house. So now it's a 3-hour ride coming in, it's (?) a hassle. Three hour coming in and three hour going home, and you're half tired. It's not good. So he try to come every other week. But now wintertime is coming. He can't travel 3 hours in the wintertime.

01.10.02 So that's gonna be a big setback for him. So we ask him to look for psychologist around where he is. And at the same time, we said just get out, just get the hell out of the house. Just do something. I don't care what you do. Get a newspaper, sit in a Dunkin' Donuts, just to stay away from the house because all he sees is, he is just doing what he says he's supposed (?) his wife Judy's doing what she's, she was doing, and then he's like what am I doing?

01.10.31 I'm sitting here like a, like a jerk. I'm not doing anything. I'm useless. So it's just like, you know, we support each other.

JW : How does it feel to support each other?

01.11.08 LING YOUNG : Because within this group, we went through the same thing. We kind of know what, how we, each other feels. No matter how great your family is, your grand, your family does not know the inner part of us. It just like to me like my (?) all (?) in my family.

01.11.28 I used to do everything for them, ok? Now I can't do it anymore. And it gotten to a point is because of my memory lapse and all these other things, all this problems happening to me. I, I am starting to give the responsibility away. I'm starting. I finally decided this year, I said, this is no, no. This is not good for me. It's killing me. There are certain things I cannot handle, because during the, since last year, the reason why Richard, Richard decided to get married because my mother was dying. Of course I got blamed for that.

01.12.00 And that's why Richard was (~I~)

JW : Why were you blamed?

01.12.04 LING YOUNG : Don't ask (LAUGHS). (~I~) I'm just (?) saying and (?) in a sense, in a sense it's kidding. He, he came over to me and he's saying, you know what? I'm the only one's that gonna be able to get married because he's the only oldest, because my kids, the oldest, the rest is like 15, 16 years old. He said, I would like to at least see one of (?) grandkids get married. And I thought it was a very good gesture. I took up a, I took him up on it.

01.12.32 So you know, you got to do everything fast. This is in February, she found out she was dying also with colon cancer. Was forth stage, got into the liver and that means it's gonna be like boop. We didn't even know that she was (STUMBLE) ever make it to the wedding, but, but she was hoping. She got the hope. She's all getting ready to get her dress, so she was all, all excited about it. So then afterward everything starts falling apart because you know how, (?) you dealt with Richard, Richard's very rigid, ok?

01.13.01 Oh, god. He, he just like drives me crazy. He wanted this thing, he wanted that thing, he wants it this way, he wants it that way. But there were a lot of thing that you just can't have what you want to have. Comes to the wedding there are certain people you got to invite. I have cousin. When I got married, we had 300 people. Which is the typical wedding. Chinese (?) Chinese invite all the kids. So now this is 30 -some odd years later.

- 01.13.27 You know, family grows. Ok? So 30 years is (?) it's a long time. I have over 200 family members. Donna has uh, 100-some odd people. And I was being nice. I gave the girl (?) I says, pick whatever you want. And then I will work with my number. So that mean more than (?) more than generous. But they took advantage of it. And uh, they really didn't have the kind of people. They're letting me know so I can invite some of my friends.
- 01.13.59 But it was just constantly fighting. So it got into a point where it was very bitter. And uh, and I almost (?) threw Richard out, that's how bad it was, 'cos Donna and him were really gonna have (?) really had it. They almost killed each other. So at the end was so bitter to a point that the (?) you guys were supposed to film, and then it gotten to a point that he was just didn't want to be bothered with us. And it was like to a point I wasn't even gonna go to the wedding, that's how bad it was.
- 01.14.31 It really got ugly, really ugly. Only because he wants certain things to be done, but I said you can't do certain things because that's the way it is. Because (?) when it comes to family, you can't say that oh, I invite this, let's, let's say there's 5 of you, or four of you in your family. And you our cousins. I can't just invite you and not invite your sister. Or invite your sister and invite, it doesn't work that way, ok? But the kids, today's day I guess, I know you're not on that, you're not even that much older than my kid, but they don't understand that.
- 01.15.03 You don't do things like this. OK? There are certain things you do, certain things you don't do. I'd rather not invite my friend, but you got to invite your family. And that's how it goes. And I was paying for the wedding, ok? I let them do whatever they want. But they were going a little overboard. So when they went overboard, I kind of like hey, really, hold this. This is getting ridiculous. OK? Just because I'm paying for it doesn't mean you're gonna go like crazy 'cos the wedding's expensive.
- 01.15.32 I had a, over 600 people at the wedding. So then they got upset. Well, in the beginning you were paying for it, now I said, well, because you guys are a little going overboard. You're doing things that is not necessary. You're doing things that's not even, how should I say it,

like you want to do certain things, but I cannot even say boo. I can't even suggest. So gotten to a point that it just say you know what? You do what you, whatever you want to do.

01.16.00 Just let's get this damn thing over with. I'm tired of it. So that day at the wedding, I was really mad, but I felt I (?) was an empty stomach. I took one of my pills, so I was flying (LAUGHS). And so, so I have no idea what happened at the wedding (LAUGHS). In a way it's good 'cos I was happy. Ok? I was not all there (LAUGHS). So one thing I was really enjoying the wedding, but I have no clue what happened at the wedding, you know? (LAUGHS) But uh.

01.16.30 Then of course after what I had problem, my, my little daughter-in-law, she's the one I don't know if I ever tell you about the story. She's the one that I didn't, that was (?) for many, many years. But she's very, very possessive. And to a point that she is, I can't even describe the word. So I kind of just said to Richard, I said, listen. Well, she's telling me all these little things. I think that maybe she's just (?) I didn't tell him to break up.

01.17.03 I says, maybe just cool off, I think (?) you guys are going (?) way too fast on the, on the relationship. And he didn't want to, he didn't want to listen. So I said, ok, well then you do what you want to do. I said, as a mother, I'm seeing you putting your foot into a grave. Halfway in, and I'm just telling you. He said, oh, Mom, let me make my own mistake. I said, ok? Then do what you want to do. I left it that way, but because of that she never showed up again for like almost 3 years.

01.17.32 'Cos she decided not to show up. But after 9-11, he came to me and he said, Mom, she's very, very important to me. Can you reconsider? What are you gonna do? He's been with me since Day One. You can't say no. So that's how he, she came back into the picture. But I said to (?) we're just joking, and I said well, she'll get even. And she's getting even. But I used to get upset (?) over things like that.

01.18.00 Now, it doesn't bother me anymore. Because you know why? Life is too short. I went through this thing already. I don't think it's worth it for me to even worry about is she gonna

call, (?) to say hello to me, or not say hello to me? She would purposely do it in front of me, just to, just to bust my chops. But it doesn't bother me anymore. But the worst part is, she's very, she's having a big influence my daughter.

01.18.30 That is the (?) that's the not so good part.

JW : On your daughter?

01.18.34 LING YOUNG : Yes. Very bad. It had gotten to a point is like now, you can't say boo to my daughter. 'Cos all you have to say, you just have to just open your mouth and it's the wrong thing. And uh, and then she, it's also to be a point it's like uh, like uh, whatever comes out of my mouth now is just like oh, Mom, please, you know?

01.19.01 How should I say it? Uh, just like (?) I don't know, I don't know what the word you use. It's just a matter what uh, uh, doesn't matter if she's saying something or I'm saying something. It's always like (?) it's almost like a bone in there, that that's not what you meant or (?) it doesn't matter what I do, you (?) did, interpret it whatever you want anyway. So that's just how we, the relations have gotten pretty bad.

01.19.30 And it's not good. So I'm kind of, kind of upset about that. But it's nothing I can do.

JW : It sounds hard.

01.19.37 LING YOUNG : It sounds very hard, it's nothing I can do. I know my daughter is smart, but she's not that smart in the way that she, she knows everything. You know, she's still 23, ok? Twenty-three when we were 23, you pretty mature. Today's 23, they're really not mature. They think they know everything but they really don't know. But I figured out you know what? That's gonna be your life.

01.20.01 I (?) enough is enough, because I can't, I can't be dealing with too many things. Just like when I, after I deal with my mother, I start dealing with my father. My father has, also has

problem. Also when he had an infection, they found out he had an aneurism. He just thought, he just got operated. So I have stacks and stacks of medical report that I have to deal with. And (?) I'm trying to deal with it, 'cos I used to do everything like you say. And I'm (?) seeing things. I said ok, I think that's about time to quit.

01.20.30 But I was, but I did (?) it took me two weeks to put everything together, in folders and different ways, different colors, so this way, I told to my brother, here. You gonna take care from now on. 'Cos I can't handle it anymore. I could be on the phone for two hours with one person. I don't have that kind of energy. So I gave that to them, and then next thing you know, I says, maybe something's wrong with me. Then my sister's kind of gotten a little crazy on me, too. I said maybe it's just, I guess maybe I wasn't aware of those things maybe before?

01.21.03 It was like one time we went to a wedding, and uh, I forgot, I forgot my brother's checkbook. So I said oh, why don't you just write the check for him? And she made a remark like how do you, how do I know that you're not giving me back the money? And I'm looking at her like what? I said what do you mean? She said, well, I don't know if you're gonna give it back to me. I said, Ok, I kept quiet. I didn't expect that out of her, 'cos I've been taking over her finances day one.

01.21.32 'Cos I didn't want her ex-husband to take 'cos God forbid something happened to her. So it's always a joint name with her. So one day I changed something on the bank, and somehow the bank made a mistake that I was the primary, I said no, no, no. I don't want to be a primary. This is not my money, really. I want my sister to be the primary. So I gave her a call, and she said why should you, you should be on my account? I said, what? I said what are you talking about? We always had a joint account? Oh, well, I don't want to.

01.22.00 I said, ok. So. Took everything. Changed everything back (LAUGHS). Gave every penny back. Which I was about to anyway. Little bit at the time because she's not good at doing anything. She has no clue what's going on. She (?) can't even balance her checkbook. That's why I was taking care of her. I write her checks, I did everything for her. I did her

bill, but I said, well, if that's how you feel, I said, it seem like I'm stealing from you guys, from her. From you. I said, I didn't say exact the way that it is, but that's how if, I felt. I felt like, I felt betrayed.

01.22.39 I've been doing them for her for 14 years. And being trying to save for her so she could have a better life later in the future. And I got socked in the face that number one, I was, I was like not giving her back her money. Number two, I did this, number three I did that. But not knowing that I have very good records, 'cos many years ago when I first built the house, this is back in 1990's.

01.23.02 The minute I finished building the house (?) I thought, oh, there's no job. I thought, oh, Christ. You know, you just built the house. You know, you got this big, big mortgage. And those days it was ten and three quarter percent. You know what that means, right? You could have a small mortgage but I have a jumbo mortgage. So she was helping me out and then uh, as long, as time goes by, but I didn't have the kind of money to pay out (?) right away. But I kept very detailed records.

01.23.32 I mean, to a point that if today I was something for \$200 for, for my nephew, 'cos we always joined, 'cos she didn't want to be bothered with it, so I was buying, buy it and we split it. And I would write it down, so-and-so's birthday, how much. I had it since 1995. So it's not that I don't have no records. I do have records how her money was spent, how her money was taken out, how I have paid her back, how I did not pay her back.

01.23.59 So but it's one year I couldn't find, 1999, what happened to it. So (?) so I decided to take a big amount. And I did decided when I did, when I do have enough money to pay her back, I'm gonna give her back interest. But you know how the interest rate is? When, like this. So I took her, I took an average, being very fair to an average and then I'm gonna double that amount. Just because she, she helped me out at that time. It wasn't a lot of money, but just the point.

01.24.29 So, that was that part, and it was just like everything is just happening to me at one time. Like all the sudden like people's going a little crazy on me. Maybe I'm crazy, I don't know (LAUGHS) I don't know what it is. But (~I~)

JW : This has all been happening this year?

01.24.45 LING YOUNG : Just this year. Just like that. And then with my parents, my mother, see, would, the Chinese family (?) my family, the girls are not really that important. It's saying no matter what I do, makes, it doesn't mean anything.

01.25.01 It's what (?) my brothers would do, it means something. Now I have another brother. I have two brothers. One of the, one of them is the only one that they really give a care about. The other one is like no matter what he's trying. He works in a hospital, so everything that he look at, if there's a hope, he wants it, he wants to do for my mother. Ok, so he's trying so hard to try to bring her back to a point, and I keep on trying to tell him, listen.

01.25.29 (?) She's at a certain stage is very sad to see people go, especially your parent, but sometime you either let go, just let go. I don't want to see her die, either. But there are things that you have to let go. But my mother don't see it that way. My mother seeing it as a, as a torture. As that uh, he, I don't understand why he's doing this. I don't understand why he's doing that. But if it's coming from, out from my other brother, then everything's ok.

01.25.58 That hurts. Hurts tremendously. It always hurts me tremendously, too, because I try to do the right thing. And turns around that I'm the wrong one. Like I would, this just sounds so stupid. My mother was uh, telling me about some kind of soup. That make the, makes her feel good. So I went out and bought the thing. (COUGHS) And then next thing you know, my father wasn't talking to me. I didn't understand why. I (?) I said, what have I done that you're not talking to me?

0126.30 Well, because I made this soup, I didn't (?) make it for him. So silly, stupid, stupid little things that drives me crazy. And like I said, I go this, like I said about this, I went back to

support group. When we were together, it's like I understand you, you understand me. 'Cos we both, we all went through the same thing. You might not be burned, but you went through whatever happened around the, around the area. So we kind of like connect. Your family may be the greatest thing on Earth.

01.26.59 But they were not there at the time when this happens. No matter how sympathetic, how they understand you, but they don't really understand you. That's the thing that we all facing. I mean, Donald, in another hand, he think I'm still the same person what he married thirty some-odd years ago. I'm keeping on telling Don, I'm not the same. I cannot do half the thing I used to do. And he would sometime when he's mad he comes out the statement is well, (?) you're using that as an excuse.

01.27.30 That would set me off to, like a fire, just like a firecracker. Ok. If you say (?) he said that to me a couple of weeks ago. That sets me off like I was like a maniac. How, I mean, how could you even think of it that I use it, my memory use that as an excuse. Because I could say to you, Jim, uh, I (?) and such, and then you (?) you quote me. I swear to God I don't remember it.

01.27.58 And if you're gonna use that against me, to say that well, you promised me to do this and do, do this and do that, but I have no clue and I would say to myself, I would never do anything like that. I don't remember what the uh, what the, what the reason was. It's something that I would have never, ever would promise. Probably he was asking me and I wasn't remember (?) even listening. Or maybe I was listening subconsciously but I wasn't know what the hell we were talking about. So I said don't, don't ever do that.

01.28.26 Because it's not, you, you push, you telling me something that I said, but I really have no clue, and I would never even in my wildest dream that I would even say something like this. So that's been my biggest problem. And to deal with them is like oh, Mom, please, like my kids, oh, Mom. You just so controlling, you're this and you're this and you're that. So finally I said to them, you keep on saying I'm controlling. I said what the hell am I controlling? I mean, (?) my whole life was you guys.

- 01.28.59 I did everything I can for them, ok? I took a job that I don't get money for, because I want to be home just like uh, you say, you know, you, 'cos it's very important. Everything I did was for them, ok? My whole life was them. And then turns around, one day to say things like that to you is like it hurts. It hurts tremendously. Uh, I uh, I try not to take too much out of it. But sometime you could.
- 01.29.32 And uh, and then when you look at yourself and you say you know what? It's not getting any better. 'Cos my, my infection here is, it was to a point it's like uh, I think I must, I may have mentioned it. Uh, after shower, this is like smelling rotten food is how bad it was. It's just from this here to here. I mean, it stinks so bad that you thought that you had a pile of rotten food here.
- 01.29.59 So you know that's infection. But it's, but it's so, it look like, it just looked like this. Nothing was going on. it was just normal, it just stinks like hell. So then all the sudden, it start popping up a little bit at the time. So when it pops up, it wasn't just a plain infection. So it's taking, taking Keflex every other week. That's not good. You can't take Keflex every other week for infection.
- 01.30.28 So finally the doctor decided to say uh, let's take it out. But that was a major operation. It took him over 8 hours. He was (LAUGHS) half-dead. He didn't even make it to his daughter's prom. His daughter's not talking to him, of course. It was bad. He expected like a 6 hour operation, but took a lot longer than it was. My operations always longer than what it's supposed to be, ok? If it's 2 hours, it's gonna be 3 hours. 'Cos the first two hours to control my bleeding, see if you can see, what happen is you can see (?) the redness?
- 01.31.02 'Cos my veins all the way up on the top. Just the minute they touch me, I'm bleeding like crazy. Ok? So that's my major, major problem, and Dr. Chew in the beginning did not know that. That's only when he did the first surgery. All he did was right here. And right here. He took him over 6 hours. Because he didn't know how to control my bleeding. Second time around it was little bit better. The third time of course he knows a lot better. Uh.

01.31.29 So this whole thing I had this whole chunk, I was like really uncomfortable. He had a cast about like 20 pounds on me. Next thing you know, the cast was so heavy it's, if, it's gonna come off. So he has to take the whole thing off. The graft didn't take. The graft just go poop, it's gone. And this was like really gross and disgusting. But it took about a couple of months to finally heal it up a little bit. But then this one (?) like I said, a couple of spots, it just would not heal.

0100032.02 He doesn't understand why. He don't know why. It just won't heal. And if it heals, if you just kind of like lift it up, like you have like a whole piece of skin coming up. And he has no clue. But we just leaving it alone, we just putting bandage on, we're putting cream on and see hopefully one day this is miraculously is gonna heal. So.

JW : It's still like that now?

01.32.27 LING YOUNG : Yeah, it's still like that now. So I'm just dealing with my all bandaged up. This hand's not bad. (~I~)

JW : What about your shoulder?

01.32.39 LING YOUNG : They took the whole thing out, not just my they almost like kind of cut off everything. So it's almost like you see all this thing right here, they, they just kind of even it out. I had to put a graft on it. And he took a big graft. He took from my stomach from all the way to the back. And I told him, I tell him not to touch my back, but he did, and I want to kill him. 'Cos it's itches like hell.

01.33.01 So he took a big, big piece, it was like, he did it from, he all the way up here, and then in my back. He, he actually did it, did a good job, 'cos he, the infection is out, but I don't understand why this part is not healing. It doesn't smell anymore thank God, so that means it might not. Once it's smelly, I know it's infection. But then it's start getting in my elbow again. See, my elbow right here now is, it just as bad right here. Starting here now, ok?

- 01.33.31 I don't remember (?) it, over here, over here is like a big, big honeycomb, it was horrible. He took that part out. So it wasn't bad. Uh, this part he tried to do, now he know he can't touch me with graft. So with this hand he decided not to do graft, he decide just to cut and just (LAUGHS) start moving my skin all over the place. So my hands I look like those exact (?) the place.
- 01.33.58 Uh, but it hurts ten times more than (?) yours. Graft doesn't bother me as much. So when I take my pain medication, normally take it for a day or so, this one I took almost all week, is how painful it was. And now it's really tender. If you touch it, it's like, you know, it's kind of jump. Uh, he ask me what kind of pills are you taking, 'cos I go to pain management for my other thing. And I said I'm still taking the (?) and this, and this, and that. And he said, why are you taking the (?)? I said, well, 'cos if I try to, I did try to take it off, I weeded off for awhile.
- 01.34.32 And I'll be sitting in this thing, you know, you, you jumped up because that thing just shoots on you, without you knowing it. So I still have a very heavy, severe nerve pain. From the nerve damage I have in my hand. And you don't know when it's gonna come. So the doctor said go back on it. He says, maybe it's not as addictive you are. And at the beginning I was really never, just taking tranquilizer, not tranquilizer, I call that the happy pills, you know, one of those uh, pill.
- 01.35.02 I have to take it now, just to calm my, calm my nerve. Especially last, this year, with all this thing going around, they were driving me crazy. I was hospitalized twice. And that was go surgery in April. I couldn't go because my EKG was not normal. Ok, fine. So wait another month. That didn't work again. So now is when I go for surgery, I know my EKG's not gonna be normal.
- 01.35.31 So I got to get a medical clearance. So now I have to learn to do certain things. So my heart beats or whatever, my EKG, whatever you want to tall that, it's not gonna be no more,

anymore. That was uh, it was uh, it was like that since Day One. Uh, since 9-11. But it gotten worse. So that (~I~)

JW : Was it before?

01.35.53 LING YOUNG : No. I was the most healthy individual you could ever think of. I don't have cold, nothing. If I have a cold, maybe once in a while because let's say I was sweaty and I walk outside and the wind is blowing me, and then just, and now (?) like a, like some kind of flu coat, but other than that, nothing ever happened to me. My whole house, everybody be sick like a dog. And I would not catch it. And I'm very, very healthy. But since then I'm like, if it, I'm prone to everything, especially infections. And the reason why I think is because I have a thermal burn. That's what everybody's telling me. 'Cos I'm so baked in that you don't know when the thing's coming out.

01.36.34 Like I could be sitting here today and then tomorrow next thing you know I have an infection right here, and then you have to take it out. Taking it out is not easy, now. 'Cos before an infection just drain and that's the end of the story. Now you drain it, you squeeze it. Everything comes out, then (?) the cyst comes out. And as you're not ready. So that's why when he was doing all the operation, Dr. Chew has a uh, an office that has like a, almost like an outpatient uh, operating room.

01.37.05 So he does all this operation there, and he takes the whole thing out, he cuts it. And next thing you know you go home with a big hole like this big. And the last one that (?) two months to heal and then next spots comes up, then the next spot comes up. So we, uh, it's like that's what I have to couple of months, he said, no, this ridiculous. He said (?) it's almost like I be on antibiotic for the, this week.

01.37.28 Then I'll be Ok next week. Then I'm back to it again. So it's constant, constant, constant. So he finally decided, he said this is it. We're gonna, we're just gonna try to do the whole thing. And that's why he decided to do the whole thing. I was in the hospital like 4 times

in 10 days. So that's pretty, that's a lot. That's why he decided this is it. (?) let's take it out. So far he's been pretty good. Uh. Because Workmen's Comp's been paying him.

01.37.58 So I told you that my case went all the way up, 'cos they were not willing to pay Dr. Chew his fee. Ok? Uh, I guess no one's there to challenge him. He must have all report what he's gonna do with me. And no one's, no one challenged him. So he got what he wanted, which is like a big difference. You talk about (?) amount of money what anybody else would be getting. So he got it, ok? And I want to mention him and things, but he got what he wanted. But that was his normal fee.

01.38.33 And uh, he (?) well, he wasn't mind doing it for like short term, but now (?) he found out I'm gonna be long term. He said, I can't be doing this for a long term. (?) he said, I got to make a living, too. So now with this one, he's gonna do in December. I, I said the date on December 10<sup>th</sup>. He gonna redo this. He's gonna take the calcium out of here. This was more higher than this. It's like a big bump here.

01.39.01 Some kind of calcium deposit. He gonna try to open part of my web space, and that's gonna be pretty major. 'Cos now my hand hurts like heck if you touch it, it hurts. 'Cos it's still like, stiff like this. I don't know what he's gonna do. We'll find out. Ok, he did say one, two, three, four, but you can't trust him, 'cos he, (LAUGHS) 'cos by the time you get out, he's always something more to what he does. So he doesn't tell you everything, but he does, once he start drawing pictures, you say ok, when is my next day?

01.39.35 That's when you know I know that he's gonna have an operation. But he does what he does is he, he see what he's gonna do, while he open me up. He decide to do other things. That's what he does. The last time he didn't do this, he said. If he does this, it could be an extra couple of hours. So he can't afford to spend the kind of time on me because there's other patients.

01.39.57 You know, with me he's almost like, always puts me number one. 'Cos you never know how long it's gonna take with me. So uh, that's why the day that he uh, when (?) very early

at 5:30 in the morning, he said (?) that early. That was the day he had the (?) his daughter had the prom, and he still didn't make it. Expect (what to be a six hour?) became an eight hour. And he didn't take nothing 'til (?) just go poop. So the whole skin they took from me was like a waste.

01.40.28 It was just like so frustrating. It was like you're actually seeing the skin on top of you like a, like a Saran wrap. And you know that thing is gonna come off. And that's the frustrating part. And when it comes off, it's gonna be like one raw piece of thing. And then you have to start putting cream and coating and all kinds of nonsense on it. Hoping that it's gonna heal, but it did heal a little bit. I shouldn't say it didn't heal. So but I did it my way, though.

JW : Do your mom and dad ask you about what happened?

01.41.05 LING YOUNG : My mother's funny. My mother think this is all fake. One day just gonna lift the skin and it's all gonna be gone. I said oh, no, this is it. This is to stay. And my father, I guess you know what happened, the problem is the reason why I decided to be a mom at home only because when I was growing up I didn't have that.

01.41.27 Now that was a decision I made. I mean, I couldn't afford to stay home in those days. So I took the job (?) the job I had. That I couldn't be home when they're home. Uh. They do understand, they don't understand. I guess they don't know. They keep on saying, why you keep on going for surgery? I said I didn't go for surgery for plastic surgery. I, I go to surgery so I could have more movement. Not to look better, 'cos like, you know, like Dr. Bauer said, I could say he's one thing, you're never gonna have beautiful hair. And I said gee, thanks. Just jokingly.

01.42.00 'Cos I know for a fact this is what's gonna happen. But I just want something to give me a little bit more of a movement in this hand. Because I can't really do anything with this hand. This hand, thank god, it worked out pretty good. But. That depend on just the things close up on me or not. So, so I have to keep on constantly trying to do that. But it's very right over

here, 'cos if you can see, I lost some space already. It's still better than nothing. You know, ok, so I, I keep on doing it this way.

01.42.30 But uh, as you can see, this is all graft. It's still just as red. This is three years ago. Uh, this is April. May. No, no, no. January last year. So you put you, you, you tell it's not much of a difference in color. But they don't understand why. That's the whole point, they don't understand why am I uh, I'm so, so uh, upbeat with, with the vein. It's on the top. You put a pinhole in there, the blood would gush out.

01.43.01 So I can't win. So uh, with my uh, so that's my next agenda. He's gonna do my ears a little bit more, to loosen up a little bit. He had all this planned, but he doesn't know I'm not gonna do it. He planned to do all this fixing up for me. I'm not gonna do it. I'm just gonna have my ear loosened up so I could clean it. And this part, if he cuts it up here, I could go at least I could move it out to pull my eye.

01.43.30 And I'm not looking to, to be you know, plastic surgery, none of those nonsense. I just wanted to be, for my, for my purpose is mobility. That's all it is. Uh. And hopefully that to control my infections. If it's a small one I do it myself. He called me Dr. Young, of course. 'Cos you don't want to go to the doctor's for the little, 'cos you, by now I know my own body. I know what it is, I know that I could do certain things.

01.43.57 Just the same thing that I know when I have an infection, I know when it's gonna hurt me. Once infection is full-blown, you can't move your arm. It doesn't have to be big. Could be a small little thing like this. You could literally could not lift your arm up, that's how painful it is. So that was that. And uh, planning another wedding. I don't know if I ever told you. (?) Next October. This one's easier. 'Cos part of them is in Texas.

01.44.28 Which had nothing to do with it, which I don't want to do anything with it. And this one over here, he said I don't care what you do. So that's great. Because technically in a way, comes to a relative, you don't know all my relative. Ok? If I do the invitation, this is what it gets me so very mad. The invitation's in Chinese. So when they reply to you, it's in Chinese.

Richard does not read Chinese. So why would and first of all, you don't know who the heck are who.

01.44.59 So why would you want the invitation, the reply card, going to you? Then you drive all the way to my house to ask me who they are. Isn't it easy for you just use, you take care of your friend, I take care of my own, and would, at the end we'll just combine it and that's the end of the story. No, no, no, no. He has to do it. He has to control this, he has to control that. He wants to do this, he wasn't do that. Do you know, nothing work out the way that, that day?

01.45.27 Nothing work out the way he wanted it. Because he had never planned a party. He had a uh, a, a ceremony at the town hall. He spent lots of money on the hor d'ouvers which no one can get near it because it was a, a church at 5<sup>th</sup> Street uh, not a (?) a (?) that sits 300. And the room to get your food is the size of this room. How 300 some-odd people's gonna get in there I have no clue.

01.45.57 They didn't bother to say after you get your food, you please go outside? So people, some people got pissed and left. 'Cos they can't get to it, and they pay over five grand for it. I want to choke him. But that's Richard. Doing this a little easier. He said you know what? Why should he (?) bother with it? You know who it is. So you take care of yours and I'll take care of my own friends. Uh. But I'm glad my mother saw it. And I'm glad my mother went through the wedding.

01.46.29 I'm glad my mother saw everything. 'Cos she almost couldn't make it. Ok? And she was in such pain. Besides going to chemo, she broke one of her uh, her (?) she broke her back. That didn't work. Then she had back surgery, which is doing a little bit ok. Wasn't doing too good. Then she fell again, it made her worse. And now she broke two other bones. But she went in and could not (?) She, they said she way too weak. Her blood pressure's too high, so now she's in pain.

01.47.00 She'll be in pain constantly until she dies. Uh, other than that, she's looking pretty good. But it's like a day-to-day thing. You don't know when it's gonna kick in. And I just said to them,

enjoy, enjoy the days she's around. And just go visit her once in a while. Ok, I try to do that, too, but because of my father I can't do it now because in case. It's just like so silly. Silly, silly, silly little thing. Over stupid things.

01.47.29 So I was gonna go bring, bring soup over to my mother yesterday, Momma said no, no, don't come. 'Cos he's not, he's not over yet. I said, oh, Jesus. It's like get over it. He's gonna be 80 some odd years old. I mean, can't you just learn that tomorrow she might be gone? Or tomorrow I might be gone? Who knows who, who know what life is gonna be? So uh.

JW : Do you have a hard time expressing that to people?

01.47.58 LING YOUNG : Uh, it's not easy. Well, they do realize that I see things very, very differently. They do know, notice that I don't take things too seriously. You could be going crazy and I will look at you like listen. I might not be here tomorrow, why kill myself? Because I see things been happening, I see friends been dying, ok? I see, I guess things that ticking (me off?) like crazy. I, one day I have a very good, a dear friend, very good, dear friend of mine I know for many years uh, he very young. He's in his 40's. When he died. And we were gonna go on a trip together, you know, things like that.

01.48.43 And when I first went to the office I (?) like there, one of those mug. And I had one myself. I happened to go up and pick up something. And when I saw the cup, everything just rushes right back in. That day was not my day.

01.49.01 I just could not stop crying that day. Because of a stupid cup. 'Cos that cup reminded me everything about him, every little thing that, that we went through, everything that uh, we should drive to Albany. And he used to tell me all about all his life. You know, he's, his love life, and everything was like a little kid. He's like a, like a son to me even though I'm, I'm not much older than him. But uh, that stupid cup, it's just like whoa.

01.49.31 I just came down and I, (?) She said what happened, Ling? I said (LAUGHS) I said, it's silly, but that stupid cup just reminded me everything that happened. That, that I dealt with

him. So was, it wasn't. It just how, you don't know what's gonna, when it's gonna happen to me. It just happened that cup was in the closet, is in (?) the, in the linen closet. I just happened to just like hit me right in my face this way.

01.49.59 And it just, I just lost it. So you don't know when you gonna lose it. Uh, before this happened, I never had this kind of problem before. Uh. I don't know when I'm gonna be able to uh, I don't forget this kind of thing.

JW : What kind of thing?

01.50.19 LING YOUNG : Uh, sometime you look at yourself and you say to yourself, you know, I had my whole life planned out. So like now is like you really can't plan all your life anymore. 'Cos you don't know what's gonna happen. Every time I go to surgery, what I normally do is funny.

01.50.36 I pay all my bills, 'cos I figured out they (?) they not gonna (?) I don't think they stupid. But it just like I want everything to just go smooth. If I never come back out. Things happens. You know, you never know. You could go in for a simple finger operation. Because before it never hit me.

01.51.00 Now to me is you could go in and you might never come out. So sometime when I, I fight with them I just say that, you know what? Why don't we just leave it the way as is, because who knows what's gonna happen? The only thing that gets me upset is that, it's like Donald doesn't understand that I am not the same person. And just 'cos I feel a little bit better, he think I'm the same person again It's the same thing as we can't sleep.

01.51.30 Ok? Uh. If I'm, if I take sometime once in a while, my pills makes me very groggy. But other than that, (?) that's only once in a while. But other than that, we don't sleep. And it's not that we don't want to sleep. We just don't sleep. So during the daytime, with the (~I~)

JW : Physically you're having a hard time?

LING YOUNG : Yeah.

01.51.57 END OF TAPE # LY001

**TAPE # LY002, IV, 11-6-04**

**Ling Young**

**JIM WHITAKER, Producer/director**

**PROJECT REBIRTH**

02.00.22 PICTURE UP

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

02.00.49 LING YOUNG : It's that a lot of time he doesn't realize that I'm not the same person, ok? I can't do a lot of things. I try to help, even try to cook once in a while, but I couldn't do it because you never know when this hand's gonna give up on me.

02.01.03 First of all, I don't have strength in this hand anyway. And these hand, even though I'm moving but I'm limited in the space-wise right here. So I don't know when am I gonna be able to I don't know where I'm gonna flop the whole thing. To me to get burned again it's not gonna be a pretty (?) picture. So I try not to do it, but, with Donald is (~I~)

JW : You don't feel comfortable around stoves?

02.01.32 LING YOUNG : It's not that I'm not comfortable. It just that I tried a couple of time. It just didn't work. I mean, there are people who are a lot more disability that could do it, ok. But I guess maybe now I'm not ready for it yet. But sooner or later I guess I probably have to be ready one day. But it just not ready to do certain things. I guess you just remind me of certain, certain things that happen that day. I don't know what it is. It's just like I was doing anything and then the whole thing just went on the floor.

- 02.02.00 I said, this is, I'm not doing it anymore. Ok? Enough for awhile. So I, I did try it a couple of time, but it didn't really work out the way I want it to work out. So but then Donna comes home from work See when Donald started a new job, everything's like the whole world's got to end. Like it had to stop because of this job got to be done. Just like he started the generator. And if God forbid you ask him to do certain things, he's like oh, my god, you know, I'm involved in this generator. But you know what? I says, you go through your whole damn life. This is you.
- 02.02.31 Ok? Every time you start a job, it's the same thing over again. It's like the whole world got to end because you doing one job. That's not my fault. Ok? And if I needed some help to do something, not because I don't want to do it, not because I didn't feel like doing it, because I can't do it. Like in this hand, I can't (?) I could wrap myself to a certain extent, but I really could not do it the way I, I want to do it, because there was like spots that you had to put certain things on.
- 02.03.02 Uh, they called (Acti-cope?) to put on the wound, so they would uh, supposedly sticks. Uh. But to him, it's like OK, I got to get up at 4 o'clock in the morning. I understand that. But don't remind me every single time. Like I said, we don't sleep. Literally we don't sleep. Either there's certain (?) there's (certain?) groups that sleep all day because they (?) were drugged up all day. Or there's a certain group like us who's drugged up, too, but we don't take naps and we don't sleep.
- 02.03.34 So during the daytime, I'm either out, out in the doctor's office in, in therapies or whatever, whatever reason I, I am, or I'm on the phone constantly with the doctors or whatever. Uh trying to fix the bill, do a medical bill, I was just doing that for my mother. And I mean, Marge could tell you that for one phone call I'd be on there for like 2 hours.
- 02.04.01 You know, they keep on putting you on hold, changing the different department. They never let, let you go to the right place. So I'm like drained. That's the reason why I decided this is it. I cannot handle this anymore. Here it is. They wasn't happy about it. I said, well, you

know what? Tough. Now it's your guys' turns. You handle it. I don't have the energy, I don't have the, the uh, the, the willpower to do it anymore. I wanted to, but I can't.

- 02.04.27 So I got rid of that part. I'm start slowly giving back the kids the things to do, too. I make them do certain things. Now telling them how to handle the account is like I am controlling them. Well, you know what? Then you do the way you want to do it, ok? Just like Richard was saying, well, I got to get a new car. I said, well, get a new car is cash. Or you get a loan. Well, because he, he's spending so much mileage, so much money driving, cost him about 6, \$700 a month just in gas. I said, Richard, I made the same mistake I made many, many years ago. I had an Oldsmobile, so I went to buy a stupid Datson.
- 02.05.07 So the save on mileage. But you forget you're paying cash for the, you're paying money for, for the new car. Insurance. Everything. You're never make up the difference with the gas that you pay. So run, run the car to the ground. Well, Mom, let me make my own decision. I said ok, fine. I kept my mouth shut. I was only trying to tell him my experience. Buy a new car to save gas is not the, not the good reason to do it, because you'll never make up the money. Ok?
- 02.0536 So like I said, back to Donald. So it's like we're constant having problem now because he constantly think that I'm Ok now. I'm, I'm out of the wheelchair, even though I'm out of the wheelchair but I really can't stand. Sometime I could, though. So he's like well, I guess you only, if you wanted to, you could. Well you know what? It depends on what, what my legs feel like saying ok, when I saying ok.
- 02.06.03 It's not, I don't control that. I could be walking and let's say for an hour, and very, very tired, but I'll be Ok. Or I could just get up right now. I, I would be going crazy. Get all the blood would go down, it becomes purple, and I'll be itching like I want to kill myself. All depends on my body. I don't make that decision. I don't make that decision that when I should be feeling better or not better, ok?

- 02.06.30 It just comes and goes. Uh, I'm still wearing my (jobs?) as usual, ok? I didn't wear my hand because I was having a little problem, 'cos it was too, I don't know what it is, it's the blood. It's just all concentrating so I haven't been, I didn't wear my glove today. But other than that I would be wearing my glove, which holds it down. But the minute I take that thing off, it's like boom. Explodes on me like, it just like itches. And then you got to go a little crazy a little bit.
- 02.06.59 So that's something I guess because unless you're a burn patient you don't understand it. Uh, that's why I learn so much from the burn (?) World Congress, I learned so much. And if you see the people got burned there and you say to yourself, wow. I am nowhere near as bad as some. Uh, I have the, I think I have the worst complication but talk about deform, deform-wise, you can't compare.
- 02.07.30 Ok? Uh, they make me feel like you know what? I'm very, very lucky. Makes me luck, feel lucky that you know what? Hey, you know what I still got half my face. Oh, my hair looks like this. Who cares? I mean, my leg, the whole thing is gone. So I don't know what's gonna happen to me later in the future. That this contract like my arm, then I'm dead meat.
- 02.07.56 That means (LAUGHS) I'll be in a wheelchair. So let's hope that that's not the case. 'Cos if it you know, if your whole leg starts from here to here is, that's contracting, you know how far that's gonna go. So I'm looking forward to a future that's very unknown. Sometime that scares me a little bit. So that's why when they keep on (?) when he tells me that you know what, you (?) using this as an excuse, and try to think that I'm the same person, that bothers me a lot. But he doesn't understand that. He can't understand it because he was never faced with any reality.
- 02.08.33 I think even as of today that he know it happen to me. Uh. Sometime I get very mad because it's like you guys are doing things so maybe because you have to do it. I know you guys care, but it's not like you're doing it because you want to do it, because (oh?) I have this thing to do. 'Cos everybody has everything else to do. But if I don't need you to do it, I really do not ask.

02.09.02 I try to do everything myself I could. Ok? So that's kind of problem that we're having right now is kind of hard. Uh. (~I~)

JW : Do you feel like you're an obligation for them sometimes?

02.09.22 LING YOUNG : Yes. I do. I'm almost like in a way I am a burden. I'm a definite burden. Even I shouldn't feel like this, ok? But I do feel like that a lot of time. Because I take away their times. And uh, I mean, like my daughter. It's, it's funny. When we were growing up, you go to work, like I used to be, I go, I go to work, come home, the minute I walk in, take off my sneakers. I'm in the kitchen. You go through right (?) this you do for the kids and (?) do this. At weekend you want (?) wash clothes and you do all those kind of things.

02.09.58 You don't complain, you figure that's your job. Today's day, the kids like oh, my god, I'm so tired. Can't do this, I can't do that. But in the meantime today have, this today is so-and-so's birthday, got to go out to dinner. Tomorrow's so-and-so's thing. Everyday is a little different things. And then if you (?) try to talk to her, oh, I'm way too tired. I can't even talk. Uh, oh, mom I don't want to talk. Oh, please, please. And then the minute she gets home, it's the phone call (?) a phone call from a friend, then she's alive.

02.10.28 So I'm saying to myself, damn (LAUGHS) this is like, is it me or is it like what? It's just there's no communication anymore. It's so hard to even communicate with them. Because she's so influenced by my new daughter-in-law to a point it's like I am such a controlling freak that uh, how, how shall I want to put it?

02.10.58 That if I was the parent, I would not do such-and-such-and-such. So now turns around now and my daughter feels that's what I'm doing to her. I can't swear to it this is what's happening, but I am seeing it. Uh. It's like, like I said, she would purposely say goodbye to Donald. She would not say it to me. Just to try to see how to rouse me up, but it doesn't, it does not bother me Jim, really does not bother me. Because I don't find it to be necessary to be even upset over this kind of thing.

- 02.11.36 I talk about it with everything I'm very upset about it, no. I, before, that was beforehand it would bother me. I'd probably think about it and I said oh, you know, with them, and how could she do this and this and that. But now, I talk about as a joke oh, yeah. You know what she did? Yeah, she say bye, and then she would say Bye, Dad. And this is the kind of thing. See with us, with the Chinese tradition, either you call me mom and dad, or there's another word.
- 02.12.03 Another (?) way saying it. Ok? But you do not call me by my first name. Don't call me Mrs. Young. There's no such thing (?) not after you're married. But I understand the newer generation, they don't call mom and dad. He, they would say I only have one mom and one dad. I would not call your mother, mom. So I said, well, whatever she does is fine with me. I'm not gonna say boo. But I guess afterward, she, she kind of realized that she better do something one way or the other.
- 02.12.31 So Richard came over to me and asked her what would you like me, her to call you? I said, well, whatever you guys feel like it. It's fine with me. So what would you like? I said, well, whatever, doesn't matter. Whatever makes you guys happy, do whatever you want. But, but don't you call me by my first name. 'Cos that would be for, to us to be a very big insult. That's the only thing. You want to call me Mrs. Young, that's fine with me. That's how you want to call it, it's Ok. So I guess you, they finally decided to, to call mom and dad. Uh.
- JW : How did that make you feel?
- 02.13.06 LING YOUNG : Not much of a difference, be honest with you. 'Cos I don't only had too much uh, I do love them all, ok? But I don't really say that I would start going crazy if they don't call me certain things, ok? It does drive me crazy what she's doing to me. Because she's causing a lot of headache for me. Uh, causing also a lot of stress for Melissa that she doesn't realize it.

- 02.13.33 She thinks that she's helping Melissa to rebel. Ok? But not realize that by rebelling, she doesn't realize that Melissa can't live without us. That's the only problem. Melissa's doing a lot of things. You say well, I want to do what I damn please, and (?) as long as I'm happy I'm doing this, I'm doing that. I said ok, fine. That's your decision, which is fine. I say, you're an adult, ok? You do what you want to do.
- 02.13.58 But I know bottom, down deep, she can't just leave me and just that hell with my mom and I disappear. That's what she doesn't realize it, in her head she think everything's gonna work out fine. But not knowing that she's actually hurting her a lot more than she, than she think she realize. Like I, like they say sometime, your friend's your enemy. And that's what this case is all about.
- 02.14.27 But I can't go tell Melissa that, because Melissa would say that you know, I'm, I'm making it up. Or whatever. So I'm just, let her cool off. Just let her, let her (?) Whatever (?) life brings us. It's (?) they already scheduled me for December already (LAUGHS) (?) has all this plan. And then the best thing is that to me, well, he's 58 years old. He said uh, he's gonna do this, he's gonna do that. He said, well, this gonna be the rest of your life. I said, gee, thanks. (?) like I need to hear that like a hole into my head.
- 02.15.00 I mean, I mean, don't tell me this, you know what I mean? I, even I know it, but don't kind of rub it in. So, 'cos I know my joints not gonna be good. And he's trying to, I think he's trying to put a joint to (?) my hand. I never heard of it. He said they could add plastic joint. I don't know what he's gonna do, be honest with you. He's a, he's a hand specialist. Besides a plastic surgeon (?) besides being a nerve doctor or something like that. I said all right. It's the same thing like when he, when, when I have a piece right here that was open.
- 02.15.33 Was like the skin was hanging, so I cut it. He was livid. I said what's the big deal, the piece of skin was just hanging? He said that connects my whole nerve. I go oh, boy I don't know that. How could a skin from my (?) from your shoulder, that actually can (?) your nerve all the way down? That would never in my wildest dream. I was ok, so from now on I won't touch anything.

02.15.59 So (LAUGHS) it's like but he knows. So that's why he had I got like a big sponge right here when he did it. I didn't understand. I said why the hell put a big sponge right here when (?) to put a cast. He said, because if I close it up this way for a long time, I would damage my nerve. So I guess there's so many things that you're learning. So now you know not to cut anything that's not supposed to cut. Ok? He says, it's right in the shoulder right here. How could that not be, that's what he said. Uh, he had, I know he has a lot of plans for me.

02.16.30 But I'm not gonna do half the thing he think he, he's gonna do for me. 'Cos I'm not gonna do my face the way he wants me to be done. I'm not getting no tummy tuck like he think he's gonna give me a tummy tuck. 'Cos I gained 20 pound right from just from the steroid shot. And that's the, that's the funniest part. I try to get a dress to wear to the wedding, I couldn't find anything. 'Cos I'm petite, but the tummy's not, but the tummy's on the way. Unless I go, go to buy maternity clothes. Otherwise there's no such thing.

02.16.59 So that, that was uh, but somehow somewhere I was lucky I, I found something. But if you look at the picture, I look like a blimp (LAUGHS). Picture makes you look bigger than what you are. But (LAUGHS) uh. But it was over. It was over to a point that I don't even remember anything (LAUGHS). And uh.

JW : How much do you think this rebellion is normal versus what happened to you?

02.17.55 LING YOUNG : Uh, I guess you know what happened all their life I had taken care of them. They were pampered. I think they were spoiled, ok? They (?) never went through what I went through, 'cos I figured out I didn't want them to go through what I gone through, ok? I started working when I was 14. I'm in a factory, same in (?) the clothing factory, which is pretty tough, only because in the wintertime, you will sew summer clothes. And in the summertime, you were doing velvet and corduroy. You would dying in there with heat. You're sweating your head off and there's no air conditioning.

- 02.18.30 There's a fan maybe blowing a little bit but it's not something that you know? They with, with them I decided I wasn't gonna (?) strictly go to school. I never asked them to get a summer job. So they would be the only one that has (?) no summer job but money to spend. So I think they were spoiled. And then when it comes down to it, there's no responsibility. They, there isn't any responsibility. They had never learned to cope with how money it's hard to get.
- 02.19.00 And when they rebelled, it's like got to be my way. But in the meantime, when they say it's got to be my way and they keep on saying it's my way, well, my way means just try to get you guys into a better position. Your way means like you say, rebelling is a, you know, you trying to control my life. You try to tell me what to do, you try to tell me to do this, you're trying to tell me to do that. I'm not trying to tell you to do anything. It just the same thing like when they were going through this marriage thing, there's (?) the right way, there's a wrong way.
- 02.19.30 Just like when Junior proposed to his uh, girlfriend. Technically, if it's the right way you just mention it to the father. That's the right way to do it. You just don't go get her, get engaged and then forget about the father, don't bother to say anything until he finds out by himself. So he kind of (?) and asks me, you know, that this is what happened. I said, well, you want to know the right way or the wrong way? I say, there's two way, there's the right way and then there's your way.
- 02.19.59 Your way means you do whatever you want and the right way is you just kind of mention it to her dad, say uh, you know, so-and-so, I'd like to you know, propose to your daughter. That's the right way. But that's from old school. I don't know what the new way is now. I don't know what it is. Uh, I guess I was pampering to them to a point that I did a lot of things for them, and now it's also and they, if I was saying let's do this way that would be like I'm (?) controlling them.
- 02.20.33 And I want everything my way. Even Donald's the same thing. I want everything my way. Well, you know what? I took care of the household, ok? He went out to work, he did

everything. I worked, too. It wasn't I was sitting home doing, painting my nails, ok? I did my housework. I did everything. I did everything all around, I took care of everything. He did the outside, and that was the end of the story. But to, to him it's like I guess I didn't do anything. I guess maybe in, in the mental mind, so.

02.21.03 Sometime that, that get to be conflict, when they, when he's start saying that you know, I've been doing this, I do this, I do this, I do that. I said, well, you know, gee, by the way. I guess I didn't do anything? (LAUGHS) I mean, you know, like just like now he's, now he comes home and he says, well, when I come home I give you the whole paycheck. I said, well, you know what? The paycheck's to pay bill. You didn't give it to me so I could go on and buy myself, buy myself a dress or a piece of jewelry.

02.21.31 I took the money and I went to pay bills. So don't tell me that you gave me all your, all your money. You didn't give it to me. You, we took the money and we pay bills. But in the, in his mind I guess he's just, I was controlling, too. So it's like I'm, I'm a control freak, I guess. (According to all of them?) It's either your way or no way. If you don't get your way you become a bitch.

02.22.01 Well, if I didn't become that way, you guys would never get, you, you guys would not be where you are. If I didn't control the finances anyway I can finance it, you would not be sitting in this home that you built. Not because I want to brag about it, because I try to manage to do everything that I possibly could do to give them a better life. So in order do that, you got to have one person who will control everything. Control means just to make sure bills are paid, things are done. Not because to say that you can't do this, you can't do that.

02.22.28 I never, and when they were growing up, people, everybody having designer's jeans and all these other thing. My kid never had this kind of thing. Because you do what you can afford. And that's how I do things. And that's what the, how they were brought up. But unfortunately now, uh, Richard has been not the same way. Richard is like my brother, who

spend \$2 when he has \$1. That's the sad part. I thought he learned when he lost his job. He did learn, but I guess now he's back to his old self.

02.23.02 So that's why I said with the car thing, if you have two dollars, don't spend \$3, ok? Because you do have other futures. If you want to have a better life, you better start moving. Don't go out today, hop in the bar and go, go to a nice restaurant. Every time you want to take uh, say let's go out to dinner, he wants to pick these fancy place and I just look at the places, those beautiful fancy price's high, but the food is just the, the same building next door. So that's the kind of lifestyle that she, she is used to.

02.23.36 Ok. Uh, I would help them out when time comes, ok? But I want the money back. Ok? They don't know their money's gonna be theirs, but I still want it back now. I want them to feel the, the position of paying out bills, ok? I want them to learn that you just can't just sit around today and worry about tomorrow if I don't have a, a borrowed, there's no such thing. Ok?

02.24.04 I don't want them to learn it that way. So if you call that controlling, fine whatever you want to call it. But if you listen to me, fine, if you don't listen to me, then, then it's your problem.

JW : Who controls the bills now?

LING YOUNG : I gave everybody else's thing back. I still got my own.

JW : What about your own?

02.24.24 LING YOUNG : No, it's nowhere near. My daughter is still teaching (~I~) 'cos she's, she's another uh, like in La-La land with, with bills. She's started actually started a couple of weeks ago, and now she's controlling her thing and every time the mail comes, I dump it right to them. If you have question, you come and ask me.

JW : It's complex because you did it all before 9-11?

LING YOUNG : For a long, long time. Things are piled up. Actually this whole (~I~)

JW : What happened from 9-11 on?

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

- 02.24.56 LING YOUNG : It kind of stand still. (~JW~) Yeah. (~JW~) No, no the bills are paid. And sometime I have (?) writes the bill when I can't write, but that was about it. Other than that, nothing was really like organized. See, I, I'm a, I'm a very organized person. Ok? I have different folders, different thing. That's why even though when I gave my brother the medical bills, I actually separated to a point that he could just go right into the folder and know exactly what's going on. 'Cos they're not used to this kind of thing.
- 02.25.27 So I would have my mother's bill except I, I color code everything. And everything has a, has a thing, I have all, all the contact thing. If I did call somebody on a bill, I will write right on it, say I called such and such date, and this is what happened. And let them follow up, and each folder has different things. Each folder has different (?) folder has different hospitals. So if a bill comes, all they do is look into it. I said, don't look into Medicare unless there's a questions. Because if they pay, what do you care? That's how I see it.
- 02.26.00 And if they don't pay it, then you look in Medicare, see oh, gee, what happened? So he, (?) it's not much to do because I already set up everything for them already. But before I settle this (~I~) everything's all in one pile. 'Cos I didn't have the time or the energy to do it. But it took me two weeks to do all that. 'Cos you couldn't do so many at one time. You only could do a little bit and you had the rest because my mind start, once my mind start seeing things, I know it's time to stop. 'Cos I cannot concentrate I used to concentrate.
- 02.26.32 I can't concentrate and do a bill that (?) ok, this is what happened, you know, medical bills are horrible, you know that, right? It's like flip-flop. And you look at one thing and it's oh, my god, and then you thought you knew what you're doing. Next thing you know another

bill comes and they have just other explanation and it's completely different, but it's the same bill. So. I did that for them, and then when I found my father was sick, I said boy, that, that I really not gonna do it.

02.26.59 So I gave it to him and supposedly taking care of it. But I don't want to know about it. So let him handle that. And then he has a wife that's home doing nothing anyway. And the only thing that's really getting me upset is when my brother's is home, now my, my brother decided to just move my mother to his house. Just like that. What I thinking that's the best for her. But not knowing his wife is not the best thing on Earth. How should I say it?

02.27.32 She is a, she's dizzy. Means that she will be very nice to you in front of people. And she would do everything for you, but the minute my brother's not around, she gets nothing done. Nothing. And she will complain to me. I said, I says there's nothing I can do. First of all, you are in her house, ok? You really cannot complain to my brother that she's doing that to you because he won't believe you.

02.28.03 Because it's not, it's true, 'cos he, you can't believe a person would do anything like that that she would not even give a damn that (?). But and then my father was eh, whatever's there he'll eat. But my mother can't do that. She has no appetites. So it's, when he's home it's ok. When he's not home, then they, they in trouble.

02.28.29 But I can't go tell my brother that 'cos really then I can't interfere. She really can't say it because he might not believe her. So it's like it's a very rough situation right there. So I finally said, if you want to say something, just say something. If you don't want to, then you just have to live with her. So once in a while I try to, try to take her out. But I don't drive. Ok? So the only time I could do it is when, when I go for a physical therapy, which is in Jersey. I will meet her in a restaurant.

02.28.01 And then she, she will drive me home later. My sister-in-law will drive me home. Then sometimes she has a decent meal. But other than that she doesn't have a decent meal. There's nothing I can do about it. Not a thing I can do. So it's like I worry a little bit, but

then I say you know what? It's not much I can do. So try not to think about it. So a lot of thing I try not to think about, try not to get involved, because now my situation, my position is if I cannot control it, try not to do anything about it.

02.29.33 Just like Marge. Marge keep on reminding me, Ling, you can't do anything about it. Just leave her alone. And I try. I've been trying. But it does bothers me. That bothers me a lot. And one time (?) asked, because she calls me up and she's complaining, complaining, complaining. She's doing this, she's doing that, she's doing that, I say well, I say you expected that. I said, why is it a surprise to you? You know that's what's gonna happen.

02.30.00 Ok? I mean, she's bad to a point that she actually hides food from you. That's (LAUGHS) how bad she is. That is sick. (LAUGHS) It is sick. (~I~)

JW : Hides food from your mom?

02.30.12 LING YOUNG : Yeah. It's kind of sick. It sounds kind of crazy. (~JW~) Ok? (~JW~) I mean, it's true. It's not crazy because, 'cos I (?) made a vow to myself. She, she's, whatever she's doing to my mother now, I said to myself, I would never, never let anybody do that to me.

02.30.31 In, that's my, all my, my daughter-in-laws. Jeanine, which is Richard's wife, tried it once on me. And actually was this year. My daughter had a barbecue. She came in supposedly, I was working on some paperwork. And weekend you try to do something, try to concentrate so (?) paper works. So I was really intense on my (?) mother's medical bill that day. And the room is about wasn't a big room, you know? Next thing you know, Richard come running in, you know?

02.31.01 Well, Jeannie came in and say (?) to you three time and you ignore her. This is how he talks to me. I said what? Well, she came in three time and then you (?) you didn't want to talk to her. I said what are you talking about? So I sat down, I was gonna let it go. And I say you

know what? No, I can't let this go. 'Cos if I let this go, that means that she's telling the truth and I (?) just don't want to be bothered with her.

02.31.28 I went in very nicely and said, excuse me, for, I said excuse me, Jeanine. Did you come in and say hello? Yeah, I did. I said, well, what if you came in and said to me that you came in three time and I refused to talk to you. I said I don't remember you coming in. She said oh, no, no, I just knocked at the door and you didn't hear me. I said oh. So then in a way I'm kind of saying to her, Ok. That means number one, you're lying.

02.31.57 I didn't directly say you're lying, ok? Number two, don't try to put this on me. And I'm gonna keep my mouth shut. That's what my mother's been doing with my sister-in-law. She kept her mouth shut. But I did it in a nice way. I said, oh uh, gee. I said, if you did come in, I didn't hear, I'm sorry. So I make it sound like you know, if I really didn't hear you, I'm sorry I didn't hear you. But it wasn't purposely done. So right that day on she knows that you can't pull that crap on me. Ok? You could try.

02.32.28 But don't try it to a point that it's almost as saying to her is I'm not as stupid as you think I am. I might not be all there. I'm not that stupid, ok? She figured out probably I would never say anything. I sat there and I thought about it and I thought about it and I said wait a minute. I cannot let this go. 'Cos I let this go now, it would be to a point that I'm (?) gonna be a trouble maker, that here she is, try, try to be nice to me, and I'm a (?) and I'm not acknowledging her, you know?

02.33.01 'Cos she did the same thing to me way before that. And Richard came home and said that you said (?) and you said this and you said that. I said, well, Richard, you know your mother. Ok? And I had taught you guys not to lie. Ok? You know how I have never lied to you about anything. Even after today and (?) I have not liked to Donald. I don't tell him everything. But (LAUGHS) I'm not gonna lie to him about it, ok? So I mean, there's always white lies. You stretch the truth a little.

- 02.33.29 That's, there's, there's always, people say they never lie. There's a lot of, they lied to you. That's a lie. You stretch the truth sometime, but I don't, I don't lie to Donald about anything. And oh, I, I just don't tell him. I mean, not telling him doesn't mean it's lying. So that's how I was, I was brought up and that's how I brought my kid up. So I said to Richard, I said, well, this is the thing. Either she's lying or I'm lying. Ok?
- 02.33.58 Can't be both of us are telling the truth. And (?) something has to do with her, her health or something like that. I said, she told me this and you telling me that no, no, no. She can never, she would never say that. So that means that one of us is lying. Ok? I said, based on what you know about me, you make your own decisions. And I just left it that way. So that means she's trying to lie. But not knowing that Richard's gonna come and confront me. See, I don't want that to happen. So to me, you come and visit me, would be great.
- 02.34.32 Ok? But I am not gonna make it my, my point to. We will have a relationship as just as friendly as it is, but I'm not gonna make it to a point that I am going to get myself into a hole for something I didn't do. I'm not gonna be (?) I'm not gonna be my mother. That's how I said to myself. I would not be my mother, 'cos my, my brother made a statement, said oh, you know, how mother is, she stretches out the truth. She's stretches the truth, she just doesn't know what she's talking about. I'm not gonna put myself in that position. That's the reason why I went out that day to say oh, uh, excuse me. I thought, I know, I didn't know you come in and say hello to me. If I, if you did, I'm sorry. So.
- 02.35.14 I left it that way. But then she kind of like said it that you know, it wasn't true. That she didn't come in three times. So but uh, Richard's smart enough to know that you know what? She's lying. But it didn't hit them, you know, what I'm saying? It didn't hit them that you tell me three times and now she just telling me you just knocked at the door.
- 02.35.34 Lightly. That I didn't hear you. But it doesn't hit you that gee, she lied to me. But it doesn't hit them. But I don't really care. You know what? You two are living your own life. That's why I say you, you're moving out.

JW : Is Richard angry?

02.35.53 LING YOUNG : Richard's very angry, yes. Richard's a very angry little individual. Uh, yes, my, taking care of me, ok, for the first year he did it. Like from day to night. He did every paperwork. Without Richard, I don't think I would be halfway where I am, ok? And that's the God-honest truth. 'Cos he's very anal at me on certain things. He making sure all my doctor's appointments, everything's taken care of, uh, he actually got us to meet with certain things. To make sure that uh, he makes sure that I see this one, see that one.

02.36.30 He even had a uh, doctor flew in from another place to see me at the World Burn Congress. He did everything. Because of me, he is not, he (?) he's not advanced as where he's supposed to be. But Richard also has a very bad attitude. Bad attitude means that if I don't like you, I'm gonna tell you. See, in the business world, yes, it's true. But now you can't do that. Ok?

JW : What do you mean?

02.36.59 LING YOUNG : Means that (~JW~) lot of time you don't like your boss. That doesn't mean you go and tell him off. Or you go, go write a letter about her or him to his or her boss. You can't do that, ok? Because they don't need you. Because they could get rid of you any time they wanted to. Why would I want to have a trouble maker who's always, 'cos let's just say she is, actually the one that she wrote on was one of the worst person on Earth.

02.37.29 The client hated her, everybody hated her. But she know what she was doing. So they kept her. This company kept her with the, that's almost (?) She would be like walking by and start screaming at Richard. What the hell you doing on and on and on and on, so of course Richard couldn't take this kind of thing. So what does he do? He writes a letter to the her boss and complains. Now you're on probation. You don't do things when you're on probation.

- 02.37.57 You know how they say keep your mouth shut until you're past probation? So the first time, the first thing when they, when they have a lay-off, he, he was the first one to go. And in a way I'm glad that he did, he did left. Left the job, because he would be across the street from me. And it would be like guarantee he'd be coming in to look for me. So I'm kind of glad that did happen. But when you have an attitude at work and it's like I'm not gonna take anybody's you know, nonsense, it doesn't work like that anymore. Ok? Sometime you got to eat it.
- 02.38.30 See, I was taught, I had a very bad boss I told you. very, very bad. I mean, she was the worst thing I could ever imagine. I would never (answer her?) back, even though I know she's wrong. Even if I know that she's 100% completely out of, out of whack. I would keep my mouth shut. I'll, I'd go around later, later to other friends and start complaining. But I would never in her favor call her names or say you're wrong or how dare you talk to me this way. 'Cos I was never taught this way.
- 02.39.00 But Richard would go up and right in front of you and say how dare you? Blahblahblah on and on and on. So he, he found a temp job afterward, but he was getting to be too comfortable home. And that's when we start having problem. I said, Richard, go look for a job. It's not that I'm not looking for it. But then when you go to bed late, he said he's like me. He does work at night, gets up very late but then people, people gets, makes phone call in the morning. They don't make phone call 2 o'clock in the afternoon. By then people's getting ready to go home. They don't want to talk to you.
- 02.39.30 So he did that for almost like a year until he finally find his final uh, temporary job 'cos he has to. Because he has to move out. Now he's working for a uh, a company that does meetings, like he coordinates all the medical meetings. I think (?) he kind of like the job. Not paying a lot of money. That's part of it because he had no experience. He lost two years. two years uh, is a lot. So I kind of ruined his career a little bit.
- 02.40.00 I do feel guilty a little bit like that. In that respect 'cos I, I did ruin his career a little bit. But that's hindsight. What am I gonna do? That's not something I cannot control. I cannot do

that anymore. And I cannot control his temper. That uh, he could lose it if he doesn't like it, tell somebody to go fly a kite. He can't do that at a job. Now at job, so I don't care who you are. He doesn't realize that, ok? Uh.

02.40.29 Lot of time you don't like your boss, it doesn't mean anything. Just shut up.

JW : What about Richard's connection to helping you?

02.41.02 LING YOUNG : And it's, and I'm not (~I~) getting better. That's what, that's frustrate him. 'Cos I did read his report on one of the thing, because he was trying so hard and, but it's not his fault. He was trying so hard to get everything that (?) I could possibly get help. And I, and I'm not getting anywhere. I'm just getting worse and worse by the day. And my contraction, it's just me. It just me. And so far, so now the, no doctor understand why.

02.41.31 So it's not his fault. So he's really frustrated because he can't help me anymore than he could. He did his best. Ok? So he became, became a bitter man, bitter. And because of the wedding, the way he wants certain things, then he became more bitter. And he got into a point that uh, he was accumulating so much (?) he was moving out.

02.41.56 'Cos him and his father had a real big fight. So I said, the best thing is you have to move out, because other than that, I can't, I cannot be handling both of you at one time. You guys are killing me. So he finally got a kind of force himself to find an apartment. But then when he start packing, Richard is like I don't know how much junk he have. It's like right in the hallway, months after months he just laid there. He would do things and he would hang out and he would do all kinds of things. But he would not take away the junk.

02.42.27 Finally I said Richard, I'm having company. People are coming to stay overnight. Ok? You can't have in the hallway and (?) as people get hurt. Get it out. So he (LAUGHS) now, as of today he said I evicted him. Well, you know what? You're an adult, ok? You know this is your stuff, your stuff. You know you got to take care of it, take care of it. Instead of going

through his friend's house (?) for a night, or going to this friend's for, for other things, clean your junk. When you clean up, and you could do whatever you want.

- 02.42.59 Oh, I'm not asking you this what they call controlling, I'm not asking you every day you come home and spend an hour. I'm just asking you maybe once in a while spend an hour, clean up something, do something. Instead of every time uh, free time you have, oh, let's go out to dinner. This is his wife, that's why. Let's go over here, let's go over there. Do you really have the money to do that? If you don't, then look at what your budget is. Then worry about it. But they don't think. They think everything's gonna fall into place. It doesn't. What happens all the sudden Richard lose his job? What are you gonna do? He goes rent an apartment instead of renting a one bedroom apartment, he rent a two bedroom apartment.
- 02.43.37 I said what do you need a two bedroom apartment? He said, I need an office. I almost cracked up. Do you have a business? You know, this are the kind of. I, I have an attitude with that, too, because what do you need a second, second bedroom for? You have a, you have a living room, right? You, you need a computer. You put it in the corner. Do you want to spend \$2, \$300 more just to pay rent so you have a, a room quote unquote that you can put your computer in?
- 02.44.06 You don't have that kind of money to spend. So this what gets me mad, but I had, I can't do anything about it. And besides that, the place he rented, the maintenance fee that you pay is ridiculous, ok? It's, it's a rental. He pays garbage disposal that what he pays what I, he pay half of what I pay in a year. To me, that's ridiculous. He pay for his own water.
- 02.44.30 Almost every utility there is that he pay. So by the time he finishes. I mean, for Jersey it's so expense, for Jersey \$1500 is a lot. But that's almost his whole paycheck. Is it necessary? Do you have to live in this nice, beautiful fancy swimming cup place as a starter? No. You find a place that's decent. I'm not telling you find a dump. Find a nice place that you can live in for awhile. It's not to live in for the rest of your life.

02.44.58 But why go spend all this money and, and you can't save a dime? So, but you know, you can't tell them what to do. That's what they call controlling.

JW : It makes you angry?

02.45.10 LING YOUNG : Makes me a little angry, but then I kind of got over it because I, I just laugh at her now. I said, well, my, more, my son doesn't know money but he rent a two-bedroom apartment. And they all laugh. Because it's true. If you have no money why would you go? Everybody's (?) when he, when they said that uh, uh, when they heard me they (?) oh, yeah, my, my son rented a two-bedroom apartment. They said what?

02.45.31 What for? 'Cos it's the two of them. I said, well, because my son needs an office. And they all started laughing, you know? We were joking around like this. Uh. What does he do? I have no clue, but one thing he does is he volunteer for the EMT. (~I~) He loves it. He loves (~I~)

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JW : It's connected to you in a way?

02.46.08 LING YOUNG : Yes. It's connected to me and he said what everybody else is for me he wanted to give something back. That's the reason why he's doing it. Actually he's traveling a lot more now 'cos we're, I'm in Marlboro. He moved to Lawrenceville, which is about half an hour away. Because he's so short-handed in Marlboro, he's coming back like every Friday or Saturday to be on call all day. So he won't be home like the whole two days.

02.46.31 Let's say today and tomorrow, I think he's on call, the whole weekend. I think he need like 40 hours a month. His wife hate it with a passion. So I don't know how long it's gonna last. And so now he doesn't care. He's gonna do it anyway.

JW : He loves it?

02.46.46 LING YOUNG : He, oh, he loves it. I mean, he still would do it, but he, he's thinking about maybe going back to where he (?) lives, around the area. But he know this particular fire uh, in uh, EMT place is very, very short-handed.

02.46.01 And they gotten so close to the, to the people. So he's still running back and forth. So he stay overnight Friday sometime. And I guess tonight maybe he stay over there. I'm not too sure if he's on call maybe 24 hours. I don't know what it is. When he was pissed at me, he was living in the, in the firehouse. I guess it wasn't that too comfortable. Because (LAUGHS) it's very, very uncomfortable. So uh, but he's very much into it. He's (gung-ho?) he study very, very hard to pass it. And he finally passed it. And uh, he loving every (?) moment of it.

02.47.36 He, I don't think that's something that he, his wife's gonna be able to get him out of it. She hates it. She literally hates it. Because he, that, that thing's very noisy. When that thing start ringing? It's like the whole house shook. The whole house shakes like (?) this. And (~I~)

JW : That's when he's on call to go?

02.47.56 LING YOUNG : Yeah. it's (?) and the noise is like everything goes up, you know, you, your beeper's on, your other thing is on. Then the whole house is like loud. Of course, when you're sleeping you don't hear it. And she hates it with a passion.

JW : He goes on ambulance calls?

LING YOUNG : Yeah. He goes the ambulance call, yeah. he goes with the uh, (?) whatever.

JW : Is that a career for him?

02.48.18 LING YOUNG : No. I don't think it's gonna be a career for him, 'cos I think the timing is not right, and I don't think it's gonna work out very well with his wife. That's definite, unless maybe later in the future it might be, who knows? He's very much in love with it. He just amazed about what's going on. Ok.

02.48.36 Uh, 'Cos you saw the time you get crazy calls, like in the middle of the night you get a (?) (LAUGHS) phone call from an old lady, from a (?) senior citizen's home, or maybe (?) they forgot to turn of the gas or some nonsense like that, you know? But there are some other things are very uh, it's interesting, you know? He loves it. He really, really loves it. But I know she, she told me she hates it. Oh, (?) give uh, I that stupid thing again.

0249.00 'Cos it's very loud. But you know what? Hey. Deal with it. You know, I mean, it's not that he's, he's going out to party. It's not that he's doing something that's not worthwhile. You know, he's doing things is (?) worthwhile. So see how long he's gonna last in Marlboro. It's not that he's going back to where he, where his other firehouse is uh, not firehouse. Uh, it is firehouse, right? (~JW~) Yeah, it is a firehouse.

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02.49.31 END OF TAPE # LY002

**TAPE # LY003 IV 11-6-04**  
**Ling Young**  
**JIM WHITAKER, Producer/director**  
**PROJECT REBIRTH**

03.00.30 PICTURE UP

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JW : What about flashbacks?

- 03.01.10 LING YOUNG : Yeah. I could be doing paperwork, ok, then all the sudden I do, I remember things happening with my friends. Uh, my friends means that the ones that passed away. Uh, then I just have to stop. I couldn't do anything anymore. And uh, now I'm trying to actually trying to concentrate on certain things.
- 03.01.30 I got myself TiVo, ok? That gives me coordination of what show should I do and how to coordinate the time or some kind of crazy things like that. Not easy. First of all, it's technology it's like computer. Computer things. And then last week's TV Guide was all crazy because of the, the daylight saving's time? Everything was completely wacky. So that was driving me crazy. Uh.
- 03.02.01 It's kind of funny, people, people think I'm crazy but I'm taping a lot of old show, old detective show. I figured out one day if I can (?) in case I can't move that's the only thing I could do. I figure, hey, I got a whole bunch of show to watch (LAUGHS). And I might prepare sounds weird, but people think I'm crazy but things can happen. You know what I mean? But I, but that gives me like a thing to do, like OK, I have to coordinate this time with this time, so this time does not overlap.
- 03.02.32 But TiVo lets you know you're overlapping anyway. Uh, besides of one. That's when you get mad. It's oh, darn it, what should I do, you know? So I been trying to do that, and it does help me concentrate a little bit. It gives me because hey, wait a minute, you can't do this at 2 o'clock because this thing is something else. And after a week, then I found a better way of doing it. 'Cos I, I was like taking it like different show and I tried to plop them in different places.
- 03.03.00 That's the way I meant I do a spread sheet. The old type of work. So I have Monday through Friday, Friday and everything. I have to do that then I could say ok, wait. Take the Friday and dump it in there and see what, where it fits in. So I'm learning kind of like to coordinate

a little bit. So that kind of give me a little, actually a little pleasure doing it because I kind of like coordinate how to coordinate my own oh, my old let's say my old job?

03.03.29 Uh, how I used to do spread sheets and paperwork and all this kind of thing. I haven't watch any of the show yet, ok? Now did it tape or not? We shall see when I watch it. But (LAUGHS) that's the uh.

JW : What about Murder, She Wrote?

03.03.46 LING YOUNG : Yeah, I haven't watch it in a while, but she does something to me. I don't know what it is. I guess she's like, she's so calm. She really makes me calm. Don't ask me why, because she's not excited like, like crazy like go on like blasting off on all this other nonsense.

03.04.05 She's just like a calm little old lady. Oops, I know this and I know that. You know, like almost like you go on the crime scene. She's the only one's that's allow to go in, you know? Like there's no such thing. You know, in the crime scene it's locked off, it's locked off. You're not a policeman, you're not going in, but she'd be like oops, she hopped in she goes to this, she does that. So she.

JW : Is it a fantasy, something you see yourself doing?

03.04.27 LING YOUNG : No. (~I~) It's just like (~I~) Not really. It just like because the way she is, the way she's so calm. When I'm edgy, when I'm like having this rush of like, like I have this anxiety attack on me. I just put her on, sometime I (?) even know what I'm watching. But somehow she just, just like kind of calm me off. I haven't watched it in a while because I haven't had, I didn't uh, I haven't had time to do any of those things 'cos I was busy with uh, with this other paperwork.

JW : This is in case one day you can't move?

03.05.08 LING YOUNG : Yeah. it's weird, but. This is how I feel. And I, this is how I feel because I said to myself one day, who knows? I might be able to (?) just kind of push my buttons. So I'm recording all these (?) I'm (?) recording almost the whole season, Murder, She Wrote, what will happen that (?) she just stop. Ok? I'm recording Perry mason (LAUGHS).

03.05.29 And people think I'm crazy. The most boring show probably on Earth, because it's, the old-time, you know, like everything's just like you get up, you talk, you know, you know how the old court thing. Not like now it's drama, DNA, none of those nonsense. You just talk, you ask questions. And uh, I start taping some movies. Uh. Just to like try to see if I can coordinate myself to put myself in gear. That to go back to a normal filing things the way I want to file things. I also.

JW : Is that indicative of starting to be more normal?

03.06.08 LING YOUNG : Yeah. I'm trying. To see how far can I go. But I do notice once in a while when I get up in the morning I said now where the heck did I get this number from? No clue. Because it had nothing to do with anything. This number just came out of the air.

JW : What do you mean?

03.06.25 LING YOUNG : It's means like I would be doing like an addition (?) and say, and the thing adds up. It's ok, the next day when I go back, the whole thing is completely different.

JW : It's wrong?

03.06.35 LING YOUNG : Yeah, completely wrong. Like how it got there I have no idea. But I'm getting a little bit better. So what I do is I stop, anytime when I feel like I'm kind of tired. I just don't bother continue, because I would be wasting my time. 'Cos that would cost me more time to fix it next day. My one day I was doing my, trying to balance my checkbook. I'm \$133 and something cent off.

03.06.59 I said, this is the weirdest number on Earth. There's no check is this way. There's no, you can't take out money like that in a bank. Ok? Why am I off that way? So (LAUGHS) took me 3 days I could figure it out. Did the whole thing over. I add all the checks, exactly the check I pay. Add up all the deposit exactly the same deposit. Add up, check it off again, erase all the thing (?) I still do old-fashioned way. Did it, still the same thing. I thought why, it can't be that kind of (?) money off.

03.07.32 Finally I said ok, forget about it, I left it alone for two days. Went back to it, did it again, it was perfect. I don't know where it went wrong. I have no clue. But I just decided once I do that, I just gonna say forget it, I'm not doing it anymore. 'Cos it would be wasting my time.

JW : Do you remember when you decided you would stop?

03.08.01 LING YOUNG : When I get it to a point that I do it twice.

JW : Are you starting to reconnect to what you did before?

03.08.13 LING YOUNG : I'm trying to, yes. I'm trying to reconnect to a point that I could actually do certain, numbers. Paper works. Before just writing checks. That was easy. Ok, when the bill comes, I write a check and you try to balance it. Of course, lot of time you can't balance it, 'cos you're doing it wrong, even with a calculator.

03.08.30 Somehow you're reading it the wrong number, ok? That's, as an auditor you don't do things like that.

JW : You were doing numbers every day?

LING YOUNG : Every day and then you can't be wrong that way. (~I~)

JW : You were never wrong?

- 03.08.49 LING YOUNG : You can, you can be wrong, ok? I mean, you could be wrong certain time because you, you made a mistake on giving something away or taking something away from somebody. But you can't be wrong by adding, 'cos there's no such thing. First of all, the computer does everything for you. That's besides the point ok? Uh, if you add up (?) on any (?) if the guy claim a hundred thousand, you can't come up with ninety-five thousand using his paper work.
- 03.09.14 So either you're wrong or he's wrong. So that's how everything kind of be matching. But me doing the bank account is like it was like ten dollars off, twenty dollars off. That might be some kind of a number in between transpose a number or you're adding the wrong number, whatever.
- 03.09.33 But a hundred some odd thousand is just weird, ok? I have done it one time to my account, that which thank God they didn't hit me with it. And so it was (I added it?) so I said wow, I had a lot of money in the bank. Oh, yeah, sure. You added it, dopey (LAUGHS). So it's looking a little Ok. It happened to me even before that, but still, you know, to happen to me so often is like ok.
- 03.09.58 So now I'm very careful, 'cos ok, I want to make sure this is a subtraction, this is an addition. So I'm a little bit more careful than usual. Of course I don't do as many check as I used to do any more. I don't have to take care now, I don't have to take care of my sister. When she made the remark about me taking money, that will be the last straw, even though I don't care she kids or not she kids or not. That will be the last straw for me. It's one thing I hate people do is (?) ever, ever thing I take advantage of you. I don't care you're my sister, whatever.
- 03.10.30 I been doing it for 14 years, to save your hide. And you actually come in and just say things like that. That hurts so to a point is ok, and I think, I think you know what? You're 40-some odd years old. I think it's about time that you take some responsibility. Because I don't have the energy to do that anymore. So I kind of read a little bit at a time, I reading it back to her, so she gotten most of her stuff back. I just have to have, but I still fix it nicely for her, in folders and everything.

03.11.02 So if she want to follow my step, fine. She doesn't want to, then you know what? She's a grown woman. And the only thing I'm afraid all the years I save it for her, I save a lot of money for her. If she want to flaunt it and she want to give it away, you know what? It's her money. And people start looking after 'cos I know there's a guy that supposedly I don't know if they're still going out together or not, this guy does not work.

03.11.28 Doesn't do a thing. Ok? If she's stupid enough to let this happen to her again, the second time around, then she's an idiot. That's what (?) that's what happened with the first one. Took her for a ride, but if she let it do it, hey, you know what? She's 43 this year. I think she's old enough to take her own responsibility. So if she lose it, it's only money.

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JW : After 9-11, you couldn't do anything?

03.12.43 LING YOUNG : No. Zero. Couldn't do any period. I couldn't get back to (?) until a long time. Ok. And after I got back to it uh, I was very limited, to like a checking account. But that's why I let all the paper work come in and just piled up.

03.13.00 'Cos I didn't do any more investment for them or whatever. When check comes, I just lay around, everything is just like almost like taking a piece of (?) and sticking into, into their folder and that was the end of the story. I haven't done anything to it until like starting like maybe sometime last year and start trying to fix it up a little bit. But it took me a long, long time to finally almost done what it, now that's been over a year, year and a half already. Then that's when she started up, then I say Ok, I think it's about time I think I should let them start doing their own (~JW~)

03.13.38 Because sooner or later I need my own time. I need to heal. That's (?) what keep on telling me. Ling, don't do anything. Take care of yourself first. I finally said and I said ok, you know what? That's a very good idea. 'Cos I'm going from surgery to surgery. Like this is

the May, lasted me until now. I still move it, but it was like pretty painful. This surgery was in September 16.

03.14.00 But it's hurting like crazy. Only because it's the way (~JW~) oh, yeah. I'm in constant pain all the time. It's just how bad it is, that's all. Just because I don't, see I'm not a complainer. (?) I complain, you better hear me. That's the reason why I'm very mad at Dr. Wan when he did my other work. I shouldn't mention what name, his name. But when I complain about my armpit, and it was hurting me the first time.

03.14.27 Go home and rub it, don't worry about it, it's nothing. I figured all right, this is what the doctor's telling you. The second time it really hurting me and that's, and I felt a lump. I said no, I don't remember having a lump. This is not, this, that was like my 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> surgery at that time. This doesn't sound right. Oh, don't (?) worry about. And it was on and on and on, and the next thing you know, I got nerve damage. I had a blood clot. Because of that, it killed it whole thing right here. For over a year, this two finger wasn't moving, period.

03.14.58 And then they were bending, bending, bending, finally they bend it to a point, oh, my god, it's moving. After four months of hell means when they do it, you go see how stiff it is. They bend it all the way down. I mean, it was to a point that you got tears coming out of my eyes, and that means that you know it's killing me. Then I got an infection. And after that, this hand's completely crooked. That's it, it's done. After four months of hard work, in pain, with painkiller, with those lollypops sticking out of my mouth, it looks so funny it's like instead of one, I take 4.

03.15.32 Ok. It only, doesn't do anything. It numbed for that minute because you are like, like you are on drug. You're kind of high. But afterward you gonna, you gonna pay the price and you'd be itching like crazy. That's the side effect of pain killer. So. Then I have the infection. My hand was (swolled?) up like a balloon, just this hand. That's when I first to see Dr. Chew. 'Cos we scheduled a surgery in February. I went in actually two weeks in advance to (LAUGHS) have the infection.

- 03.15.59 So uh, there's a lot of thing that, like I said, number-wise I'm very good at. Ok. I'm mostly good at taking care of my friend's financial situations. That's why I took care of my sister, I took care of all, everybody else's. And that's the reason why my mother's mad at me because I handle my brother's financial situation. I know what he (?) what he makes, what, what's going on with him. But it's not my place to tell my mother how much my brother makes.
- 03.16.32 Or how much my brother have. 'Cos I don't think it's anybody's business. But that gets her very, very frustrated and gets me very, gets her very mad at me because why should I know and she doesn't know? So I'm always in between. I'm always in the middle of somebody. I'm always the, the evil one somehow. So. But what can I do?
- 03.16.58 Just tell my cousin, I know how much my cousin make, but I'm not telling anybody. People (?) my mother would (?) well, what do you think so and so, I said. I said I can't tell you that. I said that's, that's uh, that's something that's uh, if he wants to tell her, that's his problem, but if he doesn't want to tell you, I can't tell him how much he makes. 'Cos I do my cousin's returns, too. But everybody's just nosy. But being nosy doesn't necessarily mean I, I should tell you. It's nobody's business.
- 03.17.28 So that kind of gotten in between me and my mother because of that, and then she's always mad. Why is uh, my kids are nicer to, to me than some of her kids. Well, you know what? They owe the kids. Ok? My kids still kid kids. They are still in school. At that time, they still need you to pay them. You know, for pay their what you, expense money. Mostly out of that, out, out of school you know they not listening to anymore, you know that. Ok, at that time they still need that cash in their hand. You know how it is when I'm still supporting you? You better do a little bit more?
- 03.18.00 Well, see that's supporting me, forget it (LAUGHS). I'm out of the house. So. I'm always in trouble. It's nothing new about me. My, my whole life is like to call my middle name to trouble. They laugh at me, too, because uh, say Ling, what did you do now? I said I don't know. I have to find out. Just like my father wasn't talking to me. I have no idea why my

father, my father didn't talk to me. But I found later 'cos I, I make some stupid soup, I didn't offer it to him. 'Cos what that wasn't supposed to be for him.

03.18.30 And for that, uh, it's like getting to be petty. But I used to get mad, I used to get, get upset, not mad. But now, I say oh, well. You know, it could be worse. But I.

JW : Did you wake up and say you needed to start doing the numbers?

LING YOUNG : Yes, it is a goal.

JW : When did it start?

03.19.05 LING YOUNG : It just, something just said, one day it's just like that, I sitting down I said I look at this room and I said oh, my god. It's like uh, it's like a madhouse. 'Cos I start having folders like you know, you know how you just (?) just throwing the thing in (?). And it's just a mess. And like I said, I'm pretty tidy with my paperwork. And when I got into a point where I see a thing like this (?) it just means papers are folded up. I don't want to bother open it up and just put it in flat anymore.

03.19.30 I just take it and just dump it into the folder. And I said, oh, this is ridiculous. Then I start starting to clean up the drawers. I take the, everything out of the drawer, ok, and I start doing one thing at a time. I mean, a little bit at a time, little bit, little bit at a day, and it gets a little bit more better, better by the day. Like I just finished one particular drawer. Then before, I was just, uh, someday I just make a folder and just dump it in, and I am like all over the place. I don't know where the hell it is.

03.19.58 I have no idea where I put it. I don't remember what section is it. So now I have put them in order. I'm almost halfway done. But there's been doing this for the last, close to the end of the year I've been doing that. But that's not a lot. I'm doing just a very little but still, I'm packing them together, and put them away, and I'm putting the, like the old years away. And

things like that. And I had also made it my business for the last 3 years, a little bit at the time. If I go one day, they know exactly where the stuff is.

- 03.20.32 I color coded everything, ok? It would be means like my tax return will be here. And with this section, would be like my checking account, blahblahblah, everything is mine and Donald's. And the next one will be Junior 'cos he's the second oldest. And everything will be the same way. Tax return, checking account, whatever it is. Everything will be all in consecutive order.
- 03.20.57 If God forbid something happen to me one day, they would know where to go. Before if I would have died that day, I don't even want to know what will happen. 'Cos nobody know I, any idea what happen. 'Cos I kept it to myself, (no one?) need to know. Nobody knew where it is, whose money it is, whose account it is, 'cos I mix and match all over the place. Now, it will be like you know exactly what it is I have.
- 03.21.30 Made a spread sheets. This is Jim Whittaker's account, let's say. Everything over here is yours. Then you know that's yours, even though your name is not there, but you know that's yours. But now I did, I got rid of that, too. Now it's gonna be what's yours is yours. It wouldn't be have anybody else's name in there anymore. So I changed that, that method. I decided forget it. There would be too much for me to remember. And I don't want, God forbid something happen and then they said well, you know what?
- 03.22.00 It says here that it belong to, to Junior, but actually it's Richard's money now. No more of those. What's yours is yours now. Everybody's gonna be have their own name on it. So.

JW : Do you think about what if something happens to you a lot?

LING YOUNG : Oh, I do. I do. I don't know why this year, I do. I do.

JW : This year?

03.22.24 LING YOUNG : Yeah, particularly this year, I don't know why. Everything I do this year it's like if I'm, if I'm gone. I don't know why uh, I also think about things that (a couple year?) down the line I don't know how, how far am I gonna be 'cos so far, my surgery has not, not been successful. And the because also because the doctor doesn't know why it's causing me this problem. So there's no answer to my, my problem. If there's any answer to my problem, then I would say, gee, you know what?

03.23.00 There's some hope. I'm not saying there's no hope. Like he took off this part right here. So far, so good. Except for a certain spot. But what's gonna happen later, I don't know. Is it gonna come back like thick like that again? I don't know, ok? Just like I look at my leg. It's completely gone. I, is that gonna (?) like my hand? If it does, you know how things contract.

03.23.30 You not straight anymore, you're completely crooked. So one then, what then? And will I be in a walker, in a wheelchair, I don't know.

JW : Have the doctors talked to you about this?

03.23.40 LING YOUNG : They do, but they can't answer me. Just like this part right here. I keep on asking Dr. Chew. I said, why, he said I don't know. He never can answer me, 'cos they don't know, they really don't know why. 'Cos today he'll seem me, let's stay (?) like a dime. Next day when he sees me, it could be the size of a quarter.

03.24.01 Then the next week he sees me again, maybe a little bit smaller. Now this been going since May. See, every week he sees me, it will be a different size. But it's the same spot. Size of a quarter, size of a fifty cents. Then also it became almost nothing. Oh, my god, it's heal, it's wonderful. You're looking beautiful. Next week goes back, the whole thing comes off. So it's now he's like. Don't know.

JW : Why are you feeling it more now?

- 03.24.33 LING YOUNG : I don't know. I never thought of saying why. I just got that weird feeling. People think why are you doing all this crap for? I said well, I said, well, because in case one day that I'm not gonna be able to move, uh, (?) it's (?) I got something to look at. Who's gonna be with me? Nobody's gonna be with me at that time. I mean, who knows what's gonna happen later in the future? That someone we're fighting, fighting, fighting, fighting, fighting. I said you know what? You keep on saying all these kind of thing. I might not be here tomorrow.
- 03.25.01 So why bother to go knock your brain out for something stupid? I mean, we were talking about things. Donald's a very. He could be very irrational I say it this way. Not to be talking behind his back. He, he could be so irrational to a point is he doesn't mean that he himself, ok? It would be somebody say something to him. Out of just because well, I'll say it this way.
- 03.25.30 We went to a uh, a guy and the guy was saying to him, you know, the, (?) like someone wants to buy a house. And I said to him, buying a house today is stupid. Because first of all, houses is way above what it's supposed to be it, it's costing. The cost (?) me, the house is a couple of years old starting for \$300 thousand. Now it's \$550. And they would sell that within a day. What did they have in there, not a damn thing. Ok. But people 'cos of the interest alone, and they jump, jump, jump into it. What happen you lose your job tomorrow? Who's gonna pay your mortgage?
- 03.26.05 You have to think of something like that. I said unless you have (?) a year of savings, of expense, before like 3 months then it became 6 months, now in order for you to be really comfortable, to make sure, unless you have a job that's guarantee, but there's no job guarantee today's day. There's (?) nothing is a guarantee. Even my son, Junior, making a lot of money, there's no guarantee. If he loses his job, that's it. He's, he's future ways it not making anything.
- 03.26.31 So it's like I look at myself. I'm going through all these surgery. It's just like I go into the office. I was ok, when is my next one? It's just like (?) it's just like jokingly because I know

who's gonna be the next one soon. So the minute I walk in, once he starts drawing picture I said I know, I'm signing papers. Next thing you know I'm going in. The reason I'm not going in 'til December 10<sup>th</sup>, he's booked all the way down. If he, if he's not booked, I'd be in by next week.

03.27.01 That's how it is. And after that, be something else. But like I just said to him is unless it's an emergency, I don't want anything done after March next year. If you could be wait, I'd rather wait. I really don't want to go into Texas with a cast on. 'Cos that would be hell. It'd be uncomfortable, and I'm not good with casts, ok? Uh. He doesn't believe me, but now I think he has to believe me.

03.27.30 Or I did lie to him, that's something I never, I guess I don't do it, but I do it to him. Because he doesn't believe in taking it off until like 2 weeks. It can't happen with me. You must take it off.

JW : The cast?

03.27.35 LING YOUNG : Yeah. there's no if's and but's about it. In Cornell they do a splint. Ok? Splint, you air out. A cast is, and he's, cast is like inch thick. And the blood would seep through, that's how bad it is. The next thing you know, inside's like gonna heat up. (?) heat up (?) start going bad. But he doesn't listen to me.

03.28.10 He just refuses to listen. You have to be in a cast. (?) All right, fine. So I kept my mouth shut. Seven days when I get in, I always make my appointments 7 days. Go in, I said oh, I feel horrible. Feeling wet. Feeling uncomfortable. I'll make up anything I want to make up. Take it off. Sounds good.

03.28.33 Put the little one back on, which is ok. But once you air it out, the whole point you got to air it out. Let it just air. So because I remember when I did my finger right here. If I did it on a Tuesday they take it out, put it on the Thursday, no problem. But on Thursday, take it out on

a Tuesday I would have a blister. That's how I react to casts. Maybe it's something in there, I don't know.

03.28.57 So I said, oh, took it off. Maybe not put it back on (?) puts it right back on. I say, darn that (?) Uh, but then two days later, I start seeing things like here black. Once I see it turn black, and I know it's no good. And I went back to him the two days later I said, Dr. Chew. Sorry, this is black. This is not good. So he said, how many days it? I said, oh, it's (?) ten day. He said all right, I take it off. That's how he saved this hand. If not, this hand would be completely gone again.

03.29.29 See, it's the same thing with, second time I didn't do it to him. Ok? The third time I decided I don't care what he say. I'm (?) gonna lie my way out. Because he, he's so old-fashioned that he doesn't trust your judgment. But not knowing that I know my body more than anybody else. I know what works for me, what doesn't work for me. And Donald would say, well, you're gonna become a doctor, you think you know everything? I said, yes, I do. I mean, I might not know surgery and I might not know (?) but I know how my hand reacts. So if he didn't take off that piece the second time around, this whole thing would be corroded to a point that it would be beyond repair.

01.30.08 It won't be just uh, as bad as this. It'd be like really bumpy. And (?) they'd probably have to redo this whole thing over again. So that's what I decided to do. When he had this cast on, I knew it was not working, ok? And when I start seeing my, my stitches, and it's falling out, so he said to me don't move, just lay in bed.

03.30.31 Sure I lay in bed. I can't turn. I can't do anything. I'd be like this laying down like this. And it's heavy like 20 pounds. So and when you put the skin graft on, it's thin like loose Saran wrap. I think it's about 20 pounds on you, you know it's gonna shear. So he took it off a couple of days. He'll put back some other thing on it. And it hold it for awhile, but it didn't work.

03.30.58 It just won't stick to my skin. And I don't know why. It just don't stick. So the whole thing comes off again. So now I know, I learn I said, Dr. Chew, I understand you know, you believe in cast. Try to remember casts does not work for me. And if you uh, he still put a cast on me, you know what? Seven days I'm gonna make up my story and have him take it off again. I don't have a choice. I don't want to have a rotten hand and go through this whole thing again. So. He, he'll catch on one day that he know I'm full of it.

03.31.28 He'll catch on, but with by then I'm, I'm gonna tell him, hey, why did I do it? Because you don't (?) listen to me. I, I will tell him the truth. When he catch on, I will tell him, hey, you know why? Because you guy don't listen to me. I cannot have a cast on. 'Cos the first one, oh, my god, the first one was so bad it smelled. I, you'd be in the next room and you could smell my hand. That's how bad it smelled. Because it was all completely uh, infected. Because it would heat up, cooked up.

03.32.02 I cannot be cooped up. And that's why I, I hate the heat. I always hated the heat and me now I'm, I'm I got the (?). In the summertime, I got to wear it like this.

JW : Do you feel like you're getting your feistiness back?

03.32.21 LING YOUNG : I'm getting very nasty (LAUGHS). Not just feistiness. (?) you think I'm mad at you, you know what before? Boy, I'm bad. I'm very bad. I don't even realize how bad I am, ok? I don't normally use certain words. And I've been using it for out of no reason. Even the other day my brother said, gee, what happened to you? I said I don't know. Just (?) just come out. I, I don't know what it is. It's just maybe 'cos I'm so damn frustrated lately.

03.32.59 And (?) maybe Richard's wedding gotten me to a point that I was so (?) like this. Because I, I guess I was supposed to go to surgery. It got me to a point that I was, I went to the hospital twice. 'Cos my heart was pumping to a point that I uh, said the, they almost killed me. But then I said to myself, when I started to feel this way and I feeling that (?) grabbing of the thing, right away I said this is it. Stop. Taking my happy pill.

03.33.29 I call that the happy pill. I said (?) if I needed more, I said, I have decided, I said, if I have a heart attack, if (?) I have a stroke. You guys are not suffering. I'm the one that's gonna suffer. I said I'm not gonna let you guys do this to me. 'Cos it's the truth. If anything happens, I'll be the one suffering. Not them. They might be taking care of me for (?) But who's gonna be the one who's be laying there like a, like a dummy or whatever, or can't move. Me.

03.34.00 So I said I'm not gonna let you guys do that to me. So the minute it happens, I would say ok, this is it. Get the hell out of my face, get out of here, period. Don't come even near me. I'll take my pill, shut the door and just try to calm down. I do give every uh, I'm very quick-temper. Worse than before. Uh, but I'm also at the same time a lot calmer than what I am on certain things because I say well, you know what? If I can't change it, I'm not gonna bother. I'm not gonna waste my time.

03.34.38 Just like what Richard's wife is doing? I won't waste my breath. I will not even bother if she comes in, she say hello, fine. (?) I'm just as happy. So that's how I see it. I'm not gonna go crazy over something stupid like that anymore. 'Cos it's not worth it.

JW : What does it feel like?

03.35.01 LING YOUNG : One way and then I'm doing the other thing (LAUGHS)

JW : Like a river?

LING YOUNG : Yeah, back and forth like a little (~I~)

JW : Like hiding out in an eddy?

03.35.21 LING YOUNG : Yeah, I can hide, yeah, sometime, but not all the time. But I did say to myself it's not worth it, it's not worth it. But not all the time it could do that to me. I, and not

all the time I'm gonna say it's not worth it. And I just let it go. But sometime it just got just go crazy. This, it just go over my head and just like completely lose it. I lose it a little bit more of than the usual. Ok? If I, I found that happening. But I also find it happening that if I do lose it a little longer than expected, like if I (?) then I start having this part right here grabbing me. And I know I said, if I don't stop, I'm gonna be in trouble.

JW : You can feel it?

03.36.00 LING YOUNG : Oh. Yes. Oh, yeah, oh, yeah. (~JW~) No, this is, this is happening to me. I told you since this year with my two operation, it was stopped. Ok? The first time it stopped it because I have an abnormal EKG. They refused to do it. I got to go through a stress test. I went to another, other test. I went through, you don't know how many tests I went through. Uh, they inject thing to make your body feel warm, injecting to make your body glow.

03.36.31 You name it (?) you name the kind of test they give me. Went through this, all this tests. It just happened (?) my heart beat is gonna be not gonna be the same. It hasn't been the same since 9-11. But it's gotten worse. But then I start feeling my heart's like sometime before which is like my heart's about to jump down in my body. That's how it felt before. But now I could feel the pain. So I said, ok. So that means it's getting worse. That's why I said (?).

03.37.00 I'm not gonna let this, this do, do that to me. Once I feel that, and I say you know what? Please, just go away, please. Or sometime I, I don't even care. I don't control myself. I just carry on. When I carry on, that's when I get into trouble.

JW : Is it sometimes good to let go?

03.37.24 LING YOUNG : Yeah, but not in my case. 'Cos (~JW~) I could get in big trouble. In my case, when it gets so wound up, I could cause myself a lot of damage. And you know once you have a stroke, you can't, once you have a stroke or heart attack or whatever you want to call it, you're not the same. Uh, then you really got to be so careful that you, that you'd be living on the edge (?) every minute. So I don't want to get to that first step. And I even said

to Donald, I said, when I get to the first step, assuming I have a heart attack or a stroke, you not suffering (?) you're not taking my pain away.

03.37.58 You're not taking my, my (?) you know, you could become useless. You're not doing, you're not taking that away from me because you're not, excuse me, you're not gonna be me. You could be there, oh, I'm so sorry that this happened. But then you're still not suffering what I'm gonna be suffering, ok? I cannot let this happen to me. So that's why I kind of (stop it?) sometimes (?) you can't and (?) just go a little crazy. It's just can't stop. 'Cos when they get so irrational it just like you can't understand why for an adult even my kid to be so irrational that they would uh, (?) their best word is like yeah, ok, you know everything.

03.38.38 You know, you don't know everything. I said, no, it's not that way, I know everything. Only because I'm more reasonable than you guys. You guys just only act on what comes in front of your face. You guys never think about what's the consequences. You just do it because I want to do it. You don't do things like that. When you do things, you have to think about what, what happened. Maybe I'm overreacting.

03.39.00 But except that 99% of the time that they come back to you, you know what? Gee, you're right. But they still don't think that oh, gee, but oh, you're right, but still you're (?) you are controlling. Uh, so I said one time, I said, I finally say you know what? If I was controlling to a point that I was control everybody's life the way I'm controlling everything else, you guys wouldn't be here, ok? So let's cut this. So I said to them, so. I don't know. I'm trying to calm down.

03.39.30 Trying. It's pretty hard (LAUGHS). It's very hard. (LAUGHS) It's so hard that I can't, sometime I said to myself, I said, oh, no, you guys are so (?) you guys, these guys are so stupid. (LAUGHS) I just can't help it. (?) especially my oldest son. He's 29, he's gonna be 30 this year. But he's like, no, not this year, next year. He's like I want to choke him. He's like an 8-year old.

- 03.40.02 And he, his fiancé is also an 8-year old. I want to choke them. It's like he uh, she's a vegetarian. So we went out to eat one day, be (?) way and we're eating and then she was stupid enough to ask Donald a question. Donald was joking. He said, how do you feel now that your son's marrying a Taiwanese? She's talking Taiwan. So Donald, you know, not thinking. Totally against it.
- 03.40.30 But he was laughing when he say that. Oh, my god. For the whole evening, she was quiet now. We have no clue what happened. Junior called and started screaming. Whoa. Now that hit me, hit me in the wrong way. I said listen. I don't want to (in camera?) say it off camera.
- (OFF CAMERA REMARKS)
- 03.43.46 LING YOUNG : (MID-STATEMENT) there's two type of Taiwanese. One is really rigid, one is like just (?) like us. I don't care what you are, you're Chinese. Ok? I don't care you're Taiwanese, (Foocanese?), or Cantonese, you're Chinese. To her, she's Taiwanese, that's it.
- 03.44.02 Uh, we're talking about language one day. She said oh, no, that's not Chinese. And I (felt like?) saying, excuse me? If you don't call that, what the heck you call that? Written language is Chinese, is Chinese. I don't care what you call it. So I know she's the extreme one, so I don't really bother with her with that. But uh, she's so to a point is we, I actually went to Texas and I told you. I went to Texas to meet the parents, the right thing to do.
- 03.44.33 So flew all the way to Texas and I said, well, no, she come uh, she (?) vacation, she can't go, dada dada, the whole nine yards. All right, so we went, we took a look at it. And uh, they saw the place they liked, and it was kind of, pretty, pretty decent price. And of course what does she do? They flew there again to take a look. Of course she's, I mean, I would have said to her, Junior, she's not gonna pick it from the pictures.
- 03.45.01 Oh, no, no, she would do it. I said no, no bride's gonna pick, pick, pick out things just from the pictures, ok? So what do they do? They spent another weekend, spent another day taking off, then another two airline ticket to see the same place before that she could have

seen at the same, the first time. So what did they do? They wasted almost a grand just doing that. For what? That's what I'm trying to teach them to do. But all right, whatever. You're 29-year old. You should know what you're doing.

03.45.30 So, so uh, so now we're having two weddings. The father's uh, actually very nice. But Junior's trying to change his whole lifestyle to please her. Means that my son is not a vegetarian. He's a meat guy, complete meat guy. He wouldn't even touch a piece of veggie. Now he's a complete vegetarian, and I'm like oh, my god. She don't cook. She won't touch the food. So that means if she, he don't cook, he's not eating (LAUGHS).

03.46.00 So, so he would have a wife doesn't clean (LAUGHS) doesn't cook, doesn't do anything (LAUGHS). I said, man, oh, man. I said to myself, good luck. (LAUGHS) Richard's wife does the same thing, too. So (LAUGHS) I said, they say you always marry (?) somebody like your mother. But (?) is definitely not me. (LAUGHS) So I'm just laughing, I say here you are. Well, Junior, you come home, you're half dead. You're working to like 8, 9 o'clock, and now you come home like this?

03.46.30 Well, honey, there's frozen food in the freezer. I'm just laughing because this is the kid's day. Nobody know how to cook, and she wouldn't touch it. At least her mother (?) actually her mother and her brother's a vegetarian. Her father's not. But she would prepare the food for her, for him. He, she wouldn't go near it. She'd sit there, she eats just like a little princess and then after that, he cleans up after her. (?) sit there like gee (LAUGHS) that's not too bad, you know? (LAUGHS)

03.47.02 But uh, that's their life.

03.47.13 END OF TAPE # LY003, IV, 11-6-04

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04.00.30 PICTURE UP

JW : What else about your happy pills?

04.00.40 LING YOUNG : (LAUGHS) Oh, that's great pills. That's actually not a very strong anxiety pill, but that does help me.

JW : What about pills in general?

04.00.49 LING YOUNG : Oh, god, pills in general, I have tons of pills. I still taking a lot of uh, pain killers. I don't mean pain killer, nerve pain pills. I do still take my uh, itch pills, because sometime I got into an intense pill, intense that I take double douses.

04.01.04 I cannot help it. I always carry my pill box. Uh, like I said, I did wean off on the, on the (Neurotin?) which is (?) for nerve pain. And also I could handle it, I said, it's no use, I have to go back. You just can't get all these (?), it's not very addictive. 'Cos Dr. Chew doesn't like it at all. He wants me to wean off of all of them. I couldn't do that. I tried it.

04.01.29 I tried it a couple of times for the, the minute I do it, it's just like it just go right back in.

JW : What happens?

04.01.36 LING YOUNG : I would be sitting here talking to you and all the sudden I just get this (?) like this, you just actually you get like almost like electroshock.

JW : Your body will jump?

04.01.44 LING YOUNG : Yeah, you just jump because the whole thing just go right, right away through your leg. Almost like shooting stars on (?) your hand. Or makes, especially this

hand, mainly this hand. You actually would jump and that's, and it hurts. It not just like, like a shock. It's like electric shock go right through your body and you just literally jumps.

- 04.02.02 So I tried that a couple of times and it didn't work out 'cos I, I said to him, I said to Dr. Lamett, I really want to get off of these things, 'cos now I'm kind of gotten (?) part of my motion back, do you think I really need it? He said well, I really don't think you should take off it. I said, but I don't want to stay on it forever. So he said, all right. I tell you what, just wean off a little bit. So I did that. Didn't work out. I think we tried it at least twice already.
- 04.02.27 So this week, when Dr. Chew ask me about the pill, he said why you taking this pill? I said, well, because we tried it for many time and it didn't work out. Well, I really don't like you, don't use the pill. I said, well, I'm sorry. (LAUGHS) He says, (?) Dr. Lamett is the pain management doctor. He controls all my medicines. Now I can't sleep without my sleeping pill. I mean, there was, I think the only time I actually slept without sleeping pill was the day after Richard's wedding. Was, I guess it was like a (?) you know, like that. Like a release. Other than that, it's no way.
- 04.03.01 So Donald gets very mad at me that I go to bed early. Donald, you don't understand. I can't sleep. If I do go take the sleeping pill very early in the morning, let's say at night, and I go to bed at 12. I get up 2, 3 o'clock in the morning, I'll be in trouble. You know nighttime is like somehow like you, you're very intense and itch. I literally would kill myself by itching. I would scratch to a point until it bleeds. I said, you don't understand, but somehow it doesn't sink into his head.
- 04.03.32 He would not understand why. So finally that actually was actually last week. I finally got really, really, really up to a point so frustrated. That's the time I almost got, got that part. I said listen to me. Like you say it's my body. Ok? I know what my body's looking for. Try and understand I cannot sleep. If you, if I sleep, I wake up in the middle of the night, 2, 3 o'clock, what would you like me to do, 2, 3 o'clock in the morning?

- 04.04.05 Can't do anything. Oh, I can do scratch until a point 'til I bleed. Ok. How come you (dong understand?) but, but then you don't go to sleep and then if you fall downstairs, you know what? If that's the case, let it be. Maybe that's the way it's supposed to go. Just leave me alone. I said, just, just, just, just complete ignore what I'm doing, please. You do what you have to do, just you have to go to sleep, just go to sleep. So I'm gonna sleep downstairs until you're ready to go to sleep. I said no, you're not.
- 04.04.34 Not when I'm working, you snoring. (LAUGHS) (?) in hell. 'Cos you know, I have a futon under all that (?). It's no way I'm gonna be trying to do some paperwork and you'll be snoring in the back of me. I said, you just go do what you have to do. If it does happen, 'cos sometimes they do (?) finding me (?) around on the floor. 'Cos I just completely just (?) you know? Just knocked out. And some (?) uh, if I take the pill and then go right upstairs, I do sometime fall. But things happen.
- 04.05.03 What am I gonna do? I can't control myself, ok? I have to take the pill. Sleeping pill-wise, if I don't take it. I tried it, I could be all day without sleeping. I could literally could stay up all night, all day, without even taking a nap. I'm talking about 24 hours or more. I had tried that. I try everything.
- 04.05.27 Tried to like no coffee, any of the, all these other thing. Soon as it didn't work, I said forget about it. I'm gonna having my cup of coffee a day. I haven't drank coffee like for over a year after I got hurt, 'cos I, I was afraid to drink coffee? 'Cos the caffeine's no good for you and all this other nonsense. So I didn't drink my coffee. And I still didn't sleep, so I said forget it. The heck with it. I won't drink, I drink one cup a day, that's all I do. Uh, so I try to, then, and that's the time when I got real, really, really uptight.
- 04.06.00 Because it was driving me crazy that I don't sleep and this and that. And then when I go upstairs, I wake him up. I said, well, you can't have it both way. If (makes?) you feel better, he gets up at 4:30 to go to work. I go to sleep at 4:30 then. What do you want me to do? I cannot go to sleep because when you want me to go to sleep, it can't happen. I have to sleep

when my body tells me ok, Ling, you're ready to go to sleep. If my body doesn't tell me, I can't do it. If it take the sleeping pills, and this is the bad part.

- 04.06.30 I take the sleeping pill. If I sleep, I'll be ok. But God forbid I wake up after like an hour or two, I'm in deep, I'm in deep trouble. I'd be so itchy. I don't want, I cannot describe how itchy I am. That I want to rip my skin apart. That's how bad it is. So I have to do it my way. People don't understand why this is your way. Why is this, why is that? Because it's my body. You don't understand how my body works. Well, you think you're a doctor?
- 04.06.59 Yes. I, I know I'm a doctor in that respect, 'cos this is my body. The doctor does not know what I'm going through, ok? The doctor could prescribe me a pill. The doctor could try to (?) correct what I, was wrong with me. But the doctor cannot control mentally when I could, when I cannot sleep. That's was something that we always constantly, constantly fighting about. (~JW~)That they don't, he doesn't understand why I cannot sleep early. I said, well, Donald, because I can't. Ok, like yesterday I try to sleep early so I could, because I come here early.
- 04.07.33 Didn't work. I was up about 3:30, 3, 3:30. But I'm ok. Did you see me like I'm gonna like falling asleep? No. This is me. We don't. either in our group either they sleep very well, 7-8 hours, or you don't sleep at all. And I'm (LAUGHS) and I'm one of those other people. Maybe 'cos I have so many things going on with me and I'm, I'm itchy, I'm this, I'm that, you know, I, I'm sitting here not itching too much 'cos I talk about the doses of my itch pill (LAUGHS).
- 04.08.05 Otherwise you'd be seeing me like a monkey over here. So I'm like, that's the constant battle in the house because of that. Uh, not because he's (?)

(OFF CAMERA REMARKS)

JW : You appear very good, but I get the feeling when Donald looks at you, he doesn't get how you feel on the inside?

04.38.37 LING YOUNG : That's the thing. That's the biggest problem. He think I'm, I'm just back to normal, just like that. I could do everything now. But I said, Donald, you're not, you're not looking at the, you're not looking at the whole pictures. This is not the same me 3 years ago, ok? I'm a different person. I used to come home and do so many things, ok? I can't do that anymore. I can't concentrate. Especially when he said to me that I'm using my, my, my uh, my lapse of memory as an excuse.

04.09.02 That, that I went berserk. 'Cos I don't remember. I really don't remember.

JW : What about those lapses?

04.09.12 LING YOUNG : You could, let's say like (?) sound like I'm, I'm faking sometime because it's, that's what it seems like. Remember before you stopped the camera before? I asked you what it was I was talking about? I literally in my mind I don't know what you were saying, what we're talking about. We were talking about something about Donald but I don't know the detail where we're going or what we're doing.

04.09.32 Ok, we would be talking something and I'm talking to you right now like this, and all the sudden, I don't remember what we're talking about. I be sitting here looking at you like, ok, what were we talking about? I do that to Marge all the time. That's the reason why, 'cos Marge is my home (help figure?) you, you met, I think you met her once. I would say Marge, what the hell were we talking about? So (LAUGHS) she was like oh, we'll talk about this and this and that. I, I mean, I was (?) my mouth's still running. But I, all the sudden I would say ok, what were we talking about, just like that.

04.10.04 Or just slight distraction. I completely forget what the whole conversation's all about. So that, they said it has to do with the pill. And also (?) to make me and I talk sometimes that people don't understand me, 'cos I, I kind of (?) like that. And I (?) I even when I realizing myself things come out of my mouth, (?) like that. And I have no clue what I'm talking about. Because I really wasn't saying anything.

04.10.31 It just like sounds coming out of it. It's, according to one of the uh, I forgot who was that tells me that's one of the side effect of (neurogen?) That's (~I~)

JW : Of the pill?

04.10.43 LING YOUNG : Yeah. that's not too good to hear. Ok? And (~I~) like usually the happy pill is (?) an anxiety pill. He started out with me because I was getting so bad. So Marge said go tell Dr. Lamett what your problem is, and maybe he could prescribe something to calm you, calm you down. So he gave me those pills.

04.11.00 He tells me to take half a pill, it's a little (?) thing like that. (?) do anything. I said the hell with that, I took, I took one. One (?) didn't really do too much. Uh, of course I tell him afterward. I said, you know those little thing you gave me? I said, I didn't take half, I took one. I said, one hardly did anything. So but, I was only taking it when I needed it, as needed. So I was needing a little bit more of it than usual. So finally he's prescribed (?) 3 times a day. So that was helping. It was really calming me down, because otherwise then I would feel, uh, my whole body feel edgy.

04.11.34 It's like I'm feeling uh, I'm (?) having an anxiety attack and I can feel like uncomfortable, uneasy and everything.

JW : Have you had anxiety attacks?

LING YOUNG : Oh, yeah.

JW : What are they like?

04.11.47 LING YOUNG : Oh, god it was like, how shall I describe it. I can't even describe it. It just like, you (?) are not yourself anymore. You (?) have no sense. Ok?

- 04.12.00 And you just actually at one time when I came home, I have such pain that I had never encountered in my whole life. I have pain from front to back. I thought I was gonna die that day. I swear I thought I was gonna die that day. It was such an intense pain that I don't even know what it is. It was from here all the way down to my back. Front and back. I got scared. That's the first time I got scared. So I figured oh, maybe it's something I ate.
- 04.12.29 But I didn't eat anything. I went to like my cousin's house and ate. So I was rubbing all kinds of ointment on it, that didn't do anything. You know, and (?) what should I do, should I go back? That was the second, let me see. This is in June. 'Cos in April and they had such a big fight, I got, I got into trouble. So but (~I~) that day they didn't, I didn't have the fight with them, so it couldn't be that. So all the sudden I said (?) I (?). So I call the ambulance and I called the ambulance.
- 04.13.01 I'm debating because I didn't really want to call, go in an ambulance and (?) do you want to ride in the ambulance. But I was in such pain. I, I was so confused, I didn't know what to do. I said I don't know what to do. I really don't know what to do. Because I, I don't know is it really I'm having an attack, or just pain. So they, they called the paramedic, and uh, Donald's supposed to drive me. Richard said no, you're not supposed to help them drive. Let them drive you. That was a mistake. Because the ambulance ride was one of the worst ride I ever had in my whole life again.
- 04.13.31 That reminded me every fricking thing that happened that day in the ambulance. Oh, you got to remember, I don't remember being in the ambulance that day. But that make me feel cold. It was like a very, very weird feeling that I had was in the ambulance. It was a very short ride, it's only like a ten-minute ride. But that was, to me that was the longest ride there was. 'Cos that's remind me of the day when I went in the ambulance.
- 04.14.00 That wasn't a good experience (?) when they found out I was on it (?) my EKG. That whole nine yards, you know, the whole nine (?) my EKG was wrong. And guess it's the same kind of problem, but it (?) it's a different pain. My whole body was in pain. And the pain was so severe that I can't even describe how painful it is. I was rubbing Chinese oil, rubbing Ben-

gay, (LAUGHS) you name, I was rubbing. Didn't take the pain away. I was having pound my back.

- 04.14.31 That's why I got kind of scared. That was the time that I thought it was, that was the end of my life. I said, gee, I don't want to go that way. It was in pain, it was painful. But I found I was just same thing, part of my EKG, the whole nine yard, all this other things. I said all right. But that time I think that I had a funny feeling my daughter think I'm faking. I can't swear to you, but I got that feeling that she think I'm faking it (?) to get sympathy.
- 04.15.03 I swear to god that's how I felt. Because I went to the hospital. Normally she would be very concerned and scared and things like that. But then she just went home and sleep. Just like that. So I said, ok. That mean because I call for the ambulance, because (I called?) 'cos I was having such pain. Uh, she was I think she wasn't home that day I think. No, no, she was sleeping, take it back, she was sleeping.
- 04.15.29 And Donald calls and momma's feeling really, really bad, I don't know what (?) we do, should we take her to the hospital or not. And she came down and she somehow she called Richard. I really didn't want to call Richard, 'cos Richard's (part?) of the cause. So uh, and she, he wants to come over, I said no, no. don't come over. 'Cos I don't know what, how I will react. It wasn't a fight that day with him. It was just so many pressure going on. I don't, but to me, I think seeing his face, I don't think it would help me. That day.
- 04.15.58 'Cos he's very, he's a pain in the ass, so maybe that's the reason why maybe she think I'm full of bologna. And uh, but it proves them wrong because the EKG didn't come out right. But I, I had that feeling that's how she feels, and have a feeling that now recently after, after all this thing happening, every time things happen, I think that she think I'm over reacting. Uh, don't dare talk to her about Jeanine, because that's a big no-no.
- 04.16.29 So I learn not to even discuss anything with her, even Donald upset about it, whatever. But I do have that feeling that she think (?) I'm lying. It hurts, but it's nothing I can do about it. 'Cos why would I go fake something like this to your sympathy? That's not me. But lucky

the doctors got the report and (all these other?) thing to show that I did have a problem and things like that. They don't know why my pain is coming from.

04.17.00 Uh, that's not good. That I don't like, ok? I like to know my pain, why am my pains coming from? But they don't know why my pains act that way.

JW : Where do you think you are in the healing process?

04.17.20 LING YOUNG : I'm in a limbo (LAUGHS). Because it's like I can't win. Like they took off this thing, well, it's ok. The graft didn't take, all right, big deal. It was, look disgusting. All right, it's not big deal, 'cos I'm so used to all these (?) other gross thing. But then when this thing (?) for like 5 months, I said Ok. So you know there's something wrong now. Because it's not healing, that one spot. It's like oh, you know, like, like your skin came off? That's how it looks like. That's all it is. But why is that that particular couple of spot right there? My whole arm, this, all this all healed, but that little spot about this big, another spot about this big.

04.17.59 It's like a couple of little tiny spots. The same spot. It just would not heal. It's like raw skin, ok? That bothers me a little bit. Uh. Then I start having pain right here, it could be arthritis, 'cos they said this, the side effect is arthritis. And when they doing therapy on me, it hurts. But I refuse to take pain pill because then after that I'm, I guess that I'd be like scratching. I try to loosen up my joint a little bit every day, but that's not fun.

04.18.32 'Cos after they finish trying to loosen up your joint that you (?) really in severe pain. Uh. I am improving, ok? In the sense 'cos at least I'm not bleeding like I used to be bleeding right here uh, Dr. Chew is doing a lot of things. I mean, like (?) how he does is he like (?) zigzag he does? He takes the skin from here, ok?

04.19.04 He pulls it in here. He takes the skin from here, he pulls it in here. That's why you see all these little crazy little nick knack. Before it was (?) I don't remember (?) one graft, now you see all these little corner, corner, corner, (?) over here. I don't know why that would did this

one. This is hard like a rock. He said 'cos I have a scar band here. He said not for me to do anything, he has to move my wrist.

04.19.29 See, like this, how tight it is? He's gonna do this part, I think, 'cos it's very tight. Over here used to be have a tight spot. But he did, he cut it, he move it here. See, he's moving the skin, that's why it hurt so much. 'Cos he actually cut the skin and pulls it up and then put it on. And (?) there are probably about like a hundred, hundred some odd stitches in there, or 200 stitches or more. So when I, when I was doing, and as you can see I don't have more on my elbow anymore. If I do this way, you see my elbow, but he actually took all those excess skin and push it over here.

04.20.03 Ok? So, so it look a little, kind of weird, a little crooked. But it'll cover up, so. And uh, I said to him, uh. Why didn't you do this part? And he said it was too much at one time. So he learned that also. He don't do too much at one time. Sometime he want to do it so much at one time. 'Cos when they, I guess when he open me up, he see this, he see this, he see that, he's trying to do so many things.

04.20.31 That's why he's always over my hours. So I guess now he learned there were other patients waiting. 'Cos he getting really busy, very, very busy.

JW : How are you feeling inside?

04.20.44 LING YOUNG : Inside. I guess I'm Ok. I mean, besides the mental state, I'm, I don't have too much trouble, yet, that I know of. I know friends of mine having trouble, a lot of trouble now. And now they starts having glasses in the eyes.

04.21.03 That they never know they had. Glasses. I mean, like chipped glass, inside the eyes. Virginia, uh, one (?) of my girlfriend has that uh, my friend who went through the revolving door, he's still finding glasses coming out his body. Very recently.

JW : What about mentally?

- 04.21.23 LING YOUNG : Oh, (?) that inside (LAUGHS) (~JW~) That inside? Well, that inside is, is like a little roller, roller coaster. Depends on the day. I could wake up perfect, I could go (?) uh, at night I'd be lousy. Ok. Uh. I try to be as happy as possible. I try to uh, well, I guess I try to cope. Cope with whatever I got. Uh. I know I can't change it.
- 04.22.02 I am lucky I'm alive. 'Cos I went to my daughter's graduation, which (?) could not be. Went to son's wedding, which (?) turned out to be you know, a pain in the, pain in the butt. And uh, but other than that it's kind of hard because (PAUSE)
- 04.22.26 I guess it's trying to deal with a guy that doesn't really understand is very hard. This is, I think this is the main thing is, I think our biggest problem all of us that got hurt in 9-11 (PAUSE) They do get the family support. But they don't really understand you the way they supposed to understand you. Because it's, it's, this is not, it's a different kind of trauma that people goes through.
- 04.27.59 But this is something so different that. I don't think anybody will understand, even though you say I feel, I know how you feel, blahblahblah, all (?) these other things, but not really. 'Cos you're not there. You know what I mean? You're not really there to see all this. Unless you were actually, physically there that you would see it happen. It's like uh, that's why this doctor, I liked a lot, because he was physically there to do the recovery work, ok?
- 04.23.30 Yes, he's (seen?) some of the picture and you were probably there afterward, too and all this other thing. But not at that day there or the next day there, or something like that. I'm not saying that you don't understand it. I'm not saying you don't understand it. It's just very difficult for them to understand. Even like Mary. Mary's husband is very understanding and everything, but they still not the same. When you in pain. When you are having hard time sleeping, when you itching like crazy. They can't feel for you. Ok? And especially when they start making stupid remark, it hurts.

- 04.24.02 Ok? Uh, you're not gonna change them. There's no way you can change them. And when you're seeing your, especially like Melissa drifting away, it hurts a lot more than usual. Uh. That's not something I'm gonna be able to change. Because that's what it's gonna be, because as long as she listen to certain people or certain things uh, whatever.
- 04.24.30 Your parents always the last one you're gonna listen to anyway. And (LAUGHS) you know it, right? We all know it. But uh, like we go through (?) like a roller coaster. You never know what to expect that day. You wake up in the morning, you never know what's gonna happen that day. Even, I don't care if you have the whole day planned. You would not know until the end of the night when you are uh, say about to go to sleep.
- 04.24.58 Oh, gee, this thing happened this day. Other than that, we cannot plan anything, we, you could plan anything you want, but it doesn't mean anything. So we don't try not, we try not to plan. It's not that we're not looking to the future. But we just don't try to plan too much in advance. To uh, to do anything. We do it as it come along. Uh, well, we do plan, oh, let's say that we want to plan to go see so-and-so or maybe we'll have a plan, there's a wedding coming in, things like that. Like this year, we had a, I had ten weddings. God knows how many babies.
- 04.25.33 Uh, showers that, that I went to. But uh, in every day life there's no, no planning. Like I could make my appointment for my doctor's. such and such, such a day. All the sudden I have an infection and I run into New York, ok, an emergency call. Or I have another problem I have to go to, like before this surgery, I must be running to Dr. Chew's office I guess (?) every other day. (?) I finally got into a point I said, gee, you know (LAUGHS) I miss you that much?
- 04.26.02 I have to see you ever other couple of days? I was seeing him like 3 times a week. Which is like, which is a lot. So mentally, uh, (?) like a roller coaster. Certain things bring things, brings memory back, certain things that uh, I mean, I'm always a happy person. I don't dwell on a lot of things. I think that's makes me pulls me through a lot. I think that I'm not as crazy as most of them.

- 04.26.29 Plus, I think because I haven't seen too, I didn't see too much. I didn't see no plane falling like, like (?) no. Hang out of the building. I don't see people jumping. I could talk about it because I didn't see it, ok? I don't see people plopping right next to me, you know? None of those things. So mentally in that part, I think I'm 10 times better than they are. Other parts, depends how you look at it. They don't have my problem that my family problem then, then they you know, they don't have that, either.
- 04.27.01 I know my whole group, I think everybody's having problem with their spouse, because spouse are expecting to see the same person what they had, used to be married to. But we even had a spouse night saying we're not the same. Even they admitted that he's not the man that I married 20-some odd years ago. But then why don't you know, learn how to accept the fact that you know, this is what happen?
- 04.27.32 I even got Donald to go into therapy. With me, together. Working out fine, until he decided that uh, that I'm only telling the doctor what I want the doctor to hear. That I'm not telling the truth. That I only want to tell him what, what I want him to hear, and the meantime, I'm, almost always say I'm full of shit.
- 04.28.01 That I'm not telling the truth. The truth is not like this, the truth is completely opposite what I'm trying to tell the doctor. In a way, I'm trying to tell him that you know what? He needs to see somebody, too. Because anybody went through that uh, also needs a little help. Uh, some guidance. I'm not, I (?) and believe me or not, I really never believe in psychologist before because I figure, uh, what do you need it for? But this to go there and just dump everything on that guy, it helps when you walk out. It does help.
- 04.28.32 And that's why I've been trying to tell this other kid to go. And he finally find him and he move. 'Cos that's the sad part about it. He was getting some progress, and then, and then he move. But he did promise (?) weekend. To, to do it. So it, the whole point is that, you know, you have a great family but they don't understand you. I mean, it's mostly they care, but it's not the same.

JW : It's hard?

04.28.59 LING YOUNG : You can't, you can't express it. You can't express it that this is how I feel, and then they would say ok, yeah, I understand you now. You can express all you want, you could talk your head off. They said they understand, but they don't. Because they haven't been there. They not there to, to feel what you feel. Uh, what kind of a fear that you're going through. Uh, forget about my physical because physical just physical. Ok? How, how it feels to be like all the sudden (?) you're scared as hell, ok? Uh.

JW : What is that fear like?

04.29.35 LING YOUNG : You could be like all the sudden you feel like you're (?) in like a free fall. I don't know where. Ok. You could hit a stupid bomb, you thought you were gonna die (?) like that. You were falling down. So a cut, that comes and goes. It doesn't come, for me it's not as often. Ok. For others are so much more often. I mean, they would be driving, and then they say they're going through exit 13 where a Newark airport is.

04.30.00 They swear to it that the plane was gonna hit, go right through a windshield. That's a, that kind of perception they see. See? I am not afraid of plane, like I said, because I hadn't, I didn't see it. I literally did not see the plane hit. I didn't see Building 1 plane. (CLEARS THROAT) because I was on the other side. (COUGHS) I didn't look up to see those plane hanging. I might hear stories. Ok? I have not really watch any of the movie per se.

04.30.30 Or any of these things that goes on. I have saw quite a few time when the building collapsed or when the building got hit, something like that. But to me, it's like a picture, it's like a movie. It's really not sinking in, in my head that this is what happened to me. That actually that was my building that was getting hit. So. To me, that there was an explosion. That was it. But it wasn't a plane.

04.31.00 The first time when I realized it, when I saw it, I freaked out. (?) when I was in the psychologist's office. Because it was just like oops, and it was like I freaked out. That was way in the beginning ok? After that, to me now if I see a movie now, I don't know. But once in awhile you do see it anyway. Ok? Uh. (CLEARS THROAT) I did look at the (CLEARS THROAT) I didn't finish the whole website.

04.31.28 I saw Ground Zero but I was there. I went back. It was a hole. You know? And now I know (CLEARS THROAT) now I pass by it almost every week (CLEARS THROAT) to go to the doctor. I think building 7's almost done, is it? Is, is that building 7 I'm looking at? See, see it, in my mind Building 7 that wasn't there like that, though.

JW : It's different?

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04.32.07 LING YOUNG : Yeah, because to me it doesn't look where it was, 'cos my, my son was in building 7. I said that doesn't look like Building 7. But it was a new building, so I figured maybe that it. 'Cos I pass by it every single time when I go to New York (CLEARS THROAT). Uh. (CLEARS THROAT) Other than that, I guess we just still trying to work out (?) how to, you know, (head?) That one day we get a little bit more normal than, than what I am now.

04.32.33 But uh, but not, not to when everybody else, when you're family's uh, you know, giving you a hard time here and there. It's not as easy, ok? I think if you talk about last year and this year, I think this year's a little worse mental-wise. 'Cos all the things are going on and I think uh, he's getting a little edgy, you know, everybody's getting edgy and just like everybody's changing, you know, but.

04.32.59 But after (?) I yell at my son, Junior, once, I think he realized that he was very wrong and he has been a little different. That I'm glad in a way that he, 'cos I kind of say to him, you can't let somebody control you life this way ok, to a point that you can't even breathe. If you can't

breathe and you can't do anything on your own to say, have any say, and you so afraid that every time you open your mouth, I have, oh, this is what I said. I said, and I'm not gonna worry about every time I open my mouth, that I'm gonna insult her or whatever.

04.38.31 'Cos it was never intention insulting anybody. I'm not gonna worry about every word that come out of my mouth, that I'm gonna worry, oh, my god, maybe she's mad at me. This is no life to live. So. He apologized and I think after that he had gotten a lot, lot better. So that, maybe is a lesson he has to learn. You know, he can't just, because someone say something you don't like and you get so, so wound up. I know one time Donald just recently said something, he got so scared that he thought Donald was gonna say something else.

04.34.03 You can't live your life this way. Worry about your family, anybody say something that your girlfriend don't like or your fiancé don't like. Where are you gonna go, what are you gonna do? The rest of your life you're gonna sit here worry about God forbid? It doesn't work that way. So but they, they'll learn. They'll learn when they get older. That's how I see it. But uh. Am I better? Yes and no (LAUGHS).

04.34.30 One way I'm better, and one way I'm not, so it depends what they asking me (LAUGHS). I don't know. Ask me tomorrow, maybe a different story (LAUGHS). (Marge and?) I laugh at her because she sees me going through it on a daily basis. And she sees Donald's in action, so it's like you know. Even my doctor, my uh, shrink sees Donald's in action. He can't understand how he, how he could be rude and I so rational.

04.35.04 So, so he, he know how I feel when I'm complain about Donald. That he know where I'm coming from, 'cos he sees him in action. So it's, it's difficult. It's you haven't met him since (?) you haven't seen Donald in action. So you don't.

JW : I can (~ovlp~)

04.35.21 LING YOUNG : You can kind of picture, maybe? Yeah, yeah, but not until you see in action you don't know the whole (?) thing. (~JW~) Yeah. That's like when my shrink saw it,

(?) said ok, you got the picture? So then he starts seeing him. I said all right. That's it. I thought I was gonna be you know, do it as a group. And the whole thing is to tell your story and you saw (?) maybe he could help. But if you're not willing to hear, then, then you're not ready for. But he does need help. Because I think he has a lot of package too, because of his growing up. He never had to be, he had a father never was there for him. Has a mother that's really never there, either, that he, he's always trying to work.

04.36.00 So he grew up with like nobody. So he never know how to get close to the kids. So the kids doesn't know how to get close to him, so then if anything wrong it's my fault. So it's like (?) it's my fault. (?) mother has decided something wrong, it's my fault. So it's like ok. Might as well bring it all in, everybody thinks it's my fault anyway. So that's the, that's the sad part. No matter what I do is, it's like I can't be right. So uh. The hell with all of you..

04.36.34 I do, I do the best I can. That's all. And if God had wanted to take me that day (?) That's why I said, that's why I said that (?) was gonna be dying, I wasn't afraid. I was just so painful. It's just like, oh, gee, can't it be a better way, you know, (LAUGHS) It's like it was so pain, it was the front and back. It was like in someone (?) like squeeze me, you know, like (?) shake me. That kind of pain it was. I said oh, my god.

04.37.00 What a horrible way to die, that's all I was thinking. But I didn't die. (LAUGHS) I'm here. That's uh. Anyway.

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