

FIELD REPORT ON THE CORONA VIRUS
FROM DAVE WEST

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INT. STUDIO - DAY

MICHAEL SMORE is sitting at a desk facing the camera and KATY PATCHLOCK is sitting to his left.

KATY PATCHLOCK

Well I think we can all agree that that was the single most interesting thing to ever exist.

MICHAEL SMORE

I couldn't agree more. We're now joined by Dave West live from the field to bring us an update as to what people are saying about this "Corona Virus". Dave West, are you there?

EXT. FIELD - CONTINUOUS

DAVE WEST is standing in front of a field holding a microphone. Off to his right is JEREMY.

DAVE WEST

Yes Michael, I'm out here talking to Jeremy, a local video making guy.

DAVE WEST walks over to JEREMY.

DAVE WEST (CONT'D)

Jeremy, can you tell us about how the virus has been tearing apart the very fabric of all that you know?

JEREMY

Well, actually I kind of have mixed feelings about it.

DAVE WEST

Really?

JEREMY

On the one hand it's causing mass panic and hysteria,

DAVE WEST

Mm hmm.

JEREMY

Countries are closing their borders,

DAVE WEST

Naturally.

JEREMY

People are wearing masks thinking that they'll protect them from infection,

DAVE WEST

People are stupid.

JEREMY

And everyone seems to be obsessed with toilet paper for some reason.

DAVE WEST

Dire times.

JEREMY

On the other hand, my YouTube video about the game Plague Inc recently crossed 10,000 views, so there's that.

DAVE WEST

And you think this has something to do with the virus?

JEREMY

Well, the virus has caused an increase in the games player base, which lead to an influx of viewers on my video, yeah.

DAVE WEST

I see. And so for you that makes the virus worth it?

JEREMY

I didn't say that.

DAVE WEST

But you didn't not say that.

JEREMY

Yeah. Wait, what?

DAVE WEST

So you seem to be doing very well for yourself because of the virus.

JEREMY

I think that'd be a stretch, but-

DAVE WEST

Is that what lead you to release it?

Beat.

JEREMY

Are you insinuating that I made the Corona Virus?

DAVE WEST

No, that would be ridiculous.

JEREMY

Good.

DAVE WEST

I'm just saying you released it. It would obviously take an intelligent person to actually make it.

JEREMY

You know I honestly can't figure out if I should be offended by that or not.

DAVE WEST

There you have it.

JEREMY

Have what?

DAVE WEST

Back to you in the studio, Michael.

INT. STUDIO - CONTINUOUS

MICHAEL SMORE and KATE PATCHLOCK are still sitting at the desk.

MICHAEL SMORE

Thank you for that update from the field, Dave.

KATY PATCHLOCK

Before we end the show for tonight we want to make it clear that you should not panic about the virus. Just take reasonable precautions such as washing your hands and maybe avoiding large gatherings. Panic will not help the situation.

MICHAEL SMORE

We also want to make it clear that we have reported Jeremy to the authorities for his part in releasing the virus and he will be taken into custody very soon.