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SPEAKERS

[Music], Michael Crawford, Speaker 2, Speaker 1

M Michael Crawford 00:01

But I mean, the fabulous thing about Queer Nation was that it provided a training ground for people who are inexperienced as activists, but who had that passion to come out and to get involved. And I'm hoping it will provide that same function this time, that a lot of people who are angry and want to be involved, but don't know how to be involved, we'll come and we'll gain that experience like we did. You know, and look at us now. We're everywhere, doing fabulous things and people love and hate us.

S Speaker 1 00:28
It's just spooky.

M Michael Crawford 00:29
It's spooky. So, that meeting, again, is scheduled for Monday, seven o'clock, 7:30, 7 7:30, you know, queer standard time, at the Montrose [INAUDIBLE] library, which is located at the corner of Richmond and Montrose.

S Speaker 1 00:47
In the heart of Montrose. All right, and isn't there a new group starting up, also?

M Michael Crawford 00:52
What kind of new group?

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Speaker 1 00:53

Isn't it some kind of a guy's group?

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Michael Crawford 00:55

Oh, she's ahead of me.

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Speaker 1 00:58

Aren't I always.

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Michael Crawford 00:58

She's always she's, she's a woman. But she's ahead of me. Yeah, I'm actually involved in the creation of a new group. kind of hesitant to call it a support group. But let's just say it's taking the support group concept and bring it in into the 90s. It's called Boy's Life. And what it is, is, it's the real underlying theme is, and I'm not supposed to tell anybody This is to prevent HIV infection among younger gay and bisexual men between 18 and 30. So what I'm hoping to create is a forum where a younger gay man can come and discuss in a peer led setting about what kind of sex we're having kind of some of the anxiety we feel about safer sex, about our relationships, about our dating habits, and so on and so forth. It'll be really a place for guys to get together and just learn how to communicate with one another in a space that's safe, where we can talk about our sexuality, what it means to be a gay man and all that fabulously cool stuff.

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Speaker 1 01:56

And hopefully, out of that, if, if that takes off, and maybe also Queer Nation taking off, maybe we can have a group like that for women.

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Michael Crawford 02:04

I agree. And I mean, if anyone that's interested in Boy's Life, if you're a guy, you can call up here at the station at 526-KPFT. And I'd be more than happy to talk to you while we're on a break. And if there are women out there who want to start a similar thing, I'd be more than happy to share the proposal I drew up for Boys Life. Girls Life. Sounds good to me. But if anyone's interested, we're looking for people to be on the Boy's Life Steering committee. And the next meeting for that it's going to be on Tuesday at 6:30 to call the station to 526-KPFT right now. while from now until three. I'll be more than happy to get to the address and all the other information.

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Speaker 1 02:43

Cool. Now, I jumped ahead. What were you about to say about whatever we were talking about.

M Michael Crawford 02:47

I was actually going to lead into the song when we were talking about Queer Nation.

S Speaker 1 02:51

Oh I just got all excited about everything getting started up, you know, you have to forgive me was most people I'm here all the time, but I never talk on mic. But when I want to talk I tend to not care about if anybody else is talking.

M Michael Crawford 03:03

When she talks he has stuff to say. Well, I mean, it's the beginning of a new year. The possibilities are endless. I mean, Old Navy is out and you're wearing a full fabulous Old Navy sweatshirt.

S Speaker 1 03:15

And shorts.

M Michael Crawford 03:15

There you go Lennon break all the rules. That's what we're going to do with Queer Nation that's we're going to do with Boy's Life. We are going to make this community rock.

S Speaker 1 03:26

And on that note.

M Michael Crawford 03:27

Revolution by Arrested Development. You know, you put two activists in a room and look what happens.

S Speaker 1 03:39

They play whatever they want. Michael wanted to play a CD and Smashing Pumpkins was up there and I just said deal with it. I'm in control.

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M Michael Crawford 03:46
She's a top, I'm a top What are you going to do?

S Speaker 1 03:50
So here's the dang CD. Okay.

M Michael Crawford 03:52
Okay.

S Speaker 1 03:53
Now, do you want to repeat what you said before? Oh, no, no, here it is. No.

M Michael Crawford 03:58
God you're mean, aggressive. I love it. Well, let's see the song she played was Bullet with Butterfly Wings from Smashing Pumpkins from the fabulous fabulous double album, Melancholy and the Infinite Sadness, the song we're going to play now. If she doesn't get a uppity and all will be Arrested Development's Revolution,

I [Music] 04:18
Before you put on this record. Understand, this is for all of my ancestors who were raped were killed and hung because of the plights the freedom and for dignity. They died for me and they died for you. This is for them. To know that yes, even today, in 1992 We are still fired up and we're still talking about revolution.

M Michael Crawford 04:58
Revolution. Revolution. Revolution.

S Speaker 1 05:04
Oh, stick to your activist. Yeah.

M Michael Crawford 05:06
All right. That was Revolution by Arrested Development, which is actually from the Malcolm X soundtrack. Fabulous, fabulous song. And that's exactly what we're talking about we at what I

think we need to see queer revolution, one that changes the homophobic, sexist, racist society that we lived in, and make it one that well.

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Speaker 1 05:27

We can all live in.

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Michael Crawford 05:28

Exactly. Okay, um, I was kind of talking to Sarah off air. And we were kind of thinking a lot about the political scene, because we're activist dammit. And what we want to see happening, I mean, and listening to the song Revolution, kind of made me think about what we can do right now as queer people to encourage that revolution. And one of the things that we always hear from the right wing, they keep talking about how we there's this mysterious Gay Agenda, that supposedly we all got copies up and mine got lost in the mail or something. And that we're out to take over the world, which actually is true. And but we, we tend to deny it, we tend to say that no, we don't want to change things. And what's it and that's a lie. We do want to change things. We want to change things for the better so that it will make it a safer, more prosperous society for all of us. Is this a kinder, gentler? Michael Crawford? What?

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Speaker 1 06:21

I'm getting scared. That's why I'm speechless. I'm just looking at you. And I'm just quivering. Yeah. But it's, it's good. Because, remember, back when Queer Nation was in, you know, happening, a lot of gay people took offense to the fact that we took the name queer, you know, and that's right. That's right. But a lot of people just they couldn't understand why we took that name. And hopefully, this time, they can understand, you know, that's just name we choose. We've said it over and over on this show, you know, we're just, we're just grouped all together because people tend to get mad if you don't say, gay, lesbian, bisexual transit, we're just a bunch of queers. Okay, get over it, get over the name. So we can, you know, fight together instead of fighting each other.

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Michael Crawford 07:03

Exactly. And I want to offer something that may help us a little bit in terms of working together, I'm going to be reading a little excerpt from the book called Virtual reality by Urvashi Vaid, who is just the most fabulous goddess on the face of the planet, and I would totally have her children. This is one part where she's talking about that mythical gay agenda. And she argues that there is a basic political agenda on which the vast majority of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people, in addition to straight supportive people can agree. And she suggests that we agree to agree on these six points, and everything else we agreed weighs on. Wait, sorry. Okay. Hi, how you doing? It's Roy, he's answering the phones are waiting for somebody to call up.

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Speaker 1 07:51

Call so Roy can have something to do for God's sake

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Michael Crawford 07:54

. All right. So basically, what she says is we seek in short, full civil equality defined as, number one, the right to live and work free from discrimination based on sexual orientation, to be evaluated on merit, not by our sexuality, to be free of unfair discrimination by our own government. Number two, the right to freedom from violence and harassment directed at us because of who we are. Number three, the right to privacy defined as sexual autonomy and control over our sexual and reproductive lives without criminal sanction, or the dictate of government. Number four, the right to family defined in the legalization of gay marriage and gay relationships, the elimination of unfair discrimination against our capacity to be parents. Number five, the right to health care defined as non discriminatory access to care and the receipt of services and a non discriminatory response to health problems disproportionately faced by our people, such as AIDS, breast cancer and other gay health issues. And number six, the right to live in peace as openly gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people. That to me is, you know, the perfect basic agenda for what we should be working on. And theoretically, the some Log Cabin Republicans like Dale Carpenter, and someone like me, right tall black radical, Michael Crawford can all agree to work on these six issues, right? We can do them when in whatever way works for us. But on the other issues like, like queers, and immigration, you know, I will go on with my progressive agenda. And the log cabin, though, because more conservative people will go on with their conservative agenda,

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Speaker 1 09:36

Right, we need to we need to have a base place to start from because just fighting amongst ourselves, that's, that's what they that's what they want us to do. And that's what we've been doing. And even our little hiatus that we sat back and did nothing for a couple of years here. You know, we did exactly what they want and now we need to come together and organize.

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Michael Crawford 09:57

We need to organize. I mean, and one of the Intro focuses, I think of this renewed sense of activism because I know a lot of people, particularly a lot of newer faces, because we're no longer the new faces. We-

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Speaker 1 10:10

Were just the cute faces.

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Michael Crawford 10:11

Well, that.

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Speaker 1 10:12

And the fashion conscious.

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Michael Crawford 10:13

Of course, and I'm sure Queer Nation will have the best outfits of any activist group in our city. But what I see is a lot of newer faces, who are people who want to become involved and who are wondering, well, what can I do? How can I make a difference, and we're hoping that coordination, and if you haven't guessed, coordination is the theme of part two of after hours this week. These people can come and work in a situation where they feel that they can have a positive effect. Because, oh, I'm also on the board of the lesbian and gay rights lobby of Texas.

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Speaker 1 10:44

Plug.

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Michael Crawford 10:45

there we go, which is headed up by Diane Hardy-Garcia, who I think is just amazing. And Sarah thinks is totally sexy. And one of the things we did was we did focus groups, so we surveyed what gay and lesbian people thought about politics. And one of the things people said was among one of the things they said was, they wanted to feel like they were having a positive effect. And in a lot of times, they feel like they're not having any kind of effects because they think that politicians are already bought and sold.

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Speaker 1 11:15

Right.

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Michael Crawford 11:16

Well, the truth is, they work for us. We have the votes, we have the money, we have the voice, we have the clout, we just need to use it. So I want to encourage people to get get involved. I mean, a Queer Nation is not for you. There are other groups, more conservative, more mainstream groups like the Houston Lesbian and Gay Political Caucus. You know.

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Speaker 1 11:38

Yeah, but but even before that, I mean, give Queer Nation a try. Yeah. I mean, you don't know. I mean, before, yes, we were out there screaming and yelling, and maybe we still will, on certain occasions. I hope we will we still but but also, I mean, we've learned that sometimes we have to take a different approach. So I mean, don't just count it out. Because you think it's one way. I mean, you know, go to the meetings, and if you don't like it, it's an open group set the

agenda. If you want carnation to go in a different way, then you should call up or you should go to the meetings, because it's only going to be you know, the voice of all the people that are there.

 Michael Crawford 12:12


Exactly. And it's going to be a positive change a positive effect. It's going to be good.

 Speaker 1 12:20


No.

 Michael Crawford 12:22


Sarah says no. Little Miss. bottom. That not all DJs are bald. I happen to be bald and I think LuJack Tyler is bald.

 Speaker 1 12:32

I have I think my hair is really cute, though. It's not really bald, but I think it's cute. I don't know Roy, what do you think?

 Speaker 2 12:39


Oh, gorgeous.

 Speaker 1 12:40

Thank you darlin.

 Michael Crawford 12:41

I'm going personally.

 Speaker 1 12:44

I bought him coffee and now he's over here. Get away Roy. You want to ride home get over there. Man the phones. How rude.

 Michael Crawford 12:51

Speaker 1 12:56

Michael Crawford 13:04

Speaker 1 13:06

Michael Crawford 13:07

Speaker 1 13:08

Michael Crawford 13:09

Speaker 1 13:12

Michael Crawford 13:32



Speaker 1 13:39

Oh yay okay because it really toot we are the recruits.

M Michael Crawford 13:44
Okay being me being Michael Crawford means we have to play Nine Inch Nails.

S Speaker 1 13:48
Yes and me being Sarah means we have to play women.

M Michael Crawford 13:51
All right now there was discovered story in Details Magazine trend recently was on the cover. And he said I can totally see myself giving a man oral sex. I'd be very good at it. That classifies as queer in my book.

S Speaker 1 14:09
So without any further ado.

M Michael Crawford 14:11
Nine Inch Nails the song is Terrible Lie from the first album Pretty Hate Machine. Ain't Nuthin' But A She Thing. Oh, right. Girl, that was hot.

S Speaker 1 14:27
And if they're sleeping. Damn.

M Michael Crawford 14:29
Yeah. And you know, I was thinking about you know, when that song was on and we were like dancing around the control room with the volume turned up full blast. Hmm. One thing about the all the music that we played in like the second half of the show, is you hear none of it in queer bars. What's up with that?

S Speaker 1 14:44
I mean, maybe we can change that.



M Michael Crawford 14:47

All right, we're taking over me Can't you see people grinding on the on the dance floor? It Ain't Nuthin' But A She Thing. Well, what's the name of that song again?

S Speaker 1 14:57

Oh, that's the name of Ain't Nothing But A She Thing. at the mercy thing by Salt-N-Pepa, and it's actually on this on this CD. And I played Quinlan Tifus from an earlier it's a really, really cool CD because the proceeds go to, I don't want to mess it up and get it wrong. So fill fill, fill, and I'll read it.

M Michael Crawford 15:16

And also should point out that the name of the CD itself is Ain't Nuthin' But A She Thing.

S Speaker 1 15:20

Right? And it's got it the album is dedicated to a woman who lost her fight with breast cancer, and all the other people. So the proceeds go to this foundation for this woman, and it is a great CD. I mean, it's so it has a really good song in here by Melissa Etheridge. And it's a cold blooded song, so maybe we'll play it later. Just I mean, it's just too cold. We're just too up to play a real cold blooded song, but it is really cool.

M Michael Crawford 15:48

There you go. We're just going down. Disco was ever good.

S Speaker 1 15:53

It had its moments.

M Michael Crawford 15:54

It had its moments in the 79

S Speaker 1 15:56

Excuse me, when I was coming out, I was in junior high. Okay. And I was sneaking into the bars. And that's when disco was there. And I had a really good time.

M Michael Crawford 16:05

Okay, but you've moved on to newer stuff.

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Speaker 1 16:08

I have, but I'm just saying there was a moment just like there's a moment for certain fashions and then we move on.

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Michael Crawford 16:13

Right.

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Speaker 1 16:13

And that don't forget where you came from.

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Michael Crawford 16:15

And I was gonna make a point. Okay, but it seems like the queer clubs and bars haven't gone on.

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Speaker 1 16:20

Well, like I said before, maybe we could do something about that. I mean, if you don't like it, why are you paying the cover charge to get in? I mean, tell them something for God's sake.

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Michael Crawford 16:29

Exactly. We need more industrial rock, hip hop, Trip hop, all that cool stuff. There is something that I want to mention before we go to our very next song, which is actually going to be a Portishead song, and we're actually going to be giving away a Portishead CD. Let's see, turn the page.

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Speaker 1 16:46

Okay, well, you can find that and I can go tell Roy so when people start calling, he'll know what the heck we're talking about.

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Michael Crawford 16:51

Okay. The Community Services Department of the Montrose clinic is enrolling male volunteers in a peer based HIV education and prevention program targeting at risk populations, which of course is focusing on men who have sex with men and men of color who have sex with men.

course is focusing on men who have sex with men and men of color who have sex with men, including gay and bisexual men and those who don't identify as either. The next I guess training session for this program will be held on January 8, and 10th, from 5 to 8pm. And anyone interested should call the Community Services Department and speak to Wiley Walters at 5202075. You can I'm sure you can also call it number for more information and they asked it to register in advance so call them on Monday. That number again is 5202075. And since this I am making a special guest appearance, I might as well plug my own ventures again, Boys Life that new group is now organizing. In fact, I'll read you the little blurb from it. Boys Life a new group now organizing hubs to provide a forum for young men 18 to 30 to receive educational and social support on issues like safer sex, and HIV, HIV transmission and testing. Social support will include peer led discussions to help participants understand their sexual orientation and develop skills for living as gay and bisexual men. People are needed to serve on the group steering committee. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30pm. Okay, let's see. And you'd have to call the station here at 526-573-8526 KPFT. And I'll give you the location for that meeting. But let's say Portishead, which is this fabulous new band from England. We're going to be giving away their debut album Dummy, which is kind of a trip hop thing, kind of like massive attack. And in first person who calls up and yeah, requests the CD will get that CD, and okay.

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Speaker 1 18:52

But what do they have to what do they have to where do they have to call them

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Michael Crawford 18:55

5265738526 KPFT call the station you guys know the number get with it. Jam KPFT has died, Williams would say okay, the cool thing about the CD is that you not only get the CD, but you get a special little Cypress X kit, which has carefully color coordinated condoms. And for this particular CD, the condoms will be blue, and black. We're gonna play a remix of one of the songs from the Portishead CD. It's called lot more it's a remix of Sour Time. Nobody Loves Me hit it.

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Speaker 1 19:35

Aw yeah, that was Portishead remix of a single Sour Time. Nobody Loves Me, called lot more, the little bit of a hip hop flavor there. And we actually had two people who call it the exact same time. So to be fair, and honest and fabulous like we usually are. We're gonna give them both a copy of that CD Dummy. So congratulations to Eric and to Greg. Cool and I I just like to mention that this isn't from the station Michael's gone out and bought these himself.

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Michael Crawford 20:04

With my fabulous new target credit card.

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Speaker 1 20:07

— You go girl.

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Michael Crawford 20:09

Anyway, for those of you who didn't win, but can go out and buy the Portishead CD, it's a totally, totally fabulous makeout record, as my ex boyfriend Richard could attest to. Okay, and he's my ex, because he's now in Washington, DC fighting to make the world safe for the queer population.

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Speaker 1 20:26

I must say they made a very, very cute couple.

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Michael Crawford 20:29

And we've coupled everywhere. You know, okay, I have to talk about my personal life for the moment, as if I wouldn't anyway.

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Speaker 1 20:36

Really? I mean, he made me say that No.

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Michael Crawford 20:40

The great thing about dating Richard and I mean, it was like the first time I'd ever dated a fellow activist, because he's the former president of the gay student group at the University of Houston, Global, all mad props out to Global. You guys did great work in '95. Keep it up in '96. The new president is Aaron Masterson, who also works at the GAP. So he's way cool. And you guys need to keep up the good work. But anyway, Richard and I, he was white, and I'm black.

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Speaker 1 21:06

And he's very preppy.

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Michael Crawford 21:07

Yeah he is. But cute. It's cute. I likes cute, cute, skinny, nerdy looking guy. Yeah. Anyway, everywhere we'd go, we'd hold hands and hug and kiss, and so on and so forth. Just you know, because we liked it. And it was really cool, because for the most part, we didn't get like obnoxious people. But a couple of cool things that happened was once we were at a movie theater, and actually both has movie theaters, once this guy comes up to us and said he thought it was really cool that we can be so open and loving and affectionate in public. I

thought that was really great. And the second time we were we had just come from seeing Toy Story, the first time, and because, you know, you have to see Toy Story more than once. Okay, and we were kissing, like inside the little concession area. And this little kid goes up to his mom. And it's like, Mom, why are those two men kissing? We totally love that point. And it's like, cause were queer. So

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Speaker 1 22:04

I love it.

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Michael Crawford 22:05

Yeah. So Richard's off in Washington, trying to get a job as a professional gay activist about the gay agenda. And I'm in the market for a new activist boyfriend. So.

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Speaker 1 22:18

So all this was leading up to that.

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Michael Crawford 22:20

Well.

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Speaker 1 22:21

Shameless.

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Michael Crawford 22:22

If Scott Lewis could do it, I can do it too.

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Speaker 1 22:24

I know that's right.

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Michael Crawford 22:25

At some point in this evening, we should talk about the marriage issue, but what were we we're gonna give away something Weren't we?



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Speaker 1 22:32

Well, we were but then I thought you were gonna give it away from him. But what you're gonna buy another one of the same one?

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Michael Crawford 22:39

Oh, well, we're giving these to Eric and Greg both copies of the Portishead okay. Oh, what we're gonna do is go to the cassette. A cassette, Sarah.

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Speaker 1 22:51

No, you're not. No, you did it.

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Michael Crawford 22:53

She's like, whatever. Anyway, we also have clueless. We're going to play-.

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Speaker 1 22:58

Hand gestures.

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Michael Crawford 23:00

Whatever. Loser. Okay, anyway, enough movie moments. We are going to play a song from Lords of Acid from the 1994 album Buddha you and the song is called Marijuana in your Brain.