

9<sup>TH</sup> UNPLUGGED

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JUDGE LATIMORE: Hi, I'm Judge Latimore.

MS. FRASER: Hi, I'm Nyree Fraser.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And you are listening to 9<sup>th</sup> Unplugged.

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JUDGE LATIMORE: Before we become unplugged, please tell me your job title and the department you work for.

MS. FRASER: I am judicial assistant to Judge Christine Arendas in Osceola County.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right. Wonderful. And how long have you been in that position?

MS. FRASER: This year will be year three.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. Enjoying it.

MS. FRASER: I am.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Absolutely. We're glad to have you. So let's go ahead and get away from work for a little bit and become unplugged. Is that all right with you?

MS. FRASER: Definitely.

JUDGE LATIMORE: So tell me where you grew up.

MS. FRASER: I grew up in Guiana, South America and in Brooklyn, New York.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right, and so tell me the experience of growing up in South America.

MS. FRASER: It's lots of fun. It's lots of fun but I did leave there like fairly young.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. FRASER: I left there may be like when I was in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. I have gone back but once you leave there and you go back, it's very different for you.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. How is that?

MS. FRASER: Well, because at that point you're considered a foreigner.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, so once you leave you're out of the club, right.

MS. FRASER: Yes. You are ex-communicated.

JUDGE LATIMORE: I heard that. What is your most memorable time growing up in South America?

MS. FRASER: Actually it used to be going to my – she wouldn't – I consider her like my sister because like you know I've known her like my entire life, but I guess in today's world, she would be considered a nanny.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. FRASER: And it would be going to like her family like, you know home. They were like in a poor, less fortunate than like my family was. And I could just remember going to like her parents' house and even though like they were poor, having like so much fun with like her brothers and sisters cause I was able to like run around in the yard with like no shoes on. And I was allowed to you know quote unquote speak like broken English, which is essentially like a form of like Patwa, whereas home, that was not the case.

JUDGE LATIMORE: That was not allowed, right.

MS. FRASER: Right. You had to speak like you know the Queen's English at home.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yes. Yes. And so you moved from South America to Brooklyn, New York?

MS. FRASER: Yes.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And how long were you in Brooklyn?

MS. FRASER: Oh, boy, all the way up to junior high school. Then my parents decided that New York was a little bit too crazy, we needed to move to Florida.

JUDGE LATIMORE: As if – I'm not going to say anything. Okay. So what do you remember most about New York?

MS. FRASER: Oh, everything. Because like the majority of my family still is in New York. All of my cousins are still there so growing up it was just like, you have like tons of cousins. And you know just like going to the corner store, what we called the bodega. And just like getting sandwiches and you could get like a dollar's worth of candy like in a little brown, like lunch –

JUDGE LATIMORE: Brown bag.

MS. FRASER: Yeah, you could fill it like, you have a dollar and be like fill it with candy and get like the 25 cents juices and just like everything about like New York was just like so much fun.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Do you get to visit often?

MS. FRASER: Yes. I'm like – like I said, all my family is basically still there.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. FRASER: So as much as I possibly can.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right. And do you like to eat junk food? You mentioned candy and juices, is that something you like to eat or was that just growing up?

MS. FRASER: Like growing up, you know, you got like the special occasion, summertime you got more freedom. And then of course if there was a school field trip, you didn't have to do the school lunch, you know, that's when grandma would hook you up with like money to like buy stuff from the corner store.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. All right, so what are your favorite hobbies? What do you do?

MS. FRASER: Well, I'm a shopaholic.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh.

MS. FRASER: Love to shop.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right, you know admitting is the first step to recovery.

MS. FRASER: I don't want to recover.

JUDGE LATIMORE: You do not want to recover from being a shopaholic.

MS. FRASER: No. I watched this girl on YouTube that says that she's a shopaholic and her terminology is when are we going to rehab, never.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, okay. You are in that group.

MS. FRASER: Yes.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What else do you do as a hobby?

MS. FRASER: I like to read and then of course, my guilty pleasure is trash reality TV.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, wow.

MS. FRASER: I just love it.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What are your favorite shows?

MS. FRASER: Oh, everything, like 90 Day Fiancé.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, no.

MS. FRASER: Yes, like Love after Lockup. All of the Housewives.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, my goodness. If you had to pick your favorite, like if you had to pick the one that you just absolutely will not miss or you will record it if you do, which one would that be?

MS. FRASER: Well, definitely like my Housewives. Like I watch all of them.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All the Housewives.

MS. FRASER: All of the Housewives.

JUDGE LATIMORE: I see.

MS. FRASER: All of them.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And you know that just probably kind of blends in with the shopping and all of that as well because I know you're going to glam it out, won't you?

MS. FRASER: Always.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What's your favorite food?

MS. FRASER: Anything Asian.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Really.

MS. FRASER: Yes, like anything –

JUDGE LATIMORE: Well, that's broad.

MS. FRASER: Like I would say like East Asia. So like you know Chinese, Vietnamese, you know, like Thai and I know you know like Asia consists of like a lot of countries and so forth, so I do love also Indian food because that kind of falls in like you know the Asia category. I just love food period. I'm a foody.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Is there anything that you take for granted?

MS. FRASER: I think sometimes you could say like I take for granted like how I guess like you know privileged I was like you know growing up. Because like that was my world so you don't realize that everyone is not living in that world that you live in.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And what is it that you do mostly other than watching TV and shopping? Tell me some of the other things that you might do on a day off.

MS. FRASER: Well, when I'm not watching trash reality TV, getting caught up. I do have like two nieces and a nephew that I adore and I spoil rotten, you know, that auntie that you know would be like you know you guys want ice cream, okay. How about we have some cupcakes with that also.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay. All right.

MS. FRASER: And some candy. So I like to spend time with my nieces and nephew. I have a very close relationship with my mom so I do like to spend time with her and of course, I have my girlfriends. And COVID has impacted our ability to really like you know hang out and do things. Like every Sunday we would brunch.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Nice.

MS. FRASER: Yes. I joke around and say if I was a Housewife, my tag line would be on Sundays we brunch.

JUDGE LATIMORE: I like it. I like it. So what makes you feel at peace?

MS. FRASER: You know what, I could say honestly, like my family. Like you know, that's like my security blanket. That's home and that's where I can like always be myself and be safe.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What line should someone never cross with you?

MS. FRASER: Um, I think it would be hurting or disrespect someone like in my family. Like family is like very important to me. Like it's really important. Like we all like grew up like very close. Like my aunts, my cousins, like we're all like very, very, very, very close with each other.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And you said a lot of your family is still in New York. Is there a good amount of family here in Florida with you?



MS. FRASER: Actually, know besides myself, my dad's brother and his wife, my aunt, like they retired and they moved here but I joke around and tell them that they moved to the bush because they live in Ocala.

JUDGE LATIMORE: You're going to get it for that. What is your favorite tourist spot? I mean, where do you like to go when you get away?

MS. FRASER: Oh, well, you know what, it's on my bucket list and I was so close to making it there like last year. My girlfriends and I, we had a cruise to Europe but then COVID-19 said no.

JUDGE LATIMORE: It changed all of our lives, yes.

MS. FRASER: Yeah, cause we were going to Paris, Italy, Croatia, Greece, so I was going to get to like take my selfie in front of the Eiffel Tower. I was going to get to eat like my chocolate croissant at a sidewalk café. I was going to get to go to like the champagne regions so I could do like you know like wine tasting, drink all the champagne.

JUDGE LATIMORE: You did not think this through, did you?

MS. FRASER: Oh, I thought it through, you know. I was going to get to go shopping in Paris and in Italy.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, sounds good.

MS. FRASER: I know. But COVID said no.

JUDGE LATIMORE: No. Well, that's okay, we have something to look forward to, right.

MS. FRASER: Yes.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Absolutely, cause I know you're going to reschedule.

MS. FRASER: Oh, we are definitely rescheduling.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What type of music do you listen to when you travel in your car?

MS. FRASER: Um, everything.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Everything.

MS. FRASER: Everything. Like of course, growing up in South America, it's kind of strange cause Guiana is the only English-speaking country in South America. That's because we were British-ruled. So there's a lot of Caribbean influence because like where we're located. So I'd listen to Solka music, I listen to Reggae. I must admit I do listen to like a lot of like the younger artists nowadays cause you know I have like a niece and nephew – my niece is 12, my nephew is 14 so I have to be in the know of like what they're listening to.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Absolutely. You need to be able to understand all of that.

MS. FRASER: Exactly, plus I tell them it's my duty to embarrass them.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Wonderful. So thank you so much for being unplugged with me today. It's been a pleasure.

MS. FRASER: Thank you.

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