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ABDULLAH: Hey, how's it going folks? It's Abdullah and welcome to the season two finale of Great Moments in Weed History. What you're about to hear is a live episode that Bean and I taped in front of an audience at the Savage Henry comedy festival in Humboldt County. The folks at Savage Henry and all of our weed fam in Humboldt County have been really kind to us. They've always welcomed us with open arms and a pack pipe, so this one's for you guys. Special, special shout out, lots of love from being an eye and a big thank you to all of our listeners who have supported us and enjoyed our stories. We've got a whole new set coming at you in season three which is coming soon, but in the meantime I really hope you enjoy this story. I personally loved it when I heard it and I think you will too. Enjoy.

ABDULLAH: Very good. All right, everybody. We haven't arrived at the main course. You guys are probably all big fans, ladies and gentlemen. Give it up for great. Yup. All right, cool ladies, gentlemen. Uh, Abdula. David, Great Moments in Weed History. Thank you, Humboldt.

ABDULLAH: How are you guys doing tonight? You feeling good? Yeah. You ready to learn some stuff? Yeah. Get high with us. High on history with us.

BEAN: All right, so this is incredible. Uh, you guys, we don't have to tell you Humboldt County is the center of this center of cannabis culture. We've both been working as journalists, media makers for the last 15 years. Honoring this plant, honoring this culture to do our first live show here in humble is amazing. I grew up on the East coast. It was, yeah, let's hear over a homo. Yeah. Thank you, God. Amazing. I grew up on the East coast. It was a lot different, man. The first time I came to Humboldt was a trip. I got to tell you, cause where I grew up, uh, a fat sack of weed still fit in your pocket and here in humble, a fat sack of weed barely fits in the trunk of your car from sit on the top of me. I heard the click or like, you know, you guys have hundreds of strains bred up here in the Hills, second and third generation farmers, Skittle brow and such back, back East. I had my dealer, uh, gave me two choices. I gotta take it or leave it. I always took it. What about you?

ABDULLAH: Yeah, the, the, the leave it wasn't the greatest ever

BEAN: Low THCon the leaving the take it. The take it generally came from here all the way out East USBs.

ABDULLAH: Let's hear it for the U S P S right? California's finest lead to every city in the United States and perhaps the world

BEAN: Unsung heroes in all of this. Uh, and then of course back East, it's just not the same quality. We don't have the same incredible artists and growers. So, okay. You look at the, uh, you'd look at the bud. Maybe it's got a couple of those little red hairs. Who who knows what I'm talking about out here. I get a button, it's got a full beard. Like I'm big roll.

ABDULLAH: Um, so yeah, give it up for weed and the thing that keeps us all employed us included,

BEAN: Speaking of independent media that represents this community and this planet, let's give it up for Savage. Henry brought us out.

ABDULLAH: Hold it down up here. You guys have an amazing culture up here.

BEAN: Great publication, great festival, and really cool guys who really put the heart in Humboldt too. So thanks. Thanks for bringing us up here, man. Excellent.

ABDULLAH: All right, so let's get right into it. Uh, are you, are you ready?

BEAN: Why don't you tell them a little bit about how the show goes?

Speaker 5: Okay. Well, yeah. Okay. So basically this is going to be a story that bean has researched about, uh, something in cannabis. I have no idea what he's about to tell me about. I'm in the dark like you guys. Uh, but I'm going to weigh in with my, uh, you know, with my little nuggets of cannabis, uh, knowledge and insight that I've got and we're going to chat about it. We're going to talk about weed. He's going to tell me that story. Uh, we're going to get into it. I'm going to roll a joint. I can't smoke it in here because there's a children's choir performing tomorrow. So, you know, uh, it's not going to be exactly the same as the podcast, but we're both pretty high. So you're going to get the same effect. Uh, yeah. And that's gonna be it. And we're going to, we're going to have a lot of fun. You guys want to go?

BEAN: Yeah. All right. Well, today's story. Well, I'm going to tell you what this story is about and then when we do it that way, it's been awhile. We didn't, we were, this is the first time back from a little, and here comes a bad weed pun cover yours. If you don't like him. We've been on high-atus and I use it now. You'll get a couple. Uh, but today's show is all about the spirit of adventure inherent in the cannabis community and not getting caught. Let's hear it for not getting caught.

BEAN: And with that, we're ready to take a little journey for another Great Moments in Weed History

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ABDULLAH: Let's go. Whoo. All right, all right, being, I got my, I got my little rolling tray here and I got my, uh, I got my Humboldt's finest, uh, sun bowl grow right here. Shout outs on Barbara friend of the podcast, the podcast, and I'm going to twist this up. Uh, why don't you get us started

BEAN: . All right guys, a quick shout out. The quickest way to become a friend of the podcast if you're a grower out there, is to give us cannabis after the show. All right. And with that, we began in the middle of the night on December 9th, 1976, a pair of Vietnam veterans turned international weeds smugglers stood on a makeshift runway in Baja, Mexico watching as a work crew loaded up their twin engine airplane with 6,000 pounds of Primo since Amelia bud.

ABDULLAH: Oh my God. All right. It's a smuggling story. So this is definitely a big part of weed history, obviously is a, you know, especially in the last hundred years, it's smuggling this stuff from one place to another because it's been so illegal. Uh, and you know, I think that that's the kind of constraint that has generated a lot of ingenuity among, you know, people who have been in the manufacturer and trade of drugs like throughout history. And it's always pretty fucking cool to hear about. I'm stoked. Let's do it.

BEAN: This is a smuggling story with a twist too also 6,000 pounds a sin semilla. And so in 76 a lot of the weeds still had seeds sin semilla, Spanish for without seeds. So this is the good shit. 6,000 pounds designed.

ABDULLAH: Oh, I'm sorry. No, I was gonna say that's, uh, I, I grew up in a place where there was a lot of seeded weed. We used to buy weed in Patterson, New Jersey. It was pretty fucking disgusting. You guys have no idea what I'm [inaudible]

BEAN: Is there anybody old enough to have smoked weed would see in Humboldt, you know, in Humboldt County? Oh, silence. All right, so they're loading up this plane in Baja. Mexico designed to fly at high velocity over long distances. The Howard 500 had a wingspan of 72 feet and a maximum speed of 410 miles an hour.

ABDULLAH: Is that fast? And that's big in class for bigger planes.

BEAN: Oh, short answer, big and fast. The unregistered flights, illicit cargo was a locally-grown high grade red hair strain known as motor magic, which had been packaged into 40 pound burlap bales marked with the word Frijoles. You know what that means?

ABDULLAH: Beans.

BEAN: I'm Bean, perfect disguise. If anybody sees one of those sacks with my name on them, please return it to me after the show.

BEAN: So under cover of darkness, the smugglers took off and headed North hugging the coastline. Upon reaching a predetermined point in central California, they flicked off their running lights and turned sharply inland flying as low as possible over the central Valley. Sprawling farmland to avoid detection.

ABDULLAH: Holy crap. So, okay, so this is weed that's coming up from, from Mexico?

BEAN: Yeah, from Baja Mexico. And it originated there. They called the VA this stuff in Mexico.

BEAN: Yeah, it's called Mota. Magic Mota is like a Spanish, right?

ABDULLAH: Yeah. I've heard that before. There was an offspring song called Moto back in the day or if any of you guys remember that,

ABDULLAH: somebody shout out offspring, friend of the podcast, shout out guy who laughed at that. Definitely pride of the brand of offspring as well is, is it offspring? We started to see from me how hard have they fallen? Are they high? They could score this. This is a good show. You're right. He's right. That's why all you get people are here, right? Yeah, absolutely. Excellent. So okay, so basically this is like the stanky is to the snake weed that you can find in 1976 nobody's smoking on the red hair Mota magic, right? These guys have shit, tons of it and they're about to flood America or some part of America with really, really fine weed creating an appetite for more fine weed, which employs everyone here today.

BEAN: Well, we're gonna to, we're going to take a turn in the story within minutes. They reach the Sierra Nevada foothills and plan to use the light of a near full moon to swoop up and over the rugged mountains only. They didn't make it.

ABDULLAH: Oh my God, it's about to rain. We'd all,

BEAN: it's raining weed, yeah, we can't pay for that song. So that's, yeah, we're definitely out.

ABDULLAH: But okay. So now, I mean, you know, all of that Gusto amounts to an explosion of weed and this guy, I think,

BEAN: yeah, this is the sad part of the story. I said it's about not getting caught. Everything from here on out is good. Our, our, our S our smugglers, our ill-fated and uh, friends of the podcast. And uh, let's do a quick moment of silence because they didn't make a bomber. Everything else is happening. So the smugglers crash landed on the frozen surface of lower Merce said pass Lake, a small six acre body of water nestled the remote backcountry of Yosemite National park.

ABDULLAH: Okay, gotcha. So, Oh, this is Yosemite. This is happening in a beautiful place. What better place for there to be pounds of weed raining out of the sky? And this is God's country. Maybe God took it back, God give it. Then sometimes they get the way that Mota, it's

like you heard a fly too close to the sun and God has definitely take it some weed from me in my day to not as much, you know, small amounts at critical times, you know?

BEAN: Yeah. So the fire express went down in flames and, and both men on board were, were killed instantly upon impact. So they did not suffer other than maybe that moment where they realized, Oh, we're both out 6,000 pounds of weed and we're going to die.

ABDULLAH: Yeah, that's a diaper of weed.

BEAN: Not a good feeling. Um, the airplane's fuselage burst through the ice, depositing all those bales of weed into the bone chilling water below. And this is what we call the premise.

ABDULLAH: Oh my God. All right, so this is before vacuum sealers deliver old vacuum sealed Turkey bag was a burlap sack. Is this the guy sucking with a straw? Done it. You've done it

BEAN: All right. Shout out to Zach, the vac, a friend of the podcast. Wait a minute, wait a seal up. Those burlap sacks. I'm really chapped lips. Now, here's where it gets good. Here's where it gets happy. Here's where it gets to be a tale of adventure and joy.

ABDULLAH: And the weed is ruined or the weed is not ruined. Oh yeah. I'm not, yeah, let's go again. I don't know what this story is. You're worried about the weed. I'm like, let's get a shovel and go to the Lake. Whatever the fuck. A, shovel. Yeah. That shows how long it's gonna take us to retrieve that weed from a Lake with a shovel.

BEAN: Okay, so about a month after, after the crash landing, so this is remote where this happens. Uh, a waiter at Yosemite's famous, our honey lodge spotted the plane severed wing while out snow shooting, snow shoeing. Uh, an alert. Snow shooting is when you get cabin fever. Real bad. And yeah, too soon. I'd like to immediately apologize for those comments. And you guys who laughed at them. That's what terrible people. It's full of wonderful people. Um, so while they're out snow shooting, snowshoeing sees the wing. It's got the number on it. They call a park ranger, uh, rather quickly. The national transportation safety board, the FAA, customs and the DEA all get involved. Wait, did I just say DEA and Humboldt and no boos.

ABDULLAH: Fuck the DEA. Am I right? Yeah, that's more like it. I bet the park ranger was like, that's definitely weed.

BEAN: I'm a fucking park ranger and I know trees, so they all get involved. They all kind of have a sense of what's going on and all these, uh, agencies set off together on a rescue and recovery mission into the frozen back country reaching the wreck by helicopter, the multi-jurisdictional law enforcement team set to work, recovering as many bowels of weed as possible from below the Lake under the, under the frozen water.

ABDULLAH: Okay. So it sounds like there's, there's hope for this weed. Otherwise, why would you go to all that trouble retrieving it? Am I right? Even the cops don't want wet weed, you know

what I mean? What good is it? Okay. Judges like this weed is clearly damned toss it out of evidence.

BEAN: So speaking to Greg Nichols, uh, for an excellent article in men's journal and shout out to him. Uh, he wrote a great article about this story. I used a lot of it, uh, to do the research for this and uh, I want to give him credit. Um, so he spoke to a park ranger many years later who recalled what it was like to try to go and recover these battles. Uh, and the park ranger said it became a recovery of drudgery, which is pretty, pretty fly wordplay for him. And the name of my new album, a recovery of drudgery, it's, it drops in a month. It became a recovery of drudgery because we use chainsaws to cut out these bowels of marijuana, which were frozen. They're heavy, they're broken apart, they're wet. The chainsaws were cutting ions to the chainsaw. Blades didn't last long.

ABDULLAH: What the hell? So wait, what is, what is the meaning of this? I mean, really, you know what I mean? Like this is a ridiculous, they're in Yosemite fucking, you know, like Megan, all manner of racket, you know, that, that's not good for the animals and stuff. You know what I'm saying? And you're trying to retrieve weed that's, that's frozen. You know like you're Jack hammering it out of a frozen Lake. Why? What is the point of all this? They're trying to recover it as evidence so that they can prosecute the two dead guys in the plane. Like who is going down for this?

BEAN: This is what you see when they make that big picture of themselves and they're like, look we took all this weed off the streets and then we're like, Oh shit, now no one can smoke weed. Yeah I remember that when the cops got it all for that stretch and you couldn't smoke cause they took some and then they won and we gave up. Yeah. Wait, no I don't think that. Okay so once they'd cut a large, this is, you think these motherfuckers are just getting started if you think this is so once they cut a large enough hole in the ice, Yosemite scuba dive team was sent underneath the wreckage.

ABDULLAH: What the fuck are you serious scuba divers and like, you know that a scuba diver down there, you know, when he has like a moment to think, it's like I could be exploring a fucking shipwreck, like, you know, like off the coast and I, I'm here in a Lake, like looking for a weed, you know that these fucking pigs, Oh wait, I'm a pig aquatic pig.

BEAN: Also five people drown in the Lake just right around them as they were focused on this.

ABDULLAH: Yeah. They weren't even lifeguarding, you know, this whole time they were like, we have to set priorities.

BEAN: Um, so they are sent under there. Eventually they get as much as they can and they've got to bring it all back to headquarters to log it as evidence and show what a great job they're doing. Stopping weed

ABDULLAH: Paperwork. Right. Am I right?

BEAN: So, uh, Kim Tucker, who worked in Yosemite's office of law enforcement but was actually very cool. Uh, she described what happened next. Uh, we closed down one side of the jail and put all those bags of frozen marijuana in a cell. They came in like giant [inaudible] in there until you learn your like you get one phone call. It was 76 so they called Jerry Garcia. Unfortunately I don't think the message got to him cause there's no record of him bailing them out. He does. He like the pounds in the shape of a man with like a striped prison uniform. Like so she says, this is Kim Tucker. They came in like giant ice cubes with all that vegetable material and green leafy substance, frozen solid. But over time the bell started to become runny. Just like if you take a package of spinach out of the freezer. Oh Gras.

ABDULLAH: So it's like, I mean again, I'm, you know, like I'm waiting to hear more details about the ceiling situation of these, of these packs. You know what I mean? Because you know, probably not to get too technical about this, but like, you know what I'm saying, if this thing, if they were like wrapped up and sealed, you're gonna be able to crack that shit open the weeds. Skin it still be good. But it's wet. Weed is, I mean,

ABDULLAH: I guess still can be just evidence, right? Even if it's wet. So who cares at this point? Unless someone's going to smoke this weed

BEAN: All right. I try not to get ahead of the story, but people are going to smoke this weed.

ABDULLAH: Yeah, that's what I liked here. Do you know how hard it is for me to not like is joy right?

BEAN: Do I have like 80% understanding of how hard it is for you to not let it joy? Um, okay. You know what? I need to amend this. Uh, I can't say that the we that actually was held and incarcerated got smoked, but the weed from the plane will get smoked. So shout out moment of silence. Friend of the podcast to our weed up in the pen. Even though it's legal now, we do not forget you and you know, get so get this though. Here's the great turn. As the bells of a red haired. Sin-semilla thawed, the runoff pooled in the lock cell until grass hinged water started leaking through the floor and dripping down to the police in the office below.

ABDULLAH: Oh my God. So it's gonna make the whole police station stink like fucking wet. We've now, huh? All right. So again, little by little one drip at a time. Um, but what happened next?

BEAN: So that meant these already exhausted park Rangers had to start hauling the now wet and mushy bales of weed out of the jail and down two flights of stairs to a walk in storage freezer.

ABDULLAH: Oh God. They're going to refreeze this week. All right. You know the, the bag of spinach analogy. Have you ever put it back in the freezer? You can just become like a block,

like a frozen rectangle of like mushy, dark green. It's going to be disgusting. These fucking cops don't know how to treat weed.

BEAN: Police abuse is fucked up. Also, I got an idea for a new strain name freezer burn.

BEAN: Ah, actually sounds pretty awesome. Yeah. Don't say I heard that. Ah, you're going to, Oh, no, humble, don't take mine. Don't take my name. Um, now, meanwhile out on the Lake, so they're still at it. They've got it stocked up in the jail, but they're still added out on the Lake. But a huge winter storm front starts building. Uh, so this week long salvage mission was put on hold and all these law enforcement departments are called back from the field.

ABDULLAH: They do more important stuff. They're like, Oh, there's like a serial killers and shit running around. Um, in the time that everyone is digging the in the ice, but this fucking weed. All right, so they're gone. The cops are gone.

BEAN: Yup. And um, so the authorities left assuming that the remaining bales of weed would we be, ah, Whoa, let's take a running start at that.

ABDULLAH: We're going to edit that out in the corded version. I have a running folder of a Bean sounds as he makes all, he'll be like, like, um, like Ooh. Or like what happened? You know, like woo. There's a whole fucking folder of them. There's going to be a greatest hits album of Bean mouth's sounds at some point.

BEAN: I think Russia hacked the folders. I'm getting a lot of, we're going to release all your sounds. Uh, it's in my, uh, drudgery of recovery out. Yeah, I rap about it.

BEAN: Uh, so the authorities left, assuming all these bales of weed would be there waiting for them when they returned in the spring. But what they didn't realize is that word of the crash and the planes, precious cargo had long since reached camp four in Yosemite where a group of legendary rock climbers known as the Stone Masters lived year round.

ABDULLAH: Amazing. All right, so you know, this is like whatever. Now this is like the legend of Curley's goal. I am glad more people got that reference.

BEAN: They all think it's a strain name. Yeah. He lives up by McKinleyville. Doesn't usually leave the land like

ABDULLAH: Billy crystal, but yeah. Okay. All right. Gotcha. So man, somebody, so there's rock climbing in this story. That's fucking amazing. I did not see that coming at all. I just recently became fascinated with rock climbing. I've been trying it out. It's fucking amazing. I mean, all of like, you know, uh, the sheer experience of it. And I also know that those motherfuckers love to smoke weed. Man. Rock climbers are like huge. Potheads because look at what the activity is, you know, it's like that kid who wouldn't get out of a tree, you know, like as a kid like grows up

rock climber. All right, so, so these guys are going to go retrieve this weed, these are our heroes is, there's only, are people like competing for this? Is this becoming like a, you know, a situation where everyone's like, there's a gold mine of weed up there and there's like teams where it's one group of guys we finds out about it.

BEAN: Well remember I said though, the woman was cool even though she worked in the lot, she tips off a couple of people. She's like, it just might be of interest to you. Fuck [inaudible] pounds of weed floating in a frozen Lake.

ABDULLAH: 6,000 pounds. And how many pounds are left at this point? Ballpark?

BEAN: Oh, I'm sure the cops got a few hundred pounds. Okay. The lion's share.

ABDULLAH: It's still there. Just waiting to be plucked.

BEAN: Yeah,

ABDULLAH: I didn't know that there's a lion in this story. Oh, I know. It has everything. It doesn't have a lion. So the mouth [inaudible]

BEAN: Damn it. That's fair. I told you not to read ahead already here. Like really into rock climbing. Okay. You heard of the stone masters? Yeah. They're like fucking legends. Like that's the other part of it. We'd aside these particular rock climbers are like ultimate legends of the best rock climbers in the world. No shit. And they're from here. They were, well they were all in Yosemite because it's apparently got some stuff too. So these were the best big wall climbers in the world. A self-described group of quote, dirt bags, dirt bag who lived a scuzzy counter-culture hand to mouth existence in the park in order to spend their days smoking dope and making solo a sense of half dome El Capitan and the parks. Other unparalleled rock faces. Oh no

ABDULLAH: shit. Those sounded like strain names until you [inaudible]

ABDULLAH: yeah, I agree. So, um, uh, what was the last thing?

BEAN: Yeah, that's the problem folks. So these guys, like they just live in 10. All they want to do is rock climb. So they just like live intense live in their cars,

Speaker 7: your mouth existence out there. And they're just like waiting for a big payday basically. I mean like this, like this is like fucking amazing.

BEAN: Yeah. They were like, Oh, should we get jobs or wait for a plane to crash?

ABDULLAH: Yeah. Seriously.

BEAN: How many people right now? That's your financial plan? My retirement plan, we were, you know, we're independent media makers. We don't have 401ks. We're just waiting for a nice crash landing of a weed plane.

ABDULLAH: Yeah. All the rock climbing fields are finally going to pay off.

BEAN: Past performance is no guarantee of future returns. Unfortunately, I am required to mention that, uh, if there was an accountant in here that would've killed. Okay. So in peak physical condition and with intimate knowledge of Yosemite's topography, the stone masters were ideally positioned to take advantage of the ensuing green rash.

ABDULLAH: Oh my God. God, amazing. It's a, you know, this literally is being handed to them by the universe. Like, you know, God totally was like down to plain for them and was like, here you poor bastards go the only guys who can get it, the only guys, the skills to go get this shit and it's right there in their backyard. You know

BEAN: Also if you were God, and I'm not saying you are, I'm not saying you're not agnostic on that, but if you are looking down and you were like, who's the coolest motherfuckers I made? I haven't checked in on this planet for a while. And you saw people dangling by one hand, from half dome, you'd be like, you know, I'm going to hook those guys up there, living it fall.

ABDULLAH: Cool. It's the coolest fucking thing you can do is hang from something by one hand.

BEAN: Yeah.

ABDULLAH: Everyone who's fucking legendary is dive Jordan. Then the rest, the rest of them, you know at all

AUDIO LOGO: Smoke Weedia.

BEAN: Okay. So the stone masters activate, uh, carrying huge empty backpacks. They sat off into the backcountry prepared to hike for days, Fjord, icy rivers, and then break through the frozen Lake with axes, heavy iron bars and whatever else they could get their hands on

ABDULLAH: Fjord. So there's few boarding up and down like the whole, like this Lake or whatever. So they get in gear, they're stacking up, they're getting their best, finest ropes and hooks and whatever other thing.

BEAN: This is like the army beyond the wall.

ABDULLAH: Yeah. Well they call them the ice queen. Was the name of that army from beyond another good strain name ice cream. You could call somebody better be writing these shit down. We should record some of this. Yeah. Oh yeah. That's such a good idea. Hey, what someone hit record back there. This is good stuff we're losing. All right, so what happened next?

BEAN: So shopping through the link left them exhausted and covered in ice shards as they hauled their packs full of contraband home, the bales of Magic Mota thought against their backs, sending icy cold weed, water down their legs and onto their feet. Then at night the packs would refreeze covering them entirely. And icicles.

ABDULLAH: What the, basically this guy becomes like a literal ice person with a weed backpack. Like walking. There's, there's the army of these guys walking around right. Bizarre image. That's the type of thing that you mistake for like an alien encounter, you know,

BEAN: I mean maybe like early man, smoked a lot of weed early on. It did have a lot of weed.

ABDULLAH: By the way. This is a little nugget of weed history for you guys. You know, early man was smoking fucking weed in central Asia. It happened though. Anyhow, the ice man walking around we've backpack.

BEAN: So it was grueling, miserable work and the stone masters couldn't have been happier.

ABDULLAH: Right. Okay. So they obviously are used to this kind of life. They've been living this hand to mouth existence. Right. Where it's like it makes me think of like that's so crazy cause I actually picture them eating with their hands and like, you know like squatting and pooping in holes, you know, and like living that life. So this is nothing and now they've got shit tons of weed. I mean, so that's what I'm wondering is like what's going to happen, you know, like how are they going to unload this? Are they going to smoke some first? I mean the little bit.

BEAN: So, okay, well here we go. Upon returning to camp, the stone masters stashed the spoils in their tents or nearby bear caves, uh, until they could figure out how to sell it. But first, naturally they got high on their own supply,

ABDULLAH: Right? So a little bit first, but there's definitely a bear coming and there's a lot of animals like almost coming in possession of this weed. You know what I mean?

BEAN: A lot of people think Yogi is from Yellowstone, but he's actually from Yosemite. That's how he got mellowed out.

ABDULLAH: He doesn't give a shit about your picnic basket. You want that loud. They want that rather than pack a loud trapped in the back of a like, you know, like a, like a tasty rock climber, like a night's muscular. Like it's like a sushi roll. Yeah. Oh yeah. He just, you know, just defrost

in the microwave for a minute and just pop it in your mouth. All right. So, so then the weeds in the bear cave. These guys smoke a little bit of gas.

BEAN: Yup. So after drying out some of the connoisseur quality cannabis and rolling it up, however, they made an explosive discovery, explosive discovery, any guess,

ABDULLAH: Uh, it was soaked in gasoline.

BEAN: Some of the bud had soaked up traces of the 1500 gallons of aviation fuel that flooded out of the airplanes tank upon impact with the frozen lay.

ABDULLAH: That's really weird cause I've never been right about one of the nations. I was totally kidding. And it didn't really work as a joke, but it was fucking true. That soaked in air airplane fuel. Jet fuel.

BEAN: Yup. Well it wasn't a jet and had props. It was a propeller plane.

ABDULLAH: So again, that's not an aviation guy. I don't know the difference, but I'm fucking super bummed out. Uh, what the vote, what are you going to do with a bunch of gas soaked weed? All right, well wait, did it actually blow up in a guy's face? Like, like when he lit the thing? Oh man. Oh my God, I gotta stop making [inaudible]. I think Donald Trump's going to have a heart attack.

BEAN: All the natural causes, natural causes.

ABDULLAH: All my fucking predictions are coming through.

BEAN: Okay. So the DEA is not still here. Right. Okay. Occasionally a particularly contaminated batch of the herbs would actually flare up when you smoked it.

ABDULLAH: Holy shit. Not a situation. You want to be in a, you ever have somebody do like the seed prank to you? You guys know what I'm talking about? The seed bring. Oh, I know you've never smoked. Fuck, he's snooty assholes. You've never, you haven't lived the way we've lived, but basically it's when in a blunt you take, you know, you gather up all the seeds and you put them in the middle of the blunt so that when somebody gets that and you know, so when you light a seed on fire, it explodes again. A thing you guys don't know. But yeah. So you know, you'll get to that point in the blunt and it'll explode on your face. Not only do we have bad weed on the East coast where assholes.

BEAN: Yeah, I think there's a correlation and a causation.

ABDULLAH: Yeah. Yeah. Part of the same problem. You know,

BEAN: We also both live here in California, but a shout out to the

ABDULLAH: Shout out to the East. Ah, no. Well the person, I like it. Why did I say that on the big and in Humboldt we're going to a shit about it. They're like East humble. I don't know. Like fuck those guys too far.

BEAN: So, okay. Not all of the herbs is, is contaminated it just some of it, but at least one of the stone masters actually singed his eyebrows off in a weed explosion trying to smoke.

ABDULLAH: Oh my God. It's like a Marx brothers that like, it's like, it's you know, like there's that phase.

BEAN: They suppress all the old, uh, three Stooges episodes where they smoked weed. They don't show them on TV anymore. It's a conspiracy on our conspiracy podcast. You can hear more about it. There was a fourth stooge they don't want you to know about. Yeah,

ABDULLAH: Yeah. Kushy. All right, we're going to make a note of that and make a mockumentary back. Pushy.

BEAN: This dude who I think is also hangs out on the Plaza here in Arcadia. Ever since he got kicked out of the Stooges. Alright. Time.

ABDULLAH: So, um, all right, so a gas soaked weed, but not all of it. Some of it's still good,

BEAN: not all of it, but the harsh smoking herb soon became known around the park as an eco. Any gas. Oh, that gas, right. Only gas weed. They call the crash buds. Oh boy.

ABDULLAH: Still, I mean this is, there's still a lot of weed available suddenly whether or not as you know, gasoline on it. So people are still smoking it or are they selling it to people?

BEAN: Yeah, they start. So it's, it's, it's, you know, it's the late seventies. It's not, it's not like it's, it's going up against, you know, your O G Kush is, it's,

ABDULLAH: This is like a grandpa Simpson story where it's like back when we had jet fuels explode in your face when you tried to get high. And we liked it.

BEAN: Okay. So as the dirtbag denizens of Yosemite went out on more and more guerrilla raids of the downed airplane, a few small fortunes were made. Yeah. So this is a gift that keeps on giving because there's 6,000 of these fucking things down there. So it's like you can just keep going and pulling up pack. It's like, it's like literally you're going ice fishing for fun, like exploding weeds. Yeah. Well that's what we were going to do that tomorrow, right? We got one more day. Uh, so climbers who'd once gotten their daily caloric intake by eating cans of discount cat food and swiping publicly accessible packets of butter from the [inaudible] lodge in Yosemite. Uh,

nothing like a, like a butter and cat food catheter, all for another cold Thanksgiving. And Yosemite

BEAN: Just like mom used to make. So now they're like rolling up on this same lodge, buying baller dinners, tipping \$100.

ABDULLAH: I'll take 300 cans of nine lives.

BEAN: I'd like to see your butter list please. Maybe something important that you know that Irish butter is good. He's like reading the country cross thing, like reading the label. Very good. Um, they also bought new climbing equipment. They threw lavish parties that are still the stuff of legend, uh, and they travel to France and Asia to climb.

ABDULLAH: Oh Holy shit. So they're, they're living it up and no one suspicious about it. Can't help but think that that might more work in the story somewhere. Cause you know, that's like being hobo rich is like a different thing, you know, it's like that. Like, I'm going to get a golden top hat, you know what I mean? Like, like they're out to spend their money. You see that to this day with like, someone wins the lottery and they literally will do the fucking cat food thing

BEAN: To make this a bit of a cautionary tale, I think people become a bit suspicious at this point.

ABDULLAH: Rightfully so,

BEAN: Um, so some of the, uh, stone masters even use this windfall, one of them launches a successful climbing equipment company that is still huge today. Uh, one buys a bunch of camera equipment and starts a career as a renowned nature photographer. So it's like, you know, these guys and lady, there was a, uh, one of the big stone masters was a lady, woman person. Oh, gender. Did I say it right yet?

ABDULLAH: Yeah. Remember that the next time you're shopping nug smuggler, brand climbing equipment that you're supporting a good guy know.

BEAN: Uh, and, and there's, uh, a friend of the podcast, hopefully a future sponsor. What was it? Nug smugglers, smugglers, smugglers from when it's under a frozen Lake. I'm going to do that again. So we get a good one, no smugglers for when it's under a frozen Lake. Uh, and others just, you know, like lived off the proceeds from this windfall for the next decade or so while completely reinventing the sport of rock climbing.

ABDULLAH: I don't know if you can call them proceeds or like what'd you get from like a cancer walk? Yeah, it is. Drug money is like cold and hard, you know, exploding drug money.

BEAN: So, but this does not all go on notice. Now I promised everybody this story is about not getting caught, so don't worry. Uh, but eventually word spread beyond camp four and enterprising weed heads began to descend upon Yosemite Valley from all directions in search of adventure and a quick profit.

ABDULLAH: There's gold you know it was bound to happen like you that worried about that and this all is because of Justine or whatever. The clerk lady, I made that name up. I don't know if that was her name but you know, she like let the word out and she's masterminding this like you know, this crazy gold run. It's weird. There's like a million movies where this shit happens and you know where there's a thing that everyone's going for and I can't think of the title of even one of those movies. Right.

ABDULLAH: There was a Sylvester Stallone movie that was a loose act clip hangar. Ravi. Very first blood.

BEAN: Oh yeah. It takes a real dark turn. This story,

ABDULLAH: It's like deep in the heart of Yosemite.

BEAN: I just love the idea. Okay. If you were at a party in 1976 you're hanging out and you're smoking some weed and you're trying to get some tips on how to fix your bug. And somebody is like, Hey, not a lot of people know about this, but out in Yosemite, there's a crashed plane that went through the ice and there's under the ice. You want to go get it?

ABDULLAH: It's so strong it'll singe off all your beard hair, your eyelashes.

BEAN: I love that. People were like, yeah, tight. You want to leave right now? Or should we get a good night's sleep and head out in the morning? We'd go, yeah, who wants to find that buried fucking weed? It's interesting business.

ABDULLAH: Uh, you know, I'm going to call back to a previous episode, the Waldos, you know, I had a similar vibe where, you know, the guys who invented the four, the four 20 thing, the guys who came up with four 20, the reason that we all like, you know, say four 20, they were also hunting for last week. Like, this is not a, you know, unique coincidence people, if you don't, there's buried weeds somewhere buried. Like, you know, that's as good as Barry goal. People want to find that shit, you know,

BEAN: To our younger readers, we should, our listeners, we should probably stress [inaudible]. There weren't weed stores in 1970, so it's not like you'd be like, Oh, there were cans of beans under the ice. I would think I would just go to the store and get my cans because this, it was a different time. So I'm gonna say a better time. What? Not me.

ABDULLAH: Yeah, no, this time's better. .

BEAN: Okay. So, uh, so people are coming from all directions at times more than 20 people at once would be at work breaking through the ice or hauling bales out of the water.

ABDULLAH: Oh wow. So different groups of people would see each other. In fact, it's like literally weed fishing here, like pulling out fucking pounds from the ice. Was there, like, I mean, there's no competitive thing going on here. No one was like, Hey, get off our, this is our spot, or whatever. It wasn't happening?

BEAN: There's 6,000 pounds of weed and you have to hike it out in a backpack or both. There's no shortage.

ABDULLAH: Yeah. Holy shit. All right, so what is seen and where is the department of fishing and wildlife or whatever at this point they're like,

BEAN: Oh, we're not going to go back until it's nice weather again.

ABDULLAH: They literally just stopped. I mean, so they, they fished out some amount of weed from there and then we're like, they were like, Oh, it's dripping everywhere. Let's just stop. But that's so crazy to think that cops would do that, you know. But they, I mean they did like their, it's a fucking melee over here.

BEAN: Yeah. Also they can't like bring their helicopter in cause it's crazy winter weather. But the stone masters and these people are just like, I'm gonna snow shoe in hand and mouth, hand to mouth. Um, now, not everybody who showed up was a chill as fuck back country free spirit, like the Stone Masters. Um, some of them start to realize it's a lot easier to just wait and try to rob somebody who already went through all the work.

ABDULLAH: Classic. It takes one asshole, the horse, the mellow, am I right? Yeah. Having a good time.

BEAN: Like hear me humble. It's like maybe if you have a chill as fuck little back country scene where everybody makes a living and nobody makes a, and weed is beloved and then a bunch of fucking mercenary people show up in your scene and blow it up.

ABDULLAH: Carpetbaggers would never happen up here.

BEAN: Everybody's intentions are pure and good and derived from the loveliness of the plant that binds us all, except for some people. So things start to get a little tense out on the ice. And meanwhile, so many kids with long hair rented scuba equipment in the nearby town of Fresno that the supply shops proprietor got suspicious and called the Yosemite Rangers.

ABDULLAH: Oh man. He's like, ah, business is great. Tide nine one one. I'm doing really well. Fucking asshole. Right. That's the guy was like, just going to be like, Oh, that's a lot of clouds. I better call the cops, drop a bat.

BEAN: Especially if they're black clouds.

ABDULLAH: He's like, I don't like the look of them.

BEAN: And this, uh, the Rangers basically kind of already have a sense they've been monitoring foot traffic on the trail that leads to Merseyside Lake. Uh, so it doesn't take long for them to put four and 20 together.

BEAN: I deleted it and I put it back and I deleted it.

ABDULLAH: I was up till 3:00 AM should I put the 4 20 thing in.

BEAN: And then I had my alarm set for four twenties. I really didn't get a lot of sleep.

ABDULLAH: Uh, staying true to that thing. Foggy at 4:20 AM and PM every single day. It's changed my life.

BEAN: Wait, there's an am for 28. Uh, so in the spring on April 13th, the park Rangers who generally hated and resented the rock climbers, they make their move.

ABDULLAH: So now these guys, I'm guessing I've been waiting for a reason to fuck with the interlopers. You know, the guys who are living in Yosemite, I assume it's illegal to live in Yosemite. I'm not 100% sure, but basically they've been like waiting. There's like the cops, you know, in your town when you're growing up or again, I don't know if you guys can relate to this shit, but they would like chase you around town and that moment that they could find, you know, find you with weed in your pocket or like acid or mushrooms or whatever they were, you could see the excitement in their eyes because they knew they're about to fuck you. You know, and cops loved. That's like, that's their favorite thing. It's like fucking people with drugs. You know what I'm saying?

BEAN: Allegedly I had acid in my pocket.

ABDULLAH: Yeah, no, you definitely had it. What are you talking about? Remember? You sold some. So

BEAN: Yeah. And so we think of the park Rangers is like chill as fuck, but they actually like Nixon era when the whole culture went crazy and people wanted to rock climb and be left alone, can't have that. They created what they called the danger Rangers and they train them in like SWAT shit and weapons and tactics to fucking defend Yosemite. From what

ABDULLAH: I mean. Yeah. Besides these, like nug smuggler, dude illegal. Who is, who is even there? Bears. Is it like, like from before, you know, that's a weird thing.

BEAN: It's counterculture bears. They dropped out. They left the pack. Yeah. No, they're just like, honestly, they see these dudes and lady and gender people climbing rocks and getting off on it and having peak experiences and getting all of the, uh, ladies and men and gender people attraction. And these cops are jealous fucks.

ABDULLAH: Yeah. Dude. How many cops become cops because they're, they're not getting laid, right? That's weird. Kind of dark realization I'm asking right now. Let's see. That's probably they did. They are like, they're like super horned up. You know what I mean? They don't know where to put that energy. So they're like, Oh, I would've put this gun in your mouth. Huh? That's, you know, that's happening.

BEAN: So, uh, and it's like, this is like the culture clash in this country distilled down to its essence. We turned Park Rangers into super fucking cops and we have like the coolest people who just want to hang off a cliff in the middle of nowhere. And we have to pit them against each other because of a plant like that's America.

ABDULLAH: I do want to see who's going to win this fight, you know?

BEAN: Okay. Well, so on this day, six of these, uh, armed danger Rangers, they fly in on a helicopter and they make an uh, assault on the crash plain sight.

ABDULLAH: Oh shit. Okay, cool. So it's going down the original site of the crash. It's all, it's all coming together. Cops versus climbers, cops versus, Ooh, good episode title. That's the one

BEAN: Um, so, uh, according to, uh, this guy, Tim, I'm not going to try to pronounce his last name, shout out to you head. He's head of the park ranger search and rescue team and he's describing this raid that they make. I'm a down plane where there's like 20 people just pull in weed out of the ice for weeks and I think months at this point. Uh, and he says it was like ant scattering. The people up there had created this infrastructure, kind of like the Viet cong put in, in some areas of Vietnam, makeshift housing, intense fire pits. They had all sorts of tarps. They picked up digging equipment wherever they could. It was really caveman technology.

ABDULLAH: Oh my God. They had like set up like a whole festival lot. That's it. You know, that's what he's describing too. It's like there was tents and like men would be it. It was like a village of trolls. Shakedown's treat. Right. Maybe Jerry came after all, there was a guy playing the mandolin.

BEAN: Yeah, he kind of wailed but it went on really long. Whoa. I've, I heard a little undertone of like ease back on the chair. We're with you, but you're on your own man. Don't look at me. I love Jerry Garcia name three Graceful Dead songs

ABDULLAH: Uh, anyway, what happened next with this very thing of weed? You said? Name three. Wu Tang.

BEAN: All right. So the raid sets off pandemonium. Uh, but only two people were arrested and the charges were quickly dropped due to a due process investigation. Okay. Yay. Millions of dollars of taxpayer money went into excavating a fucking frozen Lake. It never turned out to get anyone arrested.

BEAN: Um, yes. So nobody was ever prosecuted for the months of weed mining that had pulled on hold. Thank you. Uh, that had pulled untold tons of crash bud out of this Lake. Nobody got in trouble. Yeah. Uh, following the raid, the Rangers posted armed guards at the scene until a proper salvage of the airplane could be executed. All that's left now is the legend.

ABDULLAH: Holy crap. And the weed is still down there. Some of it probably right. So let's go to Yosemite.

BEAN: This is the plot of the new Godzilla all this time, that jet fuel and THC.

ABDULLAH: Oh my God. It's going to be like a weed swamp thing is going to come out of there. Just like dripping weight. That's like exactly the recipe for swamp thing I think is weed and jet fuel. Right. Amazing.

BEAN: Shout out swamp thing. Friend of the pocket.

ABDULLAH: Yeah, definitely. That's it. So that's the story, huh? What'd you guys think of that story? Awesome. Wow. Thank you guys so much for uh, for trying this out with, for, for hanging out for our first live episode of great moments in wheat history. We're going to record this one and we're going to put it up there. Uh, and if you haven't heard the show, it's on Spotify and SoundCloud and iTunes and Stitcher and

ABDULLAH: [inaudible] and uh, let's see here. Alright. Oh, unexpected timing

BEAN: And let's hear it one more time for Humboldt County. Yeah. Give it up for yourself and let's hear it one more time for everyone at Savage Henry, they work really hard and they put out thank you to Evan and Chris and Matt Red Beard, the whole

ABDULLAH: Yeah, definitely. And enjoy the rest of the festival. Please hang out. We'll be, we'll be chilling for a little bit smoking this joint outsidess of feel free to come say hi. Yeah, we'll do the thing that you guys don't want for comment.

ABDULLAH: That's it for this episode. Thanks so much for listening to the season two finale of great moments in wheat history. Again, our sincere thanks to the good people of Humboldt County and the Savage Henry comedy festival, we can't wait to bring you season three in 2020, but in the meantime, follow us on social media. That's at GMIWH podcast. And make sure you subscribe to the feed. You can get all the updates about what we are up to, and if you're a fan, the best way you can help us out is by telling your friends about the show. Help us spread the word and a special special thank you to our supporters on Patriot. Find out more on patrion.com where you can become one of the homeys [inaudible]

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