# "ALL THINGS IN EARTH AND HEAVEN" The Sheridan Tapes - Season 02, Episode 29 Recording Draft - January 6, 2021

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### 1. INT. POLICE CRUISER - OCTOBER 22, 2019 - EARLY MORNING

A car door swings open, and BILL TYLER YAWNS as he climbs in. An owl hoots on a nearby branch as he settles into his seat.

BILL TYLER

(TIRED SIGH)

Another all-nighter. God...

Bill pulls out his phone, checking the screen. He taps a few times, and a voicemail begins to play with a beep.

ROBERT QUINCY

(voicemail)

Hi Billy, it's Rob. You're probably already getting into work, but could you please pick up some olive oil on your way home? Or, I guess any oil's fine. Olive oil can be a little expensive. Whatever you think.

(beat)

Everything you told me last night has been... weighing on me today. I want to talk again about this sometime. I don't know how I'll be able to go back to work after...

(pause, SIGH)
Anyway... love you. Have a good shift.

Beep. The next message starts to play.

ROBERT QUINCY (CONT'D)

(voicemail)

Hi love, me again. I've been thinking, I would really, really like to talk to talk to you when you get home about... Your job. You know what I mean. I don't think we've really discussed it and I think it's worth... well, I'll see you when you get back.

Beep.

ROBERT QUINCY (CONT'D)

(voicemail)

Okay, last one, I promise. You must be working late again -- God, aren't we the worst with voicemails? Anyway I just wanted to say that I am not here to make you feel bad.

(MORE)

ROBERT QUINCY (CONT'D)

I want to work together to figure out a solution to this whole thing... And...

(beat)

I just gave Morrison my two week's. Well, one week, actually. I know that probably isn't a surprise since our talk last night, but... anyway. We can talk about it when you get back.

(beat)

It's just... I want to be united on this, you know? I'm still mad that you took so long to tell me about... Everything.

(beat)

Speaking of united... I am hoping that... after our talk...

(faster, one long breath)
We could both watch that marathon
of Antiques Roadshow that's on
tonight and it's okay if you fall
asleep okay bye love youuu!

Beep. BILL LAUGHS AND GROANS AT THE SAME TIME. Then he stops, realizing something.

BILL TYLER

(sinking feeling)

Well... There goes a second paycheck. Shit.

He puts away his phone to drive when it starts to vibrate. He picks up.

BILL TYLER (CONT'D)

(assuming it's Rob)

Well hello love, I knew you couldn't help yourself...

(realizes it's not him)

Oh, Jesus --

(CLEARS HIS THROAT, shift

to "cop voice")

Yes, it certainly is ma'am, how...

Uh, what can I do for you?

(listens)

You're what?

(listens)

Wait, wait... Could you repeat your

name, please?

(listens, surprised)

Kate... Sheridan?

CLICK.

## 2. INT. POLICE CRUISER - OCTOBER 21, 2019 - LATE EVENING

Bill's body cam recording, cutting in with a hiss of static. The road hums under the car's tires and occasional chatter comes through on the radio.

NED LEROUX

(apropos of nothing)
Gets awful cold up here, doesn't
it?

BILL TYLER

(distracted)

Huh?

NED LEROUX

Just... I wasn't expecting it to be this cold in Nevada, is all.

BILL TYLER

(relaxing into easy conversation)

Oh, yeah, that's... The elevation will do that to you. Maybe you were thinking of Vegas.

NED LEROUX

(indifferent)

Maybe.

A moment of silence.

BILL TYLER

(COUGHS)

So, uh... Ned, you uh... Doing anything with your family for the holidays?

NED LEROUX

(hesitant)

Haven't got any plans, no.

(long pause, flat)

Don't actually have any family. Parents died a while back, no siblings, not really close with anyone else...

BILL TYLER

(empathetic)

Oh, I'm sorry to hear that.

NED LEROUX

(shrugs)

I have a a girlfriend out in Paris, but holidays are... Well, they're real busy for her.

BILL TYLER

(doubtful, a little

amused)

A girlfriend... In Paris?

NED LEROUX

(smirking)

She's an executive. Works for a cosmetic company -- can't say which one.

(CHUCKLES)

We get together from time to time, when she can get away.

BILL TYLER

NED LEROUX

(completely straight faced)

She flew in to Houston for a meeting, someone robbed her hotel room, and I was called out to deal with it. The rest is history.

(beat)

What about you Bill? Any plans?

BILL TYLER

(suddenly more reserved)
Well... Robert and I aren't close
to either of our families, but -we've got our own traditions.
Usually have friends over, throw a
holiday party, do a little White
Elephant thing.

NED LEROUX

(thinks it sounds boring) That sounds... Fun.

BILL TYLER

(warming up a little)
It is! Though I don't know how many
people we'll have over this year.
You should come, you know.

NED LEROUX

(self-deprecating humor)
You sure you want big-city Leroux
killing the mood?

BILL TYLER

(slightly awkward)

Hey, Martinez called you that, not me. And I mean... It's not a big deal. You're from Houston, not... L.A. or anything like that.

NED LEROUX

(LAUGHS QUIETLY)

Nah, it's fine. I don't need everyone we work with to like me. And I know I'm not everyone's cup of tea.

BILL TYLER

(trying to avoid insulting him)

No, you just... Take a little while to warm up to people, that's all. That's normal. And the first month anywhere is weird, especially a new job.

Ned considers that, then shrugs.

NED LEROUX

So what does Robert do for work, then?

A brief pause, then BILL LAUGHS.

NED LEROUX (CONT'D)

(confused)

What did I say?

BILL TYLER

(finally feeling a bit
more at ease)

You know he works in dispatch, right? You must have spoken to him, like... A dozen times already.

NED LEROUX

(feeling awkward)

Oh. Damn. No wonder I never made detective.

(jovial)

That why you had to leave Houston, huh? Couldn't keep up?

An icy silence falls when Ned doesn't reply.

BILL TYLER (CONT'D)

(CLEARS THROAT)

I was... It was only a joke.

NED LEROUX

(dismissive, a little

detached)

I just needed a change of pace. The city, the noise... I had to get away. But that's a good one, Tyler, that's a good one.

(beat, then curious)
I'm surprised that hasn't come up
before.

BILL TYLER

What?

NED LEROUX

Robert working in dispatch. You don't think that gets in the way of work?

BILL TYLER

(slightly awkward, guilty
 at the reminder)

Oh... No, Robert's a total pro. And he cares a lot too -- I mean, I do as well, we just figure we don't need to talk about it at work if it's not important. And this job's about... Taking care of people, you know. Working as a... As a team.

NED LEROUX

(slightly skeptical)

Huh. Well... Good for you two. I never would have known.

Static on the radio as a dispatcher comes through.

DISPATCHER

(tired, a little bored)
5-540, you doing anything right
now?

(glad for the distraction)
Just another crazy night in Oslow.
What's up?

DISPATCHER

We just got a call up Elk County Road... 8037. Mystery lights again.

BILL TYLER

(GROANS)

Another UFO call? What's that, five this month?

DISPATCHER

(she's tired too, but he
 needs to do his job)
Try to take this one seriously...
They sound pretty shaken up.

BILL TYLER

10-4. We're on our way.

Bill hangs up the receiver and speeds up.

BILL TYLER (CONT'D)

(to Ned)

Well, so much for a quiet night. You been on one of these calls before?

NED LEROUX

Nope. Thought this might happen, though.

BILL TYLER

(sarcastic)

Well, you're in for a treat. Or at the very least, some overtime.

Bill's body cam cuts out in a wash of static.

## 3. EXT. SMITH FARM - LATER

Bill fiddles with his body cam as the signal emerges back out of the static. Footsteps crunch through mud and loose gravel.

BILL TYLER

(muttering to himself)

...Stupid body cam keeps shutting itself off...

NED LEROUX

(looking around)

Sure this is the place?

BILL TYLER

Yeah, looks like it.

Bill walks up the yard to catch up to Leroux, then stops in front of the front door. He knocks sharply, and the door opens almost immediately.

BILL TYLER (CONT'D)

(as friendly as possible) Good evening, Ma'am, we just relieved a call about a...

LARA SMITH

(whirling anxiety and frustration)

'Bout time ya'll showed up! I've got my old rifle on the back porch aimed at it, but I don't think that'll help much if you don't...

BILL TYLER

(trying to de-escalate)
Whoa, whoa, slow down please. It's
alright. You have have a fireman
pointed at it? Pointed at what?

NED LEROUX

(cutting in behind Bill)
And could you give us your name,
please?

LARA SMITH

(irritated)

Lara. Lara Smith. And yes, I do have my rifle on it. Whatever it is, it's in the barn out back and doesn't want to come out.

BILL TYLER

Did you see it? Before it went into the barn?

LARA SMITH

Not really. It was just... First I saw of it, there was this bright light in the sky, like some kind of flare or something, flickering over and over again like -- I don't know, some kind of SOS.

(MORE)

LARA SMITH (CONT'D)

I heard it come crashing down through the new roof I just put on the barn, and there was this noise like... Like a wave of static or something. Nearest neighbors are at least a mile off and they still gave me a call to see if I was okay. The ground around the barn's all scorched and the walls just keep... Well, disappearing.

NED LEROUX

(skeptical)

Miss Smith, what do you mean by... Disappearing?

LARA SMITH

(annoyed)

Don't take that tone with me, officer — I mean what I said. The walls keep disappearing. Power keeps going in and out too. I tried to get closer and see what it is, but... I don't know, something feels wrong about the air out there. That's when I called.

BILL TYLER

(polite disbelief)

We'll... Take a look and see what we can find, Ma'am.

LARA SMITH

When are the rest of you getting here?

BILL TYLER

(confused)

Rest of who?

LARA SMITH

(urgent, irritated)

The other police officers. I told them to send as many as they could find.

NED LEROUX

(a little short)

We should be able to handle this on our own, Miss Smith.

(covering)

If we need backup, we'll call it in. Is the barn out that way?

LARA SMITH

Well, yes, but I'm telling you, you need to call for backup right now. I saw the truck out there get lifted ten feet in the air and dropped a few minutes ago, and it's...

BILL TYLER

(confused)

Wait -- are you saying the truck was floating?

NED LEROUX

(done with this

conversation)

Miss Smith, do you think there's any chance the noises you heard were some kind of wild animal trapped in there?

LARA SMITH

(incredulous)

Honey, I don't know who put glue in your fruit loops, but there's no way that's just a wild animal.

BILL TYLER

He's not saying it is, we just want to know if...

LARA SMITH

(snapping)

You know any animal that can lift a goddamn rust trap farm truck with its mind? You don't believe me, go out there and see for yourself.
Just don't say I didn't warn you.

Lara slams the door, her footsteps retreating back into the house.

BILL TYLER

(unsure)

Well.

NED LEROUX

(shrugs)

Well.

(unconvinced)

Guess we'd better go check it out, then.

The two switch on their flashlights and start walking along the side of the house, their footsteps muffled by dirt and scrawny grass.

NED LEROUX

(glancing up at power lines)

Don't see any obvious issues with the wiring out here. Transformers looked okay on the road, too.

BILL TYLER

You mean besides being old as hell. This place has definitely seen better days.

NED LEROUX

(agreeing with him)

You said it.

BILL TYLER

(empathetic)

She probably would've been better off selling the house instead of replacing the barn. Don't know how much longer it has left.

NED LEROUX

(making small talk)

Is this what usually happens with these calls?

BILL TYLER

(shrugs)

Mostly. They usually don't turn up anything, and if they do... Well, all we can really do is get people out of harm's way.

NED LEROUX

(unconvinced)

Hmm.

A sound like zippers of heavy static racing around, stopping, and starting again begins to be heard from the barn, growing louder and closer.

NED LEROUX (CONT'D)

Must be the barn up ahead.

Looks like it.

(noticing Lara)

Miss Smith! Please lower your weapon and get inside.

LARA SMITH

(muttering to herself)

Your funeral...

Lara closes the window.

BILL TYLER

(CHUCKLING SLIGHTLY)

Alright, we're in the clear.

They resume walking. The static noise gets louder.

NED LEROUX

(curious)

Huh... Hey Tyler, look at this.

BILL TYLER

What's up?

NED LEROUX

All the plants around the barn -they look like they've been scorched black. See?

BILL TYLER

Yeah... Looks like something burned through here recently. There's definitely something in the barn, too -- you hear that?

They stop walking and listen. The thing inside zips around a time or two more, then stops, then starts again.

NED LEROUX

Let's get in a little closer.

BILL TYLER

(unsure)

Closer?

Ned's already walking, ignoring him. Bill follows. The sound in the barn grows louder as they approach.

NED LEROUX

(almost to himself)

You know, there's a theory about why there are so many UFO sightings in Nevada.

(nervous)

Yeah? Why's that?

NED LEROUX

Same reason humans came here at first: mining. There's something out in the desert that they need.

BILL TYLER

(CHUCKLES NERVOUSLY)

Sure, if you actually believe they're...

Bill stops walking.

BILL TYLER (CONT'D)

Wait a minute. Shine your flashlight up there. No, there. (beat)

Those tires. And that bale of hay. Are they...

NED LEROUX

(almost impressed)

Floating. Just a little bit.

BILL TYLER

You sure that isn't just...

NED LEROUX

No, I don't think it's a trick of the light Bill. They're floating.

BILL TYLER

(noticing something)

What is...

A sudden harsh static rises, along with a sound that's almost like paper ripping. A moment later it reverses, then happens again.

BILL TYLER (CONT'D)

(muffled cry of alarm)
Jesus! Ned, tell me you're not

seeing what I'm seeing.

NED LEROUX

(quiet, mesmerized)

That depends. Are you talking about the side of the barn atomizing and coming back together over there? Or about the 3-ton pickup truck hovering over the ground behind it?

(MORE)

NED LEROUX (CONT'D)

Or is there something else I missed?

Leroux starts walking closer as he speaks.

BILL TYLER

(worried)

Lieutenant!

NED LEROUX

(calm)

Just getting a closer look, Tyler.

Bill fidgets, watching Ned get closer and closer.

BILL TYLER

(urgent)

Ned, that's enough! Stop!

NED LEROUX

I can get closer, Tyler. I know I can. I need to see what we're dealing with.

Electricity suddenly arcs from the barn, striking a tree nearby.

BILL TYLER

(calling out)

Shit... Do you have rubber soles?

NED LEROUX

(calling back)

What?

BILL TYLER

Your soles! Are they real rubber?

NED LEROUX

Of course, yes!

BILL TYLER

(reluctant)

Try to stay away from the scorched areas! I'm going to get Miss Smith... Try to be careful!

NED LEROUX

Got it!

Bill turns and speaks into his radio.

5-540 to dispatch, Code Grey Alpha, I repeat, Code Grey Alpha. 8037 Elk County Road, respond immediately.

DISPATCHER

(Over radio)

10-4 5-540. Greyhound en route. Clear area and await further orders.

BILL TYLER

(into radio)

10-4 Dispatch, over and out.
(calling back to Ned)
Ned! Ned, we need to go! I'll meet
you back at the cruiser in two
minutes!

Leroux ignores him, still walking towards the barn. Bill turns and runs back to the front of the house, catching Lara as she opens the door.

LARA SMITH

What the hell are you two...

BILL TYLER

(already rushing her to the car)

We need to get you out of here, now. Don't go back for anything, don't ask any questions, just get in the car.

LARA SMITH

What's going on? I'm not letting that thing get my house!

BILL TYLER

Our team's on their way to deal with it, but we need to get out of their way first.

They've reached the car, and Bill opens the door for her. LARA SNORTS DERISIVELY, then gets in. Bill climbs into the driver's seat.

BILL TYLER (CONT'D)

(to Lara)

You have your seatbelt fastened?

She nods. Bill starts the car and turns it around in the driveway.

LARA SMITH

What are you doing? Why aren't we going?

BILL TYLER

My partner's still back there.

LARA SMITH

(incredulous)

He's out there with that thing?
 (beat)

Well, he's a goner.

BILL TYLER

(low, impatient)

Come on, Leroux, come on...

An agonizing moment of silence, then Ned's footsteps are heard as he runs to the car.

BILL TYLER (CONT'D)

There he is! Crazy sonofabitch...

Ned jumps into the passenger seat, PANTING and pale.

NED LEROUX

(frightened)

Drive.

He doesn't have to say that twice. Bill peels out while LEROUX PANTS, trying to catch his breath.

BILL TYLER

(worried)

Are you hurt?

NED LEROUX

(breathless)

What? No, no, I didn't get close enough. I only got a glimpse at what was inside, something like a... A ball of lightning. It was...

BILL TYLER

(trying to keep Lara from worrying)

Uh, Ned, Ned, come on. Let's leave this for the debrief, alright?

Suddenly, a loud helicopter swoops overhead, rattling the car.

LARA SMITH

What in the hell — that that a goddamn military helicopter flying at my house? You can't take my firearms you know, I have the legal right to carry...

Lara is cut off by Leroux closing the partition between them.

NED LEROUX

(relieved)

That's enough of that.

BILL TYLER

Ned, she's not detained, she's scared.

NED LEROUX

(tired)

Yeah, well... So am I.

Bill's body cam cuts out again, Ned's line lost in static.

#### 4. EXT. SMITH FARM - LATER

Bill fiddles with his body cam. A gentle late-night rain is falling, and we can hear voices in the distance.

BILL TYLER

(frustrated)

Damn thing won't stay on today... There we go.

He walks up towards the front of the house.

EDGAR MORRISON

(warm, professional)

I understand you're upset, and frankly, you have every right to be. But I'm glad you called when you did. Unfortunately, this has become a classified matter, and we...

LARA SMITH

(angry)

Classified, my ass. My barn's a crater!

(MORE)

LARA SMITH (CONT'D)

There's tire tracks all over my yard, not to mention a goddamn Apache helicopter screaming out of the sky and scaring all my cattle off, and now you say you won't even tell me what you found in there? In my own home? And who were those people? Army? CIA?

EDGAR MORRISON

Your alarm is completely warranted. If this had happened to me, I'm sure I would have the same questions. But you have my assurance: your home is completely safe. The people you saw were members of our SWAT team, men and women I would trust with my life, who came out here to make sure you and your property are safe and protected. As to the damages that occurred...

(whispers)

In four to six weeks, you're going to see a check show up in your mailbox for enough money to cover the costs of any repairs you see fit to make.

BILL TYLER

(confused)

Sir?

LARA SMITH

(SCOFFS)

Check from the government? Heard that one before.

MORRISON CHUCKLES, then pulls out his wallet.

EDGAR MORRISON

Here... This is my card. If it doesn't show up by the time I said it would, then give me a call. I'll see to it that you get your money personally.

LARA SMITH

(pause, THEN CHUCKLES)
Alright. You've got yourself a deal then, chief...

EDGAR MORRISON

(smiling)

Morrison. Feel free to call me Edgar, though.

The two shake hands.

LARA SMITH

(trying to get past him)
Now, if you don't mind, I'd like
to...

EDGAR MORRISON

Oh, yes, of course.

Lara steps past him and into the house, locking the door behind him. Morrison turns to Bill, smiling.

EDGAR MORRISON (CONT'D) Good work, Tyler. I hope Leroux wasn't too shaken up by all this?

BILL TYLER

(a little unsure) Uh... No, not really.

EDGAR MORRISON

Well... Make sure he's okay, all the same. City cop, first big trouble call... It can take a toll. We don't want another... You know. Understood?

BILL TYLER

Y--Yes sir.

EDGAR MORRISON

You'd best get home -- it's been a long night.

Morrison turns and starts walking towards his car. Bill follows.

BILL TYLER

(question that's nagging
 on him)

I didn't know there was a fund for this kind of thing.

EDGAR MORRISON

Oh, well... People need to be reassured that we're here for them. And officially, there isn't a fund. You didn't hear that.

(pause)

Yes, sir. Well... Goodnight.

Bill gets back inside his own car.

5. INT. POLICE CRUISER - CONTINUOUS

Ned is already in the passenger seat.

BILL TYLER

(trying to lighten the mood)

Hell of a day, huh Ned?

Bill starts the car, reverses, and then drives off. Leroux is silent.

BILL TYLER (CONT'D)

(masking worry)

Uh... Hello? Earth to Ned? You alright?

NED LEROUX

(lost in thought)

Huh? Oh, yeah, of course. I was just thinking... It's interesting. I didn't think a department of this size would have those kinds of resources. We had some of that in Houston but... We didn't get any calls quite like this one.

BILL TYLER

A little more than you bargained for in little old Oslow, huh?

NED LEROUX

Not more, just... Different. We didn't get calls about close encounters ten miles out of town, you don't get calls for five homicides in a week. I suppose it was... Well, kind of thrilling.

(deflecting)

I mean it felt satisfying, being able to help someone. Whatever was happening in that barn, it's...

(long pause, thinking)
How long has Morrison been here,
anyways? If he's able to call in
that kind of response, I mean.

(trying to remember what he's heard)

Well... Decades, at least. His whole career, I'm pretty sure. I mean, he's not very open about his life, but I know he's been around for a while. I think he used to work for the government before, but... I don't really know.

A moment of silence, THEN NED CHUCKLES.

NED LEROUX

(admiring)

You were fantastic back there.

BILL TYLER

(confused)

What's that?

NED LEROUX

Getting Miss Smith out. Making sure she was safe. I was too distracted by the barn to even think about her, and...

BILL TYLER

Hey, I'm sure if it was the other way around, you'd do the same thing.

NED LEROUX

(considering)

Maybe. You care a lot about people, I can tell that much. I think that's awfully admirable.

BILL TYLER

(deflecting humor)
Careful Leroux... That almost sounded like a compliment.

NED LEROUX

(shrugs)

Well...

BILL TYLER

And don't discount what you did. I never would have gotten anywhere near that barn, much less looked inside it. It was... Kind of badass, to be honest.

(MORE)

BILL TYLER (CONT'D)

All these unexplainable things happening in Oslow — sometimes I think they should bother me more than they do, but... Honestly? I just can't let it get to me, you know? Why bother trying to figure it out if there are no answers. I'll just drive myself crazy. So I stick to the problems I know I can fix.

NED LEROUX

(smiling)

You know what, Tyler? I think we're going to get along just fine.

THEY BOTH CHUCKLE, THEN BILL GROANS.

NED LEROUX (CONT'D)

What's wrong?

BILL TYLER

(tired)

I just realized how much paperwork we're going to have to do for all this.

NED LEROUX

(GROANS)

Oh Jesus, I completely forgot. I was hoping to grab a drink before the bars close.

BILL TYLER

Me too. Rain check?

NED LEROUX

Rain check.

They keep driving as the body cam cuts out one more time.

#### 5. INT. POLICE CRUISER - PHONE - LATER

The audio is distorted and slightly tinny, heard through a phone.

BILL TYLER

Wait, wait... Could you repeat your

name, please?

(listens, surprised)

Kate... Sheridan?

(listens)

BILL TYLER (CONT'D)

(listens)

Ma'am, I have to ask you to calm down and...

(listens, annoyed)

Fine, Kate... Do you have any training for this kind of thing? Investigating a disappearance, I mean?

(listens, cutting her off)
Alright, I'm going to have to stop
you there. I'm telling you, we're
doing everything we can about your
sister's case. I'm promise.

(listens, growing worry)
Listen, I understand, but there are
elements at play that directly
compromise the safety of others. We
can't...

(listens, annoyed)

No, I can't tell you anything about that either. Because I have a responsibility to...

(not really listening

anymore)

Mmhmm. Mmhmm. I understand.

(listens, then snapping a
 little)

Kate, I understand that you're concerned about your sister, but I have to keep you out of this for everyone's safety. Including your own.

(listens)

Alright, Kate. I'm sorry I can't do more.

(listens)

You too.

Bill hangs up, then SIGHS. He taps out a text message, reading it aloud as he does.

BILL TYLER

"I'm sorry Rob, I have to go out of town for the day. Be back late tomorrow. Wouldn't go unless I had to. Talk when I get back. Love you."

There's a small electronic whoosh as he send it. Bill turns the key and starts the car, pulling away into the night. The recording dissolves into static.

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