TRANSCRIPT - PATIENT ZERO: EPISODE EIGHT

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FAITH

Hey, everyone, it's Faith.

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JOSHUA

My name is Joshua Suhy. I am the sound designer and audio engineer for Apollyon.

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FAITH

We're now crowdfunding for season two, and we're 28% to our first goal. I would like to be at 100% by the end of the year.

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JOSHUA

And to do that, we need your help once again.

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FAITH

Whoever brings in the most donations to our crowdfunding campaign by December 30th will win a \$50 Amazon gift card, plus an exclusive piece of merch designed just for this contest.

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JOSHUA

Sound good? Well, of course it does! So what do you need to do?

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FAITH

First, sign up to be part of the contest at ObserverPictures.com/fund, then share the link ko-fi.com/observerpix with everyone you know.

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JOSHUA

Tell them to buy us two or more coffees and mention your name in the comments. And that part is very important.

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FAITH

We want to reach the \$5,000 goal by the end of the year so that we can get production underway. If we surpass this goal, that will help us towards the second \$5,000 goal that will guarantee living wages for the 24 members of my cast and crew.

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JOSHUA

So share that link. Let's get funded. Good luck. And as always, thank you for your support.

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NARRATOR

Observer Pictures Presents Patient Zero.

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NARRATOR

This is Episode Eight: Day 14.

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LUCAS

It is April 17 at 732 local time. I'm back on site. My wound is better and I have virtually no pain.

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LUCAS

I like to say that's because I'm a super healer, but um... I'm sure it's due to the very good painkillers I was given. Hmm.

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LUCAS

I like to put on record that Angeline Guzman saved my life. The Polyvalent anti-venom she gave me bought me time to reach the hospital.

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LUCAS

Her insistence on finding the snake that bit me also saved my leg. I can't forget about Rodolfo Jimenez. Even though he was unable to capture the snake, he did manage to get a picture.

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LUCAS

It was a Blotched Palm Pit Viper after all—a snake I had never heard of, if you can believe it.

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LUCAS

That photo allowed the hospital to give the correct information to the Instituto Clodomiro Picado, an incredible place that's been developing anti-venom for over a century.

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LUCAS

The Blotched Palm Pit Viper is extremely rare, and that was even before the destruction of the cloud forest. There hasn't been a recorded sighting in nearly ten years, but the ICP still had a specimen

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LUCAS

Again, human scientists doing amazing work. [coughs]

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LUCAS

What are the odds that I would be bitten by a rare snake moments after finding a possible Lazarus creature? Rare amphibians lead to rare reptiles, I guess. I'll have to further investigate.

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LUCAS

Speaking of investigations, I spend my time in the hospital researching the dozens of frogs and toads that are and have been native to the Monteverde Cloud Forest.

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LUCAS

I have concluded that the Golden Toad is the closest to what I saw. Dr. Mitchell had Marvin and Betty survey the amphibian habitat. I will be looking at those results this evening before sending them to the UNEP lab in Panama City. Since Marvin and Betty are unit property, I, unfortunately, am not allowed to download the data for further research.

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LUCAS

I will be requesting access. [coughs]

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LUCAS

Even though everyone would like me to stay at camp today. I will be returning to the original Alpha two site to continue studying the endemic flora migrations

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LUCAS

Missing five days of work due to a snake bite doesn't seem to matter to anyone writing the checks.

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LUCAS

No matter how exciting these new discover are, I must use the time I have left to do what I originally came here to do. [the recorder clicks off]

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NARRATOR

This episode featured the voices of Manuel Ravelo as Lucas and me, J Cuevas, as narrator.

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