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I'm Kieryn.

Eve:

And I'm Eve, this is Kitchen Table Cult.

Kieryn:

Where two Quiverfull escapees talk about our experiences in the cultish underbelly of the religious right.

Eve:

Hey Kieryn.

Kieryn:

Hey Eve.

Eve:

How's East Coast time treating you?

Kieryn:

The East Coast time is still weird. This will come out probably a week after the last episode we did on this but for me, it's been a whole day. And so, I'm still slightly jet lagged, but otherwise it's great. I have spent the day walking around the various campuses in Cleveland and being blown away by schools that have funding and are able to maintain their campus. So, that was my day today.

Eve:

Nice. I have been reading T. Kira Maddens' Long Live the Tribe of Fatherless Girls, most of the day. And man, she went to public school in Florida and I'm just like, wow, I missed out on so much in middle school. The shit she gets up to is just... It's a lot. And a lot of that's partly family dynamics, her dad is pretty sketchy. Her parents were pretty involved in drug stuff. So, there's the predisposition to have more of a wild teenagedom. But wow, I think what's amazing to me about it, and I'll shut up after this, but it's a lot of queer, female socialization. So, she's a lesbian and she's about to marry her lesbian partner.

Kieryn:

Amazing.

Eve:

But she was dating men, so she wasn't aware that she was gay. But she was fooling around with all of her female friends as a performative thing to get guys to give her drugs. There's a whole story, a lot of things that happened. But there's these moments of like, she's actually exploring with these women, even though she doesn't even know what she's doing, there's so much more that she's allowed to experiment with that we would never have gotten. And so, by the time she figures out that she's gay, she already knows how to navigate all of these intimate, weird relationships with women that have

these layers of sexual tension, this complexity has already been ground she's traveled. So, that's something I'm jealous of because right now, I'm like-

Kieryn:

You get to learn that now.

Eve:

I'm like, how do you do this? This is so confusing.

Kieryn:

I feel that way about boys. I'm like, I don't understand how to do that now, anymore.

Eve:

Yeah. Boys seem very simple to me, but that's socialization.

Kieryn:

It's weird. Yeah. And I don't know, I never know how people read me, so it's a weird feeling.

Eve:

Yeah.

Kieryn:

And then every boy is going to have the genders and I don't want to hold their hand through the genders necessarily, I want them to have figured that out.

Eve:

So, speaking of, there's a show you might enjoy that I just watched today too. There's only three episodes out and they're 30 minutes each, so it's pretty easy. But it's called Work in Progress and it's semi- autobiographical, the main character is playing herself. It's based off of a one woman show that she was doing and it's extremely queer and it's extremely well representative. You know how in a lot of the queer shows, like in the L Word, it's like, why did they not have any trans women around? This is not normal, queer people hang out with queer people, you don't just cordon yourselves off, except for if you're a white CIS gay man, but that's a whole other story.

Kieryn:

See The Castro, you're welcome.

Eve:

Or in these other shows where it's like, there's the one queer character and they don't have any queer friends. And it's like, what? That's not how we work.

Kieryn:

Nope.

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Eve:

So, the show has actually got a really good representation of what that actually looks like, it's super cute. Super, super cute. And the romantic lead to this older lesbian is a young trans man.

Kieryn:

Nice.

Eve:

Yeah. It's very cute.

Kieryn:

That's so cool.

Eve:

Yeah. So, anyway catching up on my media consumption now that I'm on a break for a minute, avoiding writing revisions on some projects I had been putting off.

Kieryn:

Fair.

Eve:

Yeah. So, let's pick up where we left off with this hell scape with this guy, or do we just want to talk about fun things instead?

Kieryn:

Yeah. Okay. It was nice. Anyway. All right. Talking about gay stuff.

Eve:

Matt Shea is not gay.

Kieryn:

Matt Shea, no. But he did write this eight page document that we're not going to read like we did with the other document last time because it is far too long.

Eve:

We're just going to pull out some key highlights. But before we do, let's get into a little bit of the Christian Reconstructionism, because I think that's kind of important as a reference here. Because I feel like a lot of his ideas are directly siphoned off from that. Even if he doesn't realize he's doing it, he's doing Rushdoony nonsense. We've mentioned Rushdoony before. So, if you don't know Rushdoony, he's a Calvinist theologian, is the father of Christian Reconstructionism, influenced the Homeschool movement a lot. He was born in 1916, died in 2001.

Eve:

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How do we talk about this in simple, simple terms? Christian Reconstructionism is basically like America sitting on a hill, supposed to be this Christian nation. And in order for God's Kingdom to be made manifest, the potential of America as a theocracy needs to be brought to fruition.

Kieryn:

Right.

Eve:

And so, that influences Doug Phillips, that influences Mike Ferris, that influences Tim Eccles, that influences all these guys, Doug Wilson. Who else? I'm blanking.

Kieryn:

Gothard.

Eve:

Gothard. Well, Gothard was more-

Kieryn:

Gothard was also his own thing.

Eve:

Yeah. Gothard was more of a contemporary and he's definitely not Calvinist. So, I don't think he thought through the theology that far, I think he just wanted to have a steady stream of little girls to diddle.

Kieryn:

Right.

Eve:

That's a whole other story.

Kieryn:

But it wasn't too far misaligned.

Eve:

No. Yeah. That doesn't fall that far from it.

Kieryn:

Yeah. There's a lot of overlap between people who follow Gothard and people who follow these other folks as well, that the Reconstructionism sinks in.

Eve:

Right. And so, the Reconstructionists, there's this trickle down effect of those ideas influencing the Patriot movement and people like Matt Shea, and the Patriot movement. You've heard of the Ruby

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Ridge siege and the Waco siege, those are linked back to that. It's this white supremacist, prepper style, armed, militant like, "We are ready to go down fighting," people.

Kieryn:

We are prepared for guerilla warfare against our own country because we have to take our country back, so we're not whatever by the left.

Eve:

I'm looking at this. I'm reading up a little bit more on the Patriot movement because I'm colloquially familiar with it but I didn't know that Timothy McVeigh, the Oklahoma city bombing was part of that too. That's interesting.

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

And the murder of George Tiller was done by pro-life activists who are Patriot movement people. So, when you hear about the standoffs that have been happening in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, that's a lot of that.

Kieryn:

Yeah. There's a lot of overlap.

Eve:

Now, Matt Shea's been linked to the Three Percenters and supporting them. Can you tell our listeners who haven't been listening to Behind the Bastards story religiously, what the Three Percenters are?

Kieryn:

Yes. Let me pull up the Wikipedia article on it again.

Eve:

It's a white supremacist group.

Kieryn:

It's a white supremacist group. They are a militia movement. And I'm basically reading from Wikipedia right now.

Eve:

So, when you see the people from Charlottesville who are affiliated with white supremacy who have the Roman numeral three.

Kieryn:

Three, yeah.

Eve:

It's often a sticker on things, you'll see. It's one of their subtle ways of signaling to each other.

Kieryn:

They even have a flag symbol that's the old Betsy Ross flag, but inside the circle of stars is the Roman numeral three. And so, they're like a paramilitary kind of militia group who stand against what they believe are attempts to curtail constitutional rights, like the right to bear arms and exist and whatnot. And they're very similar to the Oath Keepers and other radical right, white supremacist violent groups as well. They're very anti-government which is a huge part of their stuff.

Eve:

They're very libertarian.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Very libertarian and very, "We will kill people for this," and literally train to do so.

Eve:

Right. Now, there's a state senator in Idaho who is linked to Shea and them... Heather something. What was her name again?

Kieryn:

Oh.

Eve:

Hang on. I lost the link.

Kieryn:

Let me pull up my Matt Shea page again.

Eve:

Is it Heather Scott? Yes. So Heather Scott, she's a Republican Idaho state representative and she defended white nationalism on her Facebook page in August 2017. Wonder what else was going on then?

Kieryn:

Hmm.

Eve:

She is hardcore for parental rights, which we know where that comes from.

Kieryn:

Yep.

Eve:

And she says, accusing people of being white nationalists as being racist, she's a member of this coalition of Western States group, which is founded by Matt shea and we were looking around their website.

Kieryn:

Oh, yeah.

Eve:

And it's cowstates.com. And it's got some dummy text that hides the real stuff that they're talking about, which is weird. But it talks about their organizing work a little bit. So, it's talking about their work with the ranchers, organizing against the Bureau of Land Management, the BLM, restoring property rights.

Kieryn:

Right.

Eve:

Gun rights, etc. So, that's who he hangs out with. We already knew he was terrible.

Kieryn:

Yeah. But then we get to find out how even more terrible he is.

Eve:

Yeah. Wait, you want to talk about this..?

Kieryn:

Yeah. You've got it.

Eve:

This anti-Muslim sentiment.

Kieryn:

Yes. So, this isn't unique to Shea either. But when I was reading up on him and I came across this article from the Guardian, that was basically an expose on his whole deal. And one of the things that they said was, "Shea's oft expressed belief that Muslims and leftists are organizing counter states within the U.S. appears to have been sourced from a conspiracy minded seven page memo by Rich Higgins, who is National Security staffer in the Trump administration who was fired in 2017." But what is interesting about this-

Eve:

Because the memo was made public?

Kieryn:

Yeah. Because the memo became public. So, if it wasn't made public, it would've been fine because of course it would've. But what's fascinating to me about this is literally growing up in the movement, that's what I was taught about the left.

Eve:

Yeah. That was promoted as fact.

Kieryn:

Yeah. That was a fact, everyone knew that the left was just organizing the shit out of the U.S. Coming for the poor, poor persecuted Christian Republicans, because the left wanted gay people and Muslims to coexist.

Eve:

This is part of why the martyrdom missionary stories were so romanticized in our childhoods because this was the future that we were being prepared for.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Exactly.

Eve:

And so, it's really interesting, you and I were talking about this recently, how strange it is that the left isn't actually doing this?

Kieryn:

Yeah. I am legitimately disappointed in this, honestly. I am let down.

Eve:

In terms of things outside of specifically election centered campaigning, grassroots organizing on the left, there's-

Kieryn:

Honestly, it's really pathetic.

Eve:

... There's been a new movement toward unionization this last couple of years. And that's really good seeing that starting to happen is like signs of life in this. But the right is so good at grassroots mobilization.

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

And the left is not.

Kieryn:

So bad. The left fundamentally, and this irritates the out of me coming from grassroots organizing, does not understand how to do grassroots. And that is why we keep losing. And I'm so upset because I was told that the left was on top of their shit.

Eve:

Well, I think after some time on this other side, I think part of it comes down to, you know when we tell people where we come from? They get so shocked that people still believe these things. And I think there's this laxity that comes with assuming that your ideology is a dominant hegemony.

Kieryn:

Yeah. For sure.

Eve:

And so, you think that you are the dominant culture, you're not going to bother to organize, which is part of how Trump got elected, when everybody woke up. I'm so sorry for those of you who had to deal with the trauma of being rudely awakened on November 7th, 2016. But that's the problem, is the fact that that awakening was necessary, that you weren't aware already.

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

Of the levels of misogyny and racism that are rooted in our culture. The ability to just sleep on it and think that racism is solved and sexism is solved and we can just move forward.

Kieryn:

No.

Eve:

That's not where we are. We have a whole lot more work to do.

Kieryn:

Yeah. And I think that's really the issue here is at least, after moving to the Bay and realizing how very insulated leftists are, they don't see this and they have no idea. I was at a party earlier this month, at a Democratic party bullshit thing. And someone was like, "Oh yeah. It's so silly, can you imagine these people telling their kids that the Earth is not a million years old or however many millions of years old?" And I was like, "No. Literally that was my childhood, I grew up in that. That's literally what I was taught." And he did not believe me. And I had to convince him, that literally was my childhood. My parents literally believed in young Earth creationism. And that's not uncommon. That is in fact very common. And that is why everything is happening right now.

Eve:

Yeah. And I'm going to be a little bit too transparent here about my teaching experiences. I had a really weird negative student review, among all my student reviews it stood out. And it was interesting to me because we had spent this semester reading what I considered to be contemporary, literary graves. We were reading really good nonfiction. I was not limiting us to the last 20 years, but I was focusing on contemporary stuff because I wanted this to be interesting and appealing. There was a day when I had them read Aristotle. We talked about poetics, but we expand the gamut, we were heavily concentrated in contemporary nonfiction memoir essays because this is a composition class and you're learning how to write essays. So, we read a lot of long form journalism. Anyway, what are people writing about in the last 20 years?

Kieryn:

Um.

Eve:

Mostly, from what you see.

Kieryn:

Some of it politics, some of it economy, some of it guns.

Eve:

But this genre in particular, memoir, nonfiction writers, long form essays, the personal essay, if you will.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Honestly, I'm blanking.

Eve:

It's the Me Too Movement.

Kieryn:

Yes. That was more of the last two years.

Eve:

It started back in XO Jane, It Happened To Me, like Jezebel, all of this stuff, it's all of these stories. And so, talking about sexual assault, talking about bad sex, people have been writing about that a lot more intensely than they had in a while. And so, we read a couple pieces along those lines, not a lot, but we did read one long piece about sexual assault in the National Parks because I thought that was a really good research piece. And I thought I would show them how a reported story can not be boring and not feel like a report paper.

Eve:

And we also read Men Explain Things to Me because I was like, this is kind of an important essay that sets the tone for a lot of these other ones. We spent one class period on that and the other 30 minutes on the Solnit piece. And this student was just like, "It seems like our professor really thinks that all men are just like this. And I really think that women can be like that too." And it's interesting, that class

period, those response papers that day that they wrote, a lot of them expressed that exact same sentiment. Now that didn't make its way to the end of the semester feedback forms from September. But from that one student, it did.

Eve:

And it was really telling to me, the work's not done. You can yell on your Twitter enclave about these things. And everybody's been educated because we've been on Twitter for a decade now. And we've been reading the free educational rants of smart and angry, wonderful, brilliant Black women who've been teaching us for fucking free for forever. Thank God for them or I wouldn't be where I am today.

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

But that's not getting outside of that world.

Kieryn:

No. It's not.

Eve:

So anyway, all that said, the left is not the hegemony that they think they are and organizing needs to happen.

Kieryn:

Yeah. And we really need to recognize that fact or we're going to continue losing, like we have been. And being so confused about it because people don't have the ability to imagine life outside of an election season.

Eve:

So, let's imagine losing again and see what happens. Okay, this document, what is this document? It's eight pages as you said before.

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

It's called Restoration.

Kieryn:

Yeah. And if you listened to the last episode, that was the battle plan for the culture war that is sanctioned by God and whatnot.

Eve:

No. That was an actual war. Not just a culture war.

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Kieryn:

Well, the actual war sanctioned by God to take over the country for Jesus.

Eve:

Or just the Pacific Northwest.

Kieryn:

Or the Pacific, whichever.

Eve:

Both, whatever.

Kieryn:

The civil war that they're going to make sure happens. And so, the next document is called the Restoration. And that is the plan for rebuilding after they win the war.

Eve:

Yeah.

Kieryn:

And we're not going to read all of it because it's long, it's eight pages of bullet points and it is intense. So, we're just going to go over some excerpts that we found, they were the ones that jumped out at us and we were like, "What is this?"

Eve:

Yeah. And again, like we said before, this guy is not a good enough Christian, he doesn't know his Bible as well as he thinks he does.

Kieryn:

He really, really doesn't. And we'll get into that as we go.

Eve:

Yeah. No. The Reconstructionists really should hire us to be theological consultants. Not actually but-

Kieryn:

Do they even have a concordance? I don't think they do. And I doubt it's the right-

Eve:

Do they even add a Greek?

Kieryn:

Right. I don't think so.

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Eve:

Not that I do but-

Kieryn:

They're exegesis and they're eisegesis or whatever the other one is.

Eve:

It's wanted.

Kieryn:

It's bad? It's so bad.

Eve:

Pause on that note. If you're a pastor and you're listening to this, I strongly recommend every pastor who wants to learn how to read the Bible better, go take a poetry class.

Kieryn:

Ooh. Yes.

Eve:

Because that's how you learn how to close read and this guy, he ain't doing it. Okay. Sorry. Keep going.

Kieryn:

All right. So, this document has several sections. We basically jumped to the long term plan.

Eve:

So, there's a short term plan, establishing government infrastructure.

Kieryn:

Infrastructure.

Eve:

Economy, borders, da, da, da.

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

And then there's the long term stuff.

Kieryn:

Yeah. And all that is terrible.

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Eve:

Leads off with this, "Constitutional changes, sanctified to Jesus Christ." And I'm assuming that this is the text of a proposed constitutional amendment.

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

I think it's what this is.

Kieryn:

Okay. So, this looks like it's trying to rewrite the preamble.

Eve:

It's trying to mimic, yeah.

Eve:

So, "We the people of..."

Kieryn:

The United States or whatever the fuck they name it.

Eve:

Cows. That's what they're going to name it.

Kieryn:

Cows. Yeah. We, the people of Cows.

Eve:

"We the people of Cows, in order to establish a solid foundation upon which we can secure justice..."  
Hang on, do you think Cows is propaganda for Chick-fil-A?

Kieryn:

Oh my God.

Eve:

Okay. Back to it.

Kieryn:

Probably not intentionally, but they should capitalize on that.

Eve:

I'm sorry, it was bad. Okay. "In order to establish a solid foundation upon which we can secure justice, domestic tranquility, and ordered liberty for ourselves in our posterity..." Ordered liberty? Mm. Okay. "Hereby acknowledge that Jesus Christ rules over this state as our legitimate sovereign Lord and King from his place of authority at Gods right hand. We do ordain, establish and consecrate this constitution to Jesus Christ for the state... Cows."

Kieryn:

Cows.

Eve:

So, in all those years of praying to God that X thing would be changed about me, you know, I'd have long flowing black hair or whatever, he never answered. So, how are they going to get Jesus to do the veto vote, the tide breaking vote when things come down to it?

Kieryn:

I think they just think they're that special. Obviously it didn't work for you because you're a woman. But because these are men they hear directly from God, so obviously Jesus would descend from the sky to be that tiebreaker vote that they need.

Eve:

Okay. "First order of business after that constitutional change has been enacted is ban all abortions and euthanasia, personhood at conception." So that means, that whole re-implanting ectopic pregnancies, that's going to be [inaudible 00:29:16], it's going to be great.

Kieryn:

Sure.

Eve:

So, then it breaks down-

Kieryn:

And also the next thing after personhood at conception is, "Cap the budget at 10% of GDP."

Eve:

The world economy is going to be wrecked. I don't understand.

Eve:

And then this third thing is a direct jab at the BLM, "Cap state ownership of land to only 10% of land mass."

Kieryn:

Because he really, really hates the BLM apparently. He's just angry about it.

Eve:

The economic proposals laid out in this are very closely tied to Levitical law. It's a pretty direct thing. And then it's got some random details that seem to be taken from Roman empiric rule, I'm not entirely sure about that. I don't know as much about that as I should, but it seems to be there's some random Latin phrases that show up in here, in terms of this kind of law.

Kieryn:

There's also, "Prohibit monopolies."

Eve:

Yeah. "And then all non closely held companies must come before the legislature for charter approved benefit to people must be ratified by public vote, they are treated like government." So, wait then there's no private companies?

Kieryn:

But communism is bad.

Eve:

But communism is bad. And also unions are not allowed.

Kieryn:

Right. Unions aren't allowed.

Eve:

We'll get back to that later.

Kieryn:

We'll get there. That's a thing.

Eve:

Yeah.

Eve:

It's really interesting because jury of peers is never stated, it's always jury of citizens.

Kieryn:

Which is an interesting

Eve:

Star court vote. That's a sham trial.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Oh, also there's a prohibition on all forms of property tax and also on direct fruits of labor.

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Eve:

So, this is a-

Kieryn:

And on bonafide private schools.

Eve:

So, this is a libertarian, communist state?

Kieryn:

Without unions? This doesn't make sense.

Eve:

There was this game that I had to play for speech and debate class with Mrs. Shanks, it was called Nation States.

Kieryn:

No.

Eve:

And you had to fill this quiz out about what kind of economy and government and all these things you would have.

Kieryn:

No. But that would've been my shit.

Eve:

Right. Yeah. I wonder if it still exists. I'll have to look it up later. It's like old school, like the original SimCity, like that but for nation states, but more low tech. It's not even as interesting as the original SimCity. But I would love to have a SimCity version of nation states that's up to date.

Kieryn:

Oh, I would play that.

Eve:

Where we could put this into the algorithm and see how it goes because it will not go.

Kieryn:

No. It will not.

Eve:

Do you want to read your favorite little bullet here?

Kieryn:

Yeah. All right. So, this has multiple levels of indentation, there's letters and Roman numerals. And when we get down to R, it's great because-

Eve:

It's R for butt stuff. I'm kidding.

Kieryn:

Yeah, basically. The R section is, "Re-institute capital punishment for Murder, Rape, Molestation, Bestiality, Kidnapping, Adultery, but in parentheses, discuss, treason and Sodomy."

Eve:

Treason is lowercase and all the others have initial caps.

Kieryn:

Capitalized, yeah. But I love that-

Eve:

We have to discuss adultery because how many of these men have committed adultery?

Kieryn:

That's the thing, right? So, let's talk about whether adultery is bad enough that you should be killed but being gay definitely is.

Eve:

Kidnapping? Definitely.

Kieryn:

Kidnapping, also definitely.

Eve:

And sodomy. In case you don't know, when they define sodomy, they mean all the old English Acts against Nature laws. So, this is not just butt stuff or gay stuff, this is oral sex.

Kieryn:

Oral. Yeah. This is like the fun stuff.

Eve:

Anything oral or anal.

Kieryn:

Anything that isn't missionary basically is bad. So everyone has to have a boring sex life.

Eve:

Which like, sidebar, let us remember real fast, the man who I got my cat from way back when in 2013, tried to reinstate these laws in the State of Virginia.

Kieryn:

Oh my God, yes.

Eve:

Oh my God. And of course, Ken Cuccinelli is leading all of the international crimes against humanity that we're committing regarding immigration right now. So, that's even better. But that's that same guy.

Kieryn:

Yep.

Eve:

Yeah. 2013, he was trying to ban oral sex because he thinks that it's sinful and he's explicitly said in press conferences he's against it. His poor wife. They have seven or nine kids, I don't know. I remember I met them all that day.

Kieryn:

That's a lot.

Eve:

It was as many as we have. And his poor wife.

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

Yeah.

Kieryn:

It sucks.

Eve:

But what do you expect, a man who won't give his wife oral sex is definitely going to put children in cages.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Not surprising. But adultery should be discussed.

Eve:

Discussed.

Kieryn:

Discussed.

Eve:

And treason is lower case. I love that treason is lower case. Treason is not a biblical sin, so he can't list it.

Kieryn:

So, he can't capitalize it.

Eve:

He can't capitalize it.

Kieryn:

Oh my God.

Eve:

But he needs to include it in order to maintain what follows. So, then the next section is an expansion of the second amendment, which is, oh God, it's just, "The right to bear arms is not only for personal defense, but to equip the people, to ensure as a practical matter that the government honors this obligation to protect individual liberties, infringement on the right to keep and bear arms. However, seemingly slight at the time will not be tolerated by the people who have the right to overthrow any government attempting to infringe their rights."

Kieryn:

How does he think this is going to turn out?

Eve:

This motherfucker maybe a six term state senator, but he does not know how to write good law.

Kieryn:

No. Yeah. And he's an attorney apparently.

Eve:

He's a bad attorney.

Kieryn:

How did this man pass the bar? He cheated probably.

Eve:

Yeah. I wonder if there's a whole SAT bribery, scandal. I wonder if there's a bar one to be had. No. I'm not saying that there is.

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

I also have heard from other people that the bar's not that hard to pass, so I don't know.

Kieryn:

Yeah. It depends where. The bar is complicated. Either way he can't write law very well at all for someone who's supposed to be a lawyer.

Eve:

"Impose swift, direct penalties for all," all caps, "Officials that attempt to violate God given unalienable rights via citizen grand jury." Again, not a jury of their peers. And also, "Unalienable rights," is not defined. I would include the right to oral sex among those. But you know, that's fine, that's just me. I'm so sorry, listeners. No. I'm not.

Kieryn:

No. Oh yeah. The other one that we put down in our notes that I don't know if it's in this section.

Eve:

Is this the next one, immigration?

Kieryn:

Oh, yes. That one too.

Eve:

Immigration is exactly the next one.

Kieryn:

Yeah. I was thinking about smuggling.

Eve:

Oh, can you do immigration, and then we'll do smuggling?

Kieryn:

Yeah. All right.

Eve:

Bringing things in and then taking things out.

Kieryn:

Right. Two different things.

Eve:

Orders of operation.

Kieryn:

Yeah. All right. So, the next one under his long term constitution plan is, "Immigration is limited to a strict number." And then

Eve:

No. "To strict number." He leaves out the article.

Kieryn:

Yeah. "Immigration limited to strict number."

Eve:

His next two points are going to be especially ironic given how badly written this is.

Kieryn:

Yeah. "Immigration conducted like refugee processing." And then the second-

Eve:

Which is not defined.

Kieryn:

No. Not at all. That's that's the entire sentence, we have no more information than that. And the second point under U is, "English Only is official language."

Eve:

English only-

Kieryn:

Are both capitalized.

Eve:

And then third, "All immigration allowed based on existing ethnic percentage." I told you this fucker's a Nazi.

Kieryn:

Yeah. I didn't have any doubts, but then he was just blatant about it.

Eve:

Yeah. He's so obvious about it.

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

Can we, before we get to smuggling, real fast talk about this whole honesty, banking, honest money, banking and debt?

Kieryn:

Yes.

Eve:

So, this is again, just compounded dog whistles for anti-Semitism.

Kieryn:

There's also another minor detail I want to include here is we get to Z, which is, "Institute term limits." And then we get to AA, which is, "Require honest money banking and debt." So, we've gone through the entire alphabet once and now we're doubling up on the alphabet to get to more bullshit. Okay.

Eve:

So, "Prohibit the out currency and fractional reserve banking, allow currency redeemable in gold and silver, but indirectly backed by inventory and commodities. All banking must be collateralized. All banking must be decentralized to county level." This guy sounds like he studied economics in middle school, nothing more.

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

Also, honest money. That's an antisemitic keyword.

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

That's a dog whistle there.

Kieryn:

And it doesn't make sense. This whole thing doesn't make sense.

Eve:

That's implying that he believes in the conspiracy of the Jews running the banking system. That's fucked up.

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

So then, "Remove blame amendments," which is all the amendments that prevent giving federal funds, they're state level amendments, "To religious schools." So he's like, "The worship of a Judeo-Christian God will be fostered and encouraged by the government and elevated protection. Still a choice but atheism is not a religion. Expressly state the free exercise of religion includes voluntary prayer, charity and worship. Implement a severe penalty for those seeking to remove public religious expressions."

Eve:

So, by these terms, you could establish an Islamic madrasa and take federal funds to fund it. This guy is so dumb. He's so focused on his goals that he has no idea what kind of loopholes he's leaving himself open to.

Kieryn:

Nope.

Eve:

Okay. Sorry, keep going.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Okay. The other section that was really interesting-

Eve:

Smuggling?

Kieryn:

Yeah. Where is the smuggling? Hold on, because we just got to the education bit, which was also super fun.

Eve:

While you're looking for that, I'll go through these others where it's basically decentralizing every form of infrastructure. Education, no centralized education of any kind, "Public schools would be a decision for local governments, prohibit teachers under the age of 30." Which you had a good line there.

Kieryn:

Yeah. So, first of all, this dude is very pro- homeschooling and stuff otherwise. And so, what's really interesting to me is, first there's no centralized education. And two, no teachers under 30. So, what happens if you're a homeschool mom and you're 24?

Eve:

And you have three kids.

Kieryn:

You have three kids.

Eve:

Or five kids.

Kieryn:

Or five.

Eve:

Six kids.

Kieryn:

Depending on how early you got married, what happens if you're teaching first grade at aged 24?

Eve:

Yeah. If you got married at 17, you could have five or six kids.

Kieryn:

Right. And some of those would be in grade school time. And if you were to homeschool them, would that be illegal because you would be a teacher under the age of 30?

Eve:

Yes.

Kieryn:

What do you do? What is that?

Eve:

Also, the whole Timothy and Paul mentorship where Timothy was made a pastor really young and everybody was like, "He's too young." And Paul's like, "Don't look down on him because of his youth." Again, this guy is not reading his Bible well.

Kieryn:

No.

Eve:

He's reading his Old Testament, not his New Testament.

Kieryn:

Yeah. It's almost like the New Testament doesn't exist except for when it involves women. And then it's like, well, obviously-

Eve:

They have to be quiet.

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

And then it says, "Prohibit unionization," I guess that's specifically for teachers.

Kieryn:

Yeah. I think it is specifically for teachers-

Eve:

This is fucked up.

Kieryn:

... which is really fucked up.

Eve:

Really fucked up. "Allow school and choice in all its various forms." Again, my comment about, if this guy is such an Islamophobe, you'd think he would be able to prevent madrassas. But no. He's totally providing for them. Love it.

Kieryn:

Yeah. But to go back to that one last point about allowing school choice in all its forms, what if people want a public school and there's no centralized education, and what if people want that? That's not allowing school choice.

Eve:

No. It says he provides for that, "Public schools would be a decision for local governments."

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

So, you could have a county level decision to have a public school system and the next county over wouldn't. And again, as he's decentralizing, all of these utilities and infrastructures, "Roads are going to be maintained by local counties. Power is going to be natural gas and hydrogen fuel cells. Power lines only designated to industrial areas," all that stuff. He's basically creating pockets where impoverished regions will have no money to do anything, so they're going to remain and languish in poverty. And the wealthy regions are going to just shutter themselves up and flourish within their own gates.

Kieryn:

Yep.

Eve:

There's the decentralized health and mental health stuff. Underlined, "No centralized medicine of any kind."

Kieryn:

How is that a good idea?

Eve:

And then, "Oversight of mental health wards would be a decision for local governments." Again, great.

Kieryn:

Bad idea.

Eve:

And then this one, I just love because again with the adultery thing, he's-

Kieryn:

Oh my God.

Eve:

"Temporary involuntary commitments would be on the affidavit of two witnesses after an over act of violence, three witnesses of speaking out about intent to commit over acts of violence." So therefore, if a man is cheating on his wife, he and his girlfriend decide to say the wife attacked them, wife gets locked up.

Kieryn:

Yep.

Eve:

And then all charity has been decentralized. So, there's no retirement, there's no welfare.

Kieryn:

Mm-hmm (affirmative). No. Because those would be bad, and communist.

Eve:

Yeah. And then there's this whole thing, this racist, colonialist treatment of Natives. And of course he calls them Indians, where they become part of this state.

Kieryn:

Right.

Eve:

Indigenous peoples are just rolled in. Okay, smuggling.

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Kieryn:

Oh, yes. Smuggling.

Eve:

Sorry. I just plowed ahead.

Kieryn:

Yeah. That's fine. That means we can get back to smuggling. Because it was actually above the constitution part, it was in the Restore the Economy part, which is number five.

Eve:

Oh, this is early on in the immediate plan.

Kieryn:

Yeah. It's early on. And this is letter E. And it starts off with, "Established smuggling," and then we go into another level of indentation.

Eve:

No wait, hang on. Go to point B. I didn't read that before. Shit.

Kieryn:

Okay. Yeah. All right. Pause the smuggling. That was really fun. Going up to B, under Restore the Economy, is, "The vilification of men stops when forced to be responsible again." What does that sentence even mean?

Eve:

Thank you for reading that because I couldn't.

Kieryn:

I don't understand what those words mean in that order.

Eve:

I think that means when the incels are all financially successful enough to support their wives, then we can stop making fun of them and they get the wives.

Kieryn:

How is that restoring the economy?

Eve:

I have to go so far to try to interpret it. Like as you saw, that was a fucking stretch.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Anyway, this guy thinks he knows what's up and thinks that the second part of restoring the economy is stopping the vilification of men when they're forced to be responsible again. Because that is something that makes sense. And the C is, "No just in time logistics," and I also don't even know what that means.

Eve:

It means you have to plan ahead. You can't just do bandaid fixes, I think. And then D is instituting the mafia.

Kieryn:

Right. Yes. "Allow private security contractors for businesses," which goes right back into smuggling.

Eve:

Okay. Keep going. Smuggling, smuggling, smuggling.

Kieryn:

"Establish smuggling." 1i. "The best conditions are when one side of the border has severe restrictions and the other side is free. Geography is key." And that is the first point under established smuggling.

Eve:

So, which side is free? Our side? The other side?

Kieryn:

The other side.

Eve:

We're assuming that we are the only fascists in the region.

Kieryn:

Well, I think that he is assuming this side is free and the other people have severe restrictions and we're benefiting from that. Because that makes more sense with the city on a hill bullshit that is the backbone of all of this.

Eve:

"Geography is key."

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

Location, location, location.

Kieryn:

Anyway. That's only the first point.

Eve:

Okay.

Kieryn:

Okay. Are you ready for the second point?

Eve:

I'm going to wet my pants.

Kieryn:

Right? It's 2i. "Liaison with gangs who have honor."

Eve:

I'm trying not to spit out my wine. Define honor for me Kieryn.

Kieryn:

He doesn't. There's no explanation about what gangs who have honor are or what honor means.

Eve:

Putting a hat on backwards, walking into the Black part of town and being like, "Hello fellow gang member, do you have honor?"

Kieryn:

What's your code bro?

Eve:

"What's your code of honor? I personally abide by the Knight's code of honor." This is so explicitly based off of racist stereotypes and lots of bad movies. It's so bad.

Kieryn:

Oh, it gets better, on the third i. Speaking of this-

Eve:

Speaking of bad movies.

Kieryn:

3i, is "Use those of Russian descent," as in descending stairs, "As Black Market advisors."

Eve:

He misspells dissent.

Kieryn:

Yeah. English only is his national language.

Kieryn:

Is the national language, and yet grammar and spelling and words-

Eve:

Okay. We're being classist. I'm going to stop, but, oh, "Black Market of..." Just because you're Russian blood, doesn't mean... Wait, is this why all the Christians were adopting children from Russian orphanages?

Kieryn:

Fuck.

Eve:

Just because they were born in Russia and have Russian descent-

Kieryn:

So he's basically saying

Eve:

... does not mean that they know how to be criminals.

Kieryn:

Yeah. He's just saying people who are Russian should be used as Black Market advisors, as if that inherently makes them know anything. Jesus. Fuck. No. Anyway, so those are the first five points on how we're going to restore the economy with three sub points.

Eve:

Established smuggling.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Established smuggling.

Eve:

And then after that, "Abandon businesses." Literally that's what it says.

Kieryn:

Yeah. The Business Dead Act.

Eve:

And it's basically establishing employee run businesses.

Kieryn:

Right. But unions are still bad somehow.

Eve:

And then you have to, "Repeal every tax, forgive all debts, repeal every non-criminal law rule and regulation." Head tilt. We're doing that look that a dog gives you where it's like, "Human, what are you doing?" And then all these other things that don't make sense, they're just tiny details. And then, "Establish patriot banks. Establish patriot loans. Again, decentralized 7% of budget bond market. All debts are eliminated after seven years."

Kieryn:

Which is very Leviticus.

Eve:

Very Levitical.

Kieryn:

Year of Jubilee stuff.

Eve:

Year of Jubilees right there. Yeah. "Establish boundaries based on geography. Do not use the military for keeping peace. Move to borders." So, what I'm hearing is that when President Trump is trying to follow his tax evasion plan for the State of New York, he should just move to Southern Arizona?

Eve:

Okay. Oh, here's the refugee section, it's the next bit.

Kieryn:

It doesn't get better.

Eve:

"One meal a day, loss of meal card is punishment for crimes or lying about your food consumption," da, da, da.

Kieryn:

"Must work for the community in a designated role.

Eve:

It's concentration camps.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Literally.

Eve:

It's fucking concentration camps.

Kieryn:

Yep.

Eve:

"Screening process for communicable diseases. Skills and equipment recommend them to community for acceptance," all that stuff.

Kieryn:

Oh yeah. And then there's this whole section about emergency information distribution and it's like, "Identify a ham radio network."

Eve:

"Establish Patriot network within and via radio." This is again, I repeat Nation States. This is like what eighth, ninth grade homeschool boys, and girls, counting me among them thought you could do if you were going to establish a Christian nation. This is so close to what I would've written up at that age.

Kieryn:

Yeah. And for a middle schooler it would've been impressive-

Eve:

A for effort.

Kieryn:

... But for an adult who's been elected to Congress six terms, I expect not this.

Eve:

He didn't do his homework.

Kieryn:

No. He didn't do his homework. He doesn't know how to read his Bible.

Eve:

He failed the assignment.

Kieryn:

Yeah. A lot of this isn't even anything remotely biblical. This is all outside stuff for someone who's like, "Everything must be all biblical."

Eve:

All right. There's just so much in here. Every line is just rife with things to pick on, the assumptions behind it are ignorant. It's so bad.

Kieryn:

Yeah. Like he took one class in one thing and decided he was an expert on how everything worked, which is very typical.

Eve:

You could tell he doesn't understand how infrastructure works, he doesn't understand how healthcare works. He doesn't understand how immigration or refugees or mental health stuff, he doesn't understand how communities function.

Kieryn:

Yeah. No. His whole section about rebuilding and decentralizing all of these utilities and stuff. He's like, "Electric lines are only going to be in this one area." I'm like, have you talked to literally any engineers? How are you going to get power to your cities, my dude?

Eve:

Right. And this is the thing that keeps coming up when you look at the theocratic ideas, is the ahistoricity creates these massive pitfalls because sure those rules may have worked for society during nomadic, futile states eras of civilization.

Kieryn:

Right. But that's not where we are anymore.

Eve:

But we are not there.

Kieryn:

Just because you want to live in the 18th century doesn't mean we're there.

Eve:

Just because you like watching the beginning part of Mad Max Fury Road does not mean that the rest of us want to live there.

Kieryn:

Fact. My God.

Eve:

That's a good Christmas movie. I should watch that again this weekend.

Kieryn:

Yeah. I want to watch it now again too. But I don't want to live in it. I don't want that life for me.

Eve:

We don't. I think as bad as things have gotten, we're not at the point where infrastructure's fallen apart to the point where you need to do things like this. And so, how much destruction are you planning, my sir?

Kieryn:

Right. It feels from reading this, his whole thing is basically everything is going to be destroyed and we're going to be in post-apocalyptic fallout four level world with maybe less radiation. And we have to start from ground zero.

Eve:

Except for he's still assuming that the Pacific Northwest isn't going to be nuked.

Kieryn:

Right. Or destroyed by climate change, I say living on the West Coast.

Eve:

Okay. So, what I said that was probably missed was, you have to read good science fiction in order to do this homework assignment right. And I was recommending Octavia Butler's, Parable of the Sewer. If you want to read about what would happen if someone was trying to establish this kind of theocratic state in the middle of climate crisis collapse. It's a very good book. But I think what really gets me about this guy is he's so unoriginal. He's not crazy.

Kieryn:

Yeah. No.

Eve:

He's got a very broad set of resources in terms of these ideas that he's bringing in and he's put them together semi- cogently, but he is not actually that deep of a thinker. He really hasn't come up with anything that's very-

Kieryn:

Original or proven.

Eve:

Yeah. Original or interesting.

Kieryn:

Honestly it kind of reminds me-

Eve:

Like Rushdoony has more going on him.

Kieryn:

One, I could have written better. And it would've been more thought through and not evil and fascist obviously. But it also reminds me of when I was a teenager and I was in the mock government with a bunch of other homeschoolers and we ran our own little kind of mini government and we did our own kind of simulations of this stuff. And that was still better.

Eve:

This is what I'm talking about. This is exactly what I've been saying all along. When I was taking that ninth grade speech and debate. He's playing Risk.

Kieryn:

That's exactly what it is.

Eve:

Nothing more.

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

He's doing D&D risk.

Kieryn:

There's nothing challenging any of his assumptions either. There's nothing that he's thinking ahead about solving. He doesn't see the flaws in his plan.

Eve:

Because you know, we'll discuss adultery later.

Kieryn:

We'll take adultery temporarily off the table for capital punishment, but definitely leave any of the sex that I think is not right in.

Eve:

I feel like I need to go eat some pussy to clean my mouth out from this stuff.

Kieryn:

That is correct. It's so bad.

Eve:

This is bad. I'm sorry for my listeners, if you're listening to this with kids around, I've been really crass.

Kieryn:

There was nothing else we could be. It's so much worse than I even imagined it was when I started getting into these documents. And it's just like, we could go on for several more episodes just figuring this out. But the long story short of this-

Eve:

But we're going to have mercy on you and we're not going to do it.

Kieryn:

... Is if you want to read all of it, you can. It's on the internet. We'll have it in the show notes. But it's just so bad. It's just so bad on so many levels. It's dog whistle-y, it's white supremacist, it's very Nazi level of ideology and bullshit. And this is stuff he believes firmly. And this is stuff that he is more than prepared and has even trained to fight for. There was this thing that I saw that he was involved in called Team Rugged, which is like paramilitary bootcamp for religious right wing fascists, where they learn how to shoot and do gymnastics at the same time. But it also reminded me of this program that I knew boys going to when I was a teenager called Alert.

Eve:

I knew boys going to it too.

Kieryn:

Yeah. So, they have the Alert cadets, which is like the Boy Scouts. And they have Alert the program, which is literally a bootcamp, but Boy Scouts bootcamp, where it's that same level of stuff.

Eve:

So, we'll post the video in the show notes. But anyone who knows how marshal training works knows that these guys, the minute one of them gets into combat, he's going to pull a fucking hamstring and limp off the field and be like, "Ow." Because they're so stiff, they haven't stretched, they don't know how to roll, they don't know how to fall, they don't know how to do anything.

Kieryn:

Which I guess is all they're aiming for, literally. [crosstalk 01:04:04]. So, I couldn't even watch the whole thing.

Eve:

I watched the whole thing, it was so bad.

Kieryn:

They're literally ready to go to war for this shit. So, it's absolutely fucking ridiculous, but it's also not something to take lightly because he's threatened something going down in January.

Eve:

So, these are the guys who are going to be organizing against the anti-fa in major cities. This is the thing, so like the Proud Boys etc. all of those kinds of groups, this is the kind of thing they're aspiring to I guess, which is just, one it's adorable. On the other hand, it's terrifying.

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Kieryn:

It's so bad, it's funny. And it's also terrifying.

Eve:

So again, like we were saying about grassroots organizing, don't underestimate them.

Kieryn:

Also, if you're a fellow activist and organizer and you're getting involved in your local democratic party and stuff, think about things after the election and outside of the election and do grassroots work, get involved in your local stuff. Everything happens locally. That is why these people are flourishing.

Eve:

And not just doing nonprofit charity. That's not enough.

Kieryn:

We'll stop here.

Eve:

All right. We're going to get really angry if we keep going, so we got to pull it in, reign it back. Go on, deep breath. Okay. One, two.

Kieryn:

Okay. Yeah.

Eve:

All right.

Kieryn:

Thank you for joining us on this wild ride.

Eve:

Thank you for listening. We're so sorry we had to subject you to this. But he started it.

Kieryn:

Yeah.

Eve:

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Eve:

Yay.

Kieryn:

Technology is hard.

Eve:

We're on the Twitters.

Kieryn:

Our Twitter handle is kitchencultpod because kitchentablecult was too many letters. So, it's kitchencultpod. And we're also on Instagram, which is kitchentablecultpod because that matches everything else except Twitter. There's a logic.

Eve:

I always forget we're on Instagram. I clearly don't run our socials.

Eve:

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Kieryn:

Yes. Thank you so much. We appreciate all of you and everyone who wants to join in is also greatly appreciated, because this is a lot of work and required a lot of drinking to get through Matt Shea's bullshit. No. I'm definitely going to make more.

Eve:

I need another glass of wine. Thank you to the band, The Heavens, for sharing their music for our show. The music you hear is from their albums De Nazo and our producer is, as always, Dave the Great.

Kieryn:

Thanks Dave.

Eve:

Thanks Dave.

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Kieryn:

Thank you all for listening. Have an excellent 2020, hopefully.

Eve:

Yeah. If you're listening to this after New Years, I hope you guys are all hydrating really well.

Kieryn:

Drink water.

Eve:

All right. Bye.

Kieryn:

Bye.