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Well, we're here today with the Kelly brothers,
Scott Kelly, Expedition 25 Flight Engineer,

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who will become the Commander of the
International Space Station for Expedition 26,

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Mark Kelly, Endeavour's Commander
for the STS-134 mission

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to the International Space
Station, very unique moment here.

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You guys were born February 21,
1964, in West Orange, New Jersey.

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Right before the launch of Endeavour,
actually, you'll turn forty-six,

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so the first question naturally, since
you're identical twins is 'Who's the oldest?'

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Mark - Actually we'll be forty-seven.

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So if you do the math from '64 to 2011 we'd
be forty-seven and I'll be six minutes older.

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Six minutes older, so you
were first, Scott followed you

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but that's not necessarily the way your
career paths worked as we'll explore later on.

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Mark - You know, but we didn't
know that actually

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until we were probably, what?, fifteen, sixteen?

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Scott - Our parents weren't, they didn't want
to tell who was older because they thought maybe

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that person would then have some leverage
or something like that so we didn't know

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who was older or who was younger until
probably, you know, thirteen to fifteenish.

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Well, before we go into your upbringing, did one
become the alpha male, pretty quickly in life?

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Mark - Isn't that dogs you're
referring to there?

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It could be humans as well, but...

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Scott - I don't think so.

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Mark - No, no, we've always been, pretty close
and not very competitive with each other, so...

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New Jersey has grabbed a lot of limelight particularly recently in television

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with a variety of programming but those who are not familiar with West Orange, New Jersey,

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where you were born and grew up, tell us a little bit about your hometown.

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Scott - It's a, you know, it's kind of a combination of, you know,

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sort of city-like and, the suburbs.

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It's a bedroom community of New York City, about twenty minutes west of Manhattan and,

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it's really, really was a great place to grow up.

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It's, you know, that whole area's got a, real, a lot to offer and, you know,

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we took advantage of some of that I think growing up.

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Mark - Good school system, you know.

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We used to do field trips from school into New York City to go to museums

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so it was, it was a great location.

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Scott - We used to do our own field trips into New York City on the...

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Mark - Sometimes...

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Scott - ...the local bus.

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West Orange, aside from the two of you, is the birthplace of other notables.

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I'll just read a few: Thomas Edison, certainly historic icon.

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Mark - Yah, I actually don't think he was born there but that's

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where he had his major factory and his laboratory.

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Scott - And he lived there for many years.

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Mark - Yah, and his, the museum, the nat-, I think it's a National Historic Monument now

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for Thomas Edison is in West Orange.

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General George McClellan,
famous historic figure.

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Phil Rizzuto, shortstop for the New York
Yankees and later one of their broadcasters.

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Amos Alonzo Stagg and Whoopie Goldberg.

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Did West Orange ever strike you as a place
in which notable people would grow up maybe

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because of its geographic
proximity to the Big Apple?

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Scott - You know, it's, it's
certainly known as a,

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as a place that Thomas Edison
spent a lot of time in.

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As far as some of those other folks, I
wasn't really aware of that growing up.

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It's, it's actually a pretty small
town, population-wise about I think

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when we were there maybe fifty thousand people so, you know, it's not a huge city, so,

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you know, it does somewhat surprise me now when you tell me all the, the, the, you know,

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notable people that were born there.

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So what was it like growing up in West Orange?

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Mark - It, you know, like my brother said, it's kind of got a little bit of an urban feel to it

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but it is a suburb of, of New York City but when you're growing up there, you know,

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it's like it's all you know, a couple high schools in the town.

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We went to the one, I guess, essentially further away from, from New York, a little bit.

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The town's somewhat divided by a big hill so we have these terms of from 'up the hill'

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and 'down the hill' and, not that, that they really meant anything

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but there was pretty much a division in, that went right through the town.

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Did you all stay in the suburbs more or did you,
as you grew up, did you visit New York a lot?

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Scott - We would go in there with our,
with our parents once in a while for,

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actually go into Manhattan for dinner, weekends
occasionally to a museum, but, you know,

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most of, most of my memories of, of
traveling into Manhattan was, you know,

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with the school trips and then later on as
we got, you know, into high school kind of,

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you know, on our own and with, with friends.

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Mark - I remember once going into New York City
when I was probably fifteen or sixteen with,

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with just another friend and getting stuck in
the staircase of the Empire State Building.

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That was an experience 'cuz we decided we
wanted to walk down instead of take the elevator

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down so we got into the stairwell and we walked
down most of the way to the bottom and then got

