



MY EXPERIENCE WORKING AT
SKINWALKER
RANCH

FEATURING

CHRISTOPHER BARTEL

1
00:00:08,270 --> 00:00:05,930
foreign

2
00:00:10,009 --> 00:00:08,280
[Music]

3
00:00:11,450 --> 00:00:10,019
kind of hesitant about some of my

4
00:00:13,310 --> 00:00:11,460
experiences

5
00:00:14,930 --> 00:00:13,320
um because I don't like to say things

6
00:00:17,529 --> 00:00:14,940
unless I can back them up with either a

7
00:00:21,109 --> 00:00:17,539
second witness or photographic evidence

8
00:00:23,510 --> 00:00:21,119
or some type of physical evidence so I

9
00:00:26,090 --> 00:00:23,520
would say personally the the experience

10
00:00:28,009 --> 00:00:26,100
that stands out the most is uh the large

11
00:00:30,230 --> 00:00:28,019
wolf or canine experience I had in

12
00:00:31,849 --> 00:00:30,240
October it was actually my second week

13
00:00:34,010 --> 00:00:31,859

in October

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00:00:35,569 --> 00:00:34,020

um out there on the property when myself

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00:00:37,910 --> 00:00:35,579

and another officer

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00:00:40,310 --> 00:00:37,920

we have this routine down

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00:00:42,950 --> 00:00:40,320

where one guy would go out for a morning

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00:00:45,110 --> 00:00:42,960

run around the property and kind of get

19

00:00:47,209 --> 00:00:45,120

an eyes on of the environment kind of

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00:00:49,250 --> 00:00:47,219

get a judge of how the day is going to

21

00:00:50,750 --> 00:00:49,260

go where we're going to go check out and

22

00:00:52,869 --> 00:00:50,760

the other guy would do the report from

23

00:00:56,090 --> 00:00:52,879

the night before and get that sent up

24

00:00:58,069 --> 00:00:56,100

and then you know around 11 noon we'd

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00:01:00,950 --> 00:00:58,079

pack up our gear and Hike out and go

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00:01:02,990 --> 00:01:00,960

explore and look for stuff and do EVP

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00:01:05,450 --> 00:01:03,000

sessions at some of the homesteads and

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00:01:07,670 --> 00:01:05,460

uh take pictures and that's what kind of

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00:01:09,109 --> 00:01:07,680

got my photography going was at the time

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00:01:10,850 --> 00:01:09,119

there were there were some questionable

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00:01:13,550 --> 00:01:10,860

pictures being taken on Homestead too

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00:01:14,750 --> 00:01:13,560

that for me was was backstitt back this

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00:01:17,630 --> 00:01:14,760

whole Backscatter which is Flash

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00:01:19,490 --> 00:01:17,640

photography and a dust environment and

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00:01:21,649 --> 00:01:19,500

uh I was like that's not orbs those are

36

00:01:22,850 --> 00:01:21,659

dust particles and I I kind of just I

37

00:01:25,249 --> 00:01:22,860

kind of debunked it with my own camera

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00:01:27,170 --> 00:01:25,259

because at the time I had a more uh more

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00:01:28,730 --> 00:01:27,180

high def camera and then I kind of

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00:01:31,310 --> 00:01:28,740

carried my camera my own personal camera

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00:01:33,050 --> 00:01:31,320

as a secondary ways to document the

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00:01:35,690 --> 00:01:33,060

phenomenon as best I could

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00:01:37,670 --> 00:01:35,700

and um anyways so back to the wolf story

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00:01:39,830 --> 00:01:37,680

on this particular day uh the other

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00:01:42,230 --> 00:01:39,840

officer came back from the Run

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00:01:44,630 --> 00:01:42,240

and he was like hey I found some weird

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00:01:45,950 --> 00:01:44,640

prints some large canine friends on top

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00:01:47,569 --> 00:01:45,960

of the Mesa

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00:01:49,429 --> 00:01:47,579

and I'm like okay let's go check it out

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00:01:51,350 --> 00:01:49,439

and I'm from Kansas and grew up on a

51
00:01:53,690 --> 00:01:51,360
farm where we had horses and all you

52
00:01:55,190 --> 00:01:53,700
know all kinds of animals you could

53
00:01:56,030 --> 00:01:55,200
think of we would have done middle of

54
00:01:58,190 --> 00:01:56,040
nowhere

55
00:02:00,590 --> 00:01:58,200
and so we go out there and we see these

56
00:02:02,990 --> 00:02:00,600
large it looks like it looks like a wolf

57
00:02:04,490 --> 00:02:03,000
prank big big size wolf print but what

58
00:02:06,109 --> 00:02:04,500
made it weird is that there was like a

59
00:02:08,449 --> 00:02:06,119
section where it looked like this animal

60
00:02:10,070 --> 00:02:08,459
was walking on two feet they had like

61
00:02:13,309 --> 00:02:10,080
this three foot stride

62
00:02:14,990 --> 00:02:13,319
and it will go to four feet two feet it

63
00:02:17,570 --> 00:02:15,000

was it was weird it didn't make any

64

00:02:21,290 --> 00:02:17,580

sense and at the time we had two black

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00:02:22,729 --> 00:02:21,300

labs and a border collie dog we had

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00:02:25,369 --> 00:02:22,739

three dogs with us

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00:02:27,589 --> 00:02:25,379

and the labs Prince and these are

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00:02:30,050 --> 00:02:27,599

full-grown Labs the labs prints and some

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00:02:32,990 --> 00:02:30,060

of the pictures I I posted before

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00:02:35,330 --> 00:02:33,000

um these wolf prints dwarfed the lab

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00:02:37,670 --> 00:02:35,340

prints and you can see the the three

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00:02:39,110 --> 00:02:37,680

foot strikes I threw a ruler down to

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00:02:43,070 --> 00:02:39,120

kind of measure it

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00:02:44,690 --> 00:02:43,080

so we kind of call our supervisor column

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00:02:46,670 --> 00:02:44,700

and say hey we've got

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00:02:48,110 --> 00:02:46,680

a possible weird animal out here or

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00:02:50,449 --> 00:02:48,120

something his advice is you know be

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00:02:53,570 --> 00:02:50,459

careful but document the best you can

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00:02:55,250 --> 00:02:53,580

I'm like okay Roger that so me and my a

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00:02:56,630 --> 00:02:55,260

colleague were like you know we have

81

00:02:59,570 --> 00:02:56,640

this stupid mindset like we're gonna go

82

00:03:01,850 --> 00:02:59,580

capture this animal not knowing what

83

00:03:04,670 --> 00:03:01,860

we're really dealing with you know

84

00:03:06,410 --> 00:03:04,680

this is in 2010. so that night we'd go

85

00:03:08,630 --> 00:03:06,420

out I think it was the next night we'd

86

00:03:11,270 --> 00:03:08,640

go out and we have all of our Gear with

87

00:03:13,190 --> 00:03:11,280

us you know and we're out

88

00:03:14,630 --> 00:03:13,200

until like three o'clock in the morning

89

00:03:16,550 --> 00:03:14,640

and we're sitting up a little makeshift

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00:03:18,890 --> 00:03:16,560

campfires everywhere trying to draw this

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00:03:21,170 --> 00:03:18,900

animal in and we felt like the whole

92

00:03:23,030 --> 00:03:21,180

night something was watching us and the

93

00:03:25,130 --> 00:03:23,040

dogs are acting very suspicious they

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00:03:26,630 --> 00:03:25,140

were like clinging to us and normally

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00:03:28,190 --> 00:03:26,640

the dogs are running around trying to

96

00:03:29,990 --> 00:03:28,200

catch rabbits and stuff but this night

97

00:03:31,910 --> 00:03:30,000

they were very on edge so we knew

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00:03:34,009 --> 00:03:31,920

something was up

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00:03:34,850 --> 00:03:34,019

so anyways it starts raining a little

100

00:03:36,890 --> 00:03:34,860

bit

101
00:03:38,509 --> 00:03:36,900
and we start we're like oh we've been

102
00:03:40,250 --> 00:03:38,519
out all night let's let's call it a

103
00:03:41,690 --> 00:03:40,260
night it's like 3 30 3 o'clock in the

104
00:03:43,190 --> 00:03:41,700
morning maybe I can't remember exactly

105
00:03:45,830 --> 00:03:43,200
but I remember it was a full moon night

106
00:03:46,610 --> 00:03:45,840
and we start walking back to Homestead

107
00:03:48,470 --> 00:03:46,620
one

108
00:03:51,470 --> 00:03:48,480
but we start backtracking our original

109
00:03:53,690 --> 00:03:51,480
our original tracks for that night to

110
00:03:56,390 --> 00:03:53,700
see if we missed anything and we find

111
00:03:58,309 --> 00:03:56,400
behind our Prince wolf Prince

112
00:03:59,210 --> 00:03:58,319
this thing had been following us the

113
00:04:01,190 --> 00:03:59,220

whole night

114

00:04:02,509 --> 00:04:01,200

and the dogs never picked up on it and

115

00:04:04,910 --> 00:04:02,519

we never saw it

116

00:04:07,970 --> 00:04:04,920

so it was just it was just far enough

117

00:04:10,729 --> 00:04:07,980

away to keep a visual on us but not not

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00:04:13,309 --> 00:04:10,739

close enough for us to see it

119

00:04:15,410 --> 00:04:13,319

so now we're like holy we need to

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00:04:16,129 --> 00:04:15,420

get back to the homestead

121

00:04:18,949 --> 00:04:16,139

um

122

00:04:21,289 --> 00:04:18,959

because this thing's tracking us now so

123

00:04:23,270 --> 00:04:21,299

we're walking on the main dirt road that

124

00:04:25,249 --> 00:04:23,280

you see on the TV show and we're going

125

00:04:27,409 --> 00:04:25,259

around the curve actually it's all

126
00:04:29,990 --> 00:04:27,419
happened at the triangle area so we're

127
00:04:31,129 --> 00:04:30,000
going around the triangle area of the

128
00:04:33,830 --> 00:04:31,139
ranch

129
00:04:35,450 --> 00:04:33,840
uh and I'm about 50 to 60 feet ahead of

130
00:04:37,969 --> 00:04:35,460
my partner and I'll never forget this

131
00:04:39,650 --> 00:04:37,979
because this replays in my brain every

132
00:04:42,969 --> 00:04:39,660
single night

133
00:04:45,710 --> 00:04:42,979
the the moon is full and there's clouds

134
00:04:48,350 --> 00:04:45,720
and my partner says stop I hear

135
00:04:50,510 --> 00:04:48,360
something and his his life his like his

136
00:04:52,610 --> 00:04:50,520
back is facing the ditch there and I'm

137
00:04:55,850 --> 00:04:52,620
ahead of him and I turn around to say

138
00:04:57,890 --> 00:04:55,860

what and as I'm turning around it feels

139

00:04:59,930 --> 00:04:57,900

like time is compressing like like

140

00:05:03,170 --> 00:04:59,940

everything slows down

141

00:05:05,510 --> 00:05:03,180

and the the clouds go over the moon and

142

00:05:07,370 --> 00:05:05,520

everything got really dark and I felt

143

00:05:09,830 --> 00:05:07,380

like the whole frequency and vibration

144

00:05:11,710 --> 00:05:09,840

of the environment just dropped like

145

00:05:14,570 --> 00:05:11,720

you're walking in water

146

00:05:17,450 --> 00:05:14,580

and out of the ditch

147

00:05:19,670 --> 00:05:17,460

we both hear this guttural growl come

148

00:05:22,010 --> 00:05:19,680

out of the ditch and something large is

149

00:05:25,610 --> 00:05:22,020

like a size of a donkey or a deer black

150

00:05:29,210 --> 00:05:25,620

wolf jumps out lands on the dirt road

151
00:05:30,110 --> 00:05:29,220
takes off West the dogs go after the

152
00:05:31,850 --> 00:05:30,120
animal

153
00:05:33,230 --> 00:05:31,860
we go after the dogs because we're

154
00:05:35,810 --> 00:05:33,240
worried about the dogs fighting these

155
00:05:37,610 --> 00:05:35,820
this big animal and we're right behind

156
00:05:39,409 --> 00:05:37,620
the animal and it's like

157
00:05:41,090 --> 00:05:39,419
we blink and it's gone it like

158
00:05:42,830 --> 00:05:41,100
disappears in the Darkness

159
00:05:44,570 --> 00:05:42,840
and we're like what the hell was that

160
00:05:45,950 --> 00:05:44,580
and the dog stopped dead in the tracks

161
00:05:46,909 --> 00:05:45,960
and looked at us like what the hell is

162
00:05:49,370 --> 00:05:46,919
that

163
00:05:50,990 --> 00:05:49,380

and so we took some pictures and we got

164

00:05:52,370 --> 00:05:51,000

the hell out of there and got back to

165

00:05:54,290 --> 00:05:52,380

Homestead one

166

00:05:56,150 --> 00:05:54,300

and did the report and I think an

167

00:05:58,129 --> 00:05:56,160

initial report I probably don't even see

168

00:06:00,050 --> 00:05:58,139

the animal because I was so freaked out

169

00:06:02,450 --> 00:06:00,060

about losing my clearance my my cue

170

00:06:04,850 --> 00:06:02,460

clearance got an initial report I said I

171

00:06:06,230 --> 00:06:04,860

didn't see it because I was I had

172

00:06:07,909 --> 00:06:06,240

planned to go back to Nevada Test side

173

00:06:09,710 --> 00:06:07,919

eventually it's because all my friends

174

00:06:11,510 --> 00:06:09,720

were there and that paid better and

175

00:06:12,950 --> 00:06:11,520

there was better benefits and stuff but

176

00:06:14,990 --> 00:06:12,960

I was like I'm not going to say put this

177

00:06:17,570 --> 00:06:15,000

on the report because my my brain cannot

178

00:06:20,749 --> 00:06:17,580

process what I had just experienced

179

00:06:21,890 --> 00:06:20,759

wow that really took me back but here's

180

00:06:24,350 --> 00:06:21,900

the crazy part

181

00:06:27,830 --> 00:06:24,360

not that that wasn't crazy enough but

182

00:06:30,350 --> 00:06:27,840

fast forward to 2015 I'm out there by

183

00:06:32,809 --> 00:06:30,360

myself now because in 2011 we went to

184

00:06:36,050 --> 00:06:32,819

one person on the property now can you

185

00:06:38,529 --> 00:06:36,060

imagine securing a ranch and at the time

186

00:06:41,390 --> 00:06:38,539

we had almost a thousand acres

187

00:06:43,189 --> 00:06:41,400

we leased the land around us we leased

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00:06:44,930 --> 00:06:43,199

the land on top of the Mesa so we had

189

00:06:47,270 --> 00:06:44,940

more acreage to cover

190

00:06:49,670 --> 00:06:47,280

but imagine you're supposed to secure

191

00:06:52,370 --> 00:06:49,680

the property by yourself at night it's

192

00:06:54,830 --> 00:06:52,380

total no-go you don't do that but we did

193

00:06:58,430 --> 00:06:54,840

but in 2015 I'm sitting in a lawn chair

194

00:07:00,230 --> 00:06:58,440

at the East Gate with the dogs at the

195

00:07:02,689 --> 00:07:00,240

time we have three three Labs now

196

00:07:06,590 --> 00:07:02,699

because Bella had passed away

197

00:07:08,749 --> 00:07:06,600

and uh it was a nice quiet night I think

198

00:07:10,010 --> 00:07:08,759

it was in the fall again and I was kind

199

00:07:12,469 --> 00:07:10,020

of on my phone a little bit looking at

200

00:07:14,510 --> 00:07:12,479

the road not paying attention because by

201
00:07:16,610 --> 00:07:14,520
2015 the ranch was like a second home to

202
00:07:18,409 --> 00:07:16,620
me I felt normal out there everything

203
00:07:21,050 --> 00:07:18,419
was just you know I knew word stuff

204
00:07:23,089 --> 00:07:21,060
happened but you're kind of I kind of um

205
00:07:25,550 --> 00:07:23,099
compared to being deployed overseas for

206
00:07:27,230 --> 00:07:25,560
the first time in a combat zone like you

207
00:07:28,850 --> 00:07:27,240
know you're on edge or everything's a

208
00:07:32,150 --> 00:07:28,860
big experience everything's like tunnel

209
00:07:33,830 --> 00:07:32,160
vision by year by you know month nine

210
00:07:35,450 --> 00:07:33,840
month 10 year one you're ready to get

211
00:07:37,189 --> 00:07:35,460
the hell out of there and go home by

212
00:07:38,510 --> 00:07:37,199
year five you're just like whatever it's

213
00:07:40,370 --> 00:07:38,520

the ranch I don't care it's just

214

00:07:41,629 --> 00:07:40,380

whatever so you're kind of getting numb

215

00:07:43,370 --> 00:07:41,639

to the environment

216

00:07:45,230 --> 00:07:43,380

and sometimes that's good sometimes

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00:07:47,870 --> 00:07:45,240

that's bad you get kind of complacent

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00:07:50,450 --> 00:07:47,880

which is not good but also you're you're

219

00:07:52,610 --> 00:07:50,460

I feel like your vibration uh kind of

220

00:07:54,710 --> 00:07:52,620

Tunes in with the environment if that

221

00:07:55,850 --> 00:07:54,720

makes sense anyways so I'm sitting on

222

00:07:58,790 --> 00:07:55,860

this lawn chair

223

00:08:00,589 --> 00:07:58,800

and my back's turned against that it's

224

00:08:03,469 --> 00:08:00,599

called the Eastern Valley

225

00:08:07,550 --> 00:08:03,479

and out of the out of this bushes of

226
00:08:09,710 --> 00:08:07,560
sage I hear that same how growl that I

227
00:08:13,189 --> 00:08:09,720
heard in 2010

228
00:08:14,029 --> 00:08:13,199
or yeah 2010 I come off the chair gun

229
00:08:15,290 --> 00:08:14,039
out

230
00:08:16,969 --> 00:08:15,300
spinning

231
00:08:19,490 --> 00:08:16,979
because I thought this thing was going

232
00:08:21,950 --> 00:08:19,500
to attack and I can see the shrubs move

233
00:08:24,350 --> 00:08:21,960
and the dogs go after it and almost come

234
00:08:25,850 --> 00:08:24,360
right back like confused so I go out

235
00:08:27,770 --> 00:08:25,860
with you know flashlight I don't see

236
00:08:29,749 --> 00:08:27,780
anything but something was there like

237
00:08:32,209 --> 00:08:29,759
letting me know hey I'm still here

238
00:08:33,829 --> 00:08:32,219

I was like oh great now I gotta walk

239

00:08:35,149 --> 00:08:33,839

back to the trailer which is like a

240

00:08:37,310 --> 00:08:35,159

quarter mile away

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00:08:39,589 --> 00:08:37,320

and on this dirt road there's tons of

242

00:08:42,350 --> 00:08:39,599

blind spots on this dirt road I'm gonna

243

00:08:44,269 --> 00:08:42,360

get flanked by something and and I'm not

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00:08:46,070 --> 00:08:44,279

making it back so the whole I remember

245

00:08:49,190 --> 00:08:46,080

walking back that night like just gun

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00:08:51,350 --> 00:08:49,200

out like oh this is it I'm gonna die I'm

247

00:08:54,110 --> 00:08:51,360

gonna die today I'm gonna die on Walker

248

00:08:56,320 --> 00:08:54,120

Ranch yeah and I'll just like give me a