

TRANSCRIPT - PATIENT ZERO: EPISODE NINE

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NARRATOR

Observer Pictures Presents Patient zero. This is Episode Nine: The Final Day.

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LUCAS

[his breathing is labored] It's April 24 at 2314 local time. We'll leave camp in less than 8 hours.

00:01:15:15 - 00:01:37:09

LUCAS

I know I should be asleep, but never good at that on the last day of an expedition. The UNEP lab in Panama City sent word today... granting me full access to the results from the data I sent earlier in the week on the amphibian habitat.

00:01:37:09 - 00:01:44:07

LUCAS

[sigh] They haven't approved me or my lab to receive the original data yet.

00:01:45:27 - 00:01:49:01

LUCAS

[typing] Something about going through UNEP in DC.

00:01:51:25 - 00:01:56:29

LUCAS

El papeleo es mi parte menos favorita del trabajo. (Red tape is my least favorite part of the job.)

00:01:56:29 - 00:02:11:08

LUCAS

I'll leave that to Monica to figure out. I haven't had a chance to look over the results because I've been trying to stay on task with the migration study. *Bien por mí, verdad? (Good for me, right?)*
[a weak chuckle]

00:02:11:08 - 00:02:37:19

LUCAS

Preliminary results from this expedition show that more than 60% of the endemic flora from lower elevations have begun successful migration to this area with no apparent hybridization... confirming their modeling timeline.

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LUCAS

The current cohabitation of the naturally occurring species with the lab-created ones is successful. I do believe assisted migration can continue, again, because plants, especially

trees, take longer to show changes as they migrate. These results cannot be truly confirmed for decades, which means I can look forward to coming out here time and time again [wheezy coughs]

00:03:17:07 - 00:03:55:01

LUCAS

With the unexpected appearance of amphibians, I do believe we need to reevaluate phase 4. These creatures are much more susceptible to pathogens, and introducing lab-born amphibians could be catastrophic. We cannot risk the extinction of more species. This area has suffered enough loss. [more intense wheezing and coughing]

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REYNA

Knock, knock. Are you all right?

00:04:05:04 - 00:04:06:01

LUCAS

Did I wake you?

00:04:07:02 - 00:04:12:07

REYNA

No. I could never sleep. The final night of the expedition.

00:04:12:07 - 00:04:13:07

LUCAS

I'm the same way.

00:04:14:05 - 00:04:18:08

REYNA

I heard you coughing. Are you sure you're okay?

00:04:18:18 - 00:04:26:09

LUCAS

Yeah, I'm fine. Um... I've probably overworked myself. I think a little rest won't cure.

00:04:26:16 - 00:04:32:27

Juliana

Right. And when do you plan to have that little rest?

00:04:32:27 - 00:04:35:25

LUCAS

Maybe on the plane.

00:04:37:11 - 00:04:40:07

REYNA

Hmm. You should have Angeline check you out.

00:04:42:06 - 00:04:43:14

LUCAS

I'm fine. I promise.

00:04:44:06 - 00:04:49:18

REYNA

Well, you should go to bed, get a little rest in now before the sun comes up.

00:04:50:06 - 00:04:53:16

LUCAS

I will, if you will.

00:04:53:21 - 00:04:54:04

REYNA

Good night.

00:04:55:12 - 00:04:58:18

LUCAS

[small laugh] Good night, Reyna. [The recorder clicks off.]

00:05:03:05 - 00:05:11:01

LUCAS

[Recorder clicks back on] I couldn't sleep. I tried. I think I may have gotten 2 hours.

00:05:11:01 - 00:05:18:26

LUCAS

It doesn't matter. I had to look at the results from UNEP. *Estoy tan feliz que no esperé (I am so happy I didn't wait.)*

00:05:18:26 - 00:05:51:00

LUCAS

It's an 88% match. The toads we saw are most likely golden toads. [laugh, wheeze, cough] The UNEP lab wants to get more DNA to confirm, of course. But 88 is... wow. *No tengo las palabras I don't have the words.* [violent coughing]

00:05:51:00 - 00:06:25:15

LUCAS

I do hope my request for access to all the current data is approved because I would like to conduct my own studies. My findings, along with UNEP's findings, would absolutely secure funding for further expeditions to this area with the specific goal of studying these toads, these... Golden Toads. I really can't believe we found Golden Toads.

00:06:26:07 - 00:06:47:16

LUCAS

Not just Golden Toads, but... *Es increíble* [very labored breathing] *Es magnífico. Es absolutamente increíble.* [heavy coughing as the recorder clicks off]

00:06:50:22 - 00:07:25:04

NARRATOR

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