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Jimmy Darling, the freaky lobster boy



Noah Claver, famous journalist and reporter, allows us one more time to dive in the hidden parts of the society with his new article. After the success of his latest book « behind the scene », which offers an other view of the society by revealing the story of different outcasts, he is back with a new poignant article on the freaky lobster boy , a sideshow performer of the freak show « Miss Elsa's cabinet of curiosity », : Jimmy Darling



Jimmy Darling the « lobster boy »

After traveling through Jupiter, an unknown city of florida, where the freak show is settled, I finally arrived, not without difficulty, in an old hangar where Jimmy Darling was supposed to receive me. I probably waited only five minutes that seemed to be an hour because of my desire to learn more on this mysterious man and to share to you this interview, so hang on, take a seat and read...

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NC : Hello Jimmy, first , I wanted to thank you for receiving me and share your experience on my newspaper because it could be difficult for you. Most of the time reporters are interested in more « casual » cases. How are you ?

JD : Hello Noah, well, The only thing I want is to raise awarrences on the condition of people like me so I thought it could be a good opportunity but thank you I am fine.

NC : So first of all can you present yourself briefly and overall the story of your « lobster hands » because it is what made you a freak.

JD : Basically, I am Jimmy Darling : the « lobster boy », I am 23 years old, my mother was Ethel Darling, she passed away when my father Dell Toledo abandonned my mother and I. I used to go trough different freak show with my mother that is how we survived and how I was « exploited ». Actually the story of my hands is not that surprising, I suffer of a disease, a malformation named ectrodactyly. In my case, my middle finger and index finger are stitch together and my ring finger and little finger as well, it is like I have only three fingers.

NC : [After a moment of silence] What a troubled life ! I am sorry for your mother. Did you try to hide your disease or at the opposite, were you pride of it ?

JD : In fact, it is a bit of both, most of the time I wear gloves to hide it because people usually stare at

me and it is not really convenient to approach women but I also try to fight for acceptance of people like me and when I perform on the scene, I am proud to show it because it is what make my strength and I feel like I belong to a family with other freaks..

NC : I think that this deformity is what makes your charm and makes you different. So yes you were talking about this family : « Miss Elsa's cabinet of curiosity ». What this freak show brung to you and what elsa represents for you ?

JD : Actually the show brung me a lot, it brung me friends like the deceased Meep, Paul or Eve. To me they are like a second family and I like being with them but my dream would be to leave the freak show and live a normal life. About elsa, I just see her as my recruiter, but she allowed me to discover all those beautiful people so I am grateful to her.

NC : We will go back to the tragic story of Meep later. Do you think your life would have been different if you have not met Elsa ?

JD : Of course ! Being with my friends who are freaks as well allowed me to have more confidence and to be proud of myself. This is a big step that I could not have taken !

NC : That is a good point of your life. So now can you tell us about the tragic incident of Meep, if you feel able to, that I guess, probably affected you a lot.



The bearded mother of Jimmy Darling : Ethel Darling

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JD : Yes, time allowed me to feel better. He was my best friend. His death is, in part, the fault of my father Dell. A day, a detective wanted to arrest Bette and Dott Tattler, they were my friends so I wanted to protect them, so I slit his throat but I had no choice, I did not want my friends, my family to be arrested. We then hid the body because we did not know how to react and we were shocked. Unfortunately, the day after, the radio talked about a police officer that disappeared. I was panicked so I decided to burn the body. I then had an argument with my father and Elsa and myself decided that Dell had to leave the show so I made up a strategy. I decided to put the badge of the policeman in the caravan but he noticed it and put it in the caravan of Meep. Meep then got arrested. I felt guilty so I was ready to confess the crimes I made to save Meep but the police officer showed me the body of my friend on the table. I remember this day as if it was yesterday, the pain I felt, my anger toward my father, me crying on the grave of my friend. This is the tragic story of meep, I hope his soul rest in peace.

NC : [After a long silence] Woah... This is a lot of information, I guess this was one of the most difficult moments in your life but you actually killed someone ?

JD : Yes but as I said before I did not know how to react and I was panicked so I had no choice to save my friends, they count a lot for me.

NC : Well, I can understand, you had extenuating circumstances, they were your only family so you wanted to keep them safe. I am sincerely sorry for your friend, let's talk about something happier. I see that you are a charmant young man and I heard you had some success with girls isn't it ? What place did they take in your life ?

JD : Well, I used to earn money by offering unique sexual services to local desperate housewives with my lobster hands. So in fact, those wives helped me to survive but I only saw them as money and to me it was only work. However, I had some adventures in the show with Ima. I tried with Maggie but it was a failure. And finally with Dott that is currently my wife. For the story , I kissed for the first time Dott

after I had sex with Ima . But now my goal is to build my future with Dott and mayb, be a dad one day.

NC : I hope so ! I guess it would be the achievement of your starting goal : live a normal life. Excuse my indiscretion but can I see your hands because I only saw them in photos and you are wearing glove.

JD : If you want but I think you will be disappointed...

NC :[With astonishment] But, those are prothesis ! Where are your real hands ?

JD : Yes, I unfortunately lost my hands.

NC : That is a lot of twists and turns ! However, those hands are very realistic and they are normal hands.



Jimmy Darling's hands cut off

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NC : How did you react on the moment ?

JD : I was terrified because I thought that Stanley was my friend and I did not know how to react. You know, it is not trivial to lost your hands because a friend betrayed you but know , I am used to my new hands.

NC : I guess so... What your new hands allowed you to do that you could not have done before ?

JD : That is a big change ! Not really on the things I can do but more about the vision of people about me. Even if my lobster hands were a part of me and helped me a lot, I am a glad to have my new hands because I achieved my dream to live

a normal life.

NC : And what is your goal now ?

JD : As I said before, I would like to be a dad and finish my life with Dott.

NC : I really hope so ! Can we come back briefly on your parents because we did not talk about them a lot. I heard they were freaks ?

JD : Yes, I had a bearded mother, my father is a strongman and my stepmother, an hermaphrodite. That is why I integrated the freak show, because my mother was already in it.

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**Scoop of the day**

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JD : At first, I wanted hooks but elsa convinced me to have those prothesis.

NC : But can you tell us how your hands disappeared because it is quite curious.

JD : That is a long story. There was children who had disappeared and we found out that it was the fault of 2 men : Dandy and twisty. They kidnapped and killed those kids. Twisty got killed but Dandy managed to escape and I did not remember that Dandy was the accomplice of Twisty because I was knocked out. However I then remembered this night and found out who Dandy was. However he succeeded in proving his innocence and making the police believe that I was guilty. Stanley, a friend of mine, tried to help me by hiring the best lawyer possible but he needed money so he asked me to make a deal : in exchange of the services of this lawyer, I had to give my left hand. I, obviously, refused but he betrayed me. He poisoned me and why I slept, he cutted my two hands. When I woke up, my two hands were gone.



The Darling family

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The charmant young man Jimmy Darling

NC : Well, so you lived in a family of freaks. We are close to the end of the interview so this is one of my last questions and you are free. If you had to describe you in three words, what would they be ?

JD : [Laughing] I would say loyal, impulsive and... freak I guess.

NC : [Smiling] This is like your hallmark. Well, Do you have any last word or advice to say to our readers before this interview ends ?

JD : If I had an advice to give to them is that they should never let themselves be stomped upon because they are different or because they have a particularities. It is

often said that violence does not solve anything but my motto is that a punch often solve everything.

NC :[ Bursting out into hearty lauging] I think that this motto goes very well with your personality. Alright thank you very much for your testimony on your life, it was really interessting and constructive and allowed me to discover more about the freaks and I am sure that my readers will have the same opinion.

JD : Your welcome, that was a pleasure. Thank you for listenning to me.

And this is how the poignant interview on the lobster boy Jimmy Darling ended. After havig taken a last sip of coffee, he went out, lefting me alone with my own cup of tea. I hope that this interview will help jimmy in his goal : in raisaing awarnesses on the situation of people like him. To be honest I had some prejudice and preconceptions but this interview dissipated each one of them and I hope it will be the same for you. In fact they are just people like us , they have feelings, fears and qualities they just did not have the same chance as us. I let you make your own opinion and see you later for a new article...

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