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Lemley: Okay, we are recording and uh, my name is Tasha Af Lemley representing Urban Green Lab and the Tennessee State University. The date today is, oh my goodness, it is Friday eighth, April the 10th, 2026. And the time is approximately 1:18 PM I'm in Nashville, Tennessee and taking a brief oral history of Ms.

Ellie Kane. So, Ellie, could you say and spell your name?

Kane: Eleanor Kane. I go by Ellie. E-L-E-A-N-O-R or E-L-L-I-E-K-A-N-E.

Lemley: Thank you Ellie. And do you consent to be recorded? I do. Okay. So if you could

Tell

us a little bit about your family, where you grew up, you just kinda, your general background.

Kane: Well, um, I was born in Brooklyn. I was born in Brooklyn, New York. And, um, lived my first, uh, about five years there, um, on Kings Highway walking distance from Coney Island where we went off and as I got a little bit older and could walk there. And, um, then we moved to Staten Island. My mom was from Brooklyn.

Yeah. And my dad was from Staten Island and they decided they wanted to, uh. Had me grow up in a house with a backyard. So they bought themselves a house after living in a little tiny apartment in Brooklyn until I was five. And they put all their money into a down payment, bought that house. And I lived there until I was 24.

I still stayed at home. People stay at home longer in the north than, than in the South 'cause it's expensive and just, it's just the way we do things up there. Um, and um,

Lemley: what year were you born?

Kane: I was born in 1954.

My mom, um, stayed at home until I started school and then she worked part-time, um, with special needs kids as like a aid or something like

Lemley: Yeah.

Kane: Yeah. And then she had started college before she married dad and she went back to school and she became a teacher when I was, was in third grade. And still she was always home when I got home by having that kind of job. And my dad, he was a printer. And then later on the place closed down and he um, he worked for US Gypsum and he was a foreman there.

And I got to know a little bit more about dad through that job because he would hire women. Yeah. Where no other men would hire women and. Yeah, the guys under him would complain. You can't be hiring a girl to do that job. She, and he'd be like, listen, as long as somebody shows me that they are qualified and they have, um, you know, a work history that looks like they, they can do the job, I'm gonna take them at face value until they show me otherwise.

And listen, if any one of you, any single one gives her a hard time, even one time you're out of here. And I was like, yeah, dad. So

Lemley: this would've been in the fifties and sixties, you're remembering this.

Kane: this was like, uh, by the time he was working at Gypsum, um, probably early to mid

Lemley: Okay.

Kane: Yeah.

Lemley: I love that. And so that, you know, you, you're saying you lived at home until you were 24. Yeah. And that's why you still have such an amazing accent.

Like, it, it, the, the south did not take that from you. It's not, it's not thick, but it it's lovely. I love it. You're like, wait, we went out.

Kane: get me mad at it, come out

Lemley: mad. I'm gonna get you real mad. Yeah. So what, what do you remember about the weather when you were growing up in the north?

Kane: It was normal, what I would call normal. There were defined seasons. You knew basically a range that you could expect for spring, for winter, for autumn, for summer.

Lemley: So you had all four seasons up in New York.

Kane: Yeah. And of course sometimes we had like crazy lows and crazy highs. Um. But it wouldn't linger. Like if we had a over a hundred degree day, it's not gonna last a whole week.

Lemley: Yeah. You don't look at the 10 day forecast and go, oh my God.

Kane: Yeah. Yeah. And we did actually have one time, I don't don't remember how cold it was, but the windshield was, um, minus 60.

And I, um, had, had been working at my fir uh, first job. Um, I was like 18 and I came home from work early 'cause they were letting, they were closing down the city and sending everybody home. I put the key in the door and it broke.

Lemley: It was so cold. Yeah.

Kane: Oh my

Lemley: Oh my gosh.

Kane: But other than the occasional extremes, it was more normal.

And, um. And the extremes didn't last.

Lemley: So it was generally four seasoned with some snaps that were not, that were not too many days long.

Yeah. So when did you move to the south?

Kane: I came here in 1979, March 13th, 1979.

Lemley: Why do you remember that date?

Kane: I, I just do, and what's interesting is a nu number of years later, when I brought my husband David up to New York for the first time, it was March 13th, 1997, inverted

Lemley: 79 and 97.

Yeah. Yeah.

And why did you come here?

Kane: I, um, had number of things happen in one string of events of time.

Lemley: You're about 25

Kane: I was

Lemley: Yeah, I was 24.

Kane: and, um, I had been wanting to get out of New York for a while, so I've been sending away to Chambers of Commerce to get information about population. Um, just, just everything that you'd wanna know, but for me particularly, um, um, a place that had a music business.

'cause I, I was in, into, um, songwriting

Lemley: the time. Okay.

Kane: and, um, but something always kept me there. And then when I fell in love with a really great guy, I certainly wasn't gonna be leaving. And then in one week's time, um, I had my pocketbook stolen when I was, uh. At lunch, I had it on the back of my chair at a restaurant, and when I went to leave, it wasn't there.

And then either that day or the next day, I got fired from my job because they were letting all the women go even, uh, their vice president. Yeah. And she said, I'm not having it, I'm gonna run it for office.

And she

did, she became a congresswoman.

Lemley: Oh, that's fantastic.

Kane: I I stayed in touch with

her. Yeah.

Um, and um, every Friday, um, like my boyfriend and I worked in, in Manhattan, we would meet at the ferry terminal and we would decide where we were gonna go.

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: He didn't show up, never talked to him again until about a six months later when I called him up and I

Lemley: let him have it.

Kane: But, uh,

Lemley: so, so I was like thinking he was dad,

Kane: I was like, guess who? And he's like, uh,

uh, uh,

Lemley: how long had you been together?

Kane: We weren't together that long. We were only together about three months. But the last time I saw him was Valentine's. And he told me he loved me. And then that was the last time I

Lemley: Oh my gosh. Then he ghosted you? Did he ever say what?

Kane: No, I couldn't. You know, and he still lived at home. I'd call one brother another or the mother or somebody. He's not here. He's not here. He's not

Lemley: here. Yeah,

Kane: He's not. Or I'd he pick up the phone and I'd hear, it's Ellie, I'm not

Lemley: Tell her

I'm not here.

Kane: Yeah.

Lemley: Oh

my gosh, Ellie. Okay.

Kane: I never would've expected it from him 'cause he was like one of these. Down to earth. Good wholesome guys. He didn't drink too much. He didn't smoke too much. He didn't, he was, uh, in a, in a family neighborhood hockey team. Uh, his grandfather invented the Nabisco vanilla wafer,

Lemley: I've got some of those at home right now

Kane: now.

Lemley: actually.

Kane: And he's, his grandfather sold it to Nabisco for \$35, no royalties. Oh God.

Lemley: Okay. Well, when I eat that banana, leftover banana pudding from work yesterday, I will think of him.

So,

you had a number of things just boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, falling away.

Kane: So then, um, I said, it's time. And I got in touch with my best friends to, to get together and have, uh.

Dinner and drinks and let them know that, that I was leaving on such and such date. Uh, I got my Greyhound ticket. I, uh, I boxed up some stuff 'cause I knew I, I could only take so much, much with me. You know, I, I, I packed a couple suitcases, but then I put some other stuff in boxes for my mom to just address and bring to the

Lemley: the post

Kane: office whenever I was settled somewhere and then I left.

I didn't tell my folks ahead of time. I left them a note

Lemley: Oh.

Kane: and I didn't call them till I got to Nashville.

Lemley: You jumped to Greyhound? Yeah. Came to Nashville with a suitcase in your

Kane: I got a, I got a round trip ticker just in

Lemley: case. Oh.

did you ever

Kane: with a cash in value,

Lemley: Did you cash it in the, the, the return?

Kane: Uh, I, I didn't go back, but I got like a. Like when you do the cash in, it's only, you only get it back, back about like 20%.

But it's something. Yeah. And when, when I hit hit Nashville, uh, it was in the worst part of town on eighth Avenue, I think. Um, you know, and, and of course my word at the time wasn't homeless. It was bums. Yeah. I'm calling them up. Oh God. I, I don't know what I've done. I've come to this C City and it's, it's nothing but bums

Lemley: Dad, it's nothing but bums.

Kane: oh my said, wait a minute. Bus depots are almost always in the worst part of town. Okay. Do not, not judge Nashville by what you see out the window there. And she was like. I give it to you. I, I would've preferred you told us before you left. I'm finding a note wasn't the best way to do it, but I gotta hand it to you, kiddo.

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would've loved to have done something at your age like you just did, but I just didn't have the guts. Yeah, so stick it out. If you need to come home, the door is always open, but please give it a chance because you really thought about this and it's clearly something you want. So please give it a chance.

I get on the phone with Dad, please take the next bus home.

Lemley: Mom is like, in this moment, the mom of the century, like, I'm sad. I'm gonna miss you. I'm so proud of you. And then daddy gets on the phone like, come on home. Oh. So, okay, so you're on eighth Avenue and that's where the Greyhound was. I think I, I think I remember when the Greyhound was over eighth Avenue. Yeah. Yeah.

Kane: And so like, my first night, there used to be a Radison on the corner Fifth and Union, like where

Lemley: mm-hmm.

Kane: where the Wego is now. Yeah.

Yeah. There was a Radisson

Lemley: there. Yeah.

Kane: So I just wanted to grab up something quick the first night, and then I think I, I did it for like two nights. I mean, I cleared out my bank account when I came, came down, but it wasn't a whole

Lemley: lot

How much was it, do you think?

Kane: came down with just a few hundred dollars and I don't remember what the Radisson was at that ti time.

I think maybe 35 a night or something like that. Um. Um, I felt like the first thing I needed to do is find someplace I could stay for a week, um, and then start looking for work. And I found this, um, motel at the top of, um, where's that book? Uh, I can't remember the street name, but it's, um, the, the street where the farmer's market is.

Road Park? Yeah. Okay. It was called something else

at that

Lemley: it was, was it ninth?

Okay.

Kane: But the, up at the top of it, there was like this Sunset Motel or something like that, and I went over there and um, I asked them what their weekly rates were and they said, we don't rent weekly, we rent by the night.

And I said, listen, could you make an exception? We don't make any exceptions. I said, listen. I'm 24, I'm new in town. I need to find work and I need to establish some place that I could stay for at least a week. Would you take a hundred for the Okay. But don't make it any more than two weeks. Yeah. I was like, okay, that gives me something to work with. And um, I in initially started, uh, this gig for selling encyclopedias and then I realized that wasn't gonna work

Lemley: like door to door. Yeah. Mm-hmm.

Kane: And you working on just commissions wasn't gonna work. I needed something, um, definitive, but, but before I, um.

found work, I, after I was at that motel for a week, I saw, uh, an ad for, um, renting a, a, a room at a rooming house. So that was like \$20 And you had kitchen privilege

Lemley: Oh, incredible.

Kane: So I go over there and, uh, like a block and a block, couple blocks over. Okay. Over there was a food town.

So I applied there and I got a job at Then the, the lady that, that, uh, was running that place, see it, it was a co-ed. Um, okay.

Lemley: How many rooms do you think, how

Kane: think there, there was maybe about eight to 10

Lemley: borders. Mm-hmm.

Kane: Mm-hmm. Well, I became friends with these two older guys that took me under their wings, like their little sister.

Lemley: So they were totally, totally platonic, not trying to take

Kane: Yeah. Yeah. One was like, I mean, older guys, you know, um, one was eight years older than me and the other, the other one was like 36 or

Lemley: They're still kids.

Kane: Yeah. But to me, to them, I was this kid, you know, and they would like you, we, we didn't have locks on our

Lemley: Wow.

Kane: She wouldn't let anybody, anybody have locks. She felt like, this is a good Christian home. We don't need to have locks on the, so I would wake up like on a Sunday morning or something and, and they're sitting on the edge of the edge of the bed, tickling my up toes saying, get up. You haven't been eating enough. We're taking you to

Lemley: It's one of those guys.

Kane: Yeah, both of them. Oh. And then we, we developed this thing where we went on in, on groceries.

Yeah. And we would take turns. Uh, Terrance, uh, cooking, you know, uh, dinners throughout the week. And then, um, on, uh, breakfast also on like Sunday morning. And that's when I, I learned about, um, sausage gravy and I was like, sausage gravy. What in the world? It's sausage gravy.

Lemley: But then you liked it?

Kane: Yeah, I loved it.

Lemley: Welcome to Nashville.

Um, and you were working at the Food Lion? Yeah. And did you get any discount or did you get day old? Like, could you scavenge for stuff that was gonna get thrown out? No.

Kane: No. I didn't get any kind of discounts. And then, you know, it's like, um, I, I mean I was only at this place. I mean, I stayed at Food Town for a while, but I mean, I was only at that place for a couple weeks

Lemley: Mm-hmm. this lady

Kane: went crazy and she kicked everybody out.

And I was like, where am, you know, like the guys had family they could go, go to, but they couldn't really take me to to, to their family. So I got a room at the Sam Davis for the night, Sam Davis Hotel Hooker

Lemley: Where, where was this?

Kane: this? Um, it later became, I think Section eight

Lemley: Okay.

Kane: But

it was somewhere downtown, like, um, seventh or eighth on the other side of Broadway.

And it's just like,

bus

station? Oh, it was the kind of, kind of place where you could rent by the hour or, or the night.

Lemley: Okay.

Kane: Okay. And I

was so scared and, um, um, I barricaded the door and um, um,

Lemley: did you sleep at all?

No.

No.

Kane: But the next day, um, the one guy Bill came back. Um, Paul was from Georgia and he just went back to Georgia.

Um, uh, another gal at the house and him, um, had, um, gotten a room at, um, motel on Murfreesboro Road. Um, and so. They brought me in on, in, on that. And the three of us were there for, I don't know, a couple weeks. I was, I was able to pay it 'cause I was still working at, at the food town. Um, but then, um,

through my job at Food Town, I heard about another rooming house on Blair Boulevard, run by a, a little old lady, Mrs.

Emery. And, and, and, uh, I went over there, there and, um, ended up moving there. And that was, uh, 2250. Oh, we including dinner Monday through

Lemley: What?

Kane: And use of the kitchen and whatever food was in the kitchen on the weekends.

Lemley: Oh my goodness.

Kane: And her cooking was so good. But it was funny, we had this like little TV room downstairs, and then most of the rental rooms were upstairs.

Some were shared and some were private. I had a shared and then there was, um, one on the main floor, and then one in the, a couple in the basement. And almost all the girls there at the time were from other countries, which was really

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: Mm-hmm. My, uh, my first roommate was from Bolivia, and then the, the girls in the next room were from Brazil and Korea.

Then it was somebody else from Iran and, um, Portugal. There were only two of us that were Americans.

Lemley: And No, no boys. So she only did women.

Kane: and it, ours was just women. And next door they had, um, uh. A rooming house for guys and one of them mooned us one time and Mrs. Emery is like, girl, girls. Is that what I think that is? we're like, Mrs. Emery, uh, they're mooning us.

Are

you saying that's

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a be

Lemley: a behind

Kane: that

is so unchristian. She's looking and looking and then we're like, we're gonna call the police. No, we, we don't need to call Jesus.

Lemley: Is that a,

what were the girls from other countries doing there? Like what were they here for school?

Kane: were all school. And then it changed out over time.

And um, my roommate. Was actually from Florida, but then I became Fri really close friends with a, a girl from Honduras.

Lemley: mm-hmm.

Kane: We're still in touch. We became blood sisters. We actually cut our fingers and Yeah. You know, she's me, Ana, and, um,

Lemley: that is how many years later?

Kane: Yeah, since, since, uh, like

Lemley: Yes.

50 years

Kane: She's

in, in Florida. Wow. Um, and, um, I'm still in touch with my roommate Mel Melody on a Facebook, uh, she's in Tampa.

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: And then there was another gal, um,

that

had come there just for the one summer to try to break into the music business. Uh, then she went back to Alabama and became a teacher. Uh. You know, she made some headway, but she wasn't really here long, long enough.

But it was something she felt like, be before I become this responsible person and go to college and, and get this c career going. I just gotta give this a shot.

Lemley: Yeah.

Okay. So before I shift a little bit, oh, the last question here. How long were you at this rooming house? Yeah,

Kane: I was there for probably about

Lemley: Oh,

that's amazing.

Kane: And meanwhile, I got another job. I went to work for an animal hospital in Green Hills, and I was, I, I was at that job for five

Lemley: And then you got your own place.

Kane: And then, um,

me and another roommate, uh, that I had from, um. Finger Tennessee.

Lemley: Finger Tennessee.

Kane: Um, and a gal that I was friends with at work, the, uh, the, uh, animal technician. Uh, she had been renting a house with her brother and sister. I mean, her brother and sister-in-law. They moved out. So she, she, um, asked if we wanted to move in.

Yeah. So we moved in there and we, we lived there maybe, um, um, uh, two years, something

Lemley: that. Mm-hmm.

Kane: And then she went to Ohio and the other one went to, um, Chattanooga. So then I got, um, a place of my own. Uh, um, off of, um, 31st

Lemley: near

Kane: Okay. Walking distance from, um, Centennial Park.

Lemley: Oh,

that's amazing. Um, before I shift, I think you had a pizza

Kane: delivery.

Yes, I did. Yes.

I didn't, I was listening for that, but I didn't, I didn't hear it. I, I'm glad window. Yeah. You want some pizza?

Lemley: I think I'm

Kane: The them. I I will

Lemley: definitely take one with me. That just looks like a cheese pizza. It's Life. It look. Is it your favorite?

So this is Rock and Dough. For anybody listening to this, my So I

also yeah. Um, So for a New Yorker, you're you, you're not too snooty about Nashville Pizza.

Kane: I am.

Lemley: You are snooty. You just happen to like quite

Kane: I call it real pizza or pizza pie. Fake Yeah. You know, like I'll say Well, well it's a good bake. It's a good bakery item,

Lemley: but it's not, or it's cheese bread. No, this looks fantastic. I will take you up on that. Um, so what do you remember about the weather when you got here in 1979?

Kane: It was normal weather for the south. It was warmer. Yeah. Than,

Lemley: than Brooklyn.

Yeah.

Kane: than, yeah. Than Brooklyn or Staten Island. And, uh, uh, it didn't get as cold

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: the winters. Um, it rarely went below freezing at night.

Um, but occasionally we did have more snow then up in New York, so, but, you know, it, it, but still it, it, it had seasons, recognizable seasons.

Lemley: Yeah.

Kane: And, um, you knew basically what to expect just like anywhere there were the unseasonable highs and, and lows. But, you know, overall it, it was what you would expect.

Lemley: Do you have any, I'll let you take a bite. Um, so I'll just pause and think.

Do you have a drink or do you need me to grab you a drink? Mm. Okay, good. Um, so if you could be thinking for a second about, do you have any weather stories from back then? Like, I was out one time and this is what I remember, or, and did, did we have tornado warnings, flood warnings, um, trees falling? I mean, we're gonna get to all of what the, the latest has been, but do you have any, even if it seems minor, a story about the weather?

Kane: Well, I do remember that, um, when, when there was snow, nobody else would show up for work but me.

Lemley: This

was at the vet, or where were you

Kane: the vet or, you know, other places and sometimes even. The vet had a, a Jeep, so he was, he, he would call me up and say, listen, if you could come to work, nobody else is.

Lemley: You're like, no big deal.

Kane: And I'm like, I, I can. He said, I can, I can pick you up and take you home. And I said, oh, work. So I would go in there and I'd be everything. And, uh, really, I, he would teach all, teach most of his employees to do multiple stuff so I could do reception. I could hold off a vein. I could run stool samples and blood counts and inventory.

I could assist in surgery. I could clean the cages. I you, I could do just about anything. So if everybody else called in, I could go in there and, and help him out at, at, at the front desk or behind the

Lemley: You check Roscoe in, you give him his sedation and fluids, you get him ready for his neuter,

Kane: I wash him, dip 'em, dry 'em in.

Lemley: Yeah. So, oh, so we have, it sounds like we have not changed much since then in that we don't like to drive. Yeah. And we don't know how to drive

Kane: and, but you know, like if the buses were running, even if I had to wait like two hours, I would still wait because that's the New York mentality. Yeah. It snow doesn't stop you from going to

Lemley: Yeah.

Kane: You know, you, you see one flake and you go, oh my God, it's snowing.

Lemley: Lock the doors.

Kane: Yeah.

Lemley: Um,

Kane: so, um, um, you know, that's, that's one thing that the first, uh, that, uh, I, I, uh, experience I had of, of a tornado as being a pen potential problem, but still not that much because I was still at a age where I was kind of oblivious

Lemley: Yeah.

Kane: Problems of weather or the world or anything.

And, um, um, there had been a tornado warning and my roommate at that time was. Freaking out and she was turning everything off and pulling the blinds and hiding in the bathroom. And I'm like, why? And she says, is there tornado warning? And I'm like, so I don't see anything. And she's like, you need to go into the bathroom.

It's not just a watch, it's a warning. You need to take shelter. And I'm like, I am. Got shelter.

Lemley: What year was this?

Kane: Um,

it was probably around I, early eighties Yeah. And, but then, um, when I went to work, the front door was missing 'cause it had blown off from the tornado.

Lemley: So that actually

Kane: yeah, because

Lemley: I think back then when we got, I was in Alabama when we got tornado warnings, it, you pretty much didn't get a warning until the thing was on the ground.

So,

yeah.

Kane: yeah. Yeah. So then I was like, Hmm, okay, there, there is something to these tornadoes. Yeah. Um, but I mean, I never, I never really had any fear of to-do tornadoes till like decades in the future. When I was out with my mom one day on Gallatin Pike, a and we, we heard the sirens and we heard the, the railroad, uh, train sound and we saw this frigging thing barreling towards us.

Oh, no, wait a minute. I was alone. She was over at Home Depot and I went up to some other stores nearby it and said that I was gonna meet her at Home Depot. So she's in Home Depot. And they're shutting down the store because of

the, the, the, uh, tornado barreling down Gallatin Pike. And she's like, I gotta get out there.

My, my daughter's out there and they're like, lady, you're not going anywhere. You're staying put. But my daughter's out there and they're like, well, pray that your, your daughter went in somewhere and got some shelter. Well, it was on that strip of, of Gallatin Pike where there was nothing to go into. Yeah.

But the, the gully. Yeah. So I went down there, I threw myself down there and covered my

Lemley: You put yourself out in a ditch.

Kane: ditch. Yeah.

Lemley: What, what tornado was this one? What year?

Kane: Ah, God. This had to be, I'm thinking something, or in the, in the, the early to mid nineties.

Lemley: We had a big tornado in 98 that went through downtown. Do you think it was that one?

Kane: It might have been be, I'm not, I'm trying to think if my folks were already living here or if she was visiting. 'cause they moved here in the summer of 98, and I remember there had been tornadoes in this area before they,

Lemley: mm-hmm. Moved And she may have been just visiting that

Kane: I'm not, I I, I don't remember she was visiting or already lived here, but it was something in the

nineties.

Lemley: Yeah.

Kane: And, uh, it, it was terrifying. And then I heard the thing go the other direction and then, um, I don't remember, remember if I found my mom or she found me who ran where?

Lemley: Yeah. Go ahead and get another bite. So, I mean, I'm just amazed. I always love your stories and I hope you get, I hope a lot of people get to hear your stories 'cause they're so good and you're like. So incredibly resilient and brave as a young woman. Like to take off. This is sort of the American rock and roll dream or something, you know, to jump on a bus and move cities.

And then here you are and you're making it work, and you're making one step and the next step and the next step. Um, I don't know. I just wanna say I think it's amazing and I, I love the stories.

Kane: Thank you.

Lemley: Thank you. So when did your parents decide to come? You said sometime in the

Kane: Yeah, they, they, they, um, they moved here in the summer of 98. My mom had made some more frequent trips looking for house. Um, and they had done this, this deal with, um, a realtor that.

Uh, the sale of their house was contingent on finding a property here. So it, you know, they didn't wanna sell and not yet have a place or buy and not yet have sold. So they had to do that hand in hand, which caused mom to lose what she called her dream home here in Nashville. But, um, she liked this because in a way, this looks like a shrunken version of the home on Staten Island with a picture window, uh, in the same, same position as the front door to here, but

Lemley: mini

Kane: And then the living room was here, and then the dining room was like, you know, uh, through a rounded doorway. And then. beyond that, there was a, through a doorway, there was a kitchen. So it's like the same positioning. And then over on that side where we have a little hallway to the door to the bedrooms, there was a, a staircase up to the bedrooms.

Hmm. So she felt like this was a mashed inversion of that house and that, that my dad would be more comfortable because, 'cause he didn't wanna leave born and bred and raised on Staten Island. He did not want, wanna leave there. He wanted to die there. But she was like, I wanna go down to Nashville. I wanna be closer to Ellie.

I'm the, I'm an only child.

Lemley: Okay.

Kane: And they were getting older and she felt like we could help each other, other,

Lemley: Yeah. Yeah.

Kane: um, and, uh, so for, for. For a brief period of time, she made me POA so that I could go to the closing and do all the paperwork for her and everything. And, um, they, they had a couple handymans up there and one of them drove them, um, down here and, um, uh, put walls and everything in the building in the back.

And then they flew him, um, back to Staten Island. And, uh, at that time I was living at Mercury Apartment, mercury Court apartments on Murfreesboro Road. I lived there thereabout, uh, probably nine years after I left my ex-husband.

Lemley: So, was at Mercury Court at that time, was it already like subsidized housing or was it apartment apartments?

Kane: Um, it, it was, uh, section, section eight room, uh, rentals. Um. And some were bigger than others. I was fortunate, mine was actually bigger than some, mine was 16 by 18 feet. Um, but all it came with was, uh, you know, a bathroom and a

Lemley: mm-hmm.

Kane: Pin sized refrigerator. Yeah. But when I had money, I, I got a, a bigger one.

And, um, when I, I got, got approved for disability, I, I went and got, um, um, um, a counter, uh, I mean a ca, uh, uh, just like this, uh, particle board. Mm-hmm. A shelving thing and a couple cabinets. And I got a countertop that I sat on top of it and I had a male friend help me and everything to make myself a, like a, like a little kitchenette area.

Went and got a, um, um. Convection oven and a hot plate because there was a community kitchen. But every time you went to the community kitchen, it's like, what you cooking? Can I have some? All of that looks good. Can, can I have some? I was like, I, I, I'm not gonna do this anymore. This is a private thing. I wanna be able to cook and eat my food and, and not have somebody bumming me for some.

Lemley: And here I am bumming your pizza.

Kane: No, you're

Lemley: Um, do you need another bite? Yeah. It's like we're gonna detail each bite of this great pizza, um, while Ellie's chewing.

I will say that if you didn't catch it already, we're sitting in the house right now that she's talking about, that her parents bought when they moved down in, in the summer of 98. So we're in 2026. So your family has had this place for almost 30 years.

Right?

Kane: Yeah.

Lemley: we're in Inglewood. And, um, lemme get some water too. So I wanna hear a little bit about your family, your parents moving down and the, um, you know, to help each other out. They're, they're aging. You're in a section eight, you're, you're wanting some more. Home living than, than what you've been doing for so long at that point. And, um,

Kane: yeah. Well, David and I were, were already a thing.

Okay. And we had actually applied, um, to section eight to get an apartment together. And each, we had gone like a couple years in a row and they kept saying like, you're number 1,265 on the list because you already have a place, so be happy. I'm like, but we, we love each other and we wanna live together. Well. You know, be happy if you're neighbors. I'm like, well, we were neighbors. We were like, I was at, um, I think it was one 50 and he was at 1 48,

Lemley: Oh, yeah. and,

Kane: so, and, um,

Lemley: did he have a, was he, did he have a disability at that time as well? Can I ask what your disability

Kane: was at that time? I was very mentally ill. Mm-hmm. Um, and also physically with, um, um, rheumatoid arthritis and different physical stuff that

was combination. The, the judge said, there's no way you, you know, she, she can work.

But I had a major depression, seasonal depression, um, anxiety disorder with, um, um, OCD traits. Um. Schizo disorder with birth, uh, borderline personality disorder traits. I had a lot, a lot of, of mental stuff going

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: I had a lot of anger, uh, issues that I thank God for, for David. Um, I went for therapy.

I took, tried different medications. The one medication broke me out in a rash, uh, on my legs and my arms. And I had to sleep in, in garbage bags on my, on my, with, with lotions and stuff. Another, uh, antidepressant, um, came with a sensitivity to the sun. So here it's, you're feeling better and you wanna get out and about, but you can't get out in the sun and it's.

It,

it defeated the, the, the, the whole point of it. Yeah. And then, um, another antidepressant, uh, made me majorly insomniac. Um, and, and it kept, like, I started at 50 and then it was, it was good for a while and it wasn't, then it had to go up to a hundred. It was good for a while. You know, I get up to, uh, uh, uh, 200 and it's not doing me any goods.

So then they're like, well, we'll titrate you back down to 50 and then go back up again. And I was like, on this constant roller coaster and I was like, you know, I think I'd be better off just at a level down rather than up and down and up and down. And I was like, I gotta start doing more for myself.

I gotta, so I, I. I checked out every book, uh, out of the library. I would go to sleep with a stack of books in my lap reading, and I would fall asleep reading. And then I'd wake up and I'd continue where I left off. I was like, I gotta fill my brain with as much information about this stuff and see, see what I can do.

And then other books to just like, help myself. And then it start, started listening to other people talking about it. It's not just brain chemicals, it's a spiritual sickness. So I started praying every day and, and I, I, I, uh, read this book. It, uh, was not anything to do with depression, but it, it changed my life.

Uh, it was called, um.

Comfort and Joy A day book of what, I don't even remember the whole title, but the author's name was Sarah Bond, breath Neck. And, and it was a daily thing of of, of, uh, just like, um, finding joy in little things and creating little rituals. It, um, and I just like, I followed everything when she suggested a book.

I read it when she suggested, get yourself some grapefruit and oranges and peel off all the membranes and put it in, um, uh, a, uh, a cocktail glass and take it into the bathroom and sit in the tub. You know, I did, I did these Um, and she also had this, uh, suggestion of, um. Writing, uh, morning Pages wa where you write three pages every day.

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: And just

Lemley: so the artist way that book

Kane: and No, that, that was, that, that came next. Okay. Yeah. Um, the Julia, Julia Cameron Artist Way book came next and I started taking artist state and I started doing more creative things and um, uh, and I started, you know, using calendars and I got back into my, my creative writing, got back into, uh, visual art and just, you know, I would just found that there was a lot of things I could do.

Plus I found myself a therapist that did cognitive therapy.

Lemley: Yeah. Which

Kane: helped a whole lot. And then David like. I ha I used to self-abuse.

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: And, um, I, I would have these fits. I'd just scream and then I'd attack myself. And so came to my apartment one day and said, here, next time you wanna hurt yourself, use these.

And it, they were clackers. And I was like, he doesn't, understand me. He doesn't know what this, this is like, I like, uh, uh, just using these clacker things, I'm gonna feel better. But you know, the next time I was raging, they were sitting right there. And I just started, I started just

on the

street.

Yeah. I just started sloping them down and I didn't hurt myself. And I was like, Hmm. And then the next time I was feeling like that, I started doing that. And then I realized. All I need is delay. I need to time out. I need to tell people I can't talk right Give me a moment and then just go inside, inside myself.

And then it, I got to a year and two years and three years and 10 years and 15 years since I hurt myself.

Lemley: Really? That's amazing.

Kane: So I credit him.

Lemley: I think some of what I've been reading lately is about taking that delay before even abusive thoughts. Yeah. Like, okay, hang on a minute. Like just delaying a compulsive behavior, a compulsive thought to the best of our ability. And that gentle, I mean, it's like you were, your practice became, so just listening to everything about yourself, is it part of the reason your parents moved down?

Was that you were struggling? Yeah. Okay.

Kane: They turned the back building into a cottage for David and I. Yeah, we had a, um, a, an office craft room, bathroom, kitchen, living room, and, uh, our own, our own

Lemley: This is the,

Kane: we could have our own

Lemley: This is like a little mother-in-law house behind the house we're sitting

Kane: and my ex-husband, but they, they hired my ex-husband to do it.

Lemley: Oh my gosh. So, okay.

Kane: did it too. David Klein dug the trench to, uh, to, to put the, um, plumbing from here to there, and he dug the, uh, the trench to, uh, create a walkway from here to there.

And, um, I, um, we got, we got like these used, uh, doors and cabinets that I painted to go in there and just like. We, we were able to put our own mark on it. Pick out the walls, the floors. Yeah. The, the, the cabinetry got, got most of everything from thrift stores and junkyards. It was great.

Lemley: So your, your mental and emotional healing, did it start before you moved there or, yeah. So you were already doing a lot of work

Kane: and then we had a, uh, we asked my mom could we have a screened in porch? And she said, okay. So we had a screened in porch. I would go out there every morning with my bird. I, I put purchase in there for my bird and I'd sit, sit there with my coffee and I'd journal and just be at peace first thing in the day.

Lemley: How long did that last until the city, you had trouble with Metro, right? With your apartment? Yes. So was the

Kane: Somebody turned us in and even though an electrician signed off on the place, and even though a plumber signed off on the place, we apparently weren't allowed to even have, um, a grandfather type house in the backyard because it's a single residency neighborhood.

And that made it double residency.

Lemley: Even though you were the daughter of the, at this point, older, older couple living in the main house Yeah. Who also needed your help.

Kane: Yeah.

Lemley: So was your grandfather apartment done when everyone moved in or did it come later?

Kane: Like, we moved, like, my folks moved here in 98.

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: Uh, we moved in the back house October 1st, 2001, which Okay. David and I say is our wedding anniversary, we're not married. Yeah. But that's when we of officially became a, a, a couple living together.

Lemley: So you've been together 30 years or more? Yeah. Mm-hmm.

Kane: And um,

so we were back there until sometime after my mom passed in 2002, but we were coming over here a lot anyway, when my dad was starting to need, uh, help and, um, my mom, uh, was starting to need help.

So it's like they were still helping us, like take us to the grocery store and stuff like that. As long as my dad, dad was still driving it got to a point where we, we needed to take him off the road. And, um, but then my, um, my mom. Um, she got, got this, this bad diabetic, uh, wound on her leg and at the point that healed, she saw her cardiologist and, and was told she needed another heart surgery, but she never lived long enough for

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: So she passed in, um, July of 2002 and, um, my dad already had onset Alzheimer's and it just went, he just bottomed out with that when my mom passed away

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: and we immediately needed to set up

like a, a nursing type bedroom for him back here. And she had had room over here It was like horrifying, like, oh my god, you know, he, and then he, he, since he couldn't drive anymore, he, he took rides from people and he took ride strangers.

Yeah, he took rides from this, well, we knew her somewhat, but

Lemley: Mm-hmm. But

Kane: not enough for her to him to go riding with her. And she was high on drugs and they had a car accident. And then after that he couldn't walk anymore. We had to get him a scooter chair and a Hoyer lift and a hospital bed. And, um,

you know, David became like a hands-on caregiver to bathing him and, and, and dressing him.

And, I mean, he was amazing. I know a lot of men that would not have done that. And in the early days, the ex-husband was there to, but

Lemley: So your ex was helping too.

Kane: you I don't burn bridges completely, if I can help from it. Well, the thing with my ex was addiction and, and when he sobered up, I'd be, yeah, I, I'd be, be in association with

Lemley: him.

Is he still alive?

Kane: No, he, um, he relapsed after 22 months sober and, um, went on a cocaine, uh, shooting

Lemley: Mm.

Kane: frenzy and, uh, had a, had a heart attack and died.

Lemley: Oh my When did you run into the trouble with Metro? With the apartment.

Kane: That was, um, after, um, mom had passed away and. We were still living over there, but like Roger would come and stay, the ex would come and stay over here with dad some.

And other than that, we had like a, like a baby monitor

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: But, um, it was, it, you know, it was almost like, um, the universe, God, whatever you wanna say, puts things in place and we were really needing to move out of there and come over here. But we loved our little cottage so much, but we really needed it to be in the same place as my dad,

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: not across the yard using a baby monitor.

Yeah. So then we get this notice from codes that you need to vac, vacate. And we're like, okay. So Roger came over here once again and he helped us move furniture around and set, set up. A house for us in

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: and paint the rooms and everything like that. We had, they had carpeting in here and I wanted that pulled up, especially with, with dad, with the, with the chair, it was mm-hmm.

I knew it would be easier to move on, on a wood floor than on the carpeting. So we, we stayed, you know, over here as, as dad's caregivers for about two years before he passed.

Lemley: Mm.

Kane: Um, but my mom had me on the deed since the day she moved, uh, uh, into the house. And she made sure with, uh, an attorney that I wouldn't, I would, you know, that my benefits would be safe with my name on the deed because she didn't want, want it have, have to go to probate and everything like

Lemley: that.

Mm-hmm.

Kane: she wanted it to be able to be transferred straight to me. But there, but there was a point. After she passed, somebody told me, well, you know, um, you still might have to do that because after your mom died, you have your dad's name and your name on the house. Yeah. So I found out about what was called a quit claim deed.

Oh And his doctor was able to sign off that, okay, he does have Alzheimer's, but he, he, he still has enough of his intelligence in place to know this is his home. You are his daughter. Um, this would benefit you. And that not hurt him to do this. So he sold, sold me the house by Quick Claim deed for a hundred dollars.

Mm-hmm. So that way it was able to transfer right to me. Seamless. When he died.

Lemley: Okay. And what year did he die?

Kane: 2004.

Lemley: And last thing about this apartment, it wasn't just that you had to vacate, didn't you?

Didn't you actually have to

Kane: Yeah, we had to, um, pull out the shower enclosure. Um, and we had to, um, he had, uh, disconnect, uh, the special, um, outlet for the stove.

And we had to remove the whole, whole kitchen sink and cabinetry. We were allowed to put a, a shop sink in

Lemley: Oh my gosh. Okay.

And you kept the toilet. Okay.

Kane: We were able, we were allowed to have a toilet,

Lemley: but not a shower, not the cabin. Okay.

Kane: And we had to remove, uh, they were this way and that way about the refrigerator.

I said, you know, if it's a shop, we we're allowed to have cold drinks, aren't we? And they're like, all right.

Lemley: we're allowed to have a lunch in our fridge. Um, what do you remember about, do you remember the 1998 tornado that came through downtown?

Kane: That was, was like a month or two before.

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: My folks moved here and, and there was a time, I don't know, I see, I don't remember the date for sure, but there was a day, I think it was that year David and I were at some event downtown on Second Avenue, on the, on the lawn there, and everything got really dark and crazy and noisy.

And this, this thing came through that might've been like a tornado

Lemley: Yeah,

Kane: the edge of a tornado, but everybody was, we were like freaking out and, and it got so windy we could barely move. And we just like, we ran to, um, a bar on. Oh yeah, it was like first avenue when we ran to a bar on Second Avenue, uh, because it was the, the closest doorway

Lemley: Yeah. Yeah.

Kane: and people were just scattering everywhere. And some people had like, some little tents and little shelters there and they just blew away. Just gone. Yeah.

Lemley: So you, so you don't know if that was a tornado or not, but it was crazy.

Kane: but I, I know it was scary.

Lemley: What else do you remember? Let's just say 2000 before.

Before 2020, what do you remember about the weather over those 20 years from when, I guess your dad died in oh five, you said. So what do you remember after your dad died to 2020 before we've got some more recent memory about some significant

Kane: the things started changing when, see, like when we lived in the back.

There was not good insulation on the piping. So what the ex did was he created this thing where he wrapped them with this electrical cord that was attached to a, a light switch that if the temperature dropped below 32, we would turn that on. I remember that first winter back there in, in, in 2001, only having to turn it on like two times.

Lemley: Mm.

Kane: That meant the lows were all 32 or above. That whole winter.

Lemley: a really good memory. I love, I love this and I love where I think you're going.

Kane: And then it was the same thing the next year, my and, and then my mom passes away. My friend Patty comes down, she hears about these really mild winters.

She's like, I think I, I ought to move down here. 'cause we're seeing that the, um, the lows often are our fi forties, maybe even fifties at, at, in the winter and rarely going be, you know, as low as 32. Let low below it. She's like, this is ideal. I hate winter. I hate snow. I said, well, we do have snow. She said, yeah, but you don't have that bitter

cold. And

then, I don't know when it was, I think it was Winter storm Ian, that arctic blast that came In the, I think it was like mid, late two thousands where Nashville saw below zero temperatures and we never had before. And I remember I went and got myself this foam stuff in a spray and I was spraying windows.

Yeah. And I got myself wraps. I was wrapping pipes, uh, got myself plastic over windows. And then I was covering windows with, uh, and doors with blankets and towels and everything just to prepare for this. 'cause we had, we had never, never heard of temperatures that low here. I, I never had. And I was gone for a few years.

I had gone back to New York and then I came back here. But I, I heard that, you know, we had the normal, normal weather while I was gone and. Get temperatures. Like that was like unheard of, but it seemed like it changed things after that. Hmm. That, that we started having more and more lows that were below 32.

Lemley: How long, how do you remember winter, how many times you used the switch?

Kane: Now? Now we were only there. The, we the point where it, it, it, uh, got really low. We were out of there. 'cause uh, we were only there from like 2001 to 2004. Uh, no, we were,

We were,

really only there about a year, year and a half before we moved over here.

But, um, we still would pay attention to the switch when we weren't living there,

Lemley: Oh yeah. 'cause you didn't want it to freeze.

Kane: Yeah. And um, so. Um, there did come a point when it became so frequent and I wasn't paying attention that I didn't flip the switch and the pipes froze.

Lemley: What do you remember about the 2010 flood?

Kane: Oh God.

I, uh hmm. I woke up that morning

and um,

water was coming in the back stoop area and I was so thank, thankful we had to step up into the kitchen because water was coming in there and I looked out the backyard. I'm like, God, it's like, where's the lawn? Yeah. And I looked out the front.

Lemley: and the front slopes up a bit to the street. Yeah. We,

Kane: we didn't have that, that central, uh, garden thing there at that time.

It yeah. Uh, completely a lawn and it was like this big pond in my front yard. Yard. And I was wonder wondering how long before the whole yard was underwater and then something was going on over there that looked like Wild River Rapids mm-hmm. Between the houses. And it was scary. I started, I started saying, okay, maybe we ought to pack a backpack here and just, you know, think about what's most important to stick in a bag in case we gotta be airlifted outta here.

Mm-hmm. That's what I was thinking and I was saying to David. I don't know if I can get up into the attic, but if we get up into the attic is that they're way out the roof. And he was like, I don't think so.

Lemley: No.

Kane: And, and so it's like, so we might need to leave when it, when it's like that before it gets worse. Yeah. And then the rain stopped.

Lemley: Okay.

Kane: And, um, no, the rain didn't stop just yet. It was maybe a couple hours later, but it did ease up for a while where it, I still still had some lawn

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: Mm-hmm. And um, when it stopped, all the neighbors went out into the road to talk to each other. And, uh, I was talking to my neighbor Mary, across the street and I said, Hey Mary, you know, when I got up this morning, uh, I had had what looked like, uh, a, a pond in my front yard. And she said, I have news for you. And when I got up this morning, you didn't have a front yard. It was all underwater. And knowing that scared the life out of me that I, I still have a hard time sleep.

Sleeping at night. When it's raining at night. Knowing what happened.

Lemley: What you

Kane: While I was sleeping were sleep. Yeah.

But it was worse. Worse early on. I mean, if, if it's a light, light rain, I usually can sleep now. But for a long time I couldn't sleep if there was any kind of rain going on overnight.

Do

Lemley: Do you remember any kind of floods before that one here?

Kane: Flooding. Flooding, flash. Flooding. Not actual flood.

Lemley: What about the tornado of 2020?

Kane: Well, or

Lemley: 20, yeah. 20. 20, 20. Yeah.

Kane: Well, we knew or knew of, uh, enough people that were affected. Yeah. So that was a sad like the cranks

Lemley: Yeah, they got really

Kane: Yeah.

Lemley: they lost their place out from above

Kane: we know of other people that lived in that area that didn't get hit, that still went through the fear and the trauma before and after. And, um, I don't know if it was that one or not, but I, I, I remember, uh, at least, uh, a few, uh, tornado incidents where

we were really scared.

And I know there was one time when we were following the route, it was just right up the

Lemley: block. Mm-hmm.

Kane: And so, and I know another time that our friend Daniel called us and said, if you're not in, you're, you, uh, your, uh, your safe place, you better right now. Because a, a, a tornado just touched down at Gallatin and Briley.

And I'm like, oh shit. That's like right around the corner.

Lemley: Yeah.

Kane: And so, you know, there've been these scary events, like all we have, it's just this little hallway in, in the middle of these doorways over here. And with the, the, the attic dropped down downstairs, uh, above us if that thing shook loose and no closet doors and, uh, just, uh, When you're in there, if, if it's anywhere nearby, like there were a few instances we were in there feeling the house shaking or you know, just hearing the winds roaring and that's so terrifying.

Now,

There had been one time we went into the bathroom, even though the bathroom was an exterior bathroom.

Lemley: Yeah.

Yeah.

Kane: Well then I couldn't get outta the tub.

Lemley: Oh no.

Kane: That was at a point where I, I. Pretty, was pretty certain I wouldn't be able to get outta the tub, but I felt it was more important to get into

Lemley: make, make a choice. Right.

Kane: So when Dave, David couldn't get me out, I couldn't get myself out. He went and got a neighbor and the two of the got me outta the tub.

So it was like, no more tubs for me.

Lemley: So that sounds, so that feels a bit different than what you were describing when you first moved here 30 years

Kane: Yeah.

Lemley: Yeah. Or 50, I'm sorry. 50. No, 90.

Kane: Oh yeah. A lot of years before. Years

Lemley: of years before. So 1979. Yeah. So this is a lot different than 50 years.

Why, why do you think, what do you think the difference is?

Kane: I don't, I don't know. You know, it's like you hear, of course about the, um, the climate change and, um. The warming and the h how that affects even cold weather. You know, it, it, it's scary, you know, like you, you, you keep wanting it to reset itself, but it's not, it's just gets worse.

Lemley: So of all your weather things you've been through medium and little and everything in between you.

This ice storm this year was, this is yours.

Kane: Yeah. I mean, I'm actually having, I,

I am go, going to be starting trauma therapy.

Lemley: Uhhuh. '

Kane: cause um, you see, like me, you see, just thinking about it, it's like, uh, um, it just, uh, and, and it, it, I think. I, because of getting to a point where I, I could have died frozen to death. There's like, like, here's where I get jittery and I can't, I can't, um, clearly say what,

uh,

my experience was.

Um,

give

me a moment.

Lemley: Yeah. No, no rush.

Kane: It's like time passes and you think that certain things are, are. Are better because you're not a person that hangs on to stuff. You go forward, you, you deal with things, you grieve them, you process them, and, and you go forward and you think you are done with it, but it's not done with you.

And, and things just, uh, sneak up on you. So the, the last time we had, um, some tornado warnings, even though it was a different kind of weather event. it set off something that I didn't know was still there

Lemley: because of the ice storm.

Kane: Yeah. So I was sitting on the sofa and. All of a sudden the lights went out on the street for like two seconds and I almost passed out.

I just felt myself go faint. Um, uh, things went dark. I saw stars. I felt myself falling. Then I pulled myself back and then like in the past times when we had tornado warnings and sirens and we had to go to the hall, um, sure I was scared before going in, but not so scared that I was like freaking out or anything like that.

And I would always be like the calm one. Come on David, get, get your water, whatever. Get your phone. We're going in the, the hallway. But this time I. I almost passed out. I grabbed my chest, I freaked out, and I'm like, uh, uh, uh,

come on David. Come on David. We gotta go. We gotta go. Come on, come on. I was like, like literally freaking out.

And then I found another thing, uh, uh, happened, um, maybe a week or two later that had nothing to do with weather, nothing whatsoever to do with weather. And it, it scared me and it made me feel like I was gonna pass out again. It's like my whole way of reacting to traumatic events is shifting where I'm freaking out over things or I'm like, about to pass out.

Lemley: Your nervous system is still so

Kane: Yeah.

Lemley: Um, so we had all had a lot of warning. Do you remember, you know, that the ice is coming. Were you worried when you heard ever all the chatter over this ice storm?

Kane: in a way. I wasn't. In a way, I wasn't. Yeah, because you wanna

think

it's, it's still other places that

Yeah.

These things happen too.

Lemley: And you're, you're a New Yorker, you're also a New Yorker and, and heart and

Kane: you know, it just like, I was like, I, it's ice, it's gonna be pretty, you know, uh, uh, I, I was like, I just hope it's not so bad that, um, it, uh, affects, uh, uh, the power for long or, you know, you think about those things, but you just don't think it's gonna be as bad as it is.

And, you know, I have lived through ice storms in Nashville before. A and there were problems. There were issues, but. Not anything like this.

Lemley: Do you remember the 94

Kane: Yeah. Uh, and that one actually, uh, I was, um, still at Mercury Court apartments, and we, we had fun. You know, we just like, um, David was still, um, able to, uh, have good balance and he would just slide, slide around on it.

And we had a friend that had come over for, um, like playing cards and stuff, and when it came ti time to go back to his apartment, he was like, oh my God, I can't walk on that. And um, David started to try to help him and he was like, no, no, no, no. I can't do it. I can't do it. And I, I thought, and I thought, and I came up with an idea.

I put my ironing board out there upside down and sat him down. In it
home.

and gave him a push.

Lemley: That's adorable. Of

Kane: Of course it went the other way. And he's screaming, oh, help me. And then David just slid down there and grabbed the, the ironing board and pulled him over to his apartment.

So,

you know, we, we got the fun side of it. I wasn't a homeowner at that time, so I didn't have those things to worry

Lemley: Did you lose power?

Kane: I, I, I don't even remember

Lemley: if you did. It wasn't a big

Kane: deal. No.

Lemley: So this was the entire. Opposite of that. Yeah. So the ice starts coming in the snow and then the ice on Saturday. When did you lose power?

Kane: We, um. Lost power briefly, or, or maybe like had lost it for maybe eight hours. I don't

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: There was a, there was a period of time we lost power and then got it back for a while and then, then it went out again, uh, like in the middle of the morning on Sunday day.

Lemley: When did you get scared?

Kane: Um, when I have this, like, this handheld, um, um, thermometer

Lemley: Yeah. That

Kane: you can either take your temperature or you can hold it up and get the temperature in the house.

Lemley: yeah, yeah.

Kane: Okay. When, um, when it reached about 46, and I am very cold natured. Uh, I'm, I'm cold when it's under 78. Yeah. So I'm seeing it's 46. And then when, um, the la uh, the last night we were here. I don't know. Uh, like I, I lost track of time. I, I think we stayed here for about 30 hours when it, when there was no power.

But that last, last morning that we were here, I think Monday, um, I was, we were not eating. We, we, um, we had no appetite. We were not eating, we were not drinking, we were not interested in food. We had, um, lost any, um, will to just pass the time trying to play cards or whatever. Like we had the day before and night before.

Um, we were just struggling and surviving and barely surviving and just. Hoping and praying that the power would come on any minute because the longest we had ever had power out for any reason was maybe six hours. So you're thinking any minute it's gonna come back. And then

I started, you know, my fingers were getting numb

And so I

read up on, the early warning signs of hypothermia and I had a few of them, so I was like, Hmm, I think we might need to leave and go to one of those shelters.

But, you know, even though I was aware of them, and thank God I had a number of, uh, back backup, uh, power

Lemley: Yeah.

Kane: things, and we had more than one device besides our

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: to, to, you know, uh, find out about things. Um. It's like, you just don't wanna leave your home and go somewhere else,

Lemley: When,

any minute now the power's

Kane: Any minute now the power's gonna come on. You know, you just don't wanna have to go somewhere. And, um,

I lost

track of who I was in touch with. I think I was in touch with Nicole,

Lemley: Mm-hmm. which is, Yes.

Kane: our director. And so she called and said, listen, we are going to a friend's house. I,

Lemley: because she was out of power.

Kane: Yeah. And, um, there, that's the only place we can go with our dog and we do not feel right. Taking ourselves to safety and shelter without check. Checking on a, uh, a few of y'all.

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: And she told us about this place, um, the Madison recreational area. And um,

you know, she had already called ahead find out if there was a

room to stay

overnight and what we could bring.

And she gave us all the details and, um, she said, we'll take you there. Just, just let us know if you need time to think about it. Go ahead. We're not, we're not rushing you. We want you to feel comfortable with your decision. So I get off the phone and I told David and he's like, okay. And neither one of us are saying anything.

And I'm like, I think we need to leave. He said, I am staying here. I am not going anywhere. You can go if you want. I am. Like, I think we might really need to go. Well go. I am not, I'm gonna stay right here in this chair onto these blankets. And I, I'm

Lemley: gonna I'm fine.

Kane: Yeah. And I, I, and then I'm like, we're going. And, and I called her up. I said, I don't know why I needed time to think about this. You know, I'm, I'm almost hypothermia.

Lemley: Yeah.

Kane: We need to leave, you know. And so she gave us time to gather up some stuff and, um, she came and picked us up and brought us over there. And then there was another AR artist, uh, that she went and picked up and they, uh, her and her husband Josh, picked up and brought over to the shelter.

Lemley: Usually. I don't do any fact checking during these.

I think you were in the cold longer. Um, so I'm gonna look at our text messages and

Kane: And

Lemley: oh, and when you said our director, um, day arts daybreak, arts Ellie's finally getting another bite of pizza. So, um, so by Tuesday

you were, okay. No, you, you're, you're remembering the, of course you lived it, but you are remembering it. By Tuesday you were at the warming shelter. Oh. So I don't know if you

Kane: I think I lost Monday.

Lemley: Yeah. I think, yeah. So I don't know if you went Tuesday.

Kane: yeah, I don't know.

Lemley: Or if you had spent the night, already, spent the night Monday night, um, I think you had spent the night Monday night because I knew enough to know you were having an okay experience there.

Yeah. Tell, tell us about the experience you were having.

Kane: Well, as soon as we got there, we met with somebody work, working. Uh, volunteering from the Red Cross, very warm and welcoming. And I wish I remembered her name, but she was a gem and we had to wait to get settled in.

And then

we

were brought to, um, cots in a gymnasium where we could put our stuff. We had brought, um, blankets and and stuff like that. They said they had 'em there. But if we had our o own to

Lemley: mm-hmm.

Kane: that would, uh, make for more to go around for people who didn't have, uh, uh

Lemley: Oh yeah. They could give their red cross

Kane: Yeah, yeah, yeah. So, you know, um, we went there and, um, we got settled in and then there was food, and then there was more food, and then there was more food, but. You know, I was, we, I was still cold for so long. It

Lemley: forever when it gets into your bones.

Kane: Yeah. I was still having to wear, wear my coat and everything for till the next day, I think.

Plus, um, the heat wasn't,

it wasn't

very warm there actually, initially. Yeah. Because only volunteers were there and they didn't know where the thermostat was to, to, to turn up the heat. Okay.

Lemley: Okay.

Kane: they had to get in touch with somebody who worked there to find out. So the next day it got toasty warm. It was nice to everybody.

Oh, this is, some people were saying it's too hot. And then I was like, there is no such thing as too hot right now.

Lemley: Were you able to sleep?

Kane: Um, I I was, uh, had a little hard time the first night because I was still cold. But then the next night, once my body warmed up and it was warmer in

Lemley: you kind of

Kane: well fed and, and I felt like I was in a good place and a safe place.

Um, I, I, I slept really good. even, even even on a cot.

Lemley: a gymnasium. Yeah. With how many other people do you think were there?

Kane: Initially there weren't that many, but I think eventually there was probably about 150

Lemley: That's amazing.

Kane: Just in, in that gymnasium. And then there was mothers and families with kids upstairs.

Lemley: You were making some friends?

Kane: Yes, and I'm still in touch with Um, the one lady's name is Georgia.

Lemley: Yeah.

Kane: Um, and the other one is Laurel. And, um, they were just really, I. Really sweet ladies, and Georgia was always looking out for people. She, she was great. Um, there was this one time a food truck came and uh, David went out to get burgers for both me and and they wouldn't let him get a burger for me as well.

Said that I had to wait online myself. Well, Georgia got wind of that and she wasn't having it.

Lemley: She marched out

Kane: She marched out there, she marched out there and she said, what do you mean expecting this, this lady with trouble with her legs using a, a rollator walker and you expect her to come out here and wait online in this cold weather. You better give me a plate right now. And then I think then I think she went out a second time to get a plate for Laurel.

Lemley: Yeah. And, and he just took one look at her and handed her a burger.

Kane: And then another time it was like, usually, um, um, breakfast were the, the same, it was like, um, box cereals with um, shelf stable milk and they had apples, um, galore.

I, I, I ate probably two or three apples every day there and um, did maybe some squeezable applesauce or

Lemley: Yeah.

Kane: But, um, the following Sunday, yeah, I was there the following Sunday. Um, they had, um, breakfast things and mu muffins and, um. Eggs and just all kinds of things. So I'm sleeping soundly and I, I hear, uh, I hear, feel a tap on my shoulder.

Yeah. Ellie, Ellie, miss Ellie, miss Ellie, they got breakfast. You don't wanna miss it. Come on.

Lemley: And who was that? Georgia. Georgia. So are you seeing, so you're already talking about the next Sunday, are you seeing people's power coming on along the way and they're taking off?

Kane: Yep. And uh, the other daybreak artist, um, he was really only there maybe, um, uh, three days,

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: two or three days.

And he, his power came on and people were saying, you know, people, I knew, my friend Diana, she lives in Kentucky. She was, uh, looking at the maps and everything. I see power. That came on a block away from you, your power might be back on. I'm like, well, I'm not gonna go home. Yeah.

You know? Yeah. And, um, then like Deuce doesn't live that far from here.

He's out on Trinity Lane, but that's far, far.

Lemley: enough. It's far enough.

Kane: Uh, and now Nicole and Josh did come and get me two times to come back and get more stuff. And she was, she was, she was great. She was like, like, you cannot ask me too many times to take you back home is many times you need to go back home to check on things, to get more things that you, you just didn't think of being things you needed.

We will take you home. So they took me home two more times. And the one time, uh, it was early on and, and, um, they, uh, were like, you wanna stop off anywhere? Like fast food or something? Yeah. I'm like, oh yeah.

Lemley: Where'd you go?

Kane: Um,

I think it was just McDonald's, you know, like, I don't eat McDonald's too often, but it's good.

It was like a, a big Mac, uh, was, uh, the comfort food I felt like we needed at that point.

Lemley: So how long were you in the shelter?

Kane: Six days.

Lemley: Six days. Did your power come back on?

Kane: Well, um, I think it was like probably the third time that, or I don't know if it was second or third time, whatever, that Josh and Nicole had come to, uh, take me home, um, as we were.

Um, entering my street

Lemley: Mm-hmm. Hamilton

Kane: Pike, we saw any yes.

Trucks and cars. When we also saw a police car outside of my address. Apparently somebody, I don't know who, um, that knows me, had done a wellness check. So that's not anything to be angry

Lemley: No,

Kane: No, but I thought, I was like, who

Lemley: who would do that?

That's not on your Facebook. Yeah. Because your

Kane: Who, who did I not

Lemley: communicate

Kane: Yeah. Because I communicated a lot. I mean, at that shelter I was, uh, using my phone. To, to, to, to it, to its fullest capacity. Charging. Using, again, charging, using again. People were staying

Lemley: I was reloading your Facebook to just Yeah, yeah.

You were really in good and

Kane: posting a lot and everything like that.

So I was like, who, who was left out? Yeah. I'm thinking maybe we failed to keep in touch with his parents.

Lemley: what I'm gonna think. Maybe someone on David's end.

Kane: Yeah. 'cause they have in the past done wellness checks on us, so, okay. I'm thinking it might've been them.

Lemley: So you got, did you talk to the officer?

Kane: Well, they didn't say who it was.

Lemley: Oh. I mean, but you're like, here I

Kane: I'm, yeah. Yeah. Here I am. It's me. I'm Okay. And, uh, so like, um. So Nicole had gotten out of the, the car and asked, asked, uh,

is the power restored? And she said this house was just restored,

Lemley: just turned on.

Kane: And so she said, I would suggest, um, going in and turning things off.

Um, so there's not too much drain on things. And, um, so, uh, came in, everything seemed fine and, you know, turn, turned some things off and, um, decided that, uh, would give the house, uh, some time to warm up at least to maybe the upper fifties or 60. And, um, so, so I went back to the shelter for the.

Afternoon. Mm-hmm. And then, um,

their transport. I think it was, I don't know if it was fire department or police department, but a lot of the, the, the service people were taking people home. So, uh, they brought us home, dropped us off. We came in and more horror.

Lemley: What happened?

Kane: Oh, I saw water pouring into my kitchen and heard the sound of rushing water.

I did not know where, at first I'm looking at the sink, I'm looking at the refrigerator. I'm like. Where's that water coming from? And then I saw water coming from under the door leading to our back stoop area. Go in there and see this massive crack in the ceiling with wa water just pouring out of it full speed ahead.

And I just freaked. I didn't know what to do. I know where the, uh, turnoff valve is, but I forgot it.

Lemley: Yeah.

Kane: Um, anything I know to do, I forgot.

Um, the, i, the idea of calling the water company and telling them to shut it off, it just didn't phase me. I just started texting everybody I know Facebook Messenger messaging help me.

I don't know what to do.

Lemley: Right.

Kane: And, um, it was my friend Warren who. Used to do some handyman stuff, uh, he said, call the, the water

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: And they will send somebody out to turn it off by the main water valve. And that way you can see if it is in fact a burst pipe or if, if there there's some kind of, um, other issue that caused, uh, water to come outta your ceiling.

Because everybody's thinking there's no pipes up in the ceiling. It can't be a burst pipe. And I'm like, IW was dripping the faucets.

Lemley: Yeah, yeah, yeah. A

Kane: burst pipe. Um, and so even my handyman was like, I don't see how it could be a burst pipe because it's. why would there be pipes in your ceiling? And, um, especially with not having an upstairs, just an attic upstairs, why would there be pipes in the ceiling?

But like, warrant. Warrant said, your quickest solution though, is to stop the water flow.

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: if it is that, and it, and if it's still coming out, then you know, it's not a burst pipe, that it's something else. As soon as that water turned off that, that leak

Lemley: Oh,

and so that leak is in your little side? Yeah. Like laundry. Is it a laundry room

Kane: beyond this door. Like, like there's, there's a stoop area that goes to the back door and the ceiling right near the back door is where the water was, uh, coming down.

Lemley: So it is April, whatever we said at the beginning, April 10th. Do you have water today? No. Why not?

Kane: Well, my plumber was out of town.

And then everybody was needing plumbers. Mm-hmm. Yeah. So it was like three or four weeks before he could even look at it. And then meanwhile, I had gotten in touch with homeowners insurance, and it was a while for them to, uh, you know, uh, assess

what needed to be done and what they would pay out. And so then they, uh, they, it, it required more communication because they, um. Allotted \$218 for the plumber who, um, estimated the job would be

Lemley: That's what I was gonna say. What can you do with a plumber for \$218? Yeah,

Kane: I mean, even before I knew the extent of the damage, I'm like 218, like this is a good guy and he doesn't charge a lot, but for what that is,

Lemley: this is not 1979.

Kane: And it turned out it wasn't just the burst pipe there, but because there was some leakage also in the, the laundry room. Like you got the, the, the ceiling here and then you go, go across and there's a laundry room, bathroom over there and, but it was just in this one li little area.

Where it had had puddled and I couldn't tell really where it

came from.

Mm-hmm. Be because there did not seem to be a, a crack in the ceiling. Um, so what he had said had happened because of the pipe cons, constricting, and then opening back o uh, like constricting and

Lemley: oh, like, like, and expanding,

Kane: And expanding, yeah.

Uh, it, it caused the pipe to curve and so the whole pipe needed to be replaced. Uh, um, so we needed to have more conversation about that. He said, said, now, um, uh, a, a cheaper route we could go is if it's okay with you to have pipe that's dropped down.

Into the ceiling, below the ceiling, into the room.

Um, and if we don't reconnect everything in, in there, the toilet in there hasn't been working for like 10 years. Um, the shower stall, I mean the, the old handle broke, broke off years ago and, and nobody stocked it.

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: Uh, and we had to rig things through the years and we finally gave up and just used the main bathroom.

So his suggestion was just reconnect the water heater and the washer

Lemley: mm-hmm.

Kane: And that, and just forget about the rest.

Mm-hmm.

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: But first we needed the handyman to do the demo. Could not get the handyman to uh, um, get in touch with me. And then when he would, it'd be like one reply to which I had had to reply or ask something else, and then no response. And then a few days later I'd have to, you know, and then at initially I

find out he had surgery, he was in recovery. Then I'm thinking, I said, well, when I, how long are you gonna be in recovery?

Because if it's not too long, I would rather mm-hmm. Wait for you and work with somebody I already know and trust mm-hmm. Than try to find somebody else. No response. Then the next time he tells me he is recovered, and, sorry, I'm scattered. I'm getting married this weekend. Oh

Lemley: Oh my gosh.

Kane: So I think I've got him pinned down for either this coming Wednesday or Thursday.

Lemley: That's the,

Kane: but meanwhile, the plumber is out of town until like the 21st. Really? Because the plumber is also a musician.

Lemley: Yeah, yeah. This is Nashville. Um. What, what have you and David been doing for toileting?

Kane: Bedside commodes?

Lemley: What have you been doing for bathing?

Kane: Oh, very interesting. Um, gotta get, we get, uh, gallons of spring water and we set up, um, like a, a bathing bowl or like a bathing bowl. And a rinsing bowl

and,

and, and, and, um, heat some of the water in the microwave and, and pour it in. And you know, you know, that way we can use actual soap rather than mm-hmm.

Than rinse free soap.

Lemley: Yeah, yeah, yeah. yeah.

Kane: Which sometimes we've had to use because it can be such a hassle, uh, doing that. And it's even worse trying to wash my hair.

Lemley: I bet

Ellie's got beautiful hair.

Kane: had to take a, uh, take one bin over here, dip my head, wash, rinse, put that on the floor, put in the conditioner, put the other bin up here to, to Rin.

Lemley: How often do you do that?

Kane: Not too often, I have to admit. I used to dry shampoo and, and when I had a big event coming up, I went to Super Cuts and let them wash and blow dry my hair. Yeah.

Lemley: So this is still, this weather system

Kane: Brushing teeth is also,

uh, a challenge.

Lemley: So for your water, you're, do you have gallons delivered?

Yeah. Okay. This is still going on for you Three, three months later.

Kane: But it, it's funny. It's like, you know, that part in a way is like making the trauma part of it still exists. It's like, I'm still stuck in the storm. I mean, I didn't even, even, my Christmas tree was still up till a couple days ago, because I normally don't take it down till like February.

But then it was like. I was still in this storm limbo, winter limbo for months and stuff. And then it was like, oh, my tree is so pretty. I, I don't wanna take it down.

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: Mm-hmm. And, uh, then I was like, it is time to bring in spring, change out the dark, uh, covers, put on the light cover covers, put out the doilies and just, just make it spring again and le leave winter behind.

I think I got off track.

Lemley: Yeah, you were just saying it's it's part of the trauma that it's, yeah. It's not over.

Kane: Yeah. And, um, there was something else I was gonna say.

Lemley: Oh, you can take your time. Yeah. Um, yeah, I think what I had led with was we're three months later, did I say two?

Because we're

Kane: Oh yeah. Well, I I, I was about to say that, um, I'm pretty resilient and resourceful.

I have often had something that wasn't working and I had to, figure something out. Like, like I had one time that I had no hot water and until I could replace my hot water heater, I braved cold showers, or at that time was fortunate enough that I had a y membership. Yeah. And I take showers there. Then I had time that my washer was working and now my dryer, so I'd wash and I'd hang everything around the house.

It's like you get used to, um, these comforts that, that at times almost seem like luxuries when you don't have them. But it's like, I don't wanna be in a negative space. You know? I want it. Much as possible to be in a positive, joyful space. So I make do with whatever, ever is there and, and, and deal with it.

Lemley: Yeah. I mean, I, I think you've, you've talked about so much resourcefulness in, in these couple hours, um, yeah. That this is, man, you're still doing it. You're still doing it at what you said 71.

Kane: Yeah.

Lemley: You guys have thought a lot about. Poverty in Nashville. You've been part of more than one nonprofit organization that works with people who are experiencing poverty or homelessness. Um, how do you see the shift in climate over the 50 years nearly that you've been in Nashville? So I guess if we're being honest, 47, um, if I'm doing some math right.

Um, how do you see the shift in the climate impacting people's access to everything they need? Transportation, food, water, clean air, all all of these things. Like what else have you seen? Housing?

Kane: Well, unfortunately, uh, housing is a lot more expensive, whether you're in a house or needing a house. You know, the property taxes have gone way up. Property insurance has gone way up.

Um,

I'm not sure how that pertains to the question, but I think it's certainly harder for people on the streets, um, dealing with weather extremes.

Um.

I'm

not really sure how to answer

Lemley: No, it's okay. I think when I think of your story, I think about the climate right now.

Is it this one storm has very much affected your access to shelter clean water.
Yeah. I mean, it, it's

Kane: yeah.

Lemley: yeah. So it's, it's, it's,

Kane: and and it's like there could be more in place to help people not go through this like, like if they, they hadn't cut such a huge portion outta the budget for tree trimming.

Lemley: Yeah.

Kane: Look how many less branches would have fallen on wires and knocked out

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: Look how many people would not have burst pipes and all. Kinds of other damage.

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: And insurance only goes so far because there's deductibles you have to pay.

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: And I started out the year with zero for my deductible, but you know, I'm accumulating.

Um,

Lemley: yeah.

Kane: Uh, it'll work out. Um, but, um,

Lemley: how has this, how has what has happened with. I'll start over so I can make this clean. How did this ice storm affect your health?

Kane: Well, um,

I.

Uh, felt like I took some steps back in some progress I had been Um, before the storm, I was, I had a little watch and I was counting my steps and trying to increase them. I had not increased them very high, but I, I was increasing a little each day and I had, um, started, um,

a weight loss. Um, I don't, I, I almost don't even wanna call it weight loss, although that was the desired thing.

I, I needed to get healthier. And also also, I had seen a orthopedist in the summer. Because both my knees were really bad and he told me that, um, the tendons and cartilage were shot and I was not, nor would I ever be a candidate for surgery because of bi bilateral lymphedema. And it's too easy for infection to set up.

And he says, I don't know about you, but if I, I went to the hospital

for surgery with my, uh, for my knees, I certainly would, wouldn't wanna lose my legs,

Lemley: Right.

Kane: you know? So he said, your only option is to lose weight. And so I, within like about a week, I put myself on a path and I had, um, gone from 3 35 to about 3 0 and then this happened and.

At the shelter we were eating all the time, but sometimes we would go a long time without eating because it was all donations. You didn't know when you were going to eat, so when food was there, you ate. And so I put on weight, and then of course, you come home and you don't have the access to cook the same foods because you can't be washing dishes.

And so I, I was like the hell with it, you know? And so, um, I did cook, but I had to figure out different ways to cook and, um, you know, um. Pay more attention to cooking stuff that were good as opposed to healthy. So I got, I have fully got back on my butter kick.

Lemley: Yeah.

Kane: And lemme tell you what, what that, that'll really, uh, there's, there's a whole lot of calories packed in a little bit of butter.

Lemley: I love butter.

Kane: And, and then I got into my sugar addiction again. Now, now I didn't pick up certain, there are certain candies that I have not touched, I have not touched Jolly Ranchers or Sour Patch Kids, or, uh, there's about six, six candies that I quit, um, July 1st that I have not touched since, but I got back into the Mike and Ikes and the Mambas.

Mm-hmm.

Lemley: So progress. You had baby, you know, bamboo shoots of progress you were starting to make with your physical health has reverse course. Yeah. And your mental health also has, has

Kane: yeah. Yeah. I've, I've, uh, you know, gotten into the depression a bit and just like spent way too much time on social media,

Lemley: Mm-hmm.

Kane: just like, just vegetating on a device or just like watching TV for like, you know, hours after hours, picking a TV show and watching episode after episode after episode.

And I had gotten away from the thing, things that I do, you know, I, I've journaled for years I wasn't journaling except every now and then. Um, my normal way to start a day is. To pray and then state some gratitude and write in

my journal. I wasn't doing any of that. And so, so I was just kind of losing myself, losing my way and picking up here and there, but still not, not, not where I was before.

I've still at least maintained a 25 pound loss. So even though I gained some, I still maintained a certain amount of loss. And I, I'm, I'm back on the wagon mostly. I did a Kroger order last night

with Mamba on the list, but they were outta stock.

Lemley: Did they substitute?

Kane: No, they didn't. Even though I had a substitute.

So somebody's looking out from me

Lemley: And you're looking at some trauma therapy soon.

Yeah. Mm-hmm.

Kane: She, she's going to start with a ha having me, um, look at. Pictures of snow and ice. She said, you can't run away from it. You gotta gradually reintroduce yourself to being comfortable with it.

Lemley: Well, Ellie, I think this is a great place to land. Um, I'm just check my notes. No, I think what a beautiful conversation. Thank you.

Kane: You are welcome.

Lemley: So this concludes the climate related brief oral history of Ms. Ellie Kane on Friday, April the 10th, 2026 that took place in Englewood, Nashville, Tennessee. The total running time is approximately one hour and 58 minutes.

Kane: Let me wake him up

Lemley: Okay. So he can

Kane: so he can see you be Yeah.

Before you leave. Yeah.