



WOODS: We're talking about North Korea today, which we haven't done for a while. But before we get into the details of the succession, should that arise in the near future, I want to ask you something I've been thinking about. Obviously, you went to North Korea, you wrote the book *Dear Reader*, and since that time, you've done a lot of high-profile media interviews, particularly on television, about North Korea. Obviously, you're very critical of the regime, as most people are. So not that you have any inclination to do so, but if you were to try to go back to North Korea, do you think you could get in?

MALICE: Yes.

WOODS: Have you been tempted?

MALICE: Yes. Well, I can't go now, because Americans are banned. I have been tempted, and I saw my friend went after I did, and I looked at his photos and then I'm like, *Oh, no, no, I'm not doing this again.*

WOODS: Because it reminded you of what you saw, or had it changed?

MALICE: Because everyone I met is still there. So it really screws your head to realize that literally every single — you know how if think for a second, you look at like a movie from like 1920 or a photograph, and you realize, *Oh, everyone on earth who was alive then is dead?*

WOODS: Right, yeah.

MALICE: But this is like every single person I saw is still there. Every single one. And I think about you what you've been doing since, what I've been doing since, what the listeners have been doing since. They're in their prison, doing their best. So it does a number on you.

WOODS: Yeah.

MALICE: And knowing if I went back — and this isn't exactly New York City during the holiday seasons — there's very few places they're going to take you. So I'm going to go back to that store, and that same girl is probably going to be at that store where she was eight years ago, or her replacement, who was in one very specific sense interchangeable. So it's not good.

WOODS: Yeah. Yeah, I hear you. I hear you. All right, let's talk about Kim Jong-un. I was just saying to you before we started recording that when I wrote to you and said, "Let's talk about North Korea," I had just seen a fleeting headline that Kim Jong-un had died. And I was driving around, and I wasn't able to verify that, and it turns out that this is not confirmed, but this is still very much in the news, because people are speculating about what then happens if he were to die. And you actually had a pretty good thread on Twitter and a live stream on YouTube on this exact subject, so I want you to flesh it out for us here.

So I've heard a number of possibilities for who would replace him, but is there a process? Is there a — I mean, obviously, people are speculating on it. So then how could there be a cast-in-stone process for how it would occur?

MALICE: Yeah. First of all, just as a side note, if you are familiar with someone who is an authority on one very specific thing, if there's a — I don't mean you, Tom; I mean a person — if there is an issue that comes up, take two seconds to look at their Twitter or whatever medium that they use most frequently before you feel the need to ask them a question,

because they're not there to be your personal tutor. So it's very frustrating when you tweet about this or you're making live streams, and people are like, "Oh, what do you think about this?" It's like, you could have just gone to my page. I literally 20 minutes ago tweeted this. And also, it's just not very productive. Instead of firing off a question that may or may not get answered, if you just take a little productivity, you can usually find things out for yourself.

And I say this because one of the reasons I got into this space is because there's so little information about North Korea and because of how our media landscape is functioning. Just because there's a lack of information doesn't mean there's going to be a lack of chatter. So they have to present this issue as if they have as much information as they do about what would happen if a senator resigned. It's not the case. And then you have people who don't know what they're talking about and can't know what they're talking about, because they're getting called in at the last minute, because it's a circle jerk, and then everyone at home is repeating, and no one knows what they're talking about. So it's kind of like Nazis, like the demand for North Korea experts far exceeds the supply in terms of the media.

So let me address this. First of all – and I kind of borrowed this line from you – your Facebook friends are wrong about North Korean succession. Their need to post on Facebook that like, *Oh, I think it's going to be Kim Jong-un's sister*, as if they've gone through this deductive process, and they have the charts and graphs, and they crossed out this one, they crossed out that one.

And a couple of times, I just snapped, and I said, "Can you name one other person in the North Korean leadership?" Or I would say, "Can you name even one person in the North Korean leadership other than Kim Jong-un's sister?" And they can't. And it's like, well, this is the one person I've heard of, so – It's akin to someone from another country being like, "I think if something happens to Trump, if he gets impeached, it's going to be Melania." It's like, what are you basing this on? Literally, other than you know who this other person is.

And part of the reason it is so frustrating on that end is because the people who really study North Korea understand perfectly well that these incessant attempts to make it analogous to other countries or specifically to the States is so false, that it's almost shocking to watch it play out in real life.

North Korea, when you have a dictatorship, one of the things that we talk about in the States, in the Western canon, in the common law is a government of laws but not men, right? This is the promise of the common law. That is in distinction to a government of men and not laws, wherein the rulers or the leaders can decree at the drop of a hat what the laws are, and you, the oppressed populace, have to smile and nod and take it. North Korea is not a government of laws. It is very much a government of men, and those men are the three leaders who have led North Korea, being the Great Leader Kim Il-sung, the founder, the Dear Leader Kim Jong-il, the father of the current Marshall, Kim Jong-un.

Now, as I described in *Dear Leader*, getting to the place where we are right now in North Korea was a very methodical process by this family. This did not happen overnight. Rand has that quote about "Errors of this magnitude are never made innocently." This was not coincidental that they've outlasted all these other second-world countries and that they've gone further in the direction of extreme nationalism, extreme oppression than even China, who's probably one of the worst nowadays, but some of these others.

And one of the premises of communism is everyone's equal, everyone's got an equal shot. One of the things that communists and leftists in general complain about, not unfairly, is that it's unreasonable that you're born to a millionaire, I'm destitute, you're going to have a huge advantage in life over me, right? You're going to have better schooling, you're going to have better lawyers, you're going to have all this other stuff. And there's something to that that I think a lot of us can wrap our heads around. And communism's supposed to be, *All right, no one should have any advantages over everybody. Everyone's equal.*

So in the '70s, the question became — it took a while for the Great Leader Kim Il-sung post-World War II to consolidate his hold on power. He had to, one by one, wipe out alternate factions to his rule. And things really became tricky for him in the mid '50s, because after Stalin died and Khrushchev succeeded him as head of the USSR, the USSR really were the leaders of the communist world. Like other countries looked to them and followed suit. And what Khrushchev did in his famous what was called the Secret Speech, is he denounced Stalin's personality cult. And he said this is not what we're about, worshiping one individual, and that leads to all sorts of awful things.

Maybe you and I could have a debate, although I don't know that you would disagree, in a very real sense, you can say Khrushchev was a hero for the cause the liberty, even though he was a genocidal murderer as the head of Ukraine, because when you start closing down the gulags, when you start encouraging all of these countries to turn their backs on the worst of Stalinism, that's in a certain sense, putting us in the right direction. The other argument, of course, is okay, if you're like, .5 Hitler, are you a good person? It's like, yeah, you're still .5 Hitler.

And this was a challenge for North Korea, because North Korea was heavily a personality cult around the Great Leader Kim Il-sung, and all these other countries started following suit, and having some sort of decentralized leadership, having the leader not venerated — Mao was one very big exception — as a god among men. So what he did is he systematically wiped out all these other factions, because everyone in North Korea or many of the party cadres thought, *Okay, we're going to do like Russia, and we're just going to start liberalizing in a sense and not having this kind of personality cult.* And Kim Il-sung said, *Over your dead body.* And they were either purged or killed or so on and so forth.

So then the question became, okay, what would happen if Kim Il-sung goes away? But you can't ask that question, because asking that question in North Korea would mean that you're discussing the death of the leader. And someone did pose that question once, a high-up official, and I don't remember if he was executed or exiled to the countryside, but immediately, he was shut up and shut down. So no one talked about it. It was kind of like, whatever the Great Leader decides, he will live forever as the King of our people, hero of our people, whatever.

In the mid '70s — and behind the scenes, you had his brother and his son, Kim Jong-il. They were both fighting behind the scenes over who would, in fact, become that successor. And through a long series of events or whatever, Kim Jong-il basically got the gig. And in the mid '70s, there was a program to introduce him to the North Korean populace. They never referred to him by name in the papers. They called him the Party Center. Very odd. And in the late '70s, early '80s, I forget the exact year, it was officially announced that he would be the successor to the Great Leader Kim Il-sung. And this was hugely controversial in the communist world, the second world, because the idea that this — even in America or many of these countries, like the idea that like the son is going to take over is just bonkers.

And what I learned during my work about North Korea and going there, which I was very surprised about, virtually all — I want to say virtually, I tend to say all — criticism of North Korea is acknowledged and addressed by them in their literature and propaganda. So they have at length, and this is all in *Dear Reader*, explained why it is in fact not only appropriate, but necessary for Kim Jong-il to have succeeded the Great Leader Kim Il-sung as the leader of North Korea.

So the question after a while became — first of all, in '94 when Kim Il-sung died, the famine starts to hit. It started hitting a little before. It was going to be okay, all the Western pundits — and North Korea laughed about this in their literature, including mentioning Charles Krauthammer by name, are like, *The Westerners are crazy. They all said we wouldn't last. I'm still here. You don't know what you're talking about. Sit down and shut up. You're just desperate for us to fall so the US imperialists can invade.*

Now, when Kim Jong-il, close to his end when he introduced Kim Jong-un, his son, into the North Korean populace and to the media, it was very interesting, because very quickly, everyone's scrambling. *Who is this kid?* It was not known how many wives — and still not known — how many wives Kim Jong-il had, how many children he had. The way to look at it is think about who are Uncle Sam's nieces and nephews? We don't know, right? So a lot of these families were kept in isolation, even from each other. Kim Jong-il had at least two families, and one didn't know that the other existed for a long time.

So one of the laws, there is something called the Ten Guiding Principles of the Monolithic Ideological System. These are basically the Ten Commandments of the Great Leader Kim Il-sung, many of which are, *You will do everything the Leader says without hesitation*, blah, blah, blah. The Tenth Commandments says, "The revolution shall be continued through the generations until the end," or something to that effect. And what it means is only someone who is a direct descendant of the Great Leader Kim Il-sung can be the leader of Korea. They regard Korea as one country with different regions. And so when Kim Jong-un was declared as the son, it was like, okay, we have this guy.

He killed his elder half-brother Kim Jong-nam, who had a different mom. I think they'd only met once before in their lives. They were not buddy-buddy growing up or anything like that. And Kim Jong-nam had been passed over. And the reason you take him out is that's great insurance, because he would have been a Mike Pence, because if something happened to Kim Jong-un, you could have put Kim Jong-nam in there in two seconds. Kim Jong-nam was a big liberal. He wanted to denuclearize, an environmentalist. This was not sitting well with Kim Jong-il. Kim Jong-un promised to stay the course.

Now, without Kim Jong-nam — and the middle brother is regarded as a sissy and other euphemisms that we might all fill in the blanks here. Now, the question is, if Kim Jong-un goes away, there is no brother. What happens? And at that point, no one knows, because there's no sort of order of succession after Kim Jong-un, and you sure as heck aren't going to be asking about it, because then you're talking about the death of the Leader. And that is really — to say it's heretical, is really an understatement.

WOODS: I noticed in your thread related to this, you were saying that pro forma, North Korea has a constitution, which is where you might look to answer questions like this. Like we don't know who the successor will be, but we know how the successor of Donald Trump will be determined. So is there anything in the North Korean constitution that, even if they don't follow it, that would be say anything about this?

MALICE: I don't even know. I haven't even read the North Korean constitution, because what happened is a lot of these communist countries have constitutions simply because they're at the UN, they want to pretend that they preserve human rights, they very much mirror the American Constitution — you know, freedom of speech, freedom of religion. I know that stuff's in there. So it might be in there. I doubt it. I haven't even looked. It's such a paper tiger, it's not even funny. There's not even a pretense in North Korea that this constitution is ever referred to. I don't think I've seen it referred to in a single one of their writings, and I've read like 60 books on the subject. It exists, but they never talk about it. One of the things I know for a fact that's in the constitution is the North Korean Congress is supposed to meet at scheduled intervals. They haven't met in like ten years or something crazy like that. So there's just no pretense whatsoever that this has anything of relevance in North Korean society.

WOODS: Yeah, that makes sense. That makes sense. I hear that. Is there any possible ability that just the disruption that's caused by the change from one person to another could possibly be a destabilizing event for North Korea?

MALICE: Yeah, but that's the thing that people need to realize. Destabilizing isn't always what we want, because the stabilizing can be — here's the thing that I tweeted this out, and it's something that scared me very much. The party cadres and the military leaders are there as a function of the Leader. They're not there because of their skill. They're not there because

they're popular with the voters or their resume. They are specifically there because of their loyalty. That is the first, second, and last job qualification that they have.

Yet at the same time, North Korea, as I will point out incessantly until this goes away in a positive direction, has concentration camps. You can still see them on Google Earth. I think something like 200,000 people are in them, just atrocity and abomination. If North Korea gets destabilized, there is every chance, and not a chance, certainly a probability, that these people at the top will be tried for crimes against humanity. And they know this extremely well. So their lives are on the line. So if things start getting destabilized, that could be an excuse for, okay, we're going to liberalize, we're going to turn our backs on these 70 years of depravity. Or it could be, *Our asses are on the line. We are going to lock this country down to an even further extent to make sure that things don't get out of hand.* Because it's kind of like riding the tiger, right? You don't want to let go, because as soon as you let go, you're done. So they have an enormous incentive to have draconian control.

And everyone on Twitter — I spent too much time on Twitter, Tom, I'm realizing. It's amazing how many people are binary thinkers, where they think it's either like Galt's Gulch or it's Stalin. There's degrees. And people are like, *Oh, it's a huge dictatorship. They can't clamp down anymore.* They can. I assure you, they could clamp down anymore. They can very easily, off the top of my head, find someone in every town, pretend this person was trying to foment disorder, and shoot him and make an example of him.

In fact, they would have someone in that town, the official, and would be like, Your job — Beria, who was Stalin's torturer and righthand man, had that quote, "Find me the man, and I'll find you the crime." It would be very easy for the North Korean government to say, "Find me the person in your town who is the troublemaker, who is most likely to cause some kind of civil unrest." And they'll find him, and they'll force him to confess, or they won't have to, or they'll torture his family or kill his family, and they'll kill him in front of everybody. And then everyone's going to be like, "All right, now go to your house, and you stay there."

And the people in the camps are told constantly that if the US imperialists invade, we're going to kill you all and burn these camps down. And you can't blame them in a sense, because they don't want that evidence. So when people talk, "Oh, I hope he dies," I have no love for Kim Jong-un, I assure you, but what we need to hope for is the peaceful liberation of North Korea. And if his going away or death is a means to that end, that's good. And if his going away or death takes us away from that direction, that's very, very bad.

WOODS: What exactly are we to conclude about what has leaked out about Kim Jong-un right now? Supposedly, there's something about his health and there was some speculation he died. What's that all about?

MALICE: Yeah, Yeon-mi Park, who, I trust her, she escaped from North Korea. She's a very famous refugee. She's given a lot of talks around the world about this. She just had a tweet yesterday, where she goes, "He's in hiding because of coronavirus." And what I want to point out to people is, yes, he's obese. I think he's like 36. When's the last time you heard of a 36-year-old billionaire dying on the operating table, with access to literally the best medical care in the world?

They have a hospital system dedicated exclusively to prolong the longevity of the leaders. There was a quote about how the doctors were operating and their hands were shaking. Tom, I wouldn't be surprised if they had to give him heart surgery, which we don't even have confirmation of that — if they had to give him heart surgery, that they would experiment on a healthy person first to make sure they could get the operation done correctly. That is how human life is valued in North Korea in relation to the Leader.

Plus, these doctors are — and this happened to the Soviet Union. If you find a Russian doctor in America or a dentist, you run to them, because they know how to get the job done with

crappy equipment. But these guys don't have the crappy equipment. They'll have the state-of-the-art, best equipment. So that is something that you should take with a grain of salt.

And the claim that, oh, it's obviously going to be the sister, can you imagine in America a 30-year-old woman becoming president? This is America, right? Like AOC or Ivanka Trump just tomorrow becoming president? We wouldn't be able to wrap our heads around it. North Korea is far more patriarchal than the United States. It's also very much an ageist society where you respect your elders, so it is very odd that someone as young as Kim Jong-un, though they didn't have a choice, should be the leader. But someone even younger and female? Look, if they're freaking out and poop hits the fan, it could be any port in a storm, sure. But this claim that, *Oh, it's obviously going to be her* is false. It's not obviously going to be her.

WOODS: I want to shift gears and ask you something –

MALICE: One more thing. I've got to say one more thing, because this is very, very important. So all the people on Facebook who think they're clever, and talk about, *Oh, they're going to have a woman leader first, haha*. Or then you have the people like, *Oh, she's been condemned even though she hasn't done anything*. She's the head of the propaganda and education department. So it is her job to train the North Korean population, including the children, from a very, very young to be willing to die for the sake of the Leader. They call it infusing them with the spirit of the bullet and bomb. So you have someone whose job it is to brainwash kids for their entire lives, so to say that she's some kind of basically his sidekick or is some kind of family secretary is really far too glib for my taste.

WOODS: Can you update us on, let's say, the state of the relationship between the US and North Korea, which looked so good at one point, and then it seemed like it started to get murkier?

MALICE: Yeah, I had a contact who was working this beat and I was talking to them, and anarchist me, who was having the question of like, is it ethical for me to work with the government vis-a-vis North Korea, before deciding yes, I think Murray Rothbard and Lysander Spooner and all the other forefathers of anarchism would give me the blessing, as long as maybe I'm not paid with tax money. And I talked to this person not that long ago, and they go, yeah, basically the State Department now is acting as if North Korea doesn't exist. So they didn't know what to do, and it's kind of fallen by the wayside, and that makes me very sad, because there was some progress being made, at the very least, about putting their human rights atrocities on the world stage and also providing sunlight for the people who escaped and survived and making them beacons of hope for those left behind.

WOODS: Ah, so that's what really went on. They just more or less washed their hands and moved on to something else?

MALICE: Yeah, you know how bureaucracies work. Yeah, they're like, *Okay, we can't crack this nut. Let's just pretend it never happened*. Yeah, it did a number on me to hear that from the horse's mouth. I could be wrong. The source could be wrong. I don't think they are.

WOODS: I want to ask you something completely unrelated because we're living in such unusual times. And you and I did an episode, maybe half a year ago now or four months or something, on mental health and how you and I deal with challenges. You're in the epicenter of the Coronavirus outbreak in the US, so I'd like to know – and you're a very, very – I don't know, introvert, extrovert, but you're somebody who likes to physically go out and be with friends and do various things. What are you doing to stay mentally okay right now?

MALICE: I'm actually an extreme introvert, and I'm home 23 hours a day. I'm one hour away from being a shut in. I'm actually – I can't believe I said "actually" three times. I'm like that meme. I am in a very good place. It was a tough transition. What I am realizing, and I think you and I talked about this to some extent, and me and Dave Smith – and for those who don't know, he's a very failed comedian – there are a lot of people in our respective audiences who are as maybe you and I are, and Dave to some extent, a little bit socially awkward, a little bit

socially isolated. And it is incumbent on us to kind of provide them with some sense of community.

So I've been doing a lot more content. I just did a live stream over the weekend where we all sat down and watched on Ayn Rand on Donahue together. I'm going to be doing some live streams where, me being the Boomer, I figured out how to have a live stream with two people, so people can chat with both of us at the same time. I'm going to be bringing in some friends of mine. I'm sure you'll be one of them at some point.

And I think when you are a fan of a person or just follow their content, if they are giving you some semblance of normalcy or normality, whichever you prefer, and are regularly producing things that you can consume, it gives people a sense of stability and it gives them a sense of distraction. And it works for me, because it keeps me busy, and it challenges me to produce more stuff. I'm sure most people would think most of it's garbage. That's okay, as long as some don't. And that's been kind of my big motivation.

I had a fan named Phoebe, God bless you, she let me into her house. She's in Florida. She had like a key, like one of those combo locks, and she has some weights in her house. So if I didn't have those, I would be losing my mind, because that's something I do for mental health, exercise. But other than that — and I have sashimi near my house. There's a Japanese supermarket. So other than that, I am spending a lot more time online. And I'm actually really — I keep saying "actually." Maybe that means I'm lying and kidding myself. But I am doing okay. I'm doing better than okay. I'm having fun.

WOODS: All right, well, I'm glad to hear that. I really am glad to hear that. Let me just say a little something you were talking about, creating more content. I've been much more reliable with my newsletter, because sometimes — I mean, I shoot for five days a week and sometimes even on weekends. And there have been times when I just don't feel like I have anything to say on a particular day, and I don't want to mail out an email just for the sake of it. If I don't have anything to say, I'm not going to say anything. But geez, how do you not have something to say like every day at this point?

MALICE: Yeah.

WOODS: And what's been interesting, is that if you have, let's say, a bestselling book, most people have no idea what that means. Does that mean 10 million copies? Does it mean 50,000 copies? Does it mean you're a millionaire? Like they don't know the ins and outs. Likewise, with email marketing, nobody knows what the metrics are, so let me just tell you. I know marketers who, when the 6% of recipients open their emails, they say, "Wow, I'm doing something right." I mean, it's that bad. Other industries, like 10 to 15% if you're really lucky, because number one, some of the emails wind up in the Promotions tab. People don't even see them. Or in spam or whatever. And then some people just don't have time to get a million emails they don't open. But I've been getting open rates in excess of 42% —

MALICE: Wow.

WOODS: — which is unheard of. I mean, absolutely unheard of. Because people — I mean, I can't speculate on why, but I think they're desperate to get information from somebody that I think they believe by now they can trust, because they're not sure which person to listen to right now. I was looking at the stats the other day, I could not believe it. People would kill to get open rates like that.

MALICE: I was just going to make one point. This is something that happens on Twitter with the cretins, and it's really funny. You were talking about how people don't know how many books you have to sell to get a bestseller. Like sometimes they'll come at me and they'll be like, *Oh, your book is only ranked 30,000 on Amazon. You're such a loser.* And I sit there and I'm saying, first of all, I have a book, so I can't be that much of a loser. Second of all, do you have any idea what this number means?

WOODS: Yeah, do you know how many books there are on this thing?

MALICE: Yeah, but it's also like, this isn't the Billboard charts. *This week's single coming in at 31,000.* And it's just funny to see how you were just talking about, yeah, no one knows how many books you have to sell to get a bestseller, because the bestseller list for *The New York Times* is not is entirely a function of sales either.

WOODS: Oh, right. It's a very obscure metric that they use. The other bestseller lists are much more straightforward: number of copies sold. *The New York Times* has this kind of proprietary method that they won't disclose.

MALICE: Yeah.

WOODS: The other thing I want to say for anybody who might have missed it, a few weeks ago, you and Dave Smith and Angela McArdle and Michael Boldin and I did a live event where we played Quiplash in front of a live audience.

MALICE: Why don't you tell people how many rounds everyone on won? Why didn't you put that in your tweet, Tom?

WOODS: Oh, okay, well, just to make sure everybody understands, we played multiple rounds of the same game, or multiple games. And I did win one of these games. We'll just say Michael won more games than I did.

MALICE: Is that what we're going to say? How about Michael won more game than everyone else put together?

WOODS: Okay, and how about let's also say the big loser of the night, however, was Dave Smith, who's supposed to do this for a living?

MALICE: Yeah, very failed comedian.

WOODS: Very failed comedian. But what was great about it is we had almost 500 people on there live, watching with us, and hundreds of them did decide to play along with us on their phones so they could vote on who had the funniest answer, without knowing the identities of the authors of these answers to these funny questions. And it was a great community-building experience. Now, doing it again, I was still trying to kind of figure it all out and make sure everything was working, so I couldn't really keep an eye on the chat. I couldn't interact with people very well. I would fix that for next time.

MALICE: Well, let's talk about the chat, because we had a little argument. It was pretty funny.

WOODS: All right, yeah, hold on just one second before I forget this thought. If we were to do it again, I would have a dedicated host, so that, for example, while you and I and the other players were coming up with our answers, it's not just dead time. He can be bantering with the folks. But yeah, in the chat — well, actually let me turn it over to you. I've been talking too much.

MALICE: It was just very funny, because I'm very big on — especially in these times. I stress this in social media constantly — do not engage with nasty people. I don't mean people who are disagreeing with you. I mean people who are overly personal, people who feel comfortable being aggressive and snide. Don't do it. It's not worth it, and it's important. You have to tell people how you want to be treated, and if you can't demand respect, you're not going to get it. And I have spent enough time in internet circles, and I wrote about it a lot in *The New Right*, to know that if you've got five or at least three personality types on the internet, that very quickly, this goes south unless the comments are moderated. And you couldn't figure out how to do it. And you're like, well, basically let's take a laissez-faire approach. And I'm like, haha, no. I said I'm not going on until we figure this out so I can ban people, because I knew it could get very ugly very quickly. And you just told me, "You're being" — what was it — "You're being unreasonable," and what was the other one?

WOODS: Yeah, I was probably being the very kind of person you would want to ban under these circumstances.

MALICE: No, you weren't, because you weren't being respectful, you were just disagreeing. You just said, "You're being unreasonable," and something else. And I just said that's —

WOODS: But when you explained to me the reason for it, then I immediately realized, yeah, we have to do this.

MALICE: Yeah, I was being a diva, but I was comfortable being a diva. And you're like, "Fine, you just be the host." And I did have to boot a couple of people — or I didn't have to; I chose to. And it was very funny because, they thought they could go into that chat room and flap their gums, and I'm like, no, that's not how this works. This is a group of people dedicated to private property and boundaries.

WOODS: Right, right. Well, we ended up raising — I threw in some money of my own to round it up — to six grand, I mean, just playing a game. Six grand for City Meals on Wheels in New York City, which brings meals to homebound elderly people. I mean, what more appropriate cause could we have had? I'm thinking of doing that again, but I would like eventually, I want to experiment with different games. But all of them will be games that can be joined in by the audience, so we're all doing it together. And as I said, I'd have a dedicated host, so that takes that off us. We can concentrate on the game, and I can be more active in the chat, because I'm not trying to hold the whole thing together. It was very worthwhile. I mean, we had to get some kinks out of the way, but for a first-time thing, the feedback was tremendous. I asked people in my private group, do you want to do this again? And overwhelmingly, they said yes. So we'll try and do that. I mean, that is the kind of thing that you were saying, that at a time like this, let's see what we can do with our folks to hold things together and make this as tolerable as possible.

MALICE: Yeah, I've been doing crossover episodes with Dave on our respective shows. This week I Dave Rubin instead of Dave Smith, but it'll be back to Dave Smith I think next week. So this is the other thing. I have my own — Rubin launched this social media network. We have one called Malice.Locals.com, which you can see in the show notes page. And what's brilliant about this is it's free to join, but you have to be a supporter — it's just five bucks a month — to contribute and comment. So that little velvet rope goes a long way, and there's no drama, and everyone is my kind of people, and it's really, really fun. I think we've got like close to 3,000 in there already, or at least over 2,000. So that has been really a great sort of oasis in this world.

WOODS: Wow, that's nice too. Yeah, so I will link to that. The show notes page, by the way, is TomWoods.com/1640, and there I'll link to a bunch of Malice stuff, Michael's books, the program *Your Welcome*, which is the main flagship Michael Malice program, the YouTube channel, a bunch of stuff, and the Patreon, which I — well, do you still have Patreon?

MALICE: No, I don't use it. It's Malice.Locals.com.

WOODS: So that is exclusively — okay. Okay, so it's exclusively Malice.Locals — as in local versus far away — Malice.Locals.com. Okay, that's where you want to go these days. Okay, I didn't realize that.

MALICE: Yeah, there's a lot of other people there.

WOODS: Okay, all right. So folks go do that, because Michael's producing a lot of great stuff, and you should want to be part of that. All right, well, thank you for this, Michael, and all I can say is I hope our paths cross sooner than we expect.

MALICE: What was your favorite part of this interview?

WOODS: Huh, that's a good question. Actually, I'll tell you what my favorite part was. It was you — now, you won't get to ask me this three times or anything, but my favorite part was hearing from you that you're doing okay, because I was genuinely concerned about that. So

that makes me feel better. I mean, I want North Korea to prosper also, but I have more direct connection to you, and I'm glad that you're doing okay, because this is a rough time.

MALICE: Yeah.

WOODS: All right, thanks again, Michael.

MALICE: Thank you.