

The Peale, Baltimore

Out of the Blocks Storytelling Series

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Speaker 1 ([00:00](#)):

My name is Kiki [inaudible 00:00:04]. We're at Northeast Market, 2101 East Monument Street. Our best sales are the Coco mango lemongrass. The African moringa is for makeup removal and light acne. Our grapefruit antifungal salt for your feet.

Speaker 2 ([00:23](#)):

You believe in the product?

Speaker 1 ([00:24](#)):

Yeah. I'll use it too.

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Speaker 2 ([00:27](#)):

You have a lovely complexion.

Speaker 1 ([00:29](#)):

Thank you. Thank you.

Speaker 2 ([00:31](#)):

Kiki, your face has a lot of personality. You have some interesting scars. Do you mind letting me ask to tell the story about that?

Speaker 1 ([00:42](#)):

When I was 16, I got mauled by two pit bulls and I was in the hospital for two and a half months. I was unconscious, but they told me after I gained consciousness, they told me they was feeding the dogs gunpowder and red meat, and they was fighting dogs. Sometimes, I'd be having nightmares about it. That's why half the time I'd be up into the night time.

Speaker 2 ([01:08](#)):

What's it like for you to be around dogs now? Does it mess you up?

Speaker 1 ([01:12](#)):

Actually, no. It didn't. Actually, my mother got two pits, but they house trained. They're not going to attack unless you tell them. If somebody tried to hurt you, they right there. Somebody trying to break in? That's not my fault.