

EAT BERRIES AND DRINK WHISKEY

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EXT. RETIREMENT HOME - DAY

News reporter JIM TURNER preps himself for another 'lousy' report.

Front lawn of the house.

To MARVIN the CAMERAMAN

JIM TURNER (ANGRY)
Did you switch the freaking
battery yet, Marv?! Finally!
Bravo! The world is yours. Let's
go! Turn her on and let's get
this crap over with. (beat) Are
we running? We're on?

Jim becomes over the top enthusiastic.
(to camera) We are about to visit
the oldest living woman in the
world named

He falls but bounces back up and continues talking without
missing a beat.

Wanda Grimes. According to our
records she is just eight months
shy of breaking the Guinness World
Records for oldest living person
currently held by Jeanne Louise
Calment, who died at the age of
122.

Entering the building.
Oh! There she is now! There she
is!

Jim Turner jogs over to an elderly woman in a wheelchair.
This is Wanda Grimes. She looks absolutely exhausted.

JIM TURNER
Mrs. Grimes! Mrs. Grimes! How are
you doing today?

No response.

Kneeling beside her.
Well, how does it feel to be the
oldest living woman on planet
Earth? Huh? (waving profusely for
Marvin the cameraman to crouch
down with camera as well for the
shot) Isn't that something?!
Isn't that absolutely something?
Boy oh boy that must be something,
eh? (beat)

To cameraman.

Is she? Is she dead or aslee---oh!
She just moved! (to Wanda) Mrs.
Grimes! There you are! There you
are! I'm Jim Turner from the WGAF
Broadcast. We're here today to
discuss how old you are and see if
you have any advice you can give
us young people about how to live
so damn long. So how about it?
What advice do you have for us
newbies?

Wanda moves her lips but nothing comes out.

Jim leans in to hear her.

Hold on, I...let me position
myself a bit closer to help you
out Mrs. Grimes. There! Care to
repeat that?

WANDA GRIMES

Slllaughter meee.

JIM TURNER

Sounds like...(to cameraman) Did
she say water? Does she need some
water? She needs some water!
Somebody give her some water. The
woman is like a hundred and
eighty-five years old for goodness
sakes! Give her some damn FIJI
or--she looks parched.

Jim Turner takes a bottle of water from a nurse. He tries
to help Wanda drink from the bottle but suddenly her false
teeth pop out.

(he screams) Oh God! I'm okay.
She...her---someone needs to grab
her teeth and put those puppies
back where they belong. Please.

The nurse puts teeth back in Wanda's mouth.

WANDA GRIMES (BARELY AUDIBLE)

Stupid ass.

JIM TURNER

She spoke! (Jim waves to the
cameraman) I'm sorry Mrs. Grimes,
can you just---

WANDA GRIMES

Stuupid asssss.

JIM TURNER

In a glass? Would you like your water in a glass?

Wanda knocks the bottle of water out of Jim's hand.

...I, I guess she doesn't want the water. No problem, Mrs. Grimes. No water, no water for you. No worries! (to camera) So here we are with Mrs. Wanda Grimes, the oldest living person on Earth and we are all so very anxious to get her tips on how to prolong our lives. Mrs. Grimes, can you explain to our viewers just how you managed to live so long? We all want to know how to be just like you!

Wanda faints.

Jim notices this but pretends to mime Wanda's voice from the side of his mouth without the camera noticing.

Eat lot's of berries and loads of whiskey. (beat) (to camera) Did you get that? Ha! Ha! Berries and whiskey!!

Wanda's nurse speaks up.

NURSE

I think she needs rest now. You should really go.

JIM TURNER (IGNORING NURSE - TO CAMERA)

There you have it folks! Load your children up on those berries and for all you legally aged drinkers, do a shot of whiskey from time to time to keep that blood flowing. You too can live a long boisterous life like good old Mrs. Wanda Grimes here... (to cameraman) Okay Marv, CUT. That's a wrap. Let's roll.