

## JAGUAR HERPES

PATIENT is sitting in a chair in a doctor's office. As he is idly looking around, he scratches his groin, but quickly stops when he hears a knock at the door.

After the knock, DOCTOR enters. She sits down in her swivel chair, and looks at PATIENT. She gives him a look as though she's puzzling something out, tilting her head and putting a hand to her chin.

DOCTOR

Your lab results came back, you have jaguar herpes.

PATIENT *immediately defensive*:

Is "jaguar" like, a specific version of normal herpes?

DOCTOR

It's herpes that you get from having sex with a jaguar. Big cat with the spots.

PATIENT

Do jaguars even have herpes?

DOCTOR

Yes all of them, it's one of the only STIs an animal can give to a human actually. In most cases we're different species and the STIs kinda just bounce off, so if you're looking at bestiality,

PATIENT *interrupting*:

Woah woah woah, no one has said anything about BESTIALITY.

DOCTOR

Well, it's, jaguar herpes. You get it from having sex with a jaguar.

PATIENT

Could it happen if like, someone was AROUND a jaguar?

DOCTOR *amused*:

It's not airborne.

PATIENT

But like, if a jaguar sat somewhere, and then later a human sat there, is there like, a chance that maybe her rash could get onto him?

DOCTOR

No.

PATIENT

Not even a one in a thousand chance?

DOCTOR

It's transmitted by a jaguar's sloppy pussy juice interacting with a human's precum and then going back up the dickhole, it's innate unless the jaguar is VERY aroused and the human penis is SIGNIFICANTLY involved.

PATIENT

Okay okay okay sure, but a human can also get it from  
ANOTHER HUMAN who has it.

DOCTOR

No the jaguar pussy juice is crucial.

PATIENT

Ugh, well, maybe someone was just, working on jaguar  
breeding and then ate lunch without washing their hands?

DOCTOR

Yuck.

PATIENT

Well I'm just saying! It sounds like there could be a lot of  
different ways it COULD spread around!

DOCTOR

Nnnno it's from having sex with a jaguar. The first research  
papers on it actually said "masturbating using a jaguar" even  
to refer to like, an alive, aroused jaguar.

PATIENT

Oh that's weird.

DOCTOR

Right?

PATIENT

Huh.

Pause.

PATIENT scratches his groin. Then he suddenly moves his hand  
away, and says,

PATIENT

Sorry.

DOCTOR *totally nonjudgmental*, “*nah don’t worry about it*”:  
No I understand.

PATIENT

I just think there must be other tests we can do, to figure out if it might be something else.

DOCTOR

What do you do for a living?

PATIENT *busted*.

I work in a... zoo.

DOCTOR

What’s your job in the zoo?

PATIENT

Security guard.

DOCTOR

Do you work days, nights?

PATIENT

Nights.

Awkward pause.

DOCTOR

It’s probably jaguar herpes.

PATIENT

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DOCTOR

Shortly before the itching started do you recall if you had sex with a jaguar?

PATIENT

Shortly before the itching started... it is true... that I did...  
now that you mention it... have a little bit of sex with a jaguar.  
She was eyefucking me through the glass, how could I not get  
in there, you know?

DOCTOR *flourishes a prescription paper:*

Take one of these every day for the itching, also kangaroos  
have gonorrhea and most gorillas have syphilis.