



**TRANSCRIPT OF LARRY ELDER'S EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW
WITH VILI FUALAAU ON "THE LARRY ELDER SHOW"**

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LARRY: So how did the relationship start, what happened?

VILI: It all started, well, we were sitting down in a classroom, or in her classroom. And I'm sitting there and I'm on the computer and I'm telling her about this girl I'm in love with. And she's asking me "Well, does she know you're in love with her?" And I say "No." And then she says, "Well, does she love you?" And I said, "I don't know." And she says "Well, is she with someone else?" And I said "Yup." And she said, "Does she love that someone else?" I said "Nope."

LARRY: How did you know that, by the way?

VILI: I didn't know that; that's just what I wanted. And she told me that--we talked about this all the time like when it first started--she tells me that you know she was afraid to know what I was talking about. She had a feeling that I was talking about her which was true. And it started from there.

LARRY: Did you guys begin going somewhere in the school building?

VILI: No. I asked her "When do I get my first kiss?"

LARRY: Wow.

VILI: She says I had to wait 'til I was 18, of age.

LARRY: So Vili, you were sort of the aggressor. And she initially was trying to push you away a little bit.

VILI: Yeah. I mean it's, she tried to, you know...but I kept forcing her, I mean not forcing her but uh, kind of keep bringing it up again and again.

LARRY: So tell us about the moment, Vili, that you knew that you were going to begin a relationship with her. What happened?

VILI: I didn't really know. To tell you the truth, it just kind of happened.

LARRY: And where would you go?

VILI: Well, we would talk during recess times. All the kids would be out; they would be doing their own thing. And we'll be there just talking to each other about her life, about my life. And that went on for a while. I started to get to know her a lot and about her relationship with her husband. And she started to know a lot about my life and how my home style was. And things started, we started to get to know each other like that and then we eventually started having sex.

LARRY: And when she told you about her now ex-husband, what did she tell you about him -- that she wasn't happy?

VILI: Well, she wasn't happy. She was in college and she went over to a party. She was at a party and she knew this guy for a while and they ended up hitting it off. And two weeks later, she finds out that she's pregnant. I don't really remember how that all went. But her parents found out and they told her that she has to get married because of the religion and that it's just, that it's against their religion to have a baby out of wedlock. And so they got married. And through the 11 years she was learning--trying to learn--how to love this guy because she wasn't in love with him. And to get herself away she would try to find happiness through her kids because she wasn't really happy with her husband.

LARRY: Now, do you recall the first time you told her that you loved her?

VILI: I was 13 at the time.

LARRY: And did she ever tell you she loved you back?

VILI: Uh huh

LARRY: And did you feel--you know you're 13 years old--did you feel this is going to be something that's going to be fleeting, or did you really think that at some point you guys were going to get together and have a relationship?

VILI: I had a feeling once after our first kiss we were gonna be together in each others' lives for a long time.

LARRY: How did people find out about the affair?

VILI: Well, when she was pregnant, she wrote a letter to me and she was going to bring it over to me, but she forgot it on her bathroom counter. Her husband came home from work and found it and came over to my house and confronted me about it.

LARRY: What was that like? I mean, you're what -- 13 years old -- and a grown man is confronting you over having an affair with his wife? That had to be pretty intense.

VILI: Well, to tell you the truth, I thought he was going to drop me right there and then. But it didn't really work out that way. I had a lot of friends over at my house. He came over, all my friends were asking, "Who is that guy? Who is that guy?" "Oh, that was my teacher's husband." He asked me how many times, or if we were having an affair--he said he already found a letter and this and that so I was in a position to where I couldn't lie. So I just confessed and told him, "Yeah, we are having an affair." He asked me how many times have we had sex. I told him 4 or 5 times even though you know actually I should have said once.

LARRY: I'm sorry, you should have just said once? I don't think it would have mattered, I don't think it would have mattered. (laughter)

VILI: And then he told me if I don't want anyone to find out about it, then to stop calling his house, and stop hanging out with his wife. And I said ok, whatever. And he says ok. Then he leaves and I get a phone call from Mary and she's at her school, she says hello and the next thing I hear, the phone drops. And then she calls me later that night and says that he went down to the school after he left my house and dragged her out of the school in front of the principal and all the other teachers into the car and drove her home. And was just yelling at her about the whole thing.

LARRY: So who called the police? How did she end up being prosecuted?

VILI: I heard his sister-in-law called. I guess he told his sister-in-law and he didn't know what to do. So his sister-in-law said, you know, I guess she probably said something like "This isn't right, you shouldn't have to go through this so I'm gonna call the cops" or something and inform them what's going on.

LARRY: Alright. So she gets prosecuted, she gets convicted. Vili, did it occur to you along the way that however you felt about her, you loved her, she loved you, your relationship in the eyes of the law was a crime, and that she might very well go to prison. Did that occur to you?

VILI: Yeah, it did. I mean, we both knew what we were getting ourselves into, and we know the risk we were taking. Um, I don't know, sometimes you know when you love, everything just, everything around you just doesn't matter. You just got like this force around you. And you forget about a lot of things sometimes. Like you're too caught up in each other. I mean I think a lot of people have had that feeling before and some people lose it, some people still have it.

LARRY: Wow. When you found out she was pregnant, Vili, your reaction was what?

VILI: I'm going to have a lot of responsibilities. I got responsibilities now. And there is nothing I can do about it but to take care of it.

LARRY: She told you that she was pregnant before she told her husband?

VILI: Yeah.

LARRY: Now meanwhile, Vili, your folks, your parents, did they know about this, they know about the affair?

VILI: No they didn't know until the whole thing was exploited all over the media. Until the cops came and told my mother.

LARRY: Alright, so she goes to prison for a couple months, she promises that she'll never do this again, never sees you again, she basically throws herself on the mercy of the court, and she's out of prison after a couple months. And then you guys start up again? Did you have any contact with her when she was in prison the first time, did you write to her, did you call her, did she write to you, call you?

VILI: I wrote to her. It's just we had—the state put a no contact order on us so we couldn't get--we couldn't have any contact whatsoever.

LARRY: Not even emails, not even anything.

VILI: No, I did receive some letters from her but it was through someone else--they called, got a hold of me and I got the letters through them. But while she was in there, I did write to her, I wrote a bunch of letters, plenty of letters to her, and I just left them in a box. I would write them out as if I was going to send them to her so I would write it out, and I would put it in an envelope and seal it up and just put it in this box.

LARRY: Now Vili, when she got out of prison, you knew that by having contact with her it was violating the terms of her release and she could go back to jail. What about that? Pretty risky. She goes back to jail, she's gone for 7 years, 7 1/2 years. Vili, at this point, 7 1/2 years, your feelings for her are what, they go up and down?

VILI: Well, while she was behind bars through the 7 years, my feelings were going up and down b/c of the counseling and all the people I was working with. The detectives,

counselors, school counselors would tell me she's a sex offender, and she's probably had sex with other students. She totally manipulated you. If she really cared about you she wouldn't have had that kid. And she wouldn't have put me through this and so on so on. It kind of blurred my picture of her, like who I saw back then. So for 7 years, they're telling me, you know, you don't need to wait around for her. I think what would make you happy is if you started dating again. So I started dating. None of my girlfriends worked out. I mean, I guess it just wasn't meant to work out because I didn't really want to be with those girls for the rest of my life.

LARRY: So when she got out the first time, you guys have sex, she gets pregnant a second time, so now you have two daughters.

VILI: Yes.

LARRY: And now that she's out, you have any contact with her now?

VILI: The contact order was lifted on August 6th and...

LARRY: The no contact order, it was lifted?

VILI: Yes.

LARRY: At whose request?

VILI: My request.

LARRY: I know you wanted the no contact order lifted. Did you have reason to believe that she still had feelings towards you?

VILI: Yes.

LARRY: And why did you feel that way?

VILI: It's, I don't know, you just know sometimes.

LARRY: The day before you met her [when she got out of jail] must have been pretty anxious for you. Couldn't sleep? You haven't seen her in all these years.

VILI: I was up, I figured I slept like an hour. I got up, and the first day we met it wasn't exactly how I expected it, it wasn't exactly how she expected it.

LARRY: Let's back up, there was a phone call first though right?

VILI: Yeah, there was a phone call first.

LARRY: Ok, who called who?

VILI: I called her. I got the phone number from one of my lawyers, and I didn't know what to think. I didn't know if it was a real number or what and they called it and on their answering machine, it says "this is Mary." But from that, I couldn't tell if it was really her or not. And I was supposed to call her at 11:30 that day.

LARRY: Did you think it was some sort of trick?

VILI: Yeah, I was thinking it was a trick, like somebody was a trying to get something, you know sell something to the public, like to record a conversation of mine with her and sell it for some money or something.

LARRY: How did you find out it was legit?

VILI: When I called her, I called her at 11:30 and first thing she said to me was if I called earlier because I tried calling her earlier to have someone else talk to her. I had a friend that was going to talk to her before I did to see if it was really her. And that didn't work out so well so I called her at 11:30 and the first thing she says to me was "Did I call-did I call at five thirty?" And I'm like "No. First of all, how do I know this is you?" And she says, "Can you feel my energy?" And then right away I knew it was her.

LARRY: Was that an expression you guys used?

VILI: Well, no, it's not an expression that we use, it's just the way we talk to each other.

LARRY: Wow. So, Vili, you have two daughters and how old are they?

VILI: 7 and 5.

LARRY: And your mom has custody of both daughters?

VILI: Both.

LARRY: You all live in the same house?

VILI: No.

LARRY: Where do you live?

VILI: I live on my own. Right now, I live with a friend. Through 7 year,s I was moving from house to house, in and out of jobs. Didn't really get to--I didn't get to finish school.

LARRY: You sort of drifted.

VILI: It was pretty much depressing, sad, miserable, mostly sad.

LARRY: Alright, she's been out now about a month. Have you seen her?

VILI: I've been seeing her everyday.

LARRY: The order has been lifted, you can now see each other, you're an adult, she's obviously an adult, what's next?

VILI: Well, what's next is that we gotta get ourselves financially stable. And we have to work out the family court issues. And then I guess it would be safe to say, well, safe to get married.

LARRY: And your daughters? Are you going to get custody of them from your mom?

VILI: In time I will, in time. Right now, it's a slow process because uh, my mom has this really close relationship with my daughters. She's raised them from when they were just little babies, for 7 years. And they just pretty much became her kids. And I was out looking for jobs. Me and my mom didn't really get along because of the whole thing with me and Mary. It's just the fact that Mary's out now and we're finally together. And we still have the same feelings for each other, times forever. And she's just afraid that when we get married and get custody of the kids back, that she'll never be able to see the kids again. But that's not, that's not gonna happen. And that's nothing I would do to her. Because she's done that for me, taking care of them. And I mean, that just would be cold-blooded for me just to take the kids away from her.

LARRY: This case became very, very, very famous. How does that make you feel?

VILI: I don't know. I've never, I've never been really much of a people person. I'm never really social that much with people--only the people that I'm really close to. Sometimes I'll get, I'll meet new people and I'll start to get close to them. But it's not like how most people, like most of my friends, they go around, you know they--it's very easy for them to talk to new people and this and that. Me, I get shy sometimes talking with people.

LARRY: And, and Vili, have you and Mary Kay been, how can I put this, together together? You know what I'm asking? Are, are you, are you intimate?

VILI: We've, we've always...

LARRY: Well, I mean, since, she's gotten out.

VILI: Oh, since she's out...yes.

LARRY: So, Vili, you mentioned that you want to get married. I assume she said the same thing?

VILI: Yes.

LARRY: Wow. You have a time frame?

VILI: We have a time frame. I can't really say, I can't really pick. We haven't really picked a date yet because we've got so much going on now. But, eventually, we'll find out.

LARRY: Vili, a lot of people were hurt. She has an ex-husband. She has 4 children. How do you feel about that? If, if her ex-husband were here, what would you say to him?

VILI: If they were here? You know I really, I really wouldn't know what to say. I mean, apologies wouldn't really mean anything. I mean, I wouldn't really know what to say or what to do. But I do hope the best for them. You know, that everything goes well for them. And I hope they're getting help with whatever they're doing. And I hope they don't get corrupted with anything negative about this whole outcome with me and Mary.

LARRY: Well, you mentioned that there was friction between you and your mom because of Mary Kay. What does your mom say? Your love for her has been consistent. Her love for you has been consistent. Has she turned around now?

VILI: Um, I don't really know. I mean it's, it's always going to be an awkward picture in everyone's mind. Because of the, you know, way back when and now. And because Mary and my mom are not really that far apart in age. And it's just, it's always gonna be awkward to them. It's not gonna really be that easy for them to accept that in their head. But in their hearts they do accept the both of us being together and they're behind us all the way.

LARRY: Vili, a lot of publicity. Your name is everywhere. Your photo's everywhere. Mary Kay's photo is everywhere. When you guys are in your town and you're walking around, I would imagine a lot of people are looking at you. How does that feel? Do you shut it out?

VILI: No, I mean we're gonna have to accept the public wherever we go. I mean, I think it would be really respectful if people don't like come running up to us, screaming, asking for autographs and things like that. I mean, I'm not a movie star or anything. Our story just became really big.

LARRY: Vili, do you think she should've gone to prison?

VILI: No.

LARRY: What do you think should've happened to her?

VILI: I have no idea. I'm not really good with the legal stuff, so....

LARRY: I mean, do you think she should've had counseling, or....?

VILI: I think they probably should've put her in counseling. They probably should've asked me what to do with her.