

Pauly Shore on Growing Up Around Stand-Up Legends at the Comedy Store

The Joe Rogan experience You got babysitted by Sam Kinnison It's one of the funniest fucking stories of all time Like what a crazy thing your mom did She left you as a little child was one of the most maniacal comedians that's ever existed Well it wasn't it wasn't exactly like that It was more it was more like Sam was I was 14 years old I was a short order cook at the comedy store in Westwood My mom would put Sam on last because all he would do is scream and then he would literally you know there'd be six people left in the room in Westwood and he'd throw the stools he'd throw the his stool at the audience members they'd scamper off he'd smoke weed in the parking lot and then he would um you know I'd feed him hamburgers So I kind of just I was always taking care of comedians What year was this This was uh probably 84 80 80 45 I was in high school He hit in 86 He hit Yeah Yeah So did I ever tell you my story how I found out about him It's probably Boston with parent or something No a girl that I worked with at the Boston Athletic Club Still to this day I can't remember her fucking name She was really cool though She was this big volleyball player girl like big athletic girl And uh she goes to me she goes have you seen Sam Kinnison Can Sam Kennison whatever name was Um I go no I haven't And so she acts out in the parking lot the whole bit about him Like the no no no no the the uh homosexual necrophilia having sex She acted it out in the parking lot She's like 00 life keeps fucking in the ass Even after your dad it never ends me laughing at her acting it out in the parking lot made me go get the VHS tape So I got a VHS tape of his his uh HBO special and I was like holy shit So I found out about it from a girl acting out the bit She's on her stomach in the parking lot going 00 it feels like something's in my eye You can't believe it That angle was genius fucking hilarious genius point of view That that night that was 1987 and that was at the Roxy on sunset and my mom had an after party for him at the house at the Doheny house So that night afterwards Sam came to the house with everyone and um and I was so excited because I wanted to show him my my saltwater fish tank because as a kid I had a saltwater fish tank and I brought him up to my room and I said Sam look at my tank and he wasn't impressed at all He's like but he told me to take the top off The saltwater fish tank was a big black top and I took it down He dumped all this Coke on it and he started chopping up lines and he says have fun And me

and my friend Dave we snorted Sam's coke that night and I felt like so cool I felt like no for real I was like fuck this guy you know and then I just followed him around So as far as him babysitting me it was it was just the way you describe it I mean Lois Bromfield babysitting me Jackson Perdue babysat me Mike Binder Argus Hamilton all those guys So you were essentially just like his young protege Yeah I would it was like the Michael Jordan commercial Like you know the kid want to be like Mike I want to be I want to be like Sam So yeah Yeah So what year is that I was probably 11 I was probably 11 What a fucking crazy place to grow up Yeah back then Oh my God back then I mean I mean there's so many stories dude I mean I'm there now and it's it's great Obviously it's the store But when mom was there it was just like you never know what the fuck was going to happen You never knew who was going to pull in the fucking lot You never knew who was going to come up It was just like it was like it was like someone shooting guns not literally but just as far as the energy boom I mean Eddie Murphy used to show up with like six Rolls Royces like for real dude And then Richard would show up and you know and all these guys would just roll This is this is around when you got there it was kind of towards right You got there 9494 I saw that when I got there I saw the um the calendar you had from my mom where she put your name I thought that was really cool It was cool So um yeah so that was that was that time you know you know I'm really proud of this argument right here Yeah What is that What year is that That was last year Polly Shore bringing up Eddie Murphy When did Eddie retire So he retired in what year He stopped doing stand up when I don't know I was I was at his house probably five years ago and I was just like dude what are you doing Like you're fucking you're the best dude Like let's go Your mother had amazing taste The funniest was is I'd sit next to her as well and I would see people to go on stage and if she called you over you did good And if she didn't call you over she wasn't interested And I I just they do their set and they just walk by her and they're like looking at her and she's just like going through her papers and shit But yeah but if she liked you you know she she brought you in you know but having something like that like some gold standard bear keeper at the top was very valuable for comedians It was very valuable And she also would do when she thought you were funny she'd put you on after killers you always had to follow like whoever was famous that was going to go down there she wanted to make sure that you were tested throw you into the fire and that's how you get better She just fucking new man she knew and it's all things that people talk about now But

I think in her own way she sort of devised uh like a modern strategy for getting better at stand up having the environment which she created having one person who's like ruthlessly critical that watches over everybody's material and everybody's sets and then everybody aspires for the approval of your mom and she had had it set up so perfectly And because she wasn't a comic either and because she was you know she's royalty in the stand up comedy world She had everyone's respect So there and and she was right She was right She she knew she knew what the fuck she she didn't like Seinfeld is hilarious He he lived up the street from me and my mom So me and my mom would walk the dog Kelly her dog and we would walk by his house You know what I mean Oh there he is not happening You know Rat Tat Tat New York Keep it keep it going Let's keep moving I'm like mom be nice to him He's going No let's go And she just didn't buy into it That's so funny You know what I mean She didn't buy into it I wonder why Maybe because he didn't need her I don't know because he had already made it and he had a sitcom He was Seinfeld Oh so he was already on Seinfeld when he was I mean he'd been on that show for a while It was around that time and it was the early nineties right I don't know what the exact date was Or Seinfeld She didn't like it when you were too developed Correct She liked getting people that had talent that were on the up and she didn't really like a lot of New York comics for some reason there was also a rift between obviously her and Bud Friedman and her and Lorne Michaels People ask me like hey when you were doing all your movies did you ever do Saturday Night Live Did you ever host Saturday Night Live And I never did And I think a lot of it has to do with Lauren Michaels and my mom I'm sure help No help because she was harsh You know what I mean My mom had Jim Carrey and Damon Waynes and all these guys and they were from the store And um you know so uh uh I wonder if your mom was concerned that if someone like Seinfeld got on that people who would want to see sitcom style stand up like very sterile stand up would start coming to the clubs like and then you would start getting people going to see people just because they're famous and not really because they're good I mean she probably had a method to her approach I wonder what she was thinking or I wonder if she just didn't want it because he was already developed and she couldn't work with him I don't think she just liked him I just don't think that I don't think she liked that style but she's driving by his house she's still talking walk walk by the house And then he said he said and that's another thing he never asked me on his fucking car show I got all my friends on his car show I'm like dude and it's again I think

like it's always awkward and Leno too Whenever I see Leno It's fucking weird Letterman's cool I love Letterman But Leno's always been weird because these guys like Leno striked against my mom and there was this weird thing and and you know and and and my relationship with Leno is very different He's always been very nice to me and we both love cars So I have great conversations with him about cars I don't know the history of that I mean I do know it but I wasn't aware of it But but my my point is is that he never did anything to me I'm just talking about my mom's relationship with Jay and I think it has to do with the strike But when I did see Jay at the Palm Restaurant in Beverly Hills years ago when my mom was there he came up and gave her a kiss But then of course she mumbled the fuck is going on with him didn't you get the fuck out of here That's just the way she was so funny