

Family— & YOU!

Part Five

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WHEN I LEFT YOU last month at the end of Part Four of this series, I had just noticed that my *PF* "brother"—David "Keith Partridge" Cassidy—had whispered something in your ear. And that *something*—whatever it was—had made you light up like a Christmas tree! Naturally, the first chance I got, I sidled over to you and asked what David had whispered to you.

Before you could answer, David strolled up and said, "Wait a minute, Susan—I know what you're up to. You want to know *all* the secrets, don't you? O.K., I'm going to tell you what the good news is. In about five minutes from now, we're all going to pile into our cars and we're going out to a fabulous place called Marineland, which is about 25 miles south of here, and we're going to spend the afternoon—meeting a bunch of *whales!*"

"*Fan-tastic!*" I exclaimed sarcastically. "I'll believe it when I see it!"

MARINELAND—HERE WE COME!

Well, I almost had to *eat* those last words for, within minutes, the director had us all loaded up in cars, vans, trucks and whatever and we were soon headed down the Pacific Coast Highway South—on the way to Marineland for an afternoon's shooting!

Of course, *you* were particularly pleased to be sharing this wonderful afternoon with us and I couldn't blame you—for it really is the exception, rather than the rule, when the *PF* gang actually do get out on the road. I mean, even though in the series it *looks* like we're traveling a lot, most of our stuff is shot right back there in Hollywood at the good old Columbia-Screen Gems ranch. So it was a special treat to pile into David's brand-new white Stingray Corvette (which had been delivered to him on the set that very afternoon!) and take off for fabulous Marineland, a large fun park and seaquarium combined perched high on cliffs that overlook the vast Pacific. Within an hour, we were

approaching our destination—which is located on the Palos Verdes Estates peninsula just above Long Beach. As we drove through the main gate, David told the ticket taker-guard that we were with the *Partridge Family* show and he motioned us toward a nearby parking lot.

MEET "CORCY" & "ORCY"

Well, as I said before, when it came to my sarcastic remark to David about the whales—I almost had to eat my words. For no sooner had the *PF* gang grouped itself together—with our co-stars on this particular segment, actors Don Condy and Howard Cosell—than we were all escorted over to the Marineland exhibition pool, where none other than "Corcy" and "Orcy" (so called because their genetic specie name is *Orcinus orca*), our two giant "killer whales" co-stars, lived! Now, don't get all nervous and trembly about those words "killer whales"! These huge creatures—sometimes they grow as long as 50 feet—are warm-blooded, seagoing mammals and they are as playful, friendly, docile and bright as can be. In fact, some whale experts maintain that whales actually have brain power *superior* to that of human beings! And if you doubt for a minute that whales are musical, just take a listen to the beautiful and haunting Capitol LP called *Songs Of The Humpback Whale*. Anyway, like I was saying, "killer whale" is definitely a misnomer. We were all very excited—not only about working with whales, but about working at Marineland in general. It's a fabulous place to visit and spend an entire day, so if you are ever in the neighborhood—do drop in.

Back to our story. After a tour of Marineland, we were taken over and introduced to the tall, blond trainer of "Corcy" and "Orcy". As "Corcy" (pronounced *Cork-y*) came up to say his first hello, my initial reaction was *eek!!* Danny and Suzanne both looked somewhat befuddled. Shirley looked terribly interested. Brian looked a bit

We all line up so that the trainer can introduce us to "Corcy," the killer whale!

But "Corcy" and his pal "Orcy" turn out to be pretty friendly—in fact, they let David and me feed them!

