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This is a true story taken from an actual medical file.

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Enjoy the film, Paula?

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Very much, darling. Did you?

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Yes, but I won't be sorry to get home.

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I'm darn tired.

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You've had a wretched week all those night prayers.

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This is probably illicit. I'm waiting and we'll get home.

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I hope not.

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Do you want me to drive?

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Not quite that bad, honey.

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Almost home. There's not much traffic.

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Besides, you hate to sit in the passenger seat, I know.

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Tom, what's that?

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That blue kind of light across the field over there.

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Seeds through the trees.

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It's probably a house.

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There are no houses across there.

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Besides, look at it.

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It's quite distinctly blue.

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What on earth?

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Did you see the way it flayed up suddenly?

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I thought I saw something else.

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So what, Tom?

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It looked like a man running away from that light.

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Not quite sure.

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I think I'd better go and find out what's happening.

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Medical file.

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The story of the men and women whose vigilance guards our lives.

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A reconstruction of a clinical case history.

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Step by step for the doctors who were there.

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My name is Tom Abbott.

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You're a doctor of Midson.

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You stopped one night on a lonely road because of something you saw.

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You stopped and you became a part of the strangest newspaper headdined in a generation.

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And now, medical file.

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It was 8.25 p.m. the Thursday, September the 4th.

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It had been a long day.

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Patients at my consulting rooms all morning.

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A hurried lunch.

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Hospited around for most of the afternoon.

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At 5 p.m., I'd met my wife and seen an early movie.

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And at 8.25 p.m., we were driving home.

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A long time ago, I was in a hospital.

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I was in a hospital.

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00:02:01,360 --> 00:02:03,360

I was in a hospital.

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00:02:03,360 --> 00:02:05,360

I was in a hospital.

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00:02:05,360 --> 00:02:07,360

I was in a hospital.

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I was in a hospital.

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Along the north road is where we noticed a strange blue light

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about 100 yards from the highway through a row of trees.

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And what I saw next made me slow the car to a sudden halt.

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Tom, what is it?

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What did you think you saw?

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It looked like a man running away from that light.

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Well, the light's gone. Look.

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Yet I'm sure I saw someone.

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I'd really better go and take a look.

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Darling, I...

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What?

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I was going to say perhaps we should be careful.

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But that'd be stupid, wouldn't it?

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Just some kind of flaring light.

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Yes, I suppose it was.

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Yes, of course it was.

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Well, come on, Tom. I'll come with you while you look.

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The north road is an unlit, at times almost deserted highway.

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There was nothing behind us but the headlights of our own car.

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Nothing ahead but a dark field.

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And against the sky, the outline of slowly waving trees.

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Of the man I thought I'd seen, there was no sign.

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I wish we'd brought a torch, Tom.

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Now that blue light's died down.

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Dark, isn't it?

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Yes.

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Are you sure you really saw someone?

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I thought so.

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And this is the only way to make sure.

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Yes.

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Here, hold my hand.

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Tom...

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00:03:32,360 --> 00:03:33,360

Paula, what is it?

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I tripped over... Tom, on the ground.

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What's on the ground?

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Well, someone's lying there.

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I tripped over somebody lying on the ground.

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Wait a minute. One way to see and...

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This is it.

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Whoever it is, he's unconscious.

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He's not dead?

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No, there's a heartbeat.

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Heart says rapid.

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Here, see if we can give him a hand with him.

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Get him back to the car.

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He's dead.

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8.35 p.m.

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We carried the unconscious man to the car

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00:04:12,360 --> 00:04:14,360

and attempted to revive him.

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When this proved unsuccessful,

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I drove the rest of the way home,

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arriving there ten minutes later.

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Tom, I'll open the front door. You bring him inside.

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Right.

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Where... are you taking me?

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Oh, I know. I didn't realize it'd come to.

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Who are you?

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00:04:30,360 --> 00:04:31,360

What do you want?

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00:04:31,360 --> 00:04:32,360

Easy, old chap.

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You've had a fall. I'm a doctor.

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Doctor?

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I don't believe you.

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You're from that...

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from that city.

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You're from that...

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from that city.

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You're from that...

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from that city.

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You're from that...

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from that city.

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You're from that...

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from that city.

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From that city?

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What do you want with me?

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Paul, a puffer going my back, please.

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00:04:53,360 --> 00:04:54,360

Here.

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I saw you hovering up there.

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I saw you right above my head.

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Did you?

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I saw you...

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00:05:03,360 --> 00:05:04,360

round and gray.

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00:05:05,360 --> 00:05:07,360

And that blue fire you shot at me...

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00:05:07,360 --> 00:05:08,360

burned me.

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00:05:08,360 --> 00:05:09,360

I ran away.

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00:05:10,360 --> 00:05:11,360

I know who you are.

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00:05:12,360 --> 00:05:14,360

You've come from this planet. You...

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00:05:15,360 --> 00:05:16,360

What's that you got?

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00:05:16,360 --> 00:05:17,360

I just want you to relax.

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00:05:17,360 --> 00:05:18,360

No!

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00:05:18,360 --> 00:05:19,360

Get away from me!

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Don't touch me with that needle! Don't touch me!

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8.55 p.m. I gave the patient morphia...

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00:05:28,360 --> 00:05:30,360

and removed him to the surgery attached to my home.

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During this time, he muttered continuously about...

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the thing that hovered over his head...

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and about the blue fire that burned him.

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It was not until I examined him under the strong light in my surgery...

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00:05:42,360 --> 00:05:44,360

that I saw the burn marks clearly visible...

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00:05:44,360 --> 00:05:45,360

on his arms and face.

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Where am I?

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00:05:50,360 --> 00:05:51,360

What happened to me?

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00:05:52,360 --> 00:05:53,360

Just relax, Mr. Dillickson.

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You're in my surgery. I'm a doctor.

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00:05:56,360 --> 00:05:57,360

You're...

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00:05:57,360 --> 00:05:58,360

You're the one who...

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00:05:58,360 --> 00:06:00,360

I'm the one who gave you a morphia injection to calm you down.

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00:06:00,360 --> 00:06:01,360

Now,

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00:06:01,360 --> 00:06:02,360

you'll just lie back and relax.

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00:06:03,360 --> 00:06:04,360

My wife's making a cup of tea.

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00:06:05,360 --> 00:06:06,360

Tea?

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00:06:07,360 --> 00:06:08,360

That sounds...

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00:06:09,360 --> 00:06:10,360

normal enough.

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But how did you know my wife was a doctor?

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My name?

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You called me Derrickson.

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How did you find that out?

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00:06:19,360 --> 00:06:20,360

I hope you'll forgive me.

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I took the liberty of checking through your shirt pockets...

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00:06:22,360 --> 00:06:24,360

and found a letter addressed to Norman Derrickson.

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That is you, I take it?

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Yes.

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00:06:28,360 --> 00:06:29,360

Derrickson.

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I'm a school teacher.

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My name's Abbott.

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My wife and I were driving along the North Road...

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past the open fields near Graysmith Corner...

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when we saw a kind of blue flare.

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You saw it?

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Then I wasn't imagining things.

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You didn't see it.

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00:06:45,360 --> 00:06:47,360

Yes, we went across to investigate...

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00:06:47,360 --> 00:06:49,360

and found you unconscious.

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00:06:49,360 --> 00:06:50,360

I was running away.

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00:06:50,360 --> 00:06:52,360

I must have tripped and fallen.

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00:06:52,360 --> 00:06:54,360

Well, I don't think there's any real harm done.

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00:06:54,360 --> 00:06:56,360

Except that you have some minor burns on the arms and face.

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00:06:57,360 --> 00:06:59,360

And probably you'll get a cold from not wearing a coat out...

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00:06:59,360 --> 00:07:00,360

and not like this.

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00:07:00,360 --> 00:07:01,360

Burns?

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00:07:02,360 --> 00:07:03,360

You said...

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00:07:04,360 --> 00:07:05,360

Yes, don't touch them.

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00:07:05,360 --> 00:07:06,360

I've covered the areas with ointment.

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00:07:08,360 --> 00:07:09,360

They...

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00:07:09,360 --> 00:07:10,360

tried to kill me.

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00:07:10,360 --> 00:07:11,360

No, Mr. Derrickson.

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00:07:11,360 --> 00:07:12,360

I didn't hear who they did.

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That blue flame you saw.

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They shot it at me.

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Who did?

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I don't know.

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You said something when you were under morphia...

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00:07:24,360 --> 00:07:27,360

about a thing hovering over your head.

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I'm afraid some of this doesn't make sense.

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Doesn't it?

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Then let me tell you, Doctor.

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I wish you would.

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Let me...

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let me try and make you understand.

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I was just out for a walk.

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It was a nice night and I felt like a stroll.

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Yes?

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00:07:47,360 --> 00:07:50,360

I walked past Grace Smith Corner into the fields where you found me.

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00:07:51,360 --> 00:07:52,360

I saw the light.

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00:07:53,360 --> 00:07:55,360

A bluish light shining through the trees.

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00:07:56,360 --> 00:07:57,360

Well?

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I had a flashlight with me.

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00:07:59,360 --> 00:08:00,360

I went over to see what it was.

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All of a sudden,

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I started to feel a strange...

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choking sensation as if I couldn't breathe.

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Choking sensation?

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The air all around me was smoking.

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It felt hot.

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I thought it must have been a fire and...

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then I got the feeling that...

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somebody was watching me.

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Gone.

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I don't know why, but...

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suddenly I'd looked up.

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There were no stars.

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Everything was blackened out by huge dark shape about...

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about 50 feet above me.

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Dark shape?

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I...

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00:08:36,360 --> 00:08:38,360

I must have backed away somehow because...

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a couple of seconds later,

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I wasn't underneath it any longer.

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And I could breathe and the heap was gone.

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And I could see what it was.

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What was it?

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It was a big, circular shaped kind of object.

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Smooth and grayish colored.

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The upper part of it had a kind of dome.

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Like a turret, yes.

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But I...

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00:09:03,360 --> 00:09:04,360

I just didn't know what to do.

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00:09:04,360 --> 00:09:06,360

I shone the torch out at it.

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I suppose that was stupid.

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00:09:10,360 --> 00:09:11,360

Then I heard this sound.

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Like a ratchet and a turret opened.

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And this bright ball of fire came straight down at me.

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I felt it sting my eyes and start to burn me in it.

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It expanded into a kind of...

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mist of white.

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I was in the middle of it.

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I ran and...

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That's all I remember.

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Whether I passed out or tripped, well...

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there's something I couldn't say.

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Well, Dirkson, you'd better report this.

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00:09:40,360 --> 00:09:41,360

I...

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00:09:41,360 --> 00:09:43,360

I have to admit, I saw the blue light myself.

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00:09:43,360 --> 00:09:44,360

My wife did too.

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I don't know...

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00:09:45,360 --> 00:09:46,360

Don't worry. I'll report it.

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00:09:47,360 --> 00:09:48,360

Sooner or better.

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00:09:50,360 --> 00:09:53,360

I've got my own ideas about what that was tonight.

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00:09:55,360 --> 00:09:56,360

Yes.

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00:09:56,360 --> 00:09:58,360

I think we'd better call the police.

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00:10:03,360 --> 00:10:04,360

Oh, well, Doctor.

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00:10:05,360 --> 00:10:06,360

No need to feel the state of any longer, sir.

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00:10:06,360 --> 00:10:07,360

It's been a long night.

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00:10:07,360 --> 00:10:08,360

Certainly has, Sergeant.

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00:10:08,360 --> 00:10:09,360

What about Mr. Dirkson?

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00:10:09,360 --> 00:10:11,360

He's gone to the station with the inspector to make a statement.

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And I understand there'll be someone down from the Air Force

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investigating unit first thing in the morning.

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Air Force?

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Well, they've got a special intelligence section

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that reports on an identified flying object.

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They'll certainly want to talk to you sometime tomorrow, Doctor.

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You mean you're taking this quite seriously, this story?

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No, I'm not.

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I'm not.

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You're taking quite seriously, this story?

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What else can we do, sir?

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You saw the blue flame and the white flare afterwards yourself.

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Well, surely there must be some reasonable explanation.

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I wish there was.

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You'll be the devil to pay tomorrow with the reporters

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and the like all over the town.

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Once this news gets out, there's going to be an almighty fuss.

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I simply can't believe it.

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Strange the imagination, doesn't it, sir?

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Yet you saw those burns on his arms.

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Yes, but...

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And there were other things.

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What do you mean?

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We haven't been wasting time in the two hours since you telephoned.

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For one thing, we sent a man out to that spot on the north road

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to have a look around at this time of night.

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Well, the spotlight beam on the car, he was able to see enough.

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We'll confirm it by daylight tomorrow.

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He saw the grass had been singed all around the spot

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where Derrickson was standing.

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And then he saw the trees just above.

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There were branches broken off as if some large object

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like a plane had crashed through there.

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Still, we're only amateurs, Doctor.

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We'll see what the Air Force think about it in the morning.

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We return to medical file.

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Friday, September the 5th, began early for me.

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At 7.45 a.m., breakfast was interrupted by the arrival

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of the Air Force's investigating officer,

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a flight lieutenant in civilian dress.

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Don't let me spoil the meal.

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I'll just sit over here and turn through the magazine

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until you're finished.

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Why don't you join us, Flight Lieutenant?

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Yes, please do.

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Oh, thank you, but I've had breakfast.

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I was called out at 0400 this morning to drive down here

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and look into this thing.

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Well, the Air Force must take this pretty seriously, eh?

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We take all UFO reports seriously, Doctor.

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UFO?

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And identify flying objects.

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The newspapers refer to them as flying sources.

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Oh.

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I know. Sounds rather fantastic, doesn't it?

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Frankly, it does.

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Another couple of coffee down the case?

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Yes, Doctor.

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It sounds a bit fantastic to me when they first threw the job at me.

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But after I investigated a couple of dozen cases,

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you mean you really think there's something in these stories?

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Well, sometimes we're left with facts we're unable to explain.

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That's a fairly evasive answer, Flight Lieutenant.

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It's about as far as I'm prepared to go, Doctor.

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You see, as we all know, there's been a wave of flying sources stories.

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They started in America, they spread to most other countries.

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There are reports of people seeing UFOs pretty well all the time.

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Most of it is probably imagination and has written off as harmless.

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But once in a while, there comes a story like this.

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Can you imagine the way the papers will enjoy themselves over last night's affair?

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Is there any need for the newspapers to know?

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They're pretty good at finding out, Doctor.

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Can you visualize the headlines?

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Flying Sousa attacks man on North Road.

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Can you see what that's likely to start?

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Yes, I can see it'll start a lot of people panicking.

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Exactly, Mrs. Abbott.

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Our job is to fully investigate this and to try to prove it either a fake or a hoax.

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That's why my section exists.

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But why would it be a hoax?

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Well, that's just the point.

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I've got to find out why or else give some reasonable explanation.

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I think you're going to have your work cut out, won't you?

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Have you heard about those trees?

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I've already been there.

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What?

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Yes, I know. I got started early.

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But we have to work quickly.

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Was it as bad as the police seemed to think last night?

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Well, it was puzzling.

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There were a couple of patches of scorched grass in the spot where the UFO was supposed to be hovering.

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A few branches had been broken.

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But they were really small branches and they could have been snapped off by someone climbing the trees and breaking them by hand.

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Your idea is not to admit anything. Is it Flight Lieutenant?

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We can't afford to, Mrs. Abbott.

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The grass could have been burnt or singed in some way.

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Oh, well, Derrickson had a flashlight with him, he claims.

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You didn't pick that up, did you?

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No.

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I can't find it anywhere.

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Frankly, there's nothing that contradicts his story.

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We're going to put a guy get counter over the area.

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Take some photographs later.

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And now we come to you.

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Doctor, when you reached Derrickson, he was unconscious.

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Could that have been feigned?

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Well, yes, it could.

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I could only make a hurried examination and before we reached the surgery, he recovered consciousness.

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But his heartbeat and pulse as I tested them later were accelerated.

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He was either very scared or very excited.

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And the burns?

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They actually were burns.

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Quite definitively.

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Deep burns?

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No, I wouldn't say so.

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But they must have been fairly painful.

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And the hair on the arms and head was significantly indicating a flash heat.

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I see.

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Well, that's very thorough.

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It certainly did nothing to contradict this story.

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No, I suppose not.

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Sorry, that's the work of a world, including.

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My patients start bringing it from about this time.

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Oh, thanks, Paula.

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Well, what's the next move, Flight of Tennis?

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The obvious move now is to check on Derrickson thoroughly.

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If this is a fake, then a character search should find it out.

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Oh, excuse me a moment, will you?

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Oh, what's the trouble, Paula?

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It's the Daily Star. They want to interview you.

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Tell them nothing doing.

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You'd better tell them Dr. Abbott will see them.

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Now, wait a minute.

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Look, I'd rather you did see them, Doctor.

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But if you don't mind, you said you wanted to keep this out of the papers.

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I also told you the papers would hear.

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They don't take kindly to not getting information.

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They're liable to make the details up to themselves.

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Well, what do you want me to tell them?

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Just the facts.

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Play it down as much as you can.

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I'm sure Derrickson will do the same.

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If we can stop the newspapers getting sensational for 24 hours,

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perhaps by then we'll have the truth.

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You finished taking those angle shots, Jeffries?

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Here.

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Right.

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How about you, Frank, getting anything on the Geiger counter?

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Not a peep out of it, sir.

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Give it once more around the area than pack up.

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I'll meet you back at the hotel.

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Right.

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Let's see if we can find that flashlight. It's still missing.

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I'm going to talk to a few people in New Derrickson.

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Oh, sit down, Plattletunut.

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Thank you, sir.

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You know why I'm here, of course.

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Of course, yes.

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This flying saucer business, it's incredible.

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I understand Mr. Derrickson teaches here at your school.

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Yeah, quite so.

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Of course he's not here at the moment.

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Those reporter people were hanging about, so I gave him the day off.

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Can't have that sort of thing around the school, you know?

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No, I suppose not.

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How long has Derrickson been teaching here?

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Two years.

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He came to us with very good references from Cheaton Grammar.

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Also splendid wall records, so I understand.

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Army?

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Yes.

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At least he mentioned so in passing.

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Sir, I'd like to know your very candid opinion of Derrickson.

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My opinion?

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I think he's an excellent fellow.

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All very good type.

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Otherwise, he wouldn't have lasted two years at my school, Plattletunut.

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Well, that's the answer all over town, Doctor.

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Everyone who knew Derrickson, his headmaster, his fellow teachers, even his landlady.

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They all say he's a fine person, straight forward honest.

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The guy could count a picked up nothing out there, but we didn't really expect it.

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What sort of a day did you have?

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Oh, asked the reporters.

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They took up most of it.

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Oh, have you seen the evening papers?

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Some of them.

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It's not as bad as it could be, then you haven't seen the Gazette.

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Gazette?

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It's our main one.

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Derrickson has given them what adds up to an exclusive interview.

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Sure, I think you'd better read it.

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What on earth?

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You see what I mean.

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In an exclusive interview this afternoon, Norman Derrickson told the Gazette,

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I have been questioned by top military and Air Force authorities and sworn to secrecy.

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They and myself realized that if the truth of what I saw last night was revealed,

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it would panic the nation.

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What?

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Oh, excuse me.

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There's a lot more.

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Long the same lines.

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Hello?

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Yes?

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Oh, yes, just a moment.

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It's for you.

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Well, if we were down 10 at the police station, I'd be here.

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Thanks.

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Hello?

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Yes, Inspector.

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Yes, I've just been reading it.

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Hmm?

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What's that?

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He has.

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I see.

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Yes, I'm very glad you did ring.

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I'll be down there as soon as I can.

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I'll be back.

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I'll be back.

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I'll be back.

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I'll be back.

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I'll be back.

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I'll be back.

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I'll be back.

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I'll be back.

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I'll be back.

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I'll be back.

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I'll be back.

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You really did?

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No, I didn't.

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I didn't.

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You really did ring.

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I'll be down there as soon as I can.

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Well, the Inspector of Police just thought I'd like to know.

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Derrickson has apparently hired himself a press agent.

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And he's announced all over town that he's negotiating with a big magazine for the

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national rights to his personal story.

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You know, doctor, I get the impression our friend is out to make himself a fast pound

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or two.

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Well, I suppose it's nothing against that.

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Nothing.

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any of this. I think Derrickson was just a little too quick with his exclusive panic

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story in his press agent and his national negotiations. But we'll see doctor. We'll

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see.

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Saturday, September the sixth, the papers that they headlined the flying saucer story.

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A cartoon pictured men from another planet in an all out attack. Then Sunday,

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September the seventh, the picture changed as dramatically and suddenly as it had

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begun. That morning, the city dailies announced the flying saucer story as a

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hoax, a complete fake from start to finish. On Monday, September the eighth,

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Norman Derrickson was arrested.

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Well, doctor, I came to say goodbye and to do some explaining.

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Well, one thing I'd like to thank you for, Jacobs, you made it clear to the newspapers

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that Paul and I were innocent witnesses. Well, you were taken in by a master of the

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craft. It could have been anyone else. You happened to be the first car that came

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along. But look here, all those damaged branches and burned grass. It happened as

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we thought it could have happened. He climbed the trees and broke off enough branches to

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make it effective. Then he put a plastic blue cover over his flashlight and waited

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for a car and we came along. He must have seen you slow down. So he lit the sudden

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flare you saw. What was it? Magnesium. A long strip that burnt the grass as well.

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Yes, and singed his arms and face. Oh, no, no, he'd done that a short time before with

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matches. He simply sings the skin and made sure he'd have burns to back up his story.

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When the magnesium was flaring and you'd stop the car, he started to run, tripped

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himself, faked his unconsciousness and then staged his act back here at your house.

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Well, we... And the flashlight? He threw it away as he ran. We found it 50 yards off

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under a shrub. You mean he confessed all this? He confessed all right. You know, he

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got quite proud of his story. Once he saw that his original purpose had been

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defeated and he wasn't going to make any money out of it, he was eager to tell us

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how clever he'd been. But what made him confess? After I found out about that press

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agent and the magazine deal, I started to do some real probing. He was supposed to

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have a fine army record. Well, I checked on that. He was discharged from the army

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dishonorably, found AWL and wearing an officer's uniform. Needless to say, he was

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actually a private. Yes. The kind who had to be bigger than he was, eh? Yes, I admit

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a few. He was also supposed to have been a successful master at several other

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schools. None of them had ever heard of him. How he got away with it, I'll never

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know, but some of his kind are lucky for a time. But once we got these facts, the

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rest was just a matter of convincing Derek and the game was up. And, sir, you've

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disproved another flying saucer story, eh, Jacobs? I know what you're thinking. But

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don't believe they're all engineered by Freud's doctor. Once in a while, you know,

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we really get one we can't explain. Well, goodbye, Doctor. Any time you see an

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object in the sky that you can't identify, just let me know. Yes, I will.

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On October the 28th, seven weeks after his arrest, Norman Derrickson was found

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guilty of fraud and sentenced to six months imprisonment. He may not have made the

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money he set out to make, but at least he achieved fame in the records of UFO

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investigation, which, to Norman Derrickson, was probably a poor consolation.

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centers and lonely surgeries guard our lives. As Dr. Tom Abbott, you heard Derrick

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Barnes as flight attendant Jacobs, Brian Anderson, with June Salter, Don Pasco,

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Gordon Glenwright and Charles Tasman.

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