

Tentacles from UFO try to capture girls on horseback

THREE terrified young women on horseback thwarted a kidnap try by space creatures when they whirled on their horses and broke away from grasping "tentacles" that suddenly appeared from the underside of the aliens' starship.

"It was so unreal, it was incredible," says Pia Andersson, 17, of Kvilla, Sweden. "The flying saucer just hung in the air 20 feet overhead. The horses were scared. We were terrified.

"We were paralyzed with fright," she adds, "or we would have run for our lives in a second."

The frightening encounter is only the most recent in a series of sightings that have created a wave of panic in Scandinavia.

The latest encounter began shortly after Andersson and two of her pals, Anna-Karen

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Lindhahl, 11, and Carina Sjostrom, 14, decided to exercise their horses on the outskirts of the village before going to bed.

"It was an unusually bright evening," Sjostrom told GLOBE, "yet the horses appeared to be uneasy, as if there was some kind of a 'presence' around us."

The girls shrugged off the horses' strange behavior and prodded them to gallop across an open field.

"Suddenly, we all stopped in our tracks," says Lindahl. "A flying saucer appeared out of nowhere and began to hover over us. The horses went wild, and I was almost thrown to the dirt. But somehow I stayed on. Then, just



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as suddenly, the horses became quiet again.

"I was frightened, but I looked up anyway, and then I didn't want to believe what I saw. The flying saucer was shimmering — and it appeared to be about the size of a large car."

Incredibly, Lindahl says the saucer didn't make a sound as it hovered overhead, although it made an earsplitting "whining noise" when it first appeared.

Andersson adds: "It had lights in a myriad of colors on the edge, like a rainbow, and it looked like it was burning in the center. The whole craft was pulsing, first bright red, then pink, and it had tentacles that were several feet long dangling from all around the circumference."

She says the tentacles seemed to have "eyes" that peered right through them.

"They were piercing," she recalls, "and made me feel like I was on needles and pins

as they hung over us."

Andersson says she and her pals remained under the UFO about six minutes before bolting for safety — but she can't be sure because her electronic watch stopped during the encounter and hasn't worked since.

Officials at the Swedish Defense Department say the spaceship mysteriously escaped detection by radar. But investigators who have talked with the girls believe their story — and the case is now being investigated by the Swedish Air Force.

Anita Sjostrand manages the stable where the girls keep their horses and spoke with them immediately after the incident. She told GLOBE: "They raced in like all hell had broken loose.

"It took me an hour to get them coherent enough to tell me what had happened. It's an incredible story, weird and fascinating, but I don't doubt the girls for a minute. They're telling the truth."