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What is the missile from the sky, which still baffles the Rockingham County Sheriff?

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What was it that hammered a hole in this house in Hampshire?

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Can it really be that living fish can rain from the sky?

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A fish historian at Hughenden Airport in Queensland today.

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A tropical downpour up there was apparently accompanied by hundreds of live fish which literally rained out of the sky.

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Locals quickly spotted that the slippery little customers were tasty freshwater perch and soon the fish weren't flying but frying.

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Eye witnesses, some of them had seen total of that, swore that the fish came from the clouds, though how they got there is anyone's guess.

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Mysteries from the files of Arthur C. Clarke, author of 2001, an inventor of the communication satellite.

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Now in retreat in Sri Lanka after a lifetime of science, space and writing, he ponders the riddles of this and other worlds.

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I'm almost embarrassed to tell you this because many of you simply won't believe me,

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but the most extraordinary thing happened right here in my local swimming club in Colombo where every day I play table tennis with my partner here, Sarath.

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And quite recently he told me an extraordinary thing.

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Sarath, tell me what it was that happened that day.

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I saw some four fish, four or five fish under this Christmas tree here.

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Under this tree? And were they lying on the ground? What did you feel when you saw them? What do you think?

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I thought they'd come from the rainbow.

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I see you saw the fish might have come from the rainbow. Well, I'm curious, I have known about this kind of thing for 40 years, but it never happened right on my doorstep.

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I mean, what an extraordinary thing, fish falling in the sky.

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Music

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It would be about quarter past six in the evening, a summer's evening.

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During World War II, Yorkshireman Joe Alpin was stationed with the artist's rifles at Alton Towers in Staffordshire.

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That particular evening he was driving in the deer park in an army truck.

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The sky suddenly darkened, very, very dark indeed, like a thunderstorm.

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And then the frogs came, millions of them, raining out of the sky, millions upon millions of frogs.

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About a half inch long. They fell all over us, all over the grass, all over the cows, down the neck of our tunics, on our feet.

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Hands everywhere. And they were very minute things, you know, no bigger than a dice or a small cube of sugar, little tiny things.

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And it wasn't possible to walk on them at all. We couldn't do anything.

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When the vehicles came to a standstill, we seemed to be, well, we all had one idea, we'd just switch the ignition off and wait for them to stop coming down.

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And it rained frogs for at least an hour and a quarter.

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Mrs. Sylvia Maudet also experienced an aerial avalanche. On June the 12th, 1954, she took her children to Platt's Meadow in Sutton Coalfield.

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The local paper reported the naval display they had gone to see, but missed some real news.

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It was a horrible day. Typical summer's day, actually, in Britain. It was raining all the time, but this was a very heavy shower.

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We'd actually been and bought my little daughter a little red umbrella. We heard something thudding against the umbrella.

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And when we looked to our amazement, it was a shower of frogs. And they still were coming from the skies. There were hundreds of them.

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Our umbrella was covered, all our shoulders were covered. And as we looked up, we could see them coming down like snowflakes.

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And all at once, when we looked down, the ground was absolutely covered with them, hundreds of them.

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There was an area at the back, 50 square yards, I should think.

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My interest in mysteries was first triggered when I read stories of frogs falling from the sky.

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These had been collected in the early part of this century by a remarkable American named Charles Fort,

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who spent much of his life in dusty libraries digging up old newspaper clippings.

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He wrote these up in a series of remarkable and often witty books with intriguing titles like *Lo* and *The Book of the Damned*.

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Besides frogs, Charles Fort recorded falls of fish, grain, cinders, ants, worms, and most remarkable of all, a turtle encased in ice,

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and even an alligator, which fell on American towns in the 1890s.

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Amazingly, such falls are not uncommon. Charles Fort mentions one which occurred right here in Cinnamon Gardens,

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again not more than half a mile from my house in Colombo.

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It's reported by Sir James Emerson Tennant, who wrote an important natural history of Salon.

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He was riding through here when he saw a heavy rainstorm.

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When he reached the spot, he discovered that the ground was covered with little fish wriggling around.

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Now, this is at least a mile from the sea, and there are no lakes or ponds or rivers around.

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Sri Lanka is by no means the only place where fish have been recorded, falling from a clear sky.

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In 1948, Mr Ian Payty, a former British amateur golf champion, had just started to play around at the Barton on Sea Golf Club on the Clifftops near Bournemouth.

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I was playing a mix match with my wife about six o'clock on a dune evening,

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and we were coming down the second fairway, and she was about to play a second shot from just over there.

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And just before she hit it, the fish fell down on the ground in front of us,

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and then we looked up in the sky, and suddenly, there were hundreds of fishies falling in an area of about a hundred yards.

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They were alive. They were about that size. They were larger than white bait, and possibly smaller than a sardine.

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My reaction was one of complete surprise. After all, there wasn't a cloud in the sky.

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You didn't suspect anything could fall out of the sky like that.

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There was no prior sort of evidence that anything was going to happen like a thunderstorm.

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It was a humid October morning in 1947 when it rained fish in Marksville.

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There was no sign of the storm.

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As I left the house to go to school that morning, I went through the back of the house,

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And as I got near the garage, I heard something fall on the tin roof of the garage and simultaneously

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something hit me on my head and on my shoulders and I looked down there were fish.

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I was in bed not feeling good and I didn't get up early but my maid came and early and

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she was out in the yard.

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I was still in bed and she ran in excited like everything and she's a black maid but

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that day she was quite of excitement and she came and she told me she said, Miss Lola,

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Miss Lola, she said it's raining fishes, it's raining fishes.

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When we heard all this noise you know when the fish fell on the roof, this tin roof,

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my maid whose name was Viola ran outside with me and she was so upset and she kept saying

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Lord Lord she said I think it must be the end of the world.

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I was coming up this road, I was coming north, it was just about a block away and all of

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a sudden a fish fell right to my right hand, the left hand side of the car.

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I saw the fish, saw the fish fall out of the sky.

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I kept driving and I was very amazed and when I got here at this location here, the yard

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was just absolutely covered with fish and I was amazed, I stopped and just about that

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time other people started getting here and everybody was just amazed at the whole thing

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and just couldn't believe it, couldn't believe that the fish had just dropped out of the sky.

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I told Daddy that these fish had fallen on me and he was a little incredulous I guess

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and didn't believe me and I finally said well let's go outside and I'll show them to you.

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So we went on back outside and I showed Daddy and of course I wanted my father to explain

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all things to me and most 14 year olds would and he couldn't.

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This is fascinating and one's first guess is that a whirlwind must have taken them up

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before dropping them in front of the astonished eye witnesses.

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I'm sure this accounts for some falls of fish and frogs but there are problems with the

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whirlwind theory.

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Why is it always one kind of fish?

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Why are there no weeds or other objects?

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Why are deep water fish sometimes involved?

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Moreover what comes down must have gone up.

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Why are there no reports of the lift off?

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Similar questions are raised by another surprisingly common phenomenon.

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Blocks of ice often very large blocks falling from a clear sky.

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It was on this quiet council estate at Lindhurst in Hampshire that one such potentially lethal

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block descended on a hot summer's day in 1980.

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Motor mechanic Ed Fox was called home from work to find huge lumps of ice in his bedroom.

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Just a few feet away when the ice fell was next door neighbor Mrs. Megan Murray.

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First of all I heard a whooshing sound rather like when a rocket goes off and then almost

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on top of that there was a loud explosion as if something could blown up.

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It's one of these unexplained happenings I should think.

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I really don't know where it came from.

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As I was saying a hot summer's day more or less you wouldn't expect to suddenly find

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large lumps of ice coming out of the sky.

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In America beyond the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia another ice bomb has for some

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years been an unsolved case on the files of the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department.

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The scene of the incident is the home of Wilbert W. Cullers and his family

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at Timberville in the Shenandoah Valley.

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Me and my son and his wife it is now his girlfriend at that time

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were sitting here watching television the six million dollar man be exact

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and the six million dollar man had just got up on the roof of a big building

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and wretched over and grabbed a vent or a smokestack or something and give it a yank

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and just as he yanked it sounded like the ceiling all fell in on my house.

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We looked up the ceiling and we saw insulation and ice falling down on the floor

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which flew all over us.

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Well if it would have been maybe four to five feet more this direction

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I think it probably killed us all.

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We learned later that there were several pieces of ice found one piece fell out in the road out

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in front of the house and another piece landed back over the hill in a man's field

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but we had no idea where it came from but it was sure and a hurry to get here.

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The only surviving fragment of the ice is now in the custody of Sergeant Butch Hottingham.

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He's making one final attempt to crack the case.

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At this time I'm taking that ice to a research laboratory to try and find out for this probably

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from this last time where this ice might have come from.

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Aircraft however have been ruled out as the culprit.

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Two thousand miles and three planes later Sergeant Hottingham's destination is the National Center

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for Atmospheric Research perched high in the Rocky Mountains and the Sub-Zero laboratory of Dr Charles Knight.

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Come in.

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Hello. Hello. Dr. Knight. Yes. Sergeant Hottingham. How do you do? Rockland County Sheriff's Department.

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Oh pleased to meet you. With me a specimen from the Timberville Ice Fall. Yes, yes. Well let's see what it looks like.

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Have you analyzed it there and see if you can help me on it. How big was the piece that did fall?

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The piece that did fall I'd say it probably is you know what the size of a basketball is about the

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size of a basketball. I see that's too big for a hailstone anyway. Pretty good size. I see this this angle

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angled part is a part of the fractured surface I suppose. Yes sir it is. The first step is to cut the

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ice with a saw so as to expose the internal structure. What we do then is to take a slightly

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warmed piece of glass so as to melt a thin layer of the ice and then put it down on the cold aluminum

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plate here until that layer of water freezes. The next step will be to saw parallel to the glass

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slide so as to make a thin uniform slice so you can see the internal structure.

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You can see first off that the crystals are very small. They're about a millimeter average I'd say

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about a millimeter in diameter and then that there's a trace of some layering in there. There's

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one rather distinct layer of larger crystals. By way of comparison we could look at a section of a

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very large hailstone. This was a hailstone about this size. A big one. And the it's composed of

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alternating layers of smaller and larger crystals. There's a bit of difference between them. There

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certainly is. I think we can conclude definitely that it was not a hailstone. In the case of a

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hailstone we know the basic growth mechanism. This is a rather large hailstone that fell last summer

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summer of 1979 in Fort Collins a few miles to the north. Stones of this size fall at about 100 miles an

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hour and a basketball sized piece of ice like the Timberville falls probably fell at something

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00:16:49,160 --> 00:16:56,120

like 125 or 150 miles an hour. So what basically would be your final opinion of the Turnipville ice

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fall? Basically from the evidence of the ice itself the conclusion has to be that we just don't know.

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Some mysterious pieces of ice have been analyzed and people find tea leaves in them and things

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like that and that can prove that it does come out of an airplane. In this case you're left without

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any any positive evidence of any specific origin. Now there may be something of real scientific

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importance behind this. Of course we know that ice can fall from aircraft. It can form on the wings.

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It can come regrettably from faulty toilets. So what's important are the reports of ice falls

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long before the era of aircraft. For example in 1847 a block of ice 20 feet in circumference fell

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on Scotland. It landed on Mr Moffat's farm in Ayrshire. The Scotsman newspaper said it is a most

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fortunate circumstance that it did not fall on Mr Moffat's house or it would have crushed it.

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Near misses are still happening today. Even scientists aren't safe as physicist Dr Richard

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Griffiths discovered in Burton Road in Manchester in the spring of 1973. Just in the road here by

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that manhole cover an object appeared with a great crash. I went over and picked up this object

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and realized that it was ice. I thought to myself that since it was so much bigger than any

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meteorological lump of ice that I knew of it was of scientific interest but deeper than that I

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realized that if it had hit me on the head I would have been killed. Next day Dr Griffiths

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hurried with the ice to his laboratory at Manchester University. There he sliced and

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scrutinized it. He noticed strange lines of bubbles. The bubble lines were very very regular indeed

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and not meandering around all over the place such as you observe in hailstones. Next he examined it

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under polarized light where each crystal shows up as a different color. It was nearly all composed

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of big crystals two to three inches long with no layer structure in the way that one has with

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a natural hailstone. So whatever mechanism this ice lump grew by at that stage I knew that it wasn't

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a natural hailstone. Aircraft two were ruled out. There were none overhead at the time and no icing

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was reported that day. When Dr Griffiths analyzed the water which made up the ice the mystery simply

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deepened. Although not a hailstone it seemed to be made of something very like cloud water.

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I'm puzzled. I was looking at this problem and trying to see was there an obvious explanation.

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Two first tries are aircraft or hailstone. We seem to have eliminated both of those. I really don't know.

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I think it very significant that some of these ice falls are accompanied by loud explosions

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just like the re-entry bangs of our own returning spacecraft. Now we know that iron meteorites fall

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on earth although it took science a long time to accept this. We also believe there's a great deal of

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ice out in the solar system in the rings of Saturn in the cores of comets. So perhaps some of these

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falls are due to literally cosmic ice. Yet there are other falls reported by apparently impeccable

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eyewitnesses which I'm completely unable to give any rational explanation. Your guess is as good as mine.

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On Sunday March the 13th 1977 Mr Alfred Wilson Osborne, chess correspondent for the Bristol

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Evening Post, left the Westbury Park Methodist Church to walk home with his wife.

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Their journey took them past a car showroom.

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When we reached this point there was a click and I thought that I lost a button in my coat.

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Looking around we found they were in the middle of a shower of hazelnuts coming from the sky

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and they were dropping on the cars falling in the gutter and I said I think there would be as many

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as we saw about 350 of them. We had no idea at all where all these hazelnuts were coming from.

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We picked up quite a few of them so I took them home as souvenirs. We cracked some of them open.

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They were quite fresh and sweet and nice. The sky was blue and there was one small cloud there but

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there was no aeroplanes or anything like that about for them to come down from there. So we went home

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00:21:48,920 --> 00:21:56,600

still puzzling over this and when we reached home we were having a friend of ours to lunch

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00:21:57,320 --> 00:22:02,920

and he came along and said the most extraordinary things happened to me and I said don't tell me

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00:22:02,920 --> 00:22:09,240

you've been covered with a shower of hazelnuts. He said yes how did you find them? And apparently

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00:22:09,240 --> 00:22:13,240

he had the same experience and the same spot two or three minutes off.

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00:22:13,560 --> 00:22:20,360

Oh they came and where they came from I had no idea but I have thought that it might be a vortex

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00:22:20,360 --> 00:22:24,680

that sucked them up but I don't know where you suck up hazelnuts in March.

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Further nutritious cascades have descended on South Mill Road in Southampton.

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The recipients one wintry day Mr Roland Moody and his neighbors.

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00:22:44,600 --> 00:22:54,440

Well I was in this conservatory pricking out seeds and I heard this whooshing sound which was on the

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00:22:54,440 --> 00:23:01,080

glass above me and I didn't take a lot of notice though but about three quarters an hour afterwards

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00:23:01,080 --> 00:23:07,160

it had done it again and I looked up and found the whole of the glass above me covered in

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00:23:08,040 --> 00:23:14,040

we found it afterwards mustard and cress seed. This went on it seemed to me all day long uh it

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00:23:14,040 --> 00:23:19,560

intervals of half an hour an hour and all together I would think five or six inches of it.

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00:23:20,360 --> 00:23:25,800

We happened to be in the dining room first of all we heard this terrific clatter it was an awful

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00:23:25,800 --> 00:23:33,960

noise wasn't it? Yes. We rushed out and went down into the garden and presently a load of

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00:23:34,600 --> 00:23:40,760

broad bean seed came over and we both ducked in and we ducked down because they're fairly big

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00:23:40,760 --> 00:23:48,360

broad bean seed and then you got a little bit annoyed about it. So I turned around to the wife

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00:23:48,360 --> 00:23:56,040

and I said well this is bloody silly I couldn't help it. The following day down come a share of peas

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00:23:56,920 --> 00:24:04,600

and maize, harricket beans. By then of course we were all getting rather excited about it it was

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00:24:04,600 --> 00:24:11,080

still snowing it was still gusting um and we couldn't make head or tail of it. I was on the

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00:24:11,080 --> 00:24:16,280

telephone one day which has situated near the front door and my son came along and opened the front

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00:24:16,280 --> 00:24:23,720

door for some reason and a shower of broad beans came through I should think dozens and dozens of

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00:24:23,720 --> 00:24:29,640

them and really quite startled me because I gave a little cry and my friend on the other end of the

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00:24:29,640 --> 00:24:36,840

phone said to me what's the matter and I said oh I've just been hit by a lot of beans. So it was

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00:24:36,840 --> 00:24:41,800

quite a giggle from her point of view anyway she came round and she was there when it happened again

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00:24:41,800 --> 00:24:46,760

and said that she wouldn't have believed it if she hadn't seen it and there were literally dozens of

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00:24:46,760 --> 00:24:52,840

them littering the carpet and this sort of went on well all day long right up until eight o'clock

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00:24:52,840 --> 00:24:57,800

in the evening and several visitors came to my door were hit on the back of the head. I was hit on

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00:24:57,800 --> 00:25:04,760

the head and they really hurt the stone they came with such force. And I suppose all together we must

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00:25:04,760 --> 00:25:14,600

have collected some ten pound in weight of seeds. It was it was almost unbelievable the beans grew

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00:25:14,600 --> 00:25:22,440

the peas grew the well everything in fact grew and I believe Mrs. Gale has already sent some

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00:25:22,440 --> 00:25:36,120

up to Midlands and they've made a very good crop.

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00:25:52,440 --> 00:26:06,120

Next week UFOs.