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Flixborough, 1974. The nitrochemical plant explodes. This woman described the disaster

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five hours before it happened. Chicago, 1979. The crash of American Airlines Flight 191.

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David Booth claims he foresaw every detail in his dreams. Can some people really see into the

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future? April 1912. The Titanic tragedy was also predicted. What can explain such knowledge of

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things to come? Mysteries from the files of Arthur C. Clarke, scientist, writer and visionary.

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A scientist who invented the communication satellite, the writer of 2010,

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and now in retreat in Sri Lanka, the visionary who ponders the riddles of this and other worlds.

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I've never had a premonition and I rather hope I never do. But they're quite common

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and a very good example occurred to a good friend of mine many years ago here in Sri Lanka.

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He was in charge of a brickworks here in the jungle and one day when he was leaving for his

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office, the foreman came up to him and said, please master, drive carefully. Something bad is going

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to happen. So my friend drove carefully and nothing bad happened. However, when he got to his

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office, there was a message, please return at once. When he got back to the work site, he found that

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the foreman, the man who just warned him, was dead, killed in a freak accident. They'd been

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blasting at a quarry almost a mile away. A stone had been hurled this unprecedented distance,

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passed through a small gap in the roof, hit the man on the head and killed him instantly.

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So he had seen an omen. What he had not seen was that it forecast his own death.

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Such cases are quite common and very puzzling. But do they really foretell the future?

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Chicago, May the 25th, 1979. Minutes after the crash of an American Airlines DC-10,

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273 passengers are dead. The disaster shocked America. Yet 10 days earlier in Cincinnati,

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David Booth had foreseen it in a dream. I looked up in the sky and there's an American Airlines jet.

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I don't know what kind it was. I didn't know planes that well. And the first thing that struck me

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about it, you know, where I was and looking at it was that it wasn't making a sound that it should,

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you know, for being so close to me. It should be louder than it was. It was flying like this and

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then all of a sudden it goes like this, turns over on its back and then goes straight down on the ground.

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He woke up one morning and he was in tears, very nervous, very upset. And I said, well,

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Dave, what is wrong? And he says, I've had this dream. He says, I don't know where it is or what's

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going on. He said, but the plane goes up in the air and he says then it banks off to the right,

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goes down nose first and explodes. And he says, everybody gets killed. And I said, well, Dave,

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it's just a dream. You know, I said, don't let it upset you. You know, everybody has dreams.

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And I thought about it all day. And, you know, what can I do about it? And I went home that night

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and normal, everything went to sleep. Next day it happened again. You know, I woke up and didn't

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cry this time. You know, I'm saying, you know, uh-oh, you know, what's going on here?

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Kept going on every night.

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Paul Williams of the Federal Aviation Administration was telephoned at Cincinnati

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Airport by a distraught David Booth on May the 24th. He remembers that phone call the day before

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the crash. In his dream, what he reported to me was that the aircraft suddenly turned sharply to

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the right and then dived into the ground. And he described in great detail the explosion that he

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saw. And every time he described that, he became quite distraught because it was almost as if he

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was seeing death. The next night, David Booth saw this film of the air crash on the television news.

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The first thing that came on was, you know, was the air crash in Chicago. You know, I'm looking at it

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and I lost it then. You know, I'm looking at this thing. You know, this is what I've been dreaming

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about. You know, the whole thing. And I looked at Dave and it was just like he turned white as a ghost.

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He was, you know, it was almost like in shock. Pictures snatched by an amateur photographer

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show how the plane crashed. It had lost an engine and rolled over before hitting the ground and

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exploding. When he learned the facts, Paul Williams realized that David Booth's dream was uncannily accurate.

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The coincidences between what David Booth told me on May 24th and what actually happened on May 25th

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were the airline was exactly correct. The type of aircraft was as he described,

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a large aircraft with an engine on the tail, which a DC-10 is. The aircraft was not making the right

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sound and he described that to me on May 24th. Perhaps the most remarkable coincidence of the

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whole thing was the similarities of the maneuver that the plane made. It's a very unusual maneuver for

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a plane to make before crashing. Most of them crash with wings horizontally,

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run into some obstruction, a mid-air collision, but the maneuver that David described was very

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unusual. As a matter of fact, it's the only one I've ever heard of of a plane that size.

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Does Williams believe David Booth had a vision of the future?

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All I can say is I don't know. If David told me that a plane was going to,

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a certain plane was going to crash, I certainly wouldn't get on the plane.

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40 years before the Titanic sailed on her maiden voyage in 1912,

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writer Morgan Robertson had forecast her fate in a novel. Like Titanic, his ship, the Titan,

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hit an iceberg and sank. One passenger on the Titanic believes a premonition saved her life.

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Eva Hart, seven years old in 1912, was emigrating to Canada with her parents,

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but her mother was convinced the ship was doomed. She begged her husband not to go on board,

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but he confidently brushed aside her fears.

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Eva remembers her mother's last-minute plea.

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When we were going up the actual gangway to get on this ship, she made another,

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yet another plea with him, not to go. And he was carrying me, turned to look at her and he said,

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well, this is ridiculous. He said, if you feel as badly as that about it, perhaps you'd better go

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home to your mother an hour ago on my own, and you can follow when you see I've got there quite

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safely. Of course she wouldn't do this. And so each night she would change her clothes,

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she would change her clothes from whatever she'd been wearing for dinner in the evening,

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and get into a warm woolen dress, and her shoes and everything, and sit down in the cabin

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to read or to sew or knit and remain wide awake for her night. And on this particular night,

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when this dreadful thing happened, she'd got this glass of orange juice on the table by the side

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of her bunk, and she said it was very full. And so small was this bump, which she always

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inscribed as being a train pulling into a station. It didn't even slop the orange juice over the top.

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And so anyone else would have thought it was just a little thing, it wouldn't matter, but to her,

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she knew this was the thing that was the end of everything for her. Mrs. Hard woke her husband,

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who went up to the boat deck, and he came back quite quickly. And he just said to her, you better

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put this coat on, put another one on. And she just looked at him and he put this coat on her,

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and you know years afterwards, I would say to her sometimes, I can't understand when he came back

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into the room, why you didn't say to him, what is it? What's the matter? You awakened him,

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you sent him up on deck. And in that lovely calm voice that my mother had, she would say there

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was nothing to ask him. I didn't have to ask him what it was. I didn't know it was a nice book,

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but I knew it was this something. Benjamin Hart went down with the ship, but Eva's mother

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saved her little girl because she'd been expecting disaster. If my mother hadn't been

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sitting up that night, I wouldn't be here now. I owe my life to her, her permission. Don't I?

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Lake Tahoe, Nevada, one of the great gambling towns of America.

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Hopeful punters come here to Caesar's Palace Casino in their thousands to play their hunches

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and the dollar fruit machines. A lot of nothing.

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The Californian lawyer, Jeff Randolph, scooped the greatest jackpot in history in July 1981.

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\$992,000. And he knew weeks in advance he was going to win.

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It's the highest amount of money that's ever been paid on a slot machine. This gentleman won it.

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He came \$8,000 short of a million, so Caesar's Tahoe decided to round it off to a cool million

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dollars. Randolph maintains luck played no part in his win.

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What is the first reaction when something like this hits?

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An unusual calm because I knew it was going to happen.

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Weeks earlier Randolph had publicly announced he'd win the million. It was more than just a hunch.

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Everybody thinks they're going to win and most don't. I think mine was more than a hunch because

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I felt so strongly about coming up here. There were a series of things that I thought added up to

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a strong push to get up here to Caesar's that weekend. Among others I had begun telling people

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that I was going to win it that weekend and I shaved for the second time in the day,

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which I had never done before. The first and only time I have ever done so was in the airplane

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on the way here that night. The night I won the money. I wanted somehow to look presentable

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and extra nice for all the pictures that were going to be taken after I won the money.

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Did they spell your name right, Jeff? Yes, they did.

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Delicious. American President Abraham Lincoln dreamed he saw his own coffin in the White House.

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Only days later in April 1865, assassin John Wilkes Booth gunned him down in a Washington

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theatre. The dream had come tragically true. Another dream of the 1921 Grand National brought

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happier results. On Grand National Day in the London Daily Graphic, columnist Hannan Swaffer

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reported that his friend Dennis Bradley had dreamed the result. Bradley said all the horses

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would fall except three. The winner would be wearing tartan colours. Every detail came true.

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Only three horses finished and winner Sean Sparda carried tartan. In most cases,

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premonition anecdotes cannot be accepted as proof because they're usually told well after the event.

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Ideally, they should be written down and witnessed beforehand so there's no possible doubt.

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And one man, a scientist, has attempted to do exactly that. Peter Fairley collected premonitions

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of the 1966 Aberwand disaster. Errol May Jones dreamed something black engulfed her school.

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Hours later, she and her friends died when a cold tip collapsed. Intrigued, Fairley founded the

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Evening Standard Premonitions Bureau. It had a simple function. That was to take from anybody a

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telephone call, a letter, whatever it may be, some form of premonition, and to note it down,

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and to put a time and a date to that and a signature from us as independent observers that

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that was what they said on that day at that time. And that's all that the Bureau did.

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I had one call from a man who had seen the winner of the Grand National. He was quite convinced

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that he'd dreamed this and the reason why it made an impact of him was that he had seen the

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colors of the jockeys' blouse and had then checked and found that the horse that was bearing those

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colors was called Foynaven. And anybody who remembers that particular Grand National remembers

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that Foynaven was almost the only horse that finished. Watch the incredible pilot.

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Out of the shambles, one horse appeared, complete with rider, Foynaven.

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A complete outsider at 100 to 1, Foynaven cruised home exactly as predicted.

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In the course of all these replies that we had, there were some which were really very remarkable

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indeed. For instance, I've got some here. For instance, this is a woman who predicts that there

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will be hurricanes in Britain and that they will happen in January.

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Postmistress Karen Butler sent in the hurricane prediction. It had come to her vividly on the

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evening of November the 11th, 1967. I was sitting one evening reading and I began mentally to get

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the impression of very strong winds. There were really dreadful winds, very, very strong. And I

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could see roofs just disintegrating and flying off. I could see trees and branches crashing down.

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I could see huts and sheds just flying through the air. And I knew the winds were so strong. I said

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it's a gale, no it's not a gale, it's a hurricane. It's a hurricane. And then I said, oh the people,

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the poor people. Well my husband asked me, did I know where this was going to happen? And I said,

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I thought it was in Britain somewhere, but I didn't know exactly where. Then he asked me,

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did I know when it was going to happen? I said it would be the middle of the month of January.

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And on the 15th of January, a hurricane hit Glasgow. The city was devastated. Hurricanes are

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almost unknown in Britain and the Premonitions Bureau sadly noted a hit. Now we did begin to find

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one or two people who seem to be scoring well above average regularly. In fact, we sort of call them

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our stars. And Lorna Middleton was one of them. Now this is one of her early ones and as so often

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happens, it looks rather vague. She says that she's got headaches and symptoms that usually precede

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earthquakes. But it was two days later that a really massive earthquake hit Scopy.

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Well, I rarely have a headache, perhaps one or two a year. And what I call my earthquake headache

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is a sharp pain which comes across the forehead, either to the right, to the left, or left to the

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right. The one I particularly remember was the Yugoslav earthquake because I predicted that

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about 48 hours before. And that was sent because I had a sharp pain crossing my head.

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The problem with all these stars, as we called them, was that the moment that they started to

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know that we were interested in what they could do and we started to investigate how they did things,

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it just went. And that, I think, has definitely come through all this to me as a firm conclusion.

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That if there is such a thing as premonition, it is something which is instantaneous. It is, if you

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like, a flash of intuition. It doesn't take any time and if you ask anyone to apply any conscious

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thought to it, it actually just goes. You might as well pretend it's not there. They are imagining

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after that. But if they suddenly have it happen to them, it could be. And the other conclusion is

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that when it happens to you, it is an overpowering sensation. You know that it's going to happen,

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no matter what it is and how unlikely it is. You know it's going to happen. Sadly, but not

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surprisingly, many premonitions aren't exactly what they appear to be. We all know how difficult it

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is to get the facts right and everyone loves to embroider a good story. Sometimes a careful

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investigation reveals a very different picture. I can see a little scenario and it came first in

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my dreams right after he was elected and it had to do with a gun and it had to do with

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shots all over the place. Professional psychic Tamara Rand made this prediction about President

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Reagan on American TV. I initially felt it might actually be an assassination attempt or a shot

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to the president. March 30th 1981.

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Tamara Rand's prediction looked horribly accurate. Yet appearances were deceptive.

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In fact, the recording was made not on January the 6th, but on March the 31st, 24 hours after the event.

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In December 1978, American student Richard Newton predicted 45 people would die in a plane crash

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on March the 11th and on the 14th of March 47 people did die at Gatter in the Persian Gulf.

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He'd also forecast the plane would have red on its tail and he was right. Yet Newton claimed no

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psychic powers. He just worked it out from statistics that anyone could find in books.

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First he noted that the majority of airlines have some red in their logos.

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You'll see that more than half have red somewhere in their logos. For instance, American Airlines,

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Alitalia, TWA, JAL, all have red in their logos and considering that half of these have red somewhere

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in their logos, it's a very safe bet to assume that a plane that crashes is going to have red in

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its logo somewhere. In this book is listed every plane crash for 25 years. I averaged the number

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of fatalities per crash over that 25-year period and found out that it averaged between 40 and 50.

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I chose 45, 47 were killed. As far as the time of the year of a crash, I drew this graph and

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listed here are the number of crashes and listed here are the months of the year in which crashes

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take place. And looking at this graph, you'll notice that March is twice as bad to fly in as May

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with an average of about 4.6 crashes per month over that 25-year period.

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And averaging the month of March crashes here, you'll notice that the second week of March or the

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aides of March are the worst time of the month in which to fly. So are there any true insights

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into the future? Most premonitions can undoubtedly be explained by coincidence. Even the most

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improbable events will occur if you wait long enough. The question is how long is enough?

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Somebody once said that the laws of chance do not merely permit coincidences, they compel them.

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We've all had examples of this. Perhaps the commonest is when you think of somebody and

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five minutes later they call you up on the telephone. Yet other premonitions may involve

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something more. They may be subconscious foresight, warnings of some danger that the senses have

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detected but which we are not yet fully aware. No other explanation is necessary.

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Premonitions are warnings from our own minds, not from the future.

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Yet we should take them seriously because the dangers of which they speak may be perfectly real.

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00:21:10,320 --> 00:21:15,360

So that's why I have a strange feeling whenever one of my friends tells me a premonition.

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00:21:16,400 --> 00:21:19,200

Something bad may indeed be about to happen.

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00:21:22,080 --> 00:21:27,760

On June the 1st 1974 the nitrochemical plant at Flickspray and Lincolnshire exploded.

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00:21:28,320 --> 00:21:34,480

Disaster struck just before five. Yet one woman claimed she heard the details five hours earlier

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00:21:34,480 --> 00:21:39,760

in a TV news flash which broke into the Saturday morning film. Leslie Brennan, at first I didn't

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00:21:39,760 --> 00:21:44,800

really take much notice of it because I was you know waiting for it to finish quick so I

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00:21:44,800 --> 00:21:49,520

couldn't get on with the film and then I heard them mention the name Flickspray near Grimsby.

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00:21:50,080 --> 00:21:55,520

With that I listened a bit closer to it and they said there'd been this terrible explosion

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00:21:55,520 --> 00:21:59,360

at Flickspray. There'd been a number of people injured and a number of people killed.

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00:22:00,080 --> 00:22:03,200

Leslie told her friend Peter East the news when he came to lunch.

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00:22:04,160 --> 00:22:11,040

I walked down to Leslie's house which would be at 25 12 when I got there.

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00:22:12,400 --> 00:22:17,200

Just after we got in Leslie told me that there had been an explosion.

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00:22:17,200 --> 00:22:19,520

It was flashed on television telling us about an explosion.

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00:22:19,520 --> 00:22:24,960

And we thought no more about it until it came on the news at tea time and 10 o'clock.

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00:22:26,000 --> 00:22:29,840

And then the reporters had said that it had happened at tea time.

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00:22:29,920 --> 00:22:35,200

Well we just sat back and laughed about it. Yeah so Cillrouport has got it wrong again you know

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00:22:35,200 --> 00:22:40,960

typical dinner time or so we thought. But the reporters hadn't got it wrong.

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00:22:40,960 --> 00:22:46,080

The plant went up at 4.53. How could Leslie have known five hours ahead?

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00:22:47,120 --> 00:22:52,640

What five hours different from what Leslie told us? Leslie's seen it at 12 o'clock time and

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00:22:52,640 --> 00:22:56,240

it happened five hours later. You know we couldn't believe it.

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00:22:57,040 --> 00:23:01,600

I remember my friend I can see her face now. She looked at me and said oh you know

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00:23:02,480 --> 00:23:07,120

you told us about that at dinner time. I said yes I know and I can remember feeling very

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00:23:08,000 --> 00:23:14,080

oh made me feel queer very cold and shaky. And I can remember getting this shower all the way through

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00:23:14,080 --> 00:23:19,920

me and really I can't explain the feeling it was unusual.

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00:23:20,160 --> 00:23:27,680

In 1971 the submarine Artemis visited Grimsby. The sailors were soon after the local girls.

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00:23:27,680 --> 00:23:33,120

Sandra McDonald was one. I met one particular boy and was with him for about two days till it sailed

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and it sailed on the 17th on the 30th it's June and a week later on the Wednesday I had a dream

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on the nighttime and in this dream I saw a like big gray stones which I thought it was like a wall

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and I thought that it was a harbour somewhere and I actually saw the submarine sink and I don't

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know how I knew but there were three men trapped on board in the dream. The first person she told

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00:23:59,680 --> 00:24:04,960

was her mother. She came down and she said oh mama I've had an awful dream. She said the

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00:24:04,960 --> 00:24:10,400

Artemis sank with three men aboard so I said well don't worry too much it's because you know they've

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00:24:10,400 --> 00:24:19,680

gone away you've had a good time. And then a week later which was the 30th of June the submarine

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00:24:19,680 --> 00:24:27,040

did actually sink. I was laid in bed reading waiting for her to come home and the newflash came on the

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00:24:27,040 --> 00:24:32,960

radio and said that the Artemis had sank. So when she came home from the dance I called her into the

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00:24:32,960 --> 00:24:37,680

bedroom and told her what had happened and she just I just sanded her that dream you had about the

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00:24:37,680 --> 00:24:42,880

Artemis has come true and she just broke down and cried you know because I think I upset her.

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When it came true I was absolutely heartbroken because it frightened me. I mean I'd never had

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00:24:47,120 --> 00:24:52,560

anything like that before and at first I thought my mum was joking till when she saw how upset I

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00:24:52,560 --> 00:24:57,360

was and everything else and as I say we sat up most of the night listening to the bulletins

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00:24:57,920 --> 00:25:02,000

with the radio and me and my mum together to see if anybody had died on it you know

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00:25:02,000 --> 00:25:04,160

because I thought it might be somebody I knew on board.

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00:25:07,680 --> 00:25:12,560

Artemis had gone down in Portsmouth Harbour. The three men on board were rescue.

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00:25:12,560 --> 00:25:18,160

Two of them were indeed friends of Sandra McDonald. She's still unnerved by the accuracy of her dream.

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00:25:19,040 --> 00:25:24,240

I didn't really understand it at first. I'd heard about premonitions but also somebody else

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I was quite skeptical about it really but obviously it does that.

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00:25:54,240 --> 00:26:07,280

Next week things that go bump in the night.

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00:26:24,240 --> 00:26:25,520

you