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Flying saucers and alien invasions.

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Once the stuff of science fiction.

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Not anymore.

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We're all going against the wind.

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The wind's 120 knots west.

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Oh, I think it.

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I do not have an explanation for what this object is.

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But in the land down under,

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UFO sightings aren't one-off events.

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They're happening almost daily.

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I have no idea what this thing is.

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Australia and New Zealand.

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Isolated countries floating in an ocean of blue

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are attempting location for first contact.

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I've seen some weird things in my life that's the weirdest.

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Call the flying saucer, call the UFO, call the UAP.

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One thing's for sure is not a plane.

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Using eyewitness accounts.

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It's like a bloody clown saucer.

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And expert commentary.

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That was physical evidence.

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Now for the first time,

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the Southern Hemisphere's UFO encounters are under the microscope.

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This is seriously a UFO, look.

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Is there something going on that will change what we know

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about our universe?

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In this episode, we travel to Australia's north.

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To the state they call Queensland, a place of extremes.

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From dense rainforests stretching along the coast

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to a bone-dried desert interior.

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It's best known for the world heritage listed

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in the world heritage list.

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The world heritage list is the world heritage list.

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A vast living entity.

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So big, you can see it from space.

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Maybe that's a clue to why this part of the country

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has more than its share of recorded UFO sightings.

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First, our investigation for the UAP.

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First, our investigation focuses on the mineral-rich inland,

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where billions of dollars are taken from the earth

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and workers fly in from the big cities.

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To the mining town of Middlemount, a dry and dusty place.

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But where the skies are clear,

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the perfect backdrop to observe aerial phenomena.

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And that's what's happened here.

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With a UFO sighting, you hope for a believable witness

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or credible footage.

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You rarely get the two together.

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But in this story, we found both.

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My name is Les Marsden and I witness the UFO.

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Les Marsden is a hard-working, no-nonsense coal miner

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who didn't believe in UFOs until he saw one.

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Just a regular run-of-the-mill day.

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When I first noticed the UFO...

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You see it?

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Sure did.

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I had the foresight to pull the phone out and start recording it.

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In that time, I was in an area that was away

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from where everybody else was working,

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and that's where we saw this orb in the middle of the day.

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I saw this orb in the sky.

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Les' sighting took place in July of 2019.

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He saw the same object in the same place two days in a row.

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This mysterious object in the sky seemed to be floating

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and slowly traversing across the sky.

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But then something else happened.

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The object split and one UFO became two.

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A little piece actually broke off it,

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and the orb actually descended to the Earth

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while the main body stayed in the sky.

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That little piece is landing, Tiddles. It's coming down.

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Yeah, and the other one's going higher.

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That's unbelievable.

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I can't. This is spooky.

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The man on the radio is Tiddly Morrison, Les' co-worker.

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Tiddly has worked this mine for 16 years.

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He's a grandfather, and he's seen a lot.

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But this is the first time he saw anything like this at work.

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That's about the weirdest thing I've ever seen in my life.

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I'll never forget it. Hey, I'll never forget it.

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Tiddly saw the object from another part of the mine.

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I saw this thing up in the air.

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I picked up the radio and I said, Jesus,

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I said, check that out to the south there.

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And I said, Jesus, it looks like a bloody flying saucer.

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The orb actually descended out of the sky

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and landed in a clearing not too far away.

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What these things are, we'll just put the legs in.

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We'll just call one landing in the air.

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It must have been definitely something or whatever

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inside that machine, whatever it was.

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For it to do what it did, when it went down the ground

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not far from us, we said, Jesus, what's going to happen here?

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What are they going to get out and come over to water?

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We were crapping ourselves to tell you on the streets.

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I said some weird things in my life,

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but I'll tell you what, that's the weirdest thing I've ever seen.

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The main body of the UFO was a fairway in the distance.

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After a truck had come and I'd loaded it,

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I turned and looked up into the sky

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and where it had landed in the field,

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it was now back up in the sky again.

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So I managed to capture a few more videos of it

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as it just lingered around the area that I was working.

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I just a minute ago, I was filming out that window

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and it was up there before it was back over there.

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And now, it's up there.

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I have no idea what this thing is.

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This man could give Les some answers.

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Roger Stankovic has investigated thousands of UFO cases.

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He's the National Director of the Mutual UFO Network,

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or MUFON for short.

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An organization that assesses the credibility of UFO reports

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across the globe.

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Each year in Australia, MUFON receives around 120 reports

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that warrant a thorough investigation.

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By contrast, around 1400 sightings are reported

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in the United States each year.

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Roughly similar per head statistics between the countries.

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But given both countries are around the same size,

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it's fair to argue Australia has vast open regions

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that escape any scrutiny.

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An outback event could happen and no one would ever know.

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I think it is a highly unusual case because you've got

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multiple witnesses, you've got it landing,

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you've got a daylight sighting and it's on video.

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And he has cred.

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Roger's a doctor and a neuroscientist.

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I have a neuroscience background and I am very familiar

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with research work.

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We can apply those principles to investigating

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UFO reports as well.

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If we've eliminated all the different possibilities

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that it could be, we'd determine it to be an unknown.

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And throughout this series, he will analyse footage

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provided by primary witnesses.

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Will there's a sighting past Roger's examination?

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As you can see, it seems to be stationary there.

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It's got an unusual shape to it.

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It's changing shape.

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It signifies that there's something that's defying gravity

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in some way and it's able to move around

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without any obvious propulsion system

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other than what could be anti-gravity.

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It also indicates that it's not a conventional propulsion system

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that it's actually using.

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The UFO appeared to change shape

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and colours frequently.

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So at the first instance of the sighting,

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it appeared to be just a pulsating orb

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so there's no real fixed shape.

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It's sort of just pulsating

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and it was relatively round to view

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and that's the shape that sort of descended and landed.

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We could just change shape again.

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It actually changed shape into more of a pyramid

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with definite hard angles.

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So like a triangular shape.

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It sort of looked like one of the Star Wars destroyers

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at one stage and there was all sorts of speculation

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as to what it could be.

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People were putting out there maybe a weather balloon,

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maybe a gas pocket and things like this

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but all the suggestions that we're putting forward

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while not instantly dismissed

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just didn't seem to correlate

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to what we're actually seeing in the sky on the day.

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The fact that it landed in is very interesting too

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which would preclude the fact that it would be a balloon to me.

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That really discounts the weather balloon.

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You very rarely find in a UFO video

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no flight surfaces, no sound.

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It rates fairly highly for me in terms of a significant video.

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But remember, Lez's eyewitness report described this UFO separating.

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A little piece actually broke off it.

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This is significant because while unusual, it's not unique.

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It's not the first time that something like this has been reported.

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It was a 1976 Iran incident where a fighter pilot

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had encountered a similar object in the night time.

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There was a small orb that came off the object.

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Why intense surfaces in the UFO?

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After capturing the UFO on film,

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it was a little bit of, you know,

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just as usual loading the trucks and things

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but it certainly gave me a lot to think about while I was in the loader.

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The whole time I was witnessing it, I was just in awe of what this was.

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It was just such a new experience

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that you could only really put in the category of science fiction.

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The whole time I was filming, I'm like, I don't know what this is,

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but it's there.

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I can see it and now it's on film.

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I'm unsure as to the intentions of the object.

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There's so much vastness out there

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that it's quite naive to think that we're the only, you know,

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sentient or advanced civilization.

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Having witnessed what I just witnessed,

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open-mindedness is now at the forefront of my experience.

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Subtitling

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UFO sightings generally make for big headlines,

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but there are those who keep UFO sightings to themselves

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for fear of persecution.

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Jamie Leonardo is a UFO investigator.

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He's also a former therapist,

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and he knows the toll going public has on those who speak out.

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It's frighteningly devastating to those going through it,

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and I think that's one of the biggest frustrations.

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We're missing out on a clearer picture

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because this is still the subject of ridicule and skepticism.

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Jamie and his wife Asper run Australia's 24-hour UFO hotline.

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It's a confidential service.

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And we get phone calls here all the time at all hours of the day and night.

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Sometimes when we get these calls or get the emails,

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I don't even really think about where it's happening so much

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as what's happening to this person

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and how we can help this person.

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Because they know that the ones that have come out and said something

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have been ridiculed,

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some of them have been run out of town,

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their lives and reputations have been destroyed.

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Why would you do it?

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Next investigation.

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Most compelling UFO landing cases.

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The matted reeds in a lagoon

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that had two regular Aussie farmers

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who were killed in a car accident.

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The reeds in a lagoon that had two regular Aussie farmers

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questioning their sanity

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and launched a pop culture phenomenon across the world.

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It's hard enough for UFO witnesses who come forward today,

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but imagine what it was like more than 60 years ago.

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In 1966, in the Queensland rainforest town of Tully,

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evidence of a UFO landing sent shockwaves around the globe.

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This is a famous event about a crop circle

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that upended the lives of the two farmers who witnessed it

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and triggered a sequence of events

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that would ignite a modern cultural phenomenon.

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Tully is famous for being the wettest place in Australia.

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A golden gumboot is the town's proud totem.

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It's just shy of 8 metres tall.

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That's how much rain falls here in a year.

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This is sugarcane and banana growing country.

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It's quiet and it's remote.

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Anything unusual that happens here gets noticed.

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And what happened here in 1966 was extremely unusual

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and it sure got noticed.

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The event became known as the Tully Saucer Nest.

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The case centres around two local farmers,

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George Pedley and Albert Panisi.

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Sadly, these two men passed away.

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But their stories live on through our Australian UFO investigators.

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Cheryl Gotchell, president of UFO Research Queensland,

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knew Albert Panisi.

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It was unexplainable evidence.

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So it was evidence of something really remarkable that took place.

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So here's an image of this is Albert Panisi.

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He waited out to the centre of what was now being called

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the Tully Saucer Nest

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because there were a million people who came up there

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and they saw it.

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And these are the images here of the nest

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and him sitting on top of it as it's floating on top of the lagoon.

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And over here, to give you an idea of the size,

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is a man standing there.

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So it gives you an idea of the size of the nest.

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Then there's UFO investigator Bill Chalker.

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He's an industrial chemist, a man of science,

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who's all about the evidence.

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And that's why he believes this case is so important.

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It was one of the best, most compelling UFO landing cases.

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So it was quite a striking physical evidence case.

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And Tully to this day has been known as one of the UFO capitals of Australia.

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In 1981, Bill Chalker interviewed the younger of the two farmers,

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George Pedley.

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It was one of the best eyewitness testimonies,

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unfortunately from a single witness,

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but a very compelling witness.

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UFO expert Aspa Leonharder

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ranks Tully as one of the most important cases in the UFO phenomenon.

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And there's a reason why.

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Tully in 1966 made worldwide headlines.

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So what did happen in this rainforest town in the summer of 1966?

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The Tully saucer nest mystery began on a fine January morning.

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Banana farmer, 28-year-old George Pedley,

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was driving a tractor through his neighbour's farm.

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And he hears this really loud hissing sound.

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And he thinks that it's maybe the puncture.

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He's punctured one of his tires and stops

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and gets out to check it out.

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Now, the route along which George drove his tractor

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passed alongside what was locally known as Horseshoe Lagoon.

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All of a sudden, he sees this thing saucer rising out of, you know,

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near the lagoon area.

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He looks across to the lagoon, Horseshoe Lagoon,

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and directly within about 20 or 30 feet of him,

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he sees what appears to be a very large,

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very small, very small object.

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And he sees what appears to be a disc-shaped mass,

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seem to be a structured object,

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rising in the air above the lagoon.

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And it goes up to about 30 or 40 feet.

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A grey saucer-shaped object, it was about 25 feet across.

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It appeared out of the lagoon, rose to treetop height,

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and tilted to one side,

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at an incredible speed, but making no sound.

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And just take off and, you know, freaked out.

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George leapt from his tractor and made his way through

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two-meter-high soiled grass that lines the water's edge.

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And he saw a large, circular area

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rotating water that was now completely devoid of rains.

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George Peddley had to share what he'd seen.

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He saw an ancient lagoon with Albert Panissi

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to the newly matted reeds.

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They found that all the reeds had been pulled out

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from the bottom of the lagoon.

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The main feature in the lagoon at that point

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was what appeared to be almost like a natural pontoon effect

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of tightly-woven swordgrass

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into a huge, kind of, floating mass

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around about the dimensions of the object that he saw.

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and had a depression in the top of the floating pontoon of sword grass

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that seemed to be consistent with the shape of the object that had taken off.

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A local photographer rushed to the site.

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Here, Albert sits on the 30-foot floating pontoon of grass,

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and George Peddley stands in front of it.

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And apparently George went into the water

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and to see if there was anything down there,

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and saw the indentation of three different, you know,

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some sort of an impression in the ground there.

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So he speculated that it was the landing gear of whatever it was that took off.

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George was interviewed by a local newspaper.

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Word quickly spread of what happened at Horseshoe Lagoon.

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And tourists flocked to the site.

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The rainforest town of Tully made international headlines.

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But farmers George and Albert were ridiculed as country bumpkins

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who'd partaken too much of the local roam.

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Fortunately, Albert was captured by amateur video many years later

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at a UFO conference before he died.

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That's just the nest that came up after he came back.

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It's a crockwilds and 10 metres into the ammeter in five feet of water.

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And the shade that mowed that was made some pale.

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It filled me and those crockwilds.

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All the big circles were crockwilds.

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The Tully crop circle investigation continues.

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And then the one-frame flash that has UFO experts baffled.

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In January 1966 in Tully, Queensland, Australian farmer George Peddley

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witnessed what he believed was a UFO rising from the earth

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and leaving behind a major indentation in his land.

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The Tully crop circle was a major event that was created

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in the early 1960s.

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And the Tully crop circle was a major event that was created

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A major indentation in his land.

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The so-called Tully saucer nest.

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It's a story that's spread like wildfire.

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So a million people came up there and they saw it.

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Scientists, meteorologists, the government

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descended on Tully to try to explain what happened.

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Well, with Tully, it certainly looks like it's where a saucer came down.

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And they saw samples of the matted reeds.

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The reeds were sent off to be tested,

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but the testing didn't find anything unusual about the reeds.

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Theories of what caused the strange phenomena

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swirled around the community.

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There were a list of possible causes, including helicopters,

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birds, crocodiles, and even grubs.

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The RAAF, or Royal Australian Air Force,

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was created and confirmed that there were neither military

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nor civil aircraft operating in the area on that summer morning.

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They put Georgia's story down to the weather.

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They suggested the nest may have been created by a willy-willy,

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Australian slang for a mini-tornado.

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UFO experts dismiss this.

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For the RAAF to come up with an explanation

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like it being a willy-willy or something like that

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was pretty typical of the time,

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but those explanations don't hold up

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when you actually examine the structure of this floating matted reeds.

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It just can't be done by those types of things.

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It would be far messier than what it was.

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But farmer George was dismissed as a crank.

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The willy-willy theory stuck.

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So what happened in 66 was the authorities came out

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and dismissed this as a whirlwind.

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Or what was the colloquial term, a willy-willy,

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you know, which instantly makes it an aspect of ridicule.

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How stupid were you as a farmer

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to not even see what could happen so easily

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through natural causes on your property

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and create this big confuffle?

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But farmer George shared what he saw

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with fellow farmer Albert Panisi.

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And then it became even stranger.

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In a newspaper interview,

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Albert spoke of dreams and premonitions before the event.

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Albert had been having dreams about UFOs.

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So when George told him that he'd seen this in the near the Lagoon area,

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he wasn't surprised.

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He hadn't been watching any television programs on the subject matter.

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This just came to him.

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So there seems to be an extraordinary relationship

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with people's consciousness

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in terms of these sightings of these objects.

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The Tully incident would shatter the peaceful farming lives

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of George Peddley and Albert Panisi.

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The valuable UFO information they could share

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was suppressed for fear of being publicly shamed.

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After the initial Tully incident

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with the very large saucer nest,

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Albert would also come across other nests

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in the area of the properties.

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But he didn't go public with them

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because that particular one in 1966,

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it just brought so many people to his property.

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He just trampled all over it.

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And he didn't always have a good reception from the public,

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so he just didn't want to put himself through that again.

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However, after much cajoling,

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in 2006, Albert was convinced to speak at a conference

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organised by Cheryl Gotchell.

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Albert never got his wish for a full formal investigation

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into the remarkable events of January 1966.

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The year following his appearance at the conference in 2009,

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Albert died.

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Albert was a very young man.

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He was a young man.

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He was a young man.

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He was a young man.

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In 2009, Albert died.

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But the events at his farm had become the inspiration

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for one of the greatest UFO hoaxes in history.

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In 1976, ten years after the Tully incident,

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artists Doug Bauer and Dave Chorley hatched a plan

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to trick the world into believing alien spaceships had landed.

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Creations were called crop circles

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and made international headlines.

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People flocked to these alleged UFO landing sites,

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but the artist's hoax put legitimate UFO research back decades.

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I think higher beings...

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If somebody tells you that they know the answer to this, forget it.

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Two guys with a bit of water and some string

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created every crop circle and pictogram in Britain

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and the greater world, but look at the press,

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look at the media attention those two guys received,

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and in many ways, that closed the case shut.

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Artist Doug Bauer was shocked he'd pulled it off.

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He was later interviewed at one of the crop circles he created.

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I mean, how on earth can you fool the whole world,

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which we've done, with just some flattened horns?

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But he had, and after that event,

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people thought twice about sharing a UFO story.

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But imagine if the Tully incident happened today

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with iPhones, drones and surveillance cameras.

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OK, so I'm Matt Tones. I'm a software professional.

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I was also a UFO researcher with the Australian UFO Research Network

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from 1997 through to the early 2000s.

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Matt spent the good part of ten years in the field

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investigating cases all over Queensland,

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a state five times larger than Germany.

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Over the years, Matt has traveled the long miles

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to listen to many stories of UFO sightings.

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So anyone in the central Queensland region who had experiences,

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they would contact me and my job would be to go out, sit down,

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interview them, collect any evidence they've got,

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give them the ability to talk about it without being judged,

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but also to be quite scientific and look at how we could evidence

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the validity that something is actually going on

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and to distinguish between something that may be a delusion

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as opposed to a real experience.

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Fair to say some of Matt's cases are questionable.

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Of all the cases that I was involved with,

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I would say the Gladstone case was definitely the standout.

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The young guy, he was having regular abductions

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and UFO experiences.

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He would often be found naked on the highway north of the city

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in a state of confusion, didn't know who he was.

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It would be according to him taken up into the spacecraft

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in a state of complete hysterica and shock,

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and it wasn't until later when it calmed down

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that he started to recall what his experiences were.

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I sat and met with them and his parents,

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and they confirmed having sighted strange lights over the years,

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but what was really interesting for me is

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not only did he have different scars and cuts on his body

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that correlated with these experiences,

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but there was also a local photographer from the Gladstone Observer

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who was out photographing thunderstorms

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at the time that I was working with this particular case.

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And while doing these photos,

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he came across this massive light in the sky

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and popped out of his car, took the photo,

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and it was on the front page of the Gladstone Observer,

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and it was this guy's exact house.

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So it was a third party completely unrelated

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that validated that there is definitely something going on.

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But the most puzzling case he's come across

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happened closer to home on his brother's farm

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in the vast sugarcane fields in land from the tropical coast.

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August 2021, my brother was out at the mines working.

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He's got a camera at his property. He'd activated.

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He got a notice on his phone. He opened it up,

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and the video started playing.

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Here's that video.

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Did you see it?

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Take another look.

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All of a sudden, we have an object in the scene,

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and then it's gone after a single frame.

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He phoned me when his shift finished that night,

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sent me the video, and asked me what my thoughts were.

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You know, what did I think it was?

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The conclusion was never immediately to jump to UFOs.

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The discussions were, what could this be?

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UFO investigator Roger Stankovich has analysed Matt's footage.

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He's intrigued.

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The object here just comes into one frame, which is the 23rd frame,

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and it appears for 186 milliseconds we've worked out.

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It's not a drone. It's not an animal.

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It's just travelling at too fast a rate.

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UFO skeptics suggest the tape has been manipulated.

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Roger disagrees.

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We've done some analysis, and we cannot find it being hoaxed

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through the metadata or any other means.

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I've never seen anything like it before, but...

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I just can't explain it.

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Matt pondered what he'd captured on tape,

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and his conclusion changed the thinking on UFOs.

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What if they weren't visitors from outer space,

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but still warranted as unidentified phenomena?

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There's no way to measure the speed of the object,

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because you don't see it in multiple frames.

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The theory that I put out there is whether or not this object's

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actually phasing in and out of reality.

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I tend to have a belief that rather than extraterrestrial,

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I tend to ponder more extra-dimensional in nature.

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This theory is now referred to as the interdimensional hypothesis.

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When a UFO visits from a parallel universe,

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or even from the future,

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it's fast gaining traction globally.

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So the interdimensional hypothesis postulates

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that we could have parallel realities that coexist

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and sometimes lap over to each other.

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It's a new theory being put forward by experts

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to try and explain mind-bending UFO encounters

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like Matt Tone's one-frame anomaly.

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But not everyone is a believer.

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Personally, I don't believe that unidentified flying objects

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are interdimensional.

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I think they're just nuts-and-bolts craft

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that have an ability to move in unconventional ways

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that is unique to them

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and that can get them from A to B in a very quick period of time.

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Regardless of where this object came from

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or how it got there,

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Roger has no doubt that it is a UFO.

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So we've classified this as an unknown.

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So when we classify things as unknowns,

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what that means is that we can't work out what it is,

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but we can't really say that it's an extraterrestrial spacecraft

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because unless we have physical evidence of it,

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we can't commit ourselves to saying that.

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So with the case we were left...

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with my brother's case, we were left with more questions

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than what we started with.

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I want to know.

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I want to know.

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The final investigation.

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What could be a meeting that night?

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The Australian military base attracting UFOs

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like moths to a flame.

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The final investigation takes us to Townsville,

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the unofficial capital of North Queensland,

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a coastal city where the ocean meets the rainforest.

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And where the days are clear and the skies are brilliant blue.

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You'd never think you'd see a UFO here.

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Lucy Glasson has been a Townsville local for more than 20 years.

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She loves living here.

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Christine Beaches, sunny days, 300 days a year.

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Beautiful weather.

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Lovely clear skies every night.

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There's no pollution to hinder those stars.

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It's also a military hub

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and a defence installation for the Royal Australian Air Force.

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The skies here are only interrupted by the sound

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and lights of military craft.

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But according to Lucy, also UFOs.

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I've seen a lot of aircraft helicopters

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living in Townsville being the big garrison city.

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It is. You do have a lot of different aircraft.

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And so we have a lot of aircraft activity in the skies

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at all times of day and night.

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If you take the time to look up,

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we really don't know what we may see up there.

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In 2018 on a balmy summer evening,

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Lucy was drawn to go outside and gaze at the night sky.

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She saw something extraordinary.

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But I could hear a lot of old-core-bombs and black-core-bombs

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and I went out and had a look.

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It was at this moment Lucy saw what she believed was a UFO.

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Fortunately for UFO investigators, she reached for her camera.

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There was nine o'clock in the evening, precisely,

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when I captured on film what I considered to be a UFO.

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It was a bit too orange and then started moving erratically.

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There was no noise at all from it, but I put that down the distance.

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There was nothing untoward in any other regard to that evening.

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I was surprised. I did think to myself,

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what could be emitting that light,

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especially when it was so far away, like a planet, distance away?

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At first glance, she thought it was the fiery planet Mars.

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When I was looking at it, I did think it was Mars.

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It looked great, it was bigger, it was orange.

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But just trying to work out if it was in that general direction,

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it didn't feel right.

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Something was telling her to keep watching.

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And then it started moving like no planet could move.

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With the flickering that got my attention, it was almost like a pulse.

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But it was the object's speed that made Lucy question

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whether what she saw was man-made.

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The dance is the only way I can describe it, the way it darted around it.

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We go up at crazy speeds.

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It seemed to explode just before these accelerations.

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I truly believe I was looking at a craft,

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like a vehicle, three-dimensional, rotating,

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emitting lights and turning out its lights.

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I noticed that it would be, I think I called,

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three or four eruptions, explosions.

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Then I noticed that each time it was doing that,

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I thought of it as an expulsion,

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as it seemed to be causing that crazy acceleration.

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Lucy could not explain it.

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She reviewed the footage over and over again.

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Living under a military flight path,

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she was used to seeing all kinds of aircraft in the sky.

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It could not be a drone or an aircraft helicopter, reflection,

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anything, nothing that I could think of.

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Over the following days, Lucy scanned the local papers,

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hoping someone had reported a similar experience.

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Was this the same UFO Lucy saw?

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I just felt I had captured something amazing,

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to be honest, something that people push under the rug,

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and I find it hard to admit they've seen,

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because I can't explain it.

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Lucy reported her sighting to Townsville Military Base,

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but her account fell on deaf ears.

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No response, no order to laugh it off, to brush it off.

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Lucy was flattened by the response.

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Like many other UFO witnesses,

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she decided against officially reporting her sighting.

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The sad thing is that this is a subject

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that should be taken so seriously, and it's not.

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It's been neglected, people are subjected to ridicule,

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and it's not receiving the scientific attention it deserves.

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Investigator Jamie Leonardo

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applauds people like Lucy,

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who share their stories in a cynical world.

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And it's about time the ridicule was removed,

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and I think that's one of the biggest frustrations.

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We're missing out on a clearer picture,

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and there is something profound to be learned here.

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He believes if we could just remove the stigma,

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we'd be closer to answering that big question.

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Is there intelligent life out there?

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It's about time we realise

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that we're not the most exceptional thing on planet Earth.

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We're not the most exceptional thing in our solar system,

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nor we are in the galaxy in the wider universe.

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But Lucy doesn't need anyone to tell her what she already knows.

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Can't deny what I saw, can't deny what I look at on the footage.

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I 100% believe that I was looking at a UFO.

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Nothing man-made, nothing from our realm.

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One day, I hope I'm here to see what we are looking at,

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to see who is looking back at us and what for.

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That's the big question. Why?

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Why?