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On this episode of Destination Truth, Josh travels to Asia, trailing an outbreak of recent

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sightings of the abominable snowman in the mountains of Nepal.

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It's highly possible that that kind of priestess may exist.

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High in the Himalayas, Josh's search for what the locals call the Yeti leaves no stone unturned.

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I'm spraying it in my face, ripped off my bare.

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The expedition takes a dramatic turn.

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00:00:24,400 --> 00:00:26,520

Get over here right now!

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Oh my God!

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Josh makes a discovery that shocks the world.

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Are you kidding?

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I'm not kidding you!

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I'm Josh Gates.

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In my travels, I've seen some unexplainable things which have raised strange questions.

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Now I've pulled together a team armed with the latest technology in the search for answers.

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I'm not sure what's out there waiting for me, but I know what I'm looking for.

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The truth.

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We all know the stories of Sasquatch, or Bigfoot as he's known among friends.

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Part man, part ape, and roaming around in the Pacific Northwest.

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While some say that Bigfoot has a distant relative of the Asian persuasion, known as

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the Yeti.

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And while I thought the abominable snowman was a claymation monster that learned the

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meaning of Christmas from Rudolph, there are a staggering number of people in the Himalayan

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mountain range who think he's very real and terrorizing small Nepalese villages.

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Skeptics claim that the Yeti is nothing more than folklore, fueled on by the misidentification

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of animals such as the Himalayan bear, or merely the clever work of hoaxers.

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But what makes the story of the Yeti compelling is that sightings have been regularly recorded

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for over a thousand years with nearly identical descriptions.

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With a rash of recent sightings coming out of the region, this story was begging to be

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investigated.

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Casey would be our lead cameraman, Brad would serve as our field producer, and Araceli

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joined us as lead assistant.

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My team and I packed up our cameras, investigation equipment, and a lot of warm clothes.

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I traveled 22 hours from Los Angeles to Kathmandu, Nepal.

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Due to the really cold weather we're going to be facing, we have obviously a lot of

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gear with us.

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What's in here?

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This is what we call a Yeti.

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There's four airport officials looking over our documents again and again and again, trying

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to figure out some way to build a few dollars out of us.

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Everything's in order, but they keep going through it, being like, how can we charge

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these guys a million dollars to leave this airport?

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Yeah, no, just regular stuff.

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You got some pens, you got some duct tape, you have night vision scopes.

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If we catch a Yeti, we're going to duct tape them to the tree somewhere over here.

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Welcome to Nepal.

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We were finally able to leave the airport without being charged.

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Located more than a mile above sea level, Kathmandu is the gateway to Mount Everest

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and has become a shopping mecca for trekkers and climbers.

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Do you have any trekking gear here?

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Here, some over there, some down there.

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Oh, I see it now.

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I purchased some necessary gear and headed straight for a meeting with Dr. Swayam Prakesh

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Sreshta, an acclaimed Nepalese primatologist and expert on Himalayan wildlife.

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What do you make of these stories that people come forward with?

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People say that somebody I've seen the Yeti is highly possible that that kind of creature

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may exist.

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Some people say that some animal have extinct, but we are seeing it now.

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It's reemerged.

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So it's possible that 80-like creatures exist in upper Himalayas where the land is not explored.

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So the human population is not there beyond 9,000 feet.

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Beyond 15,000, there is always the snow.

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The doctor helped narrow our search by eliminating populated low altitudes where the Yeti would

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have trouble staying off the radar, and high altitudes where harsh climate and lack of

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food supply would make life impossible.

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The area in the middle is what I like to call the Goldilocks Zone.

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Not too hot, not too cold.

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We should look between 9,000 and 50,000 feet.

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Great.

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By cross-referencing this zone with recent sighting locations, we were able to pinpoint

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a valley high in the Himalayas to set up our investigation.

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This valley represented our best possibility for success.

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The only problem was getting there.

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A lot of gear, a lot of people, not a lot of aircraft.

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Our journey to the valley where we wanted to set up our investigation required a flight

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from Kathmandu to the small mountain village of Lukla, perched at 7,000 feet.

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So my team and I chartered the next flight.

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As beautiful as the scenery was, we found out that landing a 30-year-old prop plane

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in the middle of a mountain range is a lot like the backside of a Yeti, a little hairy.

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It's really, really narrow in here, not a lot of room for air.

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Yeah!

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Yeah!

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That's how you do it!

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We had arrived in Lukla, a remote village bustling with Sherpas, Everest Hopefuls,

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and some of the world's best shopping.

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Well, not so much.

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As though the harrowing flight to 7,000 feet wasn't journey enough, we were still a four-day

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uphill trek to the valley where we'd set up our investigation, a small price to pay to

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get to ground zero of this story.

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Can we get all the Yeti jokes out right now?

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00:05:10,080 --> 00:05:11,080

Yeah, the Yeti.

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00:05:11,080 --> 00:05:12,080

Are we there, Yeti?

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00:05:12,080 --> 00:05:13,080

Okay, we got them all.

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00:05:13,080 --> 00:05:14,080

All the Yeti jokes are out.

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Let's do it.

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I want to eat some spaghetti.

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Spaghetti?

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Dr. Srescht's enthusiasm for the possibility of the Yeti's existence was intriguing to me,

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and countless stunning vistas in many miles later are elevation past 10,000 feet,

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and my crack team, well, they started seeing things.

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You see it?

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Right here.

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Where's the binocular?

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Right here.

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Boom, right there, it's out in the open.

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Yeah.

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00:05:40,080 --> 00:05:41,080

See it?

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00:05:41,080 --> 00:05:43,080

It's kind of traversing across this way.

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00:05:43,080 --> 00:05:45,080

Let's move it quick.

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Guys, it's a cow.

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We pressed on, and after getting past the brutal rush hour cow traffic, we hiked another

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four hours and arrived at the village of Namche.

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Any of you guys seen the Yeti?

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I talked to numerous believers in the streets.

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Yes, you believe?

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You do believe?

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Have you seen the Yeti?

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You know Yeti?

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No?

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00:06:10,080 --> 00:06:11,080

Okay.

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I can't win them all.

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I was eventually led to a village elder who claimed to have had a recent encounter.

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He saw a live Yeti.

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And what did the Yeti look like?

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00:06:21,080 --> 00:06:27,080

Like a monkey with no tail.

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00:06:27,080 --> 00:06:30,080

And does he think that this looks like a Yeti?

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You mind if I stay down?

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All joking aside, the man told me that if I hiked three miles west, I'd come to where

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00:06:38,080 --> 00:06:39,080

he spotted the beast.

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With darkness upon us, I was here for the night, and since Namche isn't exactly known

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00:06:43,080 --> 00:06:48,080

for its wild nightlife, I decided to make use of my time here and check out the man's

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00:06:48,080 --> 00:06:51,080

story before setting out for our investigation site the next day.

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My plan was to brave the subzero temperatures with Brad and Casey, and together we'd look

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for any visual evidence of the creature.

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Since we'd been told the creature is nocturnal, I used the fleer thermal imager as our eyes

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in the dark.

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The nice thing about using the thermal imager out here is that everything in the surrounding

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00:07:06,080 --> 00:07:11,080

area is so cold that anything alive just gives off this really vibrant signature.

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00:07:11,080 --> 00:07:15,080

Brad kept an eye out for footprints or physical evidence, and Casey used a camera equipped

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00:07:15,080 --> 00:07:20,080

with a night vision astroscope, a military grade unit that intensifies available light,

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00:07:20,080 --> 00:07:24,080

allowing him to capture on video anything we encountered along the way.

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00:07:24,080 --> 00:07:27,080

There's something giving off heat at the top, but I think it's just a remnant from the

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00:07:27,080 --> 00:07:28,080

day.

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00:07:28,080 --> 00:07:31,080

Certain things kind of hold the heat.

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00:07:31,080 --> 00:07:33,080

Yeah, whatever it is, looks stationary.

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00:07:33,080 --> 00:07:34,080

All right.

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00:07:34,080 --> 00:07:35,080

Whoa!

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00:07:35,080 --> 00:07:36,080

You okay?

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00:07:36,080 --> 00:07:37,080

This stuff is slippery.

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00:07:37,080 --> 00:07:41,080

I'm going to head up this way about two, three hundred yards.

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00:07:41,080 --> 00:07:42,080

Yeah, check that out.

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00:07:42,080 --> 00:07:43,080

See what you see over there.

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00:07:43,080 --> 00:07:45,080

I'm going to go open this ravine a little bit more and see what I see.

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00:07:45,080 --> 00:07:46,080

Okay.

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00:07:46,080 --> 00:07:51,080

What is that?

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00:07:51,080 --> 00:07:52,080

Hey Josh.

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00:07:52,080 --> 00:07:53,080

Josh, you there?

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00:07:53,080 --> 00:07:54,080

This is Josh coming.

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00:07:54,080 --> 00:07:55,080

Josh, you there?

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00:07:55,080 --> 00:07:56,080

Josh, you there?

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00:07:56,080 --> 00:07:57,080

Josh, you there?

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Josh, you there?

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Josh, you there?

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Josh, you there?

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Josh, you there?

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00:08:01,080 --> 00:08:02,080

Josh, you there?

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00:08:02,080 --> 00:08:03,080

Josh, come in.

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00:08:03,080 --> 00:08:07,080

I think I found an entrance to a cave.

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00:08:07,080 --> 00:08:08,080

All right, hang back outside.

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00:08:08,080 --> 00:08:10,080

I'm going to double back with a thermal imager.

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00:08:10,080 --> 00:08:11,080

We should be able to get a better reading.

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00:08:11,080 --> 00:08:12,080

I'm coming towards you now.

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00:08:12,080 --> 00:08:15,080

Believe me, I'm not going in there until you get a reading on that thing.

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Probably a good idea, Brad.

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00:08:16,080 --> 00:08:26,080

A lot of folks around here think, yeah, he's living in caves.

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That is a cave, yeah?

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00:08:27,080 --> 00:08:28,080

That's a cave.

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00:08:28,080 --> 00:08:30,080

There's droppings right here.

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00:08:30,080 --> 00:08:31,080

Where?

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00:08:31,080 --> 00:08:33,080

Right outside the door.

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00:08:33,080 --> 00:08:35,080

I have no droppings expert.

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00:08:35,080 --> 00:08:37,080

But that's the sh\*\* of the Yeti?

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00:08:37,080 --> 00:08:40,080

Yeah, but this is some big droppings.

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00:08:40,080 --> 00:08:41,080

Okay.

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00:08:41,080 --> 00:08:44,080

Getting any readings.

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00:08:44,080 --> 00:08:50,080

There is kind of a strong smell.

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00:08:50,080 --> 00:08:55,080

There's droppings outside of it, so slow and steady.

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Anybody hears anything?

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00:08:56,080 --> 00:08:57,080

Anybody hears any movement?

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00:08:57,080 --> 00:08:58,080

Seize anything?

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00:08:58,080 --> 00:09:00,080

You should be super careful.

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00:09:00,080 --> 00:09:01,080

It's funny stuff.

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00:09:01,080 --> 00:09:03,080

It isn't a Yeti that lives up in caves here.

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00:09:03,080 --> 00:09:06,080

Like Himalayan brown bears.

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00:09:06,080 --> 00:09:09,080

That's not funny.

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00:09:09,080 --> 00:09:12,080

Well, hold on a second.

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00:09:12,080 --> 00:09:13,080

What's the plan?

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00:09:13,080 --> 00:09:16,080

It's where I get my face ripped off like a bear.

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00:09:16,080 --> 00:09:17,080

Jesus.

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00:09:17,080 --> 00:09:18,080

Okay.

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00:09:18,080 --> 00:09:44,080

It's like Charles vorne,

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00:09:44,080 --> 00:09:45,080

his face.

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00:09:45,080 --> 00:09:46,080

Oh, yeah.

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00:09:46,080 --> 00:09:49,080

like Himalayan brown bears.

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00:09:49,080 --> 00:09:52,080

That's not funny.

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00:09:52,080 --> 00:09:56,080

Oh, yeah.

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00:10:04,080 --> 00:10:06,080

Pretty tight quarters.

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00:10:08,080 --> 00:10:11,080

I got some fabric of some sort over here.

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00:10:11,080 --> 00:10:14,080

What the hell's an old coat doing in here?

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00:10:17,080 --> 00:10:22,080

Brad, this is Josh over.

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00:10:22,080 --> 00:10:24,080

Go ahead, Josh.

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00:10:24,080 --> 00:10:26,080

Cave opens up quite a bit in here.

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00:10:26,080 --> 00:10:29,080

I see the remains of what looks like a shredded coat.

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00:10:29,080 --> 00:10:32,080

I'm also getting a lot of leaves and debris.

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00:10:32,080 --> 00:10:36,080

I think farther back it must open up again to the outside.

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00:10:41,080 --> 00:10:43,080

Whoa, whoa, whoa.

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00:10:44,080 --> 00:10:46,080

More cave here.

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00:10:56,080 --> 00:10:58,080

Brad, this is Josh. Come in.

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00:10:58,080 --> 00:11:00,080

Go ahead, Josh.

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00:11:00,080 --> 00:11:03,080

I followed the cave down as far as I can.

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00:11:03,080 --> 00:11:06,080

It's just dry, dusty and rocky.

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00:11:06,080 --> 00:11:07,080

It's pretty big, though.

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00:11:07,080 --> 00:11:10,080

There is an opening that goes up to the outside.

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There doesn't seem to be any evidence of anything living in here.

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00:11:14,080 --> 00:11:18,080

Some of this debris looks like it maybe is arranged for nesting.

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00:11:18,080 --> 00:11:20,080

I don't know, but if something was living here, it's gone now.

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00:11:20,080 --> 00:11:21,080

All right, copy that.

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00:11:21,080 --> 00:11:22,080

You're going to come out this way.

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00:11:22,080 --> 00:11:24,080

You're going to go out the other side where it opens up.

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00:11:24,080 --> 00:11:26,080

I think it's too steep where it opens up.

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00:11:26,080 --> 00:11:28,080

We're going to track back the way we came.

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00:11:28,080 --> 00:11:31,080

Try to grab the remains of this coat on the way back out.

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00:11:32,080 --> 00:11:34,080

God.

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00:11:36,080 --> 00:11:38,080

Little dusty.

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00:11:38,080 --> 00:11:40,080

Definitely spooky back there.

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00:11:41,080 --> 00:11:44,080

The pants are pretty solid-wrapped.

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00:11:44,080 --> 00:11:46,080

It's a little weird, though, that there's like...

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00:11:46,080 --> 00:11:49,080

Oh, there's no human remains in there underneath all this.

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00:11:49,080 --> 00:11:50,080

I mean, I looked around.

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00:11:50,080 --> 00:11:52,080

It's coat pants and underwear, basically.

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00:11:52,080 --> 00:11:53,080

A bit hard to tell.

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00:11:53,080 --> 00:11:55,080

What to make of this?

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00:11:55,080 --> 00:11:58,080

Let's sweep back, see if we see anything else.

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00:11:58,080 --> 00:12:02,080

I mean, the cold and the altitude are already chewing up most of our batteries.

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With camera batteries blinking red,

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00:12:04,080 --> 00:12:08,080

our search for the Yeti hadn't exactly turned up what I call compelling evidence.

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00:12:08,080 --> 00:12:12,080

And unless the abominable snowman has a habit of keeping a set of moldy clothes around

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00:12:12,080 --> 00:12:15,080

for special occasions, I'd say we haven't found squad.

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00:12:15,080 --> 00:12:17,080

That's it for homeboys.

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00:12:20,080 --> 00:12:22,080

We're getting here for another day.

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00:12:22,080 --> 00:12:23,080

Headed even higher.

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00:12:23,080 --> 00:12:25,080

I'll put it in a Himalayas.

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00:12:25,080 --> 00:12:29,080

The majority of Yeti sightings come from these trails leading to the base of Everest.

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My team and I were systematically searching in the promising altitude of around 11,000 feet

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00:12:34,080 --> 00:12:36,080

on the way to our investigation site.

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My plan was to cover as much ground as possible each day

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and look for an environment that appears to be, well, Yeti-ready.

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All right, so, I think we should keep trekking on this path,

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get off in the mountains, and start doubling back down.

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00:12:48,080 --> 00:12:50,080

There's a little thin up here.

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00:12:50,080 --> 00:12:51,080

Whoa.

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00:12:51,080 --> 00:12:53,080

I think I just stood up too fast.

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00:12:53,080 --> 00:12:56,080

Yeah, can't stand up too fast at altitude.

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00:12:56,080 --> 00:12:57,080

Good.

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00:12:57,080 --> 00:12:58,080

You all right?

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00:12:58,080 --> 00:12:59,080

I'm all right.

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00:12:59,080 --> 00:13:00,080

Sit down.

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00:13:00,080 --> 00:13:01,080

Man, I just...

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00:13:03,080 --> 00:13:07,080

Air is super thin up here, so any sort of like running, standing up quickly,

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00:13:07,080 --> 00:13:10,080

anything that just does like immediate exertion on your body.

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00:13:14,080 --> 00:13:15,080

All right.

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00:13:15,080 --> 00:13:16,080

That's just to happen more and more.

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00:13:16,080 --> 00:13:18,080

Everything went boom.

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00:13:19,080 --> 00:13:23,080

My team feeling woozy and Everest only a day's hike away,

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00:13:23,080 --> 00:13:26,080

I was reminded that nearly 200 people have perished,

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00:13:26,080 --> 00:13:28,080

summitting the world's tallest peak,

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00:13:28,080 --> 00:13:31,080

a sobering fact of how unforgiving this region can be.

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00:13:33,080 --> 00:13:34,080

So, Dower, you are our lead Sherpa.

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00:13:34,080 --> 00:13:35,080

Yes.

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00:13:35,080 --> 00:13:37,080

How do you feel about the Yeti? Do you believe in it?

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00:13:37,080 --> 00:13:38,080

I believe in Yeti's.

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00:13:38,080 --> 00:13:39,080

Do you believe in it?

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00:13:39,080 --> 00:13:40,080

Yes.

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00:13:40,080 --> 00:13:41,080

But you've never seen one yourself?

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00:13:41,080 --> 00:13:42,080

I never seen it, but I heard.

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00:13:42,080 --> 00:13:44,080

Yeti's been a part of the whole world.

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00:13:44,080 --> 00:13:45,080

I've never seen it.

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00:13:45,080 --> 00:13:46,080

I've never seen it.

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00:13:46,080 --> 00:13:47,080

I've never seen it, but I heard.

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00:13:47,080 --> 00:13:49,080

Yeti's head is a monastery.

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00:13:49,080 --> 00:13:50,080

The head of a Yeti?

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00:13:50,080 --> 00:13:51,080

Yeah.

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00:13:51,080 --> 00:13:56,080

Several years ago, controversial Yeti remains were mysteriously stolen from local monks.

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00:13:56,080 --> 00:13:59,080

One monastery still had a sample under lock and key

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00:13:59,080 --> 00:14:02,080

and was only an hour's side trip off our current route.

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00:14:03,080 --> 00:14:07,080

Two miles and six blisters later, my team and I arrived at the monastery.

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00:14:07,080 --> 00:14:11,080

Though we were told by our Sherpas that we would have no problem getting into the monastery,

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00:14:11,080 --> 00:14:15,080

our cameras were not well received by the normally reclusive monks.

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00:14:16,080 --> 00:14:18,080

I'm not sure if I can get into the monastery.

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00:14:18,080 --> 00:14:19,080

I'm not sure.

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00:14:19,080 --> 00:14:20,080

I'm not sure.

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00:14:20,080 --> 00:14:21,080

No, no, no.

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00:14:21,080 --> 00:14:22,080

No, no, no.

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00:14:22,080 --> 00:14:23,080

No, no, no.

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00:14:23,080 --> 00:14:24,080

No, no, no.

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00:14:24,080 --> 00:14:25,080

No, no, no.

306

00:14:25,080 --> 00:14:26,080

Hey, hey, hey.

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00:14:26,080 --> 00:14:27,080

Easy, easy, easy.

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00:14:27,080 --> 00:14:28,080

I said it's good luck.

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00:14:28,080 --> 00:14:29,080

I'm not sure.

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00:14:29,080 --> 00:14:30,080

I'm not sure.

311

00:14:30,080 --> 00:14:33,080

Can we talk to him about the possibility of getting around with us?

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00:14:33,080 --> 00:14:34,080

We're not sure.

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00:14:34,080 --> 00:14:35,080

We're not sure.

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00:14:35,080 --> 00:14:36,080

We're not sure.

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00:14:36,080 --> 00:14:37,080

We're not sure.

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00:14:37,080 --> 00:14:40,080

When he talks to us, this guy seems to be a little crazy.

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00:14:40,080 --> 00:14:41,080

So we were lost.

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00:14:41,080 --> 00:14:42,080

What would give you that idea?

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00:14:42,080 --> 00:14:44,080

That he almost threw rock at my face?

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00:14:44,080 --> 00:14:45,080

No.

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00:14:45,080 --> 00:14:46,080

We're not sure.

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00:14:46,080 --> 00:14:47,080

Okay, let me go.

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00:14:47,080 --> 00:14:49,080

So, they're tossing us out.

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00:14:51,080 --> 00:14:54,080

We've got to figure out a way in there.

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00:14:57,080 --> 00:14:58,080

Don't mind your own.

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00:14:58,080 --> 00:14:59,080

Get ready.

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00:14:59,080 --> 00:15:00,080

No possible.

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00:15:00,080 --> 00:15:01,080

No, no, no.

329

00:15:01,080 --> 00:15:02,080

No, no, no.

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00:15:02,080 --> 00:15:03,080

No, no, no.

331

00:15:03,080 --> 00:15:04,080

Hey, hey.

332

00:15:04,080 --> 00:15:05,080

Easy.

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00:15:05,080 --> 00:15:06,080

Easy.

334

00:15:06,080 --> 00:15:07,080

Easy.

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00:15:07,080 --> 00:15:08,080

Easy.

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00:15:08,080 --> 00:15:09,080

I said it's good luck.

337

00:15:09,080 --> 00:15:10,080

No, no, no.

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00:15:10,080 --> 00:15:11,080

Keep me out of here.

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00:15:11,080 --> 00:15:12,080

We'll talk to him.

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00:15:12,080 --> 00:15:28,080

We learned that several monks who lived in the village comprised a committee that held

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00:15:28,080 --> 00:15:30,860

the power to grant us access to the monastery.

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00:15:30,860 --> 00:15:34,780

The problem was the committee only meets once a month, and these guys are not exactly

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00:15:34,780 --> 00:15:39,200

listed in the Yellow Pages.

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00:15:39,200 --> 00:15:43,080

As night fell, it seemed like we'd reached a dead end with the dead Yeti, but out of

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00:15:43,080 --> 00:15:46,160

nowhere a mysterious girl approached us.

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00:15:46,160 --> 00:15:53,000

I can help you because we are coming for good intentions, but you have to require the permission

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00:15:53,000 --> 00:15:55,000

from committee.

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00:15:55,000 --> 00:16:01,560

You want to talk to them and see if you can convince them that our intentions are good.

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00:16:01,560 --> 00:16:04,920

If you could on our behalf speak to the four committee members that are here, and we'll

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00:16:04,920 --> 00:16:06,800

see if there's any progress.

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00:16:06,800 --> 00:16:07,560

Thank you very much.

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00:16:10,200 --> 00:16:14,800

Since we were here for the night, all we could do was sit, wait, and hope that our

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00:16:14,800 --> 00:16:17,200

mystery girl could pull off a miracle.

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00:16:17,200 --> 00:16:22,040

Okay, so maybe it didn't qualify as a real miracle, but the mystery girl did come through

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00:16:22,040 --> 00:16:23,040

for us.

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00:16:23,040 --> 00:16:26,880

She spoke to the committee and they granted us permission to see what they say is the

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00:16:26,880 --> 00:16:28,880

scalp of a Yeti.

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00:16:28,880 --> 00:16:31,440

Where's my buddy with the rock?

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00:16:31,440 --> 00:16:34,800

Yeah, that's the first guy I want to talk to.

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00:16:34,800 --> 00:16:35,800

Here he comes.

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00:16:35,800 --> 00:16:36,800

Namaste.

362

00:16:36,800 --> 00:16:37,800

Hello.

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00:16:37,800 --> 00:16:39,800

Are you friendly still?

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00:16:39,800 --> 00:16:40,800

Yeah.

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00:16:40,800 --> 00:16:41,800

Not the warmest one.

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00:16:41,800 --> 00:16:47,800

If this scalp is real, that would be huge.

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00:16:47,800 --> 00:16:50,800

An Yeti is here.

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00:16:50,800 --> 00:16:52,800

It's an idea.

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00:17:07,800 --> 00:17:10,800

How old is this supposed to be?

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00:17:10,800 --> 00:17:12,800

400 years.

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00:17:12,800 --> 00:17:15,800

We're using this for the big ceremony here.

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00:17:15,800 --> 00:17:16,800

Very important.

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00:17:16,800 --> 00:17:20,800

We have to wear this to make it scary of the...

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00:17:20,800 --> 00:17:27,520

So someone from the village actually dons the scalp and wears it in a ceremony to ward

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00:17:27,520 --> 00:17:28,520

off evil.

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00:17:28,520 --> 00:17:30,800

But do you believe today there are still Yetis alive?

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00:17:30,800 --> 00:17:31,800

Yes.

378

00:17:31,800 --> 00:17:37,400

One of my auntie is a cow dupati, Yeti, and she threw down the river and she killed

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00:17:37,400 --> 00:17:39,000

about four Yaks.

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00:17:39,000 --> 00:17:42,760

I couldn't tell through the glass if this scalp was real or not, let alone if it was

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00:17:42,760 --> 00:17:43,760

from a Yeti.

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00:17:43,760 --> 00:17:47,400

I needed to convince them to give me a sample so I could test the DNA.

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00:17:47,400 --> 00:17:50,400

Is it possible for me to touch the scalp?

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00:17:50,400 --> 00:17:53,360

Well, I'm not allowed to touch.

385

00:17:53,360 --> 00:17:54,440

We don't even need to touch it.

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00:17:54,440 --> 00:17:58,040

If you could give us one hair, we'll be on our way.

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00:17:58,040 --> 00:17:59,880

One hair, that's all we ask.

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00:17:59,880 --> 00:18:00,880

What for?

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00:18:00,880 --> 00:18:03,000

To prove your story to the world.

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00:18:03,000 --> 00:18:05,240

Doesn't matter whatever you think.

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00:18:05,240 --> 00:18:09,000

Because this is our monastery, this is our Yeti scalp.

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00:18:09,000 --> 00:18:11,720

We don't care where other people, whatever they say.

393

00:18:11,720 --> 00:18:13,480

No matter what anyone says it's real.

394

00:18:13,480 --> 00:18:14,480

Yeah.

395

00:18:14,480 --> 00:18:15,480

Yes.

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00:18:15,480 --> 00:18:17,080

We were on difficult ground.

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00:18:17,080 --> 00:18:21,000

This scalp was bordering on being a religious artifact and no amount of pleading was going

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00:18:21,000 --> 00:18:23,400

to convince them to let me touch their idol.

399

00:18:23,400 --> 00:18:24,400

Okay.

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00:18:24,400 --> 00:18:28,520

Luckily, the river where Yeti supposedly attacked the man's aunt was within our investigation

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00:18:28,520 --> 00:18:31,120

target zone and only a few miles away.

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00:18:31,120 --> 00:18:34,640

Although at this altitude a few miles feels like the Boston Marathon.

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00:18:34,640 --> 00:18:38,600

We rested and set off at first light to find the river.

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00:18:38,600 --> 00:18:42,160

We found the exact location of the alleged attack right in the middle of the valley we

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00:18:42,160 --> 00:18:44,000

have been trekking towards.

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00:18:44,000 --> 00:18:47,960

Reports say that this seven foot tall half man half ape forages along the riverbank at

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00:18:47,960 --> 00:18:49,120

night.

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00:18:49,120 --> 00:18:52,480

So my plan was to set up our night vision cameras along the water's edge.

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00:18:52,480 --> 00:18:56,360

Casey and Brad would stay at base camp and monitor the cameras while I combed the forest

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00:18:56,360 --> 00:18:59,320

along the river using the FLIR thermal imager.

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00:18:59,320 --> 00:19:03,480

Along with our Sherpa tool, Araceli would join me as a second set of eyes, ears and

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00:19:03,480 --> 00:19:04,480

human bait.

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00:19:04,480 --> 00:19:09,280

We were looking for any evidence of the Yeti if a face to face meeting couldn't be arranged.

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00:19:09,280 --> 00:19:10,280

Be real careful here, Araceli.

415

00:19:10,280 --> 00:19:12,760

This is a pretty good place to slip.

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00:19:12,760 --> 00:19:16,720

Araceli and I headed farther down river and farther from our base camp.

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00:19:16,720 --> 00:19:19,800

The belief is that it hibernates during the day, possibly in caves, and that it comes

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00:19:19,800 --> 00:19:22,320

out at night to forage and feed.

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00:19:22,320 --> 00:19:25,320

And so really coming out in darkness is the best way to crack a finding.

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00:19:29,320 --> 00:19:36,320

Are you okay?

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00:19:36,320 --> 00:19:39,320

Yeah.

422

00:19:39,320 --> 00:19:44,320

So this water is running really quickly and it is ice cold so just watch your foot into

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00:19:44,320 --> 00:19:45,320

the rocks.

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00:19:45,320 --> 00:19:50,320

You're now in the Rapids.

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00:19:50,320 --> 00:19:55,320

Is this our track?

426

00:19:55,320 --> 00:20:02,320

I think we're up.

427

00:20:02,320 --> 00:20:05,320

I have to do those trees?

428

00:20:05,320 --> 00:20:07,320

I don't know.

429

00:20:07,320 --> 00:20:10,320

It's still in the back.

430

00:20:10,320 --> 00:20:15,320

Hold that dash.

431

00:20:15,320 --> 00:20:18,320

We lost the trail there for a second.

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00:20:18,320 --> 00:20:19,320

Is this it?

433

00:20:19,320 --> 00:20:20,320

Are we good?

434

00:20:20,320 --> 00:20:22,320

Yeah, we lost the trail for a second.

435

00:20:22,320 --> 00:20:29,320

Josh, this isn't right.

436

00:20:29,320 --> 00:20:32,320

Is this right?

437

00:20:32,320 --> 00:20:39,320

Yeah, this is right.

438

00:20:39,320 --> 00:20:40,320

Whoa.

439

00:20:40,320 --> 00:20:42,320

What was that?

440

00:20:42,320 --> 00:20:44,320

Wait a minute.

441

00:20:44,320 --> 00:20:47,320

I can't get any further.

442

00:20:47,320 --> 00:20:52,320

I don't know.

443

00:20:52,320 --> 00:20:54,320

I'll just go back down.

444

00:20:54,320 --> 00:20:57,320

I'm just hanging right there.

445

00:20:57,320 --> 00:21:00,320

I'm just waiting for the rain.

446

00:21:00,320 --> 00:21:05,320

It's almost dark but there's no mistake here.

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00:21:05,320 --> 00:21:10,320

It's like something is shuffled down.

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00:21:10,320 --> 00:21:12,320

Base camp to Josh.

449

00:21:12,320 --> 00:21:13,320

Hold up.

450

00:21:13,320 --> 00:21:15,320

Give me a second.

451

00:21:15,320 --> 00:21:16,320

Let's do this.

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00:21:16,320 --> 00:21:18,320

Let's get...

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00:21:18,320 --> 00:21:22,320

I have nowhere to go down there.

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00:21:22,320 --> 00:21:24,320

I'm scared to walk.

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00:21:24,320 --> 00:21:26,320

I mean we're kind of trapped here.

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00:21:26,320 --> 00:21:30,320

The clear's still not picking up anything.

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00:21:30,320 --> 00:21:32,320

Mobile base camp, command base camp.

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00:21:32,320 --> 00:21:33,320

Yeah, I'm here Josh.

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00:21:33,320 --> 00:21:34,320

Go ahead.

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00:21:34,320 --> 00:21:35,320

Sorry about that.

461

00:21:35,320 --> 00:21:37,320

We just had something bumping around in the woods.

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00:21:37,320 --> 00:21:38,320

Unmistakably.

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00:21:38,320 --> 00:21:39,320

Something's moving.

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00:21:39,320 --> 00:21:41,320

I don't know what it is.

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00:21:41,320 --> 00:21:45,320

It's not like something big or just a small wrestling.

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00:21:45,320 --> 00:21:46,320

Big.

467

00:21:46,320 --> 00:21:47,320

I don't know.

468

00:21:47,320 --> 00:21:50,320

A little hard to tell but definitely big, big,

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00:21:50,320 --> 00:21:53,320

twig crack and some trees moving for a second.

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00:21:53,320 --> 00:21:54,320

I hear you Josh.

471

00:21:54,320 --> 00:21:56,320

I got nothing on the monitor so...

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00:21:56,320 --> 00:21:59,320

There's a reduce in the sand.

473

00:21:59,320 --> 00:22:01,320

We'll put trees in a few.

474

00:22:01,320 --> 00:22:02,320

Okay, thanks guys.

475

00:22:02,320 --> 00:22:04,320

Let's get up and go to the other side of the bank

476

00:22:04,320 --> 00:22:06,320

and see if we can see anything.

477

00:22:12,320 --> 00:22:13,320

Whoa.

478

00:22:16,320 --> 00:22:18,320

For real, I just saw something.

479

00:22:18,320 --> 00:22:19,320

I had something on the clear.

480

00:22:19,320 --> 00:22:21,320

It just vanished but I had something for sure.

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00:22:22,320 --> 00:22:24,320

It was moving, it moved from left to right

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00:22:24,320 --> 00:22:26,320

and it was walking upright.

483

00:22:35,320 --> 00:22:36,320

There's a lift drop here.

484

00:22:36,320 --> 00:22:37,320

Okay.

485

00:22:41,320 --> 00:22:46,320

It must have moved on.

486

00:22:46,320 --> 00:22:47,320

What's up, tool?

487

00:22:50,320 --> 00:22:51,320

What?

488

00:23:01,320 --> 00:23:03,320

Selly, get over here right now.

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00:23:03,320 --> 00:23:05,320

Get a camera over here right now.

490

00:23:05,320 --> 00:23:06,320

What's that?

491

00:23:06,320 --> 00:23:08,320

There is a footprint down here.

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00:23:08,320 --> 00:23:09,320

Oh my God.

493

00:23:10,320 --> 00:23:11,320

What is this?

494

00:23:11,320 --> 00:23:13,320

There's a footprint down here.

495

00:23:13,320 --> 00:23:14,320

Okay.

496

00:23:14,320 --> 00:23:15,320

Okay.

497

00:23:15,320 --> 00:23:17,320

Let's see if we can see anything.

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00:23:17,320 --> 00:23:18,320

Okay.

499

00:23:18,320 --> 00:23:19,320

Let's see.

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00:23:19,320 --> 00:23:20,320

Okay.

501

00:23:21,320 --> 00:23:22,320

Okay.

502

00:23:22,320 --> 00:23:24,320

Let's see if we can see anything.

503

00:23:24,320 --> 00:23:25,320

Okay.

504

00:23:25,320 --> 00:23:26,320

Okay.

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00:23:26,320 --> 00:23:27,320

Okay.

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00:23:27,320 --> 00:23:28,320

Okay.

507

00:23:28,320 --> 00:23:29,320

Okay.

508

00:23:29,320 --> 00:23:30,320

Okay.

509

00:23:30,320 --> 00:23:31,320

Okay.

510

00:23:31,320 --> 00:23:32,320

I did it.

511

00:23:32,320 --> 00:23:33,320

Okay.

512

00:23:33,320 --> 00:23:34,320

Okay.

513

00:23:34,320 --> 00:23:35,320

Okay.

514

00:23:35,320 --> 00:23:37,320

One, two, three.

515

00:23:37,320 --> 00:23:38,320

Okay.

516

00:23:38,320 --> 00:23:43,780

Is that that is a huge footprint tool found it straight up?

517

00:23:43,780 --> 00:23:45,780

I don't even know what to say about that

518

00:23:52,720 --> 00:23:58,060

Do we have casting powder with us no DT to base camp come in base camp

519

00:24:03,120 --> 00:24:07,140

No joke my friend we need that casting powder down here now

520

00:24:09,320 --> 00:24:13,860

We're down if you check down that long trail down that brick bread

521

00:24:18,120 --> 00:24:23,700

There's no way to describe it then a giant footprint in fact there's two of them the other ones only partially form

522

00:24:23,940 --> 00:24:26,280

It's sitting here. There's a bunch of mud down here

523

00:24:27,080 --> 00:24:29,080

But it's a giant footprint

524

00:24:30,760 --> 00:24:35,320

All right, we're on our way we're on our way evidence kit you got it

525

00:24:36,080 --> 00:24:38,080

Where's the casting powder?

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00:24:38,320 --> 00:24:43,200

I think it's gonna be a long night, but this is kind of what it's all about for us. So we just got to get down there

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00:24:44,400 --> 00:24:48,700

Josh is this base camp we are on our way to you guys now. It's gonna take us a little while to get there

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00:24:48,700 --> 00:24:50,700

That's like obviously how's that print looking?

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00:24:51,480 --> 00:24:54,920

Phenomenal the only problem we got now is that a little bit of mist is starting to come down

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00:24:54,920 --> 00:24:56,920

So we had a limited amount of time to cast this thing

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00:24:57,760 --> 00:25:04,380

We're on our way right now, man. We're gonna double time it get down there as fast as we can cover it with whatever you have

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00:25:05,120 --> 00:25:08,200

Keep yourselves warm. We're all pretty excited up here

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00:25:09,040 --> 00:25:11,040

You

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00:25:11,400 --> 00:25:14,400

Guys be super careful coming down here. There's a lot of drop-offs

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00:25:16,400 --> 00:25:18,400

It's Christmas morning

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00:25:21,440 --> 00:25:27,060

One two are you kidding I'm not kidding you

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00:25:27,060 --> 00:25:29,680

Well, I thought I was like I was amazed and I was first all out

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00:25:30,080 --> 00:25:33,120

This just looks so good. Let me start mixing the cast and powder

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00:25:33,720 --> 00:25:35,720

I

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00:25:37,280 --> 00:25:39,280

We know that the rain is gonna be here soon

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00:25:39,800 --> 00:25:45,000

Let's take a few people very carefully and start walking this perimeter seeing if they see any other print

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00:25:45,400 --> 00:25:48,200

step on hard rocks only anything that soil

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00:25:49,240 --> 00:25:52,240

Avoid it case we need to get that casting powder print

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00:25:53,080 --> 00:25:57,080

These look fresh. Let's get the casting done so we can keep looking for whatever might have made these prints

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00:25:57,080 --> 00:26:02,080

So we want you and I cruise around this perimeter up here. These guys are gonna do the casting pattern. Yeah

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00:26:03,120 --> 00:26:06,320

Let's go look mix it mix it mix it

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00:26:09,480 --> 00:26:11,480

This thing is so big

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00:26:14,640 --> 00:26:20,520

I mean just a couple of observations before we start to cast this thing first of all you can test the fact that this is really hard

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00:26:20,760 --> 00:26:24,920

Very for something to bear down this deep little on that deep

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00:26:25,600 --> 00:26:27,280

It's pretty impressive

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00:26:27,280 --> 00:26:30,040

And it looks to me like in the tops of the tow prints

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00:26:30,040 --> 00:26:35,040

They kind of drag out like they kind of lift it out. It's like lighter lighter sands fits out

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00:26:35,040 --> 00:26:37,440

Yeah, like it kind of sat and then went up

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00:26:49,240 --> 00:26:51,680

So warm walking through our casting powder

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00:26:55,960 --> 00:26:58,680

You guys there's a footprint right here

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00:26:59,560 --> 00:27:05,480

No where near as clear as back here, but it does look like something stepped in here maybe back here

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00:27:05,480 --> 00:27:09,040

Yeah, like that's how you it's gonna be in line with the back

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00:27:09,640 --> 00:27:16,360

Yeah, it is and this ground is a lot harder up here way harder way more and it's drier. It's drier bigger rocks

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00:27:16,920 --> 00:27:21,800

For sure that looks like a problem for him as well. So right foot right foot right here. Yeah

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00:27:22,280 --> 00:27:24,280

So if you will walk that's a huge

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00:27:24,960 --> 00:27:26,960

Drive big

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00:27:28,680 --> 00:27:33,400

We got a couple minutes while this thing sets. Let's talk about this skeptic would say one of a couple things

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00:27:33,480 --> 00:27:35,240

It's an overlapping print

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00:27:35,240 --> 00:27:40,200

Usually those overlapping prints tend to be squatter because a bear has more of a rounded paw and

it kind of steps within it

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00:27:40,200 --> 00:27:42,440

Twice to elongate it, but it doesn't have this really

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00:27:42,840 --> 00:27:44,840

characteristically, you know

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00:27:45,040 --> 00:27:46,680

human looking foot

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00:27:46,680 --> 00:27:52,400

But the other thing that a skeptic would say is that somebody made this maybe the Sherpa made it, but there's no footprints around it

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00:27:53,120 --> 00:27:59,520

Hang an upside down for this giant Yeti print maker his giant Yeti stamp and I'm happy to call something

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00:28:00,160 --> 00:28:06,360

You know bogus if I see it bogus anytime any day of the week, but I legitimately don't have an

explanation for it

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00:28:08,880 --> 00:28:11,760

Guys let's get this casting done so we can continue investigating

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00:28:23,360 --> 00:28:25,360

How's it coming?

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00:28:38,160 --> 00:28:42,160

It's not every day you get to do that I say something we clean this thing up it's going to be in the box

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00:28:43,760 --> 00:28:45,760

Now see if I will need this thing

575

00:28:46,160 --> 00:28:51,360

Okay, so here's the plan for the first sweep I'm gonna wear the point of view camera

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00:28:52,000 --> 00:28:57,040

You have on the flare thermal imager. Yep, and we're gonna keep the group small. We're gonna sweep down the opposite ridge

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00:28:57,360 --> 00:28:58,400

Right

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00:28:58,400 --> 00:29:02,080

Across the river from where the footprints were we have cameras live on this whole area

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00:29:02,480 --> 00:29:07,840

They're recording like trap cameras. Nobody's near them. So we're gonna leave that area undisturbed cut over the opposite bank and kind of

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00:29:08,240 --> 00:29:10,240

Scatter around there. Yeah

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00:29:10,240 --> 00:29:12,240

Let's go

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00:29:13,280 --> 00:29:17,120

Alright, Brad, why don't we split up just keep your eyes open whenever made that print might still be the area

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00:29:25,760 --> 00:29:27,760

Brad for josh

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00:29:31,280 --> 00:29:36,720

Hey, josh, I peeled off to the right seems to be some sort of opening in the rock formation over here

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00:29:36,800 --> 00:29:39,280

You might want to come take a look at this. You mean you see a cave?

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00:29:39,760 --> 00:29:41,760

yeah

587

00:29:41,920 --> 00:29:45,120

Yeah, I'm just holding position here if I'm not completely screwed up

588

00:29:45,280 --> 00:29:49,440

It's about parallel to where the imprints that we found on the other side of the river work

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00:29:50,320 --> 00:29:52,320

Oh, okay

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00:29:52,400 --> 00:29:55,520

I'm gonna get eaten by a yeti. I'm gonna get eaten by a yeti

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00:30:01,040 --> 00:30:04,880

It's about parallel to where the imprints that we found on the other side of the river

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00:30:05,200 --> 00:30:07,920

I'm gonna get eaten by a yeti. I'm gonna get eaten by a yeti

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00:30:09,280 --> 00:30:12,960

I'm gonna have to get my face ripped off by a yeti.

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00:30:22,960 --> 00:30:24,960

Lot of bugs, lot of bugs.

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00:30:25,840 --> 00:30:27,500

Lot of bugs.

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00:30:27,500 --> 00:30:29,180

Lot of bugs in there.

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00:30:29,180 --> 00:30:31,920

All over my face and my mouth.

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00:30:31,920 --> 00:30:33,060

Lot of bugs.

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00:30:33,060 --> 00:30:37,120

I mean this looks like it could be a shelter.

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00:30:37,120 --> 00:30:39,620

Yeah, it's definitely a big overhang.

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00:30:39,620 --> 00:30:41,360

Look at all these snapped.

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00:30:41,360 --> 00:30:42,960

Look at this dude.

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00:30:42,960 --> 00:30:45,080

Their twigs are all snapped and they're all sort of placed

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00:30:45,080 --> 00:30:47,720

in a bunch here and a bunch here.

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00:30:47,720 --> 00:30:49,960

It does look like something snapped this stuff off.

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00:30:49,960 --> 00:30:53,520

We're almost adjacent to where the footprints were found.

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00:30:53,520 --> 00:30:55,200

Yeah, I mean at the very least this looks like it could be

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00:30:55,200 --> 00:30:56,920

kind of a makeshift shelter.

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00:30:56,920 --> 00:30:59,600

Let's try down here and see what we see.

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00:30:59,600 --> 00:31:03,600

Yeah, guys, just checking in to an update.

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00:31:04,600 --> 00:31:07,600

We're just banging around here on the edge of the tree line.

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00:31:07,600 --> 00:31:12,600

Found some broken twigs in an overhang area.

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00:31:12,600 --> 00:31:13,600

Look at it, it might have been a shelter.

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00:31:13,600 --> 00:31:15,600

We're kind of pressing on a little bit further down.

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00:31:15,600 --> 00:31:16,600

Okay, copy that.

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00:31:16,600 --> 00:31:18,600

All quiet, son.

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00:31:18,600 --> 00:31:20,600

The surveillance camera.

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00:31:21,600 --> 00:31:25,600

Let's start back up the trail and eventually we'll cross back

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00:31:25,600 --> 00:31:27,600

over to the other side of the river.

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00:31:27,600 --> 00:31:29,600

Go down to where we found the footprint.

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00:31:34,600 --> 00:31:35,600

See something?

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00:31:35,600 --> 00:31:37,600

Something hot right there.

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00:31:40,600 --> 00:31:41,600

Can't tell us.

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00:31:41,600 --> 00:31:43,600

It looks like it's moving right there.

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00:31:43,600 --> 00:31:44,600

Yeah.

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00:31:44,600 --> 00:31:47,600

That's the direction of Base Camp too, yeah?

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00:31:47,600 --> 00:31:49,600

It's the direction of Base Camp on the side where the footprints were.

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00:31:49,600 --> 00:31:51,600

This is Brad to Base.

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00:31:51,600 --> 00:31:52,600

Base, come in.

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00:31:53,600 --> 00:31:54,600

Go ahead.

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00:31:55,600 --> 00:31:58,600

We think we see something moving around on the thermal.

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00:31:58,600 --> 00:31:59,600

Kind of up towards your direction.

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00:31:59,600 --> 00:32:01,600

You guys see anything over there?

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00:32:02,600 --> 00:32:03,600

There are nothing yet.

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00:32:03,600 --> 00:32:05,600

What side of the river?

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00:32:06,600 --> 00:32:07,600

It's on your side.

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00:32:07,600 --> 00:32:10,600

We just thought we saw something cruise right past the thermal,

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00:32:10,600 --> 00:32:12,600

but we can't make out what it is.

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00:32:14,600 --> 00:32:16,600

I've got nothing as of now.

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00:32:16,600 --> 00:32:18,600

I've got two cameras on that side of the bank.

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00:32:18,600 --> 00:32:20,600

It looks a little higher up.

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00:32:20,600 --> 00:32:23,600

I wonder if it's maybe above the cameras field of view.

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00:32:23,600 --> 00:32:24,600

I don't know.

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00:32:28,600 --> 00:32:30,600

We're going to track back over towards you.

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00:32:30,600 --> 00:32:32,600

Check out that side of the river.

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00:32:32,600 --> 00:32:33,600

Got it.

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00:32:44,600 --> 00:32:46,600

Gosh, it's nothing high.

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00:32:48,600 --> 00:32:49,600

Up right there.

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00:32:55,600 --> 00:32:57,600

It just cruised right past that.

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00:32:57,600 --> 00:32:59,600

That was definitely organic and it was definitely moving.

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00:32:59,600 --> 00:33:01,600

Casey, this is Josh. Come in.

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00:33:03,600 --> 00:33:05,600

We definitely got something moving.

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00:33:05,600 --> 00:33:07,600

It's on your side of the river.

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00:33:07,600 --> 00:33:10,600

I don't know if it's above the field of view of the cameras or not,

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00:33:10,600 --> 00:33:12,600

but it just walked right past the frame.

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00:33:12,600 --> 00:33:14,600

We're going to start to get in the bank.

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00:33:14,600 --> 00:33:15,600

Start to flash by.

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00:33:15,600 --> 00:33:18,600

We're going to come back towards your side of the river.

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00:33:18,600 --> 00:33:19,600

See if we see anything.

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00:33:19,600 --> 00:33:21,600

Keep a close eye on those cameras though.

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00:33:21,600 --> 00:33:22,600

Got it.

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00:33:25,600 --> 00:33:26,600

Let's get back up there.

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00:33:26,600 --> 00:33:27,600

Yeah.

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00:33:30,600 --> 00:33:32,600

Whatever it was, it's not there anymore.

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00:33:37,600 --> 00:33:40,600

The remainder of the evening passed without incident.

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00:33:40,600 --> 00:33:42,600

Though the crew was exhausted and frozen,

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00:33:42,600 --> 00:33:45,600

we stayed up all night and took a fresh look at the entire site

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00:33:45,600 --> 00:33:48,600

under the light of day to look for additional prints and other evidence.

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00:33:48,600 --> 00:33:50,600

Watch where you step.

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00:33:50,600 --> 00:33:52,600

Never know what you might find down here.

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00:33:52,600 --> 00:33:55,600

I'm not sure if it was the cold or the lack of sleep,

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00:33:55,600 --> 00:33:58,600

but suddenly my crew came down with fear of falling.

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00:33:58,600 --> 00:34:00,600

The crew came down with footprint feet.

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00:34:00,600 --> 00:34:02,600

Is this rock here?

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00:34:02,600 --> 00:34:03,600

I don't see...

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00:34:03,600 --> 00:34:04,600

Where?

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00:34:04,600 --> 00:34:05,600

Hey Josh.

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00:34:05,600 --> 00:34:06,600

That's a boot.

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00:34:06,600 --> 00:34:07,600

That's a boot?

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00:34:07,600 --> 00:34:08,600

Yeah.

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00:34:08,600 --> 00:34:10,600

What about that right there?

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00:34:10,600 --> 00:34:12,600

We're looking at everything now.

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00:34:12,600 --> 00:34:14,600

Let's take a look at the spot where the impression was.

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00:34:14,600 --> 00:34:15,600

Yeah, for sure.

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00:34:15,600 --> 00:34:17,600

We then turned our attention to reconstructing

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00:34:17,600 --> 00:34:21,600

and explaining the mysterious footfall pattern we discovered the night before.

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00:34:23,600 --> 00:34:26,600

Downside of doing a casting is you destroy the original print, obviously,

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00:34:26,600 --> 00:34:28,600

but this is where we found everything last night.

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00:34:28,600 --> 00:34:30,600

He was here because it was up on these rocks.

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00:34:30,600 --> 00:34:31,600

Oh, why?

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00:34:31,600 --> 00:34:32,600

So that was the heel print.

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00:34:32,600 --> 00:34:34,600

The big footprint was here,

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00:34:34,600 --> 00:34:37,600

and we know we saw in the toe prints kind of a lifting.

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00:34:37,600 --> 00:34:38,600

Right.

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00:34:38,600 --> 00:34:40,600

We saw a bunch of dirt kind of mashed up that way.

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00:34:40,600 --> 00:34:41,600

Right.

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00:34:41,600 --> 00:34:43,600

And the next print is way up here,

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00:34:43,600 --> 00:34:47,600

which obviously is an uncomfortably large stride for me,

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00:34:47,600 --> 00:34:51,600

so whatever did it would have had to have been significantly taller than I am

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00:34:51,600 --> 00:34:52,600

and I'm 6'2".

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00:34:52,600 --> 00:34:54,600

So I don't know what to make of it.

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00:34:54,600 --> 00:34:56,600

To ensure the safety of the castings,

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00:34:56,600 --> 00:34:59,600

we called a helicopter crew to fly us back to Cab Man 2.

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00:35:03,600 --> 00:35:05,600

So do we have to pay for the cabbages?

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00:35:05,600 --> 00:35:07,600

Because you took out a couple of them coming in.

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00:35:07,600 --> 00:35:09,600

I don't know.

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00:35:09,600 --> 00:35:12,600

Eager to avoid the impending mob of cabbage-starved villagers,

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00:35:12,600 --> 00:35:15,600

we made a discrete exit from the mountains.

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00:35:15,600 --> 00:35:18,600

Looking down over the endless forest ridges and valleys,

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00:35:18,600 --> 00:35:22,600

I could tell wondering if we had actually found a needle in this haystack.

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00:35:23,600 --> 00:35:26,600

Did we see something walking upright in the forest?

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00:35:26,600 --> 00:35:27,600

I couldn't be sure.

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00:35:27,600 --> 00:35:30,600

What could not be disputed though is that something made that print.

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00:35:30,600 --> 00:35:35,600

My task now was to analyze the evidence to find out exactly what it was.

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00:35:35,600 --> 00:35:39,600

What I hadn't counted on was a frenzy of international media being tipped off

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00:35:39,600 --> 00:35:40,600

by one of our guides.

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00:35:40,600 --> 00:35:43,600

They were waiting for me and my footprint back at the hotel.

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00:35:43,600 --> 00:35:48,600

Five digits, the shape of a foot, a heel, a pretty human looking, but also enormous.

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00:35:48,600 --> 00:35:52,600

My team and I headed back to the states to further analyze all of our evidence.

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00:35:57,600 --> 00:36:01,600

Our first order of business was to carefully scan through the many hours of footage

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00:36:01,600 --> 00:36:03,600

to see if we missed anything in the field.

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00:36:03,600 --> 00:36:06,600

Okay, so what do we got on the four infrared cameras?

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00:36:06,600 --> 00:36:09,600

Well, unfortunately not a whole lot.

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00:36:09,600 --> 00:36:11,600

We've got at least 30 hours of footage.

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00:36:11,600 --> 00:36:14,600

And besides the occasional maybe bug that kind of flashed in front,

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00:36:14,600 --> 00:36:15,600

there's really not a whole lot there.

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00:36:15,600 --> 00:36:17,600

But I did get a hit on the thermal though.

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00:36:17,600 --> 00:36:19,600

Right, right. Which happened very quickly up in the fields.

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00:36:19,600 --> 00:36:23,600

We've kind of slowed down the sequence here, put it back and forth a couple times.

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00:36:23,600 --> 00:36:27,600

It's really kind of tough to tell what this is.

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00:36:29,600 --> 00:36:31,600

I did get a hit on the thermal though.

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00:36:31,600 --> 00:36:33,600

Right, right. Which happened very quickly up in the fields.

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We've kind of slowed down the sequence here, put it back and forth a couple times.

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00:36:37,600 --> 00:36:40,600

It's really kind of tough to tell what this is.

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00:36:40,600 --> 00:36:45,600

Well, the problem is whatever it is is being partially obscured by this tree and this brush here.

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00:36:45,600 --> 00:36:46,600

Right.

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00:36:46,600 --> 00:36:50,600

So all we get is a small heat signature and then it vanishes into the thick there.

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00:36:50,600 --> 00:36:54,600

Even the enhanced version where you've pushed in here, it's still really just an orb of heat.

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00:36:54,600 --> 00:36:55,600

Take a peek.

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00:36:55,600 --> 00:36:56,600

Right.

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00:36:56,600 --> 00:37:00,600

This is what concerns me is that I think this is the ridge that went up to our camp.

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00:37:00,600 --> 00:37:05,600

Looking back at when this was shot, we did send a Sherpa back for batteries.

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00:37:05,600 --> 00:37:08,600

And what I think we might be seeing here is his path up the hill.

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00:37:08,600 --> 00:37:10,600

So I think we have to to some extent really discount this piece.

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00:37:10,600 --> 00:37:13,600

Now I think we're on to the footprint. We see what that yields up for us.

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00:37:13,600 --> 00:37:14,600

That's the key.

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00:37:14,600 --> 00:37:15,600

Great.

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00:37:19,600 --> 00:37:27,600

We took our castings to Dr. Jeff Meldrum, a professor of anatomy and anthropology at Idaho State University and a renowned footprint specialist.

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00:37:27,600 --> 00:37:32,600

Well, that's really interesting. Five clear digits, dominant hallux or big toe.

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00:37:32,600 --> 00:37:36,600

A lot of the sand is just coming loose. I think just a little cleaning.

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00:37:36,600 --> 00:37:39,600

And just to work with that is not actually your dental toothbrush that you use?

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00:37:39,600 --> 00:37:42,600

Oh no, no, no. This is an official paleontological tool.

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00:37:42,600 --> 00:37:45,600

Just as long as you're not taking your work home with you at night, Jeff.

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00:37:45,600 --> 00:37:46,600

We're fine.

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00:37:47,600 --> 00:37:50,600

That looks like it's the complimentary heel to this one.

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00:37:50,600 --> 00:37:54,600

That's a good sign too that there is an obvious symmetry between those two heels.

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00:37:54,600 --> 00:37:57,600

It might be interesting to do a quick scan of this.

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00:37:57,600 --> 00:38:01,600

And typically what kind of insights might that give you as opposed to just looking at it?

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00:38:01,600 --> 00:38:05,600

We can take other tracks and superimpose them and measure for the best fit.

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We will mount the cast on a turntable.

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00:38:08,600 --> 00:38:13,600

The scanning machine using a laser will make a very detailed surface map

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00:38:13,600 --> 00:38:17,600

by making repeated passes across this cast at various angles.

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Well, here we've got the results of the three-dimensional scan

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and we've also gotten a scan of the isolated heel of the opposite foot.

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00:38:34,600 --> 00:38:36,600

Does the heel print line up with the full print?

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00:38:36,600 --> 00:38:44,600

It does by inverting that heel and then allowing the computer to superimpose it.

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00:38:44,600 --> 00:38:47,600

What I see is a remarkable agreement.

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So here we have the isolated heel imprint rendered in gold, the full foot print in green.

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It really is amazing how well they'll have.

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Absolutely. You just had that added wedge of depth where the differential weight on the partial heel

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made it a much deeper imprint than in the full foot.

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The sides and the contour of the heel actually line up extremely well.

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I mean that suggests that we have a right and a left foot that go together.

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And that speaks a lot to the credibility of this set of footprints.

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Can you extrapolate from that size?

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This would be an extremely large individual.

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300, 400 pounds maybe.

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Here's one that shows your series.

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We do see a relatively conceivable sequence.

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This is quite telling too.

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Although there's a little bit of a natural kick out of some of the sand in front,

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I don't see any indications of claw impression.

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What would it take for someone to make this?

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It would take someone with a fair amount of knowledge of primate anatomy.

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The fact that the right and left heels are symmetrical would have required a model.

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So there would have had a right and left model, so that would have had to have been carried.

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I didn't see anyone who had a heavy head with a giant yeti stamp maker.

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One thing that I find really interesting, this is an example of a footprint attributed to the Bigfoot

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or Sasquatch of the Pacific Northwest.

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And it exhibits a configuration of that big toe that is in many ways remarkably similar.

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Its toe is aligned with the other toes, although they're quite splayed.

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It's not diverging off from a lower point like in a chimper gorilla.

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What does that say to you?

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It means that this animal probably lives on the ground.

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The purpose of that thumb-like toe is to allow the animal to climb in trees.

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And that's suggested too by the broad heel, which is a characteristic of walking on two legs.

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Here's a bear that would be of somewhat comparable dimensions.

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And you can see the configuration of the toes.

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There's these very distinctive little toe paths or large toe paths with little short stems.

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And they never show that kind of a splay.

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Why do you think people are so quick to dismiss something like the yeti or the Sasquatch?

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I think that unfortunately there's often a bit of dampening of the spirit of exploration.

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An attitude that we've basically found everything that there is to be found.

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But I think it goes with just the conservatism of science in general.

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Sure.

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Would it surprise you or not surprise you if there was some sort of major discovery found in the Himalayas?

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Well, I have to say that this strikes me as a very significant discovery.

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I think that this to date represents one of the most intriguing pieces of footprint evidence for the yeti that I've encountered.

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It certainly should spur further attention, more focused effort to research this question of an unrecognized ape or hominoid in the Epilees Himalayas.

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The yeti has been attributed to folklore, known wildlife and unscrupulous hoaxes.

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But with seemingly credible footprint evidence and countless individuals who continue to emerge with eyewitness accounts,

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there is no doubt in my mind that there is something unknown living in the Himalayas

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and much more work to be done in the search for the yeti.