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On this episode of Destination Truth, Josh heads to Vietnam, where a sea monster is

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said to lurk under the waters of Halong Bay.

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Something big just went by, let's get in the water and check it out.

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Holy s\*\*\*.

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Huge hit on the fish finder.

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Josh, help!

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You got divers in the water!

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Next, the team travels to East Africa to hunt down an enormous bat-like creature that

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has reportedly been assaulting locals in their sleep.

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Did the Hupabala attack you?

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I f\*\*\*ed with them.

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I just got a reading.

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I got flying in the southwest corner.

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Go, go, go!

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Stop, stop, stop, stop!

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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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Sailors have been telling tales of the sea for centuries.

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The watery world is brimming with legends of mermaids, serpents and sea monsters.

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But lately in a remote bay of Vietnam, locals say that something seriously fishy is going on.

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They allege that a mysterious creature known as the Tarasque has taken up residence in their waters.

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The story of the Tarasque is as old as Vietnam itself.

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A massive snake-like creature with a dragon's head and a segmented body.

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The Tarasque is thought to live deep in the murky waters of Hà Long Bay along the northern coast of Vietnam.

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The number of fishermen who have come forward with eyewitness reports of the beast have skyrocketed in the last few months.

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My team and I wasted no time in finding out if Vietnam's version of Nessie was the real deal.

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We immediately packed up all of our cameras and underwater investigation equipment

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and headed to the airport for a nearly 20-hour journey to Vietnam.

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My first stop was at the University of Hanoi where I sat down with the head of the biology department.

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I wanted to know if he thought the Tarasque could really exist.

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One of the stories I've heard about is this sea monster that lives in Hanoi.

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Sea marks are very interesting. I'll show you something about it.

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The professor told me that sightings of these aquatic beasts dated back for centuries

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and were first written down in the 1800s when a French captain detailed a sighting of the monster from his ship.

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How does he describe the creature? How does it look?

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Up to 25 meters.

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Up to 25 meters long?

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Yeah, 2 and 3 meters.

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2 to 3 meters wide?

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Yeah, just here.

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Does he describe it as like a snake?

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Yeah.

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And does it have any fins?

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Yeah, you know.

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Like there's something about like undulated.

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They undulate in the water.

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Do you think it's possible that there is some sort of large unidentified creature?

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With countless documented sightings dating back hundreds of years,

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there was no question that locals were seeing something in the water.

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And after a quick hoop session with the undergrads,

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there was also no question that I posed no threat in the next NBA draft.

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Little short, little short, little short.

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That's done. That's how we do it.

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300 tries to get that tape.

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The biggest challenge to finding the Tarasque was knowing exactly where to look.

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My next stop was to the Hanoi Zoological Museum

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to meet with curator Vunak Fan to get a little more information about these waters.

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What are the largest creatures that live in Hanoi Bay?

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Sometimes the wind.

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Sometimes whales.

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Wind comes from the Gulf of China Sea.

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But it's uncommon if they're going to come into the Bay of Tonkin.

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That's not a common thing.

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Not common.

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There is, though, a food supply in Hanoi Bay

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that could support large carnivorous animals.

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Yes.

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If I wanted to go try to catch this creature...

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You?

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Yes.

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But be careful.

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I should be careful.

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Eat the sea snake by you.

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Right.

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You can go to the sky.

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Don't die in Vietnam, please.

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I'm going to do my best.

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I'm going to do my best to not die in Vietnam.

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So be no favour for Vietnamese.

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I'll do a favour for myself.

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Die in Vietnam.

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I'm afraid of the Vietnamese.

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I'm just going to try to get out of here alive.

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The curator directed me to a fishing town on the northern coast

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where recent eyewitnesses had reported seeing the creature,

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including a set of flooded caves where fishermen have seen something

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massive slithering through the water.

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We tagged the coordinates of the sightings to establish a preliminary course.

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We set out for a five-hour drive to Hà Long Bay

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where we'd charter a boat and then pay a visit to the eyewitnesses.

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Vietnam is a long sliver of land on the edge of the South China Sea.

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As we drove north, we stepped back into rural and traditional Vietnam

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to live and work as they have for centuries.

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What's the shits?

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We also stopped at a rural and traditional bathroom

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that hadn't been cleaned in centuries.

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What happened?

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It's too much.

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Oh my God.

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It's tough to smell.

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I'm almost cute, man.

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I can't do it.

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You couldn't do it?

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It's nasty, dude.

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There are no better experts than the men and women

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who fish these waters every day.

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And after a long drive, we finally arrived at the spectacular Hà Long Bay,

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a massive maze of waterways and inlets.

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And at over 600 square miles,

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I couldn't help but think that due to the enormity of this body of water,

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it would not be impossible for a large creature to go undetected here.

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On the way to my boat charter, I passed through the local fish market,

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Vietnam's version of the food court, the mall.

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There's some kooky stuff in these tanks.

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A major seafood supply line for all of Vietnam,

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Hà Long Bay is home to more than 200 species of fish,

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as well as a lot of other very strange life.

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These guys are awesome.

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Those guys are cool.

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What is that thing?

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What are you able to do?

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Are you able to sting me?

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That thing is...

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What is that?

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The locals told us that delicious squid would be the best bait for terrasque hunting,

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and I bagged handfuls of them on the way out of the market.

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I may never eat calamari again.

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A lot of machetes, not a lot of fishing stuff.

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We headed next door to pick up some extra supplies and fishing gear.

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If we were going to catch this thing, we'd need some serious equipment.

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And regardless of the mounting warnings about how dangerous this was,

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I planned on diving in to search for the terrasque.

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Literacy.

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This is a fishing rod.

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But she understands I need to catch a sea monster.

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I don't know that that's going to be strong enough to hold a sea monster.

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Where was Quint from Jaws when I needed him?

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Well, now we're talking. Now we're getting better.

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Okay, great.

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An anchor?

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Yeah.

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Tie off on it.

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It's a sea monster.

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That's some fish.

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Sea monster's mouth is going to be the size of your body.

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If it's 30 meters, Randy, got it.

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If it's 30 meters, it doesn't matter what kind of hook we're using.

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It's going to drag the boat underwater.

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Listen, if something bites this and pulls on this,

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we know we caught something big.

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I think I'm going to buy fish hooks.

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I got four of these.

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You got four of these, and we got one of these guys.

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How much is this?

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And Brad wants to buy an anchor.

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All right, so we buy our rope, which goes in our anchor,

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and then we're buying four fish hooks with high-test line.

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Perfect.

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Okay, we got it.

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Got enough dung?

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I got a lot of dung.

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The currency in this country is about as out of control as I've ever seen a currency.

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There are 16,000 dung to \$1.

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Six fish hooks, high-test line, and a rusty anchor,

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all for the low, low price of \$2 million.

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We left the market in search of our own catch of the day

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and headed to the docks.

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If I stood a chance of surviving a fishing trip with a 100-foot fish,

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I'd need more than just a dinghy.

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And even though I told my contacts I wanted a boat that could help me kick some Tarasque,

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I wasn't expecting them to rent me the Titanic.

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We boarded the SS Destination Truth

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and made our way to the floating villages

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where people say they've encountered the monster.

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This is a super remote part of Howlong Bay.

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And literally there's an entire floating town here.

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It's really amazing.

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All these little floating houses and markets

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and they have a movie theater, two targets, two Starbucks.

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This is the floating village we were told about by the professors in Hanoi to come and visit.

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There's some of the fishermen that are out here every single day working in these waters.

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And so these are the guys we really need to talk to.

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Mr. Quinn, you had some sort of experience with this creature, yes?

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All right, I'm going to Tarasque you a few questions about it.

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You got it?

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My humor doesn't translate very well in Vietnam.

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It doesn't translate very well in America either, but I'm starting to sound a little Hanoi.

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Did you actually see the creature?

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It was dark.

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And the water just like a splash all over and it is about as big as this house.

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Biggest house, so really big.

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Did you think the creature was going to attack you?

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It was very scared, so he stayed away.

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We had heard that you had had a sighting of this creature that is supposed to live in Howlong Bay.

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He saw a dragon.

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He saw a dragon.

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Did the creature that he saw look something like this?

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Okay, well thank you very much. Thank you.

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We've heard these stories about this creature which lives in Howlong Bay.

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Can he show me where in Howlong Bay he saw this creature?

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The local fishermen showed me exactly where they saw the Tarasque.

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The men had three common things to say to me, that it was big, that it destroys boats, and that I should be scared.

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Perfect.

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We immediately set to work in turning our boat into a floating investigation.

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First thing to do, let's break out the hydrophone and let's break out the fish finder.

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Get those off the side.

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You know, we know there's nothing big in these waters, so if we get any big hits, that's really worth examining.

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Let's start with that.

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Our plan was to use a hydrophone, a sensitive underwater microphone to listen for anything large beneath the waves.

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For more accuracy, we employed a fish finder sonar to sweep the bay and visually alert us if anything Tarasque-ish swam by.

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With our equipment up and running, we scanned the surrounding waters and then we waited.

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And waited.

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And waited.

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Something really like a dark brown thing just went right in that shadow line.

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Big, really big.

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Oh, oh, oh, oh, there's a big way.

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I just heard something big to you guys.

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There's a big guy.

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Josh?

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Josh!

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Big guy.

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I got it on the hydrophone too.

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Big guy.

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Yeah.

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Awesome, just cruise right back.

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Yeah.

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Suit up, bruvles.

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A sizable hit on the sonar told us that something massive was passing underneath the boat.

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It was time to get wet.

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Though the sun was setting and we hadn't fully scouted the area, I knew that we might only have this one chance to get up close and personal with the Tarasque.

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You sure you want to go now?

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If it's under the boat, I'm going, dude.

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I'm going to get out of the water.

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Hey, when do we start warring?

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They've been down there a little while.

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Yeah.

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You guys see anything?

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There's almost no visibility.

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I mean, it's like a foot or less.

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I lose him instantly.

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I have no idea how deep you are.

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No idea what's around you.

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It's very disorienting.

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We're going to go back, circle the boat one more time.

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Is there any more hits on the fish finder?

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No.

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If they do come across that thing, all they're going to see is shadow coming by them.

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00:12:32,200 --> 00:12:33,200

Holy s\*\*\*.

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00:12:33,200 --> 00:12:35,200

Huge hit on the fish finder.

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00:12:35,200 --> 00:12:36,200

Same thing.

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00:12:36,200 --> 00:12:37,200

Right under the boat.

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00:12:39,200 --> 00:12:40,200

Josh?

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00:13:00,200 --> 00:13:01,200

You guys coming up?

258

00:13:01,200 --> 00:13:03,200

The ladder is on the other side.

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00:13:03,200 --> 00:13:05,200

What is this boat doing?

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00:13:05,200 --> 00:13:07,200

Do we know what this boat is doing?

261

00:13:07,200 --> 00:13:09,200

I'm asking, but it doesn't come out.

262

00:13:09,200 --> 00:13:12,200

Our lights and cameras drew the attention of another boat on the water,

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00:13:12,200 --> 00:13:15,200

and our dive for the Trask suddenly became even more dangerous.

264

00:13:15,200 --> 00:13:17,200

You guys are s\*\*\*ing the whole time.

265

00:13:17,200 --> 00:13:19,200

Hey, other way, other way, David.

266

00:13:20,200 --> 00:13:21,200

Other way.

267

00:13:21,200 --> 00:13:22,200

Get out.

268

00:13:22,200 --> 00:13:24,200

Tell this s\*\*\* to cut his engine.

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00:13:24,200 --> 00:13:26,200

It's got your engine.

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00:13:26,200 --> 00:13:27,200

It's got your engine.

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00:13:27,200 --> 00:13:28,200

It's got your engine.

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00:13:28,200 --> 00:13:29,200

It's got your engine.

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00:13:29,200 --> 00:13:30,200

It's got your engine.

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00:13:30,200 --> 00:13:31,200

It's got your engine.

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00:13:31,200 --> 00:13:32,200

It's got your engine.

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00:13:32,200 --> 00:13:33,200

It's got your engine.

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00:13:33,200 --> 00:13:34,200

It's got your engine.

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00:13:34,200 --> 00:13:35,200

It's got your engine.

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00:13:35,200 --> 00:13:36,200

It's got your engine.

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00:13:36,200 --> 00:13:37,200

It's got your engine.

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00:13:37,200 --> 00:13:38,200

It's got your engine.

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00:13:38,200 --> 00:13:39,200

It's got your engine.

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00:13:41,200 --> 00:13:43,200

Do you know what this boat is doing?

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00:13:43,200 --> 00:13:44,020

In the Bay Nation,

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00:13:44,020 --> 00:13:45,200

an old man asking about the duck.

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00:13:45,200 --> 00:13:46,200

We got s\*\*\* and the whole thing.

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00:13:46,200 --> 00:13:47,200

Other way.

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00:13:47,200 --> 00:13:48,200

Other way, David.

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00:13:49,200 --> 00:13:50,200

Other way.

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00:13:50,200 --> 00:13:51,200

Get out.

291

00:13:53,200 --> 00:13:54,200

Tell this s\*\*\* to cut his engine.

292

00:13:55,200 --> 00:13:57,200

It's got your engine.

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00:13:57,200 --> 00:13:58,200

It's got your engine.

294

00:13:58,200 --> 00:14:00,200

It's got your engine.

295

00:14:00,200 --> 00:14:02,200

That guy just whipped up a wicked undertow.

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00:14:02,200 --> 00:14:04,200

He started pulling us into that huge buoy.

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00:14:04,200 --> 00:14:05,200

There we go.

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00:14:05,200 --> 00:14:07,200

He could just keep out of that.

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00:14:07,200 --> 00:14:08,200

He's killing us.

300

00:14:08,200 --> 00:14:09,200

Jeez.

301

00:14:09,200 --> 00:14:13,200

There was a huge hit underneath the boat before you guys came up.

302

00:14:13,200 --> 00:14:15,200

Did you see anything?

303

00:14:15,200 --> 00:14:17,200

The visibility is awful.

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00:14:17,200 --> 00:14:18,200

That's what I figured.

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00:14:18,200 --> 00:14:19,200

Yeah, come on out.

306

00:14:19,200 --> 00:14:20,200

Let's move this thing.

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00:14:20,200 --> 00:14:21,200

I'm gonna go get you.

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00:14:21,200 --> 00:14:22,200

I'm gonna get you.

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00:14:22,200 --> 00:14:23,200

I'm gonna get you.

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00:14:23,200 --> 00:14:24,200

I'm gonna get you.

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00:14:24,200 --> 00:14:25,200

I'm gonna get you.

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00:14:25,200 --> 00:14:26,200

I'm gonna get you.

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00:14:26,200 --> 00:14:27,200

I'm gonna get you.

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00:14:27,200 --> 00:14:28,200

I'm gonna get you.

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00:14:28,200 --> 00:14:29,200

I'm gonna get you.

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00:14:29,200 --> 00:14:30,200

Come on out.

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00:14:30,200 --> 00:14:32,200

Let's move this out so they can get out.

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00:14:32,200 --> 00:14:34,200

You all right?

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00:14:34,200 --> 00:14:36,200

The boat whipped up a wicked undertow.

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00:14:36,200 --> 00:14:39,200

It just started pulling everything over to it.

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00:14:39,200 --> 00:14:41,200

And we just get sucked into that buoy.

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00:14:41,200 --> 00:14:43,200

That huge metal mooring that we're tied off to.

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00:14:43,200 --> 00:14:44,200

Right.

324

00:14:44,200 --> 00:14:49,200

Which is like this horrible rusted thing which just cranked over and pulling us underneath it.

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00:14:49,200 --> 00:14:50,200

Right.

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00:14:50,200 --> 00:14:53,200

Certainly just the dangerous dive all around is because there's all such a junk down there

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00:14:53,200 --> 00:14:56,200

and netting and mud and it's like you just can't see anything.

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00:14:56,200 --> 00:14:58,200

You just, you're on top of it and you see it.

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00:14:58,200 --> 00:15:03,200

Let's get you guys dry and some clothes and reset for our next move.

330

00:15:03,200 --> 00:15:04,200

For sure.

331

00:15:04,200 --> 00:15:05,200

All right.

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00:15:06,200 --> 00:15:10,200

Whatever was swimming around under our boat seemed to vanish with all the commotion.

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00:15:10,200 --> 00:15:13,200

And then with night upon us and the water too murky to dive in,

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00:15:13,200 --> 00:15:19,200

we made a plan to head to the nearby flooded caves that our eyewitnesses theorize the sea monster may inhabit.

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00:15:19,200 --> 00:15:20,200

Check, check, radio check.

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00:15:20,200 --> 00:15:21,200

Yeah.

337

00:15:21,200 --> 00:15:26,200

We needed smaller boats to navigate the narrow caves and switch to a kayak and rowboat.

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00:15:28,200 --> 00:15:33,200

Just go.

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00:15:33,200 --> 00:15:34,200

Okay.

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00:15:34,200 --> 00:15:35,200

All right.

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00:15:35,200 --> 00:15:38,200

Guys come in.

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00:15:38,200 --> 00:15:41,200

I think I found a mouth for cave.

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00:15:41,200 --> 00:15:44,200

We're just a bit behind you.

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00:15:44,200 --> 00:15:46,200

We don't see it but we can see you.

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00:15:46,200 --> 00:15:50,200

It's actually a really large opening.

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00:15:50,200 --> 00:15:51,200

So Josh, hold there.

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00:15:51,200 --> 00:15:53,200

Let us get up to the mouth.

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00:15:53,200 --> 00:15:55,200

Oh, luckily I hear a lot of bats.

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00:15:55,200 --> 00:15:56,200

Bats?

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00:15:56,200 --> 00:15:57,200

Yeah, a lot of them.

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00:15:57,200 --> 00:15:59,200

It's going to get in our way.

352

00:16:07,200 --> 00:16:11,200

Oh, God.

353

00:16:11,200 --> 00:16:13,200

Yeah, why don't you guys hang here?

354

00:16:13,200 --> 00:16:16,200

I'm going to go check it out and see how far in it goes.

355

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

You guys should drop the fish finder and let me know if you have any questions.

356

00:16:21,200 --> 00:16:28,200

Okay, copy that.

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00:16:28,200 --> 00:16:35,200

Josh, how are you doing in there?

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00:16:35,200 --> 00:16:40,200

I've just come from the water.

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00:16:40,200 --> 00:16:46,200

I'm just going to go check it out.

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00:16:46,200 --> 00:16:49,200

I'm going to go check it out.

361

00:16:49,200 --> 00:16:50,200

Okay.

362

00:16:50,200 --> 00:16:52,200

I'm going to go check it out.

363

00:16:52,200 --> 00:16:53,200

Okay.

364

00:16:53,200 --> 00:16:55,200

I'm going to go check it out.

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00:16:55,200 --> 00:16:56,200

There.

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00:16:56,200 --> 00:16:59,200

I've just come through another tunnel in this cave.

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00:16:59,200 --> 00:17:05,200

It branches off a little bit, but if you bear over to the right, it actually opens back up again.

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00:17:05,200 --> 00:17:08,200

I thought I was back out in the open, but I'm not.

369

00:17:08,200 --> 00:17:11,200

I think I'm in some sort of huge lagoon.

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00:17:11,200 --> 00:17:17,200

Take the boat towards the right and come in, and you should pass out into this huge open area.

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

I think I'm in an enormous enclosed lagoon.

372

00:17:19,200 --> 00:17:24,200

We're going to come on in deeper in then.

373

00:17:24,200 --> 00:17:27,560

I'm gonna try to fire up one of these tortures and shed a little more light on this

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00:17:33,480 --> 00:17:35,480

Copy that

375

00:17:35,480 --> 00:17:38,480

Whatever we're tracking in the water will be attracted to the light surface

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00:17:52,600 --> 00:17:54,600

Going which way

377

00:18:05,480 --> 00:18:07,480

I

378

00:18:17,880 --> 00:18:19,880

Something splashing around in here

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00:18:22,520 --> 00:18:24,520

Go again Josh go again

380

00:18:25,880 --> 00:18:27,880

Something is splashing around in here for sure

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00:18:36,360 --> 00:18:38,360

I see anything you're just hearing

382

00:18:40,360 --> 00:18:46,120

No, I just heard something which sounded pretty substantial moving around off to my left

383

00:18:46,120 --> 00:18:48,120

Did you hear that?

384

00:19:03,480 --> 00:19:05,480

Yeah, I'm good. I'm just chasing a noise

385

00:19:10,760 --> 00:19:12,840

I keep I keep hearing the same thing I just

386

00:19:16,120 --> 00:19:18,120

I

387

00:19:21,080 --> 00:19:23,480

Was that Josh weird that all the way over here

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00:19:39,240 --> 00:19:41,240

Josh Josh you're all right

389

00:19:47,000 --> 00:19:51,720

I'm not sure what you say go again

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00:19:53,640 --> 00:19:55,640

Josh

391

00:19:55,640 --> 00:19:57,640

Josh come back go ahead go again

392

00:19:58,920 --> 00:20:01,720

Josh do you copy come back? Josh

393

00:20:08,200 --> 00:20:12,280

Josh we got massive reading on the fish finder it's coming right inside the cave

394

00:20:16,920 --> 00:20:18,920

Oh

395

00:20:24,440 --> 00:20:26,440

Go again

396

00:20:34,680 --> 00:20:36,680

Josh do you copy come back

397

00:20:46,600 --> 00:20:48,600

Josh what's going on?

398

00:20:49,480 --> 00:20:51,480

I went dark just to sort of see if I could

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00:20:51,480 --> 00:20:53,480

Turn where that splashing was going from but you know

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00:20:54,840 --> 00:20:57,960

It's so difficult here. It's like this huge echoey space

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00:20:58,920 --> 00:21:03,480

And there's definitely something splashing around in here and a couple of times it's really sounded

like something

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00:21:03,480 --> 00:21:05,480

Significantly large

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00:21:07,480 --> 00:21:10,200

Every time I chase it's like I'm chasing a ghost that just can't get up close to it

404

00:21:16,760 --> 00:21:18,760

Hey Josh

405

00:21:32,280 --> 00:21:36,360

Yeah, copy that we'll make our way up to and beat you out by the mouth of the cave

406

00:21:37,480 --> 00:21:42,120

Our strange sighting sonar hits and audio evidence had me feeling I wasn't alone out there

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00:21:42,280 --> 00:21:44,120

I wasn't ready to say it was a sea monster

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00:21:44,120 --> 00:21:49,080

But I was determined to catch this thing or at least see if I could lure it up to the surface where my team could photograph it

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00:21:49,240 --> 00:21:51,400

It was time for a Tarasque midnight snack

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00:21:52,520 --> 00:21:54,520

Plan is we're gonna bait up these hooks

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00:21:55,880 --> 00:22:00,200

We're gonna drop them on an anchor down to the bottom off a set of buoys. We're gonna wait

412

00:22:05,880 --> 00:22:07,880

Sounds like a pretty solid plan

413

00:22:08,040 --> 00:22:12,040

We baited a couple of buoys with the Tarasque's supposed favorite food squid

414

00:22:14,440 --> 00:22:17,000

If this doesn't ink the deal, I don't know what will

415

00:22:19,800 --> 00:22:24,840

We've lit the whole area up because that attracts fish at night here fish finder sonar is scanning

416

00:22:25,480 --> 00:22:26,920

Uh the bottom

417

00:22:26,920 --> 00:22:30,040

Hydrophone is listening to the water. So we are pretty well surveilled here

418

00:22:38,040 --> 00:22:40,360

Can you see anything on those? Nothing yet

419

00:22:45,160 --> 00:22:47,160

What's happening on a collie?

420

00:22:52,280 --> 00:22:56,360

After hours of waiting and watching nothing remarkable turned up on any of our equipment

421

00:22:56,680 --> 00:23:02,760

Our crew exhausted we decided to let the cameras continue to roll and monitor the area while we turned in for a few hours rest

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00:23:03,960 --> 00:23:07,560

When we returned to the deck in the morning, we made a startling discovery

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00:23:07,880 --> 00:23:11,960

So this hook is bare as of this morning along with the uh two other buoy hooks

424

00:23:12,440 --> 00:23:16,920

With the bait gone the only thing left to do was check the video something ate that squid

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00:23:17,480 --> 00:23:22,440

Bait is still there at the end of the tapes. So we rolled out a tape before roll out a tape just for sunrise

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00:23:23,000 --> 00:23:27,800

While these cameras didn't pick anything up. We still had unexplained footage from our sighting the day before

427

00:23:28,120 --> 00:23:34,360

We rolled back the tapes to review what our cameras had recorded. It's right in that shadow line, but there's definitely something there

428

00:23:35,160 --> 00:23:37,160

Looks like it's got some size to it too

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00:23:38,360 --> 00:23:40,360

Got something on here

430

00:23:40,360 --> 00:23:42,360

See it pop through us right

431

00:23:44,360 --> 00:23:46,360

There see it moving

432

00:23:48,920 --> 00:23:51,320

It almost looks like a giant head

433

00:23:52,600 --> 00:23:59,720

To be honest it does it looks like a giant giant giant head box box. Hey sally come here. Oh, wow

434

00:24:00,280 --> 00:24:02,280

Yeah, exactly. Oh my god

435

00:24:02,520 --> 00:24:04,520

So we have some evidence we're gonna take back

436

00:24:04,760 --> 00:24:09,320

We have a piece of video that we can't really explain yet. Uh, so I don't think we can close the books on it either way

437

00:24:10,200 --> 00:24:12,200

All right, good

438

00:24:14,280 --> 00:24:16,280

Unable to identify the creature in the footage

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00:24:16,360 --> 00:24:22,200

We traveled back to los angeles to enhance and analyze the tape and get a better idea of what went swimming by us in vietnam

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00:24:22,280 --> 00:24:24,760

All right case. Do you have a chance to analyze the footage from vietnam?

441

00:24:25,160 --> 00:24:29,400

Yeah, we we've got this creature that we saw in the water is kind of moving on right to the left here

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00:24:30,040 --> 00:24:34,200

So we're able to freeze frame and push it in and they just see it's super super blurry

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00:24:34,280 --> 00:24:38,360

You can still see a little bit of an outline of something. Mm-hmm and with some software

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00:24:38,440 --> 00:24:41,080

We're able to kind of clean it up a little bit and a little bit more definition

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00:24:43,800 --> 00:24:48,760

A little bit more on the color wise to kind of see the shape of this creature whatever it was but it's still tough to tell

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00:24:49,400 --> 00:24:54,520

It is still tough to tell. I mean, there's no doubt looking at it now enhance that it's organic

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00:24:54,920 --> 00:24:58,680

It looks like a fish of some sort clearly we can see some sort of terminus

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00:24:59,400 --> 00:25:02,120

On that end looks like we're seeing what looks like could be an eye here

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00:25:02,280 --> 00:25:05,240

What looks like a mouth here, and then it's it's just unclear though

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00:25:06,040 --> 00:25:08,440

Exactly how long it is because it kind of trails off

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00:25:09,240 --> 00:25:14,040

Too deep for us to really get an image on yeah, it doesn't really reveal for us exactly what it is

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00:25:15,800 --> 00:25:20,040

The enhancement clearly revealed that whatever we saw was in fact some sort of animal

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00:25:20,120 --> 00:25:24,600

And we immediately emailed professor voonak fan and hanoi to help us ID our find

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00:25:25,080 --> 00:25:27,240

Professor hi, this is josh gates. How are you?

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00:25:27,400 --> 00:25:28,520

Yeah

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00:25:28,520 --> 00:25:34,040

Good i'm uploading that image to you right now. We had a chance to run it through our enhancement software

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00:25:34,520 --> 00:25:38,120

And it looks like something organic to us, but we were hoping maybe you could

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00:25:38,920 --> 00:25:42,600

Help identify exactly what it is. I am sending it over to you right now

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00:25:46,200 --> 00:25:48,200

I'm uploading that image to you right now

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00:25:48,280 --> 00:25:51,000

We had a chance to run it through our enhancement software

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00:25:51,480 --> 00:25:55,080

And it looks like something organic to us, but we were hoping maybe you could

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00:25:55,960 --> 00:25:59,560

Help identify exactly what it is. I am sending it over to you right now

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00:26:00,280 --> 00:26:06,920

Upon examination that professor believed the characteristic mouth seen in our footage to be of a small whale shark swimming near our boat

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00:26:07,560 --> 00:26:09,640

Well, thank you very much for your help. We appreciate it

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00:26:10,520 --> 00:26:12,520

Yep, cheers. Bye bye

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00:26:12,600 --> 00:26:18,200

On one hand with such rich folklore in this dramatic body of water people in vietnam clearly have sea monsters on the brain

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00:26:18,360 --> 00:26:23,080

On the other hand the wealth of eyewitness sightings here of an abnormally large animal cannot be ignored

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00:26:23,320 --> 00:26:27,080

The most rational explanation to the story of the terrasque is that on rare occasions

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00:26:27,240 --> 00:26:33,480

Animals such as the whale shark a creature that can grow up to 45 feet in length make their way into the bay and locals

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00:26:33,720 --> 00:26:37,720

Unfamiliar with these massive creatures believe them to be the monsters of their mythology

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00:26:38,200 --> 00:26:43,640

The animal we saw certainly looked mysterious to us although wasn't nearly large enough to account for what our sonar

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00:26:43,720 --> 00:26:48,840

Imaged beneath our boat or what we saw in the cave leaving a question mark at the end of our investigation

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00:26:49,240 --> 00:26:52,040

I had to press on to more adventures and another destination

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00:26:52,200 --> 00:26:56,360

But was left wondering exactly what swims beneath the waters of how long bay

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00:26:59,400 --> 00:27:02,920

From sea creatures to flying creatures we turn our attention to the world of bats

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00:27:03,080 --> 00:27:06,680

And if you're among those who think bats are scary then listen up because something

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00:27:06,920 --> 00:27:12,280

Decidedly nasty is said to be circling the skies over the coast of east africa and the small island of zanzibar

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00:27:12,520 --> 00:27:17,800

The suspect is something the locals call the popa bower an enormous bat-like creature with a single eye

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00:27:18,040 --> 00:27:23,960

It's reported that the popa bower emits a strange light flies through open windows and attacks its human prey at night

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00:27:23,960 --> 00:27:27,160

While they sleep leaving cuts bruises and sometimes worse

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00:27:27,800 --> 00:27:32,840

Native islanders say the creature appears in cycles having last terrorized zanzibar in 1995

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00:27:33,240 --> 00:27:38,360

Now after 12 years the popa bower is back and the numerous sightings are making international headlines

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00:27:38,680 --> 00:27:43,880

What's even more interesting is that the current sightings are no longer relegated to the remote areas of zanzibar

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00:27:44,040 --> 00:27:47,800

But are happening in the center of the most populated part of the island stone town

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00:27:48,120 --> 00:27:52,600

The island's crumbling capital lies beneath the sleepy maze of cobbled streets and ruined buildings

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00:27:52,920 --> 00:27:56,200

If a gigantic bat creature is flying over this populated region

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00:27:56,280 --> 00:28:01,880

I aim to find it my team and I packed up our investigation equipment and headed to one of the most remote islands on earth

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00:28:02,360 --> 00:28:07,800

My team and I traveled a grueling 25 hours from Los Angeles to Dar es Salaam Tanzania

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00:28:07,960 --> 00:28:14,920

Where we headed to the docks to catch the only ferry to zanzibar an island covered in dense jungle and dotted with lagoons and sprawling swamps

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00:28:15,480 --> 00:28:21,240

I wondered if it was possible that a creature has been hidden in the forests here and flying under the radar of modern science

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00:28:21,480 --> 00:28:23,480

I was determined to find out

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00:28:23,480 --> 00:28:29,160

I was able to find out that the creature was hiding in the forest here and flying under the radar of modern science

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00:28:29,400 --> 00:28:31,400

I was determined to find out

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00:28:34,200 --> 00:28:39,800

Once we arrived we made our way through stone towns bustling night market an open air buffet of all things aquatic

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00:28:39,880 --> 00:28:42,280

Where I sampled some of zanzibar's local delicacies

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00:28:53,640 --> 00:28:56,280

I'm no authority on the zanzibari dining scene

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00:28:56,280 --> 00:29:02,040

But I'm pretty sure that my popa bower skewer was just under done calamari and I was going to have to continue my investigation

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00:29:02,840 --> 00:29:09,160

The next morning I made my way around stone town where news reports claimed the popa bower had recently been spotted at night

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00:29:09,560 --> 00:29:14,680

This ramshackle maze is full of open windows where a creature could enter and attack sleeping victims

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00:29:15,000 --> 00:29:18,680

And the outline jungle would provide ample hiding places for this giant bat

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00:29:19,000 --> 00:29:23,640

But is that really what's going on here? I asked some of the locals what they knew of the story

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00:29:26,280 --> 00:29:29,720

But do you think it's real? Yeah, really so many people that

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00:29:30,520 --> 00:29:32,520

Is going to hospital to

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00:29:32,680 --> 00:29:39,480

To get a treatment. Yeah many people go to the hospital. Yeah, so what do you think is happening?  
Do you think it's popa bower? Yeah

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00:29:40,360 --> 00:29:43,240

I perused the local meat market how much for the whole thing?

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00:29:44,440 --> 00:29:47,800

It's a good deal looks fresh not a lot of flies on it, which is good

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00:29:49,640 --> 00:29:51,640

You guys know the popa bower

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00:29:51,640 --> 00:29:53,640

No batman batman

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00:29:54,120 --> 00:29:56,120

Which one popa bower is a batman

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You like batman batman batman the new one hell. I even joined in with an african band

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00:30:16,120 --> 00:30:20,040

But what about the victims i'd read about in the news reports i was about to find out

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Farida a local woman translated for me. What did you see?

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00:30:26,440 --> 00:30:28,440

I was at night

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00:30:30,440 --> 00:30:33,320

When he comes I felt like i've seen something

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00:30:33,800 --> 00:30:41,480

Flying over the roof and then I felt some strange smell. So did the popa bower attack you?

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00:30:42,600 --> 00:30:49,160

Attack me but I fought with him with him. You followed the popa bower. Yeah, and could you see him when you were fighting with him?

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00:30:49,400 --> 00:30:52,360

Yeah, I have not much power but I fight with him

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00:30:52,680 --> 00:30:57,160

Ashraf was apparently able to fight off the popa bower and save himself from serious injury

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I can't say his story had turned me into a believer, but nevertheless. I paid a visit to another victim. I'd read about

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When I met the second victim I learned the details of his attack by the popa bower were so horrifying that he refused to go on camera

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This man claimed that he was not just physically attacked by the popa bower

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00:31:18,120 --> 00:31:19,720

He was violated as well

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He asked that we shoot him in shadow to protect his identity and tell me exactly what happened.  
Okay

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00:31:31,480 --> 00:31:34,840

He was kind of half asleep and he felt something was

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00:31:35,640 --> 00:31:37,960

Coming near him something that can fly

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00:31:42,040 --> 00:31:47,720

There were some fries so he had bruises the bruises but he could not fight anymore

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00:31:48,200 --> 00:31:50,200

More specifically like what like what had happened

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And then he lost conscious do you believe that this was popa bower?

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He was one of those people who did not believe but after what happened to him

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Is there a way to protect yourself against popa bower one way is you could go to the

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traditional doctors

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00:32:17,240 --> 00:32:21,880

Who have the power to deal with them I tracked down the island's most prominent medicine man

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00:32:22,120 --> 00:32:29,000

It turned out he's actually a healer who was and get this officially contracted by the government to help them with their popa bower epidemic

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00:32:29,960 --> 00:32:31,960

How does popa bower choose its victims?

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00:32:36,520 --> 00:32:40,840

So they can choose any house popa bower does not come through the door

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00:32:41,880 --> 00:32:45,400

Maybe can come through the window or through the the wall

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00:32:46,920 --> 00:32:48,920

Like santa. Yeah. Yeah

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00:32:52,440 --> 00:32:57,320

They travel at night they come at night the president of this country has officially

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00:32:58,360 --> 00:33:03,160

Thank you for the work that you did. Is there anything that you can give me that will attract the popa bower

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The healer mixed up a medicine that he claimed would help draw the popa bower out and at the same time protect me from it

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Though to me it looks suspiciously like nasty dirt

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00:33:13,640 --> 00:33:16,520

And then I and then I eat it I've no idea what this is, but I just eat it

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00:33:17,000 --> 00:33:20,040

Okay, that's why he's eating it so that you can feel yourself

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00:33:21,400 --> 00:33:22,920

How long will it last?

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00:33:22,920 --> 00:33:26,360

until when you die like the natural death

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00:33:26,440 --> 00:33:28,760

Is the towing I died that may be in about four minutes

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00:33:29,720 --> 00:33:32,520

I wasn't sure if the magic dirt was going to do me much good

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00:33:32,600 --> 00:33:37,080

But the medicine man told me the exact location in stone town where the recent attacks had occurred

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So far I had a lot of hearsay, but where was the physical evidence for this creature?

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Since we heard from eyewitnesses that the light emitting popa bower flies over the rooftops before attacking its victims through open windows

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00:33:48,760 --> 00:33:53,480

We set up our equipment on the roof of the tallest building in the area with hopes of photographing it

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00:33:53,800 --> 00:33:59,000

The way the locals talk about the frequency of these sightings. There should be swarms of popa bower filling the skies

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00:34:03,480 --> 00:34:10,200

Okay, so this gives us a 360 degree view is great. We can look down a lot of rooftops right allows us best possible field of view

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00:34:11,240 --> 00:34:13,000

We've got cameras

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00:34:13,000 --> 00:34:16,360

On the balconies. What's our story with that setup? We've got cameras on the balconies

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00:34:16,920 --> 00:34:21,080

One's gonna be kind of mobile kind of panning around see if we pick anything up a couple more stationary

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00:34:22,360 --> 00:34:28,040

Great, we've certainly heard that the popa bower is active. He's around right people say you can see him in the night sky

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00:34:28,120 --> 00:34:29,800

And we know that it's really

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00:34:29,800 --> 00:34:31,240

Kind of horrid stench

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00:34:31,240 --> 00:34:35,640

associated with him when he arrives and remember also they say to mix some sort of light

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00:34:35,720 --> 00:34:37,880

Okay with kasey in position on the roof

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00:34:37,880 --> 00:34:42,440

We headed out into the dark and narrow streets of stonetown if kasey saw anything in the skies

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00:34:42,440 --> 00:34:47,240

It would be a foot race for me to get on the scene. I took the fleer thermal imager to be my eyes in the dark

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00:34:58,760 --> 00:35:00,760

Base discounting

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00:35:00,840 --> 00:35:02,840

Hope we'll see you in the base

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00:35:04,120 --> 00:35:08,760

Guys just checking in how our things looking things looking good. We're just getting into the old city now

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00:35:09,160 --> 00:35:11,480

Copy that kind of vision on you up here, but uh

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00:35:12,360 --> 00:35:14,360

Stand contact. She's on good radio range

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00:35:15,240 --> 00:35:17,240

Well, do over now

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00:35:21,960 --> 00:35:25,160

Let's don't do this quite literally a lab. It's just a mess

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00:35:25,960 --> 00:35:27,960

90 narrow streets

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00:35:27,960 --> 00:35:29,960

There's almost no rhyme or reason

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00:35:31,480 --> 00:35:34,760

There's definitely a lot of open windows in this place

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00:35:50,920 --> 00:35:52,920

Whoa, what was that?

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00:35:54,120 --> 00:35:59,640

Hey, uh, josh josh, you hear me josh? We're picking up some sort of mist or light

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00:36:00,280 --> 00:36:05,240

I can't tell what it is. It's like a pulsing light behind a church steeple out there. You guys see that

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00:36:05,880 --> 00:36:08,600

I guess it is probably 400 yards east where you are

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00:36:09,160 --> 00:36:11,960

It's weird man. When you look at it with the naked eye, you don't see anything

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00:36:12,120 --> 00:36:15,240

But in the astroscope, you're definitely picking up some type of pulsing light out there

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00:36:15,640 --> 00:36:20,280

But I read you uh, we'll track over to where's the steeple and see if we can pick up anything on the thermal

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00:36:20,680 --> 00:36:22,840

All right, copy sounds good. Let me know what you find

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00:36:22,840 --> 00:36:29,480

It's not like they say that about amid some sort of strange light, so we should probably check out whatever case he's seeing over there

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00:36:52,840 --> 00:36:54,840

We're gonna go around the grass here at the same time

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00:36:54,840 --> 00:36:58,840

We're picking up anything on the uh, on the thermal at this point though

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00:37:22,840 --> 00:37:24,840

Josh for Casey

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00:37:24,840 --> 00:37:25,640

Go ahead

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00:37:25,640 --> 00:37:30,120

You've been all around this church to cover the block radius around it. We're not getting any readings or seeing anything

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00:37:30,120 --> 00:37:32,120

usual here. We're gonna press on

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00:37:32,120 --> 00:37:34,120

Yeah, the light has to be here for the astroscope as well

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00:37:45,000 --> 00:37:45,800

Based on mobile

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00:37:45,800 --> 00:37:47,800

This is mobile team come in base

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00:37:47,800 --> 00:37:49,800

We're gonna go ahead and get the light out

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00:37:50,200 --> 00:37:55,240

Based on mobile this is mobile team come in base uh, Josh. Hey, man. I just got a reading

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00:37:59,800 --> 00:38:03,240

I got a bad view of the skyline right now you say you can see it in the sky right now

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00:38:04,040 --> 00:38:08,280

Yes, I just saw it past my screen. We're gonna get up somehow. Okay. I just I gotta get up to uh

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00:38:10,280 --> 00:38:12,920

I just gotta get a pie. I don't have a access point right now

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00:38:13,640 --> 00:38:15,640

Yeah, get a pie there flying door

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00:38:18,440 --> 00:38:22,280

What is this place? Uh, okay, I'm trying to find roof access there. Hold on. There's there

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00:38:24,840 --> 00:38:26,840

This place is like

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00:38:28,280 --> 00:38:30,280

Under construction or something

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00:38:32,760 --> 00:38:36,120

Go go go stop stop stop stop

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00:38:36,120 --> 00:38:38,120

I

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00:38:38,120 --> 00:38:40,120

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00:38:40,120 --> 00:38:42,120

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00:38:42,120 --> 00:38:44,120

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00:38:44,120 --> 00:38:46,120

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00:38:46,120 --> 00:38:48,120

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00:38:48,120 --> 00:38:50,120

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00:38:50,120 --> 00:38:52,120

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00:38:52,120 --> 00:38:54,120

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00:39:02,120 --> 00:39:04,120

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00:39:04,920 --> 00:39:06,920

This place is like

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00:39:08,360 --> 00:39:10,360

Under construction or something

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00:39:13,000 --> 00:39:16,280

Go go go stop stop stop

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00:39:18,840 --> 00:39:21,080

Get down get down get down

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00:39:23,720 --> 00:39:25,720

Up here

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00:39:26,520 --> 00:39:28,520

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00:39:30,280 --> 00:39:32,440

Josh is I got a partial view of the sky from here

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00:39:33,080 --> 00:39:35,480

I'm gonna kind of wreck that building a lot of scaffolding

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00:39:36,280 --> 00:39:38,520

I'm as high as I can get I can't quite get to the roof

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00:39:39,800 --> 00:39:41,800

I've got a pretty good view of the sky from here

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00:39:42,520 --> 00:39:44,040

and

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00:39:44,040 --> 00:39:47,000

Yeah, nothing I got nothing on the thermal. I can't see anything from here either

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00:39:48,440 --> 00:39:51,080

Yeah, they were moving at a really really good clip

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00:39:51,160 --> 00:39:52,600

So by the time you got up there

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00:39:52,600 --> 00:39:55,480

They may may definitely be out of your view because they're moving quick

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00:39:56,760 --> 00:40:00,760

All right case I might quite up the verify where you're at. I'm gonna come back down

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00:40:01,640 --> 00:40:05,240

Uh get down on the street in a safer position and I'll radiate you back. All right copy

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00:40:16,120 --> 00:40:19,320

Hobel team to base we see your lights now. We're coming in we should be there in a few minutes

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00:40:22,600 --> 00:40:24,600

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00:40:26,200 --> 00:40:28,200

Want you're coming off the right frame

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00:40:28,520 --> 00:40:30,520

Straight ahead over this building

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and then drops

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00:40:32,680 --> 00:40:38,520

Also looking like that's to me. I mean it looks big. It just doesn't look monster big and uh, you know for me

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00:40:39,160 --> 00:40:45,240

You got to say is there any sort of base of real physical evidence here that something cryptozoological is a foot?

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I don't think we have that. No, you know

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This is not panning out for us. I don't think I don't know what else we can do

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I mean it's a little frustrating at this point because we don't have a whole lot of evidence to to go back with

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I think the fact that we feel frustrated and the fact that there isn't a lot to go on says something

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But let the cameras run out. They pick something up. Sure analyze them later. Yeah

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The next day all I could think about was the huge disconnect between what the eyewitnesses and medicine man described as a

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Popabala epidemic here in zanzibar and the absolute evidence goose egg my team and I turned up during our investigation

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I began to wonder if this story could be fueled by a culture here in zanzibar that is filled with supernatural traditions and

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superstitious folklore

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I went back through the streets retracing my steps talking to a larger sampling of the city's residents

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You think it's real or not real

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00:41:39,080 --> 00:41:41,480

Listen, do you know the story of the popabala this guy here?

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00:41:43,000 --> 00:41:47,480

Me I don't believe that you don't believe him not only did this man not believe in the popabala

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He explained to me that the newly elected government officials had dismissed the story as well

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The fact that the popabala epidemics reported here in zanzibar occur

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Cyclically as opposed to randomly had been nagging at me and then it hit me

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During my interview with the medicine man. He told me the last popabala panic had swept the island in 1995

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Just before the local elections and now popabala is back during the current elections

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Coincidence I needed just one more interview to be sure that my emerging theory of how and why this story was being

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Retreated was correct zanzibar's prominent history professor abdul-shareef held the key. What can you tell me about your knowledge of the story?

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Popabala in fact, I had never heard of before until the elections came

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It was part of the political tensions and the opposition people

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You know in the streets begin to talk about that if you steal the election, you know popabala will get you

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The professor went on to explain that the opposition party uses the folkloric belief system of their supporters to sway the political process in zanzibar

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They peddled the story of a terrible monster during election time creating hysteria among the locals

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Who in turn explain everything from bad dreams to horrific abuse as an attack by the infamous popabala

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In 1995 the reported popabala attacks lined up perfectly with the local elections

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Likewise the current reports line up perfectly with you guessed it the elections currently underway in the city

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I now believe the popabala is a political tool employed to cause disruption during elections

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And you thought the american political landscape was corrupt