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On this episode of Destination Truth, Josh travels to the jungles of Indonesia where locals claim a menacing eight man is on the loose.

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Climb the bike!

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Fire!

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There is something lurking around the edge of our camp.

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I got four eyeballs on us right now.

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Hold on, stop, stop, stop, stop, stop, stop, stop.

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They're on the move, hold on.

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Next, the team travels to the rugged shores of Iceland where a gigantic lake monster, first seen by Vikings, continues to terrify residents.

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Well, Josh, find the mysterious beast.

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What the f*** is that?

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There's something big moving in the water.

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Or get lost in the fog forever.

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I'm absolutely lost out here.

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I lost visual on you guys from the shore.

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It's like just being an avoid.

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Yeah.

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I'm Josh Gates.

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In my travels, I've seen some unexplainable things and I've done some things I can't quite explain.

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Now, I've pulled together a team armed with the latest technology in the search for answers to the world's strangest mysteries.

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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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You know the type, small in size, but big on attitude.

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Well, it turns out even Bigfoot's shorter cousin isn't immune to a little Napoleon complex.

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The orang pendek, Indonesian for short man, is reportedly a three-foot-tall wild primate that has allegedly been dodging the locals' watchful eyes for over a hundred years.

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Large species such as orangutan are not found in this part of Indonesia,

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but with populations of smaller monkeys present here, I couldn't help but think that these culprits might be what eyewitnesses are seeing.

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But locals are adamant that they're encountering some sort of large, unknown ape.

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We loaded remarkably consistent eyewitness descriptions into our 3D creature-making software to come up with this digital interpretation of what we're looking for.

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The orang pendek is reported to live deep in the western jungles on the island of Sumatra in Indonesia.

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Straddling the equator, these are some of the most dense, uncharted rainforests on Earth.

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Though he's only reported to be three feet tall, the orang pendek's sheer physical strength is what impresses most eyewitnesses.

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They say he has broad shoulders, a huge upper chest and abdomen, and long, powerful arms with legs that are small in comparison.

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Witnesses all report that he is covered in short, brownish-grey fur with a head that slopes back and a bony ridge above his wide-set eyes,

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similar to a gorilla, but with a face that is more human than ape.

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With our rendering complete, my team and I packed up our gear.

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I decided it was high time I got to Indonesia in search of this small beast with a big attitude.

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We flew 19 hours and arrived in Padang, Indonesia on the western shores of the island of Sumatra.

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We headed straight from the airport to the city's bustling market to find out what the locals could tell me about the orang pendek.

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Ask if they believe in the orang pendek.

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But do you believe in orang pendek?

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Yes, I do.

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I've never seen it.

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Everybody believes?

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Yes, let's see.

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We've seen it.

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You've seen it?

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Have you seen it?

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Yes.

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So it looks like?

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That's him?

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Yes.

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Everyone here says they believe in it and they all keep pointing to the same set of mountains.

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Right.

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There's one area of this national reserve that they say they think is the hotspot for the array.

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We were quite the hit in Padang, but some of us made more of an impression than others.

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Nobody wants their photo taken with me. Everybody wants their photo taken with Ryder.

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The girls love you in this town Ryder.

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More people who don't want their photo taken with me.

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Casey, superstar.

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Tell them I'm a major American celebrity and I'd like to ride their motorcycle.

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You're mine.

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Hey!

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Careful!

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Stop!

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Hey!

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Gotta get that brake line fixed.

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Never ride with that maniac again.

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After reminding Ryder that we were here to find the orang pendek, not film Spring Break Indonesia,

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we prepared for a journey out of the city and into the unknown.

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Several years ago, scientists on nearby Flores Island made a staggering discovery.

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Skeletal remains of an entirely new species of humans that lived only 10,000 years ago.

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Suddenly, teams of scientists are now taking the many orang pendek stories seriously.

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Is this creature a living missing link or just a case of mistaken identity?

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I intended to find out.

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The drive to the jungles where the orang pendek had been spotted took nearly a full day over badly damaged roads.

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This might get a little rough.

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Better find the tamarang after this.

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The various national parks where most of the sightings have taken place are collectively the size of Vermont.

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Clearly, we needed some expert assistance.

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Skeptics who doubt that the scientific community are taking this story seriously should talk to Alec Schlegel,

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a field researcher who has been stationed here for two years as part of a dedicated search for the orang pendek.

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His employers are none other than National Geographic.

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I was definitely curious about his scientific opinion on the existence of the creature.

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As someone who's going to go in and look for a orang pendek, what am I up against in terms of topography and geography?

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We start out from our town, a day through the jungle.

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Through steep terrain and through rain and through mud.

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There's these big rivers that we can't cross unless we have some pretty good equipment.

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We get covered in fungus and leech bites and scratches and fall down probably more times than I can count.

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Sounds horrible. Why are we doing this? Do you think that it's real?

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The conclusion I make is that it would be more bizarre for it not to exist than for it to exist.

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We've personally found footprints out there that don't match any other animal.

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And we have researchers like Debbie Martyr and her colleague Jeremy Holden who have both said they've seen it.

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And they have very credible stories.

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I had read about Debbie Martyr in my own research.

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A renowned zoologist, Debbie has been working in the surrounding jungles looking for evidence of the orang pendek

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and to preserve indigenous tigers from poachers for more than a decade.

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Most of her time is spent deep in the forest and she says that in that time,

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she has seen the orang pendek on three separate occasions.

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A large bodied primate with no tail, moving bipedally.

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There's this immense length from shoulder to shoulder. Very, very big bodied.

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Hopeful after hearing her descriptions of the creature,

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I got a reality check on just how hard it is to get up close and personal with the wildlife here.

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And how many times have you seen tigers in the wild here?

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Maybe four times.

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In how many years?

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Since 1994.

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So, I mean, that gives us some sense of how hard it is to find things that we know are living here.

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I've only seen an elephant twice in this park.

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An enormous animal. And in nearly 15 years, you've seen two elephants here.

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As we were leaving, Debbie introduced us to a cub of a previously unknown species of clouded leopard

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that has only recently been discovered here in Indonesia.

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This animal is a rarity to see and even rarer to hold since they can be deadly after just a few months.

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Ooh, he's got some good claws on him already.

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A small reminder that there are still new animals to be discovered in the wild corners of the world.

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Oops.

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My head is strong.

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Debbie gave us recent eyewitness data to help us pinpoint a place where we might find the Orang Pendak.

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One location was on the edge of the forest near Farmland.

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Looking for the Orang Pendak.

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Have you seen it?

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Several more eyewitnesses gave us descriptions consistent with all the reports we'd read about.

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What exactly did the Orang Pendak look like?

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I think that's the size of the Orang Pendak.

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The size is about this size.

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About three feet tall?

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Yeah.

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Okay.

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And were you very scared when you saw the creature?

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I was scared.

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I was scared.

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You were very scared.

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You were very scared.

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It's dangerous.

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I think wherever you go in the forest, there are always tigers.

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Wherever I go in the forest, there will always be a tiger.

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Back it up, guys. We're heading home.

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With so many eyewitness accounts coming from the same location, I knew we were on the right track.

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Now, to find an exact launching point for our investigation, I sat down with a ranger who has led eco tours in this area for several years and has heard many reports of the Orang Pendak.

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Do you think that it is a real animal?

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The man showed me an area on the map where a sighting happened just days before.

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The location had all the characteristics of an ideal Orang habitat.

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It wasn't too steep.

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It was bordered by farmland with a wide stream running through it.

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This was the perfect spot for our investigation.

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We'd have to travel south of Padang to Mount Karinchi.

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From there, we'd hike past an active volcano and deeper into the jungle before we'd reach our final destination.

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But before we headed into the hills, we needed to pick up a few supplies.

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This is durian fruit.

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I eat this?

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Yeah.

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Art?

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Yeah.

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Um, oh, it tastes like mashed up onions.

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A lot of cream.

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A lot of old cream.

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This is what the Orang Pendak eats.

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That's what we've been told.

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He loves fresh durian.

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Let's get a sack of them.

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We'll take it.

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Oh, I got it.

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00:08:43,500 --> 00:08:45,500

I got it.

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We loaded up enough of this fruit to entice an army of Orang Pendaks and made our way to our investigation site.

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We drove for miles until we reached the base of Mount Karinchi.

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We then continued on foot and hiked for several more miles.

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We finally reached the area where the ranger had told us an Orang Pendak had recently been spotted.

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I think this is good.

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We've got flat level ground.

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We're near a stream.

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There are going to be leeches out here, for sure.

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With little daylight left, my team and I worked quickly to set up our investigation equipment and

survey the area.

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Josh for Casey?

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Yeah, I got it.

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I'm in front of ACAM.

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You got a signal?

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I got a signal.

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Very good.

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We're well covered with trap cameras.

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They're all rigged out and they'll trigger with motion.

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We're looking for something that's about three feet tall, bipedal.

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We've certainly got the area covered.

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All right, let's get started, guys.

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Hey, Jake, come here, come here.

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I just saw something scatter on the shore there.

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I'm up on the edge of the forest now.

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There's a pretty good size river coming through here.

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It wasn't, I don't know what the f***.

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I just saw something scatter right on the opposite shore.

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I don't know what it was.

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There is some fresh scat down here, Casey.

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Let's get Jared to come down here with the evidence kit.

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No easy way to do this.

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I can go straight over.

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With this staff, I'm going to...

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And it's slippery as s***.

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I made it to the other side of the river.

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By the skin of my teeth, the log bridge I took actually cracked and fell.

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Right as I got here.

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Jared just showed up.

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He's going to collect the scat.

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I'm going to go pursue whatever it is I just saw.

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Okay, copy. Stay in touch.

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I'm going to camera on this side of the river.

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So I'm going to try to pick myself up using my handy cam from this side.

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Yeah, let's do that.

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Put out some of this Dorian.

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See what we attract.

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Hopefully, some rank pendek.

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Because I'm not coming back out here again with this stink fruit.

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So this is a good spot.

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Let's just get some of this out here.

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Stuff smells like sweet French onion soup.

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I can't even barely lift my arm up to machete away the vines.

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It's so thick.

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I saw something moving in the bushes and it went up into the interior,

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which I just can't get to from here.

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I need to find another way.

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I have to get up into the forest.

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I'm going to throw this handy cam back over to you.

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I don't want to come across with it.

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Good luck, handy cam.

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Ah, sh**!

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00:12:12,500 --> 00:12:14,500

Never easy.

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This show is never easy.

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My depth cameraman didn't quite make the catch.

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What happened out there?

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Well, the other side of that river is the forest.

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I'll tell you, in all sincerity, I have never been in a forest that's dense in my life.

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I could have been 30 feet.

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I saw something on the opposite bank.

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I barely made it over there.

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We've placed out some Dorian on one of our trap cameras.

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Let's try to get dry for a bit and see if this weather passes.

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As though the darkening jungle wasn't challenged enough,

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we were also now working against a forecasted storm which moved into our area.

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We're headed out.

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Jetta is shooting at the asper scope night vision camera.

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I've got the dorky, personal night vision going and I'm taking Gabe with me.

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He's wearing the POV cam.

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00:13:03,500 --> 00:13:04,500

Great.

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00:13:04,500 --> 00:13:06,500

We're going to check out to the north of here.

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00:13:06,500 --> 00:13:09,500

We'll keep in touch and see you in a little bit.

243

00:13:09,500 --> 00:13:10,500

Alright gang.

244

00:13:17,500 --> 00:13:24,500

Alright, just stepped in a bunch of sh**.

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00:13:24,500 --> 00:13:25,500

That's often sh**.

246

00:13:25,500 --> 00:13:28,500

Let's help you, please, boys.

247

00:13:28,500 --> 00:13:29,500

Pretty quiet.

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00:13:29,500 --> 00:13:41,500

I feel like our best chance of finding this creature would be inside of this really thick

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00:13:41,500 --> 00:13:48,500

canopy over here.

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00:13:48,500 --> 00:13:49,500

Josh, a base camp.

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00:13:49,500 --> 00:13:52,500

We pushed back our way through and found a really large clearing.

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00:13:52,500 --> 00:13:53,500

A point get across.

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00:13:53,500 --> 00:13:55,500

This is definitely a game trail.

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00:13:55,500 --> 00:13:57,500

Things aren't moving around out here.

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00:13:57,500 --> 00:14:01,500

Kind of here, slivered.

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00:14:01,500 --> 00:14:06,500

Smells like a burry male.

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00:14:06,500 --> 00:14:09,500

It smells strong.

258

00:14:09,500 --> 00:14:12,500

Casey, I got something over here.

259

00:14:12,500 --> 00:14:14,500

A set of eyes.

260

00:14:14,500 --> 00:14:16,500

Right there.

261

00:14:16,500 --> 00:14:18,500

See that?

262

00:14:18,500 --> 00:14:20,500

Oh, there's something there.

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00:14:20,500 --> 00:14:22,500

There, I see his eyes.

264

00:14:22,500 --> 00:14:23,500

There.

265

00:14:23,500 --> 00:14:24,500

Alright.

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00:14:24,500 --> 00:14:25,500

There.

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00:14:25,500 --> 00:14:28,500

They just sat back in that brush.

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00:14:28,500 --> 00:14:31,500

I'm going to push through.

269

00:14:31,500 --> 00:14:32,500

Right there.

270

00:14:32,500 --> 00:14:33,500

Stop, stop, stop, stop, stop, stop.

271

00:14:33,500 --> 00:14:34,500

Right there.

272

00:14:34,500 --> 00:14:35,500

Jett, can you see those?

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00:14:35,500 --> 00:14:36,500

No.

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00:14:36,500 --> 00:14:39,500

They're both staring right at us right now.

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00:14:39,500 --> 00:14:42,500

I got four eyeballs on us right now.

276

00:14:42,500 --> 00:14:43,500

Hold on.

277

00:14:43,500 --> 00:14:46,500

Stop, stop, stop, stop, stop, stop, stop, stop, stop, stop.

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00:14:46,500 --> 00:14:47,500

They're on the move.

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00:14:47,500 --> 00:14:48,500

Hold on.

280

00:14:48,500 --> 00:14:49,500

I don't know what you have.

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00:14:49,500 --> 00:14:52,500

Too far away.

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00:14:52,500 --> 00:15:01,500

It's getting pretty steep and gnarly up in here.

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00:15:01,500 --> 00:15:05,500

It's just a mudslide up here.

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00:15:05,500 --> 00:15:07,500

I can't see it from here.

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00:15:07,500 --> 00:15:10,500

There's something out there, though, for sure.

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00:15:10,500 --> 00:15:13,500

Well, whatever was looking at us took off.

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00:15:13,500 --> 00:15:14,500

Couple sets of eyes.

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00:15:14,500 --> 00:15:21,500

Couple sets of eyes on the edge of the forest, but no ring pin-deck.

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00:15:21,500 --> 00:15:28,500

We're stopped down right now just because it's really bad out there, but our trap

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00:15:28,500 --> 00:15:29,500

cameras are still up.

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00:15:29,500 --> 00:15:30,500

Still up, still rolling.

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00:15:30,500 --> 00:15:37,500

As soon as this weather holds up a little bit, we can get back out and clean us off.

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00:15:37,500 --> 00:15:40,500

We will go out and investigate in the rain.

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00:15:40,500 --> 00:15:43,500

In the meantime, just stay dry and we'll hang out.

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00:15:43,500 --> 00:15:45,500

Slice up the Dorian.

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00:15:45,500 --> 00:15:48,500

Tell them that we have more food besides that Dorian fruit.

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00:15:48,500 --> 00:15:49,500

Oh, no.

298

00:15:49,500 --> 00:15:51,500

Food wrapped in newspaper.

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00:15:51,500 --> 00:15:53,500

Never a good sign.

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00:15:53,500 --> 00:16:00,500

Another evening of white rice for gates.

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00:16:00,500 --> 00:16:04,500

White rice, also known as Josh Gates' rap name in Indonesia.

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00:16:04,500 --> 00:16:06,500

That's what they call me.

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00:16:06,500 --> 00:16:11,500

The rain finally let up for the time being, and since we hadn't caught anything on our trap

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00:16:11,500 --> 00:16:14,500

cameras, we decided to continue our sweeps in the jungle.

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00:16:14,500 --> 00:16:19,500

Well, there's definitely a couple of animals that keep lurking around our camp because

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00:16:19,500 --> 00:16:22,500

we definitely saw a set of eyes earlier as well.

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00:16:22,500 --> 00:16:25,500

We know that definitely something is aware that we're here.

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00:16:25,500 --> 00:16:29,500

Stop, stop, stop, stop, stop, stop, stop, stop.

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00:16:29,500 --> 00:16:31,500

Hear that?

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00:16:31,500 --> 00:16:38,500

There's something up there for sure.

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00:16:38,500 --> 00:16:41,500

Stop, stop, stop, stop, stop, stop, stop, stop, stop, stop.

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00:16:41,500 --> 00:16:43,500

Look, look, look, look.

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00:16:43,500 --> 00:16:44,500

See it?

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00:16:44,500 --> 00:16:45,500

See what?

315

00:16:45,500 --> 00:16:46,500

A set of eyes.

316

00:16:46,500 --> 00:16:47,500

No.

317

00:16:47,500 --> 00:16:48,500

Right in front of you.

318

00:16:48,500 --> 00:16:50,500

Oh, sh**, yeah.

319

00:16:50,500 --> 00:16:51,500

Do you see that?

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00:16:51,500 --> 00:16:52,500

Yeah.

321

00:16:52,500 --> 00:16:54,500

Yeah, I got two.

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00:16:54,500 --> 00:16:56,500

Case back up.

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00:16:56,500 --> 00:16:59,500

Big set of eyes.

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00:16:59,500 --> 00:17:03,500

Whatever that is, it's definitely looking right at us.

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Right at cornvestigate that.

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00:17:08,500 --> 00:17:10,500

I feel like they're getting closer.

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00:17:10,500 --> 00:17:19,500

See that a little bit?

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00:17:19,500 --> 00:17:20,500

Okay.

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00:17:20,500 --> 00:17:26,500

Let's head down this way.

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00:17:26,500 --> 00:17:29,500

Stop, stop, stop, stop, stop, stop, stop.

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00:17:29,500 --> 00:17:31,500

Whoa.

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00:17:31,500 --> 00:17:33,500

That does not look good to me.

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00:17:33,500 --> 00:17:35,500

That looks like a cat.

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00:17:35,500 --> 00:17:38,500

That looks feline to me, Jed.

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00:17:38,500 --> 00:17:39,500

I'll be very careful.

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00:17:39,500 --> 00:17:40,500

It's moving.

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00:17:40,500 --> 00:17:41,500

It's moving right at it.

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00:17:41,500 --> 00:17:42,500

Okay.

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00:17:42,500 --> 00:17:46,500

Sh**, look out, look out, look out, look out.

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00:17:46,500 --> 00:17:47,500

Sh**.

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00:17:47,500 --> 00:17:48,500

Sh**.

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00:17:48,500 --> 00:17:49,500

Sh**.

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00:17:49,500 --> 00:17:50,500

Sh**.

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00:17:50,500 --> 00:17:51,500

Sh**.

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00:17:51,500 --> 00:17:52,500

Sh**.

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00:17:52,500 --> 00:17:53,500

Sh**.

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00:17:53,500 --> 00:17:54,500

Sh**.

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00:17:54,500 --> 00:17:55,500

Sh**.

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00:17:55,500 --> 00:17:56,500

Sh**.

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00:17:56,500 --> 00:17:57,500

Sh**.

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00:17:57,500 --> 00:17:58,500

Sh**.

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00:17:58,500 --> 00:17:59,500

Sh**.

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00:17:59,500 --> 00:18:00,500

Stop, stop, stop, stop.

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00:18:00,500 --> 00:18:02,500

Big snake, big snake.

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00:18:02,500 --> 00:18:04,500

Big f*****g black snake.

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00:18:04,500 --> 00:18:09,500

I'm sorry to f*****g head bite you.

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00:18:09,500 --> 00:18:11,500

I just didn't want you to step on the f*****g thing.

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00:18:11,500 --> 00:18:12,500

Thank you.

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00:18:12,500 --> 00:18:13,500

You're welcome.

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00:18:13,500 --> 00:18:19,500

It's a big one.

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00:18:19,500 --> 00:18:21,500

Josh for Base Camp, come in Base Camp.

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00:18:21,500 --> 00:18:23,500

Josh, this is Base Camp.

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00:18:23,500 --> 00:18:24,500

Go ahead.

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00:18:24,500 --> 00:18:26,500

Just want to give you an update.

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00:18:26,500 --> 00:18:28,500

We've got something on the flare but it took off.

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00:18:28,500 --> 00:18:31,500

We freaked out over this huge snake and it right on your list.

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00:18:31,500 --> 00:18:33,500

Get back here safely.

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We'll do our best.

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00:18:38,500 --> 00:18:42,500

With everyone exhausted and more lightning and rain bearing down on our camp, we let

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our trap cameras continue to run while we climbed into our tents to seek refuge from the storm.

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Then we began our long journey back to Los Angeles where we had plenty of work to do.

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We sent the fecal samples we collected to the genetics lab at UC Davis for analysis.

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So you got our present.

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00:19:06,500 --> 00:19:07,500

Yes.

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00:19:07,500 --> 00:19:08,500

I see.

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00:19:08,500 --> 00:19:09,500

Smell it present.

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00:19:09,500 --> 00:19:13,500

Well, I didn't know what you wanted for the holidays this year so I just took a guess.

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Were you able to collect any DNA from the sample?

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The sequence appears to belong to a river otter.

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And we feel as though that's a pretty definitive answer at this point.

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That's the only...

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For this case, I think so.

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Yes, it is.

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00:19:28,500 --> 00:19:33,500

I think it is also consistent with the kind of materials that you find in the pieces.

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Like there are bird feathers.

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00:19:35,500 --> 00:19:36,500

Bird feathers.

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00:19:36,500 --> 00:19:37,500

Gross.

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00:19:37,500 --> 00:19:42,500

Okay, so it didn't turn out to be from the orang-penback, particularly dismaying news for Ryder who

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had to carry a bag of poop halfway around the planet.

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We then turned to our video evidence.

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Enhancement of the fleer in night vision footage proved inconclusive.

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Although the eyes we imaged are set apart in a width consistent with a large primate.

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After painstakingly searching through over 200 hours of footage, Camera 8 yielded up

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another pair of mysterious eyes wandering toward the durian fruit.

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Unfortunately, the rain knocked out our camera before it got close enough to make a positive

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ID.

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Were these eyes that of an orang-penback or one of the other animals that inhabit these

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jungles?

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Even without hard evidence, I'm hardly ready to close the books on the possibility of

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this animal's existence.

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In fact, I'm hopeful about it.

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Thousands of square miles of jungles in Indonesia are teeming with life and are nearly impossible

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to penetrate, let alone study and survey.

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I found the testimony of the eyewitnesses and experts we spoke to exceedingly credible,

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notably that of acclaimed zoologist Debbie Marner.

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Although my team did not capture footage of the orang-penback on our cameras, in the very

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near future I wouldn't be surprised to see him make a cameo for somebody else.

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Anyone who's gone fishing knows if you want to catch the big fish, you need a big worm.

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Well, according to reports coming out of Iceland, there's a worm there big enough to catch a

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whale.

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Locals living near Lake Lagerfljod say that a giant worm has made its home there since

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1345 when the first sighting was reported.

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Feared by locals for hundreds of years and almost completely unexplored by science, this

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was one mysterious creature I wasn't going to let slip through my fingers.

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We took the consistent eyewitness descriptions and came up with this digital interpretation

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of what we'd be looking for.

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The worm monster inhabits the waters of a remote glacial lake in eastern Iceland.

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The massive creature is reported to be up to 60 feet long with dark brown to black slimy

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skin.

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It is described without fins or flippers and apparently the only way to distinguish its

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00:21:26,500 --> 00:21:30,500

head from its tail is by the hundreds of razor sharp teeth inside its mouth.

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But more often than not, locals spot only the gigantic segmented humps of the creature on

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00:21:34,500 --> 00:21:39,500

the lake or mysterious shadows and unexplained disturbances at the water's surface.

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00:21:40,500 --> 00:21:44,500

With our rendering complete, my team and I packed up our underwater gear and headed

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00:21:44,500 --> 00:21:46,500

out for a wet and wild adventure.

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We flew 10 hours to the city of Reykjavik on the west coast of Iceland.

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We acquired land rovers to take us more than 600 miles east of Reykjavik to Lake Lagerfljod,

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00:21:55,500 --> 00:21:57,500

the purported home of the creature.

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Iceland is a volcanic wonderland being torn apart from underneath and covered in stunning

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00:22:02,500 --> 00:22:04,500

mountains and glaciers.

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00:22:04,500 --> 00:22:08,500

Along the way, we stopped to warm up with some delicious local cuisine.

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00:22:08,500 --> 00:22:10,500

Try something real Icelandic.

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00:22:10,500 --> 00:22:11,500

Okay.

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00:22:11,500 --> 00:22:13,500

And this makes you a man.

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00:22:13,500 --> 00:22:14,500

Okay.

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00:22:14,500 --> 00:22:15,500

First of all, you think I'm not a man yet?

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00:22:15,500 --> 00:22:16,500

Well, this is my...

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00:22:16,500 --> 00:22:18,500

I'm sure I like your tone, ma'am.

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00:22:18,500 --> 00:22:20,500

This is sour testicles.

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00:22:20,500 --> 00:22:21,500

Wait, what?

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00:22:21,500 --> 00:22:22,500

Why?

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00:22:22,500 --> 00:22:23,500

Oh boy.

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00:22:23,500 --> 00:22:24,500

This?

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00:22:24,500 --> 00:22:26,500

It's closer to eating first than then, I'm telling you.

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00:22:26,500 --> 00:22:28,500

No, I don't play that game.

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00:22:28,500 --> 00:22:30,500

It's the face of the lamb.

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00:22:30,500 --> 00:22:32,500

What do you mean the face of the lamb?

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00:22:32,500 --> 00:22:33,500

Gross.

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00:22:33,500 --> 00:22:36,500

Lamb face, goat testicles, lamb face, goat testicles.

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00:22:36,500 --> 00:22:40,500

Perhaps lamb face and goat testicles weren't the smartest snacks to fill up on before traveling

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00:22:40,500 --> 00:22:43,500

in a car for eight hours, but went to Iceland.

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00:22:43,500 --> 00:22:45,500

Got you.

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00:22:47,500 --> 00:22:52,500

After a full day of driving, we experienced the ubiquitous destination truth flat tire.

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00:22:52,500 --> 00:22:55,500

I heard it's focused on another fine destination truth vehicle.

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00:22:55,500 --> 00:22:57,500

Yeah, I'm going to go get it.

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00:22:59,500 --> 00:23:01,500

I could not have done that again if I tried.

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00:23:02,500 --> 00:23:05,500

Back on track, we arrived at the northern edge of the lake.

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00:23:05,500 --> 00:23:10,500

Because the lake is nearly 20 miles long, I needed to get a better perspective of just what we were dealing with.

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00:23:10,500 --> 00:23:14,500

So I hired a local pilot to take me up and check out the lay of the land.

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00:23:15,500 --> 00:23:16,500

Here we go.

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00:23:18,500 --> 00:23:23,500

As we got airborne, the desolate beauty of Iceland began to come into view all around me.

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The lake receives glacial runoff from one edge and then flows out to the sea over a series of waterfalls.

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It's basically landlocked and therefore no large animals can come in or out of it.

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00:23:35,500 --> 00:23:39,500

Other than salmon and some small fish, the lake is largely lifeless.

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00:23:39,500 --> 00:23:44,500

So if a giant worm is living here, it has to be part of a population that has been hiding for thousands of years.

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00:23:49,500 --> 00:23:52,500

Also, the sheer size of the lake was overwhelming.

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00:23:52,500 --> 00:23:56,500

I'd have to start on the ground with eyewitnesses in order to hone in on an investigation site.

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00:23:57,500 --> 00:24:01,500

This man was a local ranger around Lagerfljod for 22 years.

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00:24:01,500 --> 00:24:06,500

Not only has he heard of many sightings of the worm, he was lucky enough to spot it once too.

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00:24:06,500 --> 00:24:09,500

Tell me what you saw. Describe for me what you saw.

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00:24:09,500 --> 00:24:15,500

I saw something black and oval come out of the surface.

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00:24:15,500 --> 00:24:19,500

It came up and went down and came up.

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00:24:19,500 --> 00:24:22,500

So it was like multiple humps in the water?

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00:24:22,500 --> 00:24:23,500

Yes, yes.

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00:24:23,500 --> 00:24:26,500

And what part of the lake exactly did you see it in?

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00:24:26,500 --> 00:24:27,500

Here in.

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00:24:27,500 --> 00:24:28,500

Just here.

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00:24:28,500 --> 00:24:29,500

In this area.

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00:24:29,500 --> 00:24:34,500

Sightings just like this have been reported consistently since 1345.

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It's an unprecedented litany of accounts chronicled over nearly 700 years,

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making Scotland's famous Nessie look like the new kid on the block.

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Most residents are unwavering in their belief of the worm,

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who by all accounts has reached iconic status throughout Iceland,

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00:24:48,500 --> 00:24:51,500

even prompting this local teacher to write her graduate thesis about it.

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Do people believe that this worm is dangerous?

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00:24:54,500 --> 00:24:58,500

In the earlier centuries, yes, they did, absolutely.

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Has any real scientific inquiry ever been done to search for the creature?

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No.

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00:25:04,500 --> 00:25:06,500

I went to speak with a local ferry captain,

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00:25:06,500 --> 00:25:09,500

who not only knows these waters better than anyone in Iceland,

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00:25:09,500 --> 00:25:13,500

but who gave me every indication that something enormous is living beneath the surface.

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00:25:13,500 --> 00:25:19,500

When we are traveling, you will see the bottom, and also then comes another end.

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00:25:19,500 --> 00:25:22,500

So it's not actually the bottom, it's something in between the bottom.

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00:25:22,500 --> 00:25:23,500

It is, yeah.

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00:25:23,500 --> 00:25:26,500

It's some sort of object or creature.

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00:25:26,500 --> 00:25:27,500

Definitely.

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And one hour later, it is in the rider.

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00:25:29,500 --> 00:25:30,500

So it moves.

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00:25:30,500 --> 00:25:31,500

So it moves.

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00:25:33,500 --> 00:25:36,500

The glacial and mountain runoff all over Iceland

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00:25:36,500 --> 00:25:40,500

means that lakes such as Lagerfljot are part of complex waterways.

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00:25:40,500 --> 00:25:44,500

We geared up and set to work on exploring these churning tributaries.

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00:25:44,500 --> 00:25:46,500

All right guys, here we go.

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00:25:47,500 --> 00:25:49,500

Get back into it, Jared.

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00:25:49,500 --> 00:25:52,500

Our field medic proved to be a master of the outdoors.

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00:25:52,500 --> 00:25:54,500

Come on, buddy!

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00:25:54,500 --> 00:25:58,500

And after saving his life, we decided to get back on track.

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00:25:59,500 --> 00:26:01,500

Bunch of clowns.

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00:26:03,500 --> 00:26:07,500

We'd heard the lake's high silt content might hinder our visibility underwater,

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00:26:07,500 --> 00:26:10,500

so while we still had some daylight, my team and I prepared to go diving

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00:26:10,500 --> 00:26:14,500

where the river entered the lake, hoping to find some clear waters to investigate in.

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00:26:14,500 --> 00:26:18,500

But the water's poor visibility, it turned out, was just one of our problems.

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00:26:23,500 --> 00:26:24,500

Everyone laugh.

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00:26:25,500 --> 00:26:27,500

You look like you're in a Dutch bondage film.

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00:26:28,500 --> 00:26:32,500

The next step is to get into these tiny Icelandic dry suits.

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00:26:32,500 --> 00:26:34,500

Casey and I both have size 14 feet,

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00:26:34,500 --> 00:26:37,500

and these dry suits are elephant-sized.

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00:26:37,500 --> 00:26:41,500

They're for people who live in trees and make cookies.

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00:26:42,500 --> 00:26:44,500

Son of a...

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00:26:44,500 --> 00:26:45,500

Come on!

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00:26:46,500 --> 00:26:47,500

Push it.

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00:26:47,500 --> 00:26:50,500

I'm in. I'm in. Ow. I'm in.

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00:26:50,500 --> 00:26:52,500

Okay, next challenge.

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00:26:52,500 --> 00:26:53,500

Son of...

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00:26:59,500 --> 00:27:01,500

Our plan was to get out past the shoreline

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00:27:01,500 --> 00:27:04,500

and survey the lake for anything suspicious in the water.

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00:27:04,500 --> 00:27:07,500

With no boats or swimmers here, we knew that if the worm was around,

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00:27:07,500 --> 00:27:10,500

he would be very surprised to see us and would probably move quickly.

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00:27:12,500 --> 00:27:14,500

Rider for Josh.

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00:27:21,500 --> 00:27:27,500

Copy. Let me know what you guys see once you actually get into that lake water.

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00:27:41,500 --> 00:27:43,500

We're coming for you.

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00:27:43,500 --> 00:27:46,500

Casey, we're going inside the settlement area.

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00:27:55,500 --> 00:27:57,500

We're coming. Take the kids to zero.

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00:27:57,500 --> 00:27:59,500

We can get them to leave the lake before I can be out.

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00:27:59,500 --> 00:28:01,500

Never see anything like this.

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00:28:01,500 --> 00:28:03,500

Rider for Josh. I'm losing you guys.

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00:28:11,500 --> 00:28:15,500

Go again. All I caught was something coming right towards you. Are you guys okay?

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00:28:26,500 --> 00:28:27,500

Come on.

539

00:28:32,500 --> 00:28:35,500

I lost you guys on that last transmission. Check back.

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00:28:41,500 --> 00:28:43,500

I'm just about to get out.

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00:29:01,500 --> 00:29:04,500

Copy. I just got a visual on him. He's broken the surface of the water.

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00:29:04,500 --> 00:29:06,500

Are you guys going to continue forward?

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00:29:11,500 --> 00:29:14,500

It's incredible. Not only can you not see anything,

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00:29:14,500 --> 00:29:16,500

but there's almost no light penetration.

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00:29:16,500 --> 00:29:21,500

Within four feet of the surface, it is black. I mean, just ink.

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00:29:21,500 --> 00:29:24,500

It's terrifying down there. You can't see a thing.

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00:29:24,500 --> 00:29:26,500

I believe a giant worm could live in this lake now.

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00:29:26,500 --> 00:29:28,500

A muddy, crazy country.

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00:29:30,500 --> 00:29:34,500

With the evening closing in, I decided it was high time to head out on the lake

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00:29:34,500 --> 00:29:35,500

and go fishing for a worm.

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00:29:35,500 --> 00:29:38,500

As Casey and Rider set up base camp operations on the shore

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00:29:38,500 --> 00:29:41,500

and unpacked our sonar equipment and additional cameras,

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I took to the lake in a local boat with Jared and Richie

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and began a survey of the area before it got dark.

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Our plan was to have Casey and Rider mount infrared cameras along the shore

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00:29:50,500 --> 00:29:54,500

where the creature has been seen, as well as for my team to use our powerful night vision camera

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00:29:54,500 --> 00:29:57,500

and thermal imager to scan the water's surface throughout the lake.

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00:29:57,500 --> 00:30:00,500

That is, if we could survive the weather.

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00:30:02,500 --> 00:30:04,500

Josh, the base camp. Come in base camp.

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00:30:04,500 --> 00:30:06,500

Hey Josh, go ahead for base camp.

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00:30:06,500 --> 00:30:10,500

Continuing my survey of the lake, chop's picking up a little bit

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00:30:10,500 --> 00:30:13,500

and so is the wind and clouds are coming in.

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00:30:13,500 --> 00:30:16,500

So make sure everything's secured to be dry over there.

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00:30:16,500 --> 00:30:19,500

We'll do some prep work on you guys. Take care.

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00:30:19,500 --> 00:30:23,500

Copy that. No sign of a worm monster yet, but it's cold as hell out here.

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00:30:29,500 --> 00:30:31,500

My engine just died.

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00:30:32,500 --> 00:30:35,500

Is it the actual engine or are you guys out of gas?

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00:30:36,500 --> 00:30:38,500

I might have overthrottled it a little.

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00:30:38,500 --> 00:30:41,500

There is a warning here that someone's written by the throttle.

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00:30:41,500 --> 00:30:42,500

It says,

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00:30:47,500 --> 00:30:48,500

Do you know what that means?

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00:30:48,500 --> 00:30:50,500

He can't mean it's the one on the throttle.

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00:30:56,500 --> 00:30:58,500

I'm evenly in the f***ing throttle.

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00:31:00,500 --> 00:31:02,500

Got it! Nailed it!

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00:31:07,500 --> 00:31:11,500

Well, the rain looks like it's held off, but the mist certainly moved in.

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00:31:11,500 --> 00:31:15,500

Hey man, just touching base with you guys. See how you're doing out there?

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00:31:15,500 --> 00:31:18,500

Bad news, temperature's dropped, fog has rolled in.

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00:31:18,500 --> 00:31:21,500

The flare's totally cold. I've got no heat readings in the surface.

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00:31:21,500 --> 00:31:24,500

The water is perfectly still. No sign of a worm monster whatsoever.

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00:31:24,500 --> 00:31:27,500

And I've almost lost a visual on the opposite shore.

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00:31:27,500 --> 00:31:31,500

Yeah, copy that. We've lost visual on you guys from the shore.

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00:31:31,500 --> 00:31:33,500

The cameras are starting to pick up all this fog that's rolling as well,

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00:31:33,500 --> 00:31:35,500

so you guys be careful out there.

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00:31:35,500 --> 00:31:37,500

To be mind, there's a lot of rocks and sandbars out there too.

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00:31:37,500 --> 00:31:40,500

Copy that. We're taking it nice and slow.

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00:31:40,500 --> 00:31:43,500

Let's get out towards the center of the lake where a lot of the recent sightings have been.

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00:31:43,500 --> 00:31:44,500

See what we see.

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00:31:44,500 --> 00:31:47,500

I mean, the visibility's limited, so we'll see if we can get any sort of heat signatures.

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00:32:04,500 --> 00:32:07,500

We've got one shoreline.

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00:32:07,500 --> 00:32:10,500

Now that's the thing, we've got to remember what shoreline we're on.

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00:32:10,500 --> 00:32:11,500

That one.

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00:32:11,500 --> 00:32:12,500

That one. No.

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00:32:12,500 --> 00:32:13,500

Don't do that.

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00:32:13,500 --> 00:32:15,500

No, that is not our shoreline.

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00:32:15,500 --> 00:32:16,500

That is our shoreline.

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00:32:16,500 --> 00:32:18,500

No, it's back there.

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00:32:18,500 --> 00:32:20,500

That's our shoreline.

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00:32:20,500 --> 00:32:22,500

So we're lost.

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00:32:22,500 --> 00:32:24,500

We're not lost, we're in the fog.

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00:32:24,500 --> 00:32:31,500

If you think that shoreline is ours, and I think that shoreline is ours, we're lost.

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00:32:34,500 --> 00:32:37,500

The fog definitely isn't lifting.

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00:32:37,500 --> 00:32:39,500

It's just that we're so close to the bank now.

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00:32:42,500 --> 00:32:44,500

I see two coves.

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00:32:44,500 --> 00:32:46,500

I can't quite tell what's past it.

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00:32:46,500 --> 00:32:52,500

If there's nothing past this block here, I think we made a mistake.

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00:32:52,500 --> 00:32:54,500

Josh to base camp, come in.

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00:32:54,500 --> 00:32:57,500

Point the jeep out into the lake and fire the high beams off for me.

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00:33:04,500 --> 00:33:07,500

I got no visual on either shore.

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00:33:07,500 --> 00:33:09,500

I'm sitting right now in soup.

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00:33:09,500 --> 00:33:18,500

And the fact that I can't see those headlamp beams from the jeep is concerning me a bit.

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00:33:25,500 --> 00:33:27,500

I got no visual on either shore.

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00:33:27,500 --> 00:33:29,500

I'm sitting right now in soup.

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00:33:30,500 --> 00:33:34,500

Our investigation had only just begun when an unexpected fog blanketed the lake,

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00:33:34,500 --> 00:33:37,500

leaving Jared, Richie and myself hopelessly lost.

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00:33:37,500 --> 00:33:42,500

With the temperature dropping by the minute in a damp mist, there was now a serious threat of hypothermia.

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00:33:42,500 --> 00:33:45,500

I got high beam flashing. Anything?

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00:33:45,500 --> 00:33:49,500

If you had the light from the Luxor Pyramid in Las Vegas, I don't think I would see it right now.

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00:33:49,500 --> 00:33:51,500

I am in the soup, dude.

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00:33:51,500 --> 00:33:54,500

The worm has been known to surface in these open waters in the center of the lake.

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00:33:54,500 --> 00:33:58,500

We continue to thoroughly canvas this area while also trying to stay warm in the freezing night air.

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00:33:58,500 --> 00:34:00,500

I can't see shit. I see nothing.

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00:34:00,500 --> 00:34:02,500

I have no idea where shore is now at all.

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00:34:02,500 --> 00:34:04,500

In any shore?

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00:34:08,500 --> 00:34:12,500

We have climbed up to a high point, a bluff overlooking the lake.

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00:34:12,500 --> 00:34:15,500

High beams are still out on the car.

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00:34:15,500 --> 00:34:20,500

And she'll be looking for lights higher up, up top on a bluff.

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00:34:20,500 --> 00:34:24,500

I have found at least one of the two banks.

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00:34:24,500 --> 00:34:28,500

I'm going to try to edge in a little bit closer.

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00:34:28,500 --> 00:34:34,500

I do not hear you guys boat anymore, so you probably go in the opposite direction.

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00:34:39,500 --> 00:34:42,500

The lake is more than a mile and a half across.

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00:34:42,500 --> 00:34:45,500

We attempted to set off for the opposing side on a straight course,

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00:34:45,500 --> 00:34:48,500

where we hoped we'd find the relative warmth and safety of our base camp.

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00:34:48,500 --> 00:34:52,500

Hard as it may be to believe, without a GPS compass or even stars,

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00:34:52,500 --> 00:34:55,500

setting a straight course in near zero visibility was impossible.

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00:34:55,500 --> 00:35:00,500

And slight variations in our calculations meant that the boat began to make an arc across the water,

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00:35:00,500 --> 00:35:03,500

instead of traveling in a straight line toward the opposite shore,

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00:35:03,500 --> 00:35:06,500

bringing us back to where we started.

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00:35:06,500 --> 00:35:09,500

That's a coastline. We're on the same coast.

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00:35:09,500 --> 00:35:11,500

We just have to circle.

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00:35:11,500 --> 00:35:14,500

Yeah, we passed. It's a thousand times.

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00:35:18,500 --> 00:35:20,500

Alright, Jared, I'm going to short.

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00:35:20,500 --> 00:35:23,500

Despite our best efforts, we were running in circles.

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00:35:23,500 --> 00:35:26,500

The reality of our situation became dire.

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00:35:26,500 --> 00:35:31,500

As the temperature continued to drop, we were not only lost on the water, but lost on land.

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00:35:31,500 --> 00:35:34,500

Alright guys, let's not lose the boat.

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00:35:37,500 --> 00:35:39,500

We're officially in the twilight zone.

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00:35:39,500 --> 00:35:42,500

There's not even a road here. There's nothing here.

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00:35:42,500 --> 00:35:45,500

This is the third time we've done a circle here.

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00:35:45,500 --> 00:35:49,500

We're going to get back in the boat, try to hug the shoreline,

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00:35:49,500 --> 00:35:51,500

and we'll check in a bit.

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00:35:54,500 --> 00:35:58,500

Iceland is largely unpopulated, and the cliffs and fields around the lake

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00:35:58,500 --> 00:36:00,500

were as barren as the seemingly endless water.

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00:36:00,500 --> 00:36:04,500

With no options for rescue here, we returned to the lake to continue our search.

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00:36:04,500 --> 00:36:07,500

Back into the mist, boys.

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00:36:07,500 --> 00:36:09,500

Let's do the most important thing.

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00:36:09,500 --> 00:36:11,500

Let's assess the fuel.

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00:36:11,500 --> 00:36:13,500

It's getting really cold out here.

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00:36:13,500 --> 00:36:15,500

Josh, do you copy over?

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00:36:15,500 --> 00:36:17,500

I'm absolutely lost out here.

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00:36:17,500 --> 00:36:20,500

I'm just going to go to the right side of the sea.

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00:36:20,500 --> 00:36:22,500

No sign of it. It's a pretty thick fog.

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00:36:22,500 --> 00:36:24,500

We've certainly got our eyes open for the lake worm so far.

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00:36:24,500 --> 00:36:26,500

All's quiet. Nothing on the thermal imager.

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00:36:26,500 --> 00:36:29,500

Actually, us being lost is probably beneficial in terms of the investigation.

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00:36:29,500 --> 00:36:31,500

We've covered a lot of water.

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00:36:31,500 --> 00:36:34,500

Jared and I have been scanning the waters all night with the FLIR.

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00:36:34,500 --> 00:36:37,500

We haven't seen anything disturbing the surface, so we're kind of limited to the zone.

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00:36:37,500 --> 00:36:40,500

Our equipment is with you, but we'll keep scanning on the FLIR and see what we see.

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00:36:40,500 --> 00:36:43,500

Casey, I want to try selling that might help us to locate you guys.

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00:36:43,500 --> 00:36:47,500

I'm going to go to the YELL, a loud hello, and leave the walkie-open for the YELL

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00:36:47,500 --> 00:36:50,500

so I can see how long it takes to get to us.

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00:36:50,500 --> 00:36:52,500

Okay, here we go.

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00:36:52,500 --> 00:36:54,500

Three, two, one.

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00:36:54,500 --> 00:36:56,500

Hello!

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00:37:07,500 --> 00:37:09,500

12 seconds.

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00:37:09,500 --> 00:37:11,500

In a different direction. Across the lake.

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00:37:11,500 --> 00:37:14,500

Casey, it's taking about 12 seconds to free your call to reach us.

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00:37:14,500 --> 00:37:16,500

We've got about a quarter of a tank left.

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00:37:16,500 --> 00:37:20,500

We're going to continue to head along this shore.

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00:37:20,500 --> 00:37:22,500

And until the fuel runs out.

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00:37:26,500 --> 00:37:28,500

I am freezing.

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00:37:28,500 --> 00:37:29,500

I am so cold.

683

00:37:29,500 --> 00:37:31,500

Well, we've covered a lot of ground out here.

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00:37:31,500 --> 00:37:34,500

I mean, nothing's broke the surface, not a fish.

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00:37:34,500 --> 00:37:36,500

Nothing.

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00:37:36,500 --> 00:37:39,500

When we get back to shore, do you think it's going to be like 14 years later or something?

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00:37:39,500 --> 00:37:42,500

It's probably going to be the Statue of Liberty sticking out of the sand.

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00:37:45,500 --> 00:37:47,500

It's cold out!

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00:37:49,500 --> 00:37:51,500

That ice cold is fucking cold in here.

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00:37:51,500 --> 00:37:53,500

It's like slush.

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00:37:55,500 --> 00:37:58,500

It's like just being an avoid.

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00:37:58,500 --> 00:38:03,500

As the hours ticked by, we were at least confident that we were covering a lot of water in our search.

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00:38:03,500 --> 00:38:07,500

And despite this being one of the most chaotic and disorganized of investigations,

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00:38:07,500 --> 00:38:11,500

out of nowhere, it yielded up an incredible encounter.

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00:38:11,500 --> 00:38:13,500

What is that?

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00:38:13,500 --> 00:38:14,500

Right there.

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00:38:14,500 --> 00:38:15,500

What the hell is that?

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00:38:15,500 --> 00:38:16,500

It's in the water.

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00:38:16,500 --> 00:38:17,500

I don't know.

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00:38:25,500 --> 00:38:26,500

Same.

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00:38:27,500 --> 00:38:28,500

What the fuck is that?

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00:38:28,500 --> 00:38:29,500

What is that?

703

00:38:29,500 --> 00:38:31,500

Right there.

704

00:38:31,500 --> 00:38:32,500

What the hell is that?

705

00:38:32,500 --> 00:38:33,500

It's in the water.

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00:38:33,500 --> 00:38:34,500

I don't know.

707

00:38:34,500 --> 00:38:36,500

What the fuck is that?

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00:38:37,500 --> 00:38:39,500

It's literally crossing our path.

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00:38:39,500 --> 00:38:43,500

Casey, if you can copy, we see something in the water, something big moving in the water.

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00:38:43,500 --> 00:38:46,500

Stand up here, look, you see better.

711

00:38:46,500 --> 00:38:48,500

Come back, I did not copy.

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00:38:48,500 --> 00:38:52,500

Casey, we just saw something big moving in the water.

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00:38:52,500 --> 00:38:54,500

I created a wake.

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00:38:54,500 --> 00:38:55,500

It did not copy.

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00:38:55,500 --> 00:38:56,500

You saw something.

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00:38:56,500 --> 00:38:57,500

Right here, right here, it's going off this way.

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00:38:57,500 --> 00:38:58,500

It's right there.

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00:38:58,500 --> 00:39:01,500

It's right there, there's a shadow line right there.

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00:39:03,500 --> 00:39:04,500

Look, here's the wake.

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00:39:04,500 --> 00:39:06,500

Look at the water coming in right now.

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00:39:06,500 --> 00:39:07,500

That's not us.

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00:39:07,500 --> 00:39:09,500

No, 30 feet long creating a wake.

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00:39:09,500 --> 00:39:10,500

A huge wake.

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00:39:10,500 --> 00:39:11,500

A huge wake.

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00:39:11,500 --> 00:39:12,500

Oh man.

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00:39:13,500 --> 00:39:15,500

60 feet from us.

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00:39:15,500 --> 00:39:18,500

I mean, it's gone.

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00:39:18,500 --> 00:39:20,500

I mean, look.

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00:39:20,500 --> 00:39:24,500

Huge black shadow in the water and huge wake coming off it.

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00:39:24,500 --> 00:39:28,500

That is a fucking knot that is the craziest thing I've ever seen in my life.

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00:39:28,500 --> 00:39:30,500

I'm with you brother.

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00:39:30,500 --> 00:39:32,500

30 foot serpent?

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00:39:32,500 --> 00:39:34,500

It looks like a fucking worm.

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00:39:34,500 --> 00:39:36,500

I can't have no what else to say.

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00:39:38,500 --> 00:39:39,500

Casey, do you copy?

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00:39:39,500 --> 00:39:41,500

Yeah, go ahead.

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00:39:41,500 --> 00:39:45,500

We just saw something 20, 30 feet long, huge black, went through the water.

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00:39:45,500 --> 00:39:48,500

Get out in the robot with a sonar, and just give it an image of whatever it was.

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00:39:48,500 --> 00:39:50,500

Do not lose sight of shore.

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00:39:56,500 --> 00:39:57,500

I hate this.

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00:40:05,500 --> 00:40:07,500

Okay, I know where the camera's up.

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00:40:12,500 --> 00:40:14,500

I'll leave it down there for a while and see what happens.

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00:40:25,500 --> 00:40:27,500

I'll tell you something right now.

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00:40:27,500 --> 00:40:29,500

I've been doing this show a while.

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00:40:29,500 --> 00:40:31,500

That's one of the craziest things I've ever seen.

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We saw something.

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I don't know what we saw.

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I'm not prepared to say it was a lake monster.

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A lot either, but that was no trout.

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Nope, no.

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It was huge.

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We just saw a submarine come through this lake.

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That's what I was saying.

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That's what we saw.

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Josh and Casey, we tried to chase down whatever it is that we saw.

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We did not have a visual on it.

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We're also back in the soup again.

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No sign of land.

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We're back in the middle of it.

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See anything out there in the surface?

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How's it going over there?

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Absolutely nothing.

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Unless something else, when I'm right in front of the camera, there's no way we can see it.

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It's just too murky.

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Our poise of the good news is the sun's up.

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Fogging, breaking a little bit.

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In another couple of minutes, we should be able to navigate our way out of this mess.

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In a state of delirium, we did finally find Base Camp,

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after more than six hours lost in the freezing cold.

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Oh, I made it.

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You are a sight for weary eyes, my friend.

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By the light of day, we managed to fall out and headed back to Los Angeles,

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eager to review our findings and purchase a few compasses for future expeditions.

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Every crew member in our boat witnessed something huge in the water that night,

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but would our cameras be able to see it through the fog?

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We took our footage to the University of California in Santa Barbara

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and shared it with freshwater biologist Dr. Scott Cooper.

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Although he couldn't positively ID what my team and I saw that night any more than I could,

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I wanted to know if he thought that a school of fish known to inhabit the lake

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could account for the disturbance we all saw in the water.

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Eels in Iceland do get up to three feet long,

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but they're not anything like the creature that's been described here.

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Right.

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You know, I don't think schools of fish would produce a wake like this.

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They're a large fish like sturgeon that could produce, leave wakes as they swim under the surface,

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but there's never been reports of large fish like that in this lake.

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Unable to account for what could make a wake pattern like this,

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we were left with a mysterious set of facts.

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This was not a school of fish, and based on the shadow that we observed,

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it was bigger than anything known to live in the lake.

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In the final analysis, the legend of the creature at Lagerflea is hard to scientifically support,

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with very little by way of a food supply in the lake,

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and no material remains ever collected.

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It seems incredible to believe that a population of animals could breed and survive here undetected.

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On the other hand, centuries of consistent eyewitness reports

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and our own first-hand experiences must be accounted for.

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What the hell is that?

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It's in the water.

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I don't know.

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What the f*** is that?

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One thing is for sure, with freezing water in pitch black depths,

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it will be nearly impossible to thoroughly study the lake,

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and so the stories about this Icelandic monster are sure to be debated for years,

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even centuries to come.