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On this episode of Destination Truth, Josh journeys to the dark jungles of Java in search

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of a terrifying bad creature harassing the residents there.

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Right there, right there, there, there, there, really big, with a thermal.

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Next, the team heads to a remote corner of the Philippines where locals are seeing monsters

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in the water.

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There's a lake with a monster and a sunken town and dead bodies in it.

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Will Josh get to the bottom of these slippery sightings or succumb to these terrifying waters?

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Something under us, large hit.

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I got a thermal hit, something in the water.

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I'm Josh Gates.

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

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

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

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The truth.

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Remember the first time you saw the Wizard of Oz as a kid?

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A heartwarming story for children full of terrifying flying monkeys.

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Well, people in Indonesia are confirming that my childhood nightmares are coming true.

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A flying primate called the Ahul is said to be terrorizing the skies over the island

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of Java.

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Although Indonesia is home to some of the world's largest bats, witnesses say the Ahul

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is something much more frightening, an aggressive creature with a wingspan that would make even

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the wicked witch jealous.

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Using all available eyewitness reports, my team and I were able to create a forensic

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model of this flapping feed.

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The Ahul is mostly spotted at night and is said to live in the dense interior of the

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Java rainforests.

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Reports claim that the creature has a monkey's head and a nearly four foot long torso that

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is covered in short gray fur.

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But the feature that has people running for cover is the Ahul's reported 12 foot wingspan.

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Nearly every report cites the creature lives around rivers and remote caves and makes a

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strange call that can be heard for miles by locals.

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Putting my childhood fears aside, my team and I loaded up our investigation equipment

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and headed out.

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We flew 14 hours from Los Angeles arriving in Jakarta very early the next morning.

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Luckily the airport was well staffed with extremely eager luggage porters.

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Why are you standing so close together?

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00:02:04,400 --> 00:02:08,680

I don't understand, just space out a little bit.

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00:02:08,680 --> 00:02:09,680

Let's go!

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00:02:09,680 --> 00:02:10,680

Where are we going?

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00:02:10,680 --> 00:02:12,680

Here we go!

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00:02:12,680 --> 00:02:16,360

As usual, our military grade night vision cameras were hit at customs and part of our

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crew got held up at the airport trying to explain that we were just here to hunt monsters.

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Even to get a head start on the day, the rest of the team and I acquired a jeep and

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began our journey to the jungle village 80 miles south of Jakarta where many people claim

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to have seen the Ahul.

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This eco region has been largely diminished by farming and population growth, but huge

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tracts of unexplored forests remain here and after hours of driving on remote unpaved

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mountain roads, we found ourselves faced with a major setback.

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Not the most reliable vehicle in the world.

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00:02:49,640 --> 00:03:01,640

I think he's got enough.

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00:03:01,640 --> 00:03:03,200

Oh, that is not good.

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

The fuel pumps broke.

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00:03:04,200 --> 00:03:05,200

Where do we get a fuel pump from?

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00:03:05,200 --> 00:03:06,200

Chicken niki...

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00:03:06,200 --> 00:03:07,200

Om se?

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00:03:07,200 --> 00:03:08,200

Chicken niki?

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00:03:08,200 --> 00:03:09,200

Yeah, chicken niki.

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00:03:09,200 --> 00:03:10,200

Are you just making up words now, Bondi?

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00:03:10,200 --> 00:03:11,200

Yeah.

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00:03:11,200 --> 00:03:12,200

Okay.

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00:03:12,200 --> 00:03:13,700

This thing is smoking like a cigarette.

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00:03:13,700 --> 00:03:14,700

No, I think.

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00:03:14,700 --> 00:03:15,700

What do you think?

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00:03:15,700 --> 00:03:18,200

You rented this thing from a couple of Ahuls.

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00:03:19,200 --> 00:03:20,200

Ah!

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00:03:20,200 --> 00:03:22,200

Put your back into it, Ryder.

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00:03:22,200 --> 00:03:24,640

Will you please?

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00:03:24,640 --> 00:03:28,240

We pushed our broken down jeep to the side of the road and followed a map to a remote

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00:03:28,240 --> 00:03:30,440

ranger station nearly five kilometers away.

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I guess you stop the road and five clicks later we should come to the town.

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Make it sound real easy.

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00:03:36,720 --> 00:03:40,080

Well, it's got to be easier than driving in this car.

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With darkness upon us, Ryder and I pressed on to find accommodations while our local

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00:03:43,960 --> 00:03:46,640

helpers stayed behind to work on the jeep through the night.

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00:03:46,640 --> 00:03:50,520

We hiked for hours and finally reached a really welcoming looking building on the edge

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00:03:50,520 --> 00:03:51,520

of the forest.

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00:03:51,520 --> 00:03:52,520

A research station.

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00:03:52,520 --> 00:03:55,520

It's like I've been lost all this time.

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00:03:55,520 --> 00:03:56,520

Hello?

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00:03:56,520 --> 00:04:00,400

Hey, we're calling this home for the night.

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Happy to have not been murdered in our sleep, we awoke to the sounds of our jeep, up and

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00:04:03,840 --> 00:04:07,440

running with a new fuel pump and carrying the rest of my crew who finally made it out

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00:04:07,440 --> 00:04:08,440

of customs.

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00:04:08,440 --> 00:04:12,200

Back on the road, we made the rest of the journey to our destination.

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00:04:12,200 --> 00:04:15,760

I wanted to get word out to the villagers that we were looking for people with information

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00:04:15,760 --> 00:04:19,080

about the Ahoor, so I used their version of mass communication.

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Citizens, I'm looking for an Ahoor.

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Anybody see me, Ahoor?

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00:04:24,320 --> 00:04:25,320

You got it?

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00:04:25,320 --> 00:04:33,320

You might be asking yourself why are you guys attaching a giant megaphone to a palm tree?

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00:04:33,320 --> 00:04:36,320

Show of hands to anybody here from Jakarta.

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00:04:36,320 --> 00:04:39,280

What's the deal with airplane food?

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00:04:39,280 --> 00:04:40,560

Seriously.

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00:04:40,560 --> 00:04:45,120

My stand up routine wasn't exactly getting big laughs here, so I got back to our investigation.

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00:04:45,120 --> 00:04:48,360

The Ahool gets its name from the owl-like call the creature makes.

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00:04:48,360 --> 00:04:52,400

This man says he witnessed the Ahool early one morning eating mushrooms in the forest.

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00:04:52,400 --> 00:04:58,840

And when you saw the creature, did it make any sort of noise?

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00:04:58,840 --> 00:05:00,520

That is the sound of the Ahool.

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This man said he too had a recent encounter with the Ahool.

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It was catching fish.

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00:05:11,880 --> 00:05:14,560

It was catching fish in the river.

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00:05:14,560 --> 00:05:18,600

The man pointed us to a nearby trailhead that would lead us to an area that he said was

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full of caves where the Ahool was known to live and where he spotted the creature just

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00:05:22,560 --> 00:05:23,560

days ago.

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00:05:23,560 --> 00:05:27,400

But after our battle at customs and broken down jeep, I had a score to settle here in

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00:05:27,400 --> 00:05:28,400

Indonesia.

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I cannot help but notice that you appear to have in the middle of this village a fairly

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00:05:31,720 --> 00:05:33,200

impressive volleyball court.

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00:05:33,200 --> 00:05:38,400

I happen to have with me Ryder who is a hell of a volleyball player.

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00:05:38,400 --> 00:05:43,160

Is it possible that she could square off against your best volleyball player in town?

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00:05:43,160 --> 00:05:50,920

This Ulan versus Ryder and if possible I would like the match to be to the death.

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00:05:50,920 --> 00:05:51,920

Don't let us down.

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00:05:51,920 --> 00:06:06,120

Loser gets executed.

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00:06:06,120 --> 00:06:09,920

After defeating the locals and deciding to spare them from execution, we put off our

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00:06:09,960 --> 00:06:13,320

search for the Ahool to search for some lunch on our way out of town.

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00:06:13,320 --> 00:06:14,320

What is this?

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00:06:14,320 --> 00:06:15,760

Looks like a pretty delicious pancake.

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00:06:15,760 --> 00:06:16,760

Can we have one of these?

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00:06:16,760 --> 00:06:17,760

That's about it.

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00:06:17,760 --> 00:06:18,760

That's really good.

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00:06:18,760 --> 00:06:21,760

Take note, IHOP, I've got your newest menu item for you.

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00:06:21,760 --> 00:06:23,160

Ryder, here are your choices for your pancake.

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00:06:23,160 --> 00:06:24,160

Sugar.

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00:06:24,160 --> 00:06:25,160

Okay.

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00:06:25,160 --> 00:06:26,160

Nuts.

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00:06:26,160 --> 00:06:27,160

Chocolate sprinkles.

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00:06:27,160 --> 00:06:29,160

House paint.

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00:06:29,160 --> 00:06:33,000

With full stomachs, we continued on to the trailhead several miles south of the village.

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00:06:33,000 --> 00:06:36,040

From there we would hike deeper into the jungle to find the caves where the Ahoos

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00:06:36,040 --> 00:06:37,040

said to live.

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00:06:37,040 --> 00:06:42,480

Well, that doesn't look good.

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00:06:42,480 --> 00:06:46,040

A minor roadblock forced us to hike the rest of the way.

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00:06:46,040 --> 00:06:50,840

Get your walking shoes on, people.

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00:06:50,840 --> 00:06:58,200

Alright.

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00:06:58,200 --> 00:07:03,880

We found the trailhead but we had no idea what was in store.

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00:07:03,880 --> 00:07:07,840

The Rocky Riverbank became narrow and sheer, making it impossible for us to continue our

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00:07:07,840 --> 00:07:08,840

hike.

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00:07:08,840 --> 00:07:13,080

The only way we could move forward was by taking the low road.

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00:07:13,080 --> 00:07:22,080

The wet low road.

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00:07:22,080 --> 00:07:43,160

I think this is great.

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00:07:43,160 --> 00:07:44,160

It's a clearing.

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00:07:44,160 --> 00:07:46,440

Obviously, we're a little bit off the main trail.

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00:07:46,440 --> 00:07:49,480

Got a little bit of room to set up.

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00:07:49,480 --> 00:07:52,320

Let's start breaking out the cameras here right near the river where we want to be in

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00:07:52,320 --> 00:07:53,320

a nice open clearing.

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00:07:53,320 --> 00:07:56,360

And then we can venture out once the sun goes down to try to find these caves that we've

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00:07:56,360 --> 00:07:57,360

heard about.

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00:07:57,360 --> 00:08:00,360

Alright, let's start getting set up.

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00:08:00,360 --> 00:08:04,320

As daylight faded, we set up our base camp at a forest clearing near the river and only

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00:08:04,320 --> 00:08:10,360

a few kilometers from the caves where the Ahoos had been spotted.

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00:08:10,360 --> 00:08:13,960

Since locals have claimed to see the Ahoos feeding by the river, we set out some fish

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00:08:13,960 --> 00:08:14,960

to entice his appearance.

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00:08:14,960 --> 00:08:15,960

How's that look, appetizing?

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00:08:15,960 --> 00:08:16,960

Yeah.

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00:08:16,960 --> 00:08:21,760

Alright, Casey, where are we at with our setup tonight?

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00:08:21,760 --> 00:08:22,760

We are up and rolling.

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00:08:22,760 --> 00:08:25,120

We've got a camera on the fish that you guys set down by the river.

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00:08:25,120 --> 00:08:28,480

We've got two other cameras set down this path here.

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00:08:28,480 --> 00:08:31,440

Are any of them golds to pick something up on one of these cameras or with our thermal

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00:08:31,440 --> 00:08:32,440

imager?

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00:08:32,440 --> 00:08:37,720

We're going to be listening for that characteristic sound that is named for Ahool.

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00:08:37,720 --> 00:08:39,240

We're on safety.

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00:08:39,240 --> 00:08:43,640

We have no medevac here, so if someone gets hurt, we've got a long ways to go.

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00:08:43,640 --> 00:08:44,880

So be safe.

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00:08:44,880 --> 00:08:48,840

The plan was for Casey and Ryder to monitor the cameras back at base camp while Jared

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00:08:48,840 --> 00:08:53,320

and I made a sweep of the area to find the cave where our eyewitnesses believe the creature

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00:08:53,320 --> 00:08:54,320

lives.

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00:08:54,320 --> 00:08:55,320

Let's catch in a hole.

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00:08:55,320 --> 00:09:03,200

This shirt is dark out here.

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00:09:03,200 --> 00:09:06,720

There's just no moonlight or anything coming in through the canopy.

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00:09:06,720 --> 00:09:08,720

So far, nothing flying around, no bats, nothing?

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00:09:08,720 --> 00:09:09,720

Nothing.

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00:09:09,720 --> 00:09:13,040

I mean, really, I can't see out past maybe a couple arms length.

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00:09:13,200 --> 00:09:15,400

It's like even with a light, you can barely see out into the darkness.

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00:09:24,360 --> 00:09:25,840

Oh my God, look at that.

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00:09:25,840 --> 00:09:27,960

Josh, we got a critter cruising around the fish.

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00:09:27,960 --> 00:09:30,600

Can you identify what it is?

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00:09:30,600 --> 00:09:31,600

I'm not sure.

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00:09:31,600 --> 00:09:33,120

It's spotted.

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00:09:33,120 --> 00:09:36,040

It's got a long tail, small feline.

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00:09:36,040 --> 00:09:37,040

It's sniffing around.

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00:09:37,040 --> 00:09:38,040

It just cruised off.

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00:09:38,040 --> 00:09:40,680

Okay, I think we're going to turn this thing around and start heading back towards you

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00:09:40,680 --> 00:09:41,680

guys.

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00:09:41,680 --> 00:09:42,680

Copy.

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00:09:44,040 --> 00:09:46,840

Quick, line out there.

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00:09:46,840 --> 00:09:47,840

Yeah?

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00:09:47,840 --> 00:09:48,840

Not picking up too much.

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00:09:48,840 --> 00:09:51,840

All right, so Ryder and I are going to continue down the trail trying to find these caves

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00:09:51,840 --> 00:09:52,840

that we've heard about.

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00:10:06,840 --> 00:10:07,840

Careful of snakes.

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00:10:07,840 --> 00:10:08,840

That was fine.

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00:10:08,840 --> 00:10:09,840

Whoa.

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00:10:10,640 --> 00:10:13,640

Okay, see what we got?

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00:10:13,640 --> 00:10:16,640

It looks like a big cave opening here.

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00:10:16,640 --> 00:10:17,640

It's sort of obscure.

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00:10:17,640 --> 00:10:20,640

There's a lot of vines coming down, but it looks like a pretty substantial opening.

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00:10:20,640 --> 00:10:25,640

Certainly large enough for a big animal to come in and out of, so we're going to go

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00:10:25,640 --> 00:10:26,640

check it out.

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00:10:26,640 --> 00:10:31,640

Okay, so this is definitely the cave the locals told us about.

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00:10:31,640 --> 00:10:33,640

It is huge.

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00:10:33,640 --> 00:10:38,640

If I were in a hole, that's fine with me.

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00:10:38,640 --> 00:10:39,640

Here.

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00:10:39,640 --> 00:10:40,640

Okay.

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00:10:40,640 --> 00:10:43,640

Here's where you're going to go.

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00:10:43,640 --> 00:10:46,640

There are a lot of bats in here.

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00:10:46,640 --> 00:10:49,640

I'm going to go check it out.

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00:10:49,640 --> 00:10:50,640

Okay.

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00:10:50,640 --> 00:10:51,640

Okay.

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00:10:51,640 --> 00:10:52,640

Okay.

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00:10:52,640 --> 00:10:53,640

Okay.

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00:10:53,640 --> 00:10:54,640

Okay.

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00:10:54,640 --> 00:10:55,640

Okay.

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00:10:55,640 --> 00:10:56,640

Okay.

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00:10:56,640 --> 00:10:57,640

Okay.

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00:10:57,640 --> 00:10:58,640

Okay.

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00:10:58,640 --> 00:10:59,640

Okay.

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00:11:00,640 --> 00:11:02,640

There are a lot of bats in here.

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00:11:02,640 --> 00:11:05,640

Oh, they're close.

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00:11:05,640 --> 00:11:10,640

I mean, these bats are flying all over the place right now.

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00:11:17,640 --> 00:11:19,640

I see rats coming down.

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00:11:19,640 --> 00:11:21,640

I see one, two, three of them.

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00:11:21,640 --> 00:11:23,640

Let's press on.

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00:11:29,640 --> 00:11:32,640

They're coming so close.

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00:11:32,640 --> 00:11:33,640

Hi.

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00:11:33,640 --> 00:11:34,640

How are you?

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00:11:34,640 --> 00:11:37,640

You see a way down there?

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00:11:37,640 --> 00:11:40,640

Oh, you're kidding me.

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00:11:40,640 --> 00:11:42,640

How deep is that?

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00:11:42,640 --> 00:11:43,640

It's deep.

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00:11:43,640 --> 00:11:47,640

They're almost dark except for the bats.

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00:11:47,640 --> 00:11:50,640

Whoa, what is that?

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00:11:50,640 --> 00:11:55,640

It sounded like someone coming through that chamber.

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00:11:55,640 --> 00:11:59,640

I thought I just got eyes over there.

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00:11:59,640 --> 00:12:00,640

I got small bats.

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00:12:00,640 --> 00:12:01,640

That's it.

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00:12:01,640 --> 00:12:03,640

I feel like I shouldn't be standing right now.

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00:12:03,640 --> 00:12:06,640

It feels like it's right on top of us.

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00:12:06,640 --> 00:12:08,640

Whoa, right there.

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00:12:08,640 --> 00:12:09,640

Right there.

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00:12:09,640 --> 00:12:10,640

Right there.

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00:12:10,640 --> 00:12:11,640

Right there.

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00:12:11,640 --> 00:12:12,640

What?

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00:12:12,640 --> 00:12:14,640

Just think really big up on the thermal.

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00:12:14,640 --> 00:12:15,640

What?

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00:12:15,640 --> 00:12:17,640

Just think really big up on the thermal.

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00:12:17,640 --> 00:12:18,640

What?

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00:12:18,640 --> 00:12:20,640

Just think really big up on the thermal.

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00:12:20,640 --> 00:12:21,640

What?

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00:12:21,640 --> 00:12:22,640

What?

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00:12:22,640 --> 00:12:23,640

What?

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00:12:23,640 --> 00:12:25,640

Just think really big up on the thermal.

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00:12:25,640 --> 00:12:27,640

I just saw something big.

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00:12:27,640 --> 00:12:29,640

Like right at this level, but bigger than a bat.

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00:12:29,640 --> 00:12:32,640

I just saw something cruise through.

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00:12:32,640 --> 00:12:34,640

Josh, the base camp coming, Casey.

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00:12:34,640 --> 00:12:36,640

I just saw something really big cruise by on the thermal.

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00:12:36,640 --> 00:12:38,640

Wow, did you get a clean shot at it?

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We don't see any evidence of what it is.

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We're going to look around a little bit more.

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Stop it on thermal.

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Josh, your base camp, come in.

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Go ahead, Josh.

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We've looked around further.

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We don't see any evidence of what went by on the thermal.

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We're about to head back out of the chapel to continue our sweep.

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See you guys when you make your way back.

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We just got drilled with this giant spider web.

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Good.

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Good.

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Good.

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Spider web.

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How can you be walking in the spider webs?

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I'm like a doorway.

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You just keep smacking and leaving it in my face.

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Rather, it's hard for me to investigate when you complain so much.

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What?

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Nothing.

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Nothing at all.

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Oh, my God.

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We found some sort of structure.

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It looks like some sort of scaffolding that goes up to the canopy,

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but it's surrounded by a fence and barbed wire.

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There might be another way up it,

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but it looks like it's going up in the trees at least.

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What the hell is this thing?

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It'll see through a little bit more.

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A little bit hard to tell from here on the outside of it

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that barbed wire certainly doesn't look safe.

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There you are, tennis shot. Holy s***, that thing goes up high.

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The metal framework to the structure above was rusted and disused,

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and despite concerns about the death trap staircase,

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this represented our best option to get up through the tree line

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and get a view of the night sky.

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No. Looks like they left here in a hurry.

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We are in. We came around the backside of it and cleared some brush,

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and the gate is rusty, but it's not hinged anything,

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so we just kicked it open.

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Are you guys going to start ascending?

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We're going to try to go up now.

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I don't know what the condition of the thing is,

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but we'll see if we can go up it now.

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Ow, barbed wire.

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Okay, this is getting a little bit high off the ground.

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This is the last time I've seen a water process.

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I would say a while ago.

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Sounds great.

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Did you want to go first? I didn't mean to.

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I thought it was going to be a frasky.

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How far does it go?

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Pretty far.

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There's a platform at the opposite side just like this one.

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I'm going to try to get it to go up.

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This is Josh. I just got bit by a spider.

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Can you just grab it?

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You can see it. That's the problem.

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There's a pretty big web here,

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and I just put my hand up into it

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and my hand went on that damn thing and it bit me.

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It could be nothing. It could be something.

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So let's figure that out.

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The other thing is once you do have symptoms,

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keep your hand below your heart

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and stop the fan up from traveling.

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Where are you?

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I have a visual on the spider now.

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Let me see if I can describe it to you.

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Brown-black.

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Its back looks yellowish-brown.

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We're just pulling out of the base camp.

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We've got maddox supplies.

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Hopefully we'll make it time to be there in half an hour.

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How are you?

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Good, buddy. How are you?

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I feel okay. Got me right in the edge of my finger there.

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It did that, huh? Let's see it.

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It's right inside that leaf. Be super careful.

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That spider obviously has venom.

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That's how it kills its prey,

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and you don't have any symptoms at this point.

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Just get you cleaned up and keep an eye on you.

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Okay. Well, Indonesian spider bite.

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Done.

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The great thing about being up here is that this puts us

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in a totally different environment where we have reports

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that this creature might live.

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Something of this size flying through the night sky.

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We're definitely going to have a chance of seeing it up here.

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We'll leave you here to monitor these cameras for a little bit.

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You should be able to reach us by walkie from up here.

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You're safe.

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While Ryder remained in the canopy,

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the rest of the team descended to continue the search on the ground.

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We're tracking back towards camp. We have a viper and a tree.

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Certainly be very alert up there.

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Copy. I'm surprised I wasn't going inside.

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Yeah, he's actually pretty pissed off already.

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He tried to strike when we walked by him.

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Yep.

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It's a viper. Very poisonous.

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Yeah.

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Very dangerous.

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Oh, it would kill us.

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It would kill someone out here.

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It's just too far.

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Ah, f***.

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I got a big tech inside my leg.

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That's just a clot of blood.

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Oh, I know what you have.

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A leech was on you.

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It fell off.

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Feeding fell off.

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That would give me a hickey.

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I'm getting worked over tonight.

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I got spiders, leeches.

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Is that a f***ing leech up here?

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That's disgusting.

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Ryder for gates, you know that leeches can be up in the canopy?

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I'm up here. I just pulled a leech off me.

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And I'm not seeing anything.

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Can somebody get me out of here?

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Leeches up here, I'm all f***ing alone.

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I mean, I'm hanging by the f***ing thread in my teeth.

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Up here. I'm serious.

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Anything happening in the camera up there?

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I know here are some insects and some bird calls,

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but I'm not the best at starting to see the holes.

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So we're going to sweep with the parabolic dish.

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Can you bring me a minute?

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Okay.

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Something rusting around back there.

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I'm trying to get it on the thermal, but it's...

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It's like I can't penetrate this thing more than about 10 feet.

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It's just too thick.

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But I do hear something for sure moving around back there.

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Just heard something.

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I want to say it was like an owl, was like a hoot.

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And that was it, just one, one beat, was like an owl.

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It's too difficult for me to see, very high up in the trees.

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It's frustrating.

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It's packing in, come on.

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You know, this is a difficult story.

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We think we did the best we could.

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Let's circle the wagons and not get bit by any vipers and get some sleep.

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Tomorrow we'll try to safely hike out.

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As night turned today, we began the journey back toward civilization

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into our headquarters in Los Angeles,

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where we scoured our footage for evidence of the Ahul.

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Our recordings were played for Mike D,

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retired curator and current docent at the LA Zoo.

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We hoped that his analysis could help uncover the identity of the animal

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we heard in the jungles that night.

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Now see, that's interesting, because do that again.

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See, you got that high-pitched thing and then that.

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I've spent time in the Indonesian jungle,

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and I've not heard that particular noise,

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but I've heard noises that were very similar to that.

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You could have owls, you could have night hawks,

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even our great horned owls and other owl species.

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They have a sound that's very similar to that.

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It could be a mammal of some kind.

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It's always a possibility, but not likely.

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I think it's probably an owl.

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Upon further review, we also discounted the thermal footage from the cave,

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which appears to have been abacked,

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which swept by us close enough to appear much larger than it actually was.

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And perhaps this is an experience common to other eyewitnesses.

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After all, it's hard to reconcile the various first-hand reports we gathered

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with the lack of scientific evidence for the Ahul.

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Certainly, as Mr. D suggests,

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a percentage of locals who believe in the creature

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are simply hearing the call of the local owls

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or are seeing large bats, which they assume are some sort of monster.

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As to the people who claim to have laid eyes on the creature,

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it's hard to know what to make of their stories,

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but my gut tells me there's more superstition than actual sightings here.

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But who knows that many unexplored caves

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and quickly vanishing rainforests of Indonesia

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might also be harboring a winged secret just waiting to be discovered.

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Remember in the beginning of Jaws

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when that hot drunk girl decides to go skinny-dipping

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only to get chewed up out in the middle of the water?

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Well, that's what the Aida Indians

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in an isolated Filipino village think might happen to them.

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They say their waters are being terrorized

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by a serpentine creature they call the Pinatubo Monster.

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This new addition to their waters has even caused the local tribesmen

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to put a halt to fishing and swimming in the river, even skinny-dipping.

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With locals threatened with starvation from losing their only food supply,

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this was a priority job for the DT team,

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and we decided to dive head-first into this important investigation.

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We compiled the many eyewitness descriptions

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and rendered the consistent elements into this computerized model of our suspect.

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The Pinatubo Monster is said to inhabit a river basin and lake

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near a small rural village in the Zambales region of the Philippines.

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Witnesses say it moves through the water very quickly in an undulating motion.

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The creature is estimated to be 8 feet long and 3 feet wide.

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It's reported to have scaly skin as black as ink with a row of dorsal fins

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along the top of its body and flat pectoral fins

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which grace through the water like wings.

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Its face, which is rarely seen, is rumored to resemble that of a catfish.

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Rendering complete, my team and I packed up our underwater gear

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and headed out to the Philippines in search of this aquatic phenomenon.

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We flew 13 hours to the city of Manila.

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Rider, all of this is your underwear?

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Really comfortable, really breathable, great for the job.

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After clearing customs, we made our way out of the capital.

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To reach the lake, we'd have to travel north to acquire supplies

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before staging out to the remote Aida Indian village.

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In this country's brilliant mode of transportation,

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the Indonesian Partridge family bus with optional 12-person roof rack.

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Since the fisheries department did almost nothing by way of a real investigation here,

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this job sounded like a cakewalk, except for one small problem.

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An now abandoned local gold mine leaked high levels of mercury into the Aida's lake,

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though only questionably safe, fishing here is a necessity for the locals.

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But direct exposure to concentrations of this water could be deadly poisonous.

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I was starting to see why nobody was helping these people.

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We stopped in a small town along the way to find a regional dive master

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who could assist us with gear and give us the scoop on these purportedly dangerous waters.

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What is this?

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Lord of the Flies? What am I going to do with a conch shell?

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He wants to sell you what?

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For what?

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This whole thing.

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What are you going to do with 200 necklaces with shark teeth?

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You're going to open up your own shop here?

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Yeah. Look at that skull.

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All stocked up on souvenirs we finally found our man.

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And so what happened with the mercury?

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Mercury is still there.

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The water is still contaminated.

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Most of the residents said it's a dangerous...

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Do you think the residents who live there are still afraid of this monster?

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They're always asking about the assistants.

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They want assistants.

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Yeah, to find the truth.

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If there is a monster out there.

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During the time of mountain up over eruption, the village is gone.

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Where is it?

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At the bottom.

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It's underwater?

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Yeah.

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Are there bodies down there still?

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Yeah.

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Okay.

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There's a lake with a monster and a sunken town and dead bodies in it.

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And high levels of mercury.

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Yeah.

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You should make a travel brochure for this place.

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It sounds incredible.

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Yeah.

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After hearing more warnings about the lake, we prepared our equipment list

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and suddenly my team had some major safety concerns.

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Unless it's verified certain from someone who is qualified to say

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this mercury level is low enough for anyone to swim in it.

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We're not going to get that kind of watertight guarantee

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that there's not dangerous mercury levels in the water.

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Jets reservations weren't without merit,

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but by limiting our dive time and avoiding ingesting any of the water,

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in the end we were willing to balance the risk against the possibility

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of getting to the bottom of this mystery.

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All geared up, we headed out into the jungles and toward the village.

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We traveled along rough mountain roads and along the basin of the Ticus River,

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which feeds into the lake where the Pinatubo monster is known to live.

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Along the way, we stopped and spoke to local fishermen

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to find out if they had seen the creature.

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This man said he saw the Pinatubo on a recent expedition.

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How old is my video?

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It moves like in a curve.

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Like it slithers almost.

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Slithers, yes.

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And how big was the creature?

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A little.

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We're talking about now the width first.

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Oh, the width?

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So the width was four or five feet?

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Yes.

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We hiked on to find another fisherman who says he almost caught the Pinatubo once.

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It moves too fast.

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It moves too fast.

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Yes.

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What do you recommend that I do to find the creature?

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Just make sure that you go in the deeper end of the lake and it will be there.

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We headed back to the bus to make our way to the lake

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when I spotted our team's most precious commodity in Ryder's bag, food.

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Open it up.

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No!

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No!

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Open that front compartment.

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I'm with the team mom.

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If I don't keep that in my bag and ration it off to you guys,

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you guys would fall apart in the damn jungle.

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We are falling apart.

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No, you're not hungry right now.

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There's a granola bar in there.

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There is.

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Cashews and granola bars.

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Cashews.

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Cashews?

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Of course.

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Of course I do.

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Beluga caviar.

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You're a food hoarder and you're not a team player.

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Oh.

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Oh.

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Speaks us.

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We are falling apart.

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We pulled ourselves back together and headed out to the lake

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where the Pinatubo monster is set to live.

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Because many of the sightings have happened during the day

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and despite fears that the visibility in the water was going to be very poor,

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we decided it was high time to conduct an initial investigation of the lake in daylight.

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We rented some boats to take us out on the water.

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These things are sea worthy.

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What would give you the impression that this boat is not completely sea worthy?

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The dental floss, holding it together.

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Finally, the reality of this investigation set in.

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Well, that looks promising.

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What is this structure I'm seeing here?

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That is the church.

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That's the roof of the church?

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Yeah.

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Holy.

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With monsters, mercury and corpses beneath the water,

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we got ready for the scariest dive of my life.

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Lights off.

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The lake was several miles across and we'd need to keep our dive short

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in order to dodge the effects of the mercury.

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Our plan was to dive from one shore by day

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and drive to the other shore for our overnight investigation,

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where many of the eyewitnesses reported seeing the creature from the banks.

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Ryder operated an underwater sonar system to get a better sense of what was around us.

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Richie would focus on our hydrophone,

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a sensitive microphone for listening beneath the surface.

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And Casey and I would be able to communicate to each other and to topside

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using sophisticated ocean reef Neptune space masks.

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The visibility down there is so bad,

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that this thing is just picking up nothing.

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I want to see if we can get some of these buildings.

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Haven't picked anything up that looks, you know,

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significant in size of the Pinot Tubo just yet.

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We're going a little bit crazy because of all the buildings down there.

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We're just picking up a lot of masses and the underwater camera hit bottom.

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And if it's a freeze-rope, see if anything's swimming by

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but right now it's just a lot of sediment and debris.

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I'm not hearing anything besides the normal sounds,

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them breathing and sort of displacing the water a little bit.

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We'll be leaving the remains on the couch and continue our search.

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Josh, I'm picking up something on the sonar right now.

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It kind of looked like something long swimming under my boat right now.

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Did you get a visual on what it was at all?

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After the last sighting, I'm not picking up anything.

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I'm not sure if it was a quick swim by or what,

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but it's quiet again on my end.

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Is that him now? Can you see him?

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Yeah.

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Copy, both Josh and Jared have come up to the surface.

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Why don't you come up as well?

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Hey there. Get your fill of the mercury or what?

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Visibility is terrible.

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I thought I saw something swim underneath me.

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Hard to tell if it was a single object or a school of fish together,

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but I definitely sense something pass under me.

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With no visibility and our exposure levels to the mercury moving beyond a safe limit,

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we decided it was time to move to the other side of the lake,

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where an unobstructed field of view would let us canvas most of the water's surface.

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There was just one more problem.

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With darkness approaching, our drivers refused to participate out of fear of local rebels.

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They won't hold themselves responsible. They will just not drive, so you're on your own.

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Because this area has problems with insurgent forces and can be extremely dangerous,

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we met with a security detail and local army officers for additional backup.

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Is anybody sitting here? Is it okay if I sit here? Is that alright?

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There is a group of people roaming around.

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Not only the new people's army, but our military.

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So they are patrolling around the vicinity.

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If they were met together, it's a big problem.

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The NPA are the new people's army, the guerrilla fighters who have caused a lot of trouble in the Philippines for a long time.

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And they essentially are embedded up here.

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Do people drive around here at night in this area?

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At night? No.

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So when does it start to become unsafe to drive in here?

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By the afternoon.

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So from 5 p.m. on, it's dangerous?

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Yes. It's 6 o'clock right now.

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So what we should do is leave here one hour ago.

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Yes.

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And what happens, let's say we're driving along and we encounter a group of the new people's army guerrilla fighters.

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You know, we are familiar with the Kidnappos ransom.

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They would kidnap us for ransom?

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Yes.

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And would they steal our gear?

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Maybe.

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Would they kill us?

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Yes.

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And what happens, let's say we're driving along and we encounter a group of the new people's army guerrilla fighters.

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You know, we are familiar with the Kidnappos ransom.

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They would kidnap us for ransom?

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Yes.

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And would they steal our gear?

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Yes.

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Maybe.

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Would they kill us?

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Yes.

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I don't want to be kidnapped.

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No, I don't want to be kidnapped either.

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We're losing light.

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And it's getting more and more dangerous, so I say we leave.

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You ready to go?

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Yes.

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I've got the money.

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I'm going to get it.

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I'll get it.

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I'm going to get it.

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I'm going to get it.

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You ready to go?

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Yes.

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Okay.

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With my crew scared as we quietly moved to the opposing shore of the lake.

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We arrived on the other side of the lake without so much as a kidnapping, although now it looked like we'd have to grapple with nature's forces.

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Thunder was rumbling in the sky and it was threatening to rain monsoon style.

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But despite the weather, I set out on the lake to set up an underwater camera and an infrared surface camera on an anchored surveillance boat to catch any suspicious activity in the water.

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Meanwhile, Casey and Ryder monitored operations from base camp on shore.

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I set the underwater camera and the surface IR camera on the beginning of the first week.

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Dr. Base Camp, we've swung around to the far edge of the lake.

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A lightning storm seems to be behind us a little bit now.

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I think we might stay and drive for a bit.

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It looks like it's moving off into the distance.

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It's pretty quiet.

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No sign of anything yet.

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Anything happening?

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Any cameras over there?

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Our underwater camera's picking up a lot of fish.

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A lot of stuff swimming around on there.

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Copy that.

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We're just starting our first sweep.

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I'll check in if anything anything happens.

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Richie amplified sounds along the surface by employing a parabolic dish.

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If any animal breached the surface, even the most subtle splashing would be heard.

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Fire up the sonar system.

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System has power.

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I'm setting down the transponder.

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Again.

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We scanned the surface of the water with a FLIR thermal imager, hoping to source a heat signature of our swimming suspect.

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Dividing the lake into a grid, Casey continued to reposition the sonar in different sectors to thoroughly search for the monster.

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Case, case, case.

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Yeah.

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Even the light.

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I don't hear anything, but I just thought I saw something right at the surface of the water right here.

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Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa.

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I got something in the sonar.

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What do you got?

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Something off to the right here.

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Definitely a lot bigger than fish.

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It's off the screen now.

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How big was it?

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Hard to tell.

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It's a long, you know, something long string though.

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It showed up in all red.

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We have some activity out here.

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We had a hit on the sonar system, and I thought I spotted something at the surface.

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So back again.

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Yeah, we see it again.

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Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

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We see it again on the sonar right now.

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Off to the left side this time.

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You still see it?

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No, it's gone now.

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Yeah, we've had a couple of hits in the sonar, and a few things kind of bobbing at the surface.

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It's unclear what it is.

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We are going to keep monitoring the underwater camera and let you know if we see anything.

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We're going to keep monitoring the underwater camera and let you know if we see anything.

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Okay, we're coming up on the support boat now.

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All quiet over here.

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We're going to take a look around.

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Sonar is going in.

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Sonar is pretty quiet, Josh.

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I got a thermal hit right on my 12 o'clock.

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It's a thermal hit.

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Something in the water.

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Josh, we just had a thermal hit on the flare.

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Saw something in the water.

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Are you picking anything up?

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I'm not seeing anything on the underwater camera, and we're just getting your ripple, so I haven't seen anything just yet.

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Whoa, whoa, whoa.

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Base camp, we got something moving around in the water.

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We just heard a splash.

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Something jumped or breached.

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I can't tell which way, but...

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We're pretty close to the underwater camera.

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Just keep a close eye on those in case whatever it is, it brings you by.

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Something under us.

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Something under us.

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Large hit.

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What do you see?

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Long.

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Not a fish.

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Another one way closer to the surface.

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About four feet down.

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Something under us.

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Something under us.

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Large hit.

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Long.

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Not a fish.

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Another one way closer to the surface.

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Hey guys, starting to think about why we're not getting much on the underwater camera.

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We're not getting much at all.

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We're getting a lot of fish, a lot of movement, and now it's completely dead.

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So, whatever was in the water scared the other guys away.

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We just had two hits on the sonar.

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They should be very close proximity to the underwater camera.

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Yeah, whatever's down there might have scared away the fish that were there.

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Back.

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Another one.

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What's that?

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Right underneath the boat.

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Same size.

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Does it look like long serpentine?

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Yes, long and skinny.

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All three of them actually have been long, skinny shapes.

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Whatever it was, might have circled us a couple of times and then bugged out.

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Hey guys, Jared noticed that when you guys were getting the hits on the sonar,

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all of a sudden, the water was getting stirred up, it was getting turned pretty bad.

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We had no fish inside and now it's gone back to completely still and the fish are out of their system.

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So, whatever was there, I think is gone.

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We're going to pull the cameras and just check them and reset them and then we're going to

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come into shore and we'll start doing some sweeps along the shoreline.

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It seems like whatever it is, it's hugging the shoreline pretty closely.

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So, let's try to image it from the land.

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Yeah, we're going to do a sweep around the shore, this side of the lake,

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because we're in a lot of the eyewitnesses that they saw the creature.

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We've been getting a lot of sonar activity and the underwater camera's been, you know,

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thought it along here, so, see what we can see from the shore.

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Allen and Jared, you're with me?

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All right, guys, let's head out.

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Yeah, Gabe, we've tracked down the shore.

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Don't see anything.

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It's very muddy out here, but very, very still, very quiet.

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No splashes.

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Nothing breaching the surface at all.

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Yeah, no splashes over here either.

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It's been quiet.

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I don't hear a fish, but I feel like I hear a dude.

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I know, I just thought I heard somebody over here.

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Allen, is it safe to walk around here?

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It is safe?

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Don't worry, you're scanning the horizon with a flashlight, intently.

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What are you looking for?

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Like gorillas?

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Oh.

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Okay, great.

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Josh, do base camp come in?

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We're pretty far from camp now.

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That's all we heard, actually.

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Last up the sea monster, more of a person out in the woods.

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No visual on anybody, though.

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And we're probably going to start heading back towards camp pretty soon.

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Nothing happened under here.

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The lake is just glass still.

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I don't know if we heard a person.

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We certainly are security guys, at least very concerned that our people kind of lurking around and sort of drawn some attention to ourselves.

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So I think he and the rest of the guys here would very much like us to kind of lock this thing down and shut up the headlamps and stop kind of drawing attention to ourselves.

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It seems like there is life in this river.

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There is a lot of fish swimming around.

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There may be something else.

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We certainly have a lot of evidence to review.

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Let's bring that back.

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To see what it bears out.

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By the light of day, the threat of meeting the new people's army was diminished enough to allow us to travel in relative safety back to Manila.

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We caught a flight back to our offices where we could carefully review Casey Sonar footage without lightning strikes or threat of rebel attacks.

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Having reviewed my fair share of Sonar scans on Destination Truth, this current set of data revealed something interesting.

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The scans show telltale gaps in the object moving beneath our boat, meaning we were actually seeing multiple objects.

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The tilapia fish that the Aida catch here are small and hardly a very impressive creature, unless of course many of them group together in school.

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We shared our hypothesis with freshwater biologist Dr. Scott Cooper at the University of California in Santa Barbara to hear his thoughts on our theory.

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Schools of 500 or more tilapia could give the impression of looking like some kind of monster.

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He went on to explain that due to a shift in the nearby river's course, more tilapia have recently

entered the lake here and are possibly schooling in larger numbers.

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The massive black creature that our eyewitnesses observe is likely nothing more than a group of fish that appear to be much more terrifying than the sum of their parts, but are in fact harmless to locals.

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It's a lot easier to prove presence than absence. It's very hard to prove that something isn't there.

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And while we can't say for certain that there isn't a rogue creature in these waters, we have transmitted our findings back to the Philippines, giving the Aida people assurances that they probably aren't going to be gobbled up in the lake.

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Although I'm still not recommending swimming there anytime soon.