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On this episode of Destination Truth,

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00:00:03,320 --> 00:00:08,520

Josh leads his team on a rugged, high-altitude adventure in the mountains of Peru.

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Working on a tip from a fellow adventurer,

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00:00:10,720 --> 00:00:13,720

Josh investigates claims made by local llama herders

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00:00:13,720 --> 00:00:16,920

that these crumbling ruins of the Incan Empire are haunted.

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00:00:16,920 --> 00:00:18,200

Hold on guys, I've got something in the thermal.

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00:00:18,200 --> 00:00:23,440

Next, the team continues their quest for the truth in the frozen.

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00:00:23,440 --> 00:00:27,240

Far reaches of Alaska were a small village of Native American Indians

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alleged gigantic winged creature is terrorizing their community.

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How big do you think the wingspan was?

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00:00:33,720 --> 00:00:35,440

Well, you see the airplane.

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00:00:35,440 --> 00:00:39,560

At sub-zero temperatures, Josh and his team fight against frostbite

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00:00:39,560 --> 00:00:44,000

and experience a frightening close encounter with something they cannot explain.

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00:00:44,000 --> 00:00:46,920

Ah, right there, right there, right there, go!

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00:00:48,160 --> 00:00:49,160

Hold on!

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00:00:50,160 --> 00:00:51,480

I'm Josh Gates.

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00:00:51,480 --> 00:00:53,920

In my travels I've seen some unexplainable things

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00:00:53,920 --> 00:00:56,760

and I've done some things I can't quite explain.

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00:00:56,760 --> 00:01:00,160

Now, I've pulled together a team armed with the latest technology

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00:01:00,160 --> 00:01:03,840

in the search for answers to the world's strangest mysteries.

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00:01:03,840 --> 00:01:05,920

I'm not sure what's out there waiting for me,

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00:01:05,920 --> 00:01:08,000

but I know what I'm looking for.

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00:01:08,000 --> 00:01:09,000

The truth.

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00:01:11,360 --> 00:01:14,320

Everyone's familiar with the Incan city of Machu Picchu,

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00:01:14,320 --> 00:01:16,880

Peru's most recognizable tourist attraction.

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But a fellow explorer and South American adventurer recently reported

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00:01:20,360 --> 00:01:23,560

about a lost Incan city that you can't find on any map.

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00:01:23,560 --> 00:01:26,840

And even more incredibly, locals claim it's haunted.

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00:01:26,840 --> 00:01:31,080

The ruins of this pre-colonial city are rumored to sit more than two miles high,

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00:01:31,080 --> 00:01:32,960

shrouded in the Peruvian Andes.

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The city disappeared half a millennia ago

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00:01:35,040 --> 00:01:38,800

when its residents reportedly buried their gold in tunnels under the city

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00:01:38,800 --> 00:01:41,560

to hide their riches from the invading Spanish army.

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00:01:41,560 --> 00:01:43,040

Now, hundreds of years later,

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00:01:43,040 --> 00:01:45,600

mountain farmers swear they've seen moving figures

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00:01:45,600 --> 00:01:49,640

and heard the chimes of a phantom bell tower as if the city still existed.

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00:01:49,720 --> 00:01:54,280

Keonetti, exploring alone, had to turn back before reaching the summit of this haunted city.

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00:01:54,280 --> 00:01:57,400

My plan was to pick up the investigation where he left off,

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00:01:57,400 --> 00:02:00,600

find the lost city, and investigate for evidence of the paranormal.

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00:02:00,600 --> 00:02:05,360

We flew more than 4,000 miles from Los Angeles to the city of Lima, Peru.

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00:02:05,360 --> 00:02:07,360

If Keonetti's location was accurate,

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00:02:07,360 --> 00:02:12,040

my geographical research revealed that treacherous cliffs and nearly impassable roads

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00:02:12,040 --> 00:02:17,120

snaking through fog and mist into the clouds were the only route to this lost city.

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00:02:17,120 --> 00:02:21,120

The ruins closest human neighbors, farmers in a small village down the mountain,

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00:02:21,120 --> 00:02:24,240

told Keonetti that they avoid the path to the city altogether

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00:02:24,240 --> 00:02:26,960

and have stopped grazing their animals anywhere near the site.

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00:02:26,960 --> 00:02:28,240

Welcome to Peru!

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00:02:28,240 --> 00:02:31,840

After touching down, we headed into the center of Lima to meet my associate.

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00:02:34,680 --> 00:02:36,840

We're doing the friends opening, everybody get in the fountain.

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00:02:36,840 --> 00:02:38,280

Who's got some umbrellas?

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00:02:38,280 --> 00:02:39,760

Into the water, into the water.

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00:02:39,760 --> 00:02:44,360

It would take some time to get used to feeling like Shaq in this short-statured country.

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00:02:44,360 --> 00:02:47,880

Picking up a joint in the police department, I would be the tallest guy in the police force.

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00:02:47,880 --> 00:02:48,960

I've been captain in no time.

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00:02:48,960 --> 00:02:50,080

General.

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00:02:50,080 --> 00:02:51,080

General, that's me.

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00:02:51,080 --> 00:02:51,560

General.

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00:02:51,560 --> 00:02:52,360

General.

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00:02:52,360 --> 00:02:53,640

General.

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00:02:53,640 --> 00:02:55,280

Promoted so fast.

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00:02:55,280 --> 00:02:59,520

Having attained the rank of general, I marched through the massive church of Santo Domingo.

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00:03:01,760 --> 00:03:06,120

The conquistador Francisco Pizarro arrived in Peru about 500 years ago

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00:03:06,120 --> 00:03:09,440

and made quick work of destroying the entire Incan Empire.

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00:03:09,440 --> 00:03:11,960

As I gazed at the coffin here that bears his bones,

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00:03:11,960 --> 00:03:16,920

I was amazed to think that this one man was not only responsible for the abandonment of the lost city,

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00:03:16,920 --> 00:03:18,120

but a lost culture.

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00:03:19,960 --> 00:03:22,200

I headed over to the monastery of St. Francis,

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00:03:22,200 --> 00:03:27,560

where my explorer friend was comparing his fresh field notes to the record of history buried in the library.

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00:03:27,560 --> 00:03:30,640

He told me the farmers living below the city were terrified.

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00:03:30,640 --> 00:03:32,720

They abandoned the town suddenly,

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00:03:32,720 --> 00:03:37,160

and they went down in the valley and found the San Pedro de Casta.

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00:03:37,160 --> 00:03:38,720

The city that's there now, beneath it?

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00:03:38,720 --> 00:03:39,240

Correct.

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00:03:39,240 --> 00:03:41,440

What do they think of these ruins up on the plateau?

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00:03:41,440 --> 00:03:43,320

Nobody dare to go.

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00:03:43,320 --> 00:03:45,240

They do see figures of light.

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00:03:45,240 --> 00:03:48,040

They hear a lot of strange eerie sounds.

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00:03:48,040 --> 00:03:50,000

And the tradition, the legend said,

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00:03:50,000 --> 00:03:52,800

there are many tunnels with a lot of treasure.

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00:03:52,800 --> 00:03:53,920

Beneath these are the ruins?

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00:03:53,920 --> 00:03:57,240

Guys, they are gold there, and also hundreds of skeletons.

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00:03:57,240 --> 00:03:59,440

Is it difficult to get to the plateau?

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00:03:59,440 --> 00:04:03,000

The roads in these areas are lost in time,

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00:04:03,000 --> 00:04:06,400

had been abandoned for hundreds of years.

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00:04:06,400 --> 00:04:10,200

Has anyone ever gone up there with a film crew and spent the night in these ruins?

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00:04:10,200 --> 00:04:10,640

Never.

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00:04:10,680 --> 00:04:12,960

You're going to be the first.

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00:04:12,960 --> 00:04:15,160

We had at least a two-day journey ahead of us.

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00:04:15,160 --> 00:04:19,000

We would drive several hundred miles northeast into the Andes where the road ends.

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00:04:19,000 --> 00:04:23,040

With any luck, we could make it to the last inhabited mountain village, San Pedro de Casta,

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00:04:23,040 --> 00:04:27,680

in one day and begin our climb to the lost city at first light the next day.

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00:04:27,680 --> 00:04:30,640

Our drive took us from paved roads,

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00:04:30,640 --> 00:04:32,840

to dirt roads,

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00:04:32,840 --> 00:04:34,440

to donkey paths.

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00:04:34,440 --> 00:04:39,280

As we gained altitude and ascended into the clouds, we found ourselves on treacherous terrain.

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00:04:39,280 --> 00:04:41,720

Foggy weather and steep, muddy roads.

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00:04:50,240 --> 00:04:54,840

We finally reached our destination, sliding into this muddy mountainside town.

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00:04:58,280 --> 00:05:01,640

The population seemed either very young or very old,

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00:05:01,640 --> 00:05:04,680

but they all believed they lived in the shadow of a haunted city.

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00:05:05,600 --> 00:05:07,400

When you go out at night, you hear that.

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00:05:07,400 --> 00:05:09,280

But at night, not at night.

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00:05:09,280 --> 00:05:13,880

People from this town report hearing the sound of voices coming from these ruins,

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00:05:13,880 --> 00:05:15,480

always at night.

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00:05:15,480 --> 00:05:18,640

He went on to tell me that it was at least a full day's hike up the mountain

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00:05:18,640 --> 00:05:20,360

to reach the ruins of the city.

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00:05:20,360 --> 00:05:22,760

Thank you very much, Manuel.

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00:05:22,760 --> 00:05:26,360

As it was getting dark and starting to rain, we decided to pack it in for the night.

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00:05:26,360 --> 00:05:29,600

Okay, guys, rain's coming. Let's get all the gear out of the roof. Let's go.

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00:05:29,600 --> 00:05:33,400

After an endless day of travel, we were disappointed that the only hotel in town

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00:05:33,400 --> 00:05:35,520

had just lost its five-star rating.

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00:05:35,520 --> 00:05:38,560

Freezing cold, no heat. It doesn't get any better than this, really.

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00:05:38,560 --> 00:05:40,760

It's just decorative. Just put this wherever you like.

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00:05:43,440 --> 00:05:44,640

This is for mattress.

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00:05:45,480 --> 00:05:46,480

Oh, yeah.

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00:05:47,120 --> 00:05:49,640

People say, Josh, what's the most dangerous thing you've ever done at destination?

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00:05:49,640 --> 00:05:51,920

It's right here right now. It's showering in here.

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00:05:51,920 --> 00:05:55,760

I'm supposed to grip this metal handle while soaking wet,

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00:05:55,760 --> 00:05:59,320

which is wired to a bare-light bulb.

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00:06:00,320 --> 00:06:02,520

And then I am supposed to flip that switch.

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00:06:02,720 --> 00:06:07,000

I mean, there is not an uplicker in the universe for me to put that switch.

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00:06:07,000 --> 00:06:10,000

Waking up at 8,000 feet with a steep climb ahead of us,

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00:06:10,000 --> 00:06:12,000

we got an early start the next morning.

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00:06:13,400 --> 00:06:18,600

Based on Chianetti's directions, the city was at least another 3,000 feet further into the clouds,

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00:06:18,600 --> 00:06:20,960

and it wouldn't be easy to get there.

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00:06:20,960 --> 00:06:24,800

Trekking with our investigation gear through the thin air at this high altitude,

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00:06:24,800 --> 00:06:28,520

I hoped everyone on my team had earned their presidential medal of fitness.

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00:06:28,520 --> 00:06:30,040

I'm out of shape.

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00:06:30,800 --> 00:06:32,120

This is the altitude.

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00:06:32,120 --> 00:06:33,120

No, it's not the altitude.

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00:06:33,120 --> 00:06:34,120

Beach is way out of shape.

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00:06:34,120 --> 00:06:39,920

I had my doubts about Bisha and decided to place my bets and our gear on a donkey and some horses instead.

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00:06:40,520 --> 00:06:41,800

This donkey hates me.

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00:06:41,800 --> 00:06:43,240

Sorry, donkey.

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00:06:43,240 --> 00:06:46,040

A few folks are looking for a new Christmas present for the kids this holiday season.

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00:06:46,040 --> 00:06:48,720

May I recommend razor-sharp sickle?

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00:06:50,160 --> 00:06:53,120

It may not be safe for children under the age of 40.

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00:06:53,120 --> 00:06:55,120

Somebody get that out of her hands.

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00:06:55,120 --> 00:06:58,120

Just as we prepared to set off on the trail that led to the ruins,

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00:06:58,120 --> 00:07:01,120

our animals became suddenly and mysteriously spooked.

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00:07:02,120 --> 00:07:04,120

Stop it!

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00:07:08,120 --> 00:07:10,120

We've got major mayhem happening right now.

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00:07:10,120 --> 00:07:13,120

This was a trail they had no interest in climbing.

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00:07:13,120 --> 00:07:18,120

As we gained altitude into unexplored territory, the reality of our investigation set in,

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00:07:18,120 --> 00:07:22,120

and we were headed into the unknown on steep, slippery and dangerous terrain.

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00:07:24,120 --> 00:07:28,120

The closer we rode to our destination, the more our animals began to react.

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00:07:28,120 --> 00:07:32,120

Finally, their hesitation turned into full-blown panic.

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00:07:36,120 --> 00:07:38,120

Gabriel, you okay?

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00:07:42,120 --> 00:07:43,120

Did you break anything?

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00:07:43,120 --> 00:07:44,120

What hurt the horse?

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00:07:44,120 --> 00:07:45,120

The knee right here?

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00:07:45,120 --> 00:07:47,120

I don't know if the horse fell on me or what.

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00:07:47,120 --> 00:07:48,120

It doesn't look like any of you is broken.

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00:07:48,120 --> 00:07:49,120

No weed on you.

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00:07:49,120 --> 00:07:51,120

If you want, I'll carry your pack and I'll just hike it.

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00:07:51,120 --> 00:07:53,120

The locals would go no further.

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00:07:53,120 --> 00:07:57,120

They immediately retreated to lower ground, taking their horses and donkeys with them.

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00:07:58,120 --> 00:08:04,120

In the thin cold air of 11,000 feet, we would have to pick up the load and our cameraman ourselves.

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00:08:04,120 --> 00:08:05,120

Are you okay?

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00:08:05,120 --> 00:08:07,120

You got a real Gandalf thing going on right now.

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00:08:07,120 --> 00:08:09,120

Alright, come on, let's go.

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00:08:09,120 --> 00:08:11,120

Cast the spell.

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00:08:11,120 --> 00:08:16,120

I know it's foggy and a little late in the day, but I'm pretty sure there's a unicorn behind me.

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00:08:23,120 --> 00:08:25,120

Guys, I got some rock formations here.

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00:08:29,120 --> 00:08:33,120

This is part of a wall.

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00:08:33,120 --> 00:08:36,120

Hey guys, we're here.

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00:08:47,120 --> 00:08:50,120

We're losing light and obviously the fog's coming back in.

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00:08:50,120 --> 00:08:51,120

Maybe some rain.

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00:08:51,120 --> 00:08:52,120

Let's start to get everything set up.

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00:08:52,120 --> 00:08:56,120

We would spend the night investigating the plateau at the summit, 11,000 feet.

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00:08:56,120 --> 00:09:04,120

We would comb this flat area surrounding base camp on foot and set up infrared cameras on the neighboring plateaus that could detect movements or shapes in the dark.

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00:09:04,120 --> 00:09:06,120

This is a good spot.

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00:09:06,120 --> 00:09:12,120

If anything crossed their path, Sharra and Bisha would see it at base camp and relay directions to us in the field.

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00:09:12,120 --> 00:09:17,120

We would also be listening for any strange noises or the chime of the Phantom Bell Tower.

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00:09:18,120 --> 00:09:27,120

We are standing in the remains of a pre-Incan and Incan town and the people in San Pedro below, they're scared of this place.

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00:09:27,120 --> 00:09:30,120

They hear the sounds of bells from the old bell tower.

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00:09:30,120 --> 00:09:36,120

They see strange lights, sounds of people talking and living here as though life is still carrying on in this town.

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00:09:36,120 --> 00:09:37,120

We'll use the thermal imager.

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00:09:37,120 --> 00:09:41,120

We'll use the audio recorders to try to do some high-end EVP sessions.

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00:09:41,120 --> 00:09:42,120

We've sent all the animals back down.

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00:09:42,120 --> 00:09:43,120

We're alone up here.

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00:09:43,120 --> 00:09:46,120

So anything unusual, pay attention for it.

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00:09:46,120 --> 00:09:48,120

Let's keep our eyes and ears open tonight.

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00:09:48,120 --> 00:09:49,120

Let's do it.

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00:09:50,120 --> 00:09:54,120

Chayelle and I set out to begin our exploration of the overgrown ruins.

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00:09:59,120 --> 00:10:00,120

What is this?

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00:10:00,120 --> 00:10:02,120

It's part of a wall from the city.

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00:10:04,120 --> 00:10:06,120

We're going right along the wall.

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00:10:06,120 --> 00:10:08,120

Big drop-off over here. Be careful.

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00:10:12,120 --> 00:10:15,120

Yeah, there's another plateau beneath this one. Let's try to find a way to head down.

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00:10:15,120 --> 00:10:16,120

Okay.

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00:10:18,120 --> 00:10:19,120

Hold on, guys. I've got something in the thermal.

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00:10:19,120 --> 00:10:20,120

What did you get?

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00:10:20,120 --> 00:10:22,120

I got something hot in the thermal right in those trees.

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00:10:22,120 --> 00:10:23,120

Really?

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00:10:25,120 --> 00:10:26,120

I wonder what it is.

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00:10:28,120 --> 00:10:29,120

It doesn't look like a man or an animal.

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00:10:32,120 --> 00:10:34,120

Whatever it is, it isn't moving.

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00:10:35,120 --> 00:10:37,120

It looks super treacherous down here.

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00:10:37,120 --> 00:10:39,120

Josh, your base camp, come in.

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00:10:39,120 --> 00:10:40,120

Go for base camp?

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00:10:41,120 --> 00:10:43,120

So we headed due south of camp.

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00:10:43,120 --> 00:10:46,120

And we found a series of plateaus that descend down.

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00:10:46,120 --> 00:10:49,120

See something on the floor in this grouping of trees.

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00:10:49,120 --> 00:10:50,120

I think I'm just going to try to get down there.

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00:10:50,120 --> 00:10:52,120

Just check out what's in this tree line.

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00:10:52,120 --> 00:10:53,120

Okay, copy that.

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00:10:54,120 --> 00:10:55,120

What is that? Camera 6?

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00:10:55,120 --> 00:10:57,120

Camera 6 looks like it's getting...

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00:10:57,120 --> 00:10:58,120

Can we get that?

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00:11:01,120 --> 00:11:02,120

What is that?

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00:11:03,120 --> 00:11:04,120

Whoa!

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00:11:04,120 --> 00:11:05,120

What is that?

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00:11:05,120 --> 00:11:06,120

Did you hear it?

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00:11:13,120 --> 00:11:14,120

What is that?

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00:11:16,120 --> 00:11:18,120

Josh, your base camp, what is that noise?

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00:11:18,120 --> 00:11:20,120

We heard it too, but it's hard to identify.

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00:11:20,120 --> 00:11:21,120

Mike, do you have audio on it?

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00:11:21,120 --> 00:11:22,120

I didn't sound like animals.

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00:11:22,120 --> 00:11:24,120

I mean, it could have been, but it sounded like it was...

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00:11:24,120 --> 00:11:26,120

Like a howl in all books, right?

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00:11:26,120 --> 00:11:27,120

Like howling and screaming, yeah.

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00:11:27,120 --> 00:11:28,120

I have Rex here.

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00:11:28,120 --> 00:11:29,120

I'm going to send him off.

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00:11:29,120 --> 00:11:30,120

She check out the noise.

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00:11:32,120 --> 00:11:33,120

Okay, here we go.

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00:11:35,120 --> 00:11:38,120

I got more structures over here, but they're hard to get to.

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00:11:39,120 --> 00:11:40,120

Whoa! Do you hear it?

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00:11:40,120 --> 00:11:41,120

There it is again.

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00:11:41,120 --> 00:11:43,120

Sounds like someone's crying or screaming or something.

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00:11:43,120 --> 00:11:45,120

There is sort of a path here.

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00:11:52,120 --> 00:11:53,120

What was that noise?

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00:11:59,120 --> 00:12:00,120

Rex for base camp.

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00:12:01,120 --> 00:12:02,120

Go for base camp?

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00:12:02,120 --> 00:12:03,120

It's getting louder.

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00:12:03,120 --> 00:12:05,120

It sounds like a howling sound.

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00:12:05,120 --> 00:12:07,120

I'm going to try to catch up to it.

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00:12:09,120 --> 00:12:10,120

We're almost at the tree.

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00:12:10,120 --> 00:12:12,120

Do you have the thermal image drop?

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00:12:15,120 --> 00:12:16,120

Do you still see it?

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00:12:17,120 --> 00:12:18,120

I don't.

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00:12:18,120 --> 00:12:19,120

It's gone?

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00:12:19,120 --> 00:12:20,120

It was right here and it's gone.

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00:12:21,120 --> 00:12:22,120

Be careful.

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00:12:23,120 --> 00:12:25,120

Josh, I just heard rustling in the trees over there.

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00:12:25,120 --> 00:12:26,120

What did you hear?

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00:12:26,120 --> 00:12:27,120

I just heard rustling.

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00:12:30,120 --> 00:12:31,120

Ow!

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00:12:32,120 --> 00:12:33,120

Holy good God.

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00:12:33,120 --> 00:12:35,120

There's a big tunnel down here.

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00:12:38,120 --> 00:12:39,120

Josh, your base camp come in.

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00:12:40,120 --> 00:12:41,120

Go for base camp.

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00:12:42,120 --> 00:12:43,120

Be sure I found a tunnel down here.

253

00:12:45,120 --> 00:12:46,120

Where are you guys at?

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00:12:47,120 --> 00:12:49,120

You got to keep going south from base camp over each plateau.

255

00:12:50,120 --> 00:12:51,120

And there's some sort of tunnel here.

256

00:12:51,120 --> 00:12:53,120

It's too narrow for me to fit in.

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00:12:53,120 --> 00:12:56,120

I mean, definitely try to see if you can set the camera down there.

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00:12:56,120 --> 00:12:57,120

Maybe even like a lower camera down there.

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00:12:57,120 --> 00:12:59,120

If there's anything down there, we'd love to see it.

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00:12:59,120 --> 00:13:02,120

Send Rex down with a handy cam and some rope.

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00:13:02,120 --> 00:13:03,120

Cover that, Josh.

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00:13:03,120 --> 00:13:04,120

I'm on my way.

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00:13:04,120 --> 00:13:07,120

I really just want to take a quick look around this whole area

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00:13:07,120 --> 00:13:09,120

and see if there's any more of these tunnels we can kind of get.

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00:13:09,120 --> 00:13:10,120

Whoa.

266

00:13:11,120 --> 00:13:13,120

Yeah, there's one right under my feet.

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00:13:13,120 --> 00:13:14,120

Josh?

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00:13:14,120 --> 00:13:15,120

Be very careful.

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00:13:15,120 --> 00:13:16,120

There's a hole in this tunnel, too, of them right in here.

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00:13:16,120 --> 00:13:17,120

Don't move, don't move.

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00:13:17,120 --> 00:13:18,120

This is all interconnected.

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00:13:18,120 --> 00:13:20,120

We got some sort of tunnel system down here.

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00:13:20,120 --> 00:13:22,120

Do you think this is where they buried their jewels?

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00:13:23,120 --> 00:13:24,120

God, I hope so.

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00:13:24,120 --> 00:13:26,120

The legend says that ghosts guard their treasure here.

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00:13:27,120 --> 00:13:29,120

Wow, all a little structure down there.

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00:13:33,120 --> 00:13:34,120

Hey, Rex.

278

00:13:34,120 --> 00:13:38,120

Careful because it's, uh, the wall is a little dicey.

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00:13:39,120 --> 00:13:40,120

Careful.

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00:13:40,120 --> 00:13:41,120

Come on, come on.

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00:13:41,120 --> 00:13:42,120

You got it, you got it.

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00:13:44,120 --> 00:13:46,120

It's lower than handy cam down inside.

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00:13:48,120 --> 00:13:50,120

Okay, let's see what we can see.

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00:13:57,120 --> 00:13:59,120

Hey, Josh, your base cam, come in.

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00:13:59,120 --> 00:14:00,120

Can't go for base cam.

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00:14:00,120 --> 00:14:03,120

We did hear that these ghosts appear on top of where

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00:14:03,120 --> 00:14:05,120

their skeletons and their treasure was buried.

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00:14:05,120 --> 00:14:07,120

So this is a perfect place to do an EVP session.

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00:14:07,120 --> 00:14:09,120

We're going to break out the equipment.

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00:14:09,120 --> 00:14:11,120

See if we can't get something crooked down here.

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00:14:11,120 --> 00:14:12,120

All right, copy that.

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00:14:15,120 --> 00:14:17,120

Is anybody in these tunnels?

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00:14:21,120 --> 00:14:23,120

Can you make your presence known to us?

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00:14:26,120 --> 00:14:28,120

Do you want us to leave the mountain?

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00:14:32,120 --> 00:14:34,120

Is there gold in these tunnels?

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00:14:34,120 --> 00:14:36,120

Seriously, is there gold in these tunnels?

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00:14:36,120 --> 00:14:38,120

We really want to know.

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00:14:38,120 --> 00:14:40,120

Whoa, part of the roof just fell in.

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00:14:42,120 --> 00:14:43,120

Whoa.

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00:14:49,120 --> 00:14:51,120

Hey, is anybody near one of the infrared cameras?

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00:14:51,120 --> 00:14:52,120

That's a negative.

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00:14:52,120 --> 00:14:54,120

We're still down here checking out these tunnels.

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00:14:54,120 --> 00:14:55,120

That's a negative.

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00:14:58,120 --> 00:14:59,120

Literally just this second.

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00:14:59,120 --> 00:15:01,120

Seemed like something flashed in front of me.

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00:15:01,120 --> 00:15:02,120

Just did it again.

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00:15:02,120 --> 00:15:03,120

What was it?

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00:15:04,120 --> 00:15:05,120

It's just a flash.

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00:15:05,120 --> 00:15:06,120

Mark the time code on that.

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00:15:06,120 --> 00:15:08,120

That's definitely spooky because there's no person up there

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00:15:08,120 --> 00:15:09,120

that could have moved in front of it.

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00:15:09,120 --> 00:15:10,120

We're headed back to camp now.

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00:15:10,120 --> 00:15:11,120

We're running low on batteries.

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00:15:11,120 --> 00:15:13,120

And I think we've done all we can with these tunnels

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00:15:13,120 --> 00:15:15,120

without some serious excavation equipment.

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00:15:15,120 --> 00:15:16,120

Copy that.

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00:15:17,120 --> 00:15:18,120

Hey, guys, how are you?

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00:15:18,120 --> 00:15:19,120

Hey.

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00:15:20,120 --> 00:15:21,120

Just found some tunnels.

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00:15:21,120 --> 00:15:22,120

How cool was that?

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00:15:22,120 --> 00:15:24,120

It's frustrating because who knows what's sitting down there.

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00:15:24,120 --> 00:15:27,120

But at the same time, they're really like just falling in

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00:15:27,120 --> 00:15:28,120

on themselves.

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00:15:28,120 --> 00:15:30,120

But it's just a little bit of a surprise.

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00:15:30,120 --> 00:15:31,120

Like just falling in on themselves.

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00:15:31,120 --> 00:15:34,120

But, you know, I think we should probably get back out there.

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00:15:34,120 --> 00:15:35,120

OK, let's do it.

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00:15:38,120 --> 00:15:39,120

Guys, watch the stairs here.

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00:15:39,120 --> 00:15:40,120

A little slippery.

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00:15:52,120 --> 00:15:54,120

Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa.

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00:15:55,120 --> 00:15:56,120

Look at that.

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00:15:56,120 --> 00:15:57,120

Look at that.

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00:16:00,120 --> 00:16:02,120

Hey, Joshua, base camp, I think I found the remains

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00:16:02,120 --> 00:16:03,120

of the old bell tower.

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00:16:03,120 --> 00:16:04,120

That's great.

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00:16:04,120 --> 00:16:05,120

How far around is it?

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00:16:06,120 --> 00:16:07,120

Not far.

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00:16:07,120 --> 00:16:08,120

Just the foundation levels are here.

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00:16:08,120 --> 00:16:09,120

But it looks like the base of a tower.

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00:16:09,120 --> 00:16:10,120

This has to be it.

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00:16:10,120 --> 00:16:11,120

Mike has the parabolic dish.

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00:16:11,120 --> 00:16:14,120

We're going to break that out as well as the digital audio recorder.

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00:16:14,120 --> 00:16:16,120

See if we can't make this bell ring.

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00:16:16,120 --> 00:16:17,120

All right, copy that.

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00:16:17,120 --> 00:16:20,120

This is an EVP session and parabolic dish session

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00:16:20,120 --> 00:16:25,120

in the remains of the old bell tower in the ruined city here in Peru.

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00:16:26,120 --> 00:16:28,120

Can you give us a sign of your presence?

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00:16:31,120 --> 00:16:33,120

Is there anybody here?

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00:16:41,120 --> 00:16:43,120

Can you make the sound of a bell in this tower?

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00:16:54,120 --> 00:16:55,120

I thought I heard something.

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00:16:58,120 --> 00:16:59,120

You hear that?

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00:16:59,120 --> 00:17:00,120

Yeah.

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00:17:00,120 --> 00:17:01,120

Hello?

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00:17:09,120 --> 00:17:10,120

Is anybody there?

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00:17:13,120 --> 00:17:15,120

I had this feeling there was something right behind me.

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00:17:15,120 --> 00:17:19,120

And then I heard what just sounded like somebody standing right there.

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00:17:19,120 --> 00:17:21,120

Joshua, base camp, come in.

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00:17:21,120 --> 00:17:22,120

Go for base camp.

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00:17:22,120 --> 00:17:25,120

We had a kind of flurry of activity here in the bell tower.

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00:17:25,120 --> 00:17:26,120

We heard a couple of noises.

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00:17:26,120 --> 00:17:28,120

We're going to let the audio recorder run for a while.

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00:17:28,120 --> 00:17:30,120

Try to get some more just...

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00:17:30,120 --> 00:17:31,120

Clean recordings without us in here.

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00:17:31,120 --> 00:17:32,120

We can go back and analyze it later.

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00:17:32,120 --> 00:17:33,120

Copy that.

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00:17:33,120 --> 00:17:35,120

Okay, we're headed back to base camp.

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00:17:35,120 --> 00:17:36,120

Let's go.

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00:17:36,120 --> 00:17:37,120

Let's go.

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00:17:38,120 --> 00:17:39,120

Bring it out.

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00:17:39,120 --> 00:17:43,120

We experienced many strange things during our night at 11,000 feet,

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00:17:43,120 --> 00:17:45,120

finding the hidden network of underground tunnels

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00:17:45,120 --> 00:17:48,120

and the thermal image and the image on the infrared camera

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00:17:48,120 --> 00:17:50,120

were anomalies my team and I could not deny.

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00:17:51,120 --> 00:17:53,120

I needed to get back to Los Angeles

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00:17:53,120 --> 00:17:55,120

to enhance what we had captured with our equipment

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00:17:55,120 --> 00:17:57,120

and look for answers in the evidence.

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00:17:58,120 --> 00:18:09,120

Okay, before I even hear it, I can see there's a big bump in the waveform.

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00:18:09,120 --> 00:18:12,120

We began by pouring over our audio recordings.

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00:18:12,120 --> 00:18:16,120

The strange noises we all heard around camp were certainly mysterious.

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

The camera's face looks like it's getting...

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00:18:18,120 --> 00:18:20,120

But we're ultimately inconclusive.

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00:18:20,120 --> 00:18:23,120

Since we can't completely rule out, we were hearing an animal.

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00:18:23,120 --> 00:18:25,120

We turned to analysis of our EVP sessions

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00:18:25,120 --> 00:18:27,120

to look for additional paranormal evidence.

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00:18:27,120 --> 00:18:29,120

Remember in the last city we found that tunnel?

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00:18:29,120 --> 00:18:30,120

Yep.

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00:18:30,120 --> 00:18:32,120

There shouldn't be anything making any sounds down there

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00:18:32,120 --> 00:18:33,120

and we got an interesting noise.

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00:18:33,120 --> 00:18:34,120

Let's listen to it.

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00:18:37,120 --> 00:18:38,120

Huh.

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00:18:39,120 --> 00:18:41,120

And it kind of trails off too.

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00:18:41,120 --> 00:18:42,120

You can see how it's thick.

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00:18:42,120 --> 00:18:43,120

It goes like...

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00:18:43,120 --> 00:18:46,120

Well, that's what's really weird is that it sounds so breathy.

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00:18:46,120 --> 00:18:47,120

Yeah.

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00:18:47,120 --> 00:18:48,120

We'll be here at camp?

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00:18:49,120 --> 00:18:51,120

Sounds like a breath.

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00:18:51,120 --> 00:18:52,120

That's a tough call.

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00:18:52,120 --> 00:18:54,120

I mean, it does sound like a breathy voice,

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00:18:54,120 --> 00:18:58,120

but for me, I'm a little bit on the fence about how conclusive that is.

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00:18:58,120 --> 00:18:59,120

What else we got?

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00:18:59,120 --> 00:19:00,120

Okay, here we go.

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00:19:00,120 --> 00:19:02,120

Make your presence known to us.

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00:19:06,120 --> 00:19:07,120

Right there.

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00:19:12,120 --> 00:19:13,120

Okay, here we go.

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00:19:13,120 --> 00:19:15,120

Make your presence known to us.

407

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

Right there.

408

00:19:19,120 --> 00:19:20,120

Right there.

409

00:19:20,120 --> 00:19:22,120

What it sounds like is a voice saying, touch him.

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00:19:25,120 --> 00:19:26,120

That's really spooky.

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00:19:26,120 --> 00:19:27,120

One more time?

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00:19:27,120 --> 00:19:28,120

Yeah.

413

00:19:28,120 --> 00:19:31,120

It does sound a little bit like it says touch him,

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00:19:31,120 --> 00:19:35,120

which is really creepy considering the question and the call and response for me is,

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00:19:35,120 --> 00:19:36,120

can you make your presence known?

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00:19:36,120 --> 00:19:37,120

Exactly.

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00:19:37,120 --> 00:19:38,120

So what does that mean?

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00:19:38,120 --> 00:19:39,120

What does that mean?

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00:19:39,120 --> 00:19:41,120

Who's telling who to touch, right?

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00:19:43,120 --> 00:19:47,120

We turned our video over to none other than Steve Gunzolves and Dave Tango

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00:19:47,120 --> 00:19:48,120

for their expert opinions.

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00:19:48,120 --> 00:19:52,120

First off, there's a video clip here.

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00:19:52,120 --> 00:19:53,120

I wonder what it is.

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00:19:53,120 --> 00:19:57,120

You know, if it was an animal, usually it's a lot more solid than that,

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00:19:57,120 --> 00:20:00,120

but there's a slight chance that the animal may have sort of brushed against the tree

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00:20:00,120 --> 00:20:03,120

and moved past it and been on the other side of it now.

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00:20:03,120 --> 00:20:07,120

If it was energy, I think we'd see a little more to it.

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00:20:07,120 --> 00:20:08,120

Pretty inclusive for you.

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00:20:08,120 --> 00:20:09,120

Yes.

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00:20:09,120 --> 00:20:12,120

If you look at this clip here, right.

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00:20:12,120 --> 00:20:13,120

That's really, right.

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00:20:13,120 --> 00:20:18,120

Do you think that could be just the reflection of the IR, like a bug really close to the camera?

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00:20:18,120 --> 00:20:20,120

That to me doesn't look like a bug.

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00:20:20,120 --> 00:20:21,120

Right.

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00:20:21,120 --> 00:20:25,120

Now I have seen things like this and there's no explanation for it.

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00:20:25,120 --> 00:20:29,120

So you may be dealing with something like that here where energy, for some reason,

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00:20:29,120 --> 00:20:33,120

manipulates the camera there and doesn't know what to do with it.

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00:20:33,120 --> 00:20:35,120

I mean, you think you got something going on there.

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00:20:35,120 --> 00:20:36,120

Okay.

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00:20:36,120 --> 00:20:37,120

That's interesting.

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00:20:37,120 --> 00:20:38,120

It is.

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00:20:38,120 --> 00:20:39,120

It is.

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00:20:39,120 --> 00:20:45,120

In the end, our recorded EVP evidence, then visual encounters certainly seem to indicate

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00:20:45,120 --> 00:20:49,120

that the residents of the village below are having some sort of real experiences here.

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00:20:49,120 --> 00:20:52,120

As to whether or not the city is haunted is harder to say.

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00:20:52,120 --> 00:20:54,120

Something spooked our horses though.

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00:20:54,120 --> 00:20:55,120

Oh, fuck.

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00:20:57,120 --> 00:21:01,120

And our collective evidence and long history of eyewitness accounts suggests that while

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00:21:01,120 --> 00:21:06,120

the ruins above San Pedro de Costa may be abandoned by the living, we can't totally rule out that

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00:21:06,120 --> 00:21:09,120

they still may be well populated by the dead.

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00:21:12,120 --> 00:21:15,120

From high altitude ruins, we turn to a high flying mystery.

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00:21:15,120 --> 00:21:21,120

A giant bird carrying a small child might sound like that big yellow lug that lives on Sesame Street.

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00:21:21,120 --> 00:21:26,120

But unfortunately, the big bird we're talking about is not singing songs and teaching kids their ABCs.

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00:21:26,120 --> 00:21:32,120

This massive mix of bird and reptile is believed by many Native Americans living in the wilds of Alaska

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00:21:32,120 --> 00:21:35,120

to be a monstrous winged creature that they call the Thunderbird.

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00:21:35,120 --> 00:21:40,120

And while his rumored wrath is centuries old, very recent sightings of this ominous bird

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00:21:40,120 --> 00:21:42,120

are coming out of the village of Manacotic.

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00:21:42,120 --> 00:21:49,120

300 miles west of Anchorage, where a local pilot and his passengers all reported seeing the creature during a recent flight.

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00:21:49,120 --> 00:21:55,120

Using all available eyewitness accounts, we were able to render the consistent elements into a computerized model of our suspect.

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00:21:55,120 --> 00:22:00,120

Most reports of this massive bird claim it's spotted gliding high in the Alaskan sky,

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00:22:00,120 --> 00:22:04,120

where it circles overhead for several seconds before jetting back into the treeline.

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00:22:05,120 --> 00:22:09,120

Reports also claim the creature which has been compared to the prehistoric pterosaur

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00:22:09,120 --> 00:22:16,120

is dark brown in color with an enormous beak, dangerous raking talons and a wingspan of nearly 30 feet.

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00:22:17,120 --> 00:22:21,120

My team and I were off on a frigid journey to our nation's 49th state.

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00:22:21,120 --> 00:22:26,120

Our expedition began in Los Angeles where we flew north to the city of Anchorage.

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00:22:26,120 --> 00:22:30,120

One thing about Alaskan design, they really know how to bring the outside in.

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00:22:31,120 --> 00:22:35,120

One of the things we do need to be really careful here in Alaska is bears.

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00:22:35,120 --> 00:22:37,120

They're very dangerous and they are everywhere.

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00:22:39,120 --> 00:22:44,120

While waiting for our connecting flight, I spoke to some locals who were all abuzz about the infamous bird.

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00:22:44,120 --> 00:22:46,120

Yeah, Debbie's seen it.

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00:22:46,120 --> 00:22:49,120

Terrible claws, gnashing teeth, yellow eyes.

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00:22:49,120 --> 00:22:53,120

This is great. We're not even in town. People are all hopped up on giant birds.

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00:22:53,120 --> 00:22:54,120

What's the temperature like at night?

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00:22:54,120 --> 00:22:57,120

It's been like minus 35, but sometimes it's like 20, so.

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00:22:58,120 --> 00:23:00,120

Somebody get me out of here.

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00:23:00,120 --> 00:23:04,120

Worried by the weather forecast, but confident that we were on the right track,

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00:23:04,120 --> 00:23:08,120

we boarded our flight and traveled on to Alaska's interior toward Dillingham,

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00:23:08,120 --> 00:23:10,120

a town that cannot be reached by road.

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00:23:13,120 --> 00:23:17,120

We landed in white-out conditions and made our way to the center of town.

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00:23:17,120 --> 00:23:18,120

It was a fall, my friend.

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00:23:18,120 --> 00:23:19,120

It's beautiful.

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00:23:19,120 --> 00:23:20,120

It's beautiful.

483

00:23:20,120 --> 00:23:21,120

I should move your junk out of the way.

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00:23:21,120 --> 00:23:22,120

Sorry, buddy.

485

00:23:22,120 --> 00:23:23,120

It's also freezing.

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00:23:24,120 --> 00:23:31,120

I was curious to talk to the local pilot, who reportedly saw our gigantic creature flying right by his plane on a recent flight,

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00:23:31,120 --> 00:23:33,120

and hear his unique perspective.

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00:23:33,120 --> 00:23:36,120

Your name comes up a lot in connection to this Thunderbird story.

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00:23:36,120 --> 00:23:40,120

Well, there were seven of us, and everybody's all excited, all the passengers, you know?

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00:23:40,120 --> 00:23:42,120

So it's something they'd never seen before.

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00:23:42,120 --> 00:23:46,120

It stood out. It was bigger than a regular eagle. There's lots of eagles around here.

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00:23:46,120 --> 00:23:47,120

How big do you think the wingspan was?

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00:23:47,120 --> 00:23:49,120

Well, you see the airplane.

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00:23:49,120 --> 00:23:50,120

About that big?

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00:23:50,120 --> 00:23:53,120

You know, it's probably 15, 20 foot, you know?

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00:23:53,120 --> 00:23:54,120

Tuge for a bird.

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00:23:54,120 --> 00:23:55,120

Yeah.

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00:23:55,120 --> 00:23:59,120

There's no doubt that you saw a large bird and that it wasn't an eagle.

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00:23:59,120 --> 00:24:02,120

When the hair stands up on the back of your neck, you know, something was up.

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00:24:02,120 --> 00:24:04,120

I saw what I saw. Nobody can take that away.

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00:24:04,120 --> 00:24:08,120

With no road network outside of Dillingham, in order to do a daytime sweep,

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00:24:08,120 --> 00:24:11,120

we'd need to get a bird's eye view of the entire area.

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00:24:12,120 --> 00:24:17,120

In true Destination Truth style, we'd chartered a plane that could only be called a classic.

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00:24:18,120 --> 00:24:20,120

Charlie, what is the age of this plane?

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00:24:20,120 --> 00:24:21,120

This is a 1961.

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00:24:21,120 --> 00:24:22,120

61.

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00:24:22,120 --> 00:24:24,120

61. Nice vintage.

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00:24:26,120 --> 00:24:30,120

We took to the air and glided over the frozen majesty of America's final frontier.

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00:24:30,120 --> 00:24:33,120

Charlie, I can't help but notice the ad fuel sign here.

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Is that something I should just ignore?

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Ignore it.

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Perfect, of course.

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We scoured the area for miles and it turned out on this particular day,

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the only big bird up here was the antique I was flying in.

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But the flight did reveal one thing, the exact location of the remote native village of Manacotic,

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nestled against the hills on this frozen tundra.

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This was where almost all of the sightings of the bird had been reported.

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The treeline surrounding the isolated village could be an ideal habitat for the elusive bird.

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I needed to talk with some eyewitnesses to help us target the best investigation site.

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I didn't see Thunderbird.

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Well, Charlie, that means you're not getting paid for the flight.

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That was great, Charlie. Thank you so much.

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With temperatures now well below zero, we landed back in Dillingham

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and stopped by a local outpost to gear up for our journey across the ice to the rural village.

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What do you see that you like? Anything?

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How's that? How's that look?

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That's perfect.

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Maybe knock over the bank of the way out of town?

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Very.

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This is what I'm talking about. It's something like this.

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Some big, like John Carpenter's The Thing.

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Yeah.

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Right?

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00:25:41,120 --> 00:25:42,120

I like it.

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00:25:42,120 --> 00:25:43,120

Yeah, let's go with that.

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00:25:43,120 --> 00:25:44,120

That's it.

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Getting all of us, plus our gear to Manicodic, was going to take some local assistance and a fleet of snowmobiles.

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Thankfully, one of our guides was Alaska's own Davy Crockett.

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That guy has a dead animal on his head.

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I mean, it's like, it's not even a hat.

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It's like he killed the animal and then just strapped it to his head.

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00:26:00,120 --> 00:26:01,120

It's warming up.

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00:26:01,120 --> 00:26:07,120

I don't know if anyone else feels it, but I mean, it's like a T-shirt, whether or not, or two probably.

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I couldn't help but notice that one of the locals was packing a little heat.

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How often do you go hunting?

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On a daily basis.

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But you don't think you're going to have to shoot anything from the snowmobile?

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No.

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Can I change the bonstle?

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00:26:17,120 --> 00:26:18,120

No.

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Can you?

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While I'm driving, can you be on the back and shooting at things?

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No, that's, it's not safe.

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00:26:22,120 --> 00:26:23,120

It's not safe.

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00:26:23,120 --> 00:26:25,120

It may not be safe, but it's awesome.

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I've got a pistol on the front of my snow machine.

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Mounted in the front of your snow machine?

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Yes, it's on the handlebars.

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You've a pistol mounted in the handlebars of your snow machine?

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Yes, I do.

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This is the greatest state in America.

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00:26:34,120 --> 00:26:35,120

Yeah, I carry it everywhere.

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I mean, I don't carry it.

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00:26:36,120 --> 00:26:40,120

I have a pistol mounted in the front of my Prius.

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We mapped a course that would need to travel more than 20 miles west across frigid and

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unforgiving frozen tundra to Manicote, a.k.a. Thunderbird Country.

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Got the dead fox in your head?

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00:26:51,120 --> 00:26:52,120

You ready?

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With biting cold and on unfamiliar terrain, driving snowmobiles at high speeds takes razor-sharp

focus.

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And on these icy plains, hidden cracks in the ice can be deadly.

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We were traveling the backwoods of Alaska on snowmobile to reach the remote village of Manicote,

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a high speed and also a high risk mode of transportation.

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We are in trouble.

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00:27:41,120 --> 00:27:43,120

Almost got it.

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Come on, start.

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00:27:50,120 --> 00:27:52,120

I need a hand.

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00:27:52,120 --> 00:27:53,120

Yeah, I'm stuck.

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00:27:53,120 --> 00:27:54,120

Visha, what happened?

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What happened, Visha?

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Man, we are...

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What did you do?

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We slept in snowmobile.

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00:27:59,120 --> 00:28:00,120

You slept in snowmobile?

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00:28:00,120 --> 00:28:01,120

Yeah, we slept in snowmobile.

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00:28:01,120 --> 00:28:03,120

I was waiting for a second there, too.

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00:28:03,120 --> 00:28:04,120

You okay?

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00:28:04,120 --> 00:28:05,120

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

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00:28:05,120 --> 00:28:06,120

Go slower this time.

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Luckily, the machine was undamaged and Visha managed to stay on long enough for us to arrive safely in the village.

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With a population of only 400 people living in complete isolation, 98% of whom are Native American,

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we were probably not going to slip into town passing for locals.

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Luckily, the U-PIC Natives were beyond hospitable and invited us inside for a bite to eat after our Arctic adventure.

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Melt the mousse fat to make the Eskimo ice cream.

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That was delicious.

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And then get the...

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Crisco?

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00:28:48,120 --> 00:28:49,120

Crisco ready.

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The mousse fat's a lot enough.

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00:28:50,120 --> 00:28:51,120

You gotta throw some Crisco in there, too.

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00:28:51,120 --> 00:28:52,120

A little bit in the taut.

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00:28:52,120 --> 00:28:54,120

And then the sugar goes in.

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00:28:54,120 --> 00:28:55,120

Sugar?

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00:28:55,120 --> 00:28:56,120

And the berries.

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00:28:56,120 --> 00:28:57,120

Here we go.

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00:28:58,120 --> 00:29:00,120

And just chew it.

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00:29:03,120 --> 00:29:04,120

It's very good.

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00:29:04,120 --> 00:29:05,120

It tastes really good.

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00:29:05,120 --> 00:29:09,120

It's true, you just can't think about the fact that it's mousse fat.

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00:29:09,120 --> 00:29:10,120

Just mousse fat.

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00:29:10,120 --> 00:29:12,120

Don't say it while you're at it.

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Feeling all filled up with mousse fat, we got down to business and spoke with Tommy, a retired pilot and Alaskan native who says he spotted the thunderbird very close to where we were.

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Could you estimate how big a creature it was?

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The wingspan would be at least 30 feet.

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00:29:27,120 --> 00:29:28,120

Wow.

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00:29:28,120 --> 00:29:33,120

Tommy directed me to the exact place that he saw the bird, which was just a few miles northeast of our current location.

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Since these traditional locals were seeing the thunderbird without these noisy high-speed snow machines, I decided to scout out the surrounding forests using the local mode of environmentally conscious transportation.

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Call it Alaskan hybrid technology.

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00:29:51,120 --> 00:29:52,120

Good job.

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00:29:52,120 --> 00:29:53,120

Hey, hey.

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00:29:54,120 --> 00:30:00,120

I mused high and mused low and finally settled on a remote area at the nexus of our eyewitness sightings.

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I headed back to the village to retrieve the rest of my crew and get us all into position for our investigation.

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We arrived at the area where all of our eyewitnesses spotted the bird, set up base camp and initiated our plan.

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This is the area where the sightings have occurred.

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We're in a great ridge.

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We've got a great view of the forest beyond here into the mountain.

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We've heard that it's nocturnal, so we'll just try to scan the skies and see what we can see.

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We do have wolves in this area.

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00:30:24,120 --> 00:30:25,120

They're very aggressive.

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If you do see one, just kind of back away slowly.

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Leave the area.

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All right, guys, let's go.

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First, we placed four infrared cameras in a 300-foot radius to scan the sky, the tree line, and possible roosting areas.

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These cameras would be monitored throughout the night from base camp.

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The temperature was plummeting, so Rex got started on a fire.

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00:30:44,120 --> 00:30:46,120

We've got to make sure it's really dry.

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00:30:46,120 --> 00:30:48,120

If there's no anything green or it's not going to burn.

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00:30:50,120 --> 00:30:52,120

This will be enough to get us started.

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Jial and I headed out to set up one of the several trap cameras we'd be using.

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These digital cameras placed more than a mile beyond base camp and well into the wilderness would be baited with moose meat to attract the thunderbird and are equipped with a motion sensor.

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If anything travels in its field of view, the camera immediately begins taking a series of pictures.

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Using GPS locators, we check back with the cameras and the status of the bait throughout the night.

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00:31:13,120 --> 00:31:16,120

I just don't want to see any wolves.

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00:31:16,120 --> 00:31:18,120

You could probably fight off a wolf.

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00:31:19,120 --> 00:31:23,120

Come on, you can fight the wolf, not me.

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00:31:27,120 --> 00:31:28,120

Hey guys.

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00:31:28,120 --> 00:31:29,120

Hey, what's up?

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00:31:29,120 --> 00:31:34,120

Now that we have the trap cameras and the infrared cameras out, let's get the thermal imager up and running.

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00:31:34,120 --> 00:31:37,120

You know, we know that anything is out there with a heartbeat, we can see it with that.

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00:31:37,120 --> 00:31:38,120

Alright, excellent.

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00:31:38,120 --> 00:31:40,120

Yeah, let's do that.

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00:31:41,120 --> 00:31:43,120

I think it's getting colder.

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00:31:43,120 --> 00:31:44,120

It is. It's starting to drop.

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00:31:44,120 --> 00:31:47,120

Anything that gives off heat, this thing will see.

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00:31:47,120 --> 00:31:49,120

What do you think the temperature is?

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It's negative for sure.

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00:31:53,120 --> 00:31:56,120

We just need to get out across this tundra into some of these forests.

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Where it's quiet.

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Yeah, just be as quiet as possible.

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00:31:58,120 --> 00:31:59,120

Yeah, I agree.

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00:31:59,120 --> 00:32:01,120

Hopefully those guys will be able to find something out there.

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00:32:01,120 --> 00:32:03,120

Oh no, I think I might have heard something.

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00:32:05,120 --> 00:32:06,120

I heard a big boom.

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00:32:06,120 --> 00:32:07,120

I just heard something.

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00:32:07,120 --> 00:32:08,120

Yeah.

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00:32:08,120 --> 00:32:09,120

Josh, go pick up the thing.

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00:32:10,120 --> 00:32:12,120

You got it. What did you hear?

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00:32:13,120 --> 00:32:17,120

There's a big just a loud, like a mean, you know, size boom, like boom.

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00:32:17,120 --> 00:32:18,120

Like that.

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00:32:18,120 --> 00:32:20,120

Hold on a second, hold on a second.

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00:32:20,120 --> 00:32:22,120

Boom? Boom?

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00:32:22,120 --> 00:32:27,120

Yeah, I haven't heard it yet, but there was just a light boom.

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00:32:28,120 --> 00:32:32,120

I almost had a little bit of a breakdown when I heard it, but I'll let you know.

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00:32:35,120 --> 00:32:37,120

Maybe it's been an hour.

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00:32:37,120 --> 00:32:42,120

You know, it could have been nothing, but we're going to check it out.

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00:32:51,120 --> 00:32:53,120

Sounds like we are some twigs breaking.

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00:32:54,120 --> 00:32:57,120

Some branches breaking up above us.

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00:33:08,120 --> 00:33:10,120

Some branches breaking up above us.

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00:33:18,120 --> 00:33:19,120

I made a spin owl.

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00:33:19,120 --> 00:33:25,120

You know, it could have been nothing, but we're going to check it out.

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00:33:37,120 --> 00:33:40,120

Sounds like we're some twigs breaking.

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00:33:40,120 --> 00:33:43,120

Some branches breaking up above us.

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00:33:56,120 --> 00:33:57,120

Josh.

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00:33:57,120 --> 00:34:00,120

Something just buzzed us, like right over our heads.

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00:34:00,120 --> 00:34:01,120

I can't believe it.

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00:34:01,120 --> 00:34:03,120

50 to 100 feet up in the trees.

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00:34:03,120 --> 00:34:06,120

We're hustling in and we'll see you in a couple minutes.

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00:34:07,120 --> 00:34:08,120

Okay.

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00:34:12,120 --> 00:34:15,120

It's a long, slow walk.

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00:34:19,120 --> 00:34:21,120

Rex is back.

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00:34:21,120 --> 00:34:22,120

We heard it, right?

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00:34:22,120 --> 00:34:23,120

We heard it.

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00:34:23,120 --> 00:34:24,120

I don't know what it was.

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00:34:24,120 --> 00:34:27,120

It definitely made a poor noise.

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00:34:27,120 --> 00:34:32,120

Out of nowhere, as I was speaking, something buzzed us right over our heads.

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00:34:32,120 --> 00:34:33,120

Did you see what it was?

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00:34:33,120 --> 00:34:34,120

The branches kind of swayed a little bit.

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00:34:34,120 --> 00:34:36,120

Some snow dropped off.

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00:34:36,120 --> 00:34:39,120

It was like as quick as there was.

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00:34:39,120 --> 00:34:40,120

Here's what we should do.

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00:34:40,120 --> 00:34:42,120

I think some of the batteries of these cameras are dead.

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00:34:42,120 --> 00:34:46,120

We should reload these shards because we can get the thermal and get the factory saw.

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00:34:46,120 --> 00:34:47,120

And just keep it in the truck.

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00:34:47,120 --> 00:34:48,120

Okay.

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00:34:48,120 --> 00:34:49,120

It sounded good.

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00:34:49,120 --> 00:34:50,120

Rex, did you see how it was?

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00:34:50,120 --> 00:34:53,120

It was definitely bigger than any eagle that I've seen in a zoo.

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00:34:53,120 --> 00:34:54,120

It was huge.

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00:34:54,120 --> 00:34:55,120

Let's get this thing going.

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00:34:55,120 --> 00:34:57,120

We'll get back down there and see.

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00:34:57,120 --> 00:34:58,120

Just try and check it out.

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00:34:58,120 --> 00:35:00,120

The other thing is we should have Mike break out the parabolic dish.

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00:35:00,120 --> 00:35:02,120

We can hear something if it's really far off in the distance.

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00:35:02,120 --> 00:35:03,120

Lead on.

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00:35:03,120 --> 00:35:04,120

Let's go, Rex.

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00:35:04,120 --> 00:35:05,120

Okay, great.

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00:35:07,120 --> 00:35:09,120

Could you see where that thing went to?

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00:35:09,120 --> 00:35:10,120

It went straight.

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00:35:10,120 --> 00:35:12,120

Right in the direction that it was facing.

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00:35:12,120 --> 00:35:13,120

Right.

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00:35:18,120 --> 00:35:19,120

Hear that?

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00:35:20,120 --> 00:35:21,120

There.

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00:35:21,120 --> 00:35:22,120

Restriction.

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00:35:22,120 --> 00:35:24,120

I thought it was in that way.

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00:35:25,120 --> 00:35:27,120

Everybody's set over like, why?

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00:35:36,120 --> 00:35:37,120

Oh, oh, oh, oh.

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00:35:37,120 --> 00:35:38,120

Shh, shh, shh, shh, shh.

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00:35:38,120 --> 00:35:39,120

Never mind, my man.

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00:35:56,120 --> 00:35:59,120

Guys, there's definitely something moving around over there.

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00:35:59,120 --> 00:36:00,120

Totally.

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00:36:00,120 --> 00:36:01,120

Yeah.

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00:36:01,120 --> 00:36:03,120

I can hear this sound.

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00:36:03,120 --> 00:36:05,120

Very still, very, very still.

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00:36:14,120 --> 00:36:17,120

It's pretty far back, but there's something walking around out there in the woods.

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00:36:20,120 --> 00:36:23,120

Whatever it is on the ground might be a wolf.

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00:36:23,120 --> 00:36:25,120

It doesn't look big enough to be a mouse.

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00:36:25,120 --> 00:36:27,120

Now let's just slowly back out of here.

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00:36:27,120 --> 00:36:28,120

Come on, let's go.

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00:36:28,120 --> 00:36:29,120

Really slowly.

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00:36:33,120 --> 00:36:34,120

Come on, let's go.

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00:36:47,120 --> 00:36:50,120

Well, we tried to track down whatever Rex saw, but we didn't see it.

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00:36:50,120 --> 00:36:53,120

We heard something big moving around in the woods.

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00:36:53,120 --> 00:36:55,120

It sounded like it was in the ground, kind of close to us.

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00:36:55,120 --> 00:36:57,120

And then right as we left, I caught something on the thermal.

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00:36:57,120 --> 00:36:58,120

Oh, really?

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00:36:58,120 --> 00:36:59,120

Very small, very far away.

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00:36:59,120 --> 00:37:02,120

Maybe a wolf walking around.

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00:37:02,120 --> 00:37:04,120

But that wasn't what was up close to us.

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00:37:04,120 --> 00:37:06,120

Something big was right near us for a little bit,

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00:37:06,120 --> 00:37:08,120

but it wasn't up in the trees, it was down on the ground.

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00:37:08,120 --> 00:37:09,120

Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa.

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00:37:09,120 --> 00:37:11,120

Check it out, check it out, check it out.

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00:37:11,120 --> 00:37:13,120

You asked someone right through there, right?

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00:37:13,120 --> 00:37:14,120

Did you see that?

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00:37:14,120 --> 00:37:15,120

Right through the trees there.

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00:37:15,120 --> 00:37:16,120

Wow.

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00:37:16,120 --> 00:37:17,120

That was a good one.

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00:37:17,120 --> 00:37:18,120

Wow, I mean, that's pretty big.

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00:37:18,120 --> 00:37:20,120

So, this IR, you see that far away.

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00:37:20,120 --> 00:37:23,120

If the IR picked it up through that tree line, it must have been pretty big.

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00:37:23,120 --> 00:37:25,120

We'll get a team out to go check out where camera one is.

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It kind of goes through the whole area, see what we can see.

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It might have gone into one of those trees to roost,

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but we could go check out there.

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If there was a facecam, should just keep an eye on it to see if we see it again.

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Yeah, I'll keep an eye on it for sure.

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Bisha and I are going to go out in a sweep.

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Let's all just keep in radio communication,

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and we'll take it from there, okay?

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Bisha, let's go.

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All right.

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Why don't we just scan down, you know, this, the edge of this tree line.

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I mean, this is the area we had that infrared camera pointed.

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Yep.

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See if we see anything up in the trees.

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Okay.

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I think that's probably our best bet.

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Just cruise through.

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00:38:01,120 --> 00:38:02,120

Yeah.

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Right there, right there, right there.

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Go.

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The edge of this tree line,

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and this is the area we had that infrared camera pointed.

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Just cruise through.

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Yeah.

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Right there, right there, right there.

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Bisha, something just cruised right between those two trees.

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I just saw something go right in between these two trees.

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Josh, the base camp, coming base camp.

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Hey, Josh, go for base camp.

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We just saw something cruise between two trees,

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some sort of black object.

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A little bit hard for us to tell where it went or how big it was,

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but we're down here checking it out,

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and we're in pretty close proximity to our last trap camera,

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so we're going to pull that as well.

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Here, here, here.

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The bait's gone.

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The bait's gone, so the bait was right up over there.

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There's something coming through here, Nate.

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That.

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Wow.

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Josh, the base camp, come in.

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Go for base camp, Josh.

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We're retrieving the last trap camera.

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The bait is completely gone.

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The moose meat and the salmon that was down here is gone.

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It looks like something came down here and picked it up,

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and it looks to me like it was a bird,

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because whatever it is, it looks like it landed and just took off.

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There's no paw prints coming in or out of it.

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It looks like something just came down, snagged it,

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and went up in the air.

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Oh, that's awesome.

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I like to photograph the area where it happened.

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Once you grab the evidence kit and the additional camera,

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it comes out of the way this trap camera is.

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We can at least photograph out what looks like

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these might be claw marks in here.

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We'll have to check the trap camera and see what we got,

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but the food is out of here.

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Headed towards you.

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It could be a claw.

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I mean, it was something big.

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That could be a claw.

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You know, you got one, two, three, four.

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Ah.

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Let's take a 35 images.

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Oh, wow.

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Oh, wow, that's great.

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We shot photographs of the markings left behind in the snow.

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Perfect.

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We got it.

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The temperature was now nearly minus 25 degrees Fahrenheit,

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and with most of our equipment succumbing to electronic frostbite,

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we decided to call it a night with a few shots of the wind.

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We took a few shots of the wind,

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and we got a few shots of the wind.

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We took a few shots of the wind,

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and we got a few shots of the wind.

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And when we were coming to electronic frostbite,

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we decided to call it a night with the knowledge

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that we were definitely not alone in the wilderness here.

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Did our trap camera capture concrete evidence of the giant thunderbird,

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or was there another explanation for what people are seeing?

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We flew back to LA with evidence to be analyzed.

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Our trap cam snapped dozens of photos where the bait was taken,

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and we also caught an image on our infrared camera

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of something large buzzing through the tree line.

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I was excited to identify the culprit.

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We showed the evidence to Mike D, former curator of the LA Zoo,

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to get his thoughts.

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The footage from the trees proved inconclusive,

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so we turned to our trap cameras.

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Though our culprit passed too close to the lens to make a positive ID,

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the photos may still have held a tantalizing clue to his identity.

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What do you make of that?

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You've got what appears to be white, and then lines.

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You see what I'm talking about, the lines?

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I do.

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Like as if something's overlaying, like feathers.

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It may be that we're seeing through some sort of separation to darkness beyond,

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or it may be that we're seeing a color pattern of some sort.

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To me, that looks like feathers.

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Mike went on to postulate that the Stellar Sea Eagle,

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a massive bird from northern Japan and eastern Russia,

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may have migrated here from across the Bering Strait.

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Enormous in size, the bird may well be responsible

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for some of the more dramatic sightings here.

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Since eyewitness accounts of flying animals are notoriously inaccurate

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due to the difficulty in establishing scale in open sky,

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the Stellar Sea Eagle with a nearly 10-foot wingspan

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is a sensible suspect in this case, though we can't say for sure.

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More than likely, though, the citizens of Alaska

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can probably sleep soundly tonight.

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After all, the ancient and mighty Thunderbird is still just a legend.

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For now.