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On this episode of Destination Truth, Josh travels to one of the world's most isolated

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nations, the Kingdom of Bhutan, following an outbreak of recent sightings of the Yeti,

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known the world over as the Abominable Snowman.

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Last year, the team made international headlines when they discovered a massive footprint high

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in the Himalayan mountains of Nepal.

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That is a huge footprint.

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I don't even know what to say about that.

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Tonight, the hunt for the Yeti continues as Gates and company embark on an arduous

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10-day expedition...

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...across this unspoiled wilderness, and capture evidence that might just close the books on

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the legend of the Yeti.

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Moving us up there! Go! Go! Go!

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I'm Josh Gates.

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

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quite explain.

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Okay, don't...

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

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to the world's strangest mysteries.

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

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The Truth

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Sightings of Bigfoot and his descendants are reported around the world as often as I Google

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my own name.

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Scratching off our own list, we've already conducted investigations into the Malaysian

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Bigfoot, the Yawee in Australia, and the Yeti in Nepal, which remains one of the most brazen

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adventures in destination truth history...

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Oh my God!

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...and also yielded our best evidence to date.

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Are you kidding?

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I'm not!

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You're kidding!

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After countless fan requests to continue the search as well as our own nagging unanswered

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questions, we've decided to dig into the mystery of the elusive Himalayan beast once

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more.

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Our plan was to head east from our original investigation site in Nepal to the Kingdom

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of Bhutan, where in the country's easternmost province, Yeti sightings run rampant.

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Known locally as the Megoi, he's so popular that the country has dedicated an unprecedented

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official preserve for the all but invisible creature in a national park, a place where

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the Yeti can live and thrive tax-free on government land.

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This I had to check out.

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We collected hundreds of scattershot eyewitness reports and then entered only the consistent

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descriptions into our software.

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Sightings of the Yeti occur in the remote valleys of eastern Bhutan, around caves, rivers,

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and dense woods.

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Though he's classically depicted by many locals as having reddish-brown hair, late

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20th century reports evolved to tales of thick white fur covering his body blending him into

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his snowy surroundings.

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But unwavering are the reported 24-inch footprints he is said to leave behind.

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Other descriptions include menacing fang teeth, large piercing eyes, and a low-set forehead

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similar to a male gorilla.

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Though he's sometimes called the abominable snowman, most eyewitness reports actually

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occur in warmer months, when locals believe the creature forages for food.

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With mild weather forecasted, this was the perfect window for an investigation.

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Tracking down the Yeti was going to be a challenge, but Orbitz.com helped us plan the trip.

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With tickets in hand, we packed our trekking gear and made for the airport.

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We boarded a flight in Los Angeles bound for Bangkok and then on to the one and only airport

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servicing Bhutan in the city of Paro.

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Putting down a plane in Yeti territory is no easy task.

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Only two planes in the world fly here, and the only runway is nestled between the peaks

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of the Himalayas.

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With Everest in the distance, we descended into the most remote international airport

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in the world.

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Bhutan may be a land of peace and love, but after a 17-hour flight, we found the hopeful

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movement a little hard to follow.

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Our translator greeted us with traditional scarves, and since he would be accompanying

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us on our long journey, we were encouraged by his name.

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From the airport in Paro, we headed to the capital city of Thimpu, often referred to

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as the last Shangri-La, Bhutan remains one of the most closed-off nations on Earth.

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Television did not exist here until 1999, and access to the country is strictly controlled

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and must be arranged by invitation only.

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I was honored to be granted access to explore here.

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Walking around the capital, we thought we'd struck Paytard at a local restaurant.

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Do you have a Yeti?

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Okay, fossil arm, fossil arm.

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Turned out finding the Yeti was going to take more than simply perusing a menu.

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We traveled across town to the King's Palace, which is also the nation's administrative

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nerve center.

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Proplexing to outsiders, Bhutan's government measures the country's GNH, or Gross National

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Happiness, which actually measures and maintains the general good vibe of its citizens.

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We smiled our way over to the Nature Conservation Division, responsible for creating the Yeti

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Preserve.

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Considering over a third of the entire country of Bhutan is dedicated to national parks,

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there is an immense amount of wilderness here, and the distant area of Sakthang is considered

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the epicenter of Yeti belief.

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Many of the local people in Sakthang do believe in the Yeti.

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It's not just few people, but majority of the residents of Sakthang believe in Yeti.

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And do you believe in the Yeti?

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Yes, it is.

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Up there somewhere, where local people talk about Yetis, who they had heard Yeti calls.

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It is mostly in the east.

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Are they afraid of it?

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They are afraid.

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They are so scared.

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Before we laughed, he wanted to show me the impressive collection of Yeti footprints he

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proudly displays.

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I've seen a few of these in my day.

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These are all from Sakthang.

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The bang here.

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Boy, this guy is really freaking me out.

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Living among these dangerous predators, it's only natural that the nation's favorite pastime

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is archery.

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I put down my investigator's cap for a minute to get a lesson in this meticulous sport.

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I'm going to try not to shoot you in the neck.

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Let's go.

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And it's okay if I shoot the birds?

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No.

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No.

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Well, they shouldn't be on the archery field then.

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Yeah, this is how we are going to get the Yeti.

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Where'd it go?

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Yes!

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You're good.

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Down the way down there.

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The Bhutanese kids are laughing at me.

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It makes to see a blonde guy holding a boy in that room.

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They don't have to laugh.

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They have to see them come to America and play X-Box.

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Okay, so I wasn't going to qualify for the US Olympic team.

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My team and I continued on the trail of the Yeti and caught up with a local author who

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collected various stories about the creature for her book about him.

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And so what prompted you to write a book on the Yeti?

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We grew up without ever questioning the existence of the Yeti.

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We knew it was there as old as the Himalayas.

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Where do people typically believe the Yeti lives?

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It's always at very high altitudes, mostly in caves or the even sort of kind of makeness.

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That's what they believe.

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In the forest?

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Yes, in the forest.

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Why are people so terrified of the Yeti though?

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What are they afraid of?

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You can be killed, physically killed.

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You can be killed by it?

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Yeah.

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We set out from the capital, but the journey ahead would not be an easy one.

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With no internal flights or helicopters here, we would travel 17 hours across the winding

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mountainous roads of Bhutan to Trashagang.

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From there, we would continue with a two-day hike up to the Yeti Preserve in Sakhtang,

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where we would camp and investigate recent reports.

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As we ventured away from the city, it became clear that Bhutan's self-imposed isolation

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has allowed this country to remain a wild paradise.

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Beyond the Buddhist temples and prayer flags, the forests here conceal populations of elephants,

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tigers and many small primates, and I wondered if any of these animals could be mistaken for the Yeti.

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A Yeti sighting is sometimes described as a spiritual experience,

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and we stopped at a monastery along our route to speak with a monk who claims to have heard the creature's call.

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From his childhood until now, he has heard about the people who have heard of this sound,

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people who have seen the footprints.

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And what is the sound that people hear?

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How do they describe it?

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It's a long sound.

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It's like a long high sound, you know?

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Along with the sound of a Yeti, I also heard a more familiar sound.

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Oh, sorry.

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Did that monk's cell phone just go off?

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Even here, in the very last refuge against the modern world, free nights and weekends are still a big draw.

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We had more than 400 miles of single lane winding mountain roads still ahead of us,

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and I was beginning to feel road weary until I came across a Bhutanese school bus,

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or should I say school dump truck, full of kids who reminded me to just be happy.

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Once darkness and fog had set in over the twisting roads,

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we were keenly aware that at any moment we could be visited by a roaming tiger or a wild bear,

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not to mention a hungry Yeti.

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What we were visited by, however, we could have never anticipated.

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What in the hell?

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Oh boy.

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Oh, and I'm under attack.

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Um, top 10 things that you don't want to run into in the middle of the night in a road.

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A guy dressed like a dragon should fire you.

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We had stumbled upon a roving ceremony to ward off evil creatures and spirits,

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and apparently to incinerate clothing.

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They like Gabe.

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Gabe, they must really think you're evil, man.

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I feel really warm right now for some reason.

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Come on, I got you.

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Oh, no!

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Ah!

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00:09:01,640 --> 00:09:03,640

Hold me down, where's your foot?

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Oh, he's on fire!

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Dude, let me on fire.

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Incredibly rare to witness this amazing roadside ritual

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illustrated for us the sheer power of belief here,

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and as the fire throwers continued their quest for the Yeti,

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we sought out accommodations for the night.

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In the morning, the Lodge owner here, aware of our expedition,

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let us examine a family heirloom,

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bones that she said were the vertebrae of a Yeti.

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It's okay if I touch.

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Can we mow the moustache?

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May I, please?

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Yes.

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I'm sure you'll be able to see the bones

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and see the bones and the bones.

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Yes.

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I believe that this bone is kind of like a precious gem.

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As these had been passed down for generations,

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she was unwilling to part with such personal relics,

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but she did allow them to be documented through photographs

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for a specialist in the States to analyze later.

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There was no doubt that the bones were that of a very large creature,

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but a Yeti, time would tell.

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Before we pressed on, I wondered if our hosts could offer any advice

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on enticing a Yeti out for a visit.

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If you're pure, it's hard to see this Yeti,

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but if you're not clean enough,

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you would actually hear the crying of the Yeti.

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Oh, then I'm all set. I'm filthy.

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I haven't showered in days.

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We still had miles to go on our drive to Trashigang

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into our hike into the Sakteng Yeti Preserve,

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but what seemed like a never-ending car ride

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was about to come to a screeching halt.

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Oh, this doesn't look good at all.

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Well, that might be the end of the jeep.

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What are we going to do?

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I don't know. Let's look at it.

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Guys, we're walking from here.

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Before departing on our journey,

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we heard that this single-lane road to Sakteng

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is often flooded out,

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so like any good adventurer, I came prepared.

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Dry taps on for sure, guys. This water's like ice.

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You're like a Lego figure.

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Go!

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Go!

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Go!

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Here we go!

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As we came upon rough waters,

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our expedition almost lost a member of the team.

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Go!

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Go!

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We rushed downstream and tried to stay afloat

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in the uncharted rapids.

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Having closed in on the edge of the park,

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we pulled into an eddy, just happy to be alive.

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Woo-hoo!

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After a few miles of hiking on the road along the river,

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we discovered a small village.

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The locals greeted us kindly,

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and we chartered their packhorses to carry the load of our equipment

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the rest of the way to the Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary.

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After a few days of driving, an impromptu rafting expedition,

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and a full day of hiking mountain trails,

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we had finally arrived in yeddy territory,

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in the midst of 300 square miles of preserved wilderness.

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Targeting events from both news accounts

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and our own local interviews,

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these densely forested valleys of the Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary

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have seen numerous recent yeddy reports by local farmers.

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We unloaded our horses and set to work at constructing a base camp

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in an open field near the most clustered sightings.

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We strung out four infrared cameras for reconnaissance

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and to provide a safe perimeter for our camp.

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Further out, trap cameras would be hidden on game trails

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and would begin firing photos at anything moving in the darkness.

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We know that we're in the area where eyewitnesses

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have reported encounters with the yeddy,

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so I think what we'll do is I'll go out on an initial sweep

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with Mike and Evan.

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Mike, Evan and I headed upstream beyond our camera perimeter

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to do an outlying sweep of the valley with the thermal imager.

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Visha, Jial and Gabe began to explore the areas adjacent to our camp.

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Right now there?

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Oh, no, I got something.

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You got something?

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I got something on the clear.

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It's across the river, whatever it is.

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Come on, there's gotta be a way across it.

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There's an old bridge here, Mike.

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Are you kidding me?

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Look at this, look at these floorboards.

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How far down are we gonna follow?

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We're dropped.

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50 feet, 80 feet?

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This is insane.

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Oh, wow.

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Oh!

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Ah!

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Dude, dude!

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Ow, ow!

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You okay?

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Careful, don't stand right there.

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Stand right there.

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Okay, okay.

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The whole floorboard just came out.

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Are you okay, though?

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Are you okay right there?

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Are you okay right there?

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Ah!

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The thing just busted right out.

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Oh my God, dude.

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Okay, let's take this one step at a time.

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Oh, man.

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I'm gonna go get a little bit of water.

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I'm gonna get a little bit of water.

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I'm gonna get a little bit of water.

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Okay.

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What?

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What?

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What?

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What's your ear?

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It's nothing.

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Beesha!

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I think I just heard growling.

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What if it's a big cat or something?

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It's a big cat.

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Whoa!

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Oh my God!

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Oh my God!

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Beesha!

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Beesha!

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What was that?

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I can't tell if it's Beesha.

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I'm freaked out.

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I'm gonna stop right there.

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Let's just get out of here.

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There's something going on over here.

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You saw something?

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I don't know, but it's right through here.

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Look at this.

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What?

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Game check top.

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Oh my God.

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There's hair on this tree.

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Something definitely came through here.

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I think it's not the couple of things.

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Oh yeah, I'll get this kit for you.

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Hopefully this will come to something.

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There's a walk down road probably, I don't know.

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What is that?

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I don't know.

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It definitely looks like a scratch marsh like that.

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Scratch, scratch, scratch, scratch.

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It looks like four fingers.

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But the rest of the tree doesn't have any markings like it.

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Yeah.

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Okay.

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It's a bear.

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Whatever I saw on the other side of this river, it was pretty big.

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Let's just stay on it, hopefully we get lucky.

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There's a cave here.

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Oh yeah, look at the overhang on that one.

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If I was a yeti, that wouldn't be a bad place to live.

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It doesn't look too extensive.

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Keep an eye out for animal tracks, Mike.

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Something might have come up here.

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Be really careful, Mike.

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Okay.

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Lots of big things living in caves.

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Be very careful.

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Lots of poisonous spiders in here.

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I got some old cave art in here.

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See that?

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Whole ceilings covered in it.

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Well, people have been in here now we know that.

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Oh yeah.

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No yeti though.

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Alright, let's hustle back out.

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Which way?

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I thought you knew the way.

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We crossed that bridge now, I don't know where base camp is.

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You'd track back across the river at some point.

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That goes towards the river, that kind of is like the middle road.

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That goes up.

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And then you have to cross the river.

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And you have to cross the river.

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You have to cross the river.

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Yeah, I think that's the right way.

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I think that's the right way.

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I think that's the right way.

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I think that's the right way.

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That goes towards the river, that kind of is like the middle road.

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And that goes up the mountain, which goes to the yeti's house.

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Let's go towards the yeti's house.

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Let's go.

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Josh for base camp, come in base camp.

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Base camp, do you copy me?

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We're out of range.

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We're going to have to get back across this river and make our way back to them.

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Because we're starting to get really far out of range.

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What the f***?

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What the f*** is that?

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It sounds like it's coming from the rage above this trail.

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Oh!

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Something moved right there.

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I mean that sounded really cool, Josh.

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You see anything?

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Okay, let's just keep going forward.

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Okay.

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God, that's just, there's no way through it.

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It is, it's a big thicket.

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There's no way we're getting through here.

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There's an animal trail back down there, Mike.

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Let's just track along the trail, see if we can just keep pace with it.

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Maybe it's just moving laterally.

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Going back down?

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Yep.

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Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!

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Careful!

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You okay?

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Yeah, I'm alright.

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Whatever it is, moved off.

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Let's just keep an animal trail, we'll follow it along, maybe we can catch it.

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Alright, alright.

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Ears open, ears and eyes open, let's go.

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I got nothing on the FLIR.

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Nothing, huh?

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No, whatever we saw, moved off, and I got no sign of it.

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This is just about the only trail it could have come through.

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Yeah.

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I don't think anything's climbing up these sheer cliffs.

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It's so dense too, look at how thick it is.

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We are a speck in this landscape, nothing more.

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It's just huge.

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You'd be hacking through it forever.

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Oh, f***.

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That's actually worse than the last bridge.

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This is a bridge that was built when dragons ruled the Earth.

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I'm still alive, I'm still alive.

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Josh, your base camp, come in.

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Those are base camp.

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Just to let you know, we found a way back across the river, we're now on the same side as you.

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We're headed back toward base camp.

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Whatever we saw and heard in the jungle, moved off.

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I have a brief image of it on the thermal imager, and a noise that I think we have clean audio on,

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but we lost it after that.

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We're headed to camp now.

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I'm in it.

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That was an epic sweep.

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The good news is we found our way across the river,

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saw something really weird on the thermal imager.

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Some large animal across the bank chased it down.

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Definitely not a yak, definitely not a horse.

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It was something large, something close.

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I mean, it sounds like you had close encounters back here too.

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Yeah, we definitely did.

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I mean, we got the hare sample, and this amazing claw on a tree.

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It matched the eyewitness description.

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Just a big claw on the ice, and they said they do want trees.

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Trail, once you come with me on a sweep, you can at least show me the area where you guys collected that evidence.

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Mike, Evan, you guys come with?

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Let's get back out there then, and maybe if it was fresh, we can catch sight of whatever was there.

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It's pretty dense in here, guys.

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Watch your step.

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There's a lot of mossy rocks.

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Shhh.

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What was that?

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Whoa!

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Shhh!

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Animal, animal, animal.

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Something just walked right through those trees.

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Did it look big?

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Yeah, what did it look like?

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I don't know, it was just behind the trees, I couldn't get it in shape.

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But it was right behind the tree on this side, and then it just cruised right by.

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Do we have any weapons?

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What if it's a freaking tiger?

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I don't know.

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What kind of weapon are you going to use against the tiger?

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I don't know.

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A bazooka.

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Oh, a bazooka.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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A bazooka.

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Eyes wide open, be really careful.

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Okay.

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Move, move, move!

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Really, animal!

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Oh my god.

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It peeled off by near.

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Let's just very carefully see if we can figure out what it was.

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I can hear it on the boom.

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I heard it.

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Oh shi-

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That was definitely a door.

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I got it clean, I heard it clean.

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That way, that way, that way.

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What have we heard?

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Move off.

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Upstream or down.

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At least we have a great thermal hit and we have the audio recording.

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Let's head back to base camp.

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Alright guys, we've got a couple hours left until daylight,

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but we should get some rest

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because we've got another big day of hiking tomorrow.

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Cameras on record, and everybody into the tents.

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It had been a long journey and a physical investigation.

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That beat.

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We saw the car.

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We saw the car.

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That beat.

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We saw something on our thermal imager,

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which moved off to the east.

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We also heard noises and collected potentially exciting evidence.

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Exhausted, we stopped down in the pre-dawn hours

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for much needed rest ahead of the next phase of our expedition.

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I gotta start looking for monsters in Hawaii.

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This is ridiculous.

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Our first investigation in Soctang was full of intrigue.

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Our plan was to continue hiking east for nearly a full day

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to higher altitudes and into the heart of the Yeti Preserve.

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Here, in Rocky Canyon's additional eyewitness reports

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had been steadily rising.

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After endless hours on the trail,

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we came upon a small cluster of buildings.

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How are ya?

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Good to see ya.

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I got some bad news for ya.

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I'm not sure you want to go that way.

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Nobody listens.

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Parched after our long hike,

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salvation appeared nearby in the form of the world's

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most inconveniently located convenience store.

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I will have an iced venti mochicino.

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And I'll have a caramel macchiato, please.

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And no whip on both.

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Harangoran?

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No, you don't have that? The machine's broken?

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Oh, no.

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Okay, well, then I'll have this plastic whistle

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and this terrifying rusty knife

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and this entire container of super-fried gum...

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together.

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They didn't have exactly what I was looking for,

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but since this was the last village on our way up the mountain,

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I tried to find something to snack on.

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Crack crackers.

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Sweetie salty.

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Well, that's just confusing.

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Stocked up, we followed the sound of chanting

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from a nearby monastery and couldn't resist the call.

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Sitting in on this Buddhist prayer ceremony,

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we absorbed the tradition and peacefulness

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that has come to define Bhutan.

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We left in high spirits and back on the trail,

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I made a botanical discovery.

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And I think I just figured out why these people

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are so happy all the time.

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It's growing everywhere.

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And we hiked on to meet a farmer with a Yeti tail to tell.

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He told me that several years ago,

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a Yeti ransacked his village.

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Okay, so there were some casualties.

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Yes, like some kids being taken away.

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What does the Yeti look like?

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The Yeti, the size is very huge.

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Their face looked like almost monkey.

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The farmer explained that if we continued traveling east,

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we would find a river where his people believe the creature lives.

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Because of the vegetation, its landscape,

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there could be Yetis around.

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Unfortunately, to continue that way

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would require some special skills.

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Oh, boy.

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00:26:00,640 --> 00:26:01,640

Sharra?

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00:26:01,640 --> 00:26:02,640

Yeah.

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00:26:02,640 --> 00:26:04,640

Climbing gear.

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00:26:04,640 --> 00:26:05,640

Good work.

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We unloaded our gear and descended into the untouched canyons of eastern botan.

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Oh, God, there better be a Yeti down here.

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I'll tell you that.

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00:26:22,640 --> 00:26:24,640

There's a ledge to the left.

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00:26:28,640 --> 00:26:30,640

Okay, I'm down.

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00:26:31,640 --> 00:26:33,640

Looking great, Sharra.

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00:26:36,640 --> 00:26:38,640

Yeti, two-thirds of the way.

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Plant your feet apart.

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00:26:41,640 --> 00:26:43,640

About shoulder-width apart.

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She's okay. She's okay.

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00:26:57,640 --> 00:26:59,640

Look, here's the jump.

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00:26:59,640 --> 00:27:01,640

Yeah!

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00:27:01,640 --> 00:27:03,640

Oh, my God, look, the end of the rope.

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00:27:03,640 --> 00:27:04,640

Wow!

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00:27:04,640 --> 00:27:08,640

Safely on the ground, we continued our trek without our beasts of burden.

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This was a lot easier with horses.

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Almost to the top of the Saktenk Sanctuary,

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we came across a farmer who told us just where to look for the creature.

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So you've had a firsthand experience with the animals.

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You've had a lot of experience with the animals.

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So you've had a firsthand experience with the Yeti, yes?

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Where exactly were they when they saw it?

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This area was the focal point of numerous reports.

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And we set up camp adjacent to the Rocky Canyon

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and deployed a similar camera arsenal

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in an attempt to image whatever the locals were seeing.

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One of the nice things about tonight

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that we have a fairly linear trajectory

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of where we're going to investigate.

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We're gonna look upriver and we're gonna look downriver.

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This pass is the area where this creature's been spotted.

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They say it comes down to this river at night to drink

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and people passing through this area at night

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have seen the animals.

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So I'm gonna take a sweep team upriver,

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Jiel, Evan and Mike, you'll come with me.

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Be sure you lead a team downriver with Gabe.

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00:28:12,080 --> 00:28:13,280

Let's get into it guys, let's go.

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All right, all right.

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There's a big cave over here.

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00:28:17,120 --> 00:28:19,120

Wow, that is a big cave.

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00:28:19,120 --> 00:28:21,120

There could be anything in there.

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00:28:21,120 --> 00:28:23,120

That's what the thermal imager's here for.

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

Okay, we gotta be really careful here.

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Careful is my middle name, Jiel.

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Fortunately, my last name is Reckless.

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Okay, we're gonna go downriver.

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We're gonna go downriver.

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00:28:37,120 --> 00:28:39,120

We're gonna go downriver.

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00:28:39,120 --> 00:28:41,120

We're gonna go downriver.

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00:28:41,120 --> 00:28:43,120

We're gonna go downriver.

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00:28:44,120 --> 00:28:47,120

Look at all these branches.

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They look like they were placed here, Josh.

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It does. It looks like a nesting area.

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It certainly fits with the eyewitness descriptions

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that the yeti, they say tears down branches to sleep on.

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Okay, let's go through all this,

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see if we can find any material remains of any kind.

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00:29:00,120 --> 00:29:02,120

Oh, wait, right here, right here.

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00:29:02,120 --> 00:29:04,120

What do you got? What do you got? What do you got?

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00:29:04,120 --> 00:29:06,120

What is this? Oh, wow.

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00:29:06,120 --> 00:29:08,120

It's hair. Something was on this nest.

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00:29:08,120 --> 00:29:10,120

Sleeping here.

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00:29:10,120 --> 00:29:13,360

Okay, well, let's take this back to the lab,

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see what we got.

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It's definitely a good find.

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00:29:18,000 --> 00:29:21,000

Moving on.

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00:29:21,000 --> 00:29:23,000

Thermal is clear.

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00:29:23,000 --> 00:29:25,000

I'm going in.

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00:29:30,000 --> 00:29:32,000

Looks like there's an upper chamber up here.

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00:29:32,000 --> 00:29:34,580

Hard to get to, but it continues up there.

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00:29:34,580 --> 00:29:37,440

This looks like a lower tunnel.

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00:29:37,440 --> 00:29:38,620

All right, Jail.

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00:29:38,620 --> 00:29:39,620

What?

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00:29:39,620 --> 00:29:42,020

I'm going to go try to get up to the high tunnel.

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00:29:42,020 --> 00:29:43,120

You check out the low tunnel.

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00:29:43,120 --> 00:29:44,120

We'll be back here.

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00:29:44,120 --> 00:29:45,620

Nobody gets eaten by a yeti.

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We can't plan that, Josh.

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But if I say it, I sound like I'm safety conscious.

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00:29:49,620 --> 00:29:50,620

Got you.

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00:29:50,620 --> 00:29:51,620

I'll see you back here.

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00:29:51,620 --> 00:29:52,620

Okay.

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00:29:52,620 --> 00:29:53,620

All right.

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Here we go.

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This looks like a really small spot to crawl through.

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Mike, can you help me take this off?

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00:30:02,620 --> 00:30:05,620

All right.

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00:30:05,620 --> 00:30:08,620

Oh, my goodness.

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00:30:08,620 --> 00:30:10,620

It's really tight in here.

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00:30:10,620 --> 00:30:13,620

I'm not quite sure if a yeti would be able to fit.

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00:30:13,620 --> 00:30:16,620

I don't really see anything in here.

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00:30:16,620 --> 00:30:17,620

Oh, gosh.

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00:30:17,620 --> 00:30:19,620

All right.

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00:30:19,620 --> 00:30:25,620

I don't really see any evidence of anything that's been living in here.

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00:30:25,620 --> 00:30:32,620

I don't really see any evidence of anything that's been living in this little crevice.

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00:30:36,620 --> 00:30:38,620

Jail for Josh?

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Go for Josh.

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I just found a little chamber inside the cave.

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I crawled through to try and see if I could find any evidence of any animals.

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But I've come out on the other side, and it seems like it's a dead end, so I'm going to head back.

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00:30:55,620 --> 00:30:57,620

Okay.

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00:31:11,620 --> 00:31:12,620

Okay.

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00:31:12,620 --> 00:31:14,620

God, it's narrow.

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00:31:14,620 --> 00:31:16,620

Narrow and scary.

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00:31:21,620 --> 00:31:23,620

It's pretty tight.

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00:31:23,620 --> 00:31:25,620

The chamber is just all peter out.

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00:31:25,620 --> 00:31:28,620

I think I'm the only thing that's been up here for a long time.

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00:31:28,620 --> 00:31:30,620

I'm coming back down.

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00:31:39,620 --> 00:31:41,620

Okay, guys.

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00:31:41,620 --> 00:31:43,620

Let's keep moving.

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00:31:54,620 --> 00:31:56,620

Oh, my God.

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00:31:56,620 --> 00:31:58,620

What?

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00:31:58,620 --> 00:32:00,620

What?

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00:32:00,620 --> 00:32:02,620

What?

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00:32:02,620 --> 00:32:04,620

What?

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00:32:14,620 --> 00:32:16,620

What?

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00:32:16,620 --> 00:32:18,620

What?

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00:32:18,620 --> 00:32:20,620

What is that?

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00:32:21,620 --> 00:32:24,620

I got the chills right now.

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00:32:24,620 --> 00:32:27,620

I could have sworn I saw an eye up there.

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00:32:27,620 --> 00:32:29,620

B-shell for base camp.

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00:32:29,620 --> 00:32:33,620

Gabe just saw something that's going up the cliff right now, chasing whatever it was.

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00:32:33,620 --> 00:32:35,620

Copy that, B-shell.

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00:32:38,620 --> 00:32:40,620

I don't see any more.

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00:32:46,620 --> 00:32:48,620

You got anything down there?

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00:32:48,620 --> 00:32:51,620

There's a cave right across from the Busterjunk.

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00:32:51,620 --> 00:32:53,620

Is that one?

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00:32:53,620 --> 00:32:55,620

Yeah.

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00:32:55,620 --> 00:32:57,620

I guess just stay here for a minute. I'll be checking out.

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00:32:57,620 --> 00:32:59,620

Okay, fine.

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00:33:19,620 --> 00:33:21,620

Gabe, is everything all right?

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00:33:21,620 --> 00:33:23,620

Yeah.

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00:33:23,620 --> 00:33:25,620

There's these inside the cave.

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00:33:25,620 --> 00:33:27,620

There's a rock with like some trashes on it.

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00:33:27,620 --> 00:33:30,620

Maybe we should go before it's down there, remember?

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00:33:30,620 --> 00:33:32,620

All right. I'll beat you down there.

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00:33:32,620 --> 00:33:34,620

All right, well.

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00:33:49,620 --> 00:33:52,620

Woo! Big drop.

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00:33:52,620 --> 00:33:54,620

What do we got up here?

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00:33:54,620 --> 00:33:56,620

Base camp.

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00:33:56,620 --> 00:33:58,620

Yeah, we would need for talent gear to go down.

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00:33:58,620 --> 00:34:00,620

All right, man.

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00:34:00,620 --> 00:34:03,620

Let's go back up before we saw.

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00:34:03,620 --> 00:34:05,620

Okay.

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00:34:07,620 --> 00:34:10,620

We got caves. We got the river where the creature's been sighted,

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00:34:10,620 --> 00:34:13,620

and we're in a national park named for the yeti.

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00:34:13,620 --> 00:34:15,620

I don't know how much more I can do

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00:34:15,620 --> 00:34:18,620

to get up close to where this animal is supposed to live.

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00:34:25,620 --> 00:34:27,620

Animal, animal, animal, animal!

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00:34:27,620 --> 00:34:29,620

There it is, there it is.

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00:34:29,620 --> 00:34:31,620

Right there?

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00:34:31,620 --> 00:34:33,620

It's the backside of that rock. It just came up a second ago.

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00:34:33,620 --> 00:34:35,620

I mean, it was huge, a challenge.

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00:34:35,620 --> 00:34:37,620

It moved right across there.

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00:34:37,620 --> 00:34:39,620

Were you kidding me? Would it get some bay on it or something?

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00:34:39,620 --> 00:34:41,620

Whatever that was that just popped up

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00:34:41,620 --> 00:34:43,620

was not a cow or a yak.

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00:34:43,620 --> 00:34:45,620

That thing was moving and it was big.

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00:34:45,620 --> 00:34:47,620

It was big.

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00:34:47,620 --> 00:34:49,620

But it sounds farther back now.

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00:34:49,620 --> 00:34:51,620

I think it's moving off. Come on, okay.

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00:34:51,620 --> 00:34:53,620

I don't think we should go over there.

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00:34:55,620 --> 00:34:57,620

I don't see it, though. Whatever it is, I don't see it.

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00:35:01,620 --> 00:35:03,620

It's moving! Go, go, go!

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00:35:08,620 --> 00:35:10,620

This way? Come on. This way.

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00:35:10,620 --> 00:35:12,620

Josh, your base camp, come in.

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00:35:12,620 --> 00:35:14,620

Josh, go ahead.

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00:35:14,620 --> 00:35:16,620

We just saw something incredible on the thermal imager.

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00:35:16,620 --> 00:35:18,620

We're trying to chase it down now.

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00:35:18,620 --> 00:35:20,620

I don't know what it was. It was certainly as big as a yeti.

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00:35:20,620 --> 00:35:22,620

It scrambled up a hill.

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00:35:22,620 --> 00:35:24,620

I think that we're actually in pursuit of it right now.

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00:35:24,620 --> 00:35:26,620

I don't think it has anywhere to go. We're just trying to chase it down.

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00:35:26,620 --> 00:35:28,620

Cover that, Josh. You guys, be real careful.

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00:35:28,620 --> 00:35:30,620

Whatever it is, it could turn on you.

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00:35:30,620 --> 00:35:32,620

Okay, we got a turn over here.

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00:35:36,620 --> 00:35:38,620

Look at this.

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00:35:38,620 --> 00:35:40,620

It's like a deer.

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00:35:40,620 --> 00:35:42,620

And it's been broken off. The pole bone's been snapped off.

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00:35:42,620 --> 00:35:44,620

It's fresh, too.

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00:35:44,620 --> 00:35:46,620

That thing just got snapped off, like straight.

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00:35:46,620 --> 00:35:48,620

It just popped.

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00:35:48,620 --> 00:35:50,620

Whatever this thing is, it's ripping up animals and its path,

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00:35:50,620 --> 00:35:52,620

so let's just go ahead with a lot of caution.

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00:35:52,620 --> 00:35:54,620

I mean, I can hear the river.

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00:35:54,620 --> 00:35:56,620

Let's at least get down to the river and see what it is.

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00:36:04,620 --> 00:36:06,620

Wait, wait, wait, you guys.

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00:36:06,620 --> 00:36:08,620

I just heard like rocks being moved around.

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00:36:08,620 --> 00:36:10,620

Like something was like walking around down there.

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00:36:12,620 --> 00:36:14,620

Well, let's follow this thing. Hopefully it gets us back out to the river.

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00:36:16,620 --> 00:36:18,620

I can hear the river getting closer.

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00:36:22,620 --> 00:36:24,620

Wow.

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00:36:24,620 --> 00:36:26,620

That's a huge drop, Josh.

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00:36:26,620 --> 00:36:28,620

It's like a 200-foot drop down to the river.

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00:36:28,620 --> 00:36:30,620

Well, whatever we heard was breaking rocks down here somewhere.

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00:36:32,620 --> 00:36:34,620

Oh, man.

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00:36:34,620 --> 00:36:36,620

This looks like sheer walls.

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00:36:36,620 --> 00:36:38,620

There's a trail or something I can see right there.

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00:36:38,620 --> 00:36:40,620

See it? It's a trail.

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00:36:40,620 --> 00:36:42,620

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

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00:36:42,620 --> 00:36:44,620

Do you think it went through here?

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00:36:44,620 --> 00:36:46,620

It sounded like it was right down here somewhere.

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00:36:46,620 --> 00:36:48,620

It sounded like it was pushing rocks down, tumbling down this way.

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00:36:48,620 --> 00:36:50,620

I got it.

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00:36:50,620 --> 00:36:52,620

You got it? I got it. I got it right there.

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00:36:52,620 --> 00:36:54,620

We've got to get across this thing. Go, come on.

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00:36:54,620 --> 00:36:56,620

Let's go.

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00:36:56,620 --> 00:36:58,620

That side isn't looking any better.

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00:36:58,620 --> 00:37:00,620

It just looks completely sheer, like a steep cliff.

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00:37:00,620 --> 00:37:02,620

I got a structure. I got a structure.

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00:37:02,620 --> 00:37:04,620

Where?

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00:37:04,620 --> 00:37:06,620

I got a bridge. It's just down here.

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00:37:08,620 --> 00:37:10,620

It's a bridge.

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00:37:10,620 --> 00:37:12,620

That is not a bridge.

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00:37:12,620 --> 00:37:14,620

That is a terrifying bucket of death.

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00:37:14,620 --> 00:37:16,620

Josh, there's no way I'm getting in that thing.

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00:37:18,620 --> 00:37:20,620

Pins look new. The bolts look good.

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00:37:20,620 --> 00:37:22,620

I don't know about the wire, but it looks thick and strong.

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00:37:26,620 --> 00:37:28,620

Uh-uh.

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00:37:28,620 --> 00:37:30,620

No way.

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00:37:30,620 --> 00:37:32,620

It's got to give a little.

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00:37:32,620 --> 00:37:34,620

Shia, you got the barrage?

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00:37:34,620 --> 00:37:36,620

Are you kidding me?

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00:37:36,620 --> 00:37:38,620

Come on, get in it. Let's go.

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00:37:38,620 --> 00:37:40,620

Come on.

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00:37:40,620 --> 00:37:42,620

Oh, my God.

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00:37:42,620 --> 00:37:44,620

This is crazy. Are you ready?

790

00:37:44,620 --> 00:37:46,620

No.

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00:37:50,620 --> 00:37:52,620

Whoa.

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00:37:52,620 --> 00:37:54,620

Whoa.

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00:37:54,620 --> 00:37:56,620

Oh, my God.

794

00:38:04,620 --> 00:38:06,620

What the f***?

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00:38:06,620 --> 00:38:08,620

We stopped. We stopped in the middle.

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00:38:08,620 --> 00:38:10,620

What?

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00:38:20,620 --> 00:38:22,620

We stopped. We stopped in the middle.

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00:38:22,620 --> 00:38:24,620

What?

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00:38:24,620 --> 00:38:26,620

I'm going to pull it over. It's a pulley system.

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00:38:26,620 --> 00:38:28,620

It's on a wire. I can pull it.

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00:38:30,620 --> 00:38:32,620

This maybe wasn't the best thought out idea I've ever had.

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00:38:34,620 --> 00:38:36,620

I can see the other side. I can see the other side.

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00:38:36,620 --> 00:38:38,620

I got it.

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00:38:38,620 --> 00:38:40,620

It's uphill.

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00:38:40,620 --> 00:38:42,620

A little bit.

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00:38:46,620 --> 00:38:48,620

We're there. We're over a ledge now.

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00:38:48,620 --> 00:38:50,620

Kick the gate open, jump out and hold the cart.

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00:38:50,620 --> 00:38:52,620

I got it.

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00:38:52,620 --> 00:38:54,620

I got it.

810

00:38:54,620 --> 00:38:56,620

You are insane.

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00:38:56,620 --> 00:38:58,620

You know that, right?

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00:38:58,620 --> 00:39:00,620

I got to get one of these things.

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00:39:00,620 --> 00:39:02,620

Come on, we're going to thermal head to chase. Let's go.

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00:39:02,620 --> 00:39:04,620

Whatever was over here,

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00:39:04,620 --> 00:39:06,620

I don't see it.

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00:39:06,620 --> 00:39:08,620

I don't see it.

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00:39:08,620 --> 00:39:10,620

I don't see it.

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00:39:10,620 --> 00:39:12,620

I don't see it.

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00:39:12,620 --> 00:39:14,620

I don't see it.

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00:39:14,620 --> 00:39:16,620

I don't see it.

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00:39:16,620 --> 00:39:18,620

I don't see it.

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00:39:18,620 --> 00:39:20,620

I don't see it.

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00:39:24,620 --> 00:39:26,620

This doesn't look good up

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00:39:26,620 --> 00:39:28,620

here.

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00:39:28,620 --> 00:39:30,620

You get across this, and you slip.

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00:39:30,620 --> 00:39:32,620

You're going to die.

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00:39:32,620 --> 00:39:34,620

Are you going to go down there?

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00:39:34,620 --> 00:39:36,620

You're not going to come out of it again.

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00:39:36,620 --> 00:39:38,620

It's a sheer cliff over there.

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00:39:38,620 --> 00:39:40,620

Look at it.

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00:39:40,620 --> 00:39:42,620

That's it.

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00:39:42,620 --> 00:39:44,620

Yeti or not, it's going.

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00:39:44,620 --> 00:39:46,620

Really careful. Let's get back down here.

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00:39:46,620 --> 00:39:54,560

are not honest. Never.

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00:40:05,040 --> 00:40:05,960

webinar, having come to a dead

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00:40:06,080 --> 00:40:07,720

end, and having been out

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00:40:07,720 --> 00:40:09,780

manoeuvred by whatever large

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00:40:09,920 --> 00:40:10,520

animal we were tracking. We

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00:40:10,660 --> 00:40:11,520

regrouped at camp. We let our

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00:40:11,660 --> 00:40:13,720

cameras roll out for the night

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00:40:13,860 --> 00:40:14,920

for a four day journey back

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00:40:14,920 --> 00:40:16,080

see as well. How you doing?

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00:40:16,080 --> 00:40:18,260

Pretty good. I've been looking at the photos that you sent me.

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00:40:18,260 --> 00:40:20,400

Based on these, can you make some sort of determination

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00:40:20,400 --> 00:40:22,040

as to what these vertebrae came from?

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00:40:22,040 --> 00:40:25,000

First of all, I determined that it was a lumbar vertebra.

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00:40:25,000 --> 00:40:27,800

So that's the lower backbone from a mammal.

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00:40:27,800 --> 00:40:29,120

Could these vertebrae be human?

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00:40:29,120 --> 00:40:31,280

The bones depicted in the photographs

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00:40:31,280 --> 00:40:33,160

are way too big to be from a human.

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00:40:33,160 --> 00:40:35,200

Having delved into the museum's collection,

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00:40:35,200 --> 00:40:37,560

did these vertebrae line up with anything in the collection?

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00:40:37,560 --> 00:40:38,400

Actually, they do.

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00:40:38,400 --> 00:40:42,080

This bone that I'm holding up is from an American black bear.

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00:40:42,080 --> 00:40:44,520

And if we hold it up to the photograph,

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00:40:44,520 --> 00:40:48,440

you can see it matches up almost exactly with photographs,

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00:40:48,440 --> 00:40:51,280

which isn't to say the photo is of an American black bear,

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00:40:51,280 --> 00:40:53,320

but there is such thing as an Asian black bear.

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00:40:53,320 --> 00:40:55,800

It's about the same size as an American black bear.

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00:40:55,800 --> 00:40:57,760

OK, so we don't have a yeti on our hands.

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00:40:57,760 --> 00:41:02,120

I'm afraid to tell you we do not have a yeti on our hands.

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00:41:02,120 --> 00:41:04,640

And what of the hair sample we recovered in Bhutan?

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00:41:04,640 --> 00:41:07,360

Would it also turn out to be that of a known animal?

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00:41:07,360 --> 00:41:10,320

To find out, I hopped on a plane and headed for Houston, Texas.

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00:41:15,520 --> 00:41:17,760

Here in the Lone Star State, I drove due east

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00:41:17,760 --> 00:41:19,840

to the DNA Diagnostics Forensics Lab

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00:41:19,840 --> 00:41:22,320

in the slightly out-of-the-way town of Timson.

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00:41:22,320 --> 00:41:24,400

That is, if I could find Timson.

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00:41:24,400 --> 00:41:27,200

How could there be less towns in Texas than in Bhutan?

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00:41:34,200 --> 00:41:36,360

Am I in the West or the Old West right now?

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00:41:39,400 --> 00:41:41,960

I finally sat down with Dr. Melba Ketchum,

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00:41:41,960 --> 00:41:44,360

an experienced forensic analyst who had been working

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00:41:44,360 --> 00:41:47,120

on the hair samples we collected in Bhutan.

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00:41:47,120 --> 00:41:49,520

I didn't think we would have anything to talk about here,

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00:41:49,520 --> 00:41:50,360

to be honest.

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00:41:50,360 --> 00:41:52,840

I was just going to rule out yeti and be done with it.

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00:41:52,840 --> 00:41:55,480

I submitted the sequence that we obtained from this hair

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00:41:55,480 --> 00:41:58,480

sample to a large international database

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00:41:58,480 --> 00:42:01,080

that scientists used to deposit their sequence data.

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00:42:01,080 --> 00:42:02,680

Well, at first, I was very skeptical

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00:42:02,680 --> 00:42:05,240

because we've had these things come into our lab in the past,

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00:42:05,240 --> 00:42:07,760

and they've never panned out to be anything interesting.

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00:42:07,760 --> 00:42:10,600

However, this sample did test very clearly

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00:42:10,640 --> 00:42:13,720

on the human panel of markers.

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00:42:13,720 --> 00:42:17,320

That makes it a primate, and it makes it a large primate.

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00:42:17,320 --> 00:42:20,840

And how are we sure that it isn't just human contamination

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00:42:20,840 --> 00:42:23,080

or that it's just DNA from human hair?

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00:42:23,080 --> 00:42:25,240

The hair visually is not human.

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00:42:25,240 --> 00:42:28,440

It's coarser than horsetail hair.

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00:42:28,440 --> 00:42:31,160

What she told me next seemed unbelievable.

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00:42:31,160 --> 00:42:34,440

Initial searches indicate that it's an unknown sequence.

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00:42:34,440 --> 00:42:37,560

There are literally millions of sequences in this database,

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00:42:37,600 --> 00:42:40,800

and we're really shocked to find that it didn't match

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00:42:40,800 --> 00:42:44,000

any of the species exactly on the database.

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00:42:44,000 --> 00:42:46,480

What would be required in order for us to say,

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00:42:46,480 --> 00:42:49,360

from a DNA standpoint, the yeti is a real animal?

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00:42:49,360 --> 00:42:51,800

If we're going to prove that there potentially

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00:42:51,800 --> 00:42:56,680

is a new species with this first hair sample here,

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00:42:56,680 --> 00:42:59,680

we really need more hair samples like it.

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00:42:59,680 --> 00:43:01,880

And once you establish there's a group of animals,

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00:43:01,880 --> 00:43:04,040

that will go a long ways toward proving

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00:43:04,040 --> 00:43:06,040

that there is a new species indeed.

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00:43:06,680 --> 00:43:08,840

There are no large primates in Bhutan,

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00:43:08,840 --> 00:43:11,640

and the doctors believe that we may well have tangible evidence

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00:43:11,640 --> 00:43:14,760

of an unknown animal is a major development in this story

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00:43:14,760 --> 00:43:17,400

and potentially a huge find for my team.

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00:43:17,400 --> 00:43:20,360

We were emboldened by the doctor to continue our search,

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00:43:20,360 --> 00:43:22,920

knowing that this discovery adds yet another page

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00:43:22,920 --> 00:43:26,200

to a growing body of evidence that suggests that somewhere,

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00:43:26,200 --> 00:43:29,400

in part of the last truly untouched wilderness on Earth,

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a distant relative of the human race may still be alive

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00:43:32,600 --> 00:43:34,360

and waiting to be discovered.