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On this episode of Destination Truth,

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Josh leads his team on a treacherous adventure

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to a remote section of the Great Wall of China.

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Locals there say the spirits of thousands of dead Chinese soldiers

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haunt the massive structure.

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There's a danger of being possessed by these evil spirits.

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You just touched my backpack?

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I didn't touch your backpack.

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Next, team truth journeys to a small fishing village in Israel

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where reports of a real-life mermaid are making headlines.

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It had a nose, an eyes, an hair, and a mouth.

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It's like a human face.

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In the stormy waters of Israel,

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Josh and his team have an encounter

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with something they cannot explain.

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Spray right there. What's that?

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It looks like shoulders and a head.

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Hold on!

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I'm Josh Gates.

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In my travels, I've seen some unexplainable things

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

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

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

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

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but I know what I'm looking for.

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The truth.

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These days, it seems like just about everything we buy is made in China.

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From clothes to electronics, we purchase endless exports from the Far East.

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But there is one thing made in China that is a true original

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and could never be exported.

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I'm talking, of course, about the Great Wall.

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Massive, majestic, and unmoved since construction began in the 5th century,

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it is an engineering feat without equal.

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This barricade once sealed off the entire northern border of China

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from its Manchurian and Mongolian enemies.

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It is a landmark, a symbol of Chinese ingenuity, and perhaps even haunted.

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Though the Ming dynasty wall stretches for more than 4,000 miles across mainland China,

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50 miles north of Beijing, the crumbling Jianguo section is uniquely referred to as the Wild Wall

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due to its treacherous geography where locals have reported mysterious shadows.

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Recently, several hikers have mysteriously died along the edge of this broken battlement.

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Death on the wall is nothing new.

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It has been estimated that more than a million soldiers died building and defending its ramparts.

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Now, locals say the spirits of these soldiers may have caused the recent deaths,

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seeking revenge for their inglorious fates.

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Villagers report seeing strange shadows along the wall

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and say sounds of marching footsteps can be heard on the wind.

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The recent deaths here were officially chalked up to fatal falls and lightning strikes,

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but some blame paranormal foul play.

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Team Truth has been granted special permission by the usually restrictive Chinese government

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to be the first expedition to spend the night and investigate the supernatural reports

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of this forsaken section of the Great Wall of China.

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We flew 13 hours from Los Angeles to the pulsing Chinese metropolis of Beijing.

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After touching down, we headed into the city.

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With a population of over 11 million people,

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Beijing is a bustling modern urban center that still manages to retain age-old customs.

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Walking through China's capital, I seized the opportunity to really fit in with the locals.

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This is incredible.

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It feels luxurious.

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Fever kid, fever kid.

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It became clear that communication could be a problem here.

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Is this a real panda?

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Fever kid.

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Fever time?

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Fever kid.

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Fever kid.

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It is real panda?

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Sir, you're under arrest.

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We continued on our way to my first interview, passing through China's historic, forbidden city,

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once home to the emperor of the Ming dynasty who commissioned the section of the wall in question.

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More than 40,000 tourists stream through this ancient palace every day.

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I took it upon myself to share what little I knew about the forbidden city by leading a tour.

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Right this way, guys.

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All of this was built by the Walt Disney Corporation in 2006 as part of a Chinese theme park.

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There's a water park opening as well called China Beach.

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Feel free to take any of the bricks that you see or any marble pieces you can peel off.

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And I have all day, alright?

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I know the tour starts in 25 minutes.

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China is the oldest civilization on earth, and I'd always wanted to experience its rich culture.

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My cameraman Evan was excited to be here for an entirely different reason.

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This is where they do kung fu movies!

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Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha!

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I've been watching kung fu movies since I was a kid.

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Okay, what do you got?

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One's the crane.

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One's the snakefish.

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One's monkey paw.

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Flying guillotine. Ready?

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Yeah.

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And then what, the hat kills me?

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Yep, chops the head off.

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As darkness fell, we finally met up with Dr. Joe Bean, a professor of history who knows the reports that ghosts of Chinese warriors still walk the Wild Wall.

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Do you think that the Great Wall of China is a haunted place?

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It was actually rumored that a lot of people were buried within the Great Wall.

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There are certain areas that have a higher incidence of paranormal activity.

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One of those areas was called Zhenco.

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That was a very treacherous section of the Great Wall.

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A lot of people were hurt or died building that part.

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If you go looking for this sort of thing, there's the danger of being possessed by these evil spirits.

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The only evil spirits I was worried about were the ones rumbling in my empty stomach.

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So we ended our night in Beijing's infamous night market where the things you bite just might bite you back.

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Sir, do you have any that are more dead?

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That's a great thing about China.

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Everything can be made into something.

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See all the war, war is over!

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You know who loves silkworms?

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This one!

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Let's have one of those.

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Cheers!

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That has a strong and unexpected taste.

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Bam!

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Bam, bam, bam, bam!

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Yeah!

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That actually tastes pretty good.

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Six more scorpions from my friend here.

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With bellies full of creepy crawlies, we headed off to bed.

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The next morning we began our journey to the Jenco section of the Great Wall.

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The trip would take us 50 miles north, up winding narrow dirt roads.

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From there we'd have to continue on foot for a demanding five mile hike up steep icy terrain to reach this potentially supernatural hotspot.

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Along the way we stopped at the Ming tombs where I arranged to speak with Gao Wei,

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a local folklore expert who has a theory about why these long dead soldiers are still on active duty.

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There is actually a specific belief about this.

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During the Ming dynasty there were some wars being fought.

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These soldiers were very far from their home.

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Because of that their souls were trapped.

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And what do the villagers living there make of the recent deaths that happened on the wall?

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They have to take a few measures.

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They definitely feel like there's something going on

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and there's some negative connotation associated with evil spirits in the area.

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We headed to the small village of Shi Chatsa, tucked against the mountainside below the wall.

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Residents there refused to go up to the battlements, claiming they are haunted.

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Along the way we realized this vehicle might not have been the right choice for China's rough terrain.

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Rex, trying to fall asleep back there, I know it's like driving on a pillow.

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Super relaxing.

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As the roads went from narrow to hazardous, we were unable to go any further, so we unloaded our gear from the jeep.

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Watch back pack.

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Swiffer.

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World War II fuel container.

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Bottle of moonshine.

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Tiny fire extinguisher.

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Ryder, did you pack this car?

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Yes.

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We transferred everything into a more localized mode of transportation to take us the final leg of our journey.

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To the Great Wall!

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To the Great Wall!

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I can't tell Bobby not to pick up Chinese hitchhikers, the man never listens.

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We finally arrived in the small village and after setting my sidecar aside,

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I walked up into this rural community where life seems to go on as it has for centuries.

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I was eager to speak with some of the residents here and get their perspective.

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If you go alone up to the wall, what do you think will happen?

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The villagers themselves will never go alone.

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They'll always go with at least one other person to feel safe.

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If you went up alone, they believe something very unfortunate would happen.

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This man refuses to go to the wall after a relative had a close encounter.

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One of the brothers just started spinning around uncontrollably.

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He pointed us to the trail the hikers had recently followed to the Wild Wall,

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only to fall mysteriously to their deaths.

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This area is now off limits to the public and we ascended five miles up a dangerously steep and icy ridge.

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Here, the original builders forced the battlements to hug steep mountains,

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making this the most treacherous section of the Great Wall in all of China.

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I don't know about Great Wall, it's certainly inconvenient.

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At the top, we were finally able to appreciate just how improbable this structure really is.

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The wall stretches like a stone ribbon, as far as the eye can see and is truly a wonder to behold.

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We needed to follow its curves to reach the area where the hikers died and where ghosts are reported.

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Unfortunately for us, whole spans of the wall that we needed to cross had crumbled away.

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Wall's out.

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What's the next step?

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Either you can jump that or we need the climbing ropes.

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Okay, let me get a running start.

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Get the ropes.

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With our climbing harnesses rigged, we cautiously began the descent along this unstable section.

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Wow, that is just a vertical drop right there.

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Whoa, whoa, whoa.

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I got it, I got it.

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Oh my god.

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Oh, mom, I love you.

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00:09:29,000 --> 00:09:30,000

Oh my god.

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00:09:31,000 --> 00:09:32,000

Oh, mom, I love you.

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00:09:32,000 --> 00:09:33,000

I love you.

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Rider.

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You here, rider?

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I am now.

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I just, I lost all confidence.

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I just, oh, that was so scary.

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With rider right side up and safe and sound, we lowered our gear and the rest of our team.

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We hiked on and with nightfall approaching, we were about to be the first expedition in history to spend the night investigating these claims.

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We got some protection from the wind here.

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This seems like a great spot for base camp.

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It's going to be dark soon.

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Let's get the camera strung out.

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We'll get a fire going.

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Rider, you trying not to fall off anything else?

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No promises.

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As the sun went down, we began setting up our operation in the frigid darkness.

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After building base camp along the center of the Wild Wall, we established surveillance.

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The Great Wall is broken up by guard towers.

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We cabled four infrared cameras along the wall and into several of these towers.

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Further along the wall, we placed several track cameras that would take photos if anything crossed in front of them.

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Vanessa would be stationed at base camp, monitoring the cameras throughout the night.

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Let's talk about our plan for the night.

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We know that there is a belief among the villagers that there are spirits up here, that this is obviously a very sacred place.

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Some reports say that up to a million people died building the Great Wall of China.

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Along with that, we know that many soldiers died fighting battles, especially along this section.

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I think our job is to try to figure out if any of these reports of spiritual paranormal activity can actually be verified.

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Unable to cover this vast stretch of wall with just cameras, we decided to split up.

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I sent Bobby, Rex and Gabe along the southern wall, where locals report seeing black shadows.

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And rider, Evan, Mike and I headed north along the wall towards the exact spot where the hikers died.

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Careful, Rider, some loose bricks getting up under the wall.

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We're headed for the north tower.

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A lot of snow and ice in here.

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Every single step, you have to be really careful.

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Big drop off here, Rider.

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Baby steps, baby steps over the Great Wall.

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That was close. That was a steep drop.

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And the animal went.

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Rider, it's like a forest in here.

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It's like nature's just reclaiming all this.

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We got something moving in the thermal.

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Where?

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Right there.

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Someone's out there, the woods guys.

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00:11:59,000 --> 00:12:00,000

Yeah?

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00:12:00,000 --> 00:12:01,000

Yeah, what is that?

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I don't know. It's moving like a cat, it's pretty big.

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Maybe a bobcat or something.

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Whatever that was, guys, we're moving towards it, so keep your eyes open.

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You know, Rider at least proves that there's animals running around up here.

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It's not impossible to think that these animals start making calls.

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Maybe that's what the village is here.

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Associated with the legends about the wall.

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It looks like one of the old towers, it's in pretty bad shape.

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Look at this.

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You check out that side, I'll check out this side.

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Okay.

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What happened?

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00:12:41,000 --> 00:12:43,000

Bird just came right in front of me.

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What is going on, baby?

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00:12:44,000 --> 00:12:45,000

Bird hated you.

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00:12:45,000 --> 00:12:46,000

Was that an eagle?

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It was a sparrow.

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We got a lot of towers to explore.

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Let's keep moving.

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This is the north tower.

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00:12:57,000 --> 00:13:01,000

Looks like we might be able to get up to that second floor if the roof's still intact.

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Oh, the staircase is in good shape.

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00:13:03,000 --> 00:13:05,000

I don't see any issues here.

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00:13:07,000 --> 00:13:09,000

Be careful coming in.

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00:13:09,000 --> 00:13:10,000

Lots of chambers in here.

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00:13:16,000 --> 00:13:18,000

This looks like the central room.

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00:13:18,000 --> 00:13:21,000

This would have been where the soldiers slept.

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00:13:21,000 --> 00:13:23,000

When they ate, when they talked.

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Certainly there would have been a lot of activity in this room.

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Alright, Mike, let's get the digital recorder out.

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We'll post up right here.

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00:13:29,000 --> 00:13:31,000

And we'll do a needy piece there.

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00:13:31,000 --> 00:13:32,000

Okay.

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00:13:32,000 --> 00:13:33,000

Let's turn around.

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00:13:40,000 --> 00:13:42,000

Can you make a sound of footsteps for us?

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00:13:43,000 --> 00:13:45,000

Were you a soldier?

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00:13:47,000 --> 00:13:49,000

There wasn't a breeze before it all slept.

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00:13:49,000 --> 00:13:52,000

It's almost blowing by me right now.

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00:13:52,000 --> 00:13:53,000

I do feel it.

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00:13:53,000 --> 00:13:54,000

It's running through the main door.

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00:13:54,000 --> 00:13:56,000

I feel it in my face.

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00:13:56,000 --> 00:13:58,000

The temperature's definitely dropping in here now.

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00:13:58,000 --> 00:14:00,000

I can see my breath.

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00:14:02,000 --> 00:14:03,000

Miss Moa?

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00:14:03,000 --> 00:14:05,000

It smells like a fire.

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00:14:05,000 --> 00:14:07,000

It smells like a fire.

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00:14:07,000 --> 00:14:08,000

What do we smell like?

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00:14:08,000 --> 00:14:10,000

Our base can't fire up here.

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00:14:10,000 --> 00:14:11,000

No way.

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00:14:11,000 --> 00:14:14,000

We're so far from our camp that I wasn't smelling it before.

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What was that?

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00:14:18,000 --> 00:14:19,000

Did you hear that?

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00:14:19,000 --> 00:14:20,000

I did.

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Sounding it was coming from this hallway here.

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00:14:23,000 --> 00:14:25,000

Hold! It's up on the slayer! Come here!

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00:14:29,000 --> 00:14:30,000

Hear that?

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00:14:30,000 --> 00:14:31,000

I did.

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00:14:31,000 --> 00:14:33,000

Sounding it was coming from this hallway here.

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00:14:33,000 --> 00:14:34,000

It's up on the slayer! Come here!

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00:14:34,000 --> 00:14:35,000

Right here.

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00:14:35,000 --> 00:14:36,000

What did you see?

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00:14:36,000 --> 00:14:39,000

I just have like these two specks of light out here.

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00:14:39,000 --> 00:14:40,000

I mean, there's no ground out here.

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00:14:40,000 --> 00:14:41,000

What would that have been?

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00:14:41,000 --> 00:14:42,000

We would have been hovering.

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00:14:42,000 --> 00:14:45,000

It was like two heat signatures right on top of each other.

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00:14:45,000 --> 00:14:47,000

And I ran over the arch and it was gone.

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00:14:47,000 --> 00:14:48,000

It's just open air there.

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00:14:48,000 --> 00:14:49,000

I want to see what that is.

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00:14:49,000 --> 00:14:51,000

That's the same direction the noise is coming from.

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00:14:51,000 --> 00:14:52,000

Come on.

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00:14:55,000 --> 00:14:57,000

Guys, there's a roof up here.

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00:14:59,000 --> 00:15:01,000

Look at this fog.

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00:15:02,000 --> 00:15:04,000

I can't even see the base of the wall.

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00:15:04,000 --> 00:15:06,000

It was not this foggy when we came in.

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00:15:06,000 --> 00:15:08,000

No, there was no fog at all.

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00:15:08,000 --> 00:15:09,000

Wow.

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00:15:09,000 --> 00:15:11,000

It just rolled in right in the middle of that AVP session.

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00:15:11,000 --> 00:15:12,000

It's so thick.

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00:15:12,000 --> 00:15:13,000

Look at this.

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00:15:13,000 --> 00:15:15,000

It feels like we're inside a cloud.

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00:15:15,000 --> 00:15:16,000

Shh! Listen!

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00:15:16,000 --> 00:15:17,000

In the fog! Listen!

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00:15:17,000 --> 00:15:18,000

This way! Right in the fog!

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00:15:18,000 --> 00:15:19,000

Listen, listen!

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00:15:21,000 --> 00:15:23,000

Did you see anything on the thermal?

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00:15:23,000 --> 00:15:24,000

I don't see anything on the flare.

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00:15:24,000 --> 00:15:26,000

It's totally still now.

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00:15:27,000 --> 00:15:28,000

Right there, right there.

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00:15:28,000 --> 00:15:29,000

Did you hear that?

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00:15:29,000 --> 00:15:31,000

This sounds like a bunch of footsteps, right?

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00:15:31,000 --> 00:15:32,000

It does sound like footsteps.

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00:15:32,000 --> 00:15:33,000

What is that?

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00:15:33,000 --> 00:15:35,000

There's something rustling down there, man.

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00:15:35,000 --> 00:15:37,000

It sounds like it's coming from every direction.

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00:15:37,000 --> 00:15:39,000

And I've got nothing on the thermal level.

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00:15:40,000 --> 00:15:42,000

Clear as day, I'm picking it up.

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00:15:42,000 --> 00:15:45,000

It sounds exactly like footsteps, doesn't it?

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00:15:45,000 --> 00:15:46,000

Yes.

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00:15:46,000 --> 00:15:47,000

Me how?

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00:15:49,000 --> 00:15:50,000

I think I know what it is.

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00:15:50,000 --> 00:15:51,000

What?

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00:15:51,000 --> 00:15:52,000

I think it's birds.

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00:15:52,000 --> 00:15:55,000

They're too small to be picked up at the thermal from this far away.

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And when they rustle, it sounds like footsteps.

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00:16:01,000 --> 00:16:03,000

I don't hear it anymore.

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00:16:03,000 --> 00:16:05,000

Let's look in the lower levels.

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00:16:08,000 --> 00:16:11,000

Let's see if I get anything on the ENF detector.

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00:16:16,000 --> 00:16:18,000

Can you screw my backpack?

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00:16:18,000 --> 00:16:20,000

Can you just touch my backpack?

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00:16:22,000 --> 00:16:24,000

No one's around me, dude.

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00:16:24,000 --> 00:16:26,000

I just felt someone grab me.

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00:16:26,000 --> 00:16:29,000

Like, you were standing behind me and you put both hands on my backpack

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and you were messing around with the ring.

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But I was watching you the whole time.

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00:16:33,000 --> 00:16:34,000

There was nothing here.

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I thought you were changing the tape or something on my backpack.

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I was like, oh, I won't move because he's got both hands on me.

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And then when I turned and saw that you were like nine feet back from me,

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the color went out of me.

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00:16:44,000 --> 00:16:46,000

Like, I literally like, I am shaking.

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00:16:46,000 --> 00:16:47,000

Did you see anything?

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00:16:47,000 --> 00:16:49,000

I was walking away from you.

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00:16:49,000 --> 00:16:51,000

I thought you were talking to me and I was about to turn around and say,

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00:16:51,000 --> 00:16:53,000

no, I didn't touch your backpack.

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Crazy Chinese.

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00:16:57,000 --> 00:16:59,000

Okay, let's just post up right here.

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00:16:59,000 --> 00:17:02,000

I think we should consider doing an isolation session.

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00:17:02,000 --> 00:17:05,000

The villagers come up here a lot of things happened.

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00:17:05,000 --> 00:17:07,000

I felt something in here.

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00:17:07,000 --> 00:17:09,000

I don't say that for nothing.

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00:17:09,000 --> 00:17:12,000

If there's something in here that grabbed me, then I want to know what it is.

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00:17:12,000 --> 00:17:15,000

Guys, I'm going to do a 30 minute isolation session.

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00:17:15,000 --> 00:17:17,000

Okay, let's do it. Come on.

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00:17:24,000 --> 00:17:26,000

Can you give me a sign?

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00:17:27,000 --> 00:17:30,000

Can you give me a sign with your presence here?

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00:17:39,000 --> 00:17:41,000

Did somebody just grab me?

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00:17:41,000 --> 00:17:43,000

Did somebody just grab me?

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00:17:54,000 --> 00:17:56,000

Share a noise with my backpack.

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00:18:04,000 --> 00:18:07,000

I just heard clicking noises on my backpack.

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00:18:07,000 --> 00:18:10,000

Distinctly like someone was touching the buttons.

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00:18:14,000 --> 00:18:16,000

Okay, guys, I'm going to go.

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00:18:17,000 --> 00:18:20,000

Hey, I heard clicking sounds from my backpack.

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00:18:20,000 --> 00:18:22,000

Like somebody was touching the buttons on it.

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00:18:22,000 --> 00:18:24,000

Do you want me to look at it and see if anything changed?

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00:18:24,000 --> 00:18:25,000

Sure.

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00:18:27,000 --> 00:18:29,000

Oh, the movie's not running.

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00:18:29,000 --> 00:18:30,000

Why is it not running?

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00:18:30,000 --> 00:18:32,000

I don't know, it was going while we left.

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What, it just stopped recording right?

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It was turned off.

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Like the power switch was off?

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Yes.

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00:18:40,000 --> 00:18:43,000

That's a mechanical switch, and it was in the off position?

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00:18:43,000 --> 00:18:44,000

Uh-huh.

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00:18:44,000 --> 00:18:46,000

Alright, well you're back up and rolling again.

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00:18:46,000 --> 00:18:48,000

I'm done with this tower, like I'll tell you that.

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00:18:48,000 --> 00:18:51,000

Seriously, there's just bad mojo in here.

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00:18:55,000 --> 00:18:59,000

Alright, you had to go to the stop down here and get an EGP session going on.

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00:19:01,000 --> 00:19:03,000

Is there anybody here with us?

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00:19:06,000 --> 00:19:07,000

I just heard a step.

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00:19:07,000 --> 00:19:09,000

Is there somebody walking?

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00:19:09,000 --> 00:19:10,000

Yeah.

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00:19:10,000 --> 00:19:13,000

Is that you walking around with us?

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00:19:15,000 --> 00:19:17,000

I have a machine here on the ground.

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You can make that needle move.

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00:19:19,000 --> 00:19:21,000

Can you do that for us?

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00:19:24,000 --> 00:19:26,000

Look right there!

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00:19:26,000 --> 00:19:27,000

Did you see that?

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00:19:27,000 --> 00:19:29,000

It looked like a shadow, like right in those trees.

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Black shadow, let's go one across.

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I hear branches moving.

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00:19:34,000 --> 00:19:36,000

Right there at the wall!

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00:19:44,000 --> 00:19:45,000

Look right there!

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00:19:45,000 --> 00:19:47,000

Black shadow, let's go one across.

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00:19:47,000 --> 00:19:49,000

Right there at the wall!

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00:19:55,000 --> 00:19:57,000

Alright, you're safe.

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00:19:57,000 --> 00:19:58,000

Alright.

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00:19:58,000 --> 00:20:00,000

Alright, buddy.

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00:20:00,000 --> 00:20:03,000

Need a little banged up there, alright.

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00:20:04,000 --> 00:20:07,000

I could go there two feet and I would have been over that ledge.

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Bobby for base camp.

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Heavy wrecks almost went over the wall.

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I think we're going to head back to base camps like Botherham's.

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Copy that.

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You guys head into base camp and get the medic to fix wrecks up.

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Oh wait, no, he is the medic.

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We got about an hour before the sun starts coming up over these mountains

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and it's getting colder by the minute.

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Let's get the gear packed up.

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Let's get everybody into a tent and get a couple hours of sleep

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before the big hike out in the morning.

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Our expedition to China was breathtaking

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and we were eager to examine the evidence we collected behind the Great Wall.

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We traveled back across the Pacific and scoured our recordings for results.

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With interesting findings in hand, I sat down with Jason Hawes and Grant Wilson.

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My first priority was assessing our strange environmental observations.

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Could the wind, fog and even smell of fire have been harbingers of paranormal activity?

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The temperature is definitely dropping in here now.

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It's a big breath.

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00:21:00,000 --> 00:21:01,000

Smell that.

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00:21:01,000 --> 00:21:03,000

It smells like fire.

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Phantom smells and notorious claims when it comes down to investigating the paranormal.

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So it's cool to see that you're having all these experiences at one time.

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And I'm sure they would have had a fire back then to stay warm in the guardhouse

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so it could be something residual.

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We had already debunked the reported sounds of footsteps heard along the wall

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as the deceptive sound of roosting birds.

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So we turned to our other audio recordings.

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We analyzed and discovered an unnerving piece of audio evidence from Bobby and Rex's EVP session.

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Is there anybody here with us?

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It sounds like let me be normal.

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It does not sound like Chinese.

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00:21:40,000 --> 00:21:41,000

Sure.

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And it definitely sounds like English.

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What you have here is you've got everything that we look for in a good EVP.

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It's a clear voice.

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If we all listen to it separately, we'd probably come back with the same idea of what's being said.

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That's everything we look for in a solid EVP.

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That's great.

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But my real reason for being here was to discuss my physical encounter on the Great Wall.

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This investigation for me that was the first time I ever felt like something grabbed me.

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This kind of shook me up a bit.

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It does.

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Because I've never had anything like this happen.

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So just take a peek at it and let me know what you think.

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You screw my backpack?

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You just touched my backpack?

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No one's around you, dude.

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I just want someone to grab me.

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This is a phenomenon that happens all too often.

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We train our investigators and tell them you will get hit, punch, grab, slap, push by things that you can't see.

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It's only a matter of time, Josh.

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It's just one of those things that you always prepare for, but you're never prepared for.

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As I closed our case file on the Great Wall, I still had a lot of question marks in the margins.

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Our journey took us to the other side of the world where the supernatural beliefs of an ancient culture

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still survive just beyond the bright lights of the world's next superpower.

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I've always had a healthy sense of paranormal skepticism,

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but the Great Wall of China remains a mysterious marvel,

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a crumbling echo of an imperial age that has been described as a living piece of history.

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In my case, so alive, that it seems to have reached right out and grabbed me.

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Here at Destination Truth, we get some pretty strange reports of creature sightings from around the globe.

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And when we recently heard on CNN that a mermaid was spotted frolicking in the Mediterranean,

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well, we all had a good laugh.

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Of course, we stopped laughing when we heard that she comes with a million-dollar prize.

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In the small Israeli town of Kyriot Yam,

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scores of residents have reported seeing an unidentified creature in the waves just off the local beach.

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The city has fronted a million-dollar bounty to anyone who can produce photographic proof of this aquatic nymph.

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Reports of humanoid sea creatures date to antiquity,

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and sightings by sailors can be traced back more than 3,000 years.

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Add to that the fact that more than a thousand new marine species were discovered last year alone,

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and suddenly this story was looking a lot more interesting.

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The Kyriot Yam incidents are also unique,

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since they're backed by dozens of eyewitness reports by locals who clearly saw something that scared them at close range.

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Unfortunately for me, this amphibious mutant is not exactly Disney-ready.

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We've utilized the consistent reports and put together a 3D version of the finned fiend we'd be looking for.

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Locals claim to have observed the powerful fish-like tail splashing in the waves at sunset.

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A better view revealed that this is no ordinary fish.

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The creature's body is reportedly covered with scales, and the lower half ends in a fluked tail.

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Strangely though, a cow's detail a humanoid torso, complete with limbs and web dependages.

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With an anthropomorphic face, wide-set eyes, and razor sharp teeth,

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I wasn't going to be falling in love anytime soon.

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My team and I packed up our aquatic gear, leaving ample room for our million-dollar reward, and headed out to Israel.

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Our journey began as we flew more than 7,000 miles, crossing 10 time zones to Tel Aviv, the capital of Israel.

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After touching down, we hit the pavement and headed north 60 miles along the Mediterranean,

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and toward the small coastal village of Kyriot Yam.

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Along the way, my team had only one thing on their mind.

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So how are you going to split up the million when we find the mermaid?

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Split it. What are you talking about?

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I get a million dollars. You get a free trip to Kyriot Yam in Israel.

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That math seems faulty.

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We have 48 hours to find this mermaid, get the money, and get it to town.

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It's basically the plot of Ocean's Eleven.

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Thank God Rex is a Chinese acrobat.

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Finally, we arrived in town where they were clearly making the most of their newfound fame.

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From whale sculptures to fin-tailed fountains to the local boardwalk complete with cartoon cutouts,

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this town was serious about aquatic creatures.

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By chance, I happened to arrive at the pier at the same time as the town's latest work of public art,

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00:25:40,000 --> 00:25:42,000

a super classy bronze mermaid.

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I pitched in and gave the locals a hand with her installation.

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Guys, what can I do? I'm here to help, and I have a huge drill.

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Unbelievable.

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All the days work just installing a little mermaid statue here at Kyriot Yam.

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My crew didn't even break a sweat, so we stopped off next door at Kyriot Yam's bizarre beachside fitness facility

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to get a few reps in before talking to the locals.

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Out and in.

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00:26:11,000 --> 00:26:12,000

See it yet?

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00:26:12,000 --> 00:26:14,000

See it yet, I there. Got a lot of ground to cover though.

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00:26:17,000 --> 00:26:20,000

Come on, Josh. We gotta get your body beach-perfect for this mermaid.

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00:26:20,000 --> 00:26:22,000

She's gonna be pretty hot.

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00:26:22,000 --> 00:26:25,000

I'm right behind you. Just, I'm almost ready.

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00:26:25,000 --> 00:26:29,000

I finally dragged myself to my feet and talked to this lifelong resident

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who says she spotted the mermaid on her afternoon walk.

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What did you see in the waters here?

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She saw the mermaid and she said, God help Kyriot Yam.

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There is a mermaid in Kyriot Yam.

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She saw it for three seconds. It looked like a big fish.

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Did any part of it look human?

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It had a nose and eyes and hair and mouth.

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It's like a human face.

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This man says he didn't just spot the mermaid,

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00:26:56,000 --> 00:26:59,000

but actually made physical contact with her while he was out for a nightly swim.

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00:27:02,000 --> 00:27:05,000

Suddenly he felt that something is in the water.

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00:27:05,000 --> 00:27:09,000

He felt that something is touching his legs.

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How do you know it's not just a regular fish that just swam by you?

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He's sure that it's not a fish.

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The feeling was like two hands were grabbing his legs.

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Down at the end of the pier, the local fisherman pointed out grottoes to the south

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and sea caves to the north where the mermaid was spotted just days ago.

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Before heading out to sea though, I needed to make sure the city was going to

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00:27:32,000 --> 00:27:35,000

honor their promise to pay out if I did find this elusive animal.

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I walked over to city hall to speak with town spokesman, Nettie Silberman.

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00:27:39,000 --> 00:27:41,000

That is, if he would get off the phone.

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00:27:41,000 --> 00:27:45,000

Sir, that is not a real phone. Sir, give me that phone.

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Is this the Kremlin? It launched everything.

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00:27:49,000 --> 00:27:52,000

It's connected with the Bluetooth to my cell phone.

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00:27:52,000 --> 00:27:55,000

This is the greatest Bluetooth accessory I've ever seen.

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All joking aside, it was time to get down to business.

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So you offered a million dollar reward for proof of the mermaid.

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00:28:03,000 --> 00:28:05,000

A real proof. A real proof.

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00:28:05,000 --> 00:28:06,000

A solid proof, yeah.

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Why is that worth a million dollars to you?

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00:28:08,000 --> 00:28:10,000

This is a huge story.

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00:28:10,000 --> 00:28:13,000

You actually believe that if there is a real mermaid,

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00:28:13,000 --> 00:28:16,000

there will be such amounts of tourism here to Kriatiam

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00:28:16,000 --> 00:28:19,000

that a million dollars will be small money for us.

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If I find this mermaid, you're really going to pay me?

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00:28:21,000 --> 00:28:22,000

Of course.

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00:28:22,000 --> 00:28:23,000

Is that bee check?

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00:28:23,000 --> 00:28:25,000

Here it is.

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So this is a check for one million dollars

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if I find the mermaid of Kriatiam.

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Right.

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00:28:31,000 --> 00:28:34,000

This is it, boys. This is the big payday.

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00:28:34,000 --> 00:28:37,000

Having seen this comically sized check in person,

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00:28:37,000 --> 00:28:39,000

I had all the motivation I needed.

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It was time to hunt a mermaid.

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The fishermen had identified two potential habitats

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where the creature could be hiding.

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First, north of Kriatiam lie a series of sea caves

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where the creature has been reported.

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To the south, undersea ruins offer some of the only shelter

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along this barren coastline.

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To explore the caves, we acquired kayaks

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that would carry us up the coast.

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That is, if we could break through the surf.

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We finally made it into open water

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00:29:16,000 --> 00:29:18,000

and were headed straight for the always friendly

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00:29:18,000 --> 00:29:20,000

Isreal Lebanon border.

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We paddled by a local gunship

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hoping to avoid being caught in the crossfire.

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And as we approached the caves themselves,

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the conditions were no less dangerous.

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With powerful wave action and unpredictable flooding,

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this was no place to overstay our welcome.

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Guys, be careful. Stay off the wall.

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We're getting rough in here.

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We set to work with our underwater camera

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to scan the cavern floors.

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After exploring each chamber,

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00:29:46,000 --> 00:29:48,000

both below the surface and above,

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00:29:48,000 --> 00:29:50,000

and seeing no evidence of habitation here,

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00:29:53,000 --> 00:29:56,000

we made a hasty exit from these flooded tunnels

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00:29:56,000 --> 00:29:58,000

and we headed back down the coast.

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00:29:58,000 --> 00:30:01,000

To the south, we journeyed to the Roman city of Caesarea

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00:30:01,000 --> 00:30:04,000

where additional sightings have taken place.

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00:30:04,000 --> 00:30:07,000

This once lavish provincial capital now sits in ruins.

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It was home to one of the most impressive

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ancient harbors ever constructed,

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00:30:11,000 --> 00:30:14,000

which sank beneath the waves more than 2,000 years ago.

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00:30:14,000 --> 00:30:16,000

We sourced a local boat that looked like

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00:30:16,000 --> 00:30:18,000

a destination truth original.

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00:30:22,000 --> 00:30:24,000

Why don't I just hold on to this in case I need to start it again?

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00:30:24,000 --> 00:30:26,000

We'll just bring it in the boat.

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00:30:26,000 --> 00:30:28,000

What can go wrong with this plan?

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This boat, along with a dive support vessel,

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would take us out into the open sea.

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Once off the choppy coast,

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00:30:35,000 --> 00:30:37,000

we then positioned ourselves over the harbor ruins

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00:30:37,000 --> 00:30:40,000

where locals believed the creature could be hiding.

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00:30:46,000 --> 00:30:48,000

We're going to get a little bit of water.

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00:30:52,000 --> 00:30:54,000

Did I boat to Josh?

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00:30:54,000 --> 00:30:57,000

Josh, I'd like to hear your disability

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00:30:57,000 --> 00:30:59,000

as to how the lake is going to be.

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00:30:59,000 --> 00:31:02,000

Every little seal includes no fish at this point.

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00:31:02,000 --> 00:31:04,000

So I think it's going to be better.

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00:31:05,000 --> 00:31:07,000

We're just getting everything up and going up here.

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00:31:07,000 --> 00:31:09,000

Okay, here goes.

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00:31:10,000 --> 00:31:12,000

Rider activated our tethered underwater camera,

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Rex powered up our sonar unit,

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00:31:14,000 --> 00:31:16,000

and miced through in our hydrophone microphone

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00:31:16,000 --> 00:31:18,000

to help scan the ocean floor.

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00:31:26,000 --> 00:31:30,000

Topside, the rough seas were starting to take a toll on the crew.

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00:31:30,000 --> 00:31:32,000

I think I'm going to throw up.

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00:31:44,000 --> 00:31:47,000

masala

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00:31:56,000 --> 00:32:00,000

Chots is the crew.

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00:32:03,000 --> 00:32:06,000

I've seen the■ find infish yet again

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00:32:06,000 --> 00:32:08,520

The big fish bearing Belgium,

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00:32:08,520 --> 00:32:11,000

000 of just from their ■■ did not get hold

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00:32:11,000 --> 00:32:12,000

it just remained untouched.

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00:32:12,000 --> 00:32:13,920

This is a fire-grabbing,

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00:32:13,920 --> 00:32:15,840

and it's also the one that's being used

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00:32:15,840 --> 00:32:17,280

to kill the human beings.

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00:32:17,280 --> 00:32:18,720

It's only just a matter of whether they're

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00:32:18,720 --> 00:32:20,240

going to want to survive.

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00:32:20,240 --> 00:32:25,840

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00:32:25,840 --> 00:32:28,080

Remember when I was in a sand and a hard state?

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00:32:28,080 --> 00:32:30,720

Running low on air and unable to make a positive ID

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00:32:30,720 --> 00:32:35,720

in these murky conditions, we returned to the surface.

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00:32:35,720 --> 00:32:37,640

They claim the million dollars, yeah.

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00:32:37,640 --> 00:32:39,560

Something big, though, sewing around down there.

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00:32:39,560 --> 00:32:41,440

Gabe and I both heard, like, a high-pitched noise

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00:32:42,400 --> 00:32:44,800

Yeah, we swam over to check out the hydrophone.

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00:32:44,800 --> 00:32:46,000

Didn't see anything around it, but then

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00:32:46,000 --> 00:32:47,360

saw a huge shadow.

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00:32:47,360 --> 00:32:51,360

Water just puked, and stripped in the water towards you.

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00:32:51,360 --> 00:32:52,080

Oh, that's great.

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00:32:52,080 --> 00:32:53,520

OK, let's get out of here.

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00:32:53,520 --> 00:32:55,600

Get out.

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00:32:55,600 --> 00:32:58,160

With Ryder losing her lunch and with me swimming in it,

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00:32:58,160 --> 00:33:01,200

it was time to get out of here and to our primary investigation.

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00:33:01,200 --> 00:33:04,080

Our search to the north and south had not revealed the habitat,

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00:33:04,080 --> 00:33:06,320

and it was time to investigate the open waters

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00:33:06,320 --> 00:33:07,840

off of Kyriit Yam itself.

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00:33:07,840 --> 00:33:10,160

We headed to the nearby port city of Ako,

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00:33:10,240 --> 00:33:12,720

the only place we would be able to launch and access

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00:33:12,720 --> 00:33:14,160

Kyriit Yam Bay.

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00:33:14,160 --> 00:33:16,240

Ako is one of the oldest cities in Israel

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00:33:16,240 --> 00:33:18,600

and is dominated by crusader-era fortresses

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00:33:18,600 --> 00:33:20,880

and narrow winding streets.

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00:33:20,880 --> 00:33:22,600

We passed through the crowded fish market

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00:33:22,600 --> 00:33:24,280

on our way to the docks.

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00:33:24,280 --> 00:33:27,200

No mermaids on display here, so we pressed onto the harbor

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00:33:27,200 --> 00:33:29,040

where we got down to business.

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00:33:29,040 --> 00:33:31,520

After our kayaks and vomit-inducing dinghies,

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00:33:31,520 --> 00:33:33,960

we were, to crib a line from my favorite movie,

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00:33:33,960 --> 00:33:36,440

going to need a bigger boat.

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00:33:36,440 --> 00:33:38,080

This is nice.

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00:33:38,080 --> 00:33:40,400

This large vessel would serve as our surveillance center

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00:33:40,400 --> 00:33:43,320

with Vanessa monitoring infrared cameras along the deck.

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00:33:43,320 --> 00:33:45,360

The smaller, faster Zodiac boat

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00:33:45,360 --> 00:33:47,760

would allow Evan Ryder and I to cover more water

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00:33:47,760 --> 00:33:49,760

and allow us to dive if necessary.

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00:33:49,760 --> 00:33:51,480

I sent Rex to a nearby lighthouse

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00:33:51,480 --> 00:33:54,680

so he could survey the entire area and scan for activity.

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00:33:54,680 --> 00:33:56,720

Josh, I'm in a great position on top of the lighthouse.

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00:33:56,720 --> 00:33:58,400

I have a great view of the entire bay here.

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00:33:58,400 --> 00:34:00,760

And Bobby would be positioned on the Kyriit Yam beach

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00:34:00,760 --> 00:34:03,360

to look and listen for anything breaking the surface.

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00:34:03,360 --> 00:34:06,080

Our boats steamed out of Ako toward Kyriit Yam Bay

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00:34:06,080 --> 00:34:08,080

as the sun sank into the Mediterranean.

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00:34:08,080 --> 00:34:13,520

MUSIC

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00:34:13,520 --> 00:34:14,720

Dive boat to base camp.

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00:34:14,720 --> 00:34:16,440

Let's get in position and Kyriit Yam

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00:34:16,440 --> 00:34:17,920

and drop some anchors, guys.

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00:34:17,920 --> 00:34:25,800

MUSIC

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00:34:25,800 --> 00:34:28,200

Josh and Vanessa come in.

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00:34:28,200 --> 00:34:29,800

Go ahead, Josh.

681

00:34:29,800 --> 00:34:31,600

The sonar looks pretty clear so far,

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00:34:31,600 --> 00:34:32,800

nothing on the bottom.

683

00:34:32,800 --> 00:34:34,200

I can see you guys from our position.

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00:34:34,200 --> 00:34:35,280

We're going to drop anchor here.

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00:34:35,280 --> 00:34:36,240

We'll stay in touch.

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00:34:36,240 --> 00:34:37,240

Copy that.

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00:34:37,240 --> 00:34:38,800

I'll keep my eyes peeled on these IR cams.

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00:34:38,800 --> 00:34:39,800

Let me know if you see anything.

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00:34:39,800 --> 00:34:43,200

MUSIC

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00:34:43,200 --> 00:34:44,640

What do you got on the thermal, anything?

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00:34:44,640 --> 00:34:45,760

It's pretty quiet.

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00:34:45,760 --> 00:34:48,600

Haven't seen anything out of the ordinary just yet.

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00:34:48,600 --> 00:34:53,520

MUSIC

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00:34:53,520 --> 00:34:56,000

So these people, they basically see this creature.

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00:34:56,000 --> 00:34:57,520

I don't know that we can necessarily

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00:34:57,520 --> 00:34:58,600

say that these folks aren't seeing

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00:34:58,600 --> 00:35:01,360

some other animal, turtle, fish, the surface.

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00:35:01,360 --> 00:35:02,880

Or a swimmer.

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00:35:02,880 --> 00:35:04,040

Sure.

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00:35:04,080 --> 00:35:05,440

Ritter, have you ever seen a mermaid?

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00:35:05,440 --> 00:35:07,040

I don't think so, have you?

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00:35:07,040 --> 00:35:09,880

I was a young boy in Cape Cod.

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00:35:09,880 --> 00:35:11,560

I didn't know how to swim, but I jumped in the water

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00:35:11,560 --> 00:35:13,440

and I was saved by a beautiful woman.

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00:35:13,440 --> 00:35:15,080

That's the plot to splash.

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00:35:15,080 --> 00:35:16,320

Maybe.

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00:35:16,320 --> 00:35:17,120

Or maybe it happened.

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00:35:17,120 --> 00:35:17,920

You don't know.

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00:35:17,920 --> 00:35:19,600

We didn't know each other back then.

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00:35:19,600 --> 00:35:20,800

It was before we met.

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00:35:20,800 --> 00:35:21,600

You're ridiculous.

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00:35:21,600 --> 00:35:22,440

You don't know.

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00:35:22,440 --> 00:35:23,760

Both of you guys stop it.

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00:35:23,760 --> 00:35:24,640

I've already got her.

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00:35:24,640 --> 00:35:26,080

We're going out to dinner later.

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00:35:26,080 --> 00:35:27,360

I was going to try to take her to Pursushi,

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00:35:27,360 --> 00:35:28,320

but she wouldn't bite.

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00:35:28,320 --> 00:35:30,800

Ha ha ha ha!

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00:35:30,800 --> 00:35:32,200

Leave it to Rex.

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00:35:32,200 --> 00:35:34,440

We're out here, in the middle of the water.

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00:35:34,440 --> 00:35:36,520

He's having dinner with a bare-breasted mermaid.

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00:35:36,520 --> 00:35:37,760

What do you immediately assume?

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00:35:37,760 --> 00:35:39,080

It's a female mermaid.

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00:35:39,080 --> 00:35:40,840

Otherwise it would be a mermaid.

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00:35:40,840 --> 00:35:42,040

I don't think Rex rolls that way.

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00:35:49,720 --> 00:35:50,800

Rex for Josh.

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00:35:50,800 --> 00:35:52,200

I got some in the water, guys.

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00:35:52,200 --> 00:35:55,320

It's moving along the shoreline, just about 500 yards south

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00:35:55,320 --> 00:35:56,320

of here.

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00:35:59,440 --> 00:36:00,840

Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa.

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00:36:01,840 --> 00:36:03,840

Bobby for Josh.

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00:36:03,840 --> 00:36:05,840

There you go for Josh, Bobby.

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00:36:05,840 --> 00:36:06,840

We got a reading on something.

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00:36:06,840 --> 00:36:07,840

It's in the water.

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00:36:07,840 --> 00:36:09,840

It looks like shoulders and a head.

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00:36:09,840 --> 00:36:11,840

Stand in the water, right in front of the pier.

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00:36:11,840 --> 00:36:13,840

But we're headed that way right now.

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00:36:13,840 --> 00:36:14,840

Stand by.

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00:36:14,840 --> 00:36:15,840

We're going to get over there.

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00:36:15,840 --> 00:36:17,840

We'll get the thermal imager up and see if we can see it.

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00:36:19,840 --> 00:36:21,840

That is fish on it, and it just goes under.

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00:36:21,840 --> 00:36:23,840

It's standing there, it's looking at it.

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00:36:27,840 --> 00:36:29,840

Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa.

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00:36:29,840 --> 00:36:30,840

It's just something.

745

00:36:31,840 --> 00:36:33,840

That is fish on it, and it just goes under.

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00:36:33,840 --> 00:36:35,840

It's standing there, it's looking at it.

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00:36:35,840 --> 00:36:36,840

Is it a rock?

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

Could it just be something on natural beach or in the water?

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00:36:38,840 --> 00:36:40,840

No, it just went down.

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00:36:42,840 --> 00:36:44,840

Right over there, what's that?

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00:36:44,840 --> 00:36:46,840

It's like something just broke the surface for a second there.

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00:36:46,840 --> 00:36:48,840

Josh and Vanessa, we had something break the surface

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00:36:48,840 --> 00:36:50,840

just ahead of the bow of our boat.

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00:36:50,840 --> 00:36:51,840

Couldn't see what it was.

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00:36:51,840 --> 00:36:53,840

It might just have been a fish jump, but not sure.

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00:36:53,840 --> 00:36:55,840

Yeah, I got it on sonar too.

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00:36:55,840 --> 00:36:57,840

I got something on sonar.

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Stop moving around.

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Ryder just headed out of the thermal as well.

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We're going to stop here, drop anchor, and get ready to get wet.

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I read you loud and clear, Josh.

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I'm going to get the thermal imager.

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I'm going to get the thermal imager.

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Josh, we're down on a big section of our boat.

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We're going to stay without the airfoil.

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It's sitting down here.

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Guys, I just got to find the marlade.

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It's a different one.

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I wish it was going to be much down here.

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I'm going to get the thermal imager.

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I'm not seeing any fish on the aqua camp.

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I'll let you know if I see anything on my end.

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I'm going to get the thermal imager.

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I'm going to get the thermal imager.

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Sounds like they saw something go by.

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Oh boy, it is really picking up.

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The aqua camp is having trouble just holding a shot.

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It's just getting bounced around like crazy.

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The aqua camera is just getting jostled around by this current pretty bad.

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I can't get a focus of more than 30 to 45 seconds on the bottom.

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I don't like to hear that.

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What was that?

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He's having a problem with one of his valves.

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I don't know.

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You okay?

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Yeah, I just got a free flow of the valve to the mast.

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I just set him in and saw something caught in there.

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I'm okay.

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It's bouncing around.

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Gear is going everywhere.

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Conditions are better at the bottom than they are up here.

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There's a lot of chop and once we've got the weather coming in.

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Okay, let's get the engines cranked up and get towards the beach.

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Come on, let's get out of here.

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As the weather continued to get worse, we were forced to call it a night.

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With interesting night vision and thermal evidence in hand,

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we flew 17 hours back to Los Angeles to determine the identity of our suspect.

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To aid in this effort, we visited the nearby Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

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to meet up with the Institute's director, Mike Shatt.

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We first picked through the night vision footage that Rex recorded from the lighthouse.

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Well, there are fish that come up and will kind of break the surface and then go back down again.

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I would say that it definitely looks like something is breaking the surface of the water

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and then going down very quickly.

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Our thermal hit from the boat was equally perplexing.

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This again is something that really briefly comes up and then it just submerges.

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There's two different spots that are there.

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I can see maybe one is the front part and the other the back part.

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But it was the thermal anomaly that Bobby caught just off the Kyrgyzian beach

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that seemed to line up most closely with eyewitness reports.

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I'm always drawn into what else could it be.

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Dolphins are known to be around this area.

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Seals are known to be around this area.

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As a matter of fact, the Mediterranean monk seal has certainly not been seen in 50 or 60 years.

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And yet, last month, there's been reports of seeing the Mediterranean monk seal off of Haifa.

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And that's pretty close to this town that has all these sightings.

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But for something to be unidentifiable and maybe never catalogued is possible.

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In this particular case, again, you never know.

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But yes, it's definitely true to say that we don't know everything there is in the ocean.

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And there's a lot more that needs to be discovered.

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Our aquatic odyssey carried us deep into churning sea caves.

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Down to the submerged remains of the Roman Empire and into the black waters of Kyrgyzian.

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The mermaid has fascinated humankind since we first took to the seas.

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She is a placeholder for the unknown and the unidentified denizens of the deep.

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And at this moment, there is a very large and very uncashed check

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waiting in the city hall of Kyrgyzian.

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For anyone who can confirm that what we and so many others caught looking back

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from the mysterious waters of the Mediterranean is in fact the mermaid.

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The case is yours to follow.

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And if you do happen to crack it, just remember to send a finder's feed to the explorer who sent you there.

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I'll be waiting.