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On this episode of Destination Truth,

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Josh and his team returned to the United States

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to investigate the infamous and frightening Jersey Devil.

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Chris Williams from the Ghost Hunters lands ahead.

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Something came flying straight up out of the trees.

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Had a very large wing span.

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With new reports emerging from the vast and uninhabited Pine Barrens,

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Josh takes to the skies for the world's first aerial investigation of this monstrous animal.

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Right there, right there, you're just shot away to death.

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Next, the team truth traverses 13 time zones to central China

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in search of a creature regarded as the cousin to the US Bigfoot.

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A year in, that's the very last grassy human.

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Can Josh uncover evidence of this creature deep in the uncharted forests of China?

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Are you here for him?

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Where's the human form?

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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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You might guess that Bigfoot holds the record as America's oldest legendary creature.

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But you'd be wrong.

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Deep in the wilderness of New Jersey, residents have been encountering something much more terrifying

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for more than 300 years.

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And if these woods could talk, they might tell you about a winged creature

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known the world over as the Jersey Devil.

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Legend has it this dark prince was the 13th child

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born to a woman named Mother Leeds in the 1700s.

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Though the origin story is clearly folkloric,

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the fact remains that hundreds of people are still today

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reporting frightening encounters with something very real.

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New Jersey is at the heart of the sightings,

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which occur almost exclusively in a massive area of improbable wilderness

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called the Pine Bears.

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This forest makes up one-fifth of the entire state,

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and all of Rhode Island could fit comfortably inside the more than one million acres here.

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We matched up the long lineage of consistent descriptions

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and rendered a 3D profile of this colonial creature.

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Spotted in the skies above the Pine Bears,

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the Jersey Devil is a terrifying sight indeed.

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This ungainly monster is reported to make a fallacious noise as he hunts along the ground.

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His large frame is supported by leathery, fat-like wings,

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which span to more than 10 feet across.

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His name is derived from devilish features which include powerful cloven hooves.

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But what seems to make a lasting impression with eyewitnesses

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is the devil's horse-like head and his famed piercing red eyes which emerge from the darkness.

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Dealing with what some believe is the devil incarnate called for special reinforcements.

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I called over to Ghost Hunters and asked my old friend Chris Williams

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to lend a hand in our investigation.

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We made plans to meet Chris on the road

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and packed up our gear for a journey deep into the garden state.

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From Los Angeles, we jetted across the nation to Philadelphia

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to kick off our hunt for this devilish creature.

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Every country in the world free luggage carts.

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America, \$4 for one luggage cart.

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Ice cream is to cost a quarter.

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Now a luggage cart is \$4.

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Thirty-two dollars later, we hit the road

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and met up with paranormal investigator extraordinaire, Chris Williams from Ghost Hunters.

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Chris Williams. Hey, you. How are you? Good.

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Good. Last time I saw you was...

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Prison? Was in prison.

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Oh, yeah, our night at the Essex County Penitentiary.

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I don't know why they let us out.

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We're not going to be here much longer.

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We're tired and we're cranky.

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Is that your bad confidence?

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No, we'll get there.

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To get to the heart of this story, we exited the interstate

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and worked our way 75 miles east into the endless forest of the Pine Bears.

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First of all, look at the sunglasses lined up in the backseat.

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Mike and Bobby look like Mafia guys transporting Aaron somewhere.

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Couple two tree guys.

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We have a package.

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The drive took us away from the East Coast's urban centers

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and into a perennial corner of historic America.

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Here, remnants of the colonial era were all around us.

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In the 300-year-old town of Smithville,

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we found a local gift shop that was cashing in on the area's evil residence.

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I'm not even in the door and I'm breaking things.

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This is one of those stores that I'm way too big for.

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Like, one false move and I take out \$1,000 worth of merchandise.

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I don't know if there's \$1,000 worth of merchandise in here.

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Finally, we get to go antiquing.

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I gave Ryder a present that she promptly re-gifted.

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We sifted through endless Jersey Devil merchandise

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and I may have gotten a little out of control with my purchases.

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Ryder, can you get the NBC credit card out?

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I'm just about ready to go.

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Let's get out of this town before we get arrested.

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It was clear that the Jersey Devil was alive and well in the commercial sector,

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but plenty of folks claim they've had real-life run-ins with this flying terror.

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A large animal flew by and like swept the top of my windshield

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and scared me to death.

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Do you think it's possible that what you saw was a bird?

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Was an owl of some kind, maybe?

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No, because I'm a scientific-minded person.

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It did not look like anything that it had ever seen before.

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We drove to the edge of town where we met up with another motorist

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who claims to have had a brush with the creature.

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Something came flying straight up out of the trees.

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It had a very large wing span and it had these very large bat-like wings.

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Do you think that whatever it is that you saw is still out there?

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Probably.

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And do you think that I could borrow the lotus to go and check out the area,

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try to relive the experience a little bit?

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Stop, it don't even tease me, sir.

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Have you ever seen this show? I will leave in the skirt.

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Just across town at her family's farm, Amy Day saw the Devil near a chicken coop.

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I looked back into the woods behind that fence over there, behind the house,

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and I saw two red-blowing eyes.

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Were the eyes reflecting red the way an animal's eyes reflect?

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It was actually glowing from the inside.

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What did it sound like, exactly?

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Like it was taken off.

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Like a wolf exactly.

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Right.

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And definitely couldn't have been the sound of one of the birds out here?

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No, it was too big.

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And how many chickens do you have here?

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I think 11 or 12.

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And what is that?

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It's a turkey.

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I'm sorry, what is it?

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It's a turkey.

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And what is a turkey?

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It's just a chicken.

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These are...

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Sulkies. They're chickens.

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Why does it have a fur hat on them?

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I think Nancy's chicken I've ever seen.

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How have I lived 32 years and never seen one of these before?

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Having talked with eyewitnesses, Chris and I visited an entire museum

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devoted to the Jersey Devil, complete with relics, historical documents,

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and most importantly, data on sighting locations.

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The museum's curator pointed us to the undisputed hotspot of activity.

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If I were looking for the Jersey Devil and I actually wanted to see the Jersey Devil,

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I would go to Wharton State Forest.

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We have a lot of sightings there.

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So it's hard for people to imagine it, but it is a very dense forest.

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It's very much a separate country unto itself.

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The museum is also in possession of purportedly biological remains

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from a dead Jersey Devil, collected at the turn of the century.

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And have you ever actually tested any of these materials

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to see if they have any sort of viable DNA?

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No, I have not.

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We would love, if possible, to take some sort of a tissue sample from these

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and try to see if there's any viable DNA in there.

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Well, I would absolutely like to have you...

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You'd allow that?

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Yes.

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That would be great.

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We've bagged a tissue sample to test the DNA for ourselves

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and pressed on deeper into the barrens.

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The Jersey Devil is, above all, a colonial era story.

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So who better to speak to than colonial era experts?

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Kathy directed us to a remote location deep in Wharton Forest

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to meet with a group of historical enthusiasts

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who've had modern-day encounters with the Devil.

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This is like X-word or stuff.

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No, it's not.

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Yeah, just this little bit.

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Chris, when have I ever steered you wrong?

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Um...

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We were quickly drawn to the sound of music

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and the sight of a crackling fire.

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The haunted land of nestilence, drubbine

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There's Jersey Devil in falls upon a tide

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Woo!

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These men didn't just know the Jersey Devil through song,

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but from their own experiences.

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Now, as a kid, did you grow up actually fearing it?

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We were very convinced that if we went out in the woods alone,

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that we would not make it back alive.

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And many people's minds and legends still live on today.

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And as they prepared us dinner,

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it turned out that Ryder fit right in with this motley crew.

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A little something for you to share with our guests.

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Ryder, I love the idea that you're just rolling around with booze.

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You guys drink wine?

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Oh, we drink wine.

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We don't.

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You're not driving a horse in buggy later, are you?

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No, it's okay.

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And what would any night of drinking with Civil War soldiers be

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without a little gunpowder in the mix?

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Here we go.

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I gotta get one of these.

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Well-armed, we put our fears of the Devil aside for the night

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and made merry by the fire.

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Come now, Sam.

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We can shout, we can shout.

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We're the fire in the sky.

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We can turn the world into a movie.

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You can give a round of applause.

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I don't know about you, but I'm fitting right in.

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By the light of a new day and with the benefit of extensive local knowledge,

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we headed deeper into Wharton State Forest to continue our search.

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Our first stop was to split up to conduct a daytime sweep,

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both for the monster and for an ideal investigation site.

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So let's have part of the team go out and check out these waterways.

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Bobby will take those dirt bikes,

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and we'll start checking out some of these service roads and these old trails.

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Wharton State Forest lies at the center of Sightings reports

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and is a sprawling maze of trails, rivers, and forests.

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Bobby and I smoked out old service roads while Ryder led the rest of the team

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along the river where we'd heard the Jersey Devil comes to drink.

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Alright guys, keep your eyes open.

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We searched for hours on the water and overland on the bikes,

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and by late afternoon had found a promising location at the center of the Sightings.

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Josh for Ryder, coming Ryder?

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Go for Ryder?

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Ryder, we've got what we think is a pretty good investigation site.

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Basically, Rhonda, who's back at Batstow Village,

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and let's meet there, get in the jeeps and head into the interior.

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I think we've got a good spot here.

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We convened the team and got ready for nightfall.

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We decided to do something unprecedented.

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No expedition has ever actually searched for the Jersey Devil in the air.

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I made arrangements for a helicopter to be put on standby

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to try to catch a glimpse of the Devil in flight.

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Meanwhile, we began setting up cameras.

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We activated four infrared cameras to help detect anything moving in the darkness.

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Beyond these IR cams, we placed four digital trap cameras, faded with raw mean.

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These machines would begin firing photos if anything moved in front of them.

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Lastly, we erected a virtual perimeter around all of our equipment

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with linked motion detectors that transmit a signal

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and set off an alarm at base camp if anything crosses their path.

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Vanessa would monitor all of the equipment throughout the night.

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We really honed into what we think is the epicenter of this story.

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This is the spot.

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There are a lot of people who live in the Pine Barrens who think there's something out here.

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I think our job here tonight is to try to figure out what are these people seeing.

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Is there an unknown creature out here?

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And if there's not, what are possible alternate explanations

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for what these folks are running into out here?

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Let's get to it, guys.

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Here we go. Let's do it.

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Our best chance of seeing this nocturnal animal would be to catch it in flight,

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meaning we all needed to get to a higher altitude.

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We initiated our plan to begin the first ever aerial investigation for the Jersey Devil.

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Chris Evan and I took our four by four through the woods to a remote helipad

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while Ryder, Gabe and Rex navigated through the forest to an abandoned fire tower

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that appears on local maps.

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We were anxious to get off the ground and continue to hunt from the air.

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Hey, Josh, where's the status of you and that helicopter?

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We are hunting through one of the old service roads in the middle of the Pine Barrens.

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I'll keep in touch along the way.

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Woo!

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That scared the f*** out of me.

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And it was a deer.

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At first, I thought it was a devil.

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That scared me to death, and that could be what people are seeing

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when they think of the Jersey Devil.

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Oh. Wow.

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Ryder for Josh.

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We just made our way up to the fire tower.

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It's intact. Just doesn't look like it has been used in a really long time.

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Copy that. We're going to go to the top of that thing if you can.

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We'll coordinate our search on tour in the air.

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Let's see how these steps hold up, huh?

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Ladies first.

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How'd I know you were going to say that?

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Oh, I just feel it wobbling underneath me.

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Oh, this thing goes on forever.

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Careful coming up.

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Whoa!

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What did I sign up for, Josh?

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You signed up for the Royalty of Life.

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Pretty great.

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Chris, is anything back there?

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Nothing yet.

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You got any brighter than that?

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Yes, Mr. Ryder.

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Now we are open to fire, and there's three targets down there.

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They had a hard time finding the tower.

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Four years ago, we were overcast.

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Can you show us what's going on in the situation?

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Copy that. Rex is on it right now.

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Let us know when you see this.

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Josh, right there. Straight ahead.

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Josh, I can see you in this right now.

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Hey, we got you guys. I see your lights.

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Copy that. We're going to head out from the tower.

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Use the thermal imager and the night vision scope to scan the canopy.

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If you see anything about the tree line,

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just let us know we're chasing down the chopper.

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Copy that. Sounds good. We'll let you know if we see anything.

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Can I see?

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There are a lot of trees.

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Whoa, whoa, whoa, guys, right here.

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Something just moved through the canopy right here.

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I just saw something right here.

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It went from left to right.

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Ryder for Josh?

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We need to make our way back towards us.

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Rex just saw something in the tree line just north of where the tower is.

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We're going over there as fast as we can.

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Describe us on the way to see over there.

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It was a dark figure. It looked like a huge bird.

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And it just went from tree to tree.

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Guys, so you can go right to the right of the tree.

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Sorry.

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00:13:37,500 --> 00:13:39,500

Right there. Right over that group of trees right there.

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Hey, Josh, Rex has a light right on.

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I got a signal on the thermal imager.

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I got a spot on the thermal imager. Stand by.

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Whoa, whoa, whoa, guys, right here.

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00:13:51,500 --> 00:13:53,500

Something just moved through the canopy right here.

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00:13:53,500 --> 00:13:57,500

We're coming over here as fast as we can. Describe us on the way to see over there.

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It was a dark figure. It looked like a huge bird.

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And it just went from tree to tree.

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Guys, so you can go right to the right of the tree.

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00:14:05,500 --> 00:14:07,500

Sorry. Right there. Right over that group of trees right there.

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Hey, Josh, you can access the light right on it.

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I got a signal on the thermal imager.

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I got a spot on the thermal imager.

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I just saw something move just around the tree line.

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Not sure who it was.

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Just a quick shot. I saw something just came up.

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I pressed that from the trees and it just started back down.

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Whenever a word went back down inside the tree line,

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I marked it on the GPS.

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We could follow one finger, try to track it on the ground,

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on the order of land, look for it on point.

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Copy that. Get home safe.

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We circled back across the barons, scanning hundreds of square miles in total.

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At the helipad, Chris, Evan, and I hustled back to work camp to meet up with Ryder's team,

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who made their way to the GPS coordinates we marked from the air.

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Shh, that log of town.

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There's something right up there.

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We are super close to where Josh marked on the helicopter.

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00:14:59,500 --> 00:15:01,500

Right for base camp.

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Over base camp?

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Right north of base camp, right where Josh marked on the GPS.

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And we just saw a branch of a straight from the trees.

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There's no reason for stuff here to just be lying down.

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I'm not seeing anything on the IR cams here,

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but I am hearing some crazy noises as well.

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Let me know if you see anything or hear anything else.

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Copy that.

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So Chris, what do you think of each of your Devil's stories so far?

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I just have a hard time believing something I haven't seen myself.

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I think that in a lot of ways we're doing it in parallel work.

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Instead of looking for evidence of the paranormal,

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we're looking for physical evidence, footprints,

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and droppings of something that's biological.

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You guys are crazy.

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I don't have to worry about anything eating me at my work.

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Yeah, but you have to worry about ghosts.

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Yeah, but they don't eat people.

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Chris, look at this.

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Bones of some kind, or some sort of mammal.

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Trying to see if they have been bitten and all are not.

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And now the carcass is definitely gone.

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These bones have been stripped clean.

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00:15:59,500 --> 00:16:01,500

So whatever it is was killed and then dragged out of here.

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I'd like to just take at least one of these bones as a sample.

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What's the importance of knowing where animal that came from?

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This is probably where the methodology is between

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co-sunders and destination trees diverging a little bit.

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We're looking for types of physical or material evidence like this.

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And obviously folks are saying there's some sort of unknown creature

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living out here in the pine gardens.

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We want to make sure we know what animal this is.

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Something for us to collect and take back and look out there.

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Thanks.

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Okay, let's go.

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I don't know how you guys see this.

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So you used to four walls and knowing what to look for

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in certain rooms. This is crazy.

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What the f*** is that?

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Something was very first thing.

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There's somebody f***ing scolking around right in front of us right there.

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Whatever it is Josh is being really quiet.

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00:16:52,500 --> 00:16:55,500

It's just damn nice to know whatever it is.

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Josh, the rider come in.

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00:17:00,500 --> 00:17:01,500

You go for rider?

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00:17:01,500 --> 00:17:03,500

I'm pretty far from camp. We're south and east at this point.

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We've wandered for a while.

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I've seen what looks like a light or an eye in the woods.

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00:17:07,500 --> 00:17:09,500

Is that you that I'm seeing out there?

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00:17:09,500 --> 00:17:11,500

We saw what I thought was an eye and then I thought maybe it was a light.

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00:17:11,500 --> 00:17:12,500

Now it's not there anymore.

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00:17:12,500 --> 00:17:14,500

No Josh, it's not us. We're in the woods again.

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00:17:14,500 --> 00:17:16,500

We're right over near you.

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We're right around the GPS coordinates you gave us

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and we are hearing some crazy stuff right now.

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We're hearing something crazy over here as well.

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We're definitely hearing this out of what I think is coyotes like barking.

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But intermingled with that we hear something else.

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Rider, I'm gonna have Mike use the parabolic dish to isolate and record whatever we're hearing.

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Copy that.

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00:17:45,500 --> 00:17:47,500

Here, take my cans. Listen to this.

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00:17:55,500 --> 00:17:57,500

Hello, Steve.

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I don't know if you can hear what it sounds like.

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00:17:59,500 --> 00:18:03,500

Maybe coyotes like barking, but it also sounds like a wailing or a screaming behind it.

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00:18:03,500 --> 00:18:04,500

Yeah.

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00:18:04,500 --> 00:18:05,500

You got clean audio over it.

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00:18:05,500 --> 00:18:07,500

I definitely got clean audio. Maybe we can analyze later.

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00:18:07,500 --> 00:18:09,500

Great. Let's keep moving on.

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

Josh, for base camp, come in base camp.

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00:18:11,500 --> 00:18:13,500

Go for base camp?

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00:18:13,500 --> 00:18:17,500

Yeah, we can analyze. Just to give you an update, we've tracked to a couple of the GPS coordinates that we tagged.

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We saw something that we couldn't identify off in the distance.

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We've heard a couple of noises and we definitely heard some strange animal sounds.

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Whatever we saw up above the canopy, I don't think we've had any close calls with tonight.

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We're gonna fire up the GPS and start pointing ourselves back toward base camp.

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We should be there pretty soon.

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Copy that.

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Let me know if you see anything or hear anything else.

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00:18:36,500 --> 00:18:39,500

We'll see you pretty soon. We're gonna head back now.

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What are you guys doing?

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00:18:44,500 --> 00:18:46,500

Ah!

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00:18:50,500 --> 00:18:52,500

What's that?

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Right there.

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00:18:53,500 --> 00:18:54,500

That's moving.

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00:18:54,500 --> 00:18:56,500

It's going behind the trees.

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Base camp for Ryder or Bobby.

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I call for Bobby.

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That's awesome.

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Whatever it was, it was showing up on infrared camera number four by the clearing and it was heading north, just another tree line.

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We'll run over there as quick as we can and check that out.

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Hey Rex, we're down here at the clearing.

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You want to run down here and show us exactly where and what's up?

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You see something. Make sure you radio it as soon as possible.

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00:19:23,500 --> 00:19:24,500

Okay.

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00:19:35,500 --> 00:19:39,500

Hey guys, whatever it was, it was picked up on the infrared camera.

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It just went off in this direction and it just roosed along the tree line.

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Whatever was in it was on the move.

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I don't hear anything guys.

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I don't see anything either up here.

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00:19:55,500 --> 00:19:57,500

I think we should be heading back.

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00:19:57,500 --> 00:19:58,500

That sounds good.

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00:20:02,500 --> 00:20:04,500

Most crazy sounds we've ever died out.

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00:20:04,500 --> 00:20:06,500

After sure.

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Not hearing any further noises and with Don approaching, we fell back to base camp to call it a night.

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With numerous recordings and physical evidence, I was hopeful that we could pinpoint what people were attributing to the Jersey Devil.

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So we flew back to our West Coast offices in Los Angeles to analyze our evidence.

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First, Mike and I processed the audio recordings of the strange sounds we heard in the pine barriers.

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We then headed to the DNA Diagnostics Lab in Timson, Texas where we brought the tissue sample we collected from the Jersey Devil Museum.

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There we sat down with forensic geneticist Dr. Melba Ketchum.

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It was an interesting type of sample. It's very degraded.

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Looks like it's been in solution for a really long time and it's had its effect on it.

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Could you identify a species just based on the appearance?

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I think that it's probably a species that's been in use for a long time.

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It looks like it's been in solution for a really long time and it's had its effect on it.

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Could you identify a species just based on the appearance?

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I think that it's probably a fish bone or some type of a creature from the ocean because their bones tend to be a little softer.

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And did the sample yield up any DNA?

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It yielded human DNA.

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Human DNA? So do you think it's a human bone?

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No, I don't think it's a human bone at all. I'd be very surprised if it was.

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I think somebody probably handled it at some point.

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So we can't prove this is a Jersey Devil but we can't prove it's not.

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No, it doesn't disprove it or prove it.

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And finally, we hit the LA Museum of Natural History to have Jim Dines go over our skeletal findings.

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Jim, how have you been?

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Good, how have you been?

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I've been very well, thanks. I see that you're still running your House of Horrors here.

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We try.

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So a couple of samples that we collected would love to have you take a look at. What do you make of these?

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What I'm seeing here is part of the pelvis from a hooved animal and it actually is the same hooved animal that this comes from.

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So this is the pelvic bone or part of the pelvis and this is the humerus.

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Jim, there's nothing funny about this. This is serious business.

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Yes, you're right.

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Okay, so this is the humerus from a hooved animal.

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Yes, I understand the Jersey Devil is supposed to be a hooved animal but unfortunately this is not from the Jersey Devil.

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This is actually from a hooved animal called the Whitetail Deer.

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Whitetail deer populations have been strong in pine barrens for hundreds of years.

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Indeed, we almost ran one down during our visit.

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Whoa!

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It is entirely likely that a great number of the ground-based Jersey Devil sightings can be dismissed as fast-moving deer.

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Even descriptive elements such as color, hooves, and a horse-like head bear notable resemblances.

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But how do we explain a flying suspect?

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Whatever we saw both from above and from below appear to be massive and airborne.

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Our own experiences add one more footnote to more than 300 years of legend.

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The Jersey Devil is a campfire institution as old as the colonies themselves,

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and it has survived through both sighting and superstition.

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For now, it seems that the identity of this flying beast is destined to be shrouded in mystery.

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But if you should find yourself in the garden state and happen to make a wrong turn into the pine barrens,

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be sure to look up. You might just catch sight of America's original monster.

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The hunt for crypto-zoological creatures is rarely supported by mainstream scientists, let alone the government.

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After all, it's hard to picture Barack Obama decreeing a national search for Bigfoot.

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Half a world away, though, China has done just that, and established the world's only government-sanctioned search for the creature which they call the Yeren.

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The Yeren, or Wildman, is a mysterious primate said to inhabit the mountains of central China.

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After centuries of locals reporting run-ins, the Chinese Academy of Sciences ordained the Committee for the Search of Rare and Strange Creatures

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in hopes of finding the Yeren.

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So far, they've turned up unidentifiable hares and massive footprints, but as of yet, no photographic proof.

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Most of the sightings take place in China's remote Hubei province, in Shenzhen National Park.

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More than half of this 1,200 square mile preserve is closed to foreign tourists.

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Making the sightings in these rain-soaked forests extremely difficult to investigate.

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We've co-related similar descriptions from Chinese news sources and rendered a 3D image of China's version of Bigfoot.

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Witnesses have caught sight of the Yeren in the most remote corners of this sprawling natural preserve.

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A person head to toe in reddish-brown hair, it stands upright on two feet and ranges from six to a colossal eight-feet tall.

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It has a strong jaw, low brow, and deep-set eyes.

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Its limbs are prolonged, each with four fingers and an opposable thumb.

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It has been theorized that it may be Gigantepithecus, an ancestor of modern man that once inhabited this region.

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Locals warn that it is aggressive and prone to attacking humans.

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That the Chinese government has dedicated enormous resources toward finding this creature certainly lends credibility to its potential existence.

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However, much of their findings remain highly classified.

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In an effort to blow the doors wide open on this case, my team and I packed up our gear,

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bound for China to conduct our very own investigation to find evidence of the mysterious Yeren.

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We flew 6,000 miles from Los Angeles to Beijing and then on to Yicheng, China.

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After a 15-hour flight, we arrived in the central provinces.

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With a complex story like the Yeren, I knew I'd need some assistance,

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so I brought in my old team member, Gael, to help us out.

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Great researcher, bad baggage handler.

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Gael!

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Gael!

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This is not your first rodeo, Gael.

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Really, like a full-on of China shot.

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Where is Ryder?

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All right, here we go.

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After a long flight in cramped seats, our first priority was getting a little medical attention for our camera operators aching back.

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Fortunately, we found a state-of-the-art hospital right here in rural China.

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As far as I know, that's normal. That's totally normal.

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Don't worry about it. Just come right this way.

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Is this man actually a doctor?

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He's putting a dirty lab coat on over and over coat and they're cleaning garbage.

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How possible is this?

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00:25:48,500 --> 00:25:49,500

Ow.

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00:25:49,500 --> 00:25:51,500

Wait, what?

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What's up?

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00:25:53,500 --> 00:25:57,500

Is it pay?

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00:25:57,500 --> 00:25:58,500

Yeah.

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00:25:58,500 --> 00:25:59,500

Ow.

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

Ow.

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

That hurt.

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00:26:01,500 --> 00:26:02,500

This is cutting-edge acupuncture.

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What is an electrocution thing?

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They just run a little bit of current through the needles to soothe the muscles.

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Ow.

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00:26:08,500 --> 00:26:09,500

Ow.

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00:26:09,500 --> 00:26:10,500

They're out.

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That was great.

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All right, Gael, we got about a 50-pound camera for you to carry. Let's go.

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Come on.

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With Gaeib on the mend, we headed over to meet with paleoanthropologist Yuan Zhenzhen from the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

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He was part of the government-sponsored expedition charged with finding the creature

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and possibly held a key to what the Chinese government wasn't telling us.

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Do you think the government knows more about the Yeren than they tell people?

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Does it work?

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It does.

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The institute, the university and the government, they're in the same line.

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So there's no secrets that are being kept from me?

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No.

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Sir, wink twice if you know where the Yeren is.

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What?

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

Oh.

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00:26:47,500 --> 00:26:48,500

You saw that.

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I know you were a part of one or a number of these expeditions that went looking for the Yeren.

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What did this expedition turn up?

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This is the actual hair sample.

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These are the actual hairs.

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I know you were a part of one or a number of these expeditions that went looking for the Yeren.

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What did this expedition turn up?

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This is the actual hair sample.

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00:27:09,500 --> 00:27:11,500

These are the actual hairs.

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There's no way that these are from any other known primate living in Shenanjia because I know there are monkeys there.

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They compare the hair samples they can definitely say this is something new.

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We knew we weren't going to find a Yeren in the city, so we made our way towards Shenanjia.

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The roads to the national park are notoriously unreliable, so we decided to bypass them by sailing up the mighty Yangtze River.

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Alright guys, here we go!

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Yangtze River, cleanest water in China.

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Our plan was to steam more than 60 miles.

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We were going to go to Yangtze River to see the Yangtze River.

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Our plan was to steam more than 60 miles, bypassing steep muddy trails, and disembarking at Badang,

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where we would drive an additional five hours on winding roads to Shenanjia National Park.

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The Yangtze is the third longest river in the world and is the lifeblood of China,

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allowing shipping between the inland provinces and the coast.

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It is also a place where Evan and I share our love for badly dubbed movies.

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Like an old Kung Fu movie, I love it.

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We're on the Yangtze River.

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This is a beautiful area known as the Three Gorges.

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Right now, we're going to go to the ancient forest with a Yaren list.

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Ha ha ha ha ha ha!

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That's pretty good.

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Alright guys, we've got about four hours of this thing, so let's get comfy.

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We spent the afternoon coursing between thousand foot valley walls

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and letting our boat carry us deep into central China.

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Eventually, we arrived at the banks of Badang.

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From there, we drove north 150 miles to the heart of Shenanija National Reserve.

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At an altitude of nearly 10,000 feet, the steep climb seems never ending.

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Mike, remind me again why we're out in the middle of China, the freezing cold, the rain.

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00:28:50,500 --> 00:28:54,500

Because, fortunately in glory, we want the fame, the money and the women.

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You think of my mind, Yaren, I'll get more girls?

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00:28:56,500 --> 00:28:58,500

Nobody's better at almost finding monsters than us.

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00:28:58,500 --> 00:29:00,500

And it's true.

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Once we finally arrived in the park, I looked out over the misty mountains and massive forests

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and realized just how challenging this location was going to be.

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At the impressive Dallas Shrine that stands guard over the preserve,

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I did my best to talk with the mountain locals.

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Trying to find the Yaren? You guys know the area?

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Don't choose your mouth open, seriously it's rude.

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These goats are no help, they don't speak English.

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Anybody speak goat Chinese?

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Perfect, Evan.

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

Hello, sir, what are you selling up here alone at the top of this mountain?

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If you had a Twix bar in here, I would pay you a million dollars.

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And the man is selling a Yaren statue.

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Look at Mike's face.

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00:29:40,500 --> 00:29:43,500

Uh-oh, slingshot.

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00:29:43,500 --> 00:29:45,500

Bobby!

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00:29:48,500 --> 00:29:50,500

Sorry!

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00:29:50,500 --> 00:29:52,500

I will definitely take this.

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We finally met up with Juan Yu Hao, who has been a forest ranger in the National Park for over 30 years.

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He's not only an expert in the Shen and Jha area, he's also had his own encounter with the Yaren.

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Have you yourself seen the Yaren?

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I don't believe in the Yaren at the time.

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He found the Yaren and tried to chase the Yaren, but he could not follow.

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He believed in the Yaren.

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Where do you think the Yaren lives? Where should I look for the Yaren?

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The Yarenfung.

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The Yarenfung, the stone forest.

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He thinks the stone forest area?

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The highest altitude of this area.

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With night upon us, we drove into the small town inside Shen and Jha National Park.

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There, I had arranged to meet with a local guide who described for me his run-in with the Yaren.

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He led a group of forests with five people.

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The driving staff, the car, and the Xiao Jie Yiren.

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And it was walking on two legs?

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Very clearly.

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They saw the Yaren with black fur and walking with two legs.

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It had been a long day, but as we walked towards our hotel, I realized I still had one more thing left to do.

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I would like to buy an enormous container of fireworks.

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00:30:57,500 --> 00:31:01,500

Oh, good sweet heaven above.

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00:31:01,500 --> 00:31:03,500

Yes, that's the one.

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00:31:03,500 --> 00:31:06,500

Oh, you're really elusive. Where can I light it?

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00:31:06,500 --> 00:31:08,500

In the middle of a street.

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00:31:08,500 --> 00:31:09,500

In the middle of a street?

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00:31:09,500 --> 00:31:10,500

Yeah, you're probably in the middle of a street.

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00:31:10,500 --> 00:31:12,500

Oh, it's Shai'en. I love you.

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It's got a lighter.

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00:31:13,500 --> 00:31:14,500

Mike, not in here.

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00:31:14,500 --> 00:31:15,500

What?

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00:31:15,500 --> 00:31:16,500

What is wrong with this crew?

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00:31:16,500 --> 00:31:18,500

Exploded Chinese fireworks factory. That's all we need.

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00:31:18,500 --> 00:31:19,500

Okay, here we go.

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I thought Shai'en was full of rules.

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00:31:21,500 --> 00:31:23,500

Turns out you can do whatever you want.

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00:31:23,500 --> 00:31:24,500

I'm gonna light this.

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00:31:24,500 --> 00:31:25,500

Okay.

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00:31:25,500 --> 00:31:27,500

And the three of us are gonna run like hell.

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00:31:27,500 --> 00:31:28,500

Okay.

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00:31:28,500 --> 00:31:29,500

Does he get it?

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

I don't know.

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

I don't know.

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

Okay.

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00:31:32,500 --> 00:31:34,500

Run like hell.

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00:31:34,500 --> 00:31:45,500

I blew fireworks in China.

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After waking up the entire town and possibly the errand,

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00:31:48,500 --> 00:31:50,500

we headed off to bed.

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Early the next morning, we began our investigation.

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With special permission from the government,

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we ascended the perilous muddy roads into the area

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that were otherwise restricted to foreigners.

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00:31:59,500 --> 00:32:08,500

Okay, guys, we're on foot. Get all the gear out.

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00:32:08,500 --> 00:32:11,500

After a long and arduous hike up slippery terrain

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00:32:11,500 --> 00:32:14,500

and over rocky ledges, we eventually arrived in the stone forest,

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00:32:14,500 --> 00:32:16,500

the very heart of the reported sightings.

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00:32:16,500 --> 00:32:20,500

Okay, guys, we got some good shelter here with these rocks and trees.

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00:32:20,500 --> 00:32:21,500

Hey.

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00:32:21,500 --> 00:32:22,500

Come on. Here we go.

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As day turned to night, we began setting up base camp.

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First, we cabled four stationary infrared cameras

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hundreds of feet from camp in different directions.

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Beyond those, we positioned several trap cameras

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to surprise anything skulking through the woods.

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Finally, we constructed an invisible perimeter fence

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about a half mile around our camp.

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Laser sighted sensors would transmit a signal and trip an alarm

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if anything crossed inside.

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00:32:45,500 --> 00:32:48,500

Vanessa would monitor the cameras and perimeter throughout the night.

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00:32:48,500 --> 00:32:50,500

We've obviously traveled a long way to get here.

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00:32:50,500 --> 00:32:53,500

We've talked to a lot of people who believe this thing exists.

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00:32:53,500 --> 00:32:54,500

We have heard that it can be aggressive.

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00:32:54,500 --> 00:32:56,500

We've heard that it's dangerous.

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00:32:56,500 --> 00:32:59,500

I'm going to lead an initial sweep with Gael and Evan and Mike.

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00:32:59,500 --> 00:33:01,500

We're going to head up this river.

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00:33:01,500 --> 00:33:03,500

We've seen kind of a rough path through here.

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00:33:03,500 --> 00:33:04,500

We're going to see where that goes.

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

I'm going to lead a team downstream, see if we can cross the river

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00:33:07,500 --> 00:33:08,500

and then get up into the foothills.

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00:33:08,500 --> 00:33:10,500

We've heard that this creature may live in caves,

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00:33:10,500 --> 00:33:13,500

and we know that there may be some in this area.

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00:33:13,500 --> 00:33:15,500

So if we do find some, we should definitely head in there,

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00:33:15,500 --> 00:33:17,500

try and find some evidence.

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00:33:17,500 --> 00:33:18,500

And get eaten by a bear.

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00:33:18,500 --> 00:33:20,500

And possibly get eaten by a bear.

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00:33:20,500 --> 00:33:22,500

Let's do a plan. Let's do it. Come on, guys.

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00:33:22,500 --> 00:33:23,500

All right.

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00:33:23,500 --> 00:33:24,500

Let's do it.

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00:33:28,500 --> 00:33:30,500

Gael, what do you think? You think the air is real?

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00:33:30,500 --> 00:33:32,500

Everybody around here seems to believe in him.

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00:33:32,500 --> 00:33:34,500

It's possible.

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00:33:36,500 --> 00:33:38,500

Looks like something tore right through here.

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00:33:38,500 --> 00:33:40,500

See this big rock missing?

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00:33:41,500 --> 00:33:44,500

Looks like something just, rock just came loose, I guess,

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00:33:44,500 --> 00:33:45,500

and went down the hill.

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00:33:45,500 --> 00:33:46,500

Yeah, it's possible.

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00:33:46,500 --> 00:33:49,500

The grass got torn off right there at the top, too.

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00:33:49,500 --> 00:33:52,500

All right, let's keep going uphill and see what's up there.

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00:33:52,500 --> 00:33:53,500

All right.

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00:33:56,500 --> 00:33:58,500

Hopefully this gets us above the waterfall.

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00:34:00,500 --> 00:34:01,500

Very careful.

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00:34:03,500 --> 00:34:05,500

I got a cave over here, man. Check this out.

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00:34:05,500 --> 00:34:07,500

Let's see. Wow.

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00:34:08,500 --> 00:34:10,500

They say the yarn lives in caves.

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00:34:10,500 --> 00:34:11,500

We've got a big cave out here.

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00:34:11,500 --> 00:34:13,500

I think we're going down.

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00:34:13,500 --> 00:34:15,500

It's kind of hazy down here.

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00:34:15,500 --> 00:34:16,500

All right.

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00:34:19,500 --> 00:34:20,500

All right.

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00:34:27,500 --> 00:34:29,500

His brace is broken down. Push down.

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00:34:30,500 --> 00:34:31,500

It's just been mowed down.

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00:34:31,500 --> 00:34:32,500

Hey, look at that.

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00:34:32,500 --> 00:34:35,500

Those branches are all pressed down.

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00:34:35,500 --> 00:34:38,500

Pretty big and pretty powerful to mat everything down like this.

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00:34:40,500 --> 00:34:41,500

Right there, right there.

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00:34:45,500 --> 00:34:46,500

A lot of mud down here.

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00:34:46,500 --> 00:34:48,500

Definitely keeping an eye out for footprints.

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00:34:48,500 --> 00:34:50,500

Got some broken branches here.

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00:34:50,500 --> 00:34:53,500

Looks like something's coming through here and stepped on this.

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00:34:53,500 --> 00:34:56,500

These branches look like they've just been trampled by something.

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00:34:56,500 --> 00:34:59,500

Let's keep going and see where this passage goes.

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00:34:59,500 --> 00:35:02,500

It's just going deeper and deeper, and I can hear running water.

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00:35:02,500 --> 00:35:03,500

Wow.

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00:35:04,500 --> 00:35:06,500

This is huge.

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00:35:07,500 --> 00:35:09,500

This thing just drops off all over the place, doesn't it?

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00:35:09,500 --> 00:35:12,500

Jail, hang there for a minute, and I'm just going to go see where this cavern goes.

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00:35:15,500 --> 00:35:17,500

Jail, there's a big drop off here,

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00:35:17,500 --> 00:35:19,500

and it just looks like it empties out into the big chamber.

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00:35:19,500 --> 00:35:21,500

Can you make it down further?

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00:35:21,500 --> 00:35:23,500

I don't think so.

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00:35:23,500 --> 00:35:25,500

It's about a 30-foot drop from where I'm standing in here,

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00:35:25,500 --> 00:35:28,500

and so there's nowhere to go once you get down here.

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00:35:28,500 --> 00:35:30,500

No sign of the errand.

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00:35:30,500 --> 00:35:33,500

Anything hiding in this place?

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00:35:36,500 --> 00:35:39,500

Stop! Stop, stop!

745

00:35:39,500 --> 00:35:41,500

Jail, you okay?

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00:35:41,500 --> 00:35:43,500

Sign for your little tier.

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00:35:43,500 --> 00:35:44,500

You okay?

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00:35:44,500 --> 00:35:46,500

Josh, I don't think we're going in here.

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00:35:46,500 --> 00:35:47,500

I hear that.

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00:35:47,500 --> 00:35:48,500

I heard that.

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00:35:48,500 --> 00:35:49,500

I heard that.

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00:35:49,500 --> 00:35:50,500

I heard that.

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00:35:50,500 --> 00:35:51,500

I heard that.

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00:35:51,500 --> 00:35:52,500

That's right above us.

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00:35:52,500 --> 00:35:53,500

I told you.

756

00:35:53,500 --> 00:35:54,500

Is that what you heard?

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00:35:54,500 --> 00:35:55,500

Yes.

758

00:35:55,500 --> 00:35:57,500

That sounds like rocks on the moment.

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00:35:57,500 --> 00:35:58,500

Just a minute.

760

00:35:58,500 --> 00:35:59,500

There's something moving over there.

761

00:35:59,500 --> 00:36:00,500

It's right above us.

762

00:36:00,500 --> 00:36:01,500

There it is.

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00:36:01,500 --> 00:36:02,500

There it is.

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00:36:02,500 --> 00:36:03,500

There it is.

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00:36:03,500 --> 00:36:04,500

There it is.

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00:36:04,500 --> 00:36:05,500

So these loose rocks down here?

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00:36:05,500 --> 00:36:06,500

Yeah.

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00:36:06,500 --> 00:36:08,500

I have this stuff just going off the ceiling.

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00:36:08,500 --> 00:36:09,500

I think that's all it is.

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

It did sound like something moving,

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

but I think it's just this rocks and water Jail.

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

Let's check the whole cave and the way back out,

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00:36:15,500 --> 00:36:16,500

the way we came in.

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00:36:16,500 --> 00:36:17,500

If we don't see anything by the time we reach the entrance,

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00:36:17,500 --> 00:36:19,500

I think we can chop it up to loose rocks.

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00:36:19,500 --> 00:36:21,500

Let's get back here to surface.

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00:36:21,500 --> 00:36:22,500

We're just nice and freezing.

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00:36:22,500 --> 00:36:23,500

Rex for Vanessa.

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00:36:23,500 --> 00:36:25,500

Go ahead, Rex.

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00:36:25,500 --> 00:36:27,500

Our team just made our way up the mountain.

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00:36:27,500 --> 00:36:29,500

I'm hearing some strange noises.

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

Whatever it was, it sounded really big.

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00:36:31,500 --> 00:36:33,500

It sounds like it's heading down towards you.

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00:36:33,500 --> 00:36:34,500

What do you mean it's moving towards you?

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

How do you know it's coming towards base camp?

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

It's moving in the direction that we came from.

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00:36:38,500 --> 00:36:40,500

If it passes you, it may be heading towards the other team.

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00:36:40,500 --> 00:36:42,500

Tomorrow we'll let them know if they think you're in port there.

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00:36:42,500 --> 00:36:43,500

Let's use it.

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00:36:43,500 --> 00:36:45,500

Alright, I'll let them know.

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00:36:47,500 --> 00:36:49,500

Rex, the perimeter alarm has just been tripped.

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00:36:49,500 --> 00:36:52,500

Whatever it is, it's just a trip of perimeter alarm.

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00:36:52,500 --> 00:36:53,500

Vanessa, Josh?

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00:36:53,500 --> 00:36:54,500

Go for Josh.

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00:36:54,500 --> 00:36:57,500

Josh, Rex and Bobby gave up chasing something down,

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00:36:57,500 --> 00:37:00,500

something big that they said is heading towards base camp.

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00:37:00,500 --> 00:37:02,500

The perimeter alarm has just been tripped.

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00:37:02,500 --> 00:37:03,500

Copy that, V. We're headed back right now.

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00:37:03,500 --> 00:37:04,500

We'll be down there as soon as we can.

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00:37:04,500 --> 00:37:05,500

Let's go, go, go.

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

If someone set up the perimeter alarm,

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00:37:09,500 --> 00:37:10,500

it's probably close to camp.

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00:37:15,500 --> 00:37:16,500

Rex?

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00:37:16,500 --> 00:37:17,500

Yeah.

805

00:37:17,500 --> 00:37:18,500

Hey guys, what's up?

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00:37:18,500 --> 00:37:19,500

Josh.

807

00:37:19,500 --> 00:37:20,500

V said that you were chasing something big.

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00:37:20,500 --> 00:37:21,500

What is it?

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00:37:21,500 --> 00:37:22,500

We don't know.

810

00:37:22,500 --> 00:37:23,500

We should basically cover the ground

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00:37:23,500 --> 00:37:25,500

between us and where that alarm was tripped.

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00:37:25,500 --> 00:37:26,500

There's a lot of ground.

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00:37:26,500 --> 00:37:27,500

We can go both sides of the river.

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00:37:27,500 --> 00:37:28,500

I don't think it's headed upstream

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00:37:28,500 --> 00:37:30,500

and if it is, you're going to see them in those cameras.

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00:37:30,500 --> 00:37:31,500

Let's get back out there.

817

00:37:31,500 --> 00:37:32,500

Alright, let's do it.

818

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

Steep walls here too.

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

Okay, here we go.

820

00:37:42,500 --> 00:37:44,500

Okay, I'm still dry.

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00:37:44,500 --> 00:37:45,500

Somehow.

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00:37:54,500 --> 00:37:55,500

Yeah, I'm keeping an eye on.

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00:37:55,500 --> 00:37:57,500

I'm trying to see if there are any tracks,

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00:37:57,500 --> 00:37:58,500

any scouts.

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00:37:58,500 --> 00:37:59,500

Any scouts.

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00:38:06,500 --> 00:38:07,500

What?

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00:38:07,500 --> 00:38:08,500

Right, no idea.

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00:38:09,500 --> 00:38:10,500

Stay here.

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00:38:10,500 --> 00:38:11,500

Where are you?

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00:38:11,500 --> 00:38:12,500

Where are you?

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00:38:12,500 --> 00:38:14,500

Rex and Josh, we got something moving along the way

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

just in front of us.

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

It sounds like it's any cameras

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00:38:16,500 --> 00:38:18,500

that's lying towards you.

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00:38:18,500 --> 00:38:19,500

We got our eyes on it down here.

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00:38:19,500 --> 00:38:21,500

I have a thermal imager up and running.

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00:38:21,500 --> 00:38:22,500

It's coming down through the trees.

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00:38:22,500 --> 00:38:23,500

I'm going to see it.

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

There was a shadow.

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00:38:26,500 --> 00:38:28,500

And it seems there's a bright eye to do.

841

00:38:30,500 --> 00:38:31,500

Okay, we have to get any of that camera.

842

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

No, it's too far down.

843

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

Shoot.

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00:38:35,500 --> 00:38:36,500

Rex, we're looking forward here, man.

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

I'm looking forward on the thermal

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

and with the night vision scope.

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00:38:39,500 --> 00:38:41,500

We do not see it coming down through the trees yet.

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00:38:41,500 --> 00:38:42,500

Let's go, Bobby.

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00:38:42,500 --> 00:38:43,500

Come on.

850

00:38:48,500 --> 00:38:50,500

Looks like something might have come at this tree.

851

00:38:50,500 --> 00:38:51,500

I don't see anything in here, though.

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00:38:51,500 --> 00:38:53,500

I'm looking for blood.

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00:38:53,500 --> 00:38:55,500

Just looking for anything.

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

Left behind.

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00:38:59,500 --> 00:39:00,500

Did you hear that?

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

I do hear it.

857

00:39:01,500 --> 00:39:02,500

I do hear that.

858

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

Right there?

859

00:39:08,500 --> 00:39:10,500

Something up there, buddy.

860

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

Listen carefully.

861

00:39:14,500 --> 00:39:15,500

Guys, we got a thermal.

862

00:39:21,500 --> 00:39:22,500

Did you hear that?

863

00:39:22,500 --> 00:39:23,500

I do hear it.

864

00:39:23,500 --> 00:39:24,500

I do hear that.

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00:39:24,500 --> 00:39:25,500

Right there?

866

00:39:30,500 --> 00:39:31,500

Something up there, buddy.

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00:39:33,500 --> 00:39:34,500

Listen carefully.

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

Guys, we got a thermal.

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

Bobby, look at this.

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

I just saw something on this path.

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00:39:40,500 --> 00:39:42,500

Definitely heat signature for another path.

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00:39:43,500 --> 00:39:44,500

It was moving.

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00:39:44,500 --> 00:39:45,500

It was right on the side of the path.

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00:39:47,500 --> 00:39:48,500

Stand by.

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00:39:48,500 --> 00:39:49,500

Stand by.

876

00:39:49,500 --> 00:39:50,500

I don't have anything now.

877

00:39:50,500 --> 00:39:51,500

Bobby, look at this.

878

00:39:51,500 --> 00:39:52,500

Come here.

879

00:39:53,500 --> 00:39:55,500

Something is standing right here.

880

00:39:55,500 --> 00:39:56,500

See?

881

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

Yeah.

882

00:39:57,500 --> 00:39:58,500

We got a hot spot there.

883

00:39:58,500 --> 00:40:00,500

I just have one fading right there.

884

00:40:02,500 --> 00:40:03,500

I don't see it.

885

00:40:06,500 --> 00:40:07,500

Guys, over here.

886

00:40:07,500 --> 00:40:08,500

Over here.

887

00:40:08,500 --> 00:40:09,500

What?

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00:40:09,500 --> 00:40:10,500

What you got?

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00:40:10,500 --> 00:40:11,500

I got an animal scat right here.

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00:40:11,500 --> 00:40:12,500

Look at that.

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00:40:13,500 --> 00:40:14,500

But if we saw it move off the path,

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00:40:14,500 --> 00:40:15,500

we might have left this.

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00:40:15,500 --> 00:40:16,500

It looks fresh.

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00:40:16,500 --> 00:40:17,500

It does.

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00:40:17,500 --> 00:40:19,500

I'm going to back this up.

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00:40:19,500 --> 00:40:21,500

It's the only scat I've seen all night.

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00:40:21,500 --> 00:40:23,500

It might have been from whatever we saw.

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00:40:23,500 --> 00:40:25,500

Oh, Lord.

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

This is a pretty substantial pile of s***.

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00:40:27,500 --> 00:40:30,500

That is a monster juice, man.

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00:40:30,500 --> 00:40:32,500

Let's take this back.

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00:40:32,500 --> 00:40:34,500

Maybe a little DNA analysis.

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00:40:34,500 --> 00:40:36,500

We'll figure out what we saw tonight.

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

Let's keep moving, guys.

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

Got a little stream over here.

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

Whatever it was,

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00:40:41,500 --> 00:40:42,500

might have come along the small stream.

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00:40:42,500 --> 00:40:44,500

So keep your eyes peeled.

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00:40:44,500 --> 00:40:45,500

Bobby, I'll go down here

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00:40:45,500 --> 00:40:46,500

and watch you check up there.

911

00:40:48,500 --> 00:40:49,500

It's just so slick up here.

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00:40:49,500 --> 00:40:50,500

Careful, guys.

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00:40:50,500 --> 00:40:51,500

Hold on.

914

00:40:56,500 --> 00:40:57,500

Oh!

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00:40:58,500 --> 00:40:59,500

Hey, look, look, look.

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00:40:59,500 --> 00:41:00,500

Ow!

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00:41:00,500 --> 00:41:01,500

F***ing.

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00:41:01,500 --> 00:41:02,500

Hold on.

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00:41:02,500 --> 00:41:03,500

Hold on.

920

00:41:03,500 --> 00:41:04,500

I'm going to be like...

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00:41:05,500 --> 00:41:06,500

It's sore as hell.

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00:41:06,500 --> 00:41:08,500

But it's not broken.

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00:41:08,500 --> 00:41:11,500

Guys, I did hurt my leg a bit here.

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00:41:11,500 --> 00:41:13,500

So there's just a layer of ice

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00:41:13,500 --> 00:41:15,500

over all this stuff at this point.

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00:41:15,500 --> 00:41:16,500

Let's just start heading back.

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00:41:16,500 --> 00:41:18,500

One dangerous fall after another

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00:41:18,500 --> 00:41:20,500

was enough to make me bring this investigation to an end.

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00:41:20,500 --> 00:41:22,500

With the entire mountain top frozen,

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00:41:22,500 --> 00:41:23,500

we limped back to base camp

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00:41:23,500 --> 00:41:26,500

to warm up before one of us got seriously injured.

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After dawn, we began the journey back to Yi Chang

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and caught a flight bound for Los Angeles

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and our West Coast offices,

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where we would analyze our findings.

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Our computers enhanced our thermal evidence,

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but without any supporting video footage,

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

we were unable to identify the species we saw in the darkness.

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00:41:41,500 --> 00:41:44,500

And unfortunately, the fecal sample we sent for DNA testing

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00:41:44,500 --> 00:41:46,500

did not provide any results,

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00:41:46,500 --> 00:41:48,500

since bacteria had degraded it.

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The Yaren is a story as old as China itself.

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Since the Chinese have meticulously preserved their heritage,

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it is possible that the creature is an ancestral artifact,

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a legend passed down through the centuries

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based on the massive Gigantipithic apes

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that may have coexisted here with early Homo sapiens.

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Or perhaps there is a yet-to-be-catalogged species

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still hiding here.

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As China's vast woodlands continue to be explored,

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00:42:12,500 --> 00:42:15,500

the truth about the Yaren's identity may come to light.

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But with so much of the National Park

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mysteriously closed to tourists,

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there's no shortage of unexplored caves

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00:42:21,500 --> 00:42:24,500

or virgin forests in which to hide.