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On this episode of Destination Truth,

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deep in the jungles of Central America,

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I investigate the reportedly haunted remains

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of the Mayan city of Tikal.

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Some of these spirits come in a good way,

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and some of them come in a bad way.

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In one of the world's most spectacular ruins,

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will my team come face-to-face

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with the ghosts of sacrificial victims?

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Hello? Oh, my God.

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Too close.

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Next, in the South Pacific,

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I go fishing for a terrifying sea creature.

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We just picked up something big on the sonar.

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It looks like it's coming your way.

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And come face-to-face with a real-world killer.

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Ow!

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Villagers in Fiji claim the beast is real.

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It was some sort of monster.

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I thought it would beat me alive.

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And once the sun goes down,

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my team wades into potentially deadly waters.

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Oh, my God!

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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

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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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Deep in the jungles of Guatemala

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are the ruins of one of the largest

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ancient cities in the world, Tikal.

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Once the crown jewel of the Mayan kingdom,

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it now sits in ruins

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and is rumored to be one of the most haunted places

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in all of Central America.

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At its height, the city boasted a population

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of more than 100,000 people,

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scattered amidst thousands of structures.

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Unimaginable human sacrifice was common at Tikal,

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part of the Mayan blood rituals

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to appease temperamental gods.

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1,200 years ago,

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the entire city was mysteriously abandoned.

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Modern archaeologists claim to have heard

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disembodied voices at the site,

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and former guards recount physical confrontations

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with angry spirits.

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Could these be the ghosts of the thousands of victims

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that were murdered at Tikal

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or the spirits of warriors who died in battle?

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With daily paranormal reports,

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we packed up our gear and headed to Central America

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to investigate this Mayan mystery.

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From Los Angeles,

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it was a 2,200-mile flight

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to the Central American country of Belize.

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We breezed through customs in Belize City,

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hopped into our 4x4,

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and immediately noticed a national obsession

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with driver awareness.

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Okay, everybody, keep an eye out for snakes.

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Watch out, guys, turkeys.

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All guys, keep an eye out for whatever that thing is.

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And jaguars.

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That's the only one that really deserves a sign, I think.

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There are hundreds of Mayan sites

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scattered throughout the jungles of Central America,

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and before we set off for the biggest one of all,

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Tikal, we first set our sights

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on the ruins of Lamanai, located in northern Belize.

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There's a guide that's turned up in our research,

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used to work at Tikal,

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claims to have firsthand experiences with the ghosts there.

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Lamanai is the only Mayan city

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not fully reachable by road.

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After driving 100 miles, we hit the end of the line

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00:02:57,880 --> 00:03:00,880

and turned in our wheels for a luxury watercraft.

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This is gonna be a long boat ride.

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Josh, you need a hand?

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00:03:11,880 --> 00:03:13,880

Maybe some muscle back there.

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00:03:13,880 --> 00:03:15,880

Appreciate it. I got it. Thank you.

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With our engine finally cranking,

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00:03:20,920 --> 00:03:22,920

we were on our way.

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Hi, guys, the ruins are about 25 miles up the river.

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There's crocs in the water, too,

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so keep your hands and feet in, everybody.

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It is very hard to find the truth, but hooks for hands.

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Here we go.

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Before long, we reached Lamanai

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and brought the boat into a dock.

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We then hiked inland to the ancient city

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and its breathtaking pyramids.

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It was there that we found Amir Reyes,

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who worked at the ruins of Tikal

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and vowed never to return.

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Tell me about these stories, about these ghost stories.

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In the evenings, when everyone has left,

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people who would hear sounds like they are still masons

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working on the temples

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as if the spirits haven't gone to rest yet.

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Also here, noises in the forest.

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There is a Mayan shaman in Guatemala.

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He can help you protect yourself against these spirits,

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because some of them come in a good way

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and some of these spirits come in a bad way.

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To meet this venerated shaman,

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we'd need to cover some serious ground.

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To begin with, we'd have to take the boat back

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along the new river and then drive 70 miles

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to the edge of Guatemala.

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From there, we'd bank south 150 miles

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to the village of Candelaria, where he practiced.

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But first, we'd have to get into the country.

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All right, let's do this. Everybody act cool.

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I got a couple unpaid parking tickets in Guatemala.

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00:04:40,960 --> 00:04:42,960

Oh, this should be easy.

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With the customs office closing for the weekend,

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the race to cross the border was on.

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Did we make it?

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A biennato?

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We're so close.

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Please.

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00:04:56,960 --> 00:04:58,960

Cut that one a little close.

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In the morning, we found ourselves in a new nation

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headed toward the small town of Candelaria.

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This village has a huge cave

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00:05:05,960 --> 00:05:07,960

where we were told we could find the shaman

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00:05:07,960 --> 00:05:09,960

who allegedly has the power to invoke the spirits of Tikal.

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All right, we should be getting close to these caves

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where this mayan shaman practices.

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00:05:22,000 --> 00:05:24,000

We're gonna have to pull off the side of the road

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00:05:24,000 --> 00:05:26,000

and hike in from there.

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00:05:26,000 --> 00:05:28,000

We ditched our truck and hiked our way to the entrance.

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00:05:28,000 --> 00:05:30,000

This is it.

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00:05:30,000 --> 00:05:32,000

Here's the cave.

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00:05:37,000 --> 00:05:39,000

Look at this place.

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00:05:39,000 --> 00:05:41,000

Unbelievable.

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00:05:41,000 --> 00:05:43,000

Careful, it gets dark down here.

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00:05:44,000 --> 00:05:46,000

Hello!

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00:05:46,040 --> 00:05:48,040

Looks like it's opening up.

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00:05:51,040 --> 00:05:53,040

Guys, here he is.

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00:05:53,040 --> 00:05:55,040

The shaman agreed to share his knowledge

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00:05:55,040 --> 00:05:57,040

of the Mayan spirits of Tikal

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and Katie stepped into translate.

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00:05:59,040 --> 00:06:02,040

Tata Pedro, do you think that Tikal has a strong spiritual energy?

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She, her energy is spiritual.

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So these buildings aren't ruins.

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They're sacred temples

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00:06:08,040 --> 00:06:11,040

that have the energy of the Mayan ancestors.

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00:06:11,040 --> 00:06:13,040

Where are the places that I should go

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00:06:13,040 --> 00:06:15,040

that have the most spiritual energy?

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00:06:15,080 --> 00:06:17,080

Or that have the most energy?

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00:06:17,080 --> 00:06:20,080

There, in the six temples.

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00:06:20,080 --> 00:06:22,080

The spiritual energy

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00:06:22,080 --> 00:06:24,080

is the most abundant around the seven temples.

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00:06:24,080 --> 00:06:26,080

He does believe you can see spirits in Tikal.

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00:06:28,080 --> 00:06:30,080

After interviewing the shaman

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00:06:30,080 --> 00:06:32,080

and taking part in a ceremony

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00:06:32,080 --> 00:06:34,080

to protect us from the dark spirits of Tikal,

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00:06:34,080 --> 00:06:36,080

we got back into our truck and headed north.

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Our next stop is to meet an eyewitness who claims

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00:06:39,080 --> 00:06:42,080

he was actually attacked by a paranormal force of Tikal.

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00:06:42,080 --> 00:06:44,080

The man lived in the nearby Mayan settlement

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00:06:44,120 --> 00:06:47,120

of Flores where he ran a small antiquities museum

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00:06:47,120 --> 00:06:49,120

and oddly a local radio station.

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00:06:49,120 --> 00:06:51,120

Never one to pass up an opportunity,

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00:06:51,120 --> 00:06:54,120

Ryder and I kicked off our new morning drive time show.

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00:06:54,120 --> 00:06:56,120

Good morning Guatemala,

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00:06:56,120 --> 00:06:59,120

you're listening to the morning zoo on White Jaguar.

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00:06:59,120 --> 00:07:01,120

Bring you the greatest hits on earth

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00:07:01,120 --> 00:07:03,120

until the end of the world.

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00:07:03,120 --> 00:07:06,120

Today's segment brought to you by crazy Juan's used cars.

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00:07:06,120 --> 00:07:10,120

He's sacrificing prices, but never quality.

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

And that's why they call me Senior Seacrest

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00:07:13,160 --> 00:07:14,160

in Guatemala.

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00:07:14,160 --> 00:07:17,160

Next door, Oscar Costa told us about his

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00:07:17,160 --> 00:07:19,160

physical paranormal encounter at Tikal.

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00:07:28,160 --> 00:07:31,160

So he was at Tikal excavating in the side of time,

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00:07:31,160 --> 00:07:34,160

moving bodies and suddenly he felt like hands

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00:07:34,160 --> 00:07:38,160

grabbing his legs and pulling him away almost 40 meters.

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00:07:38,160 --> 00:07:40,160

No matter how hard he tried,

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00:07:40,160 --> 00:07:42,160

he couldn't hold on to anything.

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00:07:42,200 --> 00:07:44,200

He was cut being pulled by the supernatural force.

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00:07:44,200 --> 00:07:46,200

The name Tikal itself means place of voices

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00:07:46,200 --> 00:07:48,200

or places of spirits.

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00:07:48,200 --> 00:07:51,200

Having heard his frightening tale,

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00:07:51,200 --> 00:07:53,200

we set off from Flores for an hour drive

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00:07:53,200 --> 00:07:55,200

to the edge of the ancient Mayan city.

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00:07:55,200 --> 00:07:58,200

We unloaded the car, pressed through the jungles,

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00:07:58,200 --> 00:08:01,200

and finally emerged at the wondrous ruins of Tikal.

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00:08:01,200 --> 00:08:05,200

The majesty of the site can barely be expressed in words.

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00:08:05,200 --> 00:08:08,200

The size and scope of the ruins were simply awe-inspiring

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00:08:08,200 --> 00:08:11,200

and as the sun set, we began our daunting task.

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00:08:12,200 --> 00:08:15,200

The site covers 23 square miles

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00:08:15,200 --> 00:08:18,200

and contains over 3,000 structures.

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00:08:18,200 --> 00:08:20,200

However, we focused our search at the epicenter

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00:08:20,200 --> 00:08:22,200

of the paranormal reports.

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00:08:22,200 --> 00:08:26,200

We installed IR cameras facing the sprawling North Acropolis,

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00:08:26,200 --> 00:08:30,200

the Massacre Temple, and at the 150-foot-tall Temple 1,

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00:08:30,200 --> 00:08:33,200

notorious for supernatural activity.

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00:08:33,200 --> 00:08:35,200

We established base camp in the middle of it all

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00:08:35,200 --> 00:08:37,200

in Tikal's Great Plaza.

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00:08:42,200 --> 00:08:44,200

This is Temple 1.

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00:08:44,200 --> 00:08:46,200

It shows up pretty warm on the FLIR.

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00:08:46,200 --> 00:08:49,200

The blocks are probably holding the heat from the day.

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00:08:49,200 --> 00:08:51,200

Looks like a passageway around the back.

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00:08:53,200 --> 00:08:55,200

You know, you come to places like this at night.

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00:08:55,200 --> 00:08:57,200

No electricity. There's no people here.

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00:08:57,200 --> 00:08:59,200

This is exactly what it would have looked like

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00:08:59,200 --> 00:09:01,200

to the people that lived here.

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00:09:01,200 --> 00:09:03,200

Wow.

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00:09:03,200 --> 00:09:05,200

Look at this thing.

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00:09:05,200 --> 00:09:08,200

It is massive.

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00:09:08,200 --> 00:09:10,200

A lot of the high witnesses and experts say that

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00:09:10,240 --> 00:09:13,240

the energy flows from inside these buildings

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00:09:13,240 --> 00:09:16,240

all the way to the top, so if we're gonna feel something,

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00:09:16,240 --> 00:09:19,240

we should try to figure out a way to get up in there.

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00:09:19,240 --> 00:09:22,240

I hope you're ready for a Mayan workout.

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00:09:27,240 --> 00:09:30,240

At least you don't have to worry about a gym membership.

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00:09:30,240 --> 00:09:32,240

This thing's huge.

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00:09:35,240 --> 00:09:37,240

All right.

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00:09:37,240 --> 00:09:39,240

Voice recorder's running.

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00:09:39,280 --> 00:09:41,280

We've got the millimeter out just in case we get any strange

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00:09:41,280 --> 00:09:43,280

EMF spikes.

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00:09:50,280 --> 00:09:52,280

Feel that wind negging up.

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00:09:52,280 --> 00:09:54,280

Yeah, it just did.

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00:09:54,280 --> 00:09:58,280

Can you give us any sign that would let us know that you're here?

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00:09:58,280 --> 00:10:00,280

What was that?

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00:10:00,320 --> 00:10:02,320

Is that you?

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00:10:02,320 --> 00:10:04,320

Can you give us another sign?

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00:10:04,320 --> 00:10:06,320

My camera just waked out.

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00:10:06,320 --> 00:10:08,320

I'm sorry.

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

I'm sorry.

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00:10:10,320 --> 00:10:12,320

I'm sorry.

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00:10:12,320 --> 00:10:14,320

I'm sorry.

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00:10:14,320 --> 00:10:16,320

I'm sorry.

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00:10:16,320 --> 00:10:18,320

I'm sorry.

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00:10:18,320 --> 00:10:20,320

I'm sorry.

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00:10:20,320 --> 00:10:22,320

I'm sorry.

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00:10:22,320 --> 00:10:24,320

I'm sorry.

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00:10:24,320 --> 00:10:26,320

I'm sorry.

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00:10:26,320 --> 00:10:28,320

I'm sorry.

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00:10:28,360 --> 00:10:30,360

My camera just waked out.

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00:10:30,360 --> 00:10:32,360

Did it really?

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00:10:32,360 --> 00:10:34,360

Yeah. Can you hear this?

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00:10:36,360 --> 00:10:38,360

Oh my gosh, what does that mean?

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00:10:38,360 --> 00:10:41,360

It's the zoom and the focus toys that we've waked out.

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00:10:41,360 --> 00:10:44,360

You know, our cameras,

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00:10:44,360 --> 00:10:47,360

and even they were picking up some really strange energy up here.

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00:10:47,360 --> 00:10:49,360

Why don't we leave the voice recorder running,

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00:10:49,360 --> 00:10:51,360

do another quick sweep around this top floor,

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00:10:51,360 --> 00:10:53,360

and maybe head off to one of the other structures.

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00:10:53,360 --> 00:10:55,360

Sounds like a plan.

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00:10:55,360 --> 00:10:57,360

Okay.

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00:10:58,360 --> 00:11:02,360

This is amazing.

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00:11:02,360 --> 00:11:04,360

Look at these rooms.

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00:11:13,360 --> 00:11:15,360

Thermal imagers acting up.

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00:11:15,360 --> 00:11:17,360

What do you see?

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00:11:17,360 --> 00:11:19,360

It's freezing.

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00:11:19,360 --> 00:11:21,360

Could be the humidity maybe, but it usually,

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00:11:21,360 --> 00:11:23,360

it's pretty bulletproof.

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00:11:23,360 --> 00:11:25,360

My camera just started freaking out too.

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00:11:25,360 --> 00:11:27,360

Right now?

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00:11:27,400 --> 00:11:29,400

It's like strobing.

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00:11:29,400 --> 00:11:31,400

That's weird that both of these things

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00:11:31,400 --> 00:11:33,400

are malfunctioning at the same time.

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00:11:33,400 --> 00:11:35,400

They're totally unrelated.

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00:11:35,400 --> 00:11:37,400

They're not drawing off the same power source.

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00:11:37,400 --> 00:11:39,400

We're running on totally separate electronics.

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00:11:39,400 --> 00:11:41,400

Okay. That's weird.

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00:11:41,400 --> 00:11:43,400

Let's take a little cruise around the sucropolis.

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00:11:43,400 --> 00:11:45,400

I'm back.

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00:11:45,400 --> 00:11:47,400

I'm back too.

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00:11:47,400 --> 00:11:49,400

I've been shooting for ten years.

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00:11:49,400 --> 00:11:51,400

I've never seen that happen to a camera.

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00:11:51,400 --> 00:11:53,400

Okay.

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00:11:53,400 --> 00:11:55,400

So, things are weird in the sucropolis.

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00:11:55,440 --> 00:11:57,440

Let's have a look around.

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00:11:57,440 --> 00:11:59,440

Feels like something's playing around

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00:11:59,440 --> 00:12:01,440

with the cameras a little bit.

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00:12:01,440 --> 00:12:03,440

I'm gonna look in this main building.

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00:12:07,440 --> 00:12:09,440

Oh, what was that?

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00:12:09,440 --> 00:12:11,440

Hear that?

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00:12:11,440 --> 00:12:13,440

I just heard something right in there.

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00:12:13,440 --> 00:12:15,440

Like a low rumbling sound.

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00:12:15,440 --> 00:12:17,440

Be very careful.

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00:12:17,440 --> 00:12:19,440

It could be an animal.

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00:12:19,480 --> 00:12:21,480

What are you?

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00:12:21,480 --> 00:12:23,480

My heart is racing right now.

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00:12:23,480 --> 00:12:25,480

It's in here. Come on.

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00:12:29,480 --> 00:12:31,480

Careful. Stop.

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00:12:31,480 --> 00:12:33,480

Stop. Stop.

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00:12:33,480 --> 00:12:35,480

Huge drop.

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00:12:35,480 --> 00:12:37,480

Let me see if I can get anything on the thermal.

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00:12:37,480 --> 00:12:39,480

It sounds like a moaning, like a crying.

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00:12:39,480 --> 00:12:41,480

It's really deep.

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00:12:41,480 --> 00:12:43,480

Josh, yeah.

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00:12:43,480 --> 00:12:45,480

You see that?

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00:12:45,480 --> 00:12:47,480

No.

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00:12:47,520 --> 00:12:49,520

The base of the pyramid just lit up.

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00:12:49,520 --> 00:12:51,520

That's pyramid four.

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00:12:51,520 --> 00:12:53,520

That's the tallest pyramid at the site.

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00:12:53,520 --> 00:12:55,520

You saw light over there.

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00:12:55,520 --> 00:12:57,520

The base of the pyramid lit up

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00:12:57,520 --> 00:12:59,520

and then went away, like a burst of light.

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00:12:59,520 --> 00:13:01,520

Ryder's team is nowhere near that temple.

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00:13:01,520 --> 00:13:03,520

It's not them.

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00:13:03,520 --> 00:13:05,520

Those noises are coming from over there as well.

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00:13:05,520 --> 00:13:07,520

Let's get through this jungle.

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00:13:07,520 --> 00:13:09,520

We can get over to that pyramid.

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00:13:09,560 --> 00:13:11,560

So this is the North Acropolis.

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

They say that there's over

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00:13:13,560 --> 00:13:15,560

hundreds of structures in this one building alone.

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00:13:15,560 --> 00:13:17,560

What?

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00:13:17,560 --> 00:13:19,560

Right down here.

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00:13:19,560 --> 00:13:21,560

What was that?

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00:13:21,560 --> 00:13:23,560

What do you see?

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00:13:23,560 --> 00:13:25,560

I just saw it.

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00:13:25,560 --> 00:13:27,560

Like a white spot.

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00:13:27,560 --> 00:13:29,560

Just walk across there.

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00:13:29,560 --> 00:13:31,560

Let's go check this out.

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00:13:31,560 --> 00:13:33,560

Right through here.

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00:13:33,560 --> 00:13:35,560

I think it's a little bit deeper.

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00:13:35,560 --> 00:13:37,560

I think it's a little bit deeper.

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00:13:37,600 --> 00:13:39,600

Right through here.

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00:13:39,600 --> 00:13:41,600

I just got the chills.

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00:13:41,600 --> 00:13:43,600

I just got the chills.

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00:13:43,600 --> 00:13:45,600

I mean, it's warm.

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00:13:45,600 --> 00:13:47,600

It's absolutely warm.

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00:13:47,600 --> 00:13:49,600

It's like we're standing on one big tomb.

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00:13:50,600 --> 00:13:52,600

It's amazing how spread out

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00:13:52,600 --> 00:13:54,600

each of the complexes are.

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00:13:54,600 --> 00:13:56,600

I mean, you really have to get through the jungle

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00:13:56,600 --> 00:13:58,600

to get in between any two locations here.

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00:13:58,600 --> 00:14:00,600

God, look at it.

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00:14:00,600 --> 00:14:02,600

The whole backside of it's un-excavated.

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00:14:02,600 --> 00:14:04,600

It looks like a mountain.

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00:14:04,640 --> 00:14:06,640

Something's moving back up, back up, back up.

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00:14:06,640 --> 00:14:08,640

Whatever it is, I don't see it.

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00:14:08,640 --> 00:14:10,640

Do you see anything moving up there?

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00:14:10,640 --> 00:14:12,640

No.

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

No.

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00:14:14,640 --> 00:14:16,640

The rocks.

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00:14:16,640 --> 00:14:18,640

The rocks are coming out of the sky.

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00:14:18,640 --> 00:14:20,640

There it is.

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00:14:20,640 --> 00:14:22,640

It's a monkey.

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00:14:22,640 --> 00:14:24,640

You can see it.

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00:14:24,640 --> 00:14:26,640

Let's get around to the front of this temple

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00:14:26,640 --> 00:14:28,640

before we get knocked unconscious.

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00:14:28,640 --> 00:14:30,640

Come on.

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00:14:30,680 --> 00:14:32,680

We should be coming up on

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00:14:32,680 --> 00:14:34,680

some more of the

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00:14:34,680 --> 00:14:36,680

structures

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00:14:36,680 --> 00:14:38,680

through here.

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00:14:42,680 --> 00:14:44,680

What'd you hear?

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00:14:44,680 --> 00:14:46,680

Did you hear that?

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00:14:46,680 --> 00:14:48,680

Yeah, I heard that.

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00:14:48,680 --> 00:14:50,680

There's a lot of rustling, that's for sure.

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00:14:50,680 --> 00:14:52,680

I'm gonna go get the rest of the stuff.

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00:14:52,680 --> 00:14:54,680

I'm gonna go get the rest of the stuff.

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00:14:54,680 --> 00:14:56,680

I'm gonna go get the rest of the stuff.

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00:14:56,680 --> 00:14:58,680

I'm gonna go get the rest of the stuff.

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00:14:58,720 --> 00:15:00,720

I just heard like a cry right behind us.

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00:15:00,720 --> 00:15:02,720

Hello?

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00:15:02,720 --> 00:15:04,720

Something's up here.

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00:15:04,720 --> 00:15:06,720

I don't see anything.

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00:15:06,720 --> 00:15:08,720

No, I'm not hearing anything

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00:15:08,720 --> 00:15:10,720

over the beating of my heart

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00:15:10,720 --> 00:15:12,720

because it's so loud right now.

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00:15:12,720 --> 00:15:14,720

Where is that?

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00:15:14,720 --> 00:15:16,720

Whoa.

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00:15:16,720 --> 00:15:18,720

Whoa.

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00:15:18,720 --> 00:15:20,720

Alright, let's back away a little bit.

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00:15:20,720 --> 00:15:22,720

It sounds like a very big animal.

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00:15:22,720 --> 00:15:24,720

Yeah, I'm sorry.

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00:15:24,720 --> 00:15:26,720

I'm sorry.

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00:15:26,760 --> 00:15:28,760

Yeah, I'm sorry.

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00:15:30,760 --> 00:15:32,760

Rider for Tristan.

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00:15:32,760 --> 00:15:34,760

Go ahead, rider.

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00:15:34,760 --> 00:15:36,760

Pretty deep in the jungle right now.

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00:15:36,760 --> 00:15:38,760

We've heard a lot of really strange noises.

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00:15:38,760 --> 00:15:40,760

Unfortunately, looks like we've just stumbled on

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00:15:40,760 --> 00:15:43,760

some sort of a large animals habitat.

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00:15:43,760 --> 00:15:45,760

Oh my god.

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00:15:45,760 --> 00:15:47,760

It is close.

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00:15:50,760 --> 00:15:52,760

Looks like we've just stumbled on

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00:15:52,760 --> 00:15:55,760

some sort of a large animals habitat.

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00:15:55,800 --> 00:15:57,800

Oh my god.

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00:15:57,800 --> 00:15:59,800

It is close.

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00:15:59,800 --> 00:16:01,800

It's coming toward us, whatever it is

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00:16:01,800 --> 00:16:03,800

coming toward us. Watch your back.

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00:16:03,800 --> 00:16:05,800

Get out of there, come back to base camp.

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00:16:05,800 --> 00:16:07,800

Rider, are you there?

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00:16:07,800 --> 00:16:09,800

Rider, come in.

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00:16:09,800 --> 00:16:11,800

Copy, we're here. We're just trying to

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00:16:11,800 --> 00:16:13,800

take a farther vantage point

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00:16:13,800 --> 00:16:15,800

so we can collect ourselves a little bit.

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00:16:15,800 --> 00:16:17,800

Okay, copy that. Stay safe.

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00:16:17,800 --> 00:16:19,800

Let me know.

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You know, safety's the main concern

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and I don't think we can investigate any further

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safely through here, so...

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Let's get out of here.

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00:16:27,840 --> 00:16:29,840

I couldn't agree more.

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00:16:29,840 --> 00:16:31,840

God, it's huge.

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00:16:31,840 --> 00:16:33,840

Oh, man.

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00:16:33,840 --> 00:16:35,840

The front staircase is damaged,

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00:16:35,840 --> 00:16:37,840

doesn't go all the way up.

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00:16:37,840 --> 00:16:39,840

That's exactly where I saw the light

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00:16:39,840 --> 00:16:41,840

from that black hole up there.

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00:16:41,840 --> 00:16:43,840

Yeah, right up in here, right?

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00:16:43,840 --> 00:16:45,840

Let's see if we can get all the way to the top.

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00:16:45,840 --> 00:16:47,840

It'll give us the best view over the site.

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00:16:47,840 --> 00:16:49,840

Oh, great.

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00:16:49,840 --> 00:16:51,840

The scariest ladder in the world.

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00:16:52,840 --> 00:16:54,840

Okay, here we go.

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00:16:58,840 --> 00:17:00,840

This is crazy. This is crazy.

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00:17:02,840 --> 00:17:04,840

Slow moves.

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00:17:04,840 --> 00:17:06,840

Oh, my God.

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00:17:06,840 --> 00:17:09,840

Guys, we're about 150 feet up here.

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00:17:09,840 --> 00:17:11,840

Be very careful.

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00:17:11,840 --> 00:17:13,840

Look how this is where that light was.

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00:17:13,840 --> 00:17:15,840

I mean, now that we're up here,

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

there's clearly nothing up here

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

that could make that light.

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I don't even know what to say. It was right here.

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00:17:21,840 --> 00:17:23,840

Now I see nothing.

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00:17:23,840 --> 00:17:25,840

Oh, Josh, Josh, Josh.

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00:17:25,840 --> 00:17:27,840

I can hear like a breathing sound.

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00:17:27,840 --> 00:17:29,840

Be very careful. Let's go check it out.

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00:17:31,840 --> 00:17:33,840

Oh, I hear it. I hear it.

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00:17:33,840 --> 00:17:35,840

It's coming from here.

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Look at that.

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00:17:39,840 --> 00:17:41,840

Yeah, it's definitely coming from there.

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It's weird. It sounds like the building's talking.

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That might explain what some of the people are hearing.

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They say they hear voices coming from these pyramids.

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It may just be wind whistling through them.

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It's alive. This building is alive.

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Oh, Scorpion, Scorpion.

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00:17:56,840 --> 00:17:58,840

Careful, careful, careful. You got no room in the right.

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00:17:58,840 --> 00:18:00,840

Yeah, let's get out of here, you guys. Come on.

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00:18:00,840 --> 00:18:02,840

Death trap up here.

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We continue to search the overgrown pyramids

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until the sun broke up through the rainforest.

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We hiked back to the Great Plaza,

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packed up our supplies, and jetted home

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to conclude our investigation.

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Back at our HQ,

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Ryder and I poured over hundreds of hours of recordings

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for paranormal evidence.

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So one of the things that we've heard is that there's a great energy at Tikal.

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A lot of people do believe that paranormal energy

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can affect electronics.

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You know, if that's the case, this place is haunted out of the gate,

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because our cameras just weren't working right.

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Thermal image is acting up.

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My camera just started freaking out, too.

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My camera just wiggled out.

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It's not just a power outage.

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It's not just like losing power.

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Power's being sapped.

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It's actually something's taking over the cameras,

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which is really incredible.

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When the equipment was working, though, it picked up some really weird stuff.

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What was that?

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00:18:57,840 --> 00:18:59,840

You hear that?

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00:18:59,840 --> 00:19:01,840

And look, there's a lot of animals out there.

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00:19:01,840 --> 00:19:03,840

I think one of the things we have to keep in mind

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00:19:03,840 --> 00:19:05,840

is the amount of biodiversity in this region.

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But even if that is an animal, we chase down that noise

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00:19:07,840 --> 00:19:09,840

and check out what we found on the other side.

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Look at this.

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00:19:11,840 --> 00:19:13,840

Yeah. You see that?

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00:19:13,840 --> 00:19:15,840

Yeah.

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00:19:15,840 --> 00:19:18,840

You know, that's pretty far from where we're standing,

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00:19:18,840 --> 00:19:20,840

and it's pretty high up off the ground.

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We know it's not your team.

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We're in a completely different area. This is on the other side of the complex.

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It looks like something the temple is illuminating.

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Along with our intense personal experiences,

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our EVP recordings also yielded up unsettling results.

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We did a number of EVP sessions throughout the night.

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We got some good results when we amplified the recordings,

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but this is the one I want to play for you. Listen to this.

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Is that you?

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00:19:41,840 --> 00:19:43,840

Can you give us another sign?

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00:19:43,840 --> 00:19:45,840

Wow.

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00:19:45,840 --> 00:19:47,840

You hear that? Yeah.

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We're trying to find different things that it might have been.

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It almost sounds like it says fuera,

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which is Spanish for go away.

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You know, of course, the site predates the conquistadors,

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but it could be from later in history,

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or it could be some sort of my own word that we don't know.

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And this is a response to a direct question that I ask.

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Look, I don't think you can discount that a lot of the things that you're hearing at Tikal

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are the sounds of the jungle. They're animals everywhere.

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But some of these visual encounters, these lights that we saw all over the site,

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you know, I don't have an explanation for those things.

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But I think something strange is going on there.

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It's something that we, at this point, can't identify.

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The Mayan Empire has long receded into history

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and is today guarded by croc infested rivers

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and overgrown with clinging vines.

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The ruins that remain are the last calling card

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of a once mighty civilization.

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But amidst these crumbling blocks,

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00:20:38,840 --> 00:20:41,840

there is also a lingering presence that's hard to shake.

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Is it the wind?

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It's weird. It sounds like the building's parking.

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Or a predatory growl.

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Where?

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00:20:48,840 --> 00:20:50,840

Or is it an echo, the long ago sounds

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and illuminating energy of tortured souls

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bouncing off the high pyramids?

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In the mid-1800s, infamous showman P.T. Barnum

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thrilled circus-goers with the doctored remains

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of a horrifying sea monster he called the Fiji Mermaid.

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Now, a century and a half later,

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it appears a real-life version of this nightmarish creature

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may have emerged from the depths of the Pacific Ocean

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to terrorize a tranquil island population.

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The creature is believed to have come from the inky depths

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of the South Pacific Ocean,

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but recent sightings have taken place in the usually peaceful shallows

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of Fiji's coastal mangrove swamps.

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It has a diamond-shaped head and rows of razor-sharp teeth,

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ideal for locking down on its prey and ripping through flesh.

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The skin is covered in heavy angular scales,

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creating a virtual suit of armor.

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It surges through the water using two powerful pectoral fins,

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and its body and tail are strong enough that the beast

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can thrust itself forward at terrifying speeds.

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Fiji's army was even called in to investigate,

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and local villagers are now on high alert after recent close calls.

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So we packed up our traveling caravan

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and headed to Fiji in search of the beast.

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We boarded a plane in Los Angeles and traversed the Pacific,

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flying 5,500 miles to the city of Suva,

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on Fiji's main island of Viti Levun.

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Once in baggage claim, we patiently waited for our gear to get unloaded.

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This is like the baggage belt in nowhere.

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That is a Mili-AirHeart suitcase that has been on there for 75 years.

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Once the luggage finally appeared,

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we marched out of the airport and embarked on the next leg of our journey.

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Alright everybody, welcome to Fiji.

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We need to get to the other island of Vano-Elevo.

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So the easiest way to get there right now, actually, is for us to take a ferry.

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So we're going to head down to the docks and sail on over.

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Sounds nice.

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Yeah, it's not.

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Once on board, you couldn't help but notice the less than luxurious accommodations.

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It's supposed to be in great shape.

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It might be a maiden voyage.

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When we finally reached the lone passenger cabin,

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I had the team draw straws to determine which two members would get the only bed.

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Richie lucked out and so did I.

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The rest of the team found places to crash on various uncomfortable corners of the ferry,

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while Richie and I enjoyed our cushy digs.

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The boat spent the night crossing the churning seas of the South Pacific,

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carrying us 150 miles to the port town of Savu-Savu.

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Like all of Fiji, the island of Vano-Elevo is a volcanic wonderland,

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in some places still hissing and boiling from deep ocean tectonic vents.

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We immediately picked up a car, crossed the island,

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and made our way to a marine research facility to meet with a professor

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who has investigated the reports of this unexplained beast.

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You've heard of the story, yeah?

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Yes.

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And what do you make of it?

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Well, I'd have to say that I really don't know what to make of it,

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because the real experts are the Fijians themselves.

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So when a woman goes out and says there's something new that she's seen,

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I really am very curious myself as to what that could possibly be.

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Do you think it's likely there are new species still to be discovered here?

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Without a doubt, there are many, many new species to be discovered.

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The fact of the matter is, much of the area around Fiji is unexplored.

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The interview fueled my excitement to talk with the locals,

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and we immediately sought out a fisherman,

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who said he had encountered an unknown sea creature just days earlier.

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Tell me about your experience, what happened to you?

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I was fishing, something came up from the back of my boat.

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And when I turned around, I saw something really big.

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It came and hit the boat.

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I told my friend to quickly pull the anchor up, and we just left from there.

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I don't know what it was, I've never seen it before.

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It was really big, and I thought it would take me alive.

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The fisherman's tale was not unique.

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Dozens of sightings of the animal had been documented in the past year

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along the coast of the island.

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I decided it was time for us to head to the beach

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and investigate the surrounding waters for ourselves.

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To cover the greatest possible area, we broke into three teams.

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Tristan and Richie would survey the saltwater mangrove rivers on foot.

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Rider, Katie and Dave would take a boat on a sweep of the shallow ocean reefs

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beyond the mangroves, and Kyle, Adam and I would search both areas from above

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in a helicopter.

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Here we go.

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Rider, we're heading over to these mangrove swamps,

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starting to scan with a thermal imager now so far, no sign of anything.

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Copy that, Josh, closing in on the mangrove swamps now.

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We scanned the waters around the island for more than an hour

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when Rider and Katie suddenly got a hit.

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Whoa, look at that!

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Right off the port side of the boat, Dave, did you get a glimpse of that?

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No, I just missed it.

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The black shape just flew right by the side of the boat.

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Josh, Katie and I just saw something, a dark sheep swim right by the side of the boat.

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Copy that, I'm scanning for it right now.

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Alright, let's get the aquacammon and try to get eyes underwater.

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I don't have anything right next to the boat, I'm looking a little farther out.

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Hold on, we're just winding our search a little.

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Right there, Josh, right there!

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Got it, got it! We got it on thermal!

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Something big just came to the surface on the thermal.

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Coming around again to see if we can see it.

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Josh, we're gonna go up on you, Zach, cause I got no visual.

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Rider, I don't see you, we're coming around again, stand by.

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Looks like a one-time shot came to the surface and it's gone back down.

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Copy that, Josh, we'll meet you back at the dock.

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Both Rider and I tagged the location of her sighting on GPS in about 60 feet of water.

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We quickly landed the helicopter and the entire team rendezvoused back at the dock

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as we raced to get a closer look at the area.

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Let's get out to the spot where we saw that thermal,

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hand will strap the tanks out, we'll get down.

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We suited up, strapped on our tanks and splashed into the water on the edge of a reef

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that surrounds the island.

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This barrier separates the deep ocean from the island's beaches.

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How's the visibility?

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Rider, that's supposed to be beautiful down here.

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Some people think this thing may have come up from the depths,

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so let's see what's living up there in the reef.

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That's a good plan, we'll deploy the ROV and we'll get you back.

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Rider for Josh?

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Yeah, go for Josh.

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Hey Josh, we just picked up something big on the sonar,

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it looks like it's under the boat, might be coming your way.

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No sign of anything large down here.

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Bro!

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Hey Josh, we just picked up something big on the sonar,

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it looks like it's under the boat, might be coming your way.

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No sign of anything large down here.

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Bro!

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We got a shark, we got a bull shark in the water.

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We just saw a bull shark down there.

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Yeah, I've seen a few on the video ray as well.

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How close were they?

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They're really close actually.

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Looks like four or five moments, that's four or five bull sharks just came in at a feeding

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present, very dangerous, very big, we're looking for a way to get out of here,

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but there's some big, big boys starting on here.

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We got a couple that are in excess of six or seven feet long circling us right now.

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They need to get back up.

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Guys, you're in a pretty vulnerable place down there, why don't you start surfacing right now?

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Rider, we're going to break through the surface, we're going to get out of here.

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Pull them in, pull them in!

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We're going to stop.

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We're going to stop, we're going to stop.

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Go, go, go, go, come on.

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You guys okay?

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Get out, get out, come on.

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Big, big bull sharks down there.

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Doesn't match the profile of what those people saw in the village, but still huge.

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Everybody got their fingers, fingers check?

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Okay, let's get back inside the reef to pick up the investigation there.

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Our dive was a terrifying and dangerous encounter that I didn't care to repeat.

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I wanted to narrow our search area and pinpoint exactly where the creature had last been seen.

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So we returned to the island and drove along the coast to a small fishing village along

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the Saltwater River and mangroves where nearly all of the recent sightings of the beast took place.

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Upon arrival, we began searching for eyewitnesses.

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The locals directed us to a woman who was said to be the first one on the island to ever see

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the creature when you had this sighting.

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Where were you?

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I was fishing and then she saw a huge black thing in the water.

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She said it was about 15 feet long and it has a diamond shape head.

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It was some sort of monster.

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Do you think that it could have been a shark?

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Do you think that it could have been a crocodile maybe?

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She has been fishing in that area for 43 years and she hasn't seen anything like that in her entire life.

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Next, we spoke with the village chief who tirelessly searched for the creature in the surrounding waters.

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When you heard the story, what did you do?

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I called to the police, I called to the army and they came straight here.

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And I collected some speargun and we went to the sea and looked for it.

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Despite a few close calls, his team never got a good look at the animal.

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So do you think that whatever this thing was, do you think it was dangerous?

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It is dangerous. It is dangerous anymore.

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If you go there, it might attack you and eat you.

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He directed me to the exact spot where the sightings took place and even loaned us his boat for the journey.

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We loaded up our gear and headed out onto the river.

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The river took us along the inside of a thin peninsula and eventually led us to the edge of the open ocean, the location of the sightings.

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We quickly beached our boat and with night approaching, we immediately got to work setting up base camp.

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You know, these witnesses are really adamant that they saw something unknown.

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We know that out in the deeper waters, we've got big fish, we know there are predators, we've seen sharks.

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Inside this reef though, it's a lot shallower.

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We've heard this thing comes up at night, we've heard there have been a lot of sightings right after dark.

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So if we see anything large surface in here, we've got to move quick.

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I'm going to head out with Dave and Katie and Adam.

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We'll take the boat, we'll head up and down the mangroves here along the coast.

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And Ryder, why don't you head up a team with Richie and Kyle and move up and down this peninsula.

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You guys ready to catch a sea monster?

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Yeah.

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Let's do it quick.

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I mean, whatever these people saw shouldn't be in water to shell.

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At all.

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Primary eyewitness.

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I mean, it sounds like Shenmuella saw a crocodile or something, which they don't have here.

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So, it's a real mystery.

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Just off of Josh.

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Go for Josh.

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Hey man, I just saw a pretty good splash.

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Pretty good ripples on my IR camera number three.

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It looked like something big went through the water.

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Listen, we're going to flip around right now.

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We're going to come over and check it out.

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Stand by.

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Let me know when you're near.

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Alright, just now we're just passing by where the camera is right now.

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Water is still in its glass.

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I don't see anything moving out here yet.

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Yeah, I think you guys might have just missed it.

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No worries.

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We're going to get the thermal imager up and just start scanning right up and down the mangroves here.

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I just moved off a little bit.

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I'll keep my eyes on the camera.

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If you saw something large moving here, it may still be hanging out right in this area.

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So, we'll just be systematic about it.

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We'll go up one bank and down the other.

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See if we see anything disturbing the surface.

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Sound good?

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I'll keep my eyes peeled.

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Alright, let's do it.

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Come on.

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You know, I think the real interesting thing is that all these eyewitnesses are, you know,

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local Fijian people that they know these waters better than anyone here.

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When these people are too scared to actually fish in the areas that they fished all their

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lives, it's pretty significant.

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What's that?

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Right there.

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What do you see?

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I see a dark black object moving through the water right there.

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Where?

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Right there.

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Oh my God, guys, right up there.

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I just picked up a heat signature on the thermal.

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Yep, something just crested.

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Nothing.

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Now it's gone.

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Whatever it was, popped up, swam right away from us and went down.

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This thing's fast.

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Whatever it is.

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Nothing on the thermal.

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Oh my God!

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Nothing on the thermal.

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Oh my God!

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Something just swam through my legs.

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There was fish right by your foot.

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That was terrifying.

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But whatever we got on the thermal was bigger than a fish.

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Looks like it was heading off this way, which is right directly towards that mouth of the

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river.

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Let's cut in through this mangrove, head down to the shore there, see if we can spot it

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again.

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Sounds great.

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Did you guys hear that?

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Yeah.

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It's right under us.

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Keep your arms and hands inside the boat, kids.

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Let's get out the aquacam and let's get the hydrophone out, Adam.

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Let's give it a little bit of a whiff.

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I'm not sure if it's a good idea to get out of here.

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I'm just going to get it.

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I'm going to get it.

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I'm going to get it.

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I'm going to get it.

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I'm going to get it.

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Let's get the hydrophone out, Adam.

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Let's give a listen under the water.

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There's something big swimming around right near this boat.

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Okay, hydrophone's ready, Josh.

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Going in.

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Okay, aquacam's going in the water.

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Okay, got you clear.

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Hard to make anything out.

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A lot of soft sand down there.

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You can hear something swimming down there, definitely.

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I don't see it.

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Oh, oh, I just saw something.

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Hold on, something just swam by.

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Oh, I got it. I got it. I got it. Come here.

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I just had it. I just had part of the body.

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I saw tail of the big part of the body. Hold on.

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Okay, do you see it?

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I don't see any movement.

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There's too much silt. I can't see it.

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I think it just peeled out of here.

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Adam, you hearing it?

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No, I think it's moved away.

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Yeah, it just silted up the whole camera.

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I think it just shot off.

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I think it moved out toward the open ocean.

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Let's hang with it. Adam, keep that hydrophone in the water.

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Okay.

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There's so many little nooks and crannies in these mangroves

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that you could see how it'd be possible

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for something big to hide out in here

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and not be found for quite some time.

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Oh, what's that?

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Kyle, Kyle, Kyle, right here. Did you see that?

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Yep, something's there.

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Something is right in the water right there.

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It went down in the water. I just saw it.

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I can't get it on thermal.

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It looked long.

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And from here it looks kind of shiny

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because I caught it with my light.

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It just popped up.

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It almost looks like it's checking us out.

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I'm just seeing the head of something.

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And it's gone.

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It just submerged.

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It's gone. You got it on film though, right?

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Yep.

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It was the same thing I saw before.

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Proves one thing.

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Moves from the ocean into this river.

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Definitely uses this estuary.

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I got to get ahold of Josh.

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Rider for Josh?

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Yeah, go for Josh, Rider, what's up?

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So we're legitimately seeing something big,

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you know, towards the middle of this riverhead.

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It looked like something popped its head up,

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went back down and swam away.

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We thought we might have seen something here

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on our aqua cam as well, but it's been quiet for a while.

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It's possible we're either seeing the same animal

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or that there's more than one of these things.

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Let's have Tristan grab the ROV and we'll pick you up.

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Sounds good. Yeah, we definitely want the submersible camera

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in the water as soon as possible.

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What's going on? Thanks.

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Everybody in?

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This is the area, right, Rider?

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Yeah, right in here.

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Alright, Josh, we're all hooked up.

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We're going to deploy? Yeah, let's do it, come on.

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Alright, deploying the video ray.

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It's pretty murky out there, Josh.

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Oh, guys, I see something.

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What do you see, Josh?

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It's something at the surface, it's not an animal.

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Is it driftwood?

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It's one of these old Fijian rafts, you see it?

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Oh yeah, see at the end of it.

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What is that? You see something?

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Yeah, we got something down here. What do you see?

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I don't know, it's kicked up a lot of sediment.

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We should get the boat over there.

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I could try to get on that bamboo raft, at least it's quiet.

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That boat edge is probably going to scare it away.

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Let's see if I can get over there.

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Let me know if it comes back in that camera.

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Alright, we'll do.

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Just be careful on that.

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Guys, it's pretty stable.

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We have nothing but dark water out here.

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Do you see it moving around?

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No, nothing.

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Let me know if you see anything on that camera.

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Alright, we'll do.

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Oh, something's moving.

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Guys, behind me, behind me.

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What do you see?

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Get that ROV over here, something's moving behind the raft.

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Coming to you, Josh.

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I'm going to get the boat out of here.

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I'm going to get the boat out of here.

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Whoa, something's underneath this raft.

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Sonar's going off like crazy.

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Whoa, be careful, Josh!

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Whoa, be careful, Josh!

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Whoa, be careful, Josh!

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No, no, no!

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Josh!

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Josh!

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Hold it, are you okay?

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Hold it!

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You guys got anything?

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No, nothing, Josh.

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We'll try to follow up the river, come on.

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We continued to sweep the river,

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but didn't turn up any additional evidence of the creature.

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With the sun coming up,

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we returned to base camp, packed up our gear,

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and began a long trip back to Los Angeles

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where we could review our findings.

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At nearby Pepperdine University,

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Dr. Lee Katz discussed the possibility

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of such a creature existing in the first place.

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Well, Fiji is interesting in that it's one of those

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biodiversity hotspots.

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It's still fairly unexplored.

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There are a lot of species of animals there,

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plants there, and it's very potential.

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There are new species of fish

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and other vertebrates that we've not seen before.

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With the potential for an unknown species,

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we scanned our footage,

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but whatever we saw on the aqua cam

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kicked up too much silt to be IDed.

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And the animals seen swimming

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past our IR camera never breached the surface.

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The floor of the fish

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never breached the surface.

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The flier hit from the helicopter was a good lead.

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We got it on thermal!

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It's interesting in terms of its shape.

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It's hard to tell how big it is.

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It's very difficult to say what that is.

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But it was our thermal image in a lagoon

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that may have cracked the case.

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This is interesting because it appears to be something living.

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It seems to be something that surfaces

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and then disappears.

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Could be a marine mammal,

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some kind of marine reptile.

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There is one possibility.

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We've identified an invasive iguana,

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one that's not normally in Fiji.

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Those are very different than the native iguanas.

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They're double or triple the size.

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It has a very large head

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that can be kind of diamond shaped.

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They occasionally will get in the water.

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If a local person saw one of these invasive iguanas,

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I think it would be very startling.

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The Central American green iguana

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can grow to a whopping 6 feet long

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and does exhibit the same head shape

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and scaled body as our eye witness reports.

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With several specimens having been killed

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in Fiji's outlying islands,

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this may well be the culprit we'd been looking for.

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Fiji is, after all,

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a place that sparks the imagination.

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Its misty primordial interior

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and seemingly bottomless seas

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are filled with mystery.

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But this lost world clearly has teeth.

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The villagers here may have seen

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one of the island's behemoth men eating sharks

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or misidentified an outside species

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and cried monster.

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Either way, we close the case confident

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that whatever we see,

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from above,

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and from below,

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is probably not a monster at all

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and that the Fijians can relax

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and get back to enjoying paradise.