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Now, what do you make of this next story?

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An investigation has begun into a claim that something strange came out of the skies and

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landed in the Welsh village of Broadhaven near Haverford West.

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Well, I can't remember who saw it first.

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We were in our school playground, lunchtime break, just down by this tree over here.

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It was February 77.

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Yeah, we played here, knocking rounders and knocking the ball into the stream over there.

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Whatever it was, was spotted three times by children from the local school.

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I think I remember somebody saying, what's that?

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Everybody just ran up.

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There was a bit of a sprint between all of us to the end of the field here and find out

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exactly what we were looking at.

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Is it all really a case of mass hysteria?

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Or is there some reality in the unreal?

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Yeah, after that, almost straight away, other people saw, you know, some pretty strange things.

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There was a lot of activity or a lot of sightings or a lot of things were happening.

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And this is where it landed here.

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The people who live around Broadhaven will tell you that what they've experienced is real enough.

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From the beginning of recorded time, men have been seen unexplainable things in the sky.

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Are we alone in the universe?

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Somewhere in the data will be something worth real inquiry.

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There are some things that are interplanetary.

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There was an avian and yet big eyes.

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There's something profoundly important going on here that is authentic and real.

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So, Kevin, tell me a secret that you haven't told anyone about the phenomenon.

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Oh, are we filming?

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You know, for our whole lives and our parents' whole lives,

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since the 1940s, we've been working on a lot of things.

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We've been working on a lot of things.

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And I think that's the main reason why you don't have many serious,

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or until recently you've had very few serious scientists studying this.

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I would say there's probably, on the order of 15 experts in the world,

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there's probably a lot of different things in these studies.

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What I would say is there are probably,

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on the order of 15 experts in the world.

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That to me is shocking.

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It suggests that there's something maybe deeper

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than the stigma and all of the obvious things

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that are preventing people from studying this,

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that maybe people don't want to know what this phenomena is.

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Maybe people don't want to know the truth.

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Maybe it scares them a little bit somehow.

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It was a lovely little village.

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It still is very quiet during the winter,

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absolutely mad during the summer with the holidaymakers.

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But it was a great place to grow up in.

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I wouldn't describe myself as one of the popular children in school.

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I was overweight as a child.

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I was a bit of a buckworm.

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And I was teased and bullied because of that.

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I probably relate more to cats than I do to human beings.

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It was a horrible day, a drizzling dam.

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And I spent most of the day indoors,

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so I hadn't actually gone out with a lot of the others to play.

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The other children had been coming in from playtime.

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And they'd been saying that they'd seen a flying saucer.

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But I just totally regarded the stories as being nonsense.

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To me, flying saucers didn't exist.

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They were in bad 1950s sci-fi movies,

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or they were in tabloid newspapers, you know.

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But at the end of the day, I thought,

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this is getting ridiculous.

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I'm going to have a look for myself.

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I left school,

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proceeded all the way up to the top of the field.

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And from behind some trees,

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this thing popped up in front of me.

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Silver, cigar-shaped, about 45 feet long.

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And there was just this thought that came into my mind

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to say that I had to run away.

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I did go home and tell my mum and dad,

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and they weren't judgmental in any way.

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They believed me and believed that what I saw, I believed.

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You know what mothers are like, they can tell when you lie in.

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And she was absolutely convinced

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that what I was saying was the truth.

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She contacted a gentleman called Randall Jones Pugh,

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a close family friend.

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Randall Pugh is a retired vet

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who acts as regional investigator

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for the British UFO Research Association.

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We have a phenomenon which I think will be with us

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for a very, very long time.

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If we ever do indeed unravel it at all.

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I'll go to the doctor over there.

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The doctor there, and I'll go to, uh, northwest.

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He came as quickly as possible,

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and he brought with him a local reporter

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from the Western Telegraph.

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The sighting had happened on the Friday.

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By Monday morning, things had gone crazy.

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Today, one group of children showed me the spot

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where they saw what they think was some kind of spaceship.

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Suddenly, the silver cigar-shaped objects

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seemed to pop up from behind the bushes.

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And, uh, trying to take off, then it disappeared again.

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It was nighttime. I was ten years old.

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I switched on the TV, and on the Children's Newsround program

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was this amazing story.

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The spaceship, it looked as a cigar-shaped with a dome on it.

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When you're about nine, ten years old,

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it's sort of like very formative period.

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Your imagination is running wild.

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And UFOs was something that we were all interested in.

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We have received many reports of UFO sightings over mobile.

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Greetings.

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We come from France.

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Ah!

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1977 was a bumper year for UFOs.

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The numbers of sightings were increasing.

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Well, it was exactly over there.

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The press interest was increasing.

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I was completely obsessed with UFOs and aliens at the time.

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The culmination of a lot of this was

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close encounters of the Third Kind,

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and it was trailed incessantly.

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And then the film itself was just like all the things

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I've been reading about.

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And also, it was a pretty miserable time.

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There was fuel shortages.

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We were in the middle of the Cold War with the Soviet Union.

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I remember distinctly seeing this diagram in my local newspaper

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that had an area showing the blast zone.

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And I was working out whether I'd be vaporized

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or whether I'd managed to get home in time.

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So there was all that going on.

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So UFOs and aliens and visits from outer space

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was like escapism for me at the time.

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It was a world you could sort of escape into.

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I saw a flying saucer.

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You might call it a UFO.

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It was over in those trees over there.

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And this was definitely the biggest, most bizarre story

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to have emerged from the UK.

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And it totally absorbed my life.

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What I found is that clearly something happened.

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What it was, we don't know.

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As soon as we arrived in school on the Monday morning,

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the headmaster separated us.

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And we were told to write an account

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and draw a picture of what we'd seen.

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We drew pictures and nobody knew

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what anybody else was drawing.

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We'd all seen the same thing, so the chances were

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that we were going to hopefully, you know,

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draw pretty much the same thing.

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Now, this wasn't like today.

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There was no social media.

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There was no mobile phones.

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So there was no opportunity for us to have got together.

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No way we could have collaborated.

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The headmaster had us all fresh.

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He collected the accounts

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and was noticeably shot

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by how similar the accounts

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and the descriptions were.

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Well, to find out more,

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I've just been on the phone to the headmaster, Mr. Cluelin.

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I know that 16 children were killed.

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And do they all see the same thing, do you think?

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It's a common call of similarity between all the descriptions.

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I got them to draw and write what they saw.

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Within the images that the children have drawn,

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there are clearly a lot of similarities.

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You've got the shapes in the wall.

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You've got the fact that they're all the same colour.

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They've got the red light flashing on top of the picture.

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And you've got the picture of the children.

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Flashing on top of the vehicle as well.

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This is the object I saw on Friday, February the 4th.

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It was dome-shaped.

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It had 10 or 11 windows near the top.

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It has a door with a runway.

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There's no one on planet Earth

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who doesn't know what a flying saucer looks like.

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Looking at some of those drawings,

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you can see where some of these elements from pop culture came in.

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I'm thinking of one film in particular

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that I know was showing on BBC, Forbidden Planet.

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There's a good chance that some of the kids had seen that.

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Now, that isn't to say that.

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Oh, they saw the film, so they just imagined it.

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But if you're steeped in the films and pop culture of the time,

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all those things that are in your head become part of it.

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People are steeped in this stuff.

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They watch Close Encounters of the Third Kind.

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They watch Doctor Who.

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They watch Day the Earth Stubb Still, that kind of thing.

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It's there in their heads.

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I had always been interested in UFOs.

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I was 12 when Star Wars came out 45 years ago this year.

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And so it was that impressionable age.

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And it was around that same time that you had shows on TV,

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like In Search of with Leonard Nimoy.

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The study of exoplanets basically consists of the search for

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and characterization of planets orbiting other stars.

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When the New York Times article came out where we learned about

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the ATIP program that had been studying UAPs,

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and that this was a serious problem.

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UAP reports need to be understood as a national security matter.

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When we spot something we don't understand or can't identify

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in our airspace, it's the job of those we entrust

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with our national security to investigate and to report back.

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I thought, scientists need to be studying this.

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This is really something that should be studied.

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So I decided to do it.

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We're in a difficult state of ignorance.

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We don't know what they are.

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We don't know what their intentions are.

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Intention is everything, right?

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And so we don't really know what these things are.

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And here I'm really hypothesizing that these are

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non-human entities and control these craft.

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So it's already a huge hypothesis that we don't have a lot of evidence

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for, but there are other possible hypotheses still.

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Are you sure it wasn't perhaps just a helicopter or an aircraft

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from the airfield near here?

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A helicopter could land there,

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but it's such private property over there.

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And if they landed there, it could be prosecuted.

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With an aircraft, the only thing that could get in there was a harrier.

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Most of us kids, especially the boys,

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we were familiar with almost everything that NATO was flying

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in the sky at the time.

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Because we were so close to RAF Brody.

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I think people naturally thought that,

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well, if anything flies, it must be something to do with the Royal Air Force.

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RAF Brody at that time was an area where we could carry out our flying training,

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which involved using weapons systems.

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I'd arrived as a flight lieutenant in my early 30s.

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Which I wasn't really sure where it was,

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but it was as far away as you could be in Wales,

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boarding on the Atlantic Ocean next stop, America.

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As the Community Relations Officer and the Press Officer,

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I was the link between the RAF inside the fence

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and the community outside the fence.

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I was getting an increased number of reports of sightings,

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things that couldn't easily be explained.

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And I always took the reports very seriously.

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And there was one occasion where a lady in Halford, West,

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had to one the local hotels.

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Mrs. Granville, I think it might have been,

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was adamant that she'd seen something land outside the hotel.

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My mother was Rosa, but was known as Rose Granville.

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She'd been born in Barcelona,

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met my dad, I think, when she was 18, and they married.

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And then, of course, he brought her back to Wales.

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This is just after the war,

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and there was a certain animosity to foreign people generally.

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They felt a certain uneasiness.

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It was like we were something apart from everyone else.

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We bought this place in 1967.

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It was an old smuggler's fort,

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and we converted it to a hotel,

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what mainly meant to be for my daughter.

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This is a photograph of my mother and I.

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She's in her white old kitchen overalls.

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I'm in my clothes, ready to do some...

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hotel work.

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A lot of people thought it was haunted.

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It was just this legend.

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They said that a white lady haunted.

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It was known as the Havens then.

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We never had any experience with any ghost.

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People in the Welsh Valleys were very religious,

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in a formal sense.

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They all went to church on Sunday.

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As well as that, they had this strong belief in the supernatural

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that was older, that dated back way before Christianity,

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and they held on to that.

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My career has been mainly as a writer and a journalist,

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and my other interest is folklore,

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which is what I did my PhD in.

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I wasn't the first.

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There was a book by a French computer scientist called Jacques Valleys

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called Passport to Magonia,

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and the subtitle to that was from Folklore to Flying Sources.

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You were the person that Steven Spielberg modeled a character

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of a UFO researcher on in his classic movie Close Encounters

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of a Third Kind.

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One of my interests, as you know, has been to look at

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ancient sightings before World War II, for example,

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when there is really no confusion with modern technology.

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If nothing else, I think this is part of our history.

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This is part of our folklore.

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This is something that we should be studying as part of our folklore.

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So that's what really got me into the folklore aspect of this,

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and looking at some of these old traditions and stories,

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and they are particularly rich in Wales.

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When Celtic folklore fairies were enormously important,

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and still are, even to this day.

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It was only in the Victorian period that people started to get this romantic idea

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that fairies were little tinkerbelle characters,

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and that these creatures were benevolent,

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and that they were wanting to help humans,

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and that were their magic spells and this kind of thing.

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Fairies in Welsh tradition didn't behave anything like the modern idea.

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We were talking about a race of creatures who coexisted with us,

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and they were never very friendly.

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They had all kinds of amazing abilities,

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like the ability to travel at tremendous speed,

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to magic people away, to erase their memory.

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So they played tricks on people.

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And if you got on the wrong side of them,

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really bad things could happen.

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Mother was in the third room along there,

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the second floor.

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As soon as I got to bed,

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I could see this huge, big light.

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It was first thing.

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She looked through the window,

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and she saw this thing...

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sort of hovering.

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It was so intensive

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that I could hardly open my eyes.

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And these two...

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Well, I don't know what you'd call them.

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Figures had come out of it.

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They had very long arms and very long legs,

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but they had no features at all.

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They seemed a little unsteady from what she said.

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She shouted,

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what do you want?

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We had some chickens not far from there,

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and I think she was worried about her chickens more than anything else.

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And as I did that,

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we're meet from the saucer,

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hit me,

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and this fine saucer

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worked out in such a speed.

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But as if it was just one big dream,

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as if I was just imagining, you know?

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My father returned a day or two later.

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She told him

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that my father wrote to tell me about it,

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and I thought it was ridiculous.

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I said to myself,

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they've all gone mad, you know, the schoolchildren

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and my mother by the sound of it.

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When I came back,

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my dad said,

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whatever this thing was,

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it has left a mark.

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So I said, oh, I'll go and have a look.

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And we walked up the field together,

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and there was this mark on the ground.

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The grass looked so it was burnt,

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00:21:58,280 --> 00:22:00,280

and there was a ridge.

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It was the ridge more than anything else, really,

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as if something had been there.

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When I started looking into these stories,

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I was writing to the Ministry of Defence

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and visiting some of these people

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and interviewing them.

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Then we got freedom of information.

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We can actually get information out of the government.

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We can get files from 20, 30, 40 years ago

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that we've never been able to see.

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And the West Wales incidents were in there.

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Rosa Grenville writes to her local MP, Nicholas Edwards.

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This has left me greatly agitated and disturbed,

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and not the least bit desirous of another encounter.

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I love that phrase.

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Nicholas Edwards sends this to the Ministry of Defence,

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and I'm going to contact RAF Brody,

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speaks to the Community Relations Officer.

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I went there, spoke to the lady.

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Unfortunately, I couldn't find any evidence,

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any physical evidence that anything had landed there.

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I then, as I did, always passed that report

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up to the Ministry of Defence.

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I'm unable to offer any explanation other than above,

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but should a UFO arrive at RAF Brody,

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we'll charge normal landing phase and inform you immediately.

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What came back was that they knew nothing about it,

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and they had asked us not to talk about it.

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They didn't want people frightened by it.

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Can you honestly say that people are not being hoaxed

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00:23:44,280 --> 00:23:46,280

or not being spoofed in this area?

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I am absolutely positive that no human being

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00:23:51,280 --> 00:23:56,280

can simulate the extreme agitation,

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the extreme fright which some of these people

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00:23:59,280 --> 00:24:03,280

have undergone and have exhibited.

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It was about this time in the evening

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when I had my experience.

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Nothing has changed since then.

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It's really exactly how it is now.

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Just a little bit further down is where my experience started,

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and as it happened, I happened to be down here on my own.

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If you look across there now,

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00:24:42,280 --> 00:24:44,280

the field in the background with the big slope,

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on the top of that was a glow.

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I noticed that in this glow was like an upside down saucer.

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00:24:53,280 --> 00:24:57,280

I heard the hedge moving a little bit further down,

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00:24:57,280 --> 00:25:00,280

and it was very, very quiet,

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00:25:00,280 --> 00:25:03,280

and then this thing stepped out of the hedge.

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00:25:08,280 --> 00:25:10,280

This is where it came out the hedge by here,

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00:25:10,280 --> 00:25:13,280

and I was up by the gate there.

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00:25:13,280 --> 00:25:15,280

It was a good seven feet tall,

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00:25:15,280 --> 00:25:18,280

it had like a silver suit with a motorbike visor.

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That's all it had for the first, very, very dark.

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I thought, good God, what is that?

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What is, I thought, that's not a man.

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No way is that a man.

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It started walking up towards me.

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I thought, no, this isn't happening.

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I back up onto the laneway there.

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00:25:37,280 --> 00:25:41,280

As you can imagine, I was quite scared.

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So when I stood here,

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it just kept walking towards me.

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So I bled it, I run up to where that telegraph pole is.

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00:25:54,280 --> 00:25:57,280

If you can imagine how I'm running now.

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As I got to here,

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00:25:59,280 --> 00:26:02,280

something told me, turn around and stop and have a look.

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00:26:02,280 --> 00:26:05,280

So I stopped and I turned around,

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00:26:05,280 --> 00:26:09,280

and it was standing where that bare patch is in the middle of the road,

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00:26:09,280 --> 00:26:11,280

staring.

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It was unbelievable, and I thought, no, I'm going,

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00:26:17,280 --> 00:26:21,280

I'm not having this, and I just, I legged it home.

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00:26:21,280 --> 00:26:23,280

It really freaked me out.

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My dad came down the next day to have a look,

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00:26:27,280 --> 00:26:30,280

to see if there was anything else about.

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00:26:30,280 --> 00:26:36,280

And at the time, this road here had a lot of soft mud on the edge of it.

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00:26:36,280 --> 00:26:40,280

And when my dad came down, he did notice one massive footprint,

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00:26:40,280 --> 00:26:44,280

which was too big to be an ordinary man's footprint.

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He found a footprint about that size.

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My auntie Pauline got in touch with me,

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00:26:51,280 --> 00:26:54,280

and she said, tell me, what did you see?

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00:26:54,280 --> 00:26:56,280

And I told her exactly what I'd seen like.

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00:26:56,280 --> 00:26:59,280

And she said, you're all right, do you?

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00:26:59,280 --> 00:27:01,280

I said, yeah, I said, am I all right?

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00:27:01,280 --> 00:27:05,280

And then it was the thing that I think was about three or four weeks after,

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00:27:05,280 --> 00:27:07,280

and I said, I'm going to go and get it like that.

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00:27:07,280 --> 00:27:10,280

And she seemed virtually the same as what I seen.

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When you're an ordinary farming family,

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00:27:13,280 --> 00:27:17,280

and you're convinced you've seen spaceships and creatures from another planet,

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how do you persuade friends, neighbors,

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00:27:19,280 --> 00:27:23,280

and the world in general that you've not taken leave of your senses?

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That's the constant problem that's faced Billy and Pauline Combs,

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00:27:27,280 --> 00:27:32,280

since they became involved in one of the country's most celebrated UFO sightings two years ago.

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They started off with a car drive.

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Pauline Combs was driving back to the farmhouse.

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00:27:42,280 --> 00:27:44,280

I think he was with three of the children in the car,

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00:27:44,280 --> 00:27:46,280

and the youngest one, Keiran,

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00:27:46,280 --> 00:27:49,280

saw what looked like a football-shaped object

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00:27:49,280 --> 00:27:52,280

that was following them along this dirt road.

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00:27:52,280 --> 00:27:55,280

And they got more and more worked up about this and frightened.

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00:27:55,280 --> 00:27:57,280

The car engine stalled.

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00:27:57,280 --> 00:28:01,280

When it happened to me the first time, I thought, you know, I'm imagining things,

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00:28:01,280 --> 00:28:04,280

but there's been so much, you know, happening to this place

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00:28:04,280 --> 00:28:07,280

that I've gone to believe it is definitely happening.

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Billy Combs was a herdsman.

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He was responsible for, I think, about 120 dairy cattle.

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One night, the gate was tied and bolted,

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00:28:24,280 --> 00:28:28,280

and he'd just sort of been distracted by something gone by.

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00:28:28,280 --> 00:28:31,280

This must have been about 11 o'clock at night.

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Then he got a call from his neighbour on another farm about a mile and a half away,

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00:28:35,280 --> 00:28:38,280

saying, why are all your cows in my yard?

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00:28:40,280 --> 00:28:42,280

And he couldn't explain it,

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00:28:42,280 --> 00:28:45,280

because how could they possibly have got from one place to another?

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00:28:50,280 --> 00:28:55,280

You had 120 cows teleport from one field to another.

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00:28:55,280 --> 00:28:57,280

To another farm.

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00:28:57,280 --> 00:29:01,280

That is exactly the sort of tricks that the Welsh fairies used to sort of play,

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00:29:01,280 --> 00:29:03,280

that kind of thing.

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And then after that came the Silver Soutered Man,

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00:29:07,280 --> 00:29:10,280

which was the most terrifying experience of it all.

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It was 10 on a Thursday.

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I went to make a cup of tea to watch a late night film.

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They were sitting there watching the television.

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00:29:27,280 --> 00:29:30,280

And they noticed something silver by the window.

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00:29:30,280 --> 00:29:32,280

The biggest thing I ever seen, like,

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00:29:32,280 --> 00:29:35,280

I couldn't believe it, I said, I got up one straight, the window,

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00:29:35,280 --> 00:29:38,280

and looked up, and when he was above the window,

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00:29:38,280 --> 00:29:41,280

it was at least 8 feet, at least.

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00:29:42,280 --> 00:29:45,280

This thing was that tall, they couldn't see its face.

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00:29:45,280 --> 00:29:49,280

So when Paulie went upstairs to wake the two young daughters,

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00:29:49,280 --> 00:29:52,280

this thing's head was just below the bedroom window.

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00:29:53,280 --> 00:29:58,280

And she could see that it had no face, no facial features at all, exactly what I'd seen.

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00:30:05,280 --> 00:30:07,280

Police were called out.

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00:30:07,280 --> 00:30:10,280

The night of the incident at the Coombs' farm.

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00:30:10,280 --> 00:30:13,280

Sergeant Ernie of Duffield Police answered the call.

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00:30:13,280 --> 00:30:18,280

It's probably of all the incidents in my 26-year service.

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00:30:18,280 --> 00:30:21,280

That's the most frightened family I've come across.

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00:30:34,280 --> 00:30:38,280

Another time it was, you know, quite late, like two in the morning.

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00:30:38,280 --> 00:30:40,280

And we hit the doorbell ring,

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00:30:40,280 --> 00:30:45,280

and we've not seen anyone approach the hotel, come up the drive,

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00:30:45,280 --> 00:30:49,280

either in a car or on foot.

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00:30:53,280 --> 00:30:58,280

So I went to the door, and there were these two guys.

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00:30:58,280 --> 00:31:01,280

They looked like identical twins.

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00:31:01,280 --> 00:31:06,280

They had hair that was slicked back like paint and leather.

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00:31:06,280 --> 00:31:10,280

But what I found quite remarkable was their complexion.

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00:31:16,280 --> 00:31:18,280

Is your mother home?

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00:31:18,280 --> 00:31:22,280

We did never bring someone marking their faces,

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00:31:22,280 --> 00:31:25,280

as if they were made of wax.

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00:31:25,280 --> 00:31:27,280

They just said to her,

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00:31:27,280 --> 00:31:31,280

we'd like to come back and speak to you at length,

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00:31:31,280 --> 00:31:35,280

but we have an appointment in Grosch Scott.

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00:31:35,280 --> 00:31:41,280

I got a bit worried about this because, I mean, they looked so odd.

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00:31:42,280 --> 00:31:46,280

They walked towards their vehicle, gone.

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00:31:46,280 --> 00:31:49,280

They just vanished.

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00:31:49,280 --> 00:31:55,280

Well, at the same time, they had visited Pauline's farm,

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00:31:55,280 --> 00:31:57,280

which is really odd.

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00:31:57,280 --> 00:32:02,280

She said, basically, at the same time, they were with us.

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00:32:02,280 --> 00:32:04,280

They were there as well.

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The second incident was late afternoon.

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My mother and I were sat in the restaurant

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when we noticed something in the sky.

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It was like a silver disc looking at it at first,

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and then it seemed to pulsate light, an orange light.

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Now, this time, I had to ring up Mrs. Kool's to prove to me

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that I was in the same thing.

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And she said, yes, we are watching it now.

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My mum, my dad, and all our children were all watching us.

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To us, it was a very strange experience.

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I was so surprised.

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I was so surprised.

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And all our children were all watching us.

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To us, it seemed to go down into the sea,

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but the Coombs had seen it,

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and they said it had gone into the Stack Rock, which is an island.

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The reason why the Stack Rocks is taken on this mystique

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is because it's equidistant between all the key places.

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And obviously, they could both see it from their respective homes

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from a different angle.

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She said that from her direction,

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the rock have opened like a door, and they disappeared.

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This isn't anything new.

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The ship's logs have information about UFOs coming out of the water,

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hovering next to the ships, and then taking off, going back into the 1800s.

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This has been going on a long time.

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The marine aspect of UAPs or UFOs is really interesting.

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That is that they are very often associated with water.

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They're very often seen coming out of water, seen going into water,

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and sometimes seen underwater.

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So we now know that planets are very common.

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In fact, planets in the habitable zone,

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which is the region where you can potentially have liquid water on the surface,

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those planets are relatively common.

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About one in five stars has a planet in the habitable zone,

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which is really pretty remarkable when you think about it.

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Oceans are great places to live,

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especially if you're going to go from planet to planet.

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Atmospheres are not very stable with respect to temperature,

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so you go to Venus and you're looking at 800 degrees Fahrenheit

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and 100 times the atmospheric pressure on Earth.

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However, if you're on Mars, you're looking at something like 100 degrees below zero

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with one one-hundredth of the atmospheric pressure on Earth.

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Living on surfaces with atmospheres is really pretty horrible.

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If you live in an ocean, the temperature is always going to be within the range

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of having liquid water, which is not a very large range.

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And the only real differences going from one ocean on one planet

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to another ocean on another planet are the trace chemicals

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that you have floating around in the ocean.

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It would be very easy to just hang out in our oceans.

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It wouldn't be that different than somebody else's ocean, water, ocean on another planet.

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So there is this idea that if things are visiting us from somewhere else,

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they must have a base somewhere that is miles away from anywhere that we are not familiar with.

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So what's the obvious place under the oceans?

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The stacked rocks seems to fit into that narrative.

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And I think that again goes back into Celtic mythology.

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The islands off the coast were seen as magical islands,

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and that's where the fairies would live.

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In fact, that's where the Celtic saints went and lived in isolation

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so that they could contact the supernatural.

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You say you saw a man as well, did you? How clearly did you see it?

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Well, I couldn't see his face because it was too far away.

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I don't think I was the only one that said that. I'm not sure.

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Somebody walking near it to the right-hand side of it.

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I saw a man come out of a door.

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It had pointed ears and a furry hat.

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And there's one of your faceless men.

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I think there were two or three that claimed they'd seen the occupants.

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Now, I never saw these occupants for myself.

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I can't verify that anybody actually did,

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or whether it was juvenile elaboration.

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But it brings a whole new depth into it

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because if they really did see the occupants,

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then something bigger than we all think happened here that day.

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I'd gone home one day and I said, you know, we've moved on a step.

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We've moved from unendowed flying objects we know into spacemen.

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Well, I said, well, what does he look like?

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And I said, well, apparently he or she, because we don't know,

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wears a spacesuit, which is silver.

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Sort of a dark vise where you might imagine the eyes would be.

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And I said, well, I've seen him.

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And I thought, well, he's cranky.

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And no, she said, I have genuinely said,

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but it's in the shop window in Halford West.

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And I went down there and had a look, and it was a firefighting suit.

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Because at Milford here, there's a large oil refinery,

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and they had specialist equipment,

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which included these suits to allow them to fight fires with very intense heat.

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And I believe that in years after the event,

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somebody locally admitted to being a prankster,

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wandering around in one of these suits,

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which, personally, I find very disappointing,

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because it rather muddied the waters.

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The prankster doesn't account for all of the spaceman sightings,

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because the pranking followed the sightings,

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and it could well be that he was encouraged to do that

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by some real experiences.

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At one point, he had to dive into some undergrowth,

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because a lady appeared at the door, aiming what appeared to be a gun.

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The temptation is to think the Combs family must be either daft or mistaken.

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Their continuing problem is that no one's yet been able to prove or disprove

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what must be some of the most remarkable UFO sightings ever reported.

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More and more people are claiming that they are seeing things

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which cannot be scientifically explained.

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It wasn't just here.

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There's a number of locations around the county

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where the same thing was going on.

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At the Ministry of Defence, I think there was something like 450 separate incidents reported to them.

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I've actually tracked down and interviewed some of the people who were working there at the time.

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I mean, some of them were saying maybe there was something going on,

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but 450 sightings, you know, we just simply didn't have people to send out

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and look into each one of those.

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I just happened to look out and I saw something in the sky.

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It was a dome-shaped object.

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Glowing with a pale cream light.

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So what sort of action are you looking for?

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Well, I'm hoping that the government will step in,

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scientists will step in to help us to understand what these things are.

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The sky watchers seek one objective, yet another flying saucer

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to add to the lengthening list of claimed sightings over Hamburg, Schöckland-Russau.

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There was a lot of pressure on the Ministry of Defence building up into 1978

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because the number of sightings were increasing, the press interest was increasing.

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Of the incidents that were reported to my knowledge,

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none of them could be explained by activity either at RAF Broadie

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or within Wales generally by aircraft that were flown by the military or by civil operators.

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Are you all honestly going to say that you think that the things you saw were, shall we say, not of this world?

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Right.

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People who said, oh, they made it up. They made it up for the publicity.

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What publicity did you crave when you're ten years of age?

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But did they really see an unidentified flying object?

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Or was this what caught their eye?

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We've been ridiculed by a lot of people, and when you're growing up,

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you don't want people to think you're some sort of lunatic.

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You're not going to take use seriously because you've seen little green men.

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My mother didn't really want too many people to know about what she had seen.

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What was the story of the white lady?

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It frightened most people, we'll say, the idea that they might be a ghost there.

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A story about anything else that was paranormal would make things worse.

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Some people said, oh, you've done it to have business, but no, we had not.

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A hotel which had opened near Milford Haven, they had started having UFO weekends.

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They would give people a flask of soup and some sandwiches and send them out.

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Do you know on maybe, gosh, four mile walks?

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I taught my school teacher, and he said, are you sure your eyes were playing tricks?

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I said, no, my eyes don't play tricks on me.

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I said, no, they don't.

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And I said, and I'm not stupid, I said, far from it.

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I said, what I saw, I saw.

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This thing got at the hedge and it jumped over, jumped over this gate.

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And I thought there was something wrong about it.

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Like, no man could jump that gate.

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blocked the window of a lonely farm cottage.

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My auntie Paulie, a knife show, there's some of these curtains and whatever.

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And I said, don't bring her up, she said, leave it where it is.

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I said, you've got to talk about it sometime, you know.

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No, she said, we don't.

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She said, me and the girl, she said, we don't talk about it at all.

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Well, it had the clear cigar shape with the dome on top of that.

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What I didn't enjoy was the attention that it brought on to me.

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My first four years of secondary school, they were horrendous.

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I was getting physically assaulted on an almost daily basis.

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Most of the time they wanted me to say that I hadn't seen a UFO.

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They just wanted me to say that I was lying.

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But I just couldn't do that.

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I just couldn't go back on my principles and say that I was lying when I wasn't.

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And we've got some young people in the studio who claim to have had encounters of their very own.

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In 1978, I appeared on a TV program called Magpie.

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That's David, David, Philip and Sean down here.

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If you were to see the film of me on Magpie and look closely,

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you would see that I have a black eye.

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We were watching it for about five or six seconds and we just ran off.

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We were so scared.

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That was given to me for the television.

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You know, let them try and cover that up with makeup.

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With the bullying and the aggression that I got because of it,

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I just thought I have to speak out because there's other people who are going through the same thing

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that have done nothing but report something that they've seen.

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It was something I felt had to be done.

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It's all like a door and all of a sudden this sort of person just sort of walked out.

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I'm not embarrassed or ashamed to say that I saw something 45 years ago that I can't explain.

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And to this day, I still can.

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Having done the work I have done, I can give you every assurance on one point

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that if the public knew precisely what the presence of UFOs mean,

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they would literally run for their lives.

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Randall Pugh had heard that my mother had had this sighting and he came to see us.

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And he said that she should tell people about it in a way to back up what the children had seen.

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A lot of people were calling the Muslims of Names.

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Well, now I have to come forward and say they are definitely genuine.

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What do you think I saw myself?

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What were the figures like?

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Well, they were very tall.

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The arms were exceptionally long.

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The legs were exceptionally long.

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And for all they looked as if they had the boiler suits on, shiny boiler suits.

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And they had sort of a pointed head, you know, there's something like pointed going.

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And they definitely didn't have face.

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They were faceless people with no eyes, no mouth, not even a hole or buttons or anything.

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It's definite. It's here.

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It's beyond us to know what it is, but it is.

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Is it all really a case of mass hysteria?

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Or is there some reality in the unreal?

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The people who live around Broadhaven will tell you that what they've experienced is real enough.

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What the story is about is the re-enchantment of the environment.

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People used to believe in all kinds of weird stuff.

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In modern times, we don't believe in those kinds of creatures, but weird stuff is still here.

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Obviously, there's something, whether it's inherent in the landscape or in people's minds,

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they're having the same sort of weird experiences, but they're expressing them in the pop culture of the time.

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Whether it was supernatural or natural, something happened that literally changed people's lives.

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And that in itself, to me, is what's important.

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The UFO sighting had a major effect on me.

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I've never been prejudiced in any way regarding race, sexuality, etc.

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And this all stems from this visitation that we had here at this school.

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Because if you can accept the possibility that there may be aliens coming to visit us on this planet,

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then you can accept anything.

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When I gave my first presentation, my first scientific presentation on UAPs,

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and was discussing their flight characteristics or speeds and accelerations,

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one of my colleagues asked me, why would you do this? Why are you studying this?

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Why put yourself in this position?

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I was worried about getting into it because there's a huge stigma around this.

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I mean, you mentioned UFOs and everybody giggles, and nobody takes it seriously.

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But now here we are, and we have ourselves completed the first stages of the exploration of our solar system.

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We visited all the major bodies.

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We're now moving to the outer bodies in the Kuiper Belt, and we have robots operating on Mars right now.

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We still, even after that, have this idea that it's impossible for aliens to come visit us.

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It's not impossible at all. In fact, I think it's rather probable.

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That's potentially one of the biggest discoveries in human history. How can you walk away from that?

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It's almost like being the center of the universe again.

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We have to keep relearning that lesson that human beings are not the center of the universe.

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Once we have enough scientific groups out there collecting data, theorizing, thinking about this seriously,

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I don't think it'll take long. I think it'll get solved, and I think it'll be solved pretty quickly,

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and I think it'll really only take a decade to do so. I think it'll change everything, yeah.

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And we'd like to make a contact with you.

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