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This is completely untamed wilderness here.

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There's no fences, there's no moats.

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Outside of this car are some of the most dangerous predators in the world.

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We took about \$70 million for one coin.

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Wow.

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Dear Travel Channel, please accept my resignation as the host of expectation I'm now.

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Guys, guys, this is crazy.

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The World's Greatest

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The World's Greatest

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The World's Greatest

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Imagine waking up tomorrow to find that your bank account is empty.

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You turn on the news to discover the Federal Reserve has been cleaned out.

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Millions in gold has vanished overnight.

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While it sounds like the plot to one of the Die Hard films, this incredible story is actually true.

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The World's Greatest

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The year is 1900 and the capital of the South African Republic is under attack by the British.

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With the city about to fall, President Paul Krueger loads the entire financial reserves of his nation onto a train.

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Gold coins worth more than a billion dollars today, and he flees to the East.

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The British win the war, but despite countless treasure hunters searching for over a century,

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the location of the vast fortune has never been found.

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That is, until now.

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In one of the world's oldest caves, an archaeologist has found evidence linked to Krueger and the treasure.

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Another expert has found an actual gold Krueger coin believed to be from the stolen hoard.

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But there's just one problem.

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The site where the coin was found is patrolled by dangerous wild animals and the even more dangerous poachers who hunt them.

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The tale of the Krueger Millions is one of Africa's greatest legends,

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and I'm hunting down the explorers on the verge of discovery.

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So grab your passports.

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We're going on safari.

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My name is Josh Gates.

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With a degree in archaeology and a passion for exploration,

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I have a tendency to end up in some very strange situations.

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God, Lord!

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My travels have taken me to the ends of the earth as I investigate the greatest legends in history.

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We're good to try. Let's go.

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This is Expedition Unknown.

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From New York, it's a 14-hour flight across the Atlantic to South Africa's administrative capital of Pretoria.

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The history of this nation is complicated to say the least.

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What do you expect from a country that has 11 official languages?

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So this is a walking stick.

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What kind of wood is this?

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Umlauma.

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What's that?

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Umlauma.

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Umlauma.

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Umlauma.

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Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh.

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There's sounds coming out of your mouth that I can't even make.

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The market has a bit of everything, even a home-spun version of Casino Royale.

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It's all fun and games until someone has to take it to the next level.

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Okay, what are we playing for?

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How about for your dog, sir?

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This is the cutest dog in all of Africa.

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What do you think?

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Yeah.

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Oh, this is high stakes.

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The beers that were once attached to these caps,

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any chance there's any more of those around?

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Careful of the ice cold.

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And before I know it, the game is over and I've lost.

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That's it, right?

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It's over, yeah?

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Sir, good game.

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Come here.

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It looks like the puppy is staying here.

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But like all problem gamblers, I try to chase my losses.

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Double or nothing for the cat.

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The heart of Pretoria is in its streets.

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I see craftsmen.

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I see artisans.

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The head.

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Does it help me blend in?

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And more than anything, I see smiling faces.

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Where am I going to wear this?

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High five.

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High five.

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High five.

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High five.

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High five.

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But it hasn't always been this way.

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It's been over 350 years since the first Dutch settlers came here.

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And while slavery and apartheid are in the past,

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the fight for true equality is not.

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Wherever you go, it's hard not to notice the high walls

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and razor wire that separate the haves from the have-nots.

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Here in Church Square, a statue of former president Paul Kruger

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watches over a diverse new South Africa,

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as a leader dedicated to the institution of slavery

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who stole his entire country's fortune.

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It's not surprising that the statue has been frequently vandalized

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and has to be guarded by a fence.

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In short, everything about Kruger is controversial,

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especially the question of where he took those stolen millions.

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At historic Fort Clapper Cop, renowned professor Frans Johan Pretorius

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is going to give me a crash course in the mystery.

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To me, to an outsider, South African politics are very confusing.

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Yes, for us too.

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The tip of Africa, he explains, is first settled in the 17th century

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by Dutch farmers called Boers,

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who rely on slave labor for their way of life.

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Then in 1806, the British took over the Cape.

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The British abolished slavery,

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and immediately there was a problem between these farmers

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and the British authorities.

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The Boers don't want to live under British rule,

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so they flee into the interior and form a new country

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called the South African Republic or Transvaal.

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Among these pioneers is Paul Kruger,

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who becomes president of this breakaway republic in 1883.

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Three years after Kruger came to power,

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gold was discovered,

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but gold changed the face of South Africa.

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The British respond to the gold rush in the Transvaal

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by attempting to annex the territory,

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starting the so-called Boer War.

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Kruger's Republic holds out as long as it can,

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but in 1900, it's clear that British forces will win the war.

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In the meantime, there was still all this gold.

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This had to be removed.

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It was taken to the Pretorio station in wooden boxes,

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put onto the train, and it left for Machadoor,

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a town along the railway line.

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And Machadoor is the last place that this gold is known to have been.

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That's right.

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And that's where the legend of the Kruger million started.

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Kruger eventually escapes to Europe,

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but the gold doesn't make the trip with him.

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No one has seen it for over a century,

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which means it's still here in South Africa.

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To solve the puzzle, I'll have to follow the money.

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And the only way to do that is to ride the same rails

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that Paul Kruger and the treasure did over 115 years ago.

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All aboard the Delagoa Bay Railway,

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completed in 1887 and just barely in operation today.

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Right now we are headed due east,

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away from Pretorio, toward the city of Machadoor.

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This is where Kruger and the gold was headed.

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As the British advance on Pretorio,

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Kruger tries to get as far away as possible.

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He boards his opulent private train car,

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which serves as a mobile command center for his government.

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The locomotive travels 137 miles to the east,

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and at the end of the line, the gold is offloaded from the train.

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Where it goes from there, that's the unknown.

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We rumble on, and I settle in for the nearly six hour ride.

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It isn't exactly a bullet train, but it does the job.

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That is, until it doesn't.

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And we are stopping.

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The train is fine.

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Or not.

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I head to the locomotive to see if I can lend a hand.

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See what's going on here.

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After all, I own a pretty sweet model train set as a kid.

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Hello!

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Hi, how are you?

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What seems to be the problem?

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The engineer tells me they need to clean the coal shoes,

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and it doesn't take long for me to realize

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that I am totally out of my element.

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Which one of these makes a cappuccino?

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A few hundred gallons of water are added to make steam,

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and beneath me, the spent coal is cleaned out of the furnace.

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Then it just needs to be refilled.

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Can you give me a shovel to load in?

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Yeah, can I?

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Do I still have my eyebrows?

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All fueled up.

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The engineer even lets me fulfill a lifelong dream.

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And I'm nine years old.

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This is the happiest I've ever been in my entire life.

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Oh, God!

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00:09:37,000 --> 00:09:38,000

Oh, God!

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00:09:39,000 --> 00:09:40,000

Woo!

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Several hours and several hundred unnecessary whistle pulls later,

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we arrive in the town of Machadoor.

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There's not much to see here today.

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A spooky abandoned station,

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and around the corner,

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the old train tracks are fragmented in pieces.

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These are the original tracks that the Kruger train would have run on right here,

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and this is the original tunnel that the train came through.

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There are some people who claim that the gold was actually taken off the train

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and buried in the tunnel system.

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That's a long-standing urban legend.

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I've also read that a lot of dangerous characters like to hang out in this tunnel.

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So, that's great.

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Whoa!

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I'm entering an abandoned railway tunnel in Machadoor, South Africa.

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Somewhere near this very spot,

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millions of dollars in gold was offloaded from a train

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before vanishing from the face of the earth.

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Trains may not run through here anymore,

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but I have been warned that dangerous gangs do tend to lurk in here from time to time.

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00:10:59,000 --> 00:11:00,000

Ho-ho-ho!

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00:11:02,000 --> 00:11:03,000

Yeah!

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00:11:03,000 --> 00:11:04,000

Haha!

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00:11:04,000 --> 00:11:07,000

The old guy jumping out of the dark tunnel.

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00:11:08,000 --> 00:11:09,000

I got you, JJ.

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00:11:12,000 --> 00:11:14,000

As you can see, it's just solid rock.

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00:11:14,000 --> 00:11:17,000

There have been a few areas where the rocks have been chipped out,

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and legend says that people have actually broken through places like this

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and actually looked for the treasure,

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but you look in these and they lead to nowhere.

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Nothing in here today, just a lot of beer bottles and garbage,

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and so definitely urban legend.

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No gold in the abandoned tunnel.

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Okay, so the train tunnel didn't pan out,

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but there have recently been two real breakthroughs in the case.

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One explorer believes he's identified a cavern where the money could be buried,

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and a treasure hunter claims that he's found an actual Kruger coin from the missing stash.

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To find out more, I'm heading to the Gold Reef City Mint,

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the place the coin was brought for authentication.

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Security is tight here since...

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Oh, it's a mint.

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00:12:03,000 --> 00:12:05,000

You're literally printing money here.

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00:12:05,000 --> 00:12:06,000

We're printing money, yes.

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00:12:06,000 --> 00:12:08,000

This is the greatest job in the world. Why don't I do this?

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Why don't I run a mint?

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Glenn Schoenman is the director of the mint

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and knows more about the Kruger pound than anyone who isn't Paul Kruger.

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

What's the value of these coins today?

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You're probably looking at anything between \$1,200 up to as much as a million dollars.

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00:12:22,000 --> 00:12:23,000

Per coin.

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00:12:23,000 --> 00:12:24,000

Per coin.

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00:12:24,000 --> 00:12:25,000

Wow.

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Recently, Glenn received a rare coin from a treasure hunter for authentication,

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one that may be from Kruger's lost millions.

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The reason the coins are so valuable is that they were minted in the form of pure gold pounds,

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custom stamped with Kruger's own face.

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Kruger minted the money using a massive press,

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and a similar machine has been preserved in this mint

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to help distinguish coins that are forgeries from ones that are real.

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The process is involved.

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Pure gold is heated to more than a thousand degrees Celsius

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and poured into a mold to create a gold bar.

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Once cooled, the bar is flattened, punched, and fed into the final press

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where the coin is imprinted with its telltale face.

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Hello, Mr. Kruger.

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Glenn leads me in the back and shows me a freshly minted,

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

but fake Kruger pound.

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He then reveals the coin that was recently sent to him

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from a treasure hunter digging somewhere east of here.

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We have a good look at it before we actually test it.

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00:13:27,000 --> 00:13:31,000

Glenn visually inspects the coin and checks the accuracy of the weight.

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00:13:31,000 --> 00:13:34,000

A real Kruger pound should be exactly eight grams.

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00:13:34,000 --> 00:13:36,000

Spot on eight grams.

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Eight grams on the nose.

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00:13:37,000 --> 00:13:40,000

For the final step, he uses a very powerful hand-held x-ray

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

to verify the gold content.

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00:13:42,000 --> 00:13:46,000

We've got to get all our body parts out of the way while we test it.

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00:13:46,000 --> 00:13:48,000

I'll just be back here, Glenn.

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00:13:48,000 --> 00:13:52,000

Many forgeries contain little or no pure gold at all.

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Our test is complete.

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92.67% gold.

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My opinion on this one is it is an absolutely genuine coin.

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And this guy found this, you said?

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Coming to the East of Pretoria. Would you like to speak to him?

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I would love to speak to him. Are you kidding?

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We can arrange that.

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I'd like to know where he found this and if there's more of them.

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I'd like to find out too.

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I leave him in with a renewed sense of optimism.

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I grab a four by four and hit the road.

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Glenn is putting me in touch with the treasure hunter.

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And he's also tipped me off to another explorer even closer to my current location.

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I follow my GPS about 50 miles east where archaeologist Anton VanVallenhoven

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has found military artifacts from Kruger's era in a cave,

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which he believes could also be hiding the gold.

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By the time I approach the coordinates, it's well after dark.

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According to GPS, we should be almost there.

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Driving on Unpaved Road. Yeah, no f***.

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The cave is in the South Africa.

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The South Africa? Yes.

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It sounds like the Lion King is happening over my shoulder here.

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A lot of people think that this Kruger million could have been hidden in caves.

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Do you think that's possible?

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We know that in these caves, the boos did hide the ammunition.

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The boos are hiding in the caves.

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The boos are hiding in the caves.

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The boos are hiding in the caves.

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The boos are hiding in the caves.

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We know that in these caves, the boos did hide the ammunition

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and therefore perhaps even the Kruger millions.

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Anton has discovered various Kruger-era weapons and bullets hidden deep in the cave system

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and the gold could be next.

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I'm really eager to see what you're doing in there.

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God knows I don't want to be left out here.

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Are you ready to get a little bit dirty?

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How dirty are we talking about?

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This is some serious land of the lost Tarzan Skull Island.

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Right here, Anton.

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And here we are at the entrance.

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00:15:59,000 --> 00:16:01,000

Wow!

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

Is there a giant stone ball that rolls out of that?

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00:16:05,000 --> 00:16:08,000

No, we've already removed that. That's why we've put these holes.

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These caves are some of the oldest on Earth,

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dating back over 250 million years.

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If you get lost down here, you stay lost until the next Ice Age.

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When you said cave, Anton, I was picturing something.

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Little, this is a cathedral.

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Yes, it's about four miles of cave that has been mapped.

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But we don't really know how much deeper it goes.

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So what's the story that could bring the gold here?

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There's many stories, but this particular one is about

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a blue officer with the name of Fritz Eubard de Kain.

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He was trusted with some of this gold to take it further from Ashadu-dor.

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But along the way, there was a fight.

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And only himself and some of the black carriers survived.

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So he ordered them to bring the gold to the Skaev.

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Dukain was later captured, but never gave up the location of the gold.

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Furthermore, ammunition found here appears to match the time period,

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meaning this could be the cave in question.

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You promised dirtiness so far. I'm feeling very clean, by the way.

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We're moving through that area just now.

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It's going to get worse.

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00:17:42,000 --> 00:17:46,000

We don't have to go far before Anton delivers on his promise.

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00:17:48,000 --> 00:17:49,000

Oh, we got bats.

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Lots of bats.

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While the first few hundred yards of the caves were massive open chambers,

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the passages have gotten as cramped as an airplane bathroom and twice as filthy.

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00:18:01,000 --> 00:18:06,000

Okay, looking a little more constricted in here.

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00:18:10,000 --> 00:18:11,000

After you.

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00:18:12,000 --> 00:18:16,000

It's too tight and wet to bring our large cameras through the narrowing cave,

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

so my crew is forced to downsize.

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

Oh, there's stuff in here.

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In the end, it's just Anton, my cameraman JJ, and myself,

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with a couple of handheld cameras to continue the investigation.

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And it's wet and cold.

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As I slog my way through thickening bat guano,

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I'm starting to consider whether the gold is worth the months of antibiotics

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I'm going to have to endure.

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00:18:39,000 --> 00:18:42,000

My foot is literally stuck in the mud.

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

Right behind you.

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00:18:46,000 --> 00:18:47,000

Oh my God.

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00:18:47,000 --> 00:18:48,000

Oh my God.

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00:18:49,000 --> 00:18:50,000

I'm in my room right now.

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00:18:53,000 --> 00:18:55,000

Are you f***ing kidding me with this?

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Cave is very difficult to get through.

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00:18:59,000 --> 00:19:03,000

Hey Anton, this sucks.

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Finally, the flooded chambers open up just past an area where other artifacts have been found.

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Armed with a handheld metal detector,

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we searched the caves, crevices, and flooded chambers for any sign that Duquesne's men were here.

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Got something?

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00:19:23,000 --> 00:19:24,000

Got something?

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00:19:27,000 --> 00:19:28,000

There's it.

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00:19:35,000 --> 00:19:36,000

Try again.

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Oh, there we go. That's metal.

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00:19:42,000 --> 00:19:43,000

Something metal.

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00:19:47,000 --> 00:19:48,000

Got it.

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00:19:48,000 --> 00:19:49,000

Whoa.

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00:19:53,000 --> 00:19:57,000

Deep inside a dank South African cave system,

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00:19:57,000 --> 00:20:03,000

archaeologist Anton VanVallenhoven and I search for evidence of the legendary Kruger Millions.

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Something metal.

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00:20:10,000 --> 00:20:11,000

Got it.

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00:20:11,000 --> 00:20:12,000

Whoa.

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00:20:14,000 --> 00:20:15,000

Look at that.

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00:20:15,000 --> 00:20:16,000

Cam?

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00:20:16,000 --> 00:20:17,000

It's in the cup.

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Not the Kruger Millions,

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but a definite sign that people have been back here.

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Who knows, maybe a coffee break if they were hiding it.

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We could be close.

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Indeed.

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We continue deeper into the cave.

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Unfortunately for me, that means squeezing through another tight passageway.

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This is a pretty slight.

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00:20:39,000 --> 00:20:40,000

God.

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00:20:47,000 --> 00:20:51,000

Dear Travel Channel, please accept my resignation as the host of execution unknown.

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00:20:51,000 --> 00:20:53,000

It has been an incredible opportunity.

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And I wish you the best.

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Yours, Casual Keats.

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Just when I'm at my lowest, Anton comes through.

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What's that?

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It's either a coin or a button.

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Josh, we've got something.

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You got something?

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00:21:09,000 --> 00:21:10,000

Yeah.

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00:21:10,000 --> 00:21:11,000

Okay, right there.

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00:21:11,000 --> 00:21:12,000

What do you got?

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00:21:12,000 --> 00:21:13,000

This side, coin, Josh.

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00:21:13,000 --> 00:21:14,000

Look at that.

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00:21:14,000 --> 00:21:15,000

That's so cool.

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00:21:15,000 --> 00:21:16,000

Can't believe it's working.

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00:21:16,000 --> 00:21:17,000

I'm gonna figure it out.

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00:21:17,000 --> 00:21:19,000

Can I see a symbol on it though?

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00:21:19,000 --> 00:21:22,000

That's the code of the box.

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00:21:22,000 --> 00:21:23,000

The new one.

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00:21:23,000 --> 00:21:24,000

The new one.

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00:21:24,000 --> 00:21:25,000

The new one.

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00:21:25,000 --> 00:21:26,000

The new one.

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00:21:26,000 --> 00:21:27,000

The new one.

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00:21:27,000 --> 00:21:28,000

The new one.

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00:21:28,000 --> 00:21:29,000

The new one.

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00:21:29,000 --> 00:21:31,000

Okay, so not a Kruger pound.

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Unfortunately not.

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00:21:32,000 --> 00:21:34,000

Well, at least they made some money out of this.

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00:21:34,000 --> 00:21:35,000

Yeah.

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00:21:35,000 --> 00:21:37,000

Okay, so no sign of it.

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I've got a lot of gave to search so we might find more.

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00:21:41,000 --> 00:21:42,000

That's right.

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00:21:42,000 --> 00:21:45,000

Alright, well, batteries are running low, media is running low, and I've run out of clean

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spots on my shirt to wipe my face off with.

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00:21:47,000 --> 00:21:48,000

You got my number?

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00:21:48,000 --> 00:21:49,000

I do.

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00:21:49,000 --> 00:21:50,000

You call me if you find those bills?

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00:21:50,000 --> 00:21:51,000

I'll give you the infinity.

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00:21:51,000 --> 00:21:52,000

No, you won't.

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00:21:52,000 --> 00:21:53,000

You're gonna get it.

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00:21:53,000 --> 00:21:54,000

I'll give you the infinity.

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00:21:54,000 --> 00:21:55,000

I'll give you the infinity.

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00:21:55,000 --> 00:21:56,000

I'll give you the infinity.

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00:21:56,000 --> 00:21:57,000

I'll give you the infinity.

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00:21:57,000 --> 00:21:58,000

I'll give you the infinity.

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00:21:58,000 --> 00:21:59,000

No, you won't.

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00:21:59,000 --> 00:22:00,000

You're gonna keep money.

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00:22:00,000 --> 00:22:01,000

I know what you're gonna do.

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00:22:01,000 --> 00:22:02,000

Don't lie to me.

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00:22:02,000 --> 00:22:03,000

That's all right.

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00:22:03,000 --> 00:22:05,000

We trek back out toward the vehicles.

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00:22:05,000 --> 00:22:10,000

My mission now is to link up with the treasure hunter who found the authentic gold Kruger

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pound I saw back at the Mint.

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00:22:14,000 --> 00:22:17,000

But currently I am a scraped up mud-soaked mess.

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00:22:17,000 --> 00:22:21,000

I could use a shower, a drink, and a bed, preferably in that order.

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00:22:21,000 --> 00:22:26,000

Fortunately, the local motel up the road isn't too shabby.

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00:22:26,000 --> 00:22:27,000

Hello.

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00:22:27,000 --> 00:22:28,000

Good afternoon.

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00:22:28,000 --> 00:22:31,000

Welcome to Lion Sands Ivory Lodge, which you care for a cold handheld?

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00:22:31,000 --> 00:22:33,000

I would die for a cold handheld.

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00:22:33,000 --> 00:22:35,000

Oh, my God.

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00:22:35,000 --> 00:22:37,000

I made iced tea.

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00:22:37,000 --> 00:22:43,000

Oh, God bless you.

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00:22:43,000 --> 00:22:48,000

Is this place real?

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00:22:48,000 --> 00:22:53,000

This is the five-star Lion Sands Game Lodge, a family-owned private reserve that has been

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protecting wildlife for over 80 years.

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This is an experience unlike any on earth.

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00:22:59,000 --> 00:23:04,000

You're surrounded by stunning luxury and pampered beyond your wildest dreams.

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00:23:04,000 --> 00:23:06,000

My room for the night?

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00:23:06,000 --> 00:23:09,000

A remote treehouse that words can't do justice.

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00:23:09,000 --> 00:23:23,000

Africa may be filled with uncharted wilderness, but it doesn't mean I have to live like an animal.

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

After scraping off the cave, I take a long nap in five-star bliss.

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00:23:28,000 --> 00:23:33,000

But as much as I'd like to lounge here forever, I've got a legend to solve, and I'm soon back on the road

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00:23:33,000 --> 00:23:36,000

to find treasure hunter Lucas Vandermur.

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00:23:36,000 --> 00:23:38,000

There's just one problem.

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He's inside the Kruger National Park, a 7,500 square mile nature reserve brimming with wild animals and zero fences.

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The area where the treasure hunter found the coin is still under the dominion of the native Shangan tribe.

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To enter their land and to film it, I'll need to get the permission of the tribal chief, who lives in a village on the edge of the park.

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00:24:02,000 --> 00:24:09,000

Upon arrival, ungraded by Edward Mabunda, a Shangana tribesman and the chief's right-hand man, how long has the chief lived here for?

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00:24:09,000 --> 00:24:11,000

For over 50 years now.

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00:24:11,000 --> 00:24:16,000

The traditional way of life for a Shangana chief means, among other things, polygamy.

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00:24:16,000 --> 00:24:17,000

And how many wives does he have?

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00:24:17,000 --> 00:24:18,000

Only three now.

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00:24:18,000 --> 00:24:19,000

Only three?

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00:24:19,000 --> 00:24:21,000

Yes, 25 children.

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00:24:21,000 --> 00:24:23,000

Is your chief named Dandraper?

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

Yes.

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00:24:24,000 --> 00:24:29,000

As we approach the chief's compound, we kneel and ask for permission to enter.

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00:24:29,000 --> 00:24:32,000

Dabazita!

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00:24:32,000 --> 00:24:36,000

Hi!

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00:24:36,000 --> 00:24:37,000

How are you?

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00:24:37,000 --> 00:24:39,000

I'm fine.

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00:24:39,000 --> 00:24:40,000

You go?

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00:24:40,000 --> 00:24:41,000

Right.

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00:24:41,000 --> 00:24:42,000

Permission granted.

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00:24:42,000 --> 00:24:44,000

We are more than welcome to move in the village.

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00:24:44,000 --> 00:24:45,000

Here we go.

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00:24:46,000 --> 00:24:52,000

It's clear that the chief and his wives are living in a world unchanged for hundreds of years.

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Thank you very much for having us today.

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My name is Josh.

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00:24:55,000 --> 00:24:58,000

Josh, where are you from?

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00:24:58,000 --> 00:25:00,000

I'm from America.

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00:25:00,000 --> 00:25:01,000

I'm from Kansai.

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00:25:01,000 --> 00:25:03,000

I live in Chalili.

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00:25:03,000 --> 00:25:06,000

Right, this is where we are more than welcome to his village.

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00:25:06,000 --> 00:25:07,000

Incom.

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00:25:07,000 --> 00:25:08,000

Incom.

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00:25:08,000 --> 00:25:13,000

Like any good host, he offers me a drink.

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00:25:13,000 --> 00:25:14,000

What is this?

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00:25:14,000 --> 00:25:19,000

We call that mkomboti, that's the traditional beer right from maize.

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00:25:19,000 --> 00:25:21,000

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00:26:10,000 --> 00:26:16,500

Woo! Wow! You guys are really, really amazing. You gotta take this on the road.

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00:26:16,500 --> 00:26:22,500

With the formalities out of the way, I asked for the tribe's permission to search on their land for Kruger's millions.

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00:26:22,500 --> 00:26:27,000

This search does take me through Kruger Park. Is it okay to look on that land?

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00:26:27,000 --> 00:26:37,500

You are permitted. But then, when you go through the bush, you have to get something to protect you. And that's the spear.

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00:26:37,500 --> 00:26:38,500

A spear?

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00:26:41,000 --> 00:26:48,500

The first thing when you go through the bush, are snakes, leopards, lions. Very dangerous.

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00:26:52,500 --> 00:26:56,500

He says now, that will protect you. Very brave when you go through the bush.

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00:26:56,500 --> 00:27:00,500

Thank you. This is a great honor for me. I really appreciate it.

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00:27:00,500 --> 00:27:01,500

Wow.

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00:27:02,500 --> 00:27:04,500

The chief is looking for wife number four.

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00:27:05,500 --> 00:27:08,500

Is it possible to get wife number four back home in America?

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00:27:08,500 --> 00:27:13,000

In America? Oh, yeah, I can get you wife number four easy. We have a town known as Las Vegas.

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00:27:18,000 --> 00:27:24,000

With the blessing of the Shangana, I eagerly continue my journey to meet treasure hunter Lucas Vandermer,

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00:27:24,000 --> 00:27:30,000

whose recent discovery of a genuine Kruger pound could be a sign that he's on the verge of a major breakthrough.

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00:27:30,000 --> 00:27:35,000

To get to him, though, I'm going to have to make one of the hairiest commutes in the entire world.

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00:27:35,500 --> 00:27:37,500

Thank you.

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00:27:38,500 --> 00:27:40,500

What have we got in there, King Kong?

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00:27:43,500 --> 00:27:46,500

We're now crossing into Kruger National Park.

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00:27:47,500 --> 00:27:52,500

When we think of the word park, we think of some, you know, nice small contained space, but that's

not the case here.

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00:27:52,500 --> 00:27:58,500

Kruger is almost 8,000 square miles. It runs for 200 miles in one direction.

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00:27:59,000 --> 00:28:04,000

We're driving through completely untamed wilderness here.

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00:28:04,000 --> 00:28:06,000

There's no fences, there's no moats.

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00:28:06,000 --> 00:28:10,000

Outside of this car are some of the most dangerous predators in the world.

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00:28:11,000 --> 00:28:15,000

Only a mile down the road, I discover just how right I can be.

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

Not that I'll be getting out of the car to take a bow.

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00:28:20,000 --> 00:28:22,000

It's a big fire.

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00:28:22,500 --> 00:28:24,500

Fire.

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00:28:36,500 --> 00:28:43,500

I'm in South Africa's Kruger National Park on the hunt for millions in lost gold, when suddenly things get a little hairy.

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00:28:48,500 --> 00:28:50,500

Fire.

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Roll them up.

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Most parts of the world we don't think about, driving around in a place where if you just pull over and step out, immediately your life is in danger.

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Okay, that is a hippo.

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That is actually the most dangerous animal in Africa.

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Hippos kill more people in this continent than any other animal.

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Elephant, elephant, elephant, elephant, elephant.

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A couple of them.

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Three of them, four of them.

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Elephants are normally not that dangerous as long as they're not feeling threatened or trying to

protect their young.

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But you do want to give them some space because when they do get mad, they f*** out.

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That is a herd of impala, named of course after the Chevy Impala.

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One of America's best selling mid-sized cars for over 10 years.

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I don't really know much about wildlife.

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I follow my GPS and arrive at the coordinates where I'm supposed to find treasure hunter Lucas Vandermur.

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Instead, I find a lot of scary guys with guns.

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And amidst the automatic weapons, I spot two guys who definitely don't look like soldiers.

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Hey guys, how are ya?

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Nice to meet ya.

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00:30:12,000 --> 00:30:13,000

Hi, good to meet you.

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00:30:13,000 --> 00:30:14,000

How are you?

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00:30:14,000 --> 00:30:15,000

Mark, Josh, pleasure.

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Bravo!

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See a lot of very serious looking guys around here dressing camo. Where am I right now?

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This is the Protrack anti-proaching unit's training base camp.

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Sergeant Mark Preston and the team from Protrack are on the front lines fighting rhino poachers who are decimating South Africa's dwindling herds.

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And they're not afraid to fight fire with fire.

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Either that or they're about to invade Botswana.

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And you guys are, I can see from the patchwork alone, obviously very serious about treasure hunting.

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30 years of treasure hunters and that's a Paul Kruger rant, right?

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You start treasure hunting in South Africa, everything is about the Kruger millions.

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Lucas and Nico may look like two runners up from a Hemingway lookalike contest, but don't be fooled.

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Lucas is a successful and wealthy treasure hunter.

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And to find the Kruger gold, he's teamed up with Nico, who knows so much about the Boer War that you'd think he fought in it.

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I'm the guy doing the logistics behind the scenes.

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I've been fortunate to get hold of reports of the British intelligence.

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And those reports have enabled us to establish where the Boer movements were.

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Nico's research has revealed that Kruger's troops who were transporting the gold to the coast on ox carts would have passed right through this very spot.

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He also thinks the British troops may have been right on their heels, leading the Boers to bury the gold for safekeeping.

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So you feel like this is a promising spot?

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Yes, very, very promising.

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This is an area that we haven't been able to search because of the wildlife, the game and the lions and all that.

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Now that they have the permission and the protection to search the park, Nico's eyes begin to fill up with dollar signs.

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We talk about \$30 million for one coin.

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Not bad for a half an inch worth.

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No, not at all. Well, let's do it then.

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Lucas and Nico are convinced Kruger's treasure was hastily hidden.

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And it turns out the single coin I saw which they recovered is just the tip of the iceberg.

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What are some of the artifacts that you've recovered up to this point?

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I recovered six Kruger pounds already.

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And then I found some swords, rifles, bayonets.

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As far as we go.

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Right flank, left flank, stay awake.

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We've left the safety of the car and by the looks of the faces on our security team, it's clear this isn't Disney's Animal Kingdom.

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They're ready for anything.

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And it isn't just the local wildlife they're worried about.

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So Mark, I see that you have these guys deployed out to the sides.

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Is this kind of a high risk area?

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The whole of Kruger's being poached.

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We have had a lot of incidences here.

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Incidence is Mark's charming way of referring to people trying to shoot him.

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Given the amount of money on the line, it's clear that poachers won't think twice about killing us to get to their prize.

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One rhino horn is worth how much on the black market?

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700,000.

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700,000 rand?

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So 50,000 dollars.

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Do you know how many get poached today?

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One rhino every six hours.

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Wow, that's crazy.

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All right, are we going to do this?

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As we make our way into the bush, Lucas and Nico have their metal detectors fired up and are looking for artifacts.

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According to historical documents found by Nico, this clearing may be the site of an epic standoff during the Boer War.

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Okay, the shovel is ready. Lead on.

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Nico believes that the authentic Kruger pounds they found here are proof that they're on the right track.

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So metal detecting is really about patience, right?

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No, it's more than patience. I'm thinking of what happened here a thousand years ago or a hundred years, depends on what you're going to find.

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I'm thinking about what I'm going to spend the money on.

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I'm thinking about that jet ski that I'm going to be buying at the end of this.

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We've got something here.

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Joss?

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What do you find?

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Got a signal here.

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That's it, yeah.

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00:34:18,000 --> 00:34:19,000

Look at that.

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In the South African bush, with two treasure hunters and a small paramilitary presence, we scan the earth looking for signs of buried treasure.

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00:34:30,000 --> 00:34:31,000

Got a signal here.

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00:34:35,000 --> 00:34:36,000

Look at that.

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00:34:38,000 --> 00:34:40,000

Look at you, look at that.

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This is M'Tin-N-Entry.

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This is the actual, the rifles that the Boers were issued with.

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This is incredible. This means that we know there was some action here.

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That's right.

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Okay, carrying on. We're on a roll. We haven't even been eaten yet.

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Lucas and Nico continue to sweep the clearing as the sun begins to disappear over the horizon.

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With the last minutes of daylight fading, Lucas suggests a new treasure hunting technique from his arsenal,

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involving a drone and a cutting-edge thermal camera.

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Things that I'm going to do are going to be done in a few minutes.

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Things that are metal, it strikes the heat of the sun during the day.

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Oh, it stays warm.

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Yeah, it stays warm for a longer time.

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And then what happens is with the thermal, it will detect it.

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And it'll see that even underground?

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Even six feet underground.

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Wow.

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00:35:30,000 --> 00:35:33,000

Going to look at it and mark it, and then tonight we're going out to go and look for it.

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We won't go too far, because for the lions.

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Right.

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And Mark, you'll stand next to me as close as possible.

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If you insist.

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We need the ground to cool off for the gold to stand out.

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So we kill time at what looks sort of like, but not really, a campsite.

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This is what we call a picket.

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This is the camp that my teams stay at.

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So at night they'll sit there and they'll be listening for any gunshots, any movement.

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And this is sort of fencing that you're building up around us.

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Yeah, this is Thornbush.

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Basically a lion will come here and he's going to get thorns in his paws.

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Lions won't go through that.

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They're not going to get through there easily.

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This is where you sleep in tonight.

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No, we're not.

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00:36:13,000 --> 00:36:14,000

We are?

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00:36:14,000 --> 00:36:15,000

Yeah.

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00:36:15,000 --> 00:36:17,000

We're not hauling back out to the road tonight?

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00:36:17,000 --> 00:36:18,000

No.

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00:36:18,000 --> 00:36:19,000

Okay.

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00:36:19,000 --> 00:36:22,000

This is information Mark I could have used when we met earlier.

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Now that it's dark, it's time to try Lucas's new toy.

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Go for it.

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Okay, she's up.

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00:36:45,000 --> 00:36:47,000

See, woods clearing.

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00:36:47,000 --> 00:36:48,000

Oh yeah, there is right there.

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00:36:48,000 --> 00:36:50,000

Everything that's white on here is hotter.

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00:36:50,000 --> 00:36:51,000

That's good.

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00:36:51,000 --> 00:36:52,000

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

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00:36:52,000 --> 00:36:53,000

Okay.

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Right there is a hotspot.

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You can see the thermal signature down on the soil.

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To my surprise, Lucas's unique search method does identify several hotspots, which he marks on GPS.

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With some new leads, he brings the drone down and we start to check out each of the contenders.

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I got it guys.

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Okay, let's pack it up.

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00:37:12,500 --> 00:37:14,500

Okay, let's go.

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All we just do is fall in one single file.

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Single file?

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Single file and follow.

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

Okay, let's go.

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00:37:20,500 --> 00:37:24,500

I've got a guy at the back with a weapon, two in front and the weapon.

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We're hiking out into the pitch black and we're the only things out here that can't see in the dark.

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The only thing that could be cast at Predator here is backup.

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It's difficult not to feel extremely vulnerable.

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Guys, guys.

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00:37:45,000 --> 00:37:46,000

Quiet, quiet, quiet.

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00:37:47,000 --> 00:37:49,000

Something in the bush is over there.

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Stay quiet.

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Want to know more about tonight's expedition?

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Then set a course for travelchannel.com where you can go behind the scenes with exclusive photos,

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never before aired footage and more.

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I'm in the wild plains of South Africa, hunting for the legendary Kruger Millions.

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Something in the bush is over there.

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Move forward.

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In total darkness though, I've got the feeling that we're the ones being hunted.

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Okay, that doesn't sound like a human being walking.

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00:38:46,500 --> 00:38:48,500

It doesn't sound like it's human.

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00:38:48,500 --> 00:38:55,500

So I think it's an animal and it's moved off and it's moved towards that side there.

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So I don't think it's a problem.

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With the team from ProTrack Standing Guard, Lucas, Nico and I get to our first hotspot.

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Whoa, whoa, whoa, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, we're on the spot.

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You got it?

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Just, yeah, we've got it.

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00:39:10,500 --> 00:39:11,500

Something there, yeah?

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What is that?

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What is this?

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00:39:20,500 --> 00:39:23,500

This is the front piece of the saddle. That's where your rider comes through.

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

Look at that.

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It is warm still.

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Actually, from the day, it's amazing.

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You think it is warm?

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Yes, definitely.

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Your notion that there were camps here, that there was stuff happening here during the war,

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certainly seems like we're in the right area.

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Let's go check out that next hit.

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Using the GPS coordinates to pinpoint our search areas, we're moving quickly from site to site.

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There you are.

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Hold on to the hand.

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We got it, we got it.

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

Oh, horseshoe.

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Horseshoe.

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With each new find, it's becoming apparent that we may have discovered a British campsite from the Boer War.

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Oh my God.

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Look at that.

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That is something awesome.

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Are you kidding me?

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Ribbony, the Ribbony 4.55.

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I've seen them in the museums, but I've never seen one coming from the ground.

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So this is probably from a British camp.

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They were first issued in the First Anglo-Bur War of 1881-82.

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When I started this, I thought, could there really be anything to find from this war still?

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And now I can't believe how much there is yet to be found.

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This is real evidence that we are in the right time period on the right track.

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

That's right.

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00:40:37,500 --> 00:40:45,500

Having exhausted all of the targets found with the drone, we call it a night and head back to the security of the picket.

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End of a long day.

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Gonna call it a night.

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There is an automatic weapon in here, so I'll just leave that where it is.

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My search for the Kruger Millions has taken me on a South African odyssey.

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The story itself is no myth.

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The money is real, minted in pure gold.

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Its route is known, preserved along steel tracks.

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So where did the coins end up?

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Are they buried beneath the park that shares their name?

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Or could they be hidden in a prehistoric cave?

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At this very moment, dogged treasure hunters are searching acre by acre to find out.

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The truth is that the Kruger Millions are more than just treasure.

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The coins reflect the history of South Africa itself,

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stamped with the face of a divisive founding father who helped scar the continent.

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Unearthing the history of the Boer War is important.

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But perhaps it's best that the money and the ideals it symbolizes

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remains buried deep under the belt of a new South Africa.

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One whose real treasures are its people, its animals,

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and its breathtaking wilderness.