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Looks like a row of lights.

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Tonight, the hunt for extraterrestrials continues.

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When kids all draw similar things,

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that's quite scary.

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I come face-to-face with the victims

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of a traumatic close encounter.

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Sometimes you just need to be brave enough to say that

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you saw aliens.

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In Great Britain, I get special access

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to the site of Europe's most notorious UFO case.

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It's coming this way.

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It is definitely coming this way.

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And hear a high-ranking witness's story.

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I'm thinking to myself, this is probably the end of my career.

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Nobody's gonna believe this.

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Then, I conduct an experiment

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to capture extraterrestrial life at the edge of space.

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Look at that!

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But will our evidence survive the trip?

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There it is!

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There it is right there!

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My name is Josh Gates.

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I've traveled to more than 100 countries

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exploring age-old legends.

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Oh, wow!

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Look at this!

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And now, I'm tackling mankind's greatest question.

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Are we alone in the universe?

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Join me on a global quest for answers.

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There she goes!

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And an investigation that is out of this world.

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Oh, right there!

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This is Expedition Unknown,

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Hunt for Extraterrestrials.

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The search for extraterrestrial life.

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For the first time in human history,

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the answer to the question of whether we're alone in the universe

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may be within reach.

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I'm focusing on the biggest, newest,

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and most compelling evidence on or beyond Earth.

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I began my search at NASA in Houston,

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where the next generation of telescopes and rovers

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are being ready to hunt for life beyond the stars.

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This is officially the coolest 4x4 I've ever been in.

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I guess it's not a 4x4, it's more like a 12x12.

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And I learned that the astronauts living and working in space

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are confident we're not alone.

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I think just by sheer number, there has to be life out there.

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In Chile, I came face-to-face with telescopes

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detecting exoplanets that may well be able to support life.

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This is for sure the single most complex piece of equipment

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I have ever seen.

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And in the Atacama Desert, I had my own UFO encounter.

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Oh, I got a light. I got a light.

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Guys, come here. Seriously, bring the camera. Come here.

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Going that way, going that way.

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Going that way.

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And then it's gone.

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I don't know what that was.

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I do not have an explanation for that.

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On remote Easter Island,

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I explored the controversial belief in ancient aliens.

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Oh, my God. Look at these.

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That does look so not a dessert.

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And now, I'm in Africa on a scientific odyssey

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with geologist Dr. Sherrod Master.

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You know where you're going?

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Yes. I hope so.

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Because I certainly don't.

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He's in Zimbabwe hunting for fragments of a meteorite

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at a recent impact site that has never been investigated.

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We are the first people to actually get out there

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to have a look at what happened.

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Cool.

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It is believed that meteorites could contain

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fossilized remains of microbial matter.

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If that can be proved,

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then life definitely exists beyond Earth.

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Every meteorite matters.

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The information that they have is absolutely precious.

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It is believed to have landed

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near the isolated village of Enkaye.

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You saw it land?

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Yeah.

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It looked like fire in the sky.

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The meteorite itself was stolen from a riverbed near the village,

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so we're on the hunt for samples that could have broken off at impact.

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It's likely that if there were any other fragments of this meteorite,

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there was spread out in an ellipse.

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So we should focus our search kind of starting here

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and moving back this way.

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Yes, that's right.

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Since any meteorite is certain to contain iron ore,

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Dr. Master and our team are scanning the impact zone

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with metal detectors,

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and it looks like we may have found something.

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Doc, I got a hit over here.

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Let's have a look.

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This whole area has gone crazy.

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The biggest hit we've had all day for sure.

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What is this?

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What is it?

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Oh my God.

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Wow.

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It's got that dark crust,

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and it looks very smoothed out.

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What is it?

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It could be a piece of meteorite.

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It could be.

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We would have to have it tested.

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Yeah, I think so.

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This could be a part of the meteorite figure.

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It could be.

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I mean, it's certainly giving off a really, really strong iron hit.

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That's good.

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That's good.

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The sample will need to be sent to a lab,

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split open, and examined under an electron microscope.

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It's a kind of incredible notion to think that this might have come from out there.

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Absolutely, yes.

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We're holding a tiny piece of an alien world right now.

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Great work.

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Yeah, okay.

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This is awesome.

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Yeah, that's awesome.

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Let's get it to the lab and see what it is.

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Yeah, yeah.

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The lab is able to confirm what we hoped.

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The iron-rich rock we've discovered is, in fact, part of the meteorite.

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The initial tests, however, do not reveal signs of organic particles.

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But as Dr. Sharad points out, every meteorite is important, hunt down enough of them,

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and scientists may find the smoking gun for alien life.

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Dr. Master isn't the only person in Zimbabwe convinced that extraterrestrial life has visited here.

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From the fields of Ankaye, I get back into the 4x4 and drive to Zimbabwe's capital city of Harare.

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My next stop is to meet with an expert named James Fox.

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James has been investigating UFO encounters for decades, and he's here in Zimbabwe investigating

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one of the largest mass sightings in the history of the world.

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On September 16, 1994, a mysterious craft was spotted landing near the grounds of the Aerial Elementary School outside of Harare.

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What makes this case so sensational, though, is that it wasn't just seen by one person, but by merely 100 students.

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There's the man.

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Hey, hey! James, what's up, man?

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Hey! So glad you made it!

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Are you two in?

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Nice to meet you in person.

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Nice to meet you. Come on in.

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Let me jump in.

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In doing research on this topic, the story of this aerial school grabbed me, and I'm really curious to hear your take on it.

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Well, this is a close encounter of the third kind, where witnesses claim to see the actual occupants, the beings,

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which takes it into a whole other category.

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But because of the sheer volume of eyewitness testimony, I can definitely say this is the most compelling close encounter of the third kind in modern history, period.

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I cannot wait to check this out.

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James has gotten in touch with several of the former students who witnessed the UFO, many of whom are telling their stories to investigators for the first time.

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We arrive at the school near the capital and head inside.

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Hi, Judy.

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Hi.

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I'm James.

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Hi, I'm Judy.

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And this is Josh.

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Hello.

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Nice to meet you.

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It's good to meet you.

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Judy Bates worked at the school as a teacher on the day of the UFO sighting, and is now

headmistress.

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Well, it won't take up too much of your time.

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So on the day that this event happened at the school, what I understand is that the teachers were in some sort of a meeting.

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Is that right?

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And so how did you first become aware that some kind of event had happened?

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Noise outside.

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You can always tell in a playground, school playground, when there's an unusual level of noise.

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Did it get louder or quieter?

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Yes, louder.

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Got louder.

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More excitable.

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The students were in a panic.

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Many were crying and inconsolable.

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Clearly something had taken place.

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The headmaster asked them to draw what they had seen.

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Those drawings, the freshest depictions of that day, are still here in the archives.

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This looks like a spaceship to me with light.

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Sure.

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A ring around the craft.

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Look at this.

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This is a, looks like a landing ramp.

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I think it's interesting to me, it's consistent across all of these, it's always framed by these trees.

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That you have this thing in between these trees.

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Mm-hmm.

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As we go through the binder, it's quickly apparent that the drawings share eerie similarities.

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The craft is always long and has numerous bright lights near the bottom.

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Something.

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Oh, look at that.

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So classic saucer just emits the trees.

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And again, this row of light seems to be consistent every time.

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And look at that, there's the creature.

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You look like a dark creature.

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So I can have big eyes.

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See what I think?

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Row of lights.

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And are these kids that were all in the same classroom?

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No, absolutely not.

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They would have been ranged from grade one to grade seven.

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And they're all drawing the same stuff?

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Yeah.

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Look when kids from different age groups are in different classrooms and they all draw similar things.

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That's quite, quite scary.

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What would you say to a skeptic who said, oh, there's no way this happened?

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You're always going to get people like that, aren't you?

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And then if it happened to them, how would they behave?

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Yeah.

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Right.

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We surely can't think that there isn't anything else out there.

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James and I step out and go towards the classroom where the eyewitnesses have been assembled.

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But I've been advised to tread carefully.

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OK, so what's the move here?

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This was a fairly traumatic experience.

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They're willing to meet with us, but I don't know exactly what.

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They're comfortable revealing.

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Right.

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So we're just going to cross our fingers and hope for the best.

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OK.

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I'm continuing my quest for evidence of extraterrestrial life at the Ariel School in Zimbabwe, the location of one of the largest mass UFO sightings in recorded history.

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Hello.

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Researcher James Fox has arranged for us to interview six of the eyewitnesses to the event, many speaking out for the very first time.

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Take us back to the 16th of September, 1994.

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So we were all out on the playground, all ages, right? All grades.

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I remember a sort of silence.

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And kids like pointing and saying, you know, what's that? What's that? What's that?

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What I remember is actually three orbs surrounding the main craft.

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Right.

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And these orbs of light just before it lands kind of don't often different directions before it lands in a rock back in the bushes there.

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I remember walking towards the silver shape with like lights underneath, right?

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And I really wanted to get a closer look. I was really like, you know, what is this?

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And I remember some kids starting to cry.

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Can you describe what the craft looked like?

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Silver with like slanted sides and flat top and flat bottom and then those lights that would go on and off.

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The descriptions of the alien craft all match the drawings we saw earlier, as well as the accounts of the nearly 70 other students.

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But this encounter was more than just a UFO.

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Then I remember seeing like a small little humanoid.

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A humanoid? I don't know if I'm going to call it a humanoid or a human. Short arms, short legs, sort of a pair on the top part of the saucer.

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And that's when I distinctly remember being really scared.

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What did this creature look like?

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Not tall at all.

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Did you see the eyes?

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The eyes are a dark but with a shiny, like long slanted type of eyes.

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Can you show me with your hands?

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Sort of like that. That angle, yeah.

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Okay, so you see this saucer, this being. How long does this go on for? Is it instant or does it stay there for a while?

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It was an instant.

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It's difficult to judge time, but I think we were out there for a good 20 minutes maybe.

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20 minutes?

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Yeah.

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It's almost like everything kind of just pauses for a minute and there's so much happening, but it felt like for a minute.

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James believes that the distortion of time they're describing is a frequent occurrence during close encounters.

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Blank spots in memory and segments of lost time are often reported. And how did it end?

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Did it take off? Did it disappear?

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Did anybody see it move or move again?

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I remember teachers running down and I remember hearing voices like, take the kids, you know, take the kids.

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So I remember just, I went to those kids that were crying and I was like, come let's go, let's go.

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I don't actually remember looking back and checking to see if, you know, because now there was real sort of, let's go, let's get out of here, you know, let's take the kids to their classes.

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What was the overall sentiment of the teachers, the adults of this case?

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I just remember us being called into an assembly, saying that we were all lying.

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But I don't know if that was just to try and keep us from crying and being upset and everything to what we'd seen.

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But I just remember there was a lot of trouble.

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You're in trouble. They just wanted to kind of say this didn't happen.

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Yeah.

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You know, I think they put it down to just kids in the imaginations.

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I just, I do remember going back to our classroom, there being a lot of, kind of, you know, everyone wasn't sure what to do.

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There was a bit of panic, a bit of confusion.

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And I do remember our teachers just trying to, you know, talk to us and kind of calm us down a bit.

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The idea of a conspiracy involving 70 plus children agreeing on a single version of a detailed event is hard to reconcile,

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especially when they seem so personally affected by the event.

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How do you feel about the experience? Do you think that you're lucky to have had this kind of an experience or does it feel like kind of a curse?

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Lucky in a way, but when you're a kid and you see that it's like a curse because you just get mocked and everything.

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Right.

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I think if I keep it to myself, you know, within my own head I feel lucky.

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But it's when you have to explain it to others and kind of try and open other people's minds where it feels like a burden when you can't really talk openly about it

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without either being criticized or considered crazy.

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It is that fear of stigma, of being branded as crazy, that has kept the full story of the aerial school from coming out for so long.

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Tragically though, it has also made these men and women feel more alone than they needed to.

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What do you say to someone who says this is impossible?

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This was some group psychosis, there was some shiny thing at the end of the field.

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You all don't know what you saw.

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I would say I know what I saw.

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It was too vivid, too real, you know.

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Yeah, roughly the same.

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They don't have to believe it.

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Would you believe it if you hadn't been there?

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I don't think so.

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Do you think it's possible that it was a hoax?

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That somebody could have tricked you?

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No.

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Not at all.

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I think sometimes you just need to be brave enough to say that,

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okay, I think by sort of like world definitions, we saw aliens.

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The former students of the aerial school are bound together by a strange but deep bond.

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As for me, I walk away from our interview believing that they believe,

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and James Fox is continuing to investigate the case,

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but without physical evidence, the jury will remain out,

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which is why I'm turning to another infamous sighting over 7,000 miles away.

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And just like the aerial school, there are multiple eyewitnesses involved,

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but there's also something else, possible proof of the encounter.

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I've been traveling through Zimbabwe,

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meeting with former students who claim to have experienced a mass UFO encounter.

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Can you describe what the path looked like?

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It's over with slanted sides and flat top and flat bottom,

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and then those lights that would go on and off.

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Even for an open-minded skeptic like me, their story is incredibly compelling,

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but there's no corroborating evidence to truly close their case.

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However, there is another mass sighting half a world away

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with a high-level military witness willing to talk,

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and perhaps even proof to back his story up.

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As I drive out of London to my next investigation,

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it occurs to me that I haven't eaten on camera in days.

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And what's more appropriate for the UK than bangers and mash?

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This means something.

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The British don't appreciate the concept of playing with your food,

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and we're politely asked to leave.

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What?

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After my close encounter with lunch,

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I return to the road and speed toward a Cold War relic

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with a story that still hasn't been fully told.

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Next stop is a place called Bentwater's Air Base.

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Today the base is closed, but it used to be a huge Royal Air Force

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and US Air Force military installation.

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It's also the home of what has become known as the Rendlesham Forest Incident,

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this is without a doubt the most celebrated UFO case in British history.

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And I'm going to meet with an eyewitness, but not just any old eyewitness,

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a US Air Force colonel who was in charge of the base that night.

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In 1980 at the height of the Cold War,

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bases like Bentwater's were on a constant state of readiness

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to defend against the Soviet attack.

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On Christmas night of that year,

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a security patrol was sent to investigate

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what they thought was a downed aircraft in nearby Rendlesham Forest.

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When they ran in to help,

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what they found instead became so famous that it is now known as England's Roswell.

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I've been granted access to drive on to Bentwater's

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to meet with retired US Colonel Charles Holt,

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the deputy base commander at the time of the incident,

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as well as British radar operator Gary Baker.

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How are you?

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Good to finally meet you.

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Good to meet you too, Colonel, it's a pleasure.

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How are you doing?

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I'm really well, thanks.

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This is Gary Baker.

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Gary, pleasure.

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Well, I appreciate you guys taking the time to meet with me.

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Thank you so much.

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This is a pretty amazing place.

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It certainly is.

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It was a beehive of activity in 1980, I can tell you that.

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Now in 1980, you were the deputy base commander.

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I was a deputy base commander.

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And you were stationed somewhere else, right?

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Where were you?

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This is the base of this RF Neeta set in Norfolk.

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It's a radar station.

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Our mission was to protect the airspace of the United Kingdom.

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So take me back in time to late December, I believe, 1980.

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Well, the initial incident occurred Christmas night, December 25th,

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morning to December 26th.

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The two bases, Bentwater's was the primary base

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and Woodbridge was a sister base,

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which was all part of the same complex.

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They're side by side,

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but they're separated by the rental from Forest.

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And there's a shortcut between the two bases

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that the maintenance people would run back and forth.

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We had a back gate for a service road,

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and you could see into the tall course of the pines.

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John Burrows is a police patrolman.

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He and his partner, Bud Stephens,

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went up to the gate to check the integrity of the lock.

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Burrows looks out the gate,

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and he sees red and blue flashing lights and white lights.

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Pinnison volunteers, they said,

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we need to do something, we need to find out what this is.

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Pinnison says, I'll go out.

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John Burrows volunteers to go with them.

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They go forward into the forest to where the lights are.

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They see a metallic object.

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It was triangular, about nine feet on the side,

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about six feet tall.

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It was on three legs, very smooth, shiny,

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sort of a blackish color.

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On the edge, it had hieroglyphic-like markings on it.

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In the meantime, the radios are acting up.

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So he immediately ran back to the guard shack,

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called their traffic control,

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and said, do we have any reports of anything?

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No, nothing flying, nothing in the air,

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nothing reported down.

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So when you first heard what was your initial reaction?

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There was an explanation.

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I was sure there was a logical explanation.

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Two nights later, Bruce England,

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the on-duty flight commander for the police, came in.

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White as a sheet.

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He said to the base commander,

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now we gotta talk, now it's back.

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They take me to the site where,

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supposedly, this crafted landing.

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We find three indentations, eight or nine feet apart,

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three to four inches deep in a perfect triangle.

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And we're taking readings with a Geiger counter.

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Now, the readings we got were about nine times

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normal back-rime radiation.

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We find what looks like a blasted earth,

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scrubbed up area here.

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This tape is the actual recording Colonel Halt made

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the night of his Rendlesham sighting.

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It is perhaps one of the most important

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contemporaneous pieces of UFO evidence ever captured.

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We got three positive degrees.

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So while we're doing that, Bruce England says,

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look over there, there's a glowing red object or light.

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There it is.

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I see it too. What is it?

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We don't know, sir.

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And sure enough, there's this object,

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something like an American football.

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It was not perfectly round and had a dark center.

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The best way I can describe it,

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it looked like a pupil of an eye.

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This is what we're showing off.

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It was shedding light or sparks

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that would fall into the ground.

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It moves towards us, missing the trees,

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so it's obviously under intelligent control.

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It's coming this way.

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It's definitely coming this way.

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So we're watching this thing and it silently explodes.

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The five white objects,

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something like a fireworks display,

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and they're gone. They disappear.

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There's no doubt about it. This is weird.

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And we see two white objects, two bright lights.

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One of the objects comes overhead at very high speed

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and stops directly overhead,

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I'd say about 2,000, 3,000 feet,

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and sends down a beam, boom, right on our feet.

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Oh, I'm sorry, we have a pierced

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to the beam coming down to the ground.

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And I'm thinking, is it a weapon?

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Is it a warning? Some kind of communication?

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Were you scared?

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Yeah, yeah, I was scared.

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I've been granted access to visit England's Bentwaters Airfield

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and meet with former Deputy Base Commander

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Colonel Charles Holt and radar tower operator

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Gary Baker, who are telling me about their experiences

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on the night of one of the world's most infamous UFO sightings.

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One of the objects comes overhead at very high speed

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and stops directly overhead, I'd say about 2,000, 3,000 feet,

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and sends down a beam, boom, right on our feet.

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Oh, I'm sorry, we have a pierced to the beam

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coming down to the ground.

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And I'm thinking, is it a weapon?

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Is it a warning? Some kind of communication?

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Were you scared?

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Yeah, yeah, I was scared.

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We see strange, uh, stroked-out flashes.

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I have moon shape dancing about with colored lights on them.

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This is unreal.

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And just as suddenly as it appeared,

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like a light switch goes off.

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I'm thinking to myself, why did I ever come out here?

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This is probably the end of my career.

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Nobody's gonna believe this.

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Back here on the base in the control tower,

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what was the official word? Did the guys there see anything?

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Yeah, but they didn't admit it.

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What did they see?

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They saw an object go across the 60-mile scope

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in less than four seconds.

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And they saw it go into the forest where we were.

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That would mean that the craft on the radar

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was moving at 54,000 miles per hour,

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a speed at which no plane at the time or since could match.

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Gary, tell me a bit about your experience.

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I got into work, and there was a buzz amongst the crew,

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the colleagues, that there'd been a UFO flap.

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And within a day or two, the Ministry of Defense

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took away radar tapes and bridge logs.

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And the bridge logs is a running commentary of events

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that happen within the sphere of interest of that radar station.

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Had anybody ever come in to remove things like that before?

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No, no.

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In addition, my squadron and the other squadron,

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all the personnel were told to go into the briefing room.

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We were told this never happened,

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and no one's to talk about it, period.

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You know, in the military, if you're given an order,

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yours isn't the reason why, you just do it.

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Secrecy wasn't unusual for the Cold War military,

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but Gary was surprised by the official explanation for the night.

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But I read through it, and it says,

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the Ministry of Defense deny radar evidence

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because the radar camera switched off at 1627 on that day.

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And I think, hang on a minute, we had two radars.

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This is the Cold War.

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They don't suddenly switch off when it's time to go home for tea and biscuits.

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The assumption being that RFNita said,

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camera was switched off so there's no radar evidence.

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But that no radar evidence was taken away by the Ministry of Defense.

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Colonel, what do the skeptics say?

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How do people explain this away?

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The biggest story is the lighthouse.

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Now, where is the lighthouse?

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It's about four or five miles away.

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Many people have suggested that the light from this coastal station

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could have been what was observed at the base that night.

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At the end of the day, what do you think you saw?

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I saw something under intelligent control, I know that.

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That's all I can say.

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Do you think what you saw was extraterrestrial?

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I'm firmly convinced myself that yes, it was extraterrestrial.

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Colonel Halt clearly doesn't think highly of the prevailing theory

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that the lighthouse was the source of the phenomena he saw.

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I want to conduct an experiment to see for myself.

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The only problem is the lighthouse has been deactivated

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since it's about to be swallowed by the sea.

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I'm not going to let that stop me.

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I arrange a ferry to get me over to the lighthouse.

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I'm going to take a look at the lighthouse.

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I arrange a ferry to get me over to the lighthouse

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where I've set up a meeting with engineer Trevor Robinson.

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Hey, Trevor.

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Yes.

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Nice to meet you.

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Thanks so much for letting me come out here.

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You're welcome.

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My hope is that we can see what this lighthouse might have looked like back in 1980.

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Have you been able to coax her back to life?

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We can give it a try.

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Let's give it a whirl. Come on.

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He's salvaged a light equivalent in strength to the one that's shown in 1980.

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We climb over 100 feet up the stairs with the lantern and the batteries,

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which Trevor could really have brought up here before I arrived.

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I'm just saying.

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I'm starting to see why you sent me down for the batteries.

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Oh my God.

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How do you know the couple?

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Another couple.

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Okay, I'll be back.

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Oh my God.

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Next, we wire the old lantern of the lighthouse with our modern replacement.

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In 1980, the light would have rotated and blinked in a five second interval.

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This will be able to emulate it perfectly.

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There you go.

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Perfect.

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Okay, are you ready?

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Yep.

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Okay, let's see what this baby can do.

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Look at that!

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Nice work.

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She's alive!

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Now that we know the light works,

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Trevor shuts it down and waits for my signal.

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While I head back to the ferry to Bentwater's Air Force Base

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and into the heart of adjacent Rendlesham Forest where the sighting took place.

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All right, let's see if we can see this lighthouse.

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Hello, babe?

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Trevor, hey, it's Josh.

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We are in position.

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We're in Rendlesham Forest.

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Let's have you light off the light.

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Okay, here we go.

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I'm in Rendlesham Forest,

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site of Europe's most infamous UFO encounter.

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British officials blamed a nearby lighthouse for the sighting.

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But was the Rendlesham UFO a case of mistaken identity?

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We're about to turn the lighthouse back on to settle it once and for all.

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We're in position.

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We're in Rendlesham Forest.

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Let's have you light off the light.

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Okay, here we go.

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There you go.

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So, all right, keep it running.

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I'll give you a bus back.

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Now, parts of the event took place on the edge of the field

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where it was a little more open,

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in here at the actual site where this thing is meant to have landed.

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Look at how thick the canopy is.

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There's just no way they could have seen this lighthouse from down here.

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Let's see if we can see it back at the base.

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Before I can say for sure that the lighthouse

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couldn't have been what Colonel Halt saw,

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I decide to check the range of the light

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from the highest point I can find on Bentwater's airfield,

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the abandoned air traffic control tower.

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Here we are.

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Look at this.

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The very top of Bentwater's air base.

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This is the highest point at the site.

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So, he's east and to the south,

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so he should be somewhere right out here.

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Boom.

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One, two, three, four.

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Five.

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Look at that.

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Just light clockwork every five seconds.

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But remember, I couldn't see it from down in the forest at all,

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which is where most of these eyewitnesses were.

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And not only did he see white lights,

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but blue lights and green lights.

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What I'm seeing out here is this bone white light.

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And these guys worked at this base for years.

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This lighthouse would have been something that they saw pretty regularly.

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So, I'm going to go ahead and check it out.

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I'm going to go ahead and check it out.

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This is something that they saw pretty regularly.

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So, it's hard to imagine that it could have matched

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what they described as something that was really erratic.

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Now, it is totally possible that the beams of light

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could have bounced off of trees,

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hit fog or clouds,

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and made kind of a strange appearance.

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But I think it's really safe to say that's not what they saw.

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In my mind, the Rendlesham incident has earned its notoriety.

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The witnesses were seasoned military men,

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trained to be logical and in control of any situation.

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These are not guys prone to exaggeration.

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The audio tapes and witnesses to the radar

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suggest that something was in that forest on Christmas week in 1980.

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The next morning, I'm shifting gears and continuing my quest.

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I leave Rendlesham feeling like I've just heard

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about a genuine close encounter.

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But I'm also frustrated.

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I'm seeking irrefutable evidence of extraterrestrials.

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And there's a scientist here in the UK

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who is a scientist who has been working with the US

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to help us find out what's going on.

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And I'm also frustrated that there's no evidence

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of extraterrestrials.

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And there's a scientist here in the UK

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who's attempting to not just find the very thing I'm looking for,

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but to physically capture it.

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Near the city of Sheffield,

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I find Professor Milton Wainwright with two researchers

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as they prepare their latest groundbreaking experiment.

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Fantastic to see you.

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You brought the weather with you.

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It's a very English day.

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This is Chris.

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This is Alex.

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Alex, pleasure.

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What's the experiment?

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We're going to launch a balloon.

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It's going to go more or less straight up towards the stratosphere.

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And how high up will this balloon go?

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We'll be looking over 20 miles.

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So you're going almost up to the edge of space.

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What are you testing for here? What's the idea?

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What we're looking for is evidence towards the theory of panspermia.

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The idea that life...

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Sir, this is a family show.

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Sorry.

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Panspermia is...

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Panspermia is the idea that life came from space.

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The idea is that several billion years ago,

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bacterial extraterrestrials floated into Earth's atmosphere

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and began life here.

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And Milton is convinced the process is still happening today.

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So as soon as the Earth cooled,

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there's life coming in all the time.

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Nothing's fundamentally changed since that time.

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So if it came in then, it should be coming in now.

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To prove it, the balloon will carry a box to the edge of space,

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where no organic particles from Earth are found.

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The box then opens a tray that collects space particles

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on round stubs that act like flypaper.

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The tray retracts, the balloon bursts,

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and the box parachutes to Earth.

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Then we take the box back to the laboratory,

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look what's on the surface of these stubs.

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The hope is one of the stubs contains an organic particle,

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life that didn't come from Earth.

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That's awesome.

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Is there anything I can do to help?

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Absolutely, yeah. Great. Let's get some gloves.

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Gloves? Okay.

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The noise of the balloon being filled isn't exactly dignified.

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The balloon inflates in a matter of minutes,

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and I almost leave with it.

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That's it? Yeah, yeah.

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Goodbye. Goodbye. Oh my God.

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I was the old man from up for a second.

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I thought I was out of here.

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In this box, they saw a little tracking payload.

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The non-sterile part of the box is rigged with a GPS tracker,

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and fitted with an on-board camera that will transmit the entire trip.

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Camera looks good. Camera going in.

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You all happy? Yep. Let's go.

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Here we go.

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Finally, Alex and Chris seal the boxes with, what else, duct tape.

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And we're ready for launch.

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Let it go.

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And we're going to find this again.

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You're sure? Yeah.

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Watch out.

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Way, there she goes.

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On a hilltop near Sheffield, England,

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Professor Milton Wainwright is launching an experimental box

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attached to a weather balloon into the stratosphere.

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Watch out.

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Way, there she goes.

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Way, there she goes.

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Godspeed.

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Look at that.

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He believes that at the edge of space, there may be organic particles

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not from our planet.

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His goal?

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For a tiny collection tray to open and trap one of these microbes.

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If he can prove they exist,

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it means that the first life on Earth probably began in space,

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and that all of us are, in a sense, extraterrestrials.

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We need to chase this thing down so all systems go. Let's go.

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Back to the car.

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Okay, let's do it. Come on. Let's go find this thing.

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Alex, Chris and I immediately jump into their truck to give chase,

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while Milton returns to his lab to prepare for our samples.

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Okay, we're off. We're off. We're off.

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It says it's more than 30,000 feet now.

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Yeah, that's right. That's well higher than the height of Everest.

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That is insane.

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We got another three times that skill to go.

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So, we do need to pull over to get some gas,

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so we're going to do that in just a moment.

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Wait, what?

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You guys were so organized.

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Well, that's it.

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Like, you might only focus on so many things.

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How to gas.

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We almost thought of everything.

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Here we go.

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All right, quick pit stop, everybody. Here we go. Let's fuel it up.

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Yeah, let's turn that.

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The balloon is still ascending for a few more minutes

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over the English countryside,

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so we should have time to get gas and a few essentials.

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Okay, let's go.

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Sorted?

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Yeah.

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I'm good.

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You're good.

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Yeah, I'm good.

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I guess that's what you call a pit stop.

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All filled up, we return to the hunt,

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speeding along to get to the point

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where the box is projected to return to Earth.

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Get the hell out of here.

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Look at that!

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I mean, it looks like it's almost in space.

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Absolutely.

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I mean, you really see the blackness of space

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juxtaposed against the thin blue line of the atmosphere.

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It's great, isn't it?

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That is...

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Buh-buh bananas.

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As the balloon nears peak altitude,

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the box opens,

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hopefully to collect the particles we're after.

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It says door opened,

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and it's collecting particles, hopefully.

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It is.

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Go science.

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Okay, so we just broke 100,000 feet.

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It's 100,000 feet up.

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Insane.

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Totally insane.

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The box closes as it crosses 110,000 feet.

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The balloon likely won't withstand much more pressure.

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It burst.

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Yes, and that little balloon's now turned into a little parachute.

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Okay.

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And it's burst.

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And it's on its way back down.

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It's on its way back down.

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Our experiment plummets back to Earth

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as we speed toward its GPS signal.

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Okay, how far are we from it?

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We are nine miles away.

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Just about to land ahead of us, I think.

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I think we're on the ground.

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Touchdown.

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Touchdown, okay.

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So, like, we might be in a field right next to a farmhouse.

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Okay, here we go. Punch it, Chewie.

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The box is down.

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Now we need to get to it as soon as possible

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to see if it's still intact.

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This is the field, is it?

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It's in here.

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Yeah.

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We've just passed that building over there

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and just slightly into the field.

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There it is.

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There it is, right there.

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The expedition continues right now.

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I'm taking you behind the scenes here at EXU headquarters

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along with my crew and a very special guest

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for an exclusive look at shocking new evidence.

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But first, here's a sneak peek at next week's conclusion

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to the hunt for extraterrestrials.

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Our box is back from space.

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No.

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In one piece.

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And now, the results are in.

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What's that?

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If that does prove out to be something organic

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that you're talking about...

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Life from space.

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Then, I return to the U.S. to investigate a sighting

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that has locals running for the hills.

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Oh, right there.

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A big light.

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And go west to take on the most infamous UFO case in history.

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Roswell.

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The memo tells us there's been alien visitation.

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It's a smoking gun.

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Absolutely.

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Then, as my hunt draws to a close,

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it's time for the evidence to be put to the test.

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So what do you make of this video?

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What will the final verdict be?

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So what is it?

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It's still on its point.

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Get outta here!