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On this episode of Expedition X, my team treks deep into the Cambodian jungle.

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There is a monster living in this forest.

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To track a terrifying creature.

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Can you hear that?

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Yes, we got a cave.

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I just saw something run across.

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That's now on The Attack.

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Come here, fill, fill, fill, fill.

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My name is Josh Gates.

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In my travels, I've experienced strange things that defy logic

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and made me question everything.

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Oh my God.

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Now, I've put together a team to investigate the stranger side of the unknown.

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Phil Torres is a scientist who hunts for rational explanations.

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What the problem has actually found is just no.

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Jessica Chobot's paranormal research has made her a true believer.

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There is a monster living in this forest.

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Fill, fill, fill.

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I just saw something run across.

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Together, we're searching for answers.

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What is that?

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To the world's most extraordinary mysteries.

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This is Expedition X.

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Phil and Jess, the case that we're tackling today is one that I'm super intrigued by.

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And one of the reasons I'm so intrigued by it is because I've actually had my own first-hand experience.

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About 10 years ago, my team and I discovered and cast a series of enormous, mysterious footprints

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in the Himalayas while investigating reports of the Yeti.

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That one is a beauty.

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Look at that.

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That one is clear as day.

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What do you think that is?

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It's a big animal.

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This looks like a clear, almost like a human footprint.

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So you actually found real Yeti footprints.

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Well, that's the question.

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They're real.

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They're footprints.

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The question is, what are they from?

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And ever since this happened, I have been obsessed by the idea that there could be

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unknown, uncataloged primates out in the world.

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This is something that really spans the globe.

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Every culture, every continent makes reference to this kind of bigfoot-like creature.

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And with that many sightings and that many stories, I just don't think it's something

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you can easily write off.

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Yes, you're absolutely right.

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Here in the States, we think of this as Bigfoot.

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It's the Yeti in the Himalayas.

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But there are so many variants of this story.

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In Australia, they call it the Yaoi.

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In China, it's called the Yarin.

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In Central Asia, it's called the Amas.

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And in fact, nearly every culture does have one of these mystery primate stories.

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And lots and lots of people claim to see them.

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So, Phil, you're a resident biologist here.

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What do you think?

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Is something like this a possibility?

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I will admit that there's a possibility.

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It may be small, but when you look at some of the evidence, it's hard to explain away.

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Yes, it's a story that spans the globe, but I think it's important to look at it regionally.

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And certain areas have more of a biological possibility that something like this could exist.

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And in terms of a region where there's been a lot of interesting eyewitness reports,

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today we're going to turn to Southeast Asia.

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There is something really unusual going on in Cambodia right now.

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Locals call it the Tectec or the Monoprey.

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And it has earned itself a unique and fearsome reputation.

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Though Cambodia is home to more than 800 species of mammals, birds and reptiles,

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large apes are not known to inhabit the region.

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And yet for centuries, locals have told stories about a terrifying ape-like creature.

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They say it inhabits the most remote areas of Cambodia's 500 million acres of jungles.

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Dutch traders in Cambodia wrote about them in the 1700s.

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During the Vietnam conflict in the 60s and 70s,

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US servicemen and North Vietnamese forces near the Cambodian border filed official after-action

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of encounters with fearsome ape-like creatures during firefights.

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Soldiers called them rock apes because the beasts reportedly responded to rifle and machine gun fire

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by throwing rocks.

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More recently, terrified villagers in western Cambodia

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describe encounters with a big foot-like creature more than 7 feet tall.

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Aggressive, ferocious, foul-smelling, and at times extremely dangerous.

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Now, as humans encroach further into this jungle habitat,

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sightings are increasing.

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Wildlife researchers, park rangers, hunters and hikers have all described the Tectec

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as something more than legend.

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They insist it's a flesh and blood creature.

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So there we go. You look intrigued.

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Yeah, I'm very intrigued.

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I mean, the Tectec seems to be credible, and if we can prove its existence,

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then that means we could possibly prove the existence of other mystery primates.

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And Phil, what do you think?

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You know, I love me a good jungle mystery.

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And the way I see it, we're in a golden age of discovery or rediscovery,

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because we have all this new technology to put to use in the field

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that wasn't even available two or three years ago.

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So there have been new monkeys discovered in Tanzania and the Congo.

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There's a new species of orangutan identified in Indonesia, not far from Cambodia.

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So there are mysteries out there yet to be discovered.

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I'm not saying it's a Tectec, but there could be something there.

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In the jungles of Cambodia, we might be able to find.

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Which brings us back to these stories of these US servicemen

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who claimed to see some sort of ape-like creature during firefights

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in Vietnam and Cambodia during the war.

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Now, I'd only ever read about these accounts until now.

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I actually was able to track down one of these men.

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He's a Green Beret who served in Cambodia not far from where these recent Tectec sightings were reported.

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And he's agreed to go on record for the very first time.

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Take a look at what he and his men claim to see.

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My name is Robert Gale.

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I trained to be a Special Forces soldier.

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Ultimately, I was awarded and earned the Green Beret.

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And that's how I ended up with part of the Fifth Special Forces Group in Vietnam and in Cambodia.

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We were under direct orders.

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It was a classified mission.

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And the weirdest encounter I ever had was on late one afternoon.

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It was very dark.

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We encountered an attack.

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I'll never forget the point men stops.

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He saw something and he pointed up.

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And I told the people around me, look up, look up.

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And we looked up and he saw something climbing the tree.

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Saw it scampering up.

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Ape-like human form, something that I've never seen before.

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Our point men, he got pelted with a rock.

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And then we all started getting pelted with rocks.

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When I first became alert to what was happening in the trees and I saw the movement.

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It was black, no clothes.

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I could see it was clumped with dirt and mud.

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I could see the eyes, which when you're looking at it in the trees, it tends to scare you.

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It was kind of a foul odor.

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The hair is kind of bushy and matted.

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It was just strange and very unnerving.

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What do you think?

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I mean, everything that he mentions in regards to the throwing of the rocks,

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that odor is all consistent with other reports that I've heard and read about regarding Tectec.

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And Phil, what do you make of it?

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I certainly believe they saw something and even were attacked by something.

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But I'm just not convinced of what it was.

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And to answer that question, I'd like to send the two of you on a mission

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deep into the jungles of Northwestern Cambodia.

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You ready for this?

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This is the area where this green beret and his men served.

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It's also the area where the most recent Tectec sightings have been reported.

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It's also an area where an ancient ruined city called Mahendra Parvada was recently rediscovered.

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It's a fascinating place, but the villagers who live there, remember,

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they believe that this mystery primate is not only real, they believe it's dangerous.

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There have been reports of recent attacks.

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So your mission is simple.

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Find out what these people are actually encountering.

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Sound good?

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Yeah, let's do this.

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Phil and Jessica head to Siem Reap, 200 miles north of the capital of Phnom Penh.

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This is a land of temples and tumbled stone,

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a gateway to the glories of the past and the achievements of the Angkor Empire.

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It is also the region of the country with the largest concentration of Tectec sightings.

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The investigation begins at Angkor Wat.

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Wow.

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Here we are.

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This is so cool.

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This 400-acre site was initially constructed as a Hindu temple in the 12th century.

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And according to the carved records on the wall,

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it took more than 300,000 workers over 35 years to build it.

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Today, the ruins are an evocative reminder of the powerful kingdom

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that once rose from the jungles of Southeast Asia.

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So we're meeting Nick up here.

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I've connected my team with my friend, author and journalist Nick Ray,

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who's an expert on Cambodian culture and history.

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Nice to meet you.

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Nice to see you.

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Nick notes that the residents of this region have long shared space with their primate brethren,

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from the pigtailed macaques that now overrun Angkor Wat,

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to ancient Hindu imagery that adorns the temple walls.

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The details preserved in these walls, this is amazing.

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As you see, it's showing all these epic characters from Hinduism, including Hanuman,

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the monkey.

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Often referred to as the monkey god, Hanuman is a warrior deity

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prominently featured in an epic Hindu poem about Cambodia's origins,

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called the Rinke, and appears all over the walls of Angkor Wat.

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He may also have served as folkloric inspiration

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for the creature seen in the jungles today.

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They may actually resemble what a tectac looks like.

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What type of written records or evidences are there?

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Mainly it comes from these early European explorer accounts

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that describes from local tribes the horror of this jungle creature.

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In the 17th century, a French explorer named Henri Baudesson

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was the first to write about the tectac.

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When he visited Western Cambodia, local tribesmen spoke of a giant ape-like beast

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fiercer than anything else in the jungle,

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a kind of monster that would attack villagers.

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As time went on, similar stories of giant ape attacks

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started popping up all over the jungles of Southeast Asia.

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What's been the most recent sighting?

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Not so far from here, the holy mountain of Phnom Kulen,

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the birthplace of the Khmer Empire, there's some people up there.

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They also have the same stories the way tectac attack people.

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Interesting.

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How do people see the tectac now?

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Do they see it as a protector or as something of fear?

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They see it as dangerous, definitely something you want to avoid

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and you can see palpable fear on locals when they talk about it.

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They believe and they're scared.

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Bloody tail.

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Oh, somebody got in a fight.

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Though sometimes aggressive, these monkeys are usually no threat to humans.

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Though if you imagine them scaled up to ten times this size, they'd be terrifying.

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It's one thing to talk about these little guys here,

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but what people are talking about with this tectac,

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it reminds me actually of the gigantic apithecis.

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This was a factual thing that there was an ape-like creature roaming around this area

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as recently as 100,000 years, which in evolutionary terms, that's pretty recent.

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It's certainly plausible that a species could continue to exist here.

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That just hasn't been seen.

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There's precedent for the discovery of species that were believed to be mere legend,

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nor Smithology immortalized the fearsome Kraken,

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a tentacled monster rumored to attack ships.

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It was most likely inspired by sightings of the elusive giant squid,

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which wasn't seen by cameras until a Japanese team captured footage from a deep-sea mission in 2004.

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With much of Cambodia's jungles still largely unpopulated,

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is it possible that this region could be hiding a giant primate like the tectac?

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We actually have a map of recent sightings.

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Fantastic, let's take a look.

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This is a work in theory right now.

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Up in this area of Veracruz National Park, that's where a lot of the older sightings were from, several years ago.

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And now, in this area just north of where we are now, there's been a bunch of recent sightings.

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And that fascinates us. That's where we want to go.

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Yeah, that's the hotspot.

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Well, you're looking around Phnom Kulen and the location of the lost city of Mahendra, Povata.

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You know, Josh went to Mahendra, Povata was telling us about it,

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and at the time he was one of the first people to go there.

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And it's really remarkable how a place that big has been there the whole time.

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The perfect example of how legend and oral history actually turned out to be true.

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Yeah, absolutely.

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With all the new archaeological findings there,

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it seems like there's a lot more human activity happening in that area, which could flush out wildlife.

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Certainly human encroachment, and that's certainly going to have an impact on all the wildlife, including any possible tectac.

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Yeah, just more eyes to see the things.

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Absolutely.

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Nick offers to connect Phil and Jess with a prominent wildlife biologist,

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working at a research station high on the mountain.

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That is, if they can reach him.

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And keeping that in mind, it's pretty tough to get to.

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The terrain is incredibly remote. It's really deep jungle.

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This is the wet season. There's only kind of one small road up there.

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Well, that is not going to be a deterrent for us, because we actually have a plan.

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We're hopping a ride to an outpost on the edge of civilization where the real dangers of the Cambodian jungle await.

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Deadly insects, venomous snakes, and hopefully the strange creature that's terrifying locals.

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Okay, let's go.

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We're going to check that country.

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My investigators, Phil Torres and Jessica Chobot,

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have touched down in Siam Reap, Cambodia,

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to look into recent reports of a mysterious ape-like creature known as the tectac.

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We're going to check that country.

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Now they're flying out of the city, bound for the holy mountain of Panam Kulan,

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to meet a biologist and hike to the once lost city of Mahendra Parvada,

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the epicenter of the recent sightings.

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I don't think we would have been able to get there if we weren't in here.

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Absolutely. This tells you it is rainy season here right now.

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This is the wettest time of year when the area we're flying over gets 75% of its rainfall.

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With storms dumping water two out of every three days, many of the local rivers overflow.

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That means much of the forest area where we will be trekking could be hit by deadly floods.

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It is trouble as far as you can see. How is it going to go down there?

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You can't possibly tell me that the tectac could not hide in there.

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The forest can hide in ancient cities besides Berlin and absolutely can hide.

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A tectac, it is completely dense forest.

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The fossils of tectacus were found not far from here.

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Any intelligent animal knows that there are places of safety along those rocks in those caves.

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The team lands at a remote jungle outpost, which is as close to the lost city as they can get by air.

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The sun drops and the team heads into the village to meet their contact wildlife researcher, Greg McCann.

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Greg is the project director for Habitat ID,

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a group whose mission is to protect the planet's endangered wildlife areas.

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He has agreed to take Phil and Jessica to the outskirts of Mahendra Parvada,

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where an alleged ape-like beast has reportedly attacked several villagers in three separate

incidents.

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What's interesting about this area is that there are so many indigenous groups.

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Yes, that's right.

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And they all speak different languages.

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I think this is like probably the most language-diverse area in the world.

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And they probably all have a word for something like a tectac.

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Yes, that's right.

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My take on it is this is actually the real thing, not to mention both the North Vietnamese Army

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and the American GIs claim to have seen and fired on this thing.

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I believe the people who say they've seen it, because their descriptions are consistent over a large geographical area.

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And these descriptions go back centuries.

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Take a look at this.

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Oh yeah.

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You're familiar, there's the older ones over here.

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Yeah, but look at that.

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There's so many sightings happening in and around that place.

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Some of these line up with what I have.

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This is actually what they're calling the most dangerous place that not a lot of local people want to go up there.

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There are caves up here.

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This is, you know, harder to get to.

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It's more remote.

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It's like a hotspot of activity.

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The area on the map is only eight miles away.

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But Greg says with the rough terrain, it will take us an entire day to get there.

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Tomorrow morning, we're taking it on.

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Perfect.

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Let's do it.

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You guys have handled machetes before?

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Yeah.

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Oh yeah.

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Let's do this.

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In the morning, we pack up our thermal and infrared cameras, plus some audio recording equipment,

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and head out with Greg and his local colleague, Doiak, in search of the Tech Tech.

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I punch in the GPS coordinates for the eastern ruins of Mahendra Pavada.

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That's where the Tech Tech has been spotted multiple times,

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and Greg has put his camera traps, hoping to capture definitive proof of the creature's existence.

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All right.

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Watch your step here.

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All right.

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Guys, check this out.

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Look at this scorpion.

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He looks ticked.

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This thing is ready to strike.

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Look at that.

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This is the Asian Forest Scorpion, and I swear they are everywhere.

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You flip any log, you will find scorpion.

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This is actually a juvenile.

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They get probably five times bigger than this.

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But they have two kinds of this.

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They have one moist beaker.

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Okay.

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And red color.

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This one is more painful than the red one.

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Good job finding the most painful thing.

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You know?

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And we got a river.

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Greg points out that if they travel by river, they could shave half a day off their journey.

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Raft, I think, is probably our own best option.

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Do you think we can build a raft?

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Yes.

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We had to find some wine and some bamboo.

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He will make us an unsinkable craft.

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Are you going to go grab those vines?

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Yeah.

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It's starting to look like a little raft.

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What do you think?

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We're going to float?

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No, I don't think...

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You don't even go to float.

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Tuyak, come on.

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Got a good sense of humor.

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Okay, ready?

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Woo!

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Hey, it's floating.

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Nice.

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All right, I'll go on the back and push.

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You got up front steering?

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I'll steer.

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See you downstream.

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Yeah.

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Rivers in the Cambodian jungle have dangers on, in and around them.

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From venomous swimming snakes like the King Cobra to all manner of deadly parasites.

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It's definitely much safer to be on the raft than in the water.

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Paddle forward.

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Don't look out.

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We got a big branch up ahead.

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Woo!

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Got it!

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Stay to the right up here.

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I've been on the river for a couple hours now.

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Making up good ground.

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Still got a ways to go, but we will get there.

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There we go.

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One, two, three.

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Got it.

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The team pulls ashore at the spot closest to the ruins of the lost city.

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They're now within two miles of where the tech tech was reported to have attacked several villagers.

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Are we looking just getting close?

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Uh, yes. We're getting almost just about there.

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This is what I think it is?

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Let me check.

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Yeah, GPS says we're here.

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Wow. This is the lost city, Mandarparvada.

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Wow.

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Phil and Jess are in the jungles of Cambodia in search of the giant ape-like creature known as the tech tech.

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They are trekking with Greg McCann and his associate, Do Yuck, wildlife experts who have placed remote trail cameras in the vicinity of a ruined ancient capital.

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This is what I think it is?

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Let me check.

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Yeah, GPS says we're here.

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Wow. This is the lost city, Mandarparvada.

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Wow.

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This is it.

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This was the old capital.

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300 years predating in Khorwat.

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The construction of Mahendraparvada in the year 802 marked the beginning of a powerful empire that stretched through what is today Cambodia, Thailand, Laos and Vietnam.

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It thrived for more than six centuries.

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It wasn't until 2012 that scientists learned of its true size.

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And recently, villagers working around these sprawling ruins claimed to have spotted the elusive beast known as the tech tech.

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Lidar says all of this was the size of Berlin.

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We're just seeing a small, small portion.

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So almost all of it is still buried.

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Yeah.

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So yeah, this thing is huge.

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Lidar scanners emit millions of laser pulses and can digitally strip away the jungle canopy.

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In this case, to reveal a lost city stretching across 20 square miles.

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But at ground level, you'd hardly know it.

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Down here, the site is overgrown and crawling with all manner of life.

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Is it not stinging?

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No.

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Test-t.

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No way.

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Hang on, I gotta get some.

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00:22:47,000 --> 00:22:48,000

Oh!

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They are good.

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They are really good.

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Like a lime Dorito.

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You're such a liar.

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I am not.

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That is, that tastes better than tarantula and scorpion.

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Oh!

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It is actually pretty good.

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It's good!

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Wow.

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Delicious.

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No wonder he was hungry.

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Oh my gosh!

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These are really good.

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It's like getting the last crumbs out of a bag of chips.

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Yeah.

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After a light lunch, Phil and Jess turn their attention to the GPS coordinates of the trap cameras that Greg and his team have placed close by.

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We're really, really close.

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We should have had it right on over that way.

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Yeah.

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Alright then.

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I say we can't go on.

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Yeah, yeah.

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We move into the suspected tech-tech habitat within a mile of several recently reported encounters and attacks.

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There are other dangers here too.

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Leopards, tarantulas and even deadly pit-fipers inhabit this region.

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And even greater danger are the millions of landmines left over from the Cambodian Civil War.

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In other words, we watch every step.

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Whoa!

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Oh look at this guys, look at this.

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Ooh, what do we got here?

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That looks like a fair claw mark but it's a little bit thin.

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This could totally be the tech-tech.

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Yeah and it's very possible we've got photos on the camera trap because if we've got a claw mark here, camera trap's not far away.

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Alright, let's go check that out.

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Yeah, we got the camera right here.

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Let's do it.

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Nothing I like more than this.

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It should be in.

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Here we go.

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00:24:26,000 --> 00:24:27,000

Yeah.

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00:24:27,000 --> 00:24:28,000

What do you got?

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00:24:28,000 --> 00:24:29,000

Yeah, the clouded leopard.

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00:24:29,000 --> 00:24:30,000

Whoa, wow!

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It's actually the smallest of the big cats.

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These things are so bizarre.

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Wow.

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Well.

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Alright.

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Oh, f*** that.

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We got big leg.

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And that looks like another leg of some sort.

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I can't tell what that is.

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Could be the backside of a bear, I'm not sure.

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That's too big for a bear.

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Look how thick those legs are.

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That is a thick leg.

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That is really thick.

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And I don't think, wait, what's there down at the bottom?

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Is that a knee?

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It doesn't look like a black bear either.

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Greg's camera traps have captured images of bears in this region and they are known to leave claw marks on trees.

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But this image could be of something different.

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We immediately scour the area for signs of prints or scats before returning the camera to active duty.

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And it is armed.

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Armed and ready.

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It is ready.

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We continue our trek towards the epicenter of the sightings map.

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And I finally see another creature I've been hunting for, leeches.

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Oh, look at this thing.

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Hang on, this is perfect.

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Leeches.

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I've been looking for these.

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I've been looking for these.

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I've been looking for this forever because inside of these, whatever they drank the blood of, there's the DNA in there.

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So if we collect a bunch of these, we can analyze the DNA and figure out what animals are living out here.

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I mean, there's been so much rainfall that I'm seeing puddles everywhere.

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I bet you check these puddles, we'll get more leeches.

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There's some more right there.

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Wow, they're everywhere.

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They're so gross.

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This is what I call scientific gold right here.

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All right, let's get this guy in.

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So what you're saying is whatever animal, a la, a tectec, the blood would be in there.

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Let's imagine a tectec is hypothetically out here.

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And it's intelligent.

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I don't care how intelligent you are, you're still going to get leeches on it.

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Potential tectec proof and a little jug of slimy leeches.

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Leeches preserve DNA evidence of whatever they fed on for about six months.

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I'll send the samples to a lab and we'll know what kinds of mammals are inhabiting this area.

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What is that?

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Listen, what is that?

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It's not good.

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Phil, Jess and local wildlife experts are in the thick of the Cambodian jungle,

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searching for the elusive ape-like creature known as the tectec.

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After capturing an intriguing image on a trail camera of an unidentified animal,

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the team suddenly hears something in the bush.

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What is that?

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Oh, that's a person.

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There is a person, yeah.

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That's probably a poacher and I would say there's a good chance he's armed.

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Poachers are one of the biggest dangers in the jungles of Cambodia.

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In recent years, the country has emerged as a key region for the multi-billion dollar illegal wildlife trade.

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One 250-pound elephant tusk can fetch more than a quarter of a million dollars on the black market.

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With so much at stake, poachers have been known to protect their illegal livelihoods with deadly force.

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These guys don't really like to be seen in the forest, they don't like to be approached.

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Let me handle it, I'll talk to them.

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Mende de! Mende de! Mende de!

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How was that?

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I told him, wow, we're here, we're looking for the tectec and I used the Cambodian word, the Mino Prey,

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without a moment's hesitation, he said that he saw the tectec down by the river's edge.

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Oh my god.

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He says he's actually seen it or something very much like that, down by the river over there, kind of where we're headed.

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Alright, we gotta get down there.

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Looks like we're about to hit another section of the river.

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With the sun going down, we find the area where the poacher claimed to have his sighting,

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about halfway between the edge of the ruins of Mahendra Parvada and the nearby river.

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That tectec sightings tend to occur near a river makes sense.

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Most large predators, whether a bear or even a theoretical 7 foot 8 man, hunt near fresh water.

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That's where their prey are at their most vulnerable when they're stopping to drink.

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This habitat is absolutely perfect for the tectec.

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We have the river, we have a stream of fresh water, we have fruiting trees, and we have an eyewitness.

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So I think we need to set a perimeter of the trail camp just to see what's around here.

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While Greg and Doiak are setting up camp a safe distance away,

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Jessica and I look to position cameras in the likeliest places to capture wildlife activity.

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What are we looking for? Like what kind of...

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So you see this right here? See how it almost looks like a trail? This is a game trail.

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Do you think a tectec would use a game trail as well then?

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Every big mammal basically. They're kind of like us. Like if there's a trail, they'll take it.

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Yeah, makes it easier.

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Yeah, absolutely.

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Well I feel exceptionally safe standing in this game trail now.

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Got everything?

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I like this.

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Arms, this guy sets.

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Got it? Alright, let's move on to the next one.

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Alright, arm camera. We are good to go.

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We trek away from the trail cameras, make a rough camp, and settle in around a fire.

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That's where Greg shares the story of his own encounter with the tectec.

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I was in the park with three Cambodian rangers.

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We're all camped out in our hammocks listening to the jungle music like we're hearing now.

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Hanging, hanging, hanging, hanging. I'm just enjoying it. Suddenly here, hanging.

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It stopped. I'm like, that's weird.

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It went completely silent.

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It was completely silent. And then this absolutely awful smell drifted in.

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It lasted about one minute, and then suddenly the smell lifted, and all the insects came back.

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I asked like, what was that? Everyone refused to discuss it.

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The next morning they wanted out. They said that was a tectec.

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And it's also what they say in North America about Bigfoot. They say it has a terrible smell.

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Yeah. I mean, that's next level fear. They're not even want to talk about it.

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Not even like say its name until you're back at the base camp.

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We got rain coming.

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There was no warning.

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Oh, that landing is closed.

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We're right by a river, and you can already tell the water level is rising.

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We have streams forming at our feet. We got to get out of here.

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Holy, wow, look at this water.

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Oh, whoa. That came up quick. Look at that.

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This water is rising fast. I've seen rocks up here. Let's see if we can find some cover.

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While Greg and Doi Yuck move our camp away from the flooding river,

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we head back towards the game trail and our trail cameras.

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I want to get to some high land. I also want to get out from the tree since, you know, lightning strikes.

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This is bad. You do not want to be in the rainforest in the middle of a rainstorm.

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You hear that? What the f*** was that?

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Do you recognize that sound?

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I have no idea.

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I think it was over here.

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This way?

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Yeah.

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Jess, we got a cave.

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Wow. Are you kidding me?

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Look at this.

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Look at that tree.

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This is a den. This is incredible.

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Bears could be in here. Big cats could be in here. It's insane.

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Check out this vine.

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This is definitely a way to get up and out if you need to.

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Do you smell that? That's what Greg was describing at the campfire.

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There's an entire cave system in here.

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Did you see the bed of leaves over here?

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Look at all these shells.

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So what if the animal comes in here and just smash them over food?

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That's cool.

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Something is clearly living in here.

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Let's look around for tracks, fur, or scat. Anything we can analyze.

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So here's what I think we should do.

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I want to bust out the audio reporters so that we can see if we can pick up that owl again.

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You know what else I brought? The full spectrum camera.

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Wow, that's a big splatter.

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And I've also got the thermal camera.

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The full spectrum camera is rolling right now.

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The thermal camera is good to go.

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Alright, let's go back over this way.

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Okay.

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Okay, I think over there.

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Did you hear that?

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Yeah.

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Like, down here?

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I don't know. Just down this way.

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I'm going to head over there.

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Okay, I'm going to go check back the way we got.

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Check back here a little bit.

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Check back here a little bit.

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Phil, Phil, Phil, Phil, Phil, come here.

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Where are you?

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You got something?

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I just saw something right across. Did you see it?

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Phil and Jess's search for the elusive Tech-Tec is taking place almost a hundred years after another attempt

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to track down a so-called monster, this one in Indonesia.

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That's when a wealthy American explorer named W. Douglas Burden

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mounted an expedition and sailed to Komodo Island.

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The goal? To find and capture examples of the enormous dragons being reported there

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and to bring them back to New York alive.

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When Burden finally reached the island and saw one of the creatures for the first time, he was astonished.

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He described a harrowing encounter with what looked like a ten-foot-long prehistoric beast.

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He and his team captured it, but the ferocious creature bit through its cage and escaped.

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They built sturdier enclosures and eventually captured two specimens,

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bringing them back to be exhibited at the Bronx Zoo.

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Today, we still call them Komodo Dragons, but in fact, they are the world's largest lizard.

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In our search for the Tech-Tec, Cambodia's seven-foot-tall ape man,

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Phil and I have followed a mysterious animal sound to this giant cave.

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This is a den. This is incredible.

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We're tracking a noise down this winding passageway when I spot something on my thermal camera.

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Phil, Phil, Phil, Phil, come here.

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We got something?

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I just saw something right across. Did you see it?

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Alright, where are they?

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I think you're going up over there by the rocks.

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What is that?

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There's someone right there.

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What is that?

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I don't know. I'm not getting anything on this. I can't see anything.

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Where the heck is this thing?

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Anything above?

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I don't know.

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Anything above?

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Oh, we got a lot of rain coming in.

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Yeah.

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I absolutely saw something standing up.

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We continue searching the cave, scouring for any physical evidence of whatever might be living in here,

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or whatever made that noise.

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Eventually, we hike back out into the jungle where we check our trail cameras.

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Cameras will roll long after we leave.

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We then rejoin with Greg and his partner on the main trail and find higher ground to camp.

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By the light of a new day, we climb to even higher ground,

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a plateau that overlooks the vast jungles that are home to the tech-tech sightings and last night's activity.

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In the middle of that crazy rainstorm, we ended up in the cavern,

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and we saw something on the flare. We got to show you this.

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I mean, it's weird. It does look like it's standing upright, whatever it is.

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There was something there, but I'm not quite ready to call it a tech-tech.

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I think there's enough things out there that can walk upright like that.

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For that long?

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And it was a quick view. I mean, it's hard to see on the thermal camera.

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It's great evidence, for sure. But I still think it leaves a big mystery.

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I mean, the only photo I have of something that would do that is a sun bear.

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Also, I've got our audio recording from last night.

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Yeah, I mean, you know this rainforest way better than I do, so whatever we heard,

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I'm hoping you'll be able to recognize.

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We definitely heard something weird.

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Did you hear that?

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Yeah.

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I can't tell what that is.

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I don't know.

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We found claw marks that we don't recognize.

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Whoa! Look at this, guys. Look at this.

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What do we got here?

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We've got an image on your trap camera that we can't explain.

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And we had several eyewitness accounts.

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He said that he saw the tectac down by the river's edge.

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Oh, my God.

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He says he's actually seen it or something very much like that.

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Ape-like human form, it was just strange and very unnerving.

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To me, that all boils down to the fact that there is a monster living in this forest.

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Guaranteed there are thousands of species out here that we still have yet to discover.

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Does that mean one of them is a tectac? I just don't know.

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All these caves, very few of them have been explored by scientists.

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So we could easily find fossil evidence of a hominid like Gigantopithecus

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that could have lived here at one point.

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Or actual live evidence of a tectac living in one of those caves right now.

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For today, our investigators will have to agree to disagree.

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But the trail cameras will keep rolling.

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And it's anybody's guess what they'll capture next.

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As fulfills theory that the leeches could hold the answers to the tectac mystery,

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well, the results of the DNA analysis from the leech blood are in.

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It indicates that there is primate DNA present.

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But scientists are unable to classify the exact species.

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So, while intriguing, it's far from conclusive proof of the tectac's existence.

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Jessica is convinced that the centuries of tectac legends are based on actual encounters

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with an ape-like hominid.

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And many locals in Cambodia would agree with her.

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Add to that the claw marks, strange image on the trail camera, mysterious audio,

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the thermal footage, and the putrid smell.

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And you can see why so many people believe there could be a mysterious creature lurking in the back country.

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Southeast Asia is, after all, a place of monumental discoveries.

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These jungles still have secrets to tell.

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And it's only a matter of time before they yield up more incredible wonders.