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On this episode of Expedition X.

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Stay on your feet!

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Woo-hoo-hoo-hoo-hoo!

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Woo-hoo!

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Ha-ha-ha!

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Jess and Phil investigate a ghostly phenomenon.

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I would swear, court of law, that I witnessed this thing.

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In the unforgiving swamps of Texas.

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Did you see that?

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A light just shot right past me.

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Frogs over here doing nuts.

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Everything's going nuts.

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Oh, look at that.

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Tons of bones over here.

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More over here too.

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Mysterious ghost lights that are terrifying residents.

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I just wanted to scream, get me the hell out of here.

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Can this 100-year-old mystery finally be explained?

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Three, two, one.

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Holy crap!

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Or will the team unleash something...

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Oh, sh\*\*, look, look, look, look, look.

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Terrifying and real.

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Do you see that?

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I just saw a light float above the tree.

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Hurry up, come over.

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All right, I'm coming your way.

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Oh, my God!

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Ghosts in the swamp.

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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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Let's go.

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Phil Torres is a scientist who hunts for rational explanations.

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This is incredible.

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It actually found two stones.

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

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Cheryl, do you see that?

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I just saw something right 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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Okay, Phil, you're our resident skeptic.

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So what if I told you that there is a certain lonely stretch of road in Texas

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where nearly every single night,

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you could see an undeniable, unexplained phenomenon?

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I'd say let's go to Texas.

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I want to believe.

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Okay, Jess, I'm guessing you have heard of the so-called Saratoga Ghost Lights.

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I have.

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Of course you have.

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You are like an encyclopedia of the supernatural.

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Thank you very much.

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And what are these things supposed to be?

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Well, that's the thing. Nobody knows.

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They're these weird orbs of light that hover over this road.

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Some people think they're ghosts.

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I've even heard UFOs.

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Oh, so it's that kind of story.

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Well, you know where I'm going to come down on this?

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Whenever there is something that is a physical phenomenon, like lights,

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I'm wondering if there is a natural explanation

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that then can lead to these legends and lore of ghost or UFOs.

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I'm guessing this place is pretty creepy, yeah?

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Oh, yeah.

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Oh, yeah.

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Saratoga, Texas lies on the edge of 300,000 acres

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of alligator and snake-infested wilderness.

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This imposing swath of land is known to locals as the Big Ficket.

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Once the sacred lands of the native Atacapa people,

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Europeans arrive in the 1850s and look to make their fortune

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plundering the area's valuable resources of lumber and oil,

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encroaching on an uncharted territory

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that some say was never meant to be disturbed.

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In 1902, the Santa Fe Railroad raises hundreds of acres

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to carve tracks from Saratoga to the remote supply outpost of Bragg.

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Under the command of ruthless production bosses,

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construction of the railroad is deadly business.

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While the working conditions are inhumane,

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eventually the rail line is finished.

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For decades, business is booming,

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but maintaining the tracks through the swamp costs countless lives.

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Eventually, there's a bust.

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When the boom dies down in the 1930s and the oil wells run dry,

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the rail line is pulled up and the town is abandoned,

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leaving nothing behind except for this dirt road

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and the shallow graves of the dead workers who suffered and died here.

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It's around this time that people start reporting ghostly lights

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that manifest in strange ways.

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Some witnesses describe bizarre floating orbs

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that move with an eerie intelligence.

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Some reportedly have the power to disable electronics,

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even automobiles.

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And while it may sound outlandish,

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in some cases, the lights appear to take on the shape

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of a headless figure carrying a lantern.

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Just recently, the number of sightings has exploded

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and local residents are terrified.

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No one, including local law enforcement,

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can explain the glimmering phantoms of the Big Thicket,

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and no one has for a hundred years.

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Phil, I can see your wheels turning already.

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Yeah, alligators and snakes, I'm in.

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But this is a giant swamp.

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This is a dynamic ecosystem we're talking about here.

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So there could be all sorts of explanations there.

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Could even be fireflies.

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Phil, it is not fireflies.

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Fireflies don't equate to a headless ghost

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carrying a lantern.

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I will say some of the reports do sound a little fantastical, Jess,

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but just the sheer volume of sightings,

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I do feel like people are seeing something.

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And I'm wondering if there could be multiple explanations out there

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that could actually make this a tricky one to solve.

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Right. I actually think the most difficult part of investigating this

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is going to be the location itself.

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The Big Thicket is no joke.

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So your mission is to get to Texas,

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find people who have experienced these ghost lights,

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and then see if you can experience them for yourselves.

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And if you can, figure out what the hell they are.

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All right, you had me at ghost lights.

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We're going to need to pack some bug spray.

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Lots.

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The team flies to Houston, Texas.

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From there, it's a 70-mile trip northeast to just outside Saratoga

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and the infamous Bragg Road, also known as the Ghost Road.

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What would it take to convince you that there's ghosts?

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Well, if I see a floating body with no head,

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I will then say you are right.

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All right.

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Well, we did a little bit of research on the Big Thicket area we're going to,

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and there looks like there's a lot of stuff that can kill us.

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Oh, yeah. I mean, this is one of the most incredible wildernesses in the United States.

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The Big Thicket is brimming with diversity.

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It has eight separate ecosystems side by side.

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Including savanna, swamp, forest, and desert.

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There are more than 300 species of animals that call it home,

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including alligators, bears, venomous snakes, panthers, and red wolves.

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It's an inhospitable and deadly environment that's sure to keep the team on their toes.

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I still don't understand why a ghost can't haunt a spa.

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Why does it always have to be in the worst place imaginable?

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I think that's kind of part of the mystery here.

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When nature really fights you back and it's very tough for humans to survive,

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stories start to form about the region.

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Jess and Phil arrive at the entrance to the so-called Ghost Road

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to meet with local resident Carrie Sellestine.

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Carrie claims that during recent passage along this stretch of road,

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she came face to face with the chilling phenomenon.

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She insists on warning the team before they start their investigation.

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So this is it, the Ghost Road?

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Yeah, it is.

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So walk me through your experience that night.

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It was hot and muggy, and we turned down this road,

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went up about, I don't know, close to a mile or so.

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And all of a sudden, I see this green glow.

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As it got closer, I just see this outline of a person.

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Just hovering over the middle of the road.

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Could you see his face at all?

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That's what disturbed me the most about it.

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He didn't have any in his head.

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How close was he at that point?

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I'd say he was about 50 feet away by then.

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What happened?

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I just wanted to scream, but I couldn't speak, and I realized that I'm shaking.

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And finally, he just disappeared.

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And I was just, I mean, get me the hell out of here.

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I said he ain't got no head.

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Were there any other details you could glean from him?

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He was wearing overalls like the old-timey breaksman used to wear.

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Have you come out here since then?

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No way.

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One time was enough for me to go up this road.

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Well, that's actually our plan.

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Yeah.

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So any advice?

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Definitely be careful because I know for certain there's something out there.

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After hearing Carrie's story, we wait for nightfall,

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when most of these glowing phantoms and orbs are reported.

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So in pitch darkness, we begin our journey down the infamous Ghost Road,

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a gloomy stretch of flat dirt track that has inspired fear for nearly 100 years.

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This place is creepy.

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This is kind of spooky.

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Like if you're ever going to see a ghost in the middle of nowhere,

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this would be a prime place.

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They're just more black and more black.

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Everything looks the same.

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Yeah.

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I'm like, how much detail can you actually pick up at 50 feet?

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But she was clearly terrified, so she definitely saw something.

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I'm not as concerned about running into a ghost

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as much as I am coming face to face with one of the many large predators of the big thicket.

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There's dense vegetation looming over every inch of this dark and narrow road.

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There could be a bear or a panther 10 feet into the tree line,

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and we wouldn't see it until it's too late.

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All right, I think we've gone about a mile in here.

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All right.

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Wow.

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This is the area where she saw it.

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Gosh, look at how dense the canopy is up here.

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Oh.

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And big spiders up there.

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Big spiders?

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No, thank you.

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Listen to how much is live out here.

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We're undead.

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I want to check for any EMF out here.

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EMF detectors were designed to measure electromagnetic fields,

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often from power lines and other man-made equipment.

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Paranormal investigators believe that spirits also release energy that can be detected with this.

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Yes, if we get a big reading on this,

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that's going to be super weird because there is literally nothing out here that should set this off.

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We pace up and down the road for well over an hour,

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but both the EMF reader and the skies are silent.

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I was hoping to see something, but I'm getting nothing off this EMF reader.

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She did see whatever she saw coming from that direction.

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Well, that's where Bragg the old train depot was.

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Just a few miles down the road, the Bragg train depot was a once bustling hub of industry,

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and it went belly up almost as fast as it was established.

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Some believe the headless apparition and other mysterious orbs of light seen in the area

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might be the wandering spirit of former laborers,

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who died here as a result of the brutal working conditions during construction of the railroad.

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I'm hoping we have better luck at the sight of the old depot.

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Here we go, I think this is it.

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Well, there's not much left.

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Well, yeah, it's nothing to brag about, but we should still explore it, Phil.

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How long have you been holding on to that joke, Jess?

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Gosh, all day.

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Wow.

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Welcome to Bragg.

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Bragg sprang up almost overnight as a supply outpost for the local oil and lumber companies.

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When the rail line was abandoned in the 1930s, though, the town was dismantled and scavenged,

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leaving little evidence that it ever existed at all.

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Besides some scattered railroad material, it's completely empty.

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There's bones all over the place.

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Yeah, tons of bones over here.

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Yep, more over here, too.

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Oh, look at the snake!

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Oh my God!

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Oh, look at that.

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Oh boy.

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Oh, all right, stay back.

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What is that?

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It's a cottonmouth.

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Definitely venomous snake.

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Wow, that is the one we do not want to step on.

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Cotton mouths or water moccasins are a venomous species of pit viper.

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Adults can grow up to five feet long and are capable of delivering a dangerous bite.

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If we're not careful out here, any wrong step could bring a painful end to this investigation.

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All right, well then, let's go.

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I say we go grab our equipment, see what we can find.

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Sounds good.

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Considering how dark it is, I'm eager to break out our highly sensitive thermal imager.

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Anything that displaces heat, even strange balls of light, should show up here.

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How's it looking?

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Nothing yet.

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Not to be outdone by Jess, I've got a pair of military-grade night vision goggles that use the infrared spectrum to help me see in the dark.

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Whatever people are witnessing out here, I'm convinced it's a product of this wild environment.

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See anything yet?

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Nothing.

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Why don't we leave this area?

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I want to go back and check out the ghost road.

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That's probably our best bet.

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Sounds good.

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Any signs of animals after lighting things up?

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Nope.

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Which is surprising because you can obviously hear them.

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What the hell was that?

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Something happening?

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Yeah, just saw a light and it shot right up into the sky.

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Oh, did you guys see that?

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There's a phosphorescent ball right there.

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Where?

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Flash, right down there.

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Went right across.

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I thought that's what you were talking about.

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No, I saw something in here.

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Go right up.

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So you just saw something go up.

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I just...

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You saw something down there?

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Same time.

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Right when she said that I saw a flash, it was like a kind of a phosphorescent glow right across.

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About 300 yards down.

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That's so weird.

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Jess and Phil are in the big thicket of Texas investigating reports of strange ghostly lights

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haunting an eight mile stretch of country road north of Saratoga.

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What the hell was that?

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I just saw something in there and it flew right up into the sky.

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Oh, you guys see that?

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Jess and my trusted cameraman, Evan, each saw something they can't explain.

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Right when she said that I saw a flash, it was like a kind of a phosphorescent glow right across.

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About 300 yards down.

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Did you get in on your camera?

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Yep.

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Did you get on the flare?

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Yeah, I think so.

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Let's check the flare.

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Okay, let me play it back.

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See?

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Right there.

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Oh, yeah.

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Oh, I got it.

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That was quick.

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Did I just film a ghost light?

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That was super fast.

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When I see that, it looks small, fast, and hot.

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So I'm thinking that's a bat.

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No, wait, I saw it out of the corner of my eyes.

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It was glowing.

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Evan, you caught yours, right?

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Yeah.

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All right, well, let's review Evan's footage.

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Yeah.

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All right, hold on.

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Let me get it.

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There you go.

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What is that?

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Look at that.

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Is that the moon?

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Oh!

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That was cool.

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That was not a bat, and that is not what I saw.

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It almost looked like a fireball glowing,

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and the way it, like, disappeared like that at the end.

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We've officially seen some weird lights,

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and we got it on tape.

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For my money, we just encountered the Saratoga ghost lights,

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not once, but twice.

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And while they didn't appear as a headless apparition,

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we're off to one hell of a start.

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So we decide to call it a night and get some beauty rest

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so we can start fresh first thing in the morning.

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So, I had a bit of a revelation about last night.

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Yeah.

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I'm thinking Willow the Wisps.

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Like, the lights people think are fairies from folklore?

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Oh, yes.

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A lot of people describe them not just as fairies,

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but this may sound familiar,

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ghosts like lights over bogs and marshes.

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And where we were last night was super boggy.

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So then how did the lights actually get made?

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Essentially, there's a lot of methane gas

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that forms under the water by rotting and decomposing

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plants and animals.

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When that methane is released,

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it can ignite and possibly create a glowing fireball.

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So we could just have a case of gassy nature.

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Seriously, I'm going to get this earth farts.

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Essentially, yeah.

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And I feel like this is something we can actually test

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out here.

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That sounds cool.

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Who knew?

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Wetlands across the globe

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release nearly 250 million tons of methane per year.

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And the ghost road sits right in the middle of 35,000 acres

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of wetlands.

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I believe it's possible that large methane bubbles

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are being released from the bog situated deeper in the swamp

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away from the road.

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Time to get dirty.

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Hang on, Phillip.

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We're through here?

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Yeah, we're going.

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It's pretty beautiful back here.

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Yeah, it is.

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It's a little bit of a city.

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It's a little bit of a city.

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It's a little bit of a city.

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It's a little bit of a city.

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It's pretty beautiful back here.

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Yeah, it is.

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Right up here, kid.

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Right here?

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To conduct my test, I need to find a place that is deep enough

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to access the methane, but safe enough that we won't get ambushed

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by an alligator.

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All right, let's do it.

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Let's see if we can find a good place to get in.

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Check it out right here.

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Right here?

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Right here is the spot.

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So how do you propose we do this?

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Well, we're going to have to get in the water.

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So first things first, we should get the waders on.

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These swamps are filled with nasty bacteria, insects,

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copperheads, and a lot of things that could put a hurt on us.

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So we're going to strap on waterproof waders for protection.

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What is that?

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This is the magic gas trapper.

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It looks like a beer bong.

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Yes, real mature.

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But it totally does.

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But we're going to use it to trap gas.

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How are you going to make that happen?

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I'll show you.

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All right, going in.

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All right, I'm coming in.

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All right, there's a lot of logs under the water, so be careful.

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I don't even know where to put my foot.

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Ew, it's so gross.

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Ew.

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I don't like this at all.

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You got it.

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Ew, ew, ew, ew, ew, ew, ew, ew, ew, ew.

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Oh, these big spiders.

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This is all of your favorite things.

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All of these everything I hate in the world.

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Mosquitoes, spiders, and do you see that log over there?

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I can't tell if it's a log or if it's an alligator.

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What?

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No.

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Then hurry up.

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What do you need us to do?

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Oh, we got rain.

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All right, should we do this?

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Yeah, let's do this.

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Cool.

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So here's how it's going to work.

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I'm going to stick this dome into the water.

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And then we're going to stomp around.

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OK.

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And as we stomp, we're actually going to be releasing

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some of that methane underneath this bog.

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And it'll start to displace the water.

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Once there's some gas in here, we'll release it.

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Uh-huh.

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And then we'll light it on this end.

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Hopefully we'll get a flame.

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All right.

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So what, we just put it down on the water and stomp around?

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Yeah.

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Oh, look at that.

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Oh, I've seen it.

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Oh, we're getting some gas in here.

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This is great.

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Tons of it.

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All right, I think we got some good gas here.

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Well, I've got the lighter ready.

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All right, we're going to test this out.

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When I woke up this morning, I might have stayed in bed

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had I known I'd be lighting swamp farts on fire

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with Mr. Wizard over here.

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You ready?

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Ready.

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Right on the hole.

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Three, two, one.

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Whoa!

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Holy crap!

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Oh.

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Oh my god!

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My gosh!

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I felt that.

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We just lit some swamp gas.

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That was amazing.

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That was really cool.

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So can you imagine if there was a big enough pocket of methane

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underneath a bog like this, it all gets released at once.

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That would be a big flame floating into the sky,

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a Saratoga light.

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So I hate to rain on your parade.

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Yeah.

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But we're the ones that had to light it.

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People are seeing these lights above swamps.

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Who's lighting that gas?

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There's a few possibilities.

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Yeah.

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One of them being there's other natural gases,

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one called phosphine, that could form also in an environment

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like this that ignites essentially once it touches air.

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So if the timing is right, if you get a methane bubble

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and some of this other type of gas and you get that ignition,

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big flame.

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So it's rare, but not impossible.

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Exactly.

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And if someone sees it in a place like this,

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with the lore of a place like this,

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they're going to think they're seeing a ghost.

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The experiment demonstrates that some of the sightings here

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could be a rare methane-fueled fireball.

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But there's no way it accounts for hundreds of incidents.

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And they definitely don't explain what I caught on camera.

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So after we leave the swamp and honestly take a long shower,

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we want to meet up with one of the most credible local eye

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witnesses in the area, a man with a badge.

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All right, I think this is him.

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We're waiting at the entrance of the ghost road

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to meet with former Sheriff's deputy Donnie Goley,

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a longtime resident of the Big Thicket.

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Goley's worked with the Hardin County Sheriff's Office

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for nearly two decades and grew up just a few miles

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from the ghost road.

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How you guys doing?

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Good.

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Very good.

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Good, good.

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It's good to see you.

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00:23:30,000 --> 00:23:31,000

Nice to see you.

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As law enforcement, not only is he a trained observer,

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he was overseeing a prisoner work detail on Bragg Road

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when he encountered a ghostly light in broad daylight.

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You had quite the experience out here, so give me the scoop.

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I had six inmates with me and we come out to Bragg Road

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to do some cleaning.

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And I look past one of my inmates and I see a glowing oval

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and it shot right across the road and just melted into the tree

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line.

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It was the most crazy thing I've ever seen in my life.

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It was insane.

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Wow.

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The team is investigating the Saratoga Ghost Lights,

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a prolific and ghostly phenomenon.

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They're meeting with police officer and eyewitness Don Gully,

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who saw the phenomenon on Bragg Road,

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aka the ghost road.

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It was about 2.30 in the afternoon.

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It was overcast.

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It's kind of like this, actually.

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And I look past one of my inmates and I see a glowing

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sort of amber color oval in the road.

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It was extremely bright.

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And it started from the tree line, shot straight across the road

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into the tree line over here.

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That's where I thought.

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Wow.

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It went so fast it actually left the trail,

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kind of like a sparkler at night.

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And I went, oh my god.

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I turned to the guys and I said, did you just see that?

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One of the guys will never forget.

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He's standing there and his jaw was literally hanging open.

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The next thing he did, it come up out of the road

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and it did sort of like a horizontal figure eight

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looking move and then went back into the woods

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and that's the last thing it did.

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We were just blown away.

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We were just sitting there going,

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you can't believe we just saw that 2.30 in the afternoon.

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And so you saw it shoot off into the tree line.

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So what's down around that area?

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You got woods, you've got big holes and such as that.

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Some more swamps and bogs and things of that nature.

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Right.

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Before you saw what you saw, did you believe the rumors

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of the road?

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No, sir.

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Not at all.

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So what did you think you were seeing?

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This thing, for lack of better terms,

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almost had an intelligence to it.

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I can tell you this much.

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I would sit in a courtroom with my right hand raised,

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my hand on the Bible and I would swear in a court of law

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that I witnessed this thing.

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Wow.

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I'm telling you, it happened.

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Not only was this in the middle of the day

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with multiple witnesses including law enforcement,

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but the ghost light was performing aerial acrobatics

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that would be impossible for a methane fireball.

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Sorry, Phil.

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The light shot off deeper into the swamp,

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an area where other people along the ghost road

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have seen lights congregating in the distance.

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So to see for ourselves what's out there,

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we need to catch a ride.

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Hi there.

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Captain Sally Haynes has agreed to take us deep

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into these dangerous wetlands at night,

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when this phenomenon can be seen more easily.

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You're going to want to keep an eye out

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in this low-lying vegetation here for alligators.

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During construction of the railroad and the outpost of Bragg,

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many workers lost their lives in a myriad of gruesome ways.

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Is it possible that the swamps' former residents

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still haunt this place,

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appearing as a glowing apparition

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or a pulsing ball of pure paranormal energy?

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And if that isn't enough to worry about,

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there's no shortage of other dangers here.

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Hey, guys, I want to show you up here.

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These are some hog tracks.

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We've got a lot of wild hogs in this area.

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Is there any danger or have they ever tried to get onto the boat?

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Oh, my gosh, yes.

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Sometimes they're four or five hundred pounds,

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so keep an eye out.

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We don't want them in the boat.

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As darkness falls over the swamp,

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retreated by a slew of nocturnal hunters

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looking for their next meal.

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Alligator!

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Where?

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Right there, right there.

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Wow, look at that.

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He looks big.

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How are you?

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Nice.

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There's one over there hiding.

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From large reptilian predators

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to swarms of insects,

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these wetlands are teeming with life.

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There's some more down there.

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I know Jess believes these lights

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are paranormal, but with all this animal activity,

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I'm still convinced we'll find a natural explanation.

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All right, so guys, I want to drop you off here

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and let you check it out.

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You're not going to leave us here, right?

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I won't leave you, but I'm not getting off.

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All right.

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Good luck.

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Thanks.

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The Sheriff's deputy reported that the light he witnessed

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traveled deep into the swamp.

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Now, miles from civilization,

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I'm hoping this could be ground zero

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for the ghost light phenomenon.

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Wow.

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You hear this place?

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Yeah.

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I feel like I've gone back in time

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and I'm in the land of the dinosaurs.

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These big palms and everything.

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Wow.

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What the f\*\*\*?

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Oh, sh\*\*.

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Oh, sh\*\*.

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Oh, my God.

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Oh, my God.

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That is a cotton mouth right there.

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Oh, sh\*\*.

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Look at that.

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Right off the boat.

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I should probably put on the snake gators.

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Good idea.

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Snakes often hide underground level vegetation,

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making our feet and lower legs extremely vulnerable.

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By wearing these gators,

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we can lower the risk of a snake bite piercing our skin.

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All right, I'm gated up.

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Do you have the trail cams?

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Got the trail cams.

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All right, why don't we set them up

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and see if we can get them out?

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We'll just set them up and see if we can catch some lights.

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We're setting up a series of infrared

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motion sensor trail cameras

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in a cross-line detection pattern

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to capture a 360 view of this area.

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If the Saratoga lights do originate anywhere around here,

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we should be able to capture them on camera.

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Okay, we got the trail cams up.

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Yep.

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I feel like we should try to cover

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as much territory as possible.

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We should split up.

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All right, so what direction do you want to go?

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I'll go in.

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We'll keep the deeper forest

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if you want to kind of stay on the periphery.

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We'll just try to stay in contact.

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Mm-hmm.

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Looks for me.

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All right.

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Heading in.

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Don't get eaten.

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Don't get bit.

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I'm looking for anything that could be responsible

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for the sightings, including fireflies

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and even glowing click beetles

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that are native to this area.

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Let's try this way.

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Where's my jungle machete when I can use one?

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Ooh.

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Check this out.

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Wow, look at all these mushrooms.

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While they might not look like ghosts up close,

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some species of fungi actually glow in the dark.

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There are more than 80 varieties

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of bioluminescent mushrooms known around the world.

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These contain a compound called oxylocephrine

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that emits a glowing green light,

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the same eerie green that has been reported

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as a headless apparition on the ghost road.

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The only way to tell if they glow in the dark

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is to turn off the lights, so let's try it.

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Not these ones.

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We'll keep searching.

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See, got some hot spots in there for sure.

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Something's been here recently.

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Right now, I'm using the FLIR camera

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that can detect thermal signatures in the dead of night.

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Whoa.

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Check this out.

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I don't see anything on the FLIR.

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Did you see that?

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Yeah.

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Phil!

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Yeah, what do you got?

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A light just shot right past me,

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into the trees.

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And it wasn't a shooting star up in the sky?

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It was about five feet off the ground.

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It was a big shot.

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It was a big shot.

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It was a big shot.

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It was a big shot.

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It was a big shot.

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It was a big shot.

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It was a big shot.

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It was a big shot.

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It was a big shot.

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It was a big shot.

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It was a big shot.

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It was a big shot.

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It was a big shot.

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It wasn't a shooting star up in the sky.

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It was about five feet off the ground.

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It wasn't up in the air.

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Did you get on the FLIR?

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I think you did.

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Well, keep filming.

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The sea comes back and I'm heading your way.

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All right.

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Did you see that?

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Yeah.

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Phil!

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Got you.

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A light just shot right past me,

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into the trees.

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We need it.

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Keep filming.

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The sea comes back.

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I'm heading your way.

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All right.

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I don't know how much,

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but I definitely got some of it.

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All right, let's see it.

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Let's see.

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See it!

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Yeah, it went sideways.

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Yeah.

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Yeah, that's what I saw.

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The one right through the tree.

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Yeah.

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You know I'm going to ask you the same thing I always ask you,

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but are you sure it wasn't a firefly,

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it wasn't a bat going by?

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Anything like that?

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It was not a firefly or a bat.

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It was glowing just like that light I saw on Bragg Road.

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I'm not convinced that what Jess captured on camera

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was a ghost light,

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but we continue to search for hours

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just in case the mysterious object reappears.

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Eventually, we board the airboat

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and head back to civilization.

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It seems that, for tonight at least,

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the lights of the big thickets have gone dark.

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The methane fireballs may explain

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a few of the Saratoga light encounters on Bragg Road,

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but we still don't know what's behind

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the bulk of these ghostly sightings

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and we're running out of leads.

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So we decide to connect with Josh

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and have him weigh in on the evidence we've got

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for the next few days.

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We're going to go to the next one.

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I think we've captured so far.

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Hey Josh.

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Hey guys, how are you?

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See any good ghosts lately?

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I mean, I think we certainly did.

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Yeah, it turns out the ghost light road

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kind of earned its name.

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I mean, we've been seeing some lights.

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Mm-hmm.

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And speaking of lights,

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we lit somebody's farts on fire.

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Sorry?

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To be clear, Jess, these are not my farts.

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It's the swamps' farts.

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Basically, it seems like this swamp

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is building up a lot of methane underground.

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And if it somehow naturally ignites,

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you got a little fireball.

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That could make someone think

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they're seeing the serotonin lights.

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So we did a little experiment

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to see if that's an explanation.

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And was the test successful?

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Oh yeah.

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Whoa!

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Holy crap!

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Yeah.

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We lit some swamp farts.

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Yeah, I was a little concerned about my eyebrows, actually.

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All right, so we've got great balls of fire out there.

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I'm sure swamp gas does account

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for some of the sightings out there,

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but the footage that you sent

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doesn't really feel like that, you know?

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We've got this thermal hit that shoots up in the air.

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And then, almost simultaneously,

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we've got this really bright ball of light

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that Evan caught on his camera.

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I mean, that's really hard to dismiss.

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I mean, Phil, I think even you would have to agree

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that's probably not a bird flying around up there

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and probably not a ball of swamp gas

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20 feet off the ground.

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My best guess is it could have been like a mirage,

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like a reflection of the moonlight off the road.

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But then why does it zip off the way that it does?

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It seems like it's moving.

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Yeah, Phil, why does it zip off like that?

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Because it's a ghost.

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Oh, Phil, trouble and paradise out there?

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You can say that.

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Jess, you're convinced it's something other?

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Yeah, I absolutely do.

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But I think that some of them could be unexplainable,

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paranormal orbs of light that are floating around in that area.

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Okay, I think for me,

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the one thermal hit that you got out in the swamp,

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that's the least conclusive to me, right?

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Because I don't know.

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I mean, it looks like something just zipping through the trees.

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Who's to say that's not a batter and owl or something?

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But the other two pieces of evidence,

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the ones that you recorded out on the road itself,

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are the ones that are really worth looking into.

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So to help figure this out,

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I've sent those videos to a friend of mine,

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a guy named Ben Radford.

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He's a friend of mine.

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He is an author, a researcher.

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He's also a serious skeptic, Phil,

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which I'm sure you'll love.

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He gave us some really insightful information

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about the legend of the Chupa Cobra

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when we were down in Puerto Rico.

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I think his expertise could be invaluable here.

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Sounds great.

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So I've sent him the videos.

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I'm just waiting to hear back.

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Hopefully he can shed some light on the situation.

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Oh.

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That one's a freebie.

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You guys can feel free to use that one out there.

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I'll think about it.

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But looking forward to connecting with Ben.

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All right, good luck, guys.

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Thanks. See ya.

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All the best. Bye.

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A few hours and a plate of Texas barbecue later,

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we get a call from Josh's contact.

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Hey, Ben. How are you?

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Hi.

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Hey there.

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Ben is the deputy editor of Skeptical Enquirer.

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He spent his entire career debunking alleged

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paranormal phenomenon caught on tape.

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And he's all too familiar with these anomalous lights.

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OK. All right, let me pull it up.

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And now he's scrutinizing the FLIR footage

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from our first night on the ghost road.

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Wow. That was weird.

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You've got that sort of streaking something.

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Yeah. That's it.

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I'm curious.

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So in the FLIR footage, we see it coming from the bottom

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of the screen going up.

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But after that, did it like zoom into the sky?

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What happened after?

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It kind of went up over the top of the canopy

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and then back towards the swamp.

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Interesting. Was it glowing?

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It was.

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A really bright, small light in the shape of a circle.

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I, you know, it's not crystal clear what that is.

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Something is there.

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And I don't know that I can fully explain it.

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Still a mystery.

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Still a mystery.

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So the FLIR hit remains inconclusive.

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But what about the bright light that Evan caught on his camera?

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If Ben Radford, a black belt among skeptics,

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doesn't have a rational explanation,

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well, I think I'm about to catch a mean case of the I told you so.

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Do you mind taking a look at the second video?

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Absolutely. OK. I'm watching it here.

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That's definitely a light.

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I mean, that's not an optical illusion.

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That's, uh, that's...

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That is a legitimate light.

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Whatever the hell it is.

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So, free down, the ghost road happens to be a highway.

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It veers up and then goes off to the west.

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And so I think what you're seeing might be car light,

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like a headlight or something.

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In most of the cases that people describe, it's a single light.

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Usually white or red in some cases.

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That appears for a while and then vanishes.

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It looks to me like a car light.

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To me, it doesn't look like two separate headlights,

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because to me it looked like one singular light.

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Yeah, well, you're talking about a stretch of road

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that's, I think, six or eight miles or something.

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And so from that distance,

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you're not necessarily going to be able to distinguish

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two separate high beams or even low beams.

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They're going to appear in one single light.

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If these are car headlights.

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Interesting.

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Ben's hypothesis is interesting,

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but I'm not fully convinced.

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After all, how can two headlights at road level

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appear to be a light in the sky?

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So tonight, we're heading back to the spot

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where our cameraman, Evan, filmed the light

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to pressure test Ben's theory.

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All right, this is where we were the other night.

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So I think this is the perfect spot.

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Evan's camera was pointed south down the ghost road

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when he filmed the mysterious light.

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At that southern tip, the road merges with Highway 787.

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The question is, could the lights be the result

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of a car traveling north on this highway

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as it passes the ghost road and bears to the left?

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It's time to find out.

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What I want you to do is take the Jeep,

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go to the end of the road, take the highway up a little bit

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and then radio me when you're coming.

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I'll have this camera pointed that way.

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I'll have the team's cameras pointed that way.

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And when you drive past the road entrance,

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maybe we'll see the same thing

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and that could explain some of the serotonin lights.

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Down to the end of the road, take a left,

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spin it around, 3, 2, 1, I'm on my way.

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All right.

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Since the ghost road is a little bit more narrow,

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since the ghost road is so straight,

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we should see her headlights at a great distance.

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But will they look normal or like something otherworldly?

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Yes, we're ready for you.

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Try to count.

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Three.

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Two.

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One.

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The X team is hunting down the source of the Saratoga ghost lights.

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But back in the day, it's very possible

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they would have come face to face with something far more dangerous.

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Throughout the 19th century,

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the big thicket was a safe haven for outlaws,

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cunning criminals like Thomas Red-Golman,

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aka the Red Fox,

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a violent bank robber that evaded capture for years.

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The most famous fugitives, though, were a group known as J-Hawkers.

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They were Texans opposed to slavery,

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hiding to avoid being drafted by the Confederacy during the Civil War.

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They managed to survive in that alligator-infested swamp for three years,

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until a Confederate captain finally flushed them out

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by setting fire to 3,000 acres of forest.

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So one has to wonder if any of those notorious outlaws

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encountered the same mysterious lights

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that have been terrifying people to this day.

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We got two cameras pointing your way. We're ready for you.

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My team is attempting to explain the source of the Saratoga ghost lights

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and the remarkable footage captured by Evan several nights ago.

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What is that?

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Look at that.

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Is that the moon?

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Oh!

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Yes, we're ready for you.

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Okay.

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Driving towards you.

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Copy.

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Okay, time to see if we can finally unmask the Saratoga lights.

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Ghost road should be straight ahead.

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Alright, we got one light. We got a light.

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That's crazy!

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Passing the ghost road in...

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Three...

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Two...

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Come on, come on.

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And one.

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I'm passing the ghost road and staying on the highway.

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There it goes.

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There it goes.

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Holy s\*\*\*!

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It matches exactly, and it looks really strange.

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Like, it looks like a ghost light.

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This confirms that many ghost light sightings

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can be attributed to headlights in the distance.

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But even I'll admit, we're far from explaining everything.

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Jess, we got it, we got it.

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No kidding. Alright.

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Hey, hold on, my camera's getting...

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Oh, s\*\*\*!

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Holy s\*\*\*, I just saw a freaking light!

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Wait, what?

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Phil, do you see that?

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Right above the tree!

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My God!

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Wait, you just saw a light. I'm not seeing anything.

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Whoa, whoa, whoa.

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Phil, we just lost one of the cameras.

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What? Are you kidding me?

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No.

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Hold up, hold up. Camera out.

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Hurry up, come over!

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Alright, I'm coming your way.

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What just happened? Wasn't in front of you?

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It's so dark. I would say it was right...

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kind of like right at the cusp of the tree line

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and then it just floated a little bit up

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and then over the canopy.

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Frogs over here are going nuts.

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Everything's going nuts.

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Animals often send out alerts when threatened.

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The question is, what made everything in the swamp go crazy

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and what made our camera shut down?

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One of the cameras went down right when you called me a walkie.

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Are you serious? That's insane.

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Maybe it's coincidence, maybe it's not, I don't know.

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People report that the ghost lights have rendered electronics

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and even automobiles completely useless.

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We may have demonstrated that some of the lights

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could be cars in the distance,

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but whatever I just saw overhead was definitely something else.

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Checking for any eye shine right now.

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See anything?

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Nothing.

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So you saw light float into the sky.

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Now these frogs are going crazy out here.

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That's really strange.

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Do you really think you saw something weird tonight?

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I really do think that I saw the Saratoga lights.

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Well, I think I saw what people planned to be the Saratoga lights

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and I got it on tape and it was you driving by earlier

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making that flash and disappear.

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Why don't we just stay out here, you've got the camera,

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let's collect more evidence

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and maybe we'll be able to catch on camera

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what I caught with my own eyes.

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Okay, I'll keep recording.

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Point the camera up.

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I mean point the camera anywhere.

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I mean those things could pop up anywhere.

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We continue our search on the ghost road into early morning

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hoping the light that just saw makes another appearance.

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Nothing.

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Yeah.

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But no luck.

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The only light we'll be seeing is the sun

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when it breaks over the horizon.

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Doing all we can, we get in our car

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and say goodbye to the ghost road.

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I feel like we definitely proved

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that there is such a thing as Saratoga lights.

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We saw them.

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I'm pretty excited that we've been able to debunk

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at least part of this story.

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Yeah.

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That really intense glow that we caught down the road.

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Now we know exactly why that happened.

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And other lights seen could be methane fireballs.

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Yeah, but there's just so many accounts

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that don't fit in with those explanations.

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And that Officer Donnie himself said

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that it moved in such a distinct, thoughtful way.

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What you saw out there definitely was not headlights.

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I'm just not willing to jump and say

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that they're ghosts or anything crazy like that.

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I mean, I don't know why you always push back so hard

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on the possibility that it's something paranormal

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could be at work here.

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I want to believe that what you saw is something paranormal.

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But until we have better evidence,

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I'm going to assume that there's some natural explanation.

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I want to believe too.

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It was my favorite tagline from X-Files.

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I had a poster.

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Of course you did.

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The Saratoga lights have been haunting

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this desolate country road in East Texas

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for over a century, manifesting as a glowing orb to some

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and a headless, lantern-toting specter to others.

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Get me the hell out of here.

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He ain't got no head.

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This frightening spectacle has left both locals

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and law enforcement perplexed and terrified.

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But what is it really?

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While there are unexplained cases where scientific explanations

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fall short, some of which my team experienced firsthand,

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I'm still inclined to agree with Phil on this one.

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A nocturnal experiment showed that cars traveling in the distance

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are most certainly responsible for some,

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maybe most of these sightings,

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while other reports may have been the byproduct

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of a methane-fueled light show.

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Or the abundant wildlife of the big thicket.

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The fact is that while the world of the paranormal

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is filled with mystery, in the case of the Saratoga ghost lights,

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I think we've illuminated the truth.