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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:03,200

On this episode of Expedition X,

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00:00:04,700 --> 00:00:07,900

Phil and Jess venture deep into the Appalachian Mountains.

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00:00:07,900 --> 00:00:08,800

Look at this place.

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00:00:08,800 --> 00:00:11,040

For over a century, there have been reports

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00:00:11,040 --> 00:00:14,100

of something grotesque prowling these woods.

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00:00:14,100 --> 00:00:17,440

I actually saw a bloody flesh hanging out of his mouth.

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00:00:17,440 --> 00:00:20,820

New eyewitnesses indicate the stories could be true.

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00:00:20,820 --> 00:00:21,660

You scared?

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00:00:21,660 --> 00:00:22,480

You scared?

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00:00:22,480 --> 00:00:23,280

You scared?

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00:00:23,280 --> 00:00:24,120

Terrified.

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00:00:24,120 --> 00:00:24,980

Yes.

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00:00:24,980 --> 00:00:26,480

At the edge of the waterfall.

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00:00:26,480 --> 00:00:28,560

Do you see any caves?

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00:00:28,560 --> 00:00:30,520

And the danger is real.

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00:00:32,520 --> 00:00:33,560

Are you OK?

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00:00:33,560 --> 00:00:35,120

Tell somebody where you're at.

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00:00:35,120 --> 00:00:37,500

So they'll know where to come hunt the bodies.

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00:00:37,500 --> 00:00:39,700

Could mysterious creatures be the cause

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00:00:39,700 --> 00:00:41,440

of countless disappearances?

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00:00:41,440 --> 00:00:44,040

Breaking news out of the Great Smoky Mountains.

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00:00:44,040 --> 00:00:45,840

Another hiker has gone missing.

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00:00:45,840 --> 00:00:47,900

Someone will go into the mountains alone

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00:00:47,900 --> 00:00:50,740

and you will never hear from them ever again.

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00:00:50,740 --> 00:00:52,380

Some say they're monsters.

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00:00:52,380 --> 00:00:54,540

Some say they're magic for sure.

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00:00:54,540 --> 00:00:57,880

Others say it's something far more horrifying.

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00:00:57,940 --> 00:01:00,100

Get fast and deep right in the middle.

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00:01:00,100 --> 00:01:01,100

Oh, f\*\*\*.

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00:01:03,880 --> 00:01:04,640

Take over there.

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00:01:04,640 --> 00:01:06,040

Take over there.

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00:01:06,040 --> 00:01:09,580

Terror in Appalachia.

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00:01:09,580 --> 00:01:12,080

My name is Josh Gates.

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00:01:12,080 --> 00:01:15,060

In my travels, I've experienced strange things

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00:01:15,060 --> 00:01:18,700

that defy logic and made me question everything.

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00:01:18,700 --> 00:01:20,460

Oh my god.

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00:01:20,460 --> 00:01:23,060

Now, I've put together a team to investigate

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00:01:23,060 --> 00:01:25,960

the stranger side of the unknown.

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00:01:25,960 --> 00:01:27,640

Let's go.

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00:01:27,700 --> 00:01:30,040

Phil Torres is a scientist who hunts

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00:01:30,040 --> 00:01:32,100

for rational explanations.

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00:01:32,100 --> 00:01:35,440

This is the calling for actually found crystals.

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00:01:35,440 --> 00:01:37,740

Jessica Chobot's paranormal research

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00:01:37,740 --> 00:01:39,780

has made her a true believer.

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00:01:39,780 --> 00:01:41,380

I have a mind. I have a mind.

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00:01:41,380 --> 00:01:42,380

Let's go.

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00:01:42,380 --> 00:01:44,620

Together, we're searching for answers.

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00:01:44,620 --> 00:01:46,020

What is that?

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00:01:46,020 --> 00:01:49,760

To the world's most extraordinary mysteries.

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00:01:49,760 --> 00:01:52,460

This is Expedition X.

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00:01:53,460 --> 00:01:55,460

All right.

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00:01:55,460 --> 00:01:58,600

What if I were to tell you that there is a bipedal,

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00:01:58,600 --> 00:02:00,760

hairy creature terrorizing folks

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00:02:00,760 --> 00:02:02,640

in the mountains of Appalachia?

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00:02:02,640 --> 00:02:03,640

Bigfoot.

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00:02:03,640 --> 00:02:05,440

It's a great guess, but no.

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00:02:05,440 --> 00:02:07,200

All right. Well, if we're talking Appalachia...

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00:02:07,200 --> 00:02:08,940

Yeah, so, Smoky Mountains,

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00:02:08,940 --> 00:02:11,480

border of Tennessee, North Carolina area.

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00:02:11,480 --> 00:02:12,940

And it's not Bigfoot.

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00:02:12,940 --> 00:02:14,440

So, oh, okay.

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00:02:14,440 --> 00:02:15,940

I think I know what we're talking about.

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00:02:15,940 --> 00:02:17,480

She's got it. It is scary.

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00:02:17,480 --> 00:02:18,680

Okay, what are we talking about?

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00:02:18,680 --> 00:02:20,480

So, it is scary, and that's because

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00:02:20,500 --> 00:02:23,180

this terrifying mystery

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00:02:23,180 --> 00:02:24,880

might be much more than a legend.

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00:02:24,880 --> 00:02:26,540

It might be very real.

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00:02:30,540 --> 00:02:31,980

The Appalachian Mountain Range

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00:02:31,980 --> 00:02:34,680

runs along the eastern United States.

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00:02:34,680 --> 00:02:36,880

Toward its southern end is the sub-range

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00:02:36,880 --> 00:02:39,220

known as the Great Smoky Mountains.

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00:02:39,220 --> 00:02:41,560

Beneath the mist is a wild place.

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00:02:41,560 --> 00:02:43,920

Over 500,000 acres.

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00:02:43,920 --> 00:02:46,000

Much of it largely unexplored.

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00:02:46,000 --> 00:02:48,260

And all of it uninhabited.

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00:02:48,260 --> 00:02:50,260

Or at least, it's supposed to be.

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00:02:51,020 --> 00:02:53,420

1838, the native Cherokee tribes

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00:02:53,420 --> 00:02:56,020

who live here are forcibly displaced.

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00:02:56,020 --> 00:02:57,400

And over the next century,

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00:02:57,400 --> 00:03:00,860

the government kicks out any remaining landowners.

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00:03:00,860 --> 00:03:03,600

Empty of residents, it becomes the perfect hideout

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00:03:03,600 --> 00:03:05,560

for criminals fleeing the law.

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00:03:05,560 --> 00:03:07,540

Permits shunning society.

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00:03:07,540 --> 00:03:10,580

Moonshiners operating illegal stills.

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00:03:10,580 --> 00:03:14,140

And maybe something even more dangerous.

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00:03:14,140 --> 00:03:17,280

1896, Forest and Stream Magazine

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00:03:17,280 --> 00:03:19,740

publishes a frighteningly descriptive story

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00:03:19,860 --> 00:03:22,460

about four hunters who had a violent encounter

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00:03:22,460 --> 00:03:25,760

in the mountains with a disheveled, naked creature.

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00:03:25,760 --> 00:03:26,900

According to the article,

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00:03:26,900 --> 00:03:28,700

the four men tried to capture him

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00:03:28,700 --> 00:03:31,300

but were physically no match for his brute strength.

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00:03:31,300 --> 00:03:33,240

He overpowered them and escaped.

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00:03:33,240 --> 00:03:34,940

Since then, hundreds of witnesses

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00:03:34,940 --> 00:03:37,240

have come forward with reports.

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00:03:37,240 --> 00:03:40,040

The descriptions are eerily similar, human-like,

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00:03:40,040 --> 00:03:42,240

but with malformed facial features.

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00:03:42,240 --> 00:03:45,780

Long matted hair, no clothes, covered in filth,

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00:03:45,780 --> 00:03:47,320

a putrid smell.

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00:03:47,320 --> 00:03:49,320

Some believe the sightings can be attributed

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00:03:49,400 --> 00:03:52,820

to recluses who reverted to a primitive state.

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00:03:52,820 --> 00:03:56,000

Others believe the creatures are another breed entirely

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00:03:56,000 --> 00:03:58,340

with a hunger for raw flesh.

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00:03:58,340 --> 00:04:01,860

Whatever they are, they've become known as feral people.

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00:04:01,860 --> 00:04:03,180

And there are those who believe

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00:04:03,180 --> 00:04:04,740

that they could be responsible

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00:04:04,740 --> 00:04:07,660

for hikers going missing in these woods.

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00:04:07,660 --> 00:04:11,820

Now, a recent dramatic uptick in sightings of feral people

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00:04:11,820 --> 00:04:14,720

makes this the critical time to investigate.

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00:04:19,540 --> 00:04:21,980

So, all right, Phil, what do you think?

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00:04:21,980 --> 00:04:24,900

As crazy as it sounds, there is precedent for some of this.

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00:04:24,900 --> 00:04:26,580

For example, there's a family in Siberia

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00:04:26,580 --> 00:04:29,620

that lived off the grid for 40 years, I think.

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00:04:29,620 --> 00:04:32,380

And just a few years ago, they found a father and son

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00:04:32,380 --> 00:04:34,100

that had been living in the wilds of Vietnam

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00:04:34,100 --> 00:04:36,420

since the early 1970s.

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00:04:36,420 --> 00:04:37,660

But what you're talking about here,

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00:04:37,660 --> 00:04:39,620

people have been seeing it since the 1800s.

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00:04:39,620 --> 00:04:42,300

That means multiple generations of people

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00:04:42,300 --> 00:04:44,580

living out in the wild in the Eastern US.

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00:04:44,580 --> 00:04:47,220

Yeah, but what about those uncontacted tribes

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00:04:47,520 --> 00:04:49,840

that live out in the middle of the Amazonian rainforest?

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00:04:49,840 --> 00:04:51,080

I mean, that's generational.

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00:04:51,080 --> 00:04:52,560

Sure, but what we're talking about here

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00:04:52,560 --> 00:04:55,240

is something that seems to be living completely wild,

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00:04:55,240 --> 00:04:56,080

like an animal.

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00:04:56,080 --> 00:04:57,960

And how do we account for these missing hikers?

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00:04:57,960 --> 00:05:00,040

Great Smoky Mountains is one of the most visited

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00:05:00,040 --> 00:05:02,040

wilderness areas in the US.

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00:05:02,040 --> 00:05:04,040

There's a lot of trails they can get lost on,

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00:05:04,040 --> 00:05:06,880

fall off the ledge, people disappear out there.

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00:05:06,880 --> 00:05:07,720

It happens.

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00:05:07,720 --> 00:05:10,080

Okay, but what are these eyewitnesses seeing then?

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00:05:10,080 --> 00:05:13,320

Most likely explanation is a case of misidentification,

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00:05:13,320 --> 00:05:14,160

like a bear.

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00:05:14,160 --> 00:05:15,400

There's a lot of them out there.

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00:05:15,400 --> 00:05:16,600

Normally I would agree with you,

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00:05:16,620 --> 00:05:19,540

but the eyewitnesses in this case seems so clear

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00:05:19,540 --> 00:05:22,700

that what they're seeing is not something like a bear.

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00:05:22,700 --> 00:05:23,900

So here's the mission.

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00:05:23,900 --> 00:05:26,100

First off, get to the Great Smoky Mountains

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00:05:26,100 --> 00:05:28,620

and start by talking to these eyewitnesses.

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00:05:28,620 --> 00:05:31,020

I think you've gotta find out what these people really saw.

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00:05:31,020 --> 00:05:33,220

And then you're gonna have to get deep

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00:05:33,220 --> 00:05:34,420

in the wilderness on this one.

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00:05:34,420 --> 00:05:36,780

Whatever this is, it's obviously figured out

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00:05:36,780 --> 00:05:37,660

a way to stay hidden.

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00:05:37,660 --> 00:05:38,860

So if you're gonna collect evidence,

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00:05:38,860 --> 00:05:41,100

you're gonna have to get really off the grid here.

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00:05:41,100 --> 00:05:43,460

Phil, if this is a case of misidentification

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00:05:43,460 --> 00:05:45,460

and it might be, prove it.

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00:05:45,460 --> 00:05:47,160

What are people really seeing?

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00:05:47,160 --> 00:05:49,040

There is a real mystery here.

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00:05:49,040 --> 00:05:52,400

Folks have gone missing and we've got real eyewitnesses.

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00:05:52,400 --> 00:05:54,400

So figure out what's going on.

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00:05:54,400 --> 00:05:55,240

Will do.

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00:05:55,240 --> 00:05:56,360

We're on it.

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00:05:56,360 --> 00:05:58,840

Phil and Jess hop a flight from New York City

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00:05:58,840 --> 00:06:00,680

to Nashville, Tennessee.

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00:06:00,680 --> 00:06:02,200

From the country music capital,

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00:06:02,200 --> 00:06:04,040

it's another four hours in the car

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00:06:04,040 --> 00:06:05,920

heading east toward the mountains.

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00:06:08,880 --> 00:06:11,640

These woods just keep on going.

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00:06:11,640 --> 00:06:14,120

This is my first time in the Great Smoky Mountains.

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00:06:14,180 --> 00:06:15,480

And look at that.

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00:06:15,480 --> 00:06:18,020

You can like see the kind of haze.

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00:06:18,020 --> 00:06:19,260

That makes it look smoky.

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00:06:19,260 --> 00:06:20,100

Yeah.

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00:06:20,960 --> 00:06:23,780

There are over 187,000 acres

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00:06:23,780 --> 00:06:26,300

of thick old growth forest here.

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00:06:26,300 --> 00:06:31,060

It's home to black bears, wild hogs, even bobcats.

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00:06:31,060 --> 00:06:33,780

And even though they supposedly no longer live in the region,

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00:06:33,780 --> 00:06:37,340

there are also occasional reported sightings of cougars,

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00:06:37,340 --> 00:06:39,680

which begs the question, could there be other

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00:06:39,680 --> 00:06:42,200

rarely seen creatures in this forest?

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00:06:44,340 --> 00:06:46,980

I feel like I could survive out here.

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00:06:46,980 --> 00:06:48,660

There's enough food you could forage.

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00:06:48,660 --> 00:06:50,120

I saw a dead raccoon back there.

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00:06:50,120 --> 00:06:51,380

It looked delicious.

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00:06:51,380 --> 00:06:52,880

What is wrong with you?

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00:06:54,580 --> 00:06:56,240

As part of our investigation,

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00:06:56,240 --> 00:06:58,220

we make a stop in Newport, Tennessee,

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00:06:58,220 --> 00:06:59,620

where we're meeting an old buddy of mine

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00:06:59,620 --> 00:07:02,300

who knows the nearby woods like the back of his hand.

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00:07:06,300 --> 00:07:07,540

What is that, like a secret knock?

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00:07:07,540 --> 00:07:08,700

Yes, a secret knock.

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00:07:09,700 --> 00:07:10,540

Hi.

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00:07:10,540 --> 00:07:11,700

Hey guys. Welcome.

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00:07:11,700 --> 00:07:12,900

Thank you. Thank you.

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00:07:12,960 --> 00:07:14,960

I shake man's hand and I still hug him in the hill.

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00:07:14,960 --> 00:07:15,800

I'll do it.

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00:07:15,800 --> 00:07:17,160

I'm good. How are you doing?

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00:07:17,160 --> 00:07:18,840

Nice to see you too.

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00:07:18,840 --> 00:07:22,040

Digger mains and Mark Ramsey are moonshining legends.

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00:07:22,040 --> 00:07:24,040

Both grew up in the hills and learned their craft

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00:07:24,040 --> 00:07:26,480

from Appalachia's old school masters.

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00:07:26,480 --> 00:07:27,320

Hi.

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00:07:27,320 --> 00:07:29,320

If anyone knows the secrets of the Smoky Mountains,

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00:07:29,320 --> 00:07:30,320

it's these two.

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00:07:32,200 --> 00:07:35,200

So we've read some reports from people in the area

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00:07:35,200 --> 00:07:37,920

that say they're convinced they have seen

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00:07:37,920 --> 00:07:40,000

like a feral looking man out there,

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00:07:40,000 --> 00:07:42,560

walking around naked, raggedy hair.

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00:07:42,560 --> 00:07:46,580

We've been in the woods a lot in our life making moonshine

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00:07:46,580 --> 00:07:50,100

and we've heard stories our whole life about creatures

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00:07:50,100 --> 00:07:54,060

and just things that were not explained.

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00:07:54,060 --> 00:07:54,900

Oh yeah.

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00:07:54,900 --> 00:07:55,740

Really?

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00:07:55,740 --> 00:07:57,980

We've heard tales of people wandering these mountains

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00:07:57,980 --> 00:08:00,700

for years and there's been some ugly sunbitches

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00:08:00,700 --> 00:08:02,020

grew up in these mountains up here.

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00:08:02,020 --> 00:08:04,340

They'd fit the bill.

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00:08:04,340 --> 00:08:05,180

Really?

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00:08:05,180 --> 00:08:06,740

I mean, I'm not including us in that, but.

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00:08:06,740 --> 00:08:07,580

Yeah.

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00:08:09,740 --> 00:08:11,980

I feel like we always associate moonshine

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00:08:12,040 --> 00:08:14,880

with kind of like doing it in secret out in the woods.

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00:08:14,880 --> 00:08:17,240

You know, these old boys, when they found the prime spot,

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00:08:17,240 --> 00:08:19,760

they protected it to no end, no matter what they had to do.

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00:08:19,760 --> 00:08:20,600

Exactly.

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00:08:20,600 --> 00:08:22,280

Whether they were booby trapping or, you know,

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00:08:22,280 --> 00:08:24,400

making up a little backstory that, you know,

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00:08:24,400 --> 00:08:26,720

somebody's gonna get hurt if they went in.

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00:08:26,720 --> 00:08:29,800

There's no doubt there's a lot of mysterious things out there.

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00:08:29,800 --> 00:08:32,360

It's just how you want to rationalize them in your own head.

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00:08:32,360 --> 00:08:34,560

So we just got here.

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00:08:34,560 --> 00:08:36,920

We're trying to figure out where we should start

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00:08:36,920 --> 00:08:39,240

to look for something that mysterious.

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00:08:39,240 --> 00:08:40,080

Where do you think we should go?

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00:08:40,080 --> 00:08:41,080

North Carolina.

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00:08:41,080 --> 00:08:42,300

That's where I would go.

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00:08:42,300 --> 00:08:46,500

There's a lot of thousands and thousands of acres up there.

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00:08:46,500 --> 00:08:49,140

Tell somebody where you're at in case you don't show up

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00:08:49,140 --> 00:08:50,260

for the next day or two.

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00:08:50,260 --> 00:08:52,580

So they'll know where to come hunt the bodies.

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00:08:52,580 --> 00:08:55,140

I mean, I feel like we might need some liquid courage

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00:08:55,140 --> 00:08:55,980

for a son.

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00:08:55,980 --> 00:08:57,300

I think we could use some liquid courage

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00:08:57,300 --> 00:08:58,420

before we get out into the woods.

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00:08:58,420 --> 00:08:59,500

Just throw them there.

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00:08:59,500 --> 00:09:00,660

Dude, we come to the right place.

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00:09:00,660 --> 00:09:03,220

I think we might be able to help you.

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00:09:03,220 --> 00:09:04,420

Straight out of the barrel?

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00:09:04,420 --> 00:09:05,220

Thank you.

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00:09:05,220 --> 00:09:06,020

Yep.

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00:09:06,020 --> 00:09:06,820

Come on.

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00:09:06,820 --> 00:09:08,020

Tighten them up, Dagger.

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00:09:08,020 --> 00:09:10,100

No visit with the moonshiners would be complete

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00:09:10,120 --> 00:09:12,880

without a small taste of their finest shine.

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00:09:15,440 --> 00:09:16,280

Shh.

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00:09:16,280 --> 00:09:17,120

Oh.

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00:09:17,120 --> 00:09:18,600

That's not bad.

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00:09:18,600 --> 00:09:19,600

I gotta try this.

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00:09:24,960 --> 00:09:25,800

I like that.

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00:09:25,800 --> 00:09:26,640

That's good.

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00:09:26,640 --> 00:09:29,600

I will say, I feel a little more courageous right now.

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00:09:29,600 --> 00:09:30,440

I feel, I feel.

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00:09:30,440 --> 00:09:31,280

I'm ready to get out of the woods.

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00:09:31,280 --> 00:09:33,120

Oh, you'll be able to whoop a damn bobcat

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00:09:33,120 --> 00:09:34,120

after about two more drinks.

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00:09:34,120 --> 00:09:34,960

I feel really warm.

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00:09:34,960 --> 00:09:37,160

We leave the moonshiners with a couple jars of hooch

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00:09:37,160 --> 00:09:38,480

and some good advice.

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00:09:39,420 --> 00:09:43,260

Setting our GPS for the North Carolina border.

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00:09:43,260 --> 00:09:47,180

Boy, I'll tell you, if you go into these woods 100 feet,

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00:09:47,180 --> 00:09:48,420

close your eyes, spin around.

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00:09:48,420 --> 00:09:50,060

You can get lost so easily out here.

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00:09:50,060 --> 00:09:52,180

Like, it looks easy on the road right now,

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00:09:52,180 --> 00:09:54,300

but it is dense out there.

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00:09:54,300 --> 00:09:55,700

What is a little surprising to me

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00:09:55,700 --> 00:09:58,140

is the fact that the park service doesn't really

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00:09:58,140 --> 00:10:01,740

publicly announce how many people have disappeared or actually.

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00:10:01,740 --> 00:10:02,140

Yeah.

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00:10:02,140 --> 00:10:03,300

Why is that?

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00:10:03,300 --> 00:10:03,980

I don't know.

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00:10:03,980 --> 00:10:07,060

Is it because they don't want to scare people away?

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00:10:07,060 --> 00:10:08,420

Maybe.

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00:10:09,040 --> 00:10:10,040

Oh, there.

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00:10:10,040 --> 00:10:10,960

Sorry.

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00:10:10,960 --> 00:10:14,000

Maybe I don't really have a lot of options of this road, Phil.

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00:10:14,000 --> 00:10:15,440

This road is insane.

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00:10:23,440 --> 00:10:24,600

Hey, how are you?

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00:10:24,600 --> 00:10:25,720

Hi, guys.

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00:10:25,720 --> 00:10:28,040

I've connected Phil and Jess with Eric Taylor,

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00:10:28,040 --> 00:10:30,080

a local researcher who has been analyzing

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00:10:30,080 --> 00:10:33,520

eyewitness reports of feral people for 15 years,

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00:10:33,520 --> 00:10:37,000

and Pam Watson, an eyewitness who says she'd never even

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00:10:37,060 --> 00:10:40,580

heard of feral humans until she came face to face with one.

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00:10:40,580 --> 00:10:43,500

If she's to be believed, it may be one of the closest

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00:10:43,500 --> 00:10:45,900

encounters anyone has ever had.

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00:10:45,900 --> 00:10:47,940

So what are these feral people?

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00:10:47,940 --> 00:10:49,100

Where do they come from?

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00:10:49,100 --> 00:10:54,420

Since the 1840s, there's been reports of feral wild people

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00:10:54,420 --> 00:10:55,660

in the woods.

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00:10:55,660 --> 00:10:58,820

And people here believe a large number of missing people

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00:10:58,820 --> 00:11:02,540

in the Great Smoky Mountains is due to feral people.

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00:11:02,540 --> 00:11:05,460

But what evidence is there that it's feral people?

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00:11:05,460 --> 00:11:06,700

I mean, look around these woods, it

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00:11:06,700 --> 00:11:09,240

seems like it'd be easy to just disappear.

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00:11:09,240 --> 00:11:11,920

You fall off a cliff, you fall onto a stream.

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00:11:11,920 --> 00:11:13,080

How do we know it's feral people?

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00:11:13,080 --> 00:11:14,880

Eyewitness testimonies.

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00:11:14,880 --> 00:11:17,240

So Pam, have you actually seen one?

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00:11:17,240 --> 00:11:17,920

I have.

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00:11:17,920 --> 00:11:19,840

We had gone on a family vacation, myself,

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00:11:19,840 --> 00:11:22,200

my brother and my parents.

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00:11:22,200 --> 00:11:24,480

My brother and I had gone up into the woods.

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00:11:24,480 --> 00:11:28,040

And we had veered off this path a little bit.

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00:11:28,040 --> 00:11:31,640

And when we did, we saw something.

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00:11:31,660 --> 00:11:41,660

It was a man squatted down, eating something like a deer.

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00:11:41,660 --> 00:11:46,220

And I actually saw a bloody flesh hanging out of his mouth,

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00:11:46,220 --> 00:11:52,620

blood all over his chest, untamed beard, nasty looking.

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00:11:52,620 --> 00:11:55,100

I was terrified.

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00:11:55,100 --> 00:11:58,620

He had a really big forehead that was kind of lumpy and stuff.

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00:11:58,620 --> 00:12:00,900

One side of his nose was a little bit bigger.

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00:12:00,960 --> 00:12:02,680

I mean, he was just, he was deformed.

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00:12:02,680 --> 00:12:06,720

And he looked at us with a demonic look.

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00:12:06,720 --> 00:12:07,600

Was he wearing clothes?

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00:12:07,600 --> 00:12:08,480

No.

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00:12:08,480 --> 00:12:12,000

Eyewitness accounts describe a very putrid smell

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00:12:12,000 --> 00:12:12,920

like garbage.

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00:12:12,920 --> 00:12:16,320

And that's kind of a precursor, usually, to a sighting.

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00:12:16,320 --> 00:12:19,440

And they will click back and forth.

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00:12:19,440 --> 00:12:21,120

And that is their form of communication.

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00:12:21,120 --> 00:12:22,680

So did you hear any clicking or anything

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00:12:22,680 --> 00:12:24,560

when you stumbled upon this one?

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00:12:24,560 --> 00:12:25,240

We did.

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00:12:25,240 --> 00:12:27,400

Have you been back to that area since then?

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00:12:27,400 --> 00:12:28,680

No, I have not.

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00:12:28,680 --> 00:12:31,080

These stories are that someone will go into the mountains

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00:12:31,080 --> 00:12:33,540

alone, perhaps, and veer off from the trail.

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00:12:33,540 --> 00:12:35,580

They may fall into one of their traps

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00:12:35,580 --> 00:12:37,020

that they've made.

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00:12:37,020 --> 00:12:40,620

People, actually, say, do not go into certain areas

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00:12:40,620 --> 00:12:41,860

in the Great Smoky Mountains.

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00:12:41,860 --> 00:12:44,220

So I think we've got to ask, where

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00:12:44,220 --> 00:12:47,540

are those areas that we shouldn't, but probably should go?

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00:12:47,540 --> 00:12:50,860

Yeah, that we shouldn't go, but we're absolutely headed towards.

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00:12:50,860 --> 00:12:52,780

Yeah.

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00:12:52,780 --> 00:12:55,540

Pam shows us on a map where she had her encounter.

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00:12:55,540 --> 00:12:57,500

And Eric points out an area nearby

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00:12:57,520 --> 00:13:01,120

where there have been dozens of other reported sightings.

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00:13:01,120 --> 00:13:02,720

Running right through this cluster

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00:13:02,720 --> 00:13:06,160

is something that every big animal needs, a major water

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00:13:06,160 --> 00:13:06,920

source.

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00:13:06,920 --> 00:13:08,800

There's no doubt this remote location

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00:13:08,800 --> 00:13:11,200

could sustain all sorts of wildlife.

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00:13:11,200 --> 00:13:12,240

Well, thank you, guys.

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00:13:12,240 --> 00:13:13,200

Thank you so much.

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00:13:13,200 --> 00:13:13,880

You're welcome.

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00:13:13,880 --> 00:13:14,720

Great information.

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00:13:14,720 --> 00:13:16,160

I think we've got a really good start.

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00:13:16,160 --> 00:13:18,680

Pam's encounter is unique because of how close she

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00:13:18,680 --> 00:13:20,560

claims she got to the creature.

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00:13:20,560 --> 00:13:23,240

So we've asked her to work with a forensic sketch artist

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00:13:23,240 --> 00:13:27,240

to try to get an accurate picture of what she saw.

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00:13:27,300 --> 00:13:29,340

We won't have the results until morning.

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00:13:29,340 --> 00:13:32,820

In the meantime, we follow Eric's map deep into the woods.

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00:13:32,820 --> 00:13:34,900

If feral people are living out here,

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00:13:34,900 --> 00:13:38,140

Pam believes we're more likely to find them at dusk or dark,

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00:13:38,140 --> 00:13:40,020

away from day hikers and tourists.

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00:13:42,580 --> 00:13:45,060

I don't think anyone's driven this road in quite a while.

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00:13:45,060 --> 00:13:47,060

Yeah, no, I would agree.

365

00:13:47,060 --> 00:13:47,820

Oh, jeez.

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00:13:47,820 --> 00:13:48,300

Hang on.

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00:13:48,300 --> 00:13:51,300

Oh.

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00:13:51,300 --> 00:13:52,300

You good?

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00:13:52,300 --> 00:13:53,860

I'm good.

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00:13:53,860 --> 00:13:55,980

The roads here are barely passable.

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00:13:56,000 --> 00:13:59,600

The recent heavy rains have made them downright treacherous.

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00:13:59,600 --> 00:14:00,100

Oh.

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00:14:00,100 --> 00:14:00,600

OK.

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00:14:04,600 --> 00:14:06,480

Let's take a look.

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00:14:06,480 --> 00:14:08,360

I see road on the other side.

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00:14:08,360 --> 00:14:08,860

Yeah.

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00:14:08,860 --> 00:14:11,080

You think the jeep can make it?

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00:14:11,080 --> 00:14:12,320

I don't know, man.

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00:14:12,320 --> 00:14:14,200

I mean, look, you can see it gets pretty deep there

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00:14:14,200 --> 00:14:14,760

in the middle.

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00:14:14,760 --> 00:14:16,680

And if we can, the engine went.

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00:14:16,680 --> 00:14:17,280

We're stuck.

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00:14:17,280 --> 00:14:17,680

We're done.

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00:14:23,840 --> 00:14:24,880

Pretty deep there in the middle.

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00:14:24,900 --> 00:14:27,100

And if we get the engine wet, we're stuck.

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00:14:27,100 --> 00:14:28,220

We're done.

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00:14:28,220 --> 00:14:28,980

OK.

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00:14:28,980 --> 00:14:33,260

Well, cameras, everybody, looks like we're going swimming.

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00:14:33,260 --> 00:14:34,220

Let's grab our waders.

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00:14:34,220 --> 00:14:36,300

Grab your waders, guys.

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00:14:36,300 --> 00:14:37,740

We got a cross.

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00:14:37,740 --> 00:14:40,220

Getting ourselves across the river is one thing,

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00:14:40,220 --> 00:14:42,420

but our crew will have to make this crossing

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00:14:42,420 --> 00:14:44,060

while carrying heavy gear.

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00:14:44,060 --> 00:14:46,860

All right, let's go.

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00:14:46,860 --> 00:14:50,020

All right, cameras, I think Jess and I are going to cross first.

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00:14:50,020 --> 00:14:52,100

See how deep it is.

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00:14:52,100 --> 00:14:53,340

Make sure you're given your gear.

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00:14:55,780 --> 00:14:59,780

The little rockies, so be careful while you're stepping.

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00:14:59,780 --> 00:15:01,780

Oh, f----.

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00:15:01,780 --> 00:15:02,780

Whoa.

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00:15:02,780 --> 00:15:05,780

It also gets a little fast right here.

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00:15:05,780 --> 00:15:07,620

The temperature of this water is

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00:15:07,620 --> 00:15:09,180

hovering just above freezing.

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00:15:09,180 --> 00:15:11,980

If anyone falls in, yeah, we really

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00:15:11,980 --> 00:15:13,660

don't want anyone to fall in.

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00:15:13,660 --> 00:15:17,620

Get fast and deep right in the middle.

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00:15:17,620 --> 00:15:18,620

Easy, Jess.

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00:15:19,520 --> 00:15:20,520

Easy, Jess.

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00:15:25,520 --> 00:15:26,520

Oh, f----.

411

00:15:26,520 --> 00:15:27,520

I'm good.

412

00:15:27,520 --> 00:15:28,520

Good.

413

00:15:28,520 --> 00:15:29,520

Good.

414

00:15:32,520 --> 00:15:34,520

I don't think the Jeep would have made it.

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00:15:34,520 --> 00:15:37,520

OK, be very careful with the current right here in the middle.

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00:15:43,520 --> 00:15:45,520

All right, guys.

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00:15:45,520 --> 00:15:47,520

Looking like it's going uphill from here.

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00:15:48,420 --> 00:15:50,420

So I think we can take the waiters off.

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00:15:50,420 --> 00:15:51,420

Yeah.

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00:15:51,420 --> 00:15:54,020

We trek about a half a mile following the stream

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00:15:54,020 --> 00:15:56,500

until we reach our destination, an area where

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00:15:56,500 --> 00:15:58,780

there have been several recent eyewitness sightings

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00:15:58,780 --> 00:16:01,180

and near where Pam reported seeing a feral man.

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00:16:01,180 --> 00:16:05,620

We'll focus our investigation close to the water.

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00:16:05,620 --> 00:16:08,820

Heavy rains have turned this small stream into a river.

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00:16:08,820 --> 00:16:11,940

We need to stay on alert because based on our map,

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00:16:11,940 --> 00:16:15,460

it's the closest water source for any big animal out here,

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00:16:15,480 --> 00:16:17,480

including bears.

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00:16:17,480 --> 00:16:18,480

Look at this.

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00:16:21,480 --> 00:16:22,480

That is water.

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00:16:22,480 --> 00:16:25,480

It does not seem like it's been used recently.

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00:16:29,480 --> 00:16:31,480

Why is there a bathtub in the middle of the woods?

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00:16:31,480 --> 00:16:32,480

That's disgusting.

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00:16:32,480 --> 00:16:34,480

That is really gross.

435

00:16:34,480 --> 00:16:37,480

This does not look like it's been used for bathing.

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00:16:37,480 --> 00:16:38,480

Oh, no.

437

00:16:38,480 --> 00:16:39,480

And look at the age of this.

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00:16:39,480 --> 00:16:40,480

Yeah.

439

00:16:40,480 --> 00:16:43,480

I guess this is like a moonshine spot.

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00:16:43,500 --> 00:16:45,500

And that's why this is all like supported in plan.

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00:16:45,500 --> 00:16:48,500

It might be right in the middle of the woods.

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00:16:48,500 --> 00:16:49,500

The most random place.

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00:16:49,500 --> 00:16:52,500

That's why they call it bathtub gym.

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00:16:52,500 --> 00:16:53,500

You might be on something.

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00:16:58,500 --> 00:17:02,500

So I'm thinking we could use this as kind of our base

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00:17:02,500 --> 00:17:05,500

because we got stream on this side.

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00:17:05,500 --> 00:17:07,500

We got a really steep ridge up there.

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00:17:07,500 --> 00:17:09,500

This just gives us a really good corridor,

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00:17:09,500 --> 00:17:12,500

a really good opportunity to set up camera traps.

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00:17:12,520 --> 00:17:15,520

So if anything crosses this way through it,

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00:17:15,520 --> 00:17:16,520

we should get on camera.

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00:17:16,520 --> 00:17:17,520

Yeah.

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00:17:17,520 --> 00:17:18,520

OK, let's do that.

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00:17:18,520 --> 00:17:20,520

All right, we get the traps out.

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00:17:22,520 --> 00:17:24,520

We split up and strategically place a series

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00:17:24,520 --> 00:17:27,520

of 10 motion-activated trail cameras.

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00:17:27,520 --> 00:17:29,520

Jess sets up five cameras along the edge of the river

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00:17:29,520 --> 00:17:31,520

running through this valley

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00:17:31,520 --> 00:17:34,520

while I place five along the ridge line above.

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00:17:34,520 --> 00:17:36,520

If anything stops by for a sip of water,

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00:17:36,520 --> 00:17:39,520

these high-tech cameras will snap a photo

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00:17:39,540 --> 00:17:42,540

and immediately uplink the images to my phone.

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00:17:43,540 --> 00:17:45,540

OK, Phil, I'm all set up.

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00:17:45,540 --> 00:17:48,540

All right, Jess, we'll be back at the moonshine tell-up

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00:17:48,540 --> 00:17:50,540

in maybe an hour?

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00:17:50,540 --> 00:17:51,540

That's good.

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00:17:58,540 --> 00:18:01,540

I'm looking for any signs that animals pass through here,

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00:18:01,540 --> 00:18:04,540

like paw prints or scat.

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00:18:06,540 --> 00:18:08,540

Check this out.

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00:18:09,540 --> 00:18:11,540

Look at those scratch marks.

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00:18:11,540 --> 00:18:12,540

Come on.

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00:18:12,540 --> 00:18:14,540

That is an animal.

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00:18:14,540 --> 00:18:16,540

And this is Frischer.

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00:18:16,540 --> 00:18:18,540

Got some damage there.

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00:18:18,540 --> 00:18:20,540

This looks old.

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00:18:21,540 --> 00:18:25,540

But definitely, that looks like man-made damage.

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00:18:25,540 --> 00:18:28,540

Oh, it's just not yet out of the tree.

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00:18:28,540 --> 00:18:30,540

It doesn't really look like a hatchet.

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00:18:30,540 --> 00:18:32,540

It looks like a rudimentary tool, like a stone

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00:18:32,540 --> 00:18:34,540

or something that made that mark.

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00:18:34,540 --> 00:18:36,540

Something that didn't have a very sharp edge.

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00:18:39,540 --> 00:18:42,540

This to me says human.

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00:18:42,540 --> 00:18:44,540

It says human.

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00:18:44,540 --> 00:18:46,540

This.

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00:18:46,540 --> 00:18:48,540

That sounds a lot like a bear.

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00:18:48,540 --> 00:18:50,540

Scratches all along this.

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00:18:50,540 --> 00:18:54,540

It's like they're competing for this spot.

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00:18:54,540 --> 00:18:56,540

Marking the territory.

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00:18:56,540 --> 00:18:59,540

Bears rub against or scratch trees to mark their territory.

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00:18:59,540 --> 00:19:01,540

A bear might have claimed this riverbank

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00:19:01,540 --> 00:19:03,540

and it's possible a human did the same.

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00:19:03,560 --> 00:19:05,560

There's something around here for sure.

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00:19:09,560 --> 00:19:12,560

The sound of the stream makes it hard to hear anything else.

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00:19:18,560 --> 00:19:20,560

Oh!

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00:19:20,560 --> 00:19:21,560

Oh!

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00:19:21,560 --> 00:19:23,560

F\*\*\*!

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00:19:23,560 --> 00:19:25,560

Right over there. Right over there.

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00:19:25,560 --> 00:19:27,560

Right over there.

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00:19:27,560 --> 00:19:29,560

Right over there.

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00:19:29,560 --> 00:19:31,560

Right over there.

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00:19:31,580 --> 00:19:33,580

Right over there. Right over there.

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00:19:33,580 --> 00:19:35,580

Right over there.

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00:19:35,580 --> 00:19:37,580

F\*\*\*!

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00:19:45,580 --> 00:19:48,580

So, I just saw something moving in the woods.

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00:19:48,580 --> 00:19:50,580

Say again?

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00:19:50,580 --> 00:19:52,580

I just saw something moving in the woods.

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00:19:52,580 --> 00:19:54,580

How big are we talking?

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00:19:54,580 --> 00:19:56,580

I honestly can't tell because it's just so thick down here.

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00:19:56,580 --> 00:19:58,580

I mean, it looks big.

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00:19:58,580 --> 00:20:00,580

I don't know.

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00:20:01,580 --> 00:20:03,580

I don't know.

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00:20:07,580 --> 00:20:09,580

So, what were you seeing down here?

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00:20:09,580 --> 00:20:11,580

I saw something in the distance.

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00:20:11,580 --> 00:20:13,580

Come on, let's go.

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00:20:13,580 --> 00:20:15,580

Distraction.

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00:20:15,580 --> 00:20:17,580

Oh, we just got to hit.

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00:20:17,580 --> 00:20:19,580

What?

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00:20:19,580 --> 00:20:21,580

You dropped it.

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00:20:21,580 --> 00:20:23,580

No, you did not.

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00:20:23,580 --> 00:20:25,580

Look at that.

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00:20:25,580 --> 00:20:27,580

Something's blocking the camera.

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00:20:27,580 --> 00:20:29,580

That's something big.

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00:20:29,600 --> 00:20:31,600

What is that?

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00:20:31,600 --> 00:20:33,600

That looks like something's here.

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00:20:33,600 --> 00:20:35,600

This alert is from Camera 8.

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00:20:35,600 --> 00:20:37,600

One of the ones I set up on the ridge line above.

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00:20:37,600 --> 00:20:39,600

That's the top camera. We got to go.

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00:20:39,600 --> 00:20:41,600

We got to go.

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00:20:41,600 --> 00:20:43,600

Up here. Up here.

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00:20:43,600 --> 00:20:45,600

Shhh.

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00:20:45,600 --> 00:20:47,600

Shhh.

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00:20:47,600 --> 00:20:49,600

Shhh.

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00:20:49,600 --> 00:20:51,600

Shhh.

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00:20:51,600 --> 00:20:53,600

Shhh.

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00:20:53,600 --> 00:20:55,600

Shhh.

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00:20:55,600 --> 00:20:57,600

Shhh.

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00:20:57,620 --> 00:20:59,620

Shhh.

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00:20:59,620 --> 00:21:01,620

Shhh.

539

00:21:01,620 --> 00:21:03,620

Oh, yeah.

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00:21:03,620 --> 00:21:05,620

Are you okay?

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00:21:05,620 --> 00:21:07,620

Are you okay?

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00:21:07,620 --> 00:21:09,620

I swear to God, we just walked this trail.

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00:21:09,620 --> 00:21:11,620

That was not there.

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00:21:11,620 --> 00:21:13,620

And that was not there.

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00:21:13,620 --> 00:21:15,620

This is the tree.

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00:21:15,620 --> 00:21:17,620

The camera's up there.

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00:21:17,620 --> 00:21:19,620

Are you all right?

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00:21:19,620 --> 00:21:21,620

Yeah. I'm good.

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00:21:21,620 --> 00:21:23,620

What the hell was that?

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00:21:23,620 --> 00:21:25,620

What the hell was that?

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00:21:25,640 --> 00:21:27,640

Oh, look at it.

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00:21:27,640 --> 00:21:29,640

It's been moved. It's been moved.

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00:21:33,640 --> 00:21:36,640

There's no branches that just fell?

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00:21:37,640 --> 00:21:40,640

Something definitely moved that camera.

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00:21:40,640 --> 00:21:42,640

Look at this access right here.

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00:21:42,640 --> 00:21:44,640

Wow. Look how fresh this is.

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00:21:44,640 --> 00:21:46,640

Look at this game show.

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00:21:46,640 --> 00:21:48,640

You got the deer, right?

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00:21:48,640 --> 00:21:50,640

Yeah.

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00:21:50,640 --> 00:21:52,640

Let's just have this here and see if we can get a big signature.

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00:21:52,640 --> 00:21:54,640

Okay.

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00:21:55,640 --> 00:21:57,640

Do you see anything?

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00:21:57,640 --> 00:21:59,640

Absolutely.

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00:21:59,640 --> 00:22:01,640

We spend the next half hour scanning the tree line

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00:22:01,640 --> 00:22:03,640

for anything warm-blooded.

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00:22:03,640 --> 00:22:06,640

But whatever triggered our camera seems to be gone now.

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00:22:08,640 --> 00:22:11,640

So I'm not getting anything out there.

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00:22:12,640 --> 00:22:15,640

We searched the area for any trace evidence,

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00:22:15,640 --> 00:22:17,640

like fur or tracks in the mud

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00:22:17,640 --> 00:22:19,640

from whatever disturbed the camera,

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00:22:19,640 --> 00:22:21,640

but come up empty.

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00:22:21,640 --> 00:22:24,640

Well, I mean, hey, we know that they're active out here,

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00:22:24,660 --> 00:22:26,660

whatever it is, right?

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00:22:26,660 --> 00:22:28,660

We're picking up stuff on the camera traps.

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00:22:28,660 --> 00:22:30,660

So why don't we leave them running?

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00:22:30,660 --> 00:22:32,660

Our multi-trap camera system was successful tonight

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and captured an intriguing clue from something

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00:22:34,660 --> 00:22:36,660

that was out here with us.

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Feral human or wild animal?

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We'll have the image analyzed to see if we can figure out

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its identity.

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00:22:42,660 --> 00:22:44,660

Oh, no.

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00:22:44,660 --> 00:22:46,660

What?

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00:22:46,660 --> 00:22:48,660

I just saw something. Yeah?

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00:22:48,660 --> 00:22:50,660

We have to cross that stream again.

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00:22:50,660 --> 00:22:52,660

Great.

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00:22:54,660 --> 00:22:56,660

The next morning,

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00:22:56,660 --> 00:22:58,660

we get some incredible new information

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00:22:58,660 --> 00:23:00,660

that we need to show Josh.

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00:23:00,660 --> 00:23:02,660

Hey, guys, how's it going out there?

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00:23:02,660 --> 00:23:04,660

Good. Good.

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00:23:04,660 --> 00:23:06,660

So we had a pretty amazing night.

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00:23:06,660 --> 00:23:08,660

I definitely heard something moving around in the woods,

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00:23:08,660 --> 00:23:10,660

and then we got a really interesting hit.

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One of the trail cams actually picked up

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00:23:12,660 --> 00:23:15,660

what looks like a hand reaching for it.

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00:23:15,660 --> 00:23:17,660

Wait, what do you mean a hand?

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00:23:17,660 --> 00:23:19,660

Do you mean, like, a human hand?

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00:23:19,660 --> 00:23:21,660

Yeah, it looks like this part of the hand,

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00:23:21,660 --> 00:23:23,660

you can actually see what looks like a little bit of a thumbnail,

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00:23:23,680 --> 00:23:25,680

and it's reaching for the camera.

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00:23:25,680 --> 00:23:28,680

And then when we went and checked out the cam,

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00:23:28,680 --> 00:23:31,680

it was all knocked off the tree.

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00:23:31,680 --> 00:23:33,680

So what are you saying?

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00:23:33,680 --> 00:23:35,680

You think there was somebody out there in the woods?

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00:23:35,680 --> 00:23:37,680

I mean, somebody or something.

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00:23:37,680 --> 00:23:39,680

I'm not so sure, Josh.

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00:23:39,680 --> 00:23:41,680

Maybe the camera slipped and triggered this blurry shot.

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00:23:41,680 --> 00:23:43,680

Jess sees a hand.

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00:23:43,680 --> 00:23:45,680

I see, well, not much of anything.

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00:23:45,680 --> 00:23:47,680

Okay.

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00:23:47,680 --> 00:23:49,680

All right, and what about witnesses?

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Well, we talked to one yesterday.

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And honestly, her story was terrifying.

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Whatever she saw, she's traumatized by it to this day.

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And we actually connected her with a forensic sketch artist

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so that we could have a better idea of what we should be looking for out here.

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00:24:04,700 --> 00:24:06,700

And actually, we just got the results over.

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00:24:06,700 --> 00:24:08,700

We're going to email them to you now.

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00:24:08,700 --> 00:24:10,700

Okay, hold on a second. Let me open this up.

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00:24:10,700 --> 00:24:12,700

Whoa!

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00:24:12,700 --> 00:24:14,700

Look at this guy.

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00:24:14,700 --> 00:24:19,700

This is kind of incredible because this is clearly humanoid, right?

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00:24:19,700 --> 00:24:20,700

I mean, this is not a sketch of a bear, right?

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00:24:20,700 --> 00:24:22,700

Oh, no.

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00:24:22,700 --> 00:24:24,700

And what is supposed to be in his mouth?

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00:24:24,700 --> 00:24:27,700

So her story was that she stumbled upon him while he was eating,

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00:24:27,700 --> 00:24:30,700

so that is deer guts and deer blood all over his mouth.

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So this is also remarkable because it puts a literal face on this investigation.

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You know, what is this that this woman saw?

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I mean, who is this?

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That's what we need to find out.

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So, okay, next stage of the investigation,

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I've actually found another more recent eyewitness.

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It's actually a couple.

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Hopefully, they can corroborate each other's stories.

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So I've arranged for you to go out and meet them today at the spot where it happened.

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Josh sends us off to Mingo Falls,

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00:24:57,700 --> 00:25:00,700

which is just a few miles from where Pam said she had her encounter.

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00:25:10,700 --> 00:25:13,700

All right, so these folks are going to meet us up at the top, yeah?

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00:25:13,700 --> 00:25:16,700

Yep. We got some stairs ahead of us, Jess.

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00:25:16,700 --> 00:25:17,700

Yeah.

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00:25:17,700 --> 00:25:21,700

The witnesses Josh found are James Manning and Malika Spruill.

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They had a terrifying encounter they can't explain.

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00:25:25,700 --> 00:25:26,700

We were here for his birthday.

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00:25:26,700 --> 00:25:27,700

Okay.

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00:25:27,700 --> 00:25:30,700

And we did, everybody kept talking about how beautiful Mingo Falls is,

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so we said, okay, we'll come to Mingo Falls.

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So I got to ask, what the heck did you see up here?

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You tell me.

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00:25:36,700 --> 00:25:40,700

I know it was a man, but what kind?

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Don't know.

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00:25:41,700 --> 00:25:43,700

He stood about 6364.

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He looked like a mangle-deformed man.

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He had knots in his forehead, and his head was thin,

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but his string had a full beard, and he was naked.

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00:25:52,700 --> 00:25:54,700

His body was covered in hair, and he was wet.

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00:25:54,700 --> 00:25:56,700

Odd strange smell.

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00:25:56,700 --> 00:25:57,700

Smell like garbage.

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00:25:57,700 --> 00:25:59,700

It was horrible, horrible smell.

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00:25:59,700 --> 00:26:03,700

His eyes were really, really scary, because it was like a cloudy white.

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00:26:03,700 --> 00:26:04,700

You couldn't even see his pupil.

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00:26:04,700 --> 00:26:05,700

It was a cloudy white.

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00:26:05,700 --> 00:26:07,700

Almost like how cataracts were going to be.

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00:26:07,700 --> 00:26:08,700

Exactly like cataracts, exactly.

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00:26:08,700 --> 00:26:09,700

You scared?

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00:26:09,700 --> 00:26:10,700

You scared?

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00:26:10,700 --> 00:26:11,700

You scared?

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00:26:11,700 --> 00:26:12,700

Terrified.

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00:26:12,700 --> 00:26:13,700

Yes.

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00:26:13,700 --> 00:26:14,700

It was a beautiful move.

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00:26:14,700 --> 00:26:18,700

Well, so was this the area that you saw him at?

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00:26:18,700 --> 00:26:20,700

It was up there, in the waterfall.

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Actually, at the falls?

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At the falls.

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00:26:22,700 --> 00:26:23,700

Do you mind showing us where you saw it?

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00:26:23,700 --> 00:26:24,700

Yes, we can show you.

678

00:26:24,700 --> 00:26:25,700

No problem.

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00:26:25,700 --> 00:26:26,700

All right, well, we'll follow you.

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00:26:26,700 --> 00:26:27,700

Either way.

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00:26:27,700 --> 00:26:28,700

Do we have to?

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00:26:28,700 --> 00:26:29,700

Yes, we do.

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00:26:29,700 --> 00:26:30,700

Come on.

684

00:26:30,700 --> 00:26:31,700

We'll stick together.

685

00:26:31,700 --> 00:26:33,700

Wow, look at those waterfalls.

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00:26:33,700 --> 00:26:34,700

Whoa!

687

00:26:34,700 --> 00:26:38,700

Okay, so you guys were actually standing here?

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00:26:38,700 --> 00:26:39,700

Yes.

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00:26:39,700 --> 00:26:42,700

Okay, and so then where did you see him specifically?

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00:26:42,700 --> 00:26:43,700

Right there.

691

00:26:43,700 --> 00:26:47,700

You see where there's like a little round area right there?

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00:26:47,700 --> 00:26:48,700

Yeah.

693

00:26:48,700 --> 00:26:49,700

Right there.

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00:26:49,700 --> 00:26:50,700

He was right there in the corner.

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00:26:50,700 --> 00:26:51,700

He didn't move.

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00:26:51,700 --> 00:26:52,700

He just started.

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00:26:52,700 --> 00:26:57,700

And then when I looked down to get myself together, it was gone.

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00:26:57,700 --> 00:26:58,700

Yeah.

699

00:26:58,700 --> 00:26:59,700

Where did he disappear to?

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00:26:59,700 --> 00:27:03,700

I mean, this is, it's dense, but it's also very steep.

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00:27:03,700 --> 00:27:07,700

It's, to me, wonder, is there a cave up there, an outcropping that he could have hidden behind?

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00:27:07,700 --> 00:27:08,700

Yeah.

703

00:27:08,700 --> 00:27:10,700

I'm just not seeing from down here.

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00:27:10,700 --> 00:27:11,700

You want me to go up there?

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00:27:11,700 --> 00:27:12,700

I want you to go up there.

706

00:27:12,700 --> 00:27:16,700

And I'll see you here, and you can check out if there's any hiding spots.

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00:27:16,700 --> 00:27:17,700

Right us.

708

00:27:17,700 --> 00:27:18,700

Okay.

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00:27:18,700 --> 00:27:20,700

I'll let you guys know.

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00:27:20,700 --> 00:27:21,700

Let us know.

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00:27:21,700 --> 00:27:22,700

Let us know.

712

00:27:22,700 --> 00:27:23,700

Right us.

713

00:27:23,700 --> 00:27:24,700

Okay.

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00:27:24,700 --> 00:27:26,700

After the date, I won't be coming back.

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00:27:26,700 --> 00:27:28,700

She had to make me come this time.

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00:27:28,700 --> 00:27:31,700

I have one more favor to ask.

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00:27:31,700 --> 00:27:37,700

So, one thing we've been doing with our witnesses is connecting them with a forensic sketch artist.

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00:27:37,700 --> 00:27:38,700

Okay.

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00:27:38,700 --> 00:27:43,700

So that we could basically try to get a better picture of what you actually saw out here.

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00:27:43,700 --> 00:27:45,700

Would you be comfortable doing that?

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00:27:45,700 --> 00:27:46,700

Yes.

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00:27:46,700 --> 00:27:47,700

We have no problems.

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00:27:47,700 --> 00:27:51,700

The spot where they say they saw the Feral Man is roughly halfway up the falls.

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00:27:51,700 --> 00:27:56,700

Could there be a cave or crevice up there where someone could quickly hide from view?

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00:27:56,700 --> 00:28:01,700

At 120 feet, Mingo Falls is one of the tallest waterfalls in the Southern Appalachians.

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00:28:01,700 --> 00:28:06,700

So, Phil has a steep hike ahead of him.

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00:28:07,700 --> 00:28:14,700

And whatever was up here, it's gotta be in shape.

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00:28:14,700 --> 00:28:16,700

Ooh, this is high.

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00:28:16,700 --> 00:28:18,700

Oh my God.

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00:28:25,700 --> 00:28:27,700

All right, Jess.

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00:28:27,700 --> 00:28:29,700

At the end of the waterfall.

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00:28:29,700 --> 00:28:30,700

Got me.

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00:28:30,700 --> 00:28:31,700

Oh, I see your hand.

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00:28:31,700 --> 00:28:32,700

I see your hand.

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00:28:32,700 --> 00:28:35,700

Wave your hand one more time.

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00:28:35,700 --> 00:28:40,700

It's difficult to see much detail from this far away, though not impossible.

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00:28:40,700 --> 00:28:45,700

Do you see any caves or anything that a person could hide in or hide behind?

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00:28:45,700 --> 00:28:47,700

It was kind of hard to tell.

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00:28:47,700 --> 00:28:50,700

Definitely a lot of rocky formations up here.

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00:28:50,700 --> 00:28:54,700

So I would not be surprised if there were a cave a little bit further up.

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00:28:54,700 --> 00:28:57,700

Honestly, I think we gotta follow this trail up here tonight.

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00:28:57,700 --> 00:29:04,700

So I think you should go all the way down those stairs and grab our gear from the jeep.

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00:29:04,700 --> 00:29:06,700

Fine.

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00:29:09,700 --> 00:29:17,700

So looking around up here, not seeing any caves, but I am seeing a lot of rock formations and obviously running water with the waterfall.

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00:29:17,700 --> 00:29:20,700

And when you combine those two, that's when you get erosion.

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00:29:20,700 --> 00:29:27,700

And with erosion, you get underground caverns, the perfect place for whatever the heck they saw up here to hide.

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00:29:28,700 --> 00:29:31,700

Starting behind Mingo Falls, we set out on foot.

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00:29:31,700 --> 00:29:32,700

Wow.

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00:29:32,700 --> 00:29:34,700

Look at this place.

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00:29:37,700 --> 00:29:40,700

The temperature during the winter here falls well below freezing.

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00:29:40,700 --> 00:29:46,700

For a feral human to survive in these woods, they're going to need shelter, likely in the form of a cave.

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00:29:46,700 --> 00:29:48,700

So that's what I'm hoping to find.

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00:29:50,700 --> 00:29:53,700

It's getting dark, but we've hiked too far to give up now.

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00:29:53,700 --> 00:29:55,700

So we're going to keep looking.

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00:29:55,700 --> 00:29:58,700

Hopefully whatever's out here doesn't find us first.

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00:29:58,700 --> 00:30:00,700

Alright, try to stay in contact as best you can.

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00:30:00,700 --> 00:30:01,700

I'll do it. Good luck.

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00:30:01,700 --> 00:30:02,700

Thank you, you too.

759

00:30:03,700 --> 00:30:06,700

Jess and I split up to cover more ground.

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00:30:16,700 --> 00:30:19,700

Alright, my boy, my heart boy. Let's go.

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00:30:20,700 --> 00:30:24,700

IR cameras use infrared light to illuminate images in the dark.

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00:30:24,700 --> 00:30:26,700

The light is on.

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00:30:30,700 --> 00:30:31,700

This way.

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00:30:48,700 --> 00:30:49,700

Did you hear that?

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00:30:50,700 --> 00:30:51,700

Did you hear that snap?

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00:30:54,700 --> 00:30:55,700

Oh, f\*\*\*.

767

00:30:56,700 --> 00:30:57,700

Is that you?

768

00:30:58,700 --> 00:31:00,700

I keep hearing sounds over there to my left.

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00:31:03,700 --> 00:31:04,700

It's going to clear up.

770

00:31:05,700 --> 00:31:06,700

I'm going to call the police.

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00:31:06,700 --> 00:31:07,700

Where are you going?

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00:31:09,700 --> 00:31:10,700

I'm going to call the police.

773

00:31:11,700 --> 00:31:12,700

I'm going to call the police.

774

00:31:13,700 --> 00:31:14,700

We're going to call the police.

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00:31:15,700 --> 00:31:17,700

You're going to call the police, right?

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00:31:18,700 --> 00:31:19,700

I'm going to call the police.

777

00:31:20,700 --> 00:31:21,700

Okay.

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00:31:21,700 --> 00:31:23,700

Let's get the clear out.

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00:31:23,700 --> 00:31:29,700

I think I kind of see something.

780

00:31:29,700 --> 00:31:32,700

There's something over there.

781

00:31:32,700 --> 00:31:33,700

There.

782

00:31:33,700 --> 00:31:34,700

There.

783

00:31:34,700 --> 00:31:35,700

That one.

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00:31:35,700 --> 00:31:36,700

Right there.

785

00:31:36,700 --> 00:31:37,700

Yes.

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00:31:37,700 --> 00:31:38,700

God, do you smell that?

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00:31:38,700 --> 00:31:39,700

There.

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00:31:39,700 --> 00:31:40,700

Oh, it just moved.

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00:31:40,700 --> 00:31:41,700

It's just moved.

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00:31:41,700 --> 00:31:58,700

Getting through the woods is slow going in the dark, but finally I find what appears to be a cave entrance.

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00:31:58,700 --> 00:32:00,700

The problem is, it's down there.

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00:32:00,700 --> 00:32:01,700

Oh, f\*\*\*.

793

00:32:01,700 --> 00:32:05,700

God, that's a drop off.

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00:32:05,700 --> 00:32:07,700

That's a broken ankle.

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00:32:07,700 --> 00:32:09,700

Or broken leg.

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00:32:09,700 --> 00:32:10,700

Worse.

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00:32:10,700 --> 00:32:13,700

That looks like it leads to something big.

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00:32:13,700 --> 00:32:18,700

I think we got to get down here so we should get out the ropes because this is, this looks good.

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00:32:18,700 --> 00:32:24,700

A large cave like this would give any big mammal good protection from both the elements and other

predators.

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00:32:24,700 --> 00:32:31,700

It's possible that the cave system extends under this ridge, perhaps connecting it to the cliffs around Mingo Falls.

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00:32:31,700 --> 00:32:33,700

All right, let's find a flat area set up.

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00:32:33,700 --> 00:32:34,700

So good.

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00:32:34,700 --> 00:32:35,700

Let's go.

804

00:32:40,700 --> 00:32:45,700

I mean, if it was an animal, I feel like we would see some ice shine.

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00:32:47,700 --> 00:32:50,700

F\*\*\*, there is something over there.

806

00:32:50,700 --> 00:32:52,700

Uh, yes.

807

00:32:52,700 --> 00:33:00,700

I just found this insane drop off cave system that we're going to climb down into to get a better look at what's in here.

808

00:33:00,700 --> 00:33:04,700

Okay, well, just be very, very, very, very, very careful.

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00:33:10,700 --> 00:33:14,700

All right, in a few of this we go.

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00:33:22,700 --> 00:33:26,700

Let's run now about 40 feet from the top and check out how deep this thing is.

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00:33:26,700 --> 00:33:28,700

I can't even see the bottom.

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00:33:29,700 --> 00:33:32,700

So not the most fun descent I've ever done.

813

00:33:32,700 --> 00:33:35,700

Got to say, but I got to figure out what's down there.

814

00:33:40,700 --> 00:33:41,700

Whoa.

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00:33:41,700 --> 00:33:44,700

Hey, I see the ground.

816

00:33:44,700 --> 00:33:46,700

I see the ground down here.

817

00:33:48,700 --> 00:33:53,700

Oh, I think I'm about 30 feet from the bottom here.

818

00:34:00,700 --> 00:34:01,700

Whoa.

819

00:34:04,700 --> 00:34:05,700

Touchdown.

820

00:34:06,700 --> 00:34:07,700

Touchdown.

821

00:34:11,700 --> 00:34:13,700

Wow, this place is insane.

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00:34:13,700 --> 00:34:16,700

I really don't want a bear to be in here.

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00:34:16,700 --> 00:34:19,700

Okay, that's got to be under 20 feet.

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00:34:20,700 --> 00:34:25,700

The cavern splits into two smaller chambers, plus something I didn't expect,

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00:34:25,700 --> 00:34:28,700

another opening that leads to a forest on the other side.

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00:34:28,700 --> 00:34:29,700

Wow.

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00:34:30,700 --> 00:34:31,700

Look at that.

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00:34:33,700 --> 00:34:34,700

Completely open over here.

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00:34:36,700 --> 00:34:37,700

That's insane.

830

00:34:37,700 --> 00:34:39,700

There's got to be an easier way to get in here.

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00:34:39,700 --> 00:34:40,700

Nice.

832

00:34:40,700 --> 00:34:42,700

There's definitely an easier way to get out of here.

833

00:34:42,700 --> 00:34:44,700

Let's go check up on Jess.

834

00:34:45,700 --> 00:34:46,700

You guys see a copy?

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00:34:47,700 --> 00:34:48,700

Yeah, I copy.

836

00:34:48,700 --> 00:34:50,700

How's it looking down there?

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00:34:51,700 --> 00:34:53,700

It's looking pretty crazy, I got to say.

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00:34:53,700 --> 00:34:59,700

Big parts of this cave are pretty uneven, but it opens up to a huge area of forest.

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00:34:59,700 --> 00:35:04,700

I'm wondering if you might be able to find this back end.

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00:35:04,700 --> 00:35:06,700

Okay, start shining your light around.

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00:35:06,700 --> 00:35:10,700

We'll try and go near one of the edges of the rocks to see what we can see,

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00:35:10,700 --> 00:35:13,700

because right now where we are, there's nothing, we can't see anything.

843

00:35:14,700 --> 00:35:16,700

Yeah, let's just do this.

844

00:35:17,700 --> 00:35:18,700

Oh, oh, yep.

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00:35:19,700 --> 00:35:20,700

Oh, I see you.

846

00:35:20,700 --> 00:35:21,700

Yeah, I'm waving.

847

00:35:21,700 --> 00:35:22,700

Okay.

848

00:35:34,700 --> 00:35:37,700

Oh my God, that's crazy big.

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00:35:38,700 --> 00:35:39,700

Whoa.

850

00:35:40,700 --> 00:35:41,700

Bill, come here.

851

00:35:43,700 --> 00:35:44,700

So this looks suspicious.

852

00:35:45,700 --> 00:35:47,700

This is crazy.

853

00:35:47,700 --> 00:35:49,700

That looks like a campfire.

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00:35:51,700 --> 00:35:53,700

You rappelled down this whole thing?

855

00:35:53,700 --> 00:35:54,700

Oh yeah.

856

00:35:54,700 --> 00:35:55,700

Oh my gosh.

857

00:35:55,700 --> 00:35:56,700

What is it saying?

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00:35:58,700 --> 00:35:59,700

Look at this cave though.

859

00:36:00,700 --> 00:36:03,700

Oh, see, right here it smells, man.

860

00:36:03,700 --> 00:36:04,700

What?

861

00:36:04,700 --> 00:36:05,700

You don't smell that?

862

00:36:08,700 --> 00:36:09,700

You don't smell that stink?

863

00:36:10,700 --> 00:36:11,700

Hold up.

864

00:36:13,700 --> 00:36:14,700

Huge.

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00:36:14,700 --> 00:36:15,700

Yeah.

866

00:36:15,700 --> 00:36:16,700

Smells like a zoo.

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00:36:16,700 --> 00:36:18,700

Oh my God, the bones.

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00:36:18,700 --> 00:36:19,700

Oh!

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00:36:25,700 --> 00:36:28,700

We're all familiar with famous feral people in literature.

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Characters like Tarzan and Mowgli from the Jungle Book,

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but are either of them based on true stories.

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While Mowgli may be partly based on a young boy from the 1800s,

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who was allegedly discovered in India living among wolves.

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He walked on all fours, he growled, he ate only raw meat,

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00:36:45,700 --> 00:36:48,700

before being rescued to an orphanage for care.

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And as for Tarzan, some claim the character was inspired

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by an English nobleman named Lord William Charles Milden.

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In 1868, at the age of 11,

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00:36:59,700 --> 00:37:02,700

he purportedly survived a shipwreck off the coast of Africa,

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00:37:02,700 --> 00:37:05,700

where he lived among apes for years.

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00:37:05,700 --> 00:37:08,700

The trouble is, there's almost no documentation to back up the legend.

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00:37:08,700 --> 00:37:12,700

And most believe the tale is simply bananas.

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00:37:17,700 --> 00:37:18,700

You got bones?

884

00:37:19,700 --> 00:37:20,700

Oh.

885

00:37:23,700 --> 00:37:24,700

Look at that.

886

00:37:24,700 --> 00:37:25,700

I've got my evidence kid.

887

00:37:25,700 --> 00:37:27,700

Why don't you take some photos?

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00:37:27,700 --> 00:37:28,700

I'll get my camera.

889

00:37:28,700 --> 00:37:29,700

Okay.

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00:37:31,700 --> 00:37:32,700

Ready?

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00:37:38,700 --> 00:37:40,700

It is really bizarre.

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00:37:40,700 --> 00:37:42,700

Did I have to leave you to it?

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00:37:42,700 --> 00:37:44,700

Like this part looks ripped off?

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00:37:44,700 --> 00:37:46,700

But this part looks like it was like...

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00:37:46,700 --> 00:37:47,700

It's gonna snap.

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00:37:47,700 --> 00:37:49,700

These look like they're from a big animal,

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00:37:49,700 --> 00:37:51,700

like a deer or a hog.

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00:37:51,700 --> 00:37:52,700

Yeah.

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00:37:52,700 --> 00:37:54,700

The bones we found in the cave are clearly animal,

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00:37:54,700 --> 00:37:58,700

but who or what butchered that animal is yet to be determined.

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00:37:58,700 --> 00:37:59,700

You know what else I got?

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00:37:59,700 --> 00:38:00,700

What?

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00:38:00,700 --> 00:38:01,700

Luminol.

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00:38:01,700 --> 00:38:04,700

I thought that was an order to tell how dirty your hotel room is.

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00:38:04,700 --> 00:38:08,700

That too, or how much blood is around in the cave.

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00:38:08,700 --> 00:38:09,700

Oh.

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00:38:09,700 --> 00:38:12,700

Luminol reacts with the iron in hemoglobin,

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00:38:12,700 --> 00:38:16,700

making any smear or spatter of blood glow for about 30 seconds.

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00:38:16,700 --> 00:38:18,700

If I can find blood with the luminol,

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00:38:18,700 --> 00:38:20,700

I'll collect a sample for DNA testing

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00:38:20,700 --> 00:38:23,700

to see what might have been in here eating the carcasses.

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00:38:23,700 --> 00:38:25,700

All right, so let's off, ready?

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00:38:25,700 --> 00:38:27,700

Three, two, one.

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00:38:31,700 --> 00:38:33,700

Oh, I can see it.

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00:38:33,700 --> 00:38:34,700

Oh, it just did.

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00:38:34,700 --> 00:38:35,700

Look at that.

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00:38:35,700 --> 00:38:36,700

It's glowing right there.

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00:38:36,700 --> 00:38:38,700

Oh, there it is glowing.

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00:38:38,700 --> 00:38:40,700

So we got blood.

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00:38:40,700 --> 00:38:43,700

That is lots of blood.

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00:38:43,700 --> 00:38:44,700

Yeah.

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00:38:44,700 --> 00:38:46,700

I just don't want that to be human blood.

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00:38:50,700 --> 00:38:51,700

Oh!

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00:38:52,700 --> 00:38:54,700

Ah, it's in my eyes.

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00:38:54,700 --> 00:38:55,700

What just happened?

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00:38:55,700 --> 00:38:57,700

I saw something fall from here.

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00:38:57,700 --> 00:38:58,700

What?

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00:38:58,700 --> 00:38:59,700

What's from that hole?

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00:38:59,700 --> 00:39:00,700

Yeah, something, something.

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00:39:00,700 --> 00:39:02,700

I got a little dusted over here too.

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00:39:02,700 --> 00:39:03,700

That hurt.

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00:39:03,700 --> 00:39:04,700

Let's go, let's go.

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00:39:04,700 --> 00:39:05,700

Something up there?

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00:39:05,700 --> 00:39:07,700

There's something moving around up there?

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00:39:07,700 --> 00:39:09,700

Let's go, let's go.

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00:39:09,700 --> 00:39:10,700

All right.

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00:39:10,700 --> 00:39:12,700

We rush outside to see if we can spot

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00:39:12,700 --> 00:39:14,700

whatever might have been on top of the cave.

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00:39:14,700 --> 00:39:16,700

While Phil checks for clues on the ground,

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00:39:16,700 --> 00:39:18,700

I break out the flare and scan the tree line.

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00:39:21,700 --> 00:39:24,700

I don't see anything up here.

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00:39:24,700 --> 00:39:26,700

We leave a trail cam running,

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00:39:26,700 --> 00:39:28,700

just in case whatever was on top of the cave

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00:39:28,700 --> 00:39:30,700

above us returns.

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The findings my team gathered during this investigation

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shed new light on the mystery of the so-called

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feral people of Appalachia.

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Though our trail cams took mostly photos

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of recognizable species,

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00:39:47,700 --> 00:39:50,700

we can't identify what made this image.

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00:39:50,700 --> 00:39:53,700

Something definitely moved that camera.

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00:39:53,700 --> 00:39:57,700

Jess and the crew also heard mysterious clicking noises.

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00:39:57,700 --> 00:39:59,700

Did you hear that?

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00:39:59,700 --> 00:40:02,700

Which we isolated from our footage and thoroughly analyzed.

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Phil compared notes with several colleagues,

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but they were unable to conclusively identify the sounds

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00:40:10,700 --> 00:40:13,700

as coming from any known animal or insect.

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00:40:13,700 --> 00:40:14,700

Oh, god, we got bones.

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00:40:14,700 --> 00:40:17,700

Tests indicated the bones and some of the blood samples

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00:40:17,700 --> 00:40:19,700

they collected in the cave were from hogs,

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which roamed wild in these mountains.

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But there were also some blood spatters

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00:40:23,700 --> 00:40:26,700

that were 100% human.

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00:40:26,700 --> 00:40:29,700

Who that human was and what they were doing in that cave,

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that remains a mystery.

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But the most interesting evidence are the two drawings

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00:40:34,700 --> 00:40:37,700

made by a professional forensic sketch artist.

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Put the images side by side and the resemblance is undeniable.

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So where does that leave us?

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Phil began the investigation thinking sightings of feral humans

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were cases of wildlife misidentification.

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But when it comes to why so many hikers go missing,

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Jess was open to a more imaginative explanation.

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After weighing the evidence though,

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we are in a rare occasion, united.

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There very well may be some foul smelling,

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00:41:01,700 --> 00:41:04,700

raggedy looking creatures living deep in the great

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00:41:04,700 --> 00:41:07,700

smoky mountains, but none that are genetically different

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00:41:07,700 --> 00:41:08,700

than you and me.

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00:41:08,700 --> 00:41:11,700

Simply those who made the choice to leave society behind.

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00:41:11,700 --> 00:41:14,700

And from time to time an eyewitness gets a glimpse

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00:41:14,700 --> 00:41:16,700

and a whiff.

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00:41:16,700 --> 00:41:19,700

Ever look in the mirror after a weekend camping trip?

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00:41:19,700 --> 00:41:21,700

Try being out there for several years.

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00:41:21,700 --> 00:41:24,700

You might just look and smell like a monster too.