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On this episode of Expedition X,

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my team journeys to a remote tropical paradise.

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Get ready for the most beautiful waters, Emperor.

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But locals say the island's blue holes hide a mysterious aquatic beast.

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I don't swim in the blue hole because they live in the blue hole.

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A strange hybrid creature that's not only aggressive.

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And out of the clear blue sky, boom! Until my finger right open.

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It's downright deadly.

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I had family friends that went diving in the blue hole.

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And they never came back.

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Phil and Jess brave the dangers of the deep.

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The water here feels completely different.

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Like it's sucking me in.

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And possibly expose a decades old military secret.

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Due to the secret nature of the work there, he didn't talk about it.

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It's a mission to reveal...

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Oh, I got something, Phil!

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The beast of Andros Island.

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My name is Josh Gates.

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

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and made me question everything.

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Oh my God.

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

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Let's go!

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Phil Torres is a scientist who hunts for rational explanations.

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This is incredible.

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We've actually found two snows.

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

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If you're here with us, knock again.

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Together, we're searching for answers...

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What is happening here, Jess?

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...to the world's most extraordinary mysteries.

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This is Expedition X.

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Jess, Phil, I have to say, I feel bad about some of the really challenging places that I send you.

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No, you don't.

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I feel kind of bad.

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And for this next investigation, you're actually going to be going to the Bahamas!

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Oh, that's great!

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Pack your bags.

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Yes, I'm going to be on the beach.

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I'm going to get tropical drinks with the little umbrellas.

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This is going to be perfect.

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Yeah, you're not exactly there to work on your tan.

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It may actually be your most dangerous investigation ever.

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How do you feel about shark-infested waters?

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Wait, are we going to look for a shark?

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You're half right.

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Situated in warm Atlantic waters near the Caribbean Sea,

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Andros is the largest of the 700 islands that make up the Bahamas.

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Not exactly a beach resort hotspot,

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This mostly undeveloped hidden paradise is dotted with unusual geologic formations known as blue holes.

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They formed during the Ice Age as glacial runoff carved caves into the limestone

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That later collapsed and flooded as sea levels rose.

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There are over 200 of these sunken caverns located both inland and offshore.

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Famed oceanographer and one of my personal heroes Jacques Cousteau

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Was instrumental in demonstrating that many of the inland blue holes

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Are connected by an underground labyrinth to the blue holes in the ocean.

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Few of these blue holes have ever been fully explored.

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They're deemed too dangerous, not only because they can be several hundred feet deep,

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But because some locals believe that inside the blue holes hides a mysterious and deadly creature.

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A legendary sea beast with a head resembling a shark's and the long powerful arms of an octopus.

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They call it the Lusca.

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Disappearances of swimmers, divers and fishermen are often blamed on the Lusca.

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But details of its origin are like the depths of a blue hole, murky.

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1896, a badly decomposed six-ton carcass washes up on a beach in Florida northwest of Andros.

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And over the next century, scientists debate whether it could be a giant octopus, squid or whale.

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Whatever it is, it fuels the sea monster legend.

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Many locals believe that modern sightings of an octopus shark hybrid

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Are somehow tied to an abandoned military facility on the island.

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Others say the Lusca is a relative of the giant squid,

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Which was once thought to be pure fiction until carcasses were documented in the mid-1800s.

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The first live specimen wasn't captured on film until 2005.

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So is it possible that the Lusca could be more than just a terrifying local legend?

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And now, with the number of reported creature encounters on the rise,

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Swimmers, divers, fishermen and investigators best beware of the blue holes.

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Okay, who is ready to go look for a Lusca? Phil?

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Come on, what are we talking about here? The head of a shark and the body of an octopus?

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Yes! A shark-to-puss, Phil. It sounds like something out of a comic book.

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I mean, it does sound a little far-fetched, but locals there, they've been claiming that they see something

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They can't explain from the bottom of these blue holes for generations.

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They don't know what it is. So the question to me is, what is it?

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Right, they're seeing something.

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What I do know about these blue holes is that they're incredibly dangerous to explore.

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They are deep, they're really dark, super technical dives.

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So if you are in or around them, and you're thinking about the Lusca,

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And you see something you can't identify, your mind might play tricks on you.

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So a case of misidentification, but what would that be?

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I don't know. I mean, imagine seeing an octopus swimming by you in profile.

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If its body is all together, it could look almost like a shark, too.

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The folks on the island, they know their sea life.

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They know the difference between a shark and an octopus,

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And they're saying specifically that they're seeing something they can't explain.

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So, to get to the bottom of this, I am sending both of you to Andros Island in the Bahamas,

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First to meet with an eyewitness who not only claims that he saw a Lusca, but that he survived an attack.

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And Phil, you're going to learn all about these blue holes because you're going to dive in

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and get to the bottom of what the Lusca really is.

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And could it be the thing responsible for swimmers and divers disappearing?

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You up for this?

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Absolutely.

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See, I knew you guys couldn't turn down a free trip to the Bahamas and a terrifying mystery.

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Can I still drink some tropical drinks?

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After, yes. If you survive.

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Goals.

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Good luck.

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From New York, the team flies three and a half hours south to Nassau.

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The capital of the Bahamas.

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Then, it's another three hours by boat to Andros Island.

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There it is. There's Andros.

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Get ready for the most beautiful waters.

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I mean, this is gorgeous right here.

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Yeah.

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Oh, look at that shipwreck.

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I know. What's that all about?

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You know what you're telling out.

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Lusca.

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We dock and head to meet the witness Josh told us about.

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Sammy Roming is the owner of a local watering hole.

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All right. How you guys doing?

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Looks like I'm about to get that drink.

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Welcome to Sammy's, man.

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I'll take a beer, please.

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The Bahamian way.

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Like it.

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Nice.

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So, we are here because we're really interested in this mystery of the Lusca.

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Let me tell you, I got the mark to show.

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You've got a mark?

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What do you mean, a mark?

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The mark to show.

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On my hand, right here.

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See that stitch hole right there?

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Oh, yeah.

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Let's go right there.

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I had like maybe 10 stitches in there.

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Let me tell you my story.

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I was in a blue hole.

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I got big fishing line, big eyes, hook like that.

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I hook it on and I throw it in.

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And I was holding a spool and out of the clear blue sky.

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Boom.

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I mean, that's popping on my hand.

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Boom.

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Until my finger right open.

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If I'm not going to get that, I'm going to get that.

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My finger right open.

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If I had to hang on that line hard enough, it would yuck me right in the blue hole with

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me.

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So, it came up from the bottom and then snagged you and then like went back down?

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It snagged the line from the bottom.

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And I say, holy s\*\*\*, what's that?

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So, all of a sudden I saw this big riffle and come back on top of the water and just swim

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right around.

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But I didn't get to see exactly what the face of this thing, but I saw the backside of it.

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It looked almost like an octopus and this thing was like humongous.

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So then what makes you think it's a luska and not necessarily just an octopus or a squid?

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There's no big squid like that around here.

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This thing was huge.

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When I say huge, I'm talking about, his tana cus was about six feet.

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An octopus with six foot appendages would be considered huge around here.

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The largest species in the Bahamas are the Caribbean reef octopus and the common octopus,

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whose arms typically don't grow past two or three feet long.

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Have you gone back there and tried fishing again?

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Never.

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Because I know what I see at that blue hole.

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That's why me, I don't swim in the blue hole because they live in the blue hole.

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Do you have anybody else that you know that has stories?

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I mean, this whole island actually, I'm kind of in the corner of it, this thing.

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Sammy offers to spread the word that we're looking for the luska.

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A lot of crazy stuff around here, you know?

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Yeah.

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You just got to go and experience it for yourself.

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We follow Sammy's directions toward the remote blue hole, where he was nearly reeled in by the creature.

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In order to get to the bottom of what's in this blue hole, we need to get to the bottom of the blue hole itself.

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So we've brought along our scuba gear.

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Can you carry the tank and stuff?

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Yeah.

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Come on, Pacmule.

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Sammy says it's about half a mile off the road down a rocky path, not that there's actually much of a path.

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Whoa.

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You're feeling bark?

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Yeah.

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This is poison wood.

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This is basically like Bahamas poison ivy.

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Oh.

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It's all over this forest.

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This is a hike.

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All right.

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Luckily, I'm well-practiced in the art of machete.

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How about I hop across and you can pass me that stuff over?

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It works.

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Does that work?

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Look at this.

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Got it.

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Whoa.

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This is amazing.

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Reaching depths of several hundred feet, most blue holes connect to the ocean via an underground labyrinth of tunnels.

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But some are cut off from the sea and have become isolated, unique ecosystems.

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I brought the comms so that I can keep track of you.

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But I also brought the ROV.

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Honestly, the more eyes, the better down there.

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Yep, I agree.

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All right.

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I doubt that an isolated sinkhole would have enough food to sustain something large.

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Comms are set.

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Be on the ready.

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Oh, yes.

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If there really is a massive creature here, octopus or otherwise, I'm thinking it'd have to travel to and from the ocean through an underwater tunnel.

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So I'm looking not just for signs of whatever marine animal Sammy encountered in this blue hole, but also a tunnel it could have used to get here.

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Jeff, can you read me?

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Yeah, I got you.

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This is crazy.

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You can literally see where the freshwater meets the saltwater.

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As freshwater from rain collects on the surface, denser saltwater is trapped below.

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In the murky middle layer where fresh and saltwater mix, a toxic gas called hydrogen sulfide can build up from all the decaying plant matter.

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To a diver, hydrogen sulfide can cause skin irritation, dizziness, nausea, and in long enough exposure, even delirium and death.

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I wonder if hydrogen sulfide-induced delirium could explain some of the monster reports from divers.

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Is there any fish or anything like that in there?

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There's a snapper down here.

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The Kubera Snapper is a mostly marine species and likely wouldn't be found here if this blue hole wasn't connected to the ocean.

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Repeat that.

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Bill, can you hear me? Copy.

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Are you okay?

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Hang on, I see something.

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Holy s\*\*\*!

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Hang on, I see something.

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Holy s\*\*\*!

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Bill, quick walkie-check.

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Can you hear me at all?

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I think I found a big cave.

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You found a cave?

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Okay, be careful! Can you act full-fled-

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The water here feels completely different. Like it's sucking me in.

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How far back does it go?

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I don't know. Doesn't look safe to go in there.

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You want to grab the ROV and see how far back that cave goes?

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Yeah, for sure. Send it down.

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Who knows how deep or narrow this blue hole gets, or whether the Laska Samysau might be hiding in the cave Phil found.

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But the ROV can safely go where Phil can't.

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I see the cave. I'm at the entrance.

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It's a narrow cave, but an octopus can fit into some very narrow places because it has no bones.

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The only rigid part of its body is the beak, which is made of chitin, the same hard substance as an insect shell.

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As long as an octopus's beak can fit through a crack, the rest of its highly malleable body can maneuver through as well.

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That means even an unusually large octopus could squeeze into this tight cave.

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I feel like I'm constantly fighting against a current. I keep thinking I'm getting hung up on some of these rocks, but then I look and I'm actually fine. I'm just getting pulled around.

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Look at that. I mean, how could I not go through here? I think I can fit it in there.

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Oh, I'm going to get that ROV stuck.

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Okay, come on. Where are we? There we go. We're out.

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That's as far as I can go. Any further, we may lose the ROV. I'm bringing it back up.

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Copy that.

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ROV's up.

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That thing was so dude-run there, Jess.

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Easily something can fit through there.

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It's feasible. It's feasible for a less-could-be in here, or at least come here, use it as a feeding ground, hang out for a while, and then ditch out and go somewhere else, which could also explain multiple sightings.

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I definitely think this particular cave system connects to the ocean.

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Oh, yeah. Absolutely.

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I think it has to.

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Yeah.

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While we were investigating the inland blue hole where Sammy had his frightening encounter, I got a message from another local.

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So I think us being here on the island looking for the Lescas making the rounds. One of the locals, this lady named Charlene, she reached out to me.

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I figured we could go meet up with her where she works. In a weird twist, guess what the restaurant she works at is called?

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Uh, what?

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Lucky Lesca.

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Oh, interesting choice.

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There's the lucky Lesca.

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Charlene Wims was born and raised on Andros. In addition to running the restaurant, she's also a police officer.

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From a little girl, always hear my mom speaking of the Lusca. I thought it was just, oh, it was something that they were making up, and they didn't want us to go to the holes.

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But I had family friends that went out on a boat. These were actual divers, and they went diving in

the blue hole in the ocean.

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And they never came back.

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So what's the theory behind what happened to them?

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Well, up to today, we have no story. They had divers coming to go and look for them. They dove all of those blue holes, and they found absolutely nothing.

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Could it not have been a shark or something like that?

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Well, they found no time, no swim gars, which make me believe that there is a Lusca.

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I would think even with a shark, you would still have tanks and other equipment left over, even if it was torn up.

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So I guess if they completely disappeared, the idea is that the Lusca took them into one of the caves or tunnels, and that's where it's hiding.

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So where's the location of the blue hole?

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The location of the blue hole is about two miles off of Small Hope Bay.

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Charlene gives us the location and suggests where we can grab a boat to take us to the offshore blue hole where the divers disappeared without a trace.

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I'm wondering if this blue hole could be the marine lair of the Lusca, and somehow connected to the inland blue hole where Sammy had his run in with the beast.

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So much of this, I initially just thought, was stories to keep kids from drowning in the blue holes. They're dangerous, I get it.

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But now we're hearing about people dying from a supposed Lusca.

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Charlene's story was kind of tough to hear.

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Yeah, definitely.

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The list of known ocean predators here that have the ability to kill and consume a human is pretty short, and most of the names on that list end in shark.

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I've dived in the Bahamas before and know that these waters are home to tiger sharks, bull sharks, and the occasional Great White.

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If we're going to investigate deadly diver attacks, we're going to need some experience backup.

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Hey Josh.

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Hey team.

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Looks like you're enjoying the Bahamas. Look at that. It's paradise.

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Phil, did you do a dive in a blue hole?

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Oh yes.

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It's dark and murky. It's like a totally different world.

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It really is, but the big question is, did you see a Lusca?

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No Lusca yet, but Phil did see saltwater fish in the inland hole and a cave that probably connects with the ocean blue holes.

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Yeah, so there's a big blue hole out here where some divers disappeared.

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So we're going to go dive.

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But we'll need some support.

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People don't call the Bahamas the shark capital of the world for nothing.

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You're definitely right to be cautious, Phil.

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As I'm sure you know, there are more than 40 different shark species there, including some serious apex predators.

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I'm going to let Phil do the diving.

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Thanks Jess.

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You're welcome.

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Well you are in luck. I've been diving down there a lot and I have a contact at Shark Week Buddy of Mine.

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And if you want to dive in the Bahamas, this is the guy. So I'm going to connect you with him and be careful down there, okay?

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You got it.

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Bye Josh.

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See you Josh.

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Bye bye.

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We grabbed the rest of our gear and connect with Josh's dive contact, Chris Carroll, a Bahamian marine scientist who specializes in the ocean life here.

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Nice to meet you.

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Nice to meet you too.

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Including shark, octopus, and I'm hoping something in between.

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Have you ever heard of anything called the Lusca?

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I have heard stories.

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Divers afraid to go in the water of chance of them being eaten or snatched by this mysterious creature.

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Do you think it's actually half shark, half octopus, or do you think it's something that's actually based off of a real animal?

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With the sharktopus part of it, I think that's a bit, for me, far-fetched.

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What it could be is a hammerhead shark eating a very large octopus.

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And some people may have seen that and they see the tentacles and the sharks, mouth and the sharks swimming away.

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And they may have seen that and be like, what is that?

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That's what I chunk it up to be.

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Sharks are known to prey on octopuses, so it makes perfect sense that people reporting a creature with the head of a shark and flailing cephalopod appendages could have actually witnessed natural predation in action.

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Should we gear up?

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Get ready?

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Yes, let's do it.

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Let's get in.

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Okay.

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Sure, it's an interesting theory from another scientist, but with so many luska sightings, they can't all simply be seeing a shark eating its lunch.

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We close in on the coordinates Charlene gave us for the blue hole where the divers were last seen.

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And as we take our first look at the submerged blue hole, I'm suddenly extra glad we brought reinforcements.

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Holy sh\*\*.

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Oh boy, right there.

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Diving with sharks is serious business.

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There's safety in numbers, so marine scientist Chris Carroll and I, along with our cameraman and a safety diver, are going down as a group.

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Having extra eyes underwater reduces the risk of a sneak attack from these ambush predators.

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How's that feel?

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Good?

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It's good.

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The plan is to stay alert and respectful of these amazing creatures.

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Test, test, test, Phil, do you copy?

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I copy.

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We're okay down here.

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Don't get eaten.

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There are sharks everywhere.

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Oh my gosh.

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I'm so sorry.

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

I'm sorry.

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

I'm so sorry.

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00:22:03,000 --> 00:22:04,000

I'm so sorry.

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00:22:04,000 --> 00:22:05,000

I'm sorry.

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00:22:05,000 --> 00:22:06,000

I'm sorry.

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I'm sorry.

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00:22:07,000 --> 00:22:08,000

I'm sorry.

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00:22:08,000 --> 00:22:09,000

I'm sorry.

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00:22:09,000 --> 00:22:10,000

I'm sorry.

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00:22:10,000 --> 00:22:11,000

I'm sorry.

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00:22:11,000 --> 00:22:12,000

I'm sorry.

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00:22:12,000 --> 00:22:14,000

Oh my gosh.

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In 2011, the Bahamas declared its entire marine habitat is shark sanctuary.

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Aside from the potentially deadly tiger and bull sharks, this water is teeming with hammerheads, oceanic white tips, and Caribbean reef sharks, which are pretty much surrounding me right now.

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Though unprovoked attacks on swimmers and divers are rare, they do happen.

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Whoa, these guys are getting a little too friendly.

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Heading to the hall now.

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Copy that.

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Keep your eye on those sharks and keep your eyes open for any caves where a monster could live or tunnels where it could be using to travel inland.

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A recent study found that more than half of Americans are absolutely terrified of sharks, though most people will never actually encounter one.

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Even in areas where sharks are more common, I think it's possible fear can alter perception to the

point that some might believe they've seen a monster.

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Perhaps witnesses are leaning into the Luska legend when they see either a larger than average octopus or, as Chris suspects, a shark eating an octopus.

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Okay, this is the edge of the blue hole.

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Let's go.

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So I'll be searching the blue hole where the divers disappeared for signs of an oversized predator.

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I see an octopus.

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Wow, that is a fearful animal.

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How big is it?

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Is it Luska big?

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Maybe two, two and a half feet long.

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Definitely not a Luska.

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Octopuses are masters at marine hide and seek.

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They have cells called chromatophores in their skin that allow them to adjust their color and papillae that change their texture, all to better match their environment.

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Amazing creature.

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If a Luska can camouflage itself, maybe that's how it's managed to remain so elusive over the years.

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And if it also has the intelligence of an octopus combined with the power of a shark, that is one formidable beast.

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But you don't have to be a biologist to know that sharks and octopuses are very different animals.

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It gets me wondering how such a hybrid could come to exist.

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Do you see any caves or channels that lead to any of the inland blue holes?

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Where a Luska can live or hide?

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Still looking.

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00:24:46,000 --> 00:24:48,000

Oh wait, I think we found a total entrance.

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00:24:52,000 --> 00:24:54,000

It's pretty dark at this depth.

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Let's send in the ROV to get a better look inside.

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00:24:58,000 --> 00:25:02,000

Chris knows what's down here. You can get back on the bottom point the way.

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00:25:02,000 --> 00:25:08,000

Okay, you stay there, send Chris up. I'll have him sit next to me and help me guide the ROV around.

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00:25:08,000 --> 00:25:10,000

We'll figure out how to tackle this thing.

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00:25:10,000 --> 00:25:13,000

Copy that. The cave's kinda hidden.

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Find me with the ROV and I'll get you to the entrance.

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Alright, copy.

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While we're waiting for the ROV to arrive, the crew and I stay on the lookout for the return of any sharks.

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Most sharks are crepuscular hunters, meaning they seek prey at dawn and dusk.

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And with sunsets quickly approaching, I'd rather not be down here when the dinner bell rings.

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ROV in the water really quick?

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What?

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00:25:48,000 --> 00:25:50,000

ROV's in.

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So towards the front, straight down.

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That's a fill.

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00:26:09,000 --> 00:26:10,000

That's a fill.

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00:26:11,000 --> 00:26:13,000

Follow them into the crevice, into the crack.

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00:26:16,000 --> 00:26:21,000

This is the one I wanna check out. Feeling a current here.

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I wonder if this current is flowing into an inland blue hole, like the one where Sammy was attacked by what he believes was Alaska.

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What he encountered could have been a misidentified ocean animal that found its way inland through this tunnel. But what is it?

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00:26:39,000 --> 00:26:41,000

That's it, that's the crevice right there.

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00:26:41,000 --> 00:26:44,000

This is the end of the line for me. Good luck.

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00:26:44,000 --> 00:26:50,000

If some kind of strong creature dragged divers in here, good chance they wouldn't be found.

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00:26:50,000 --> 00:26:54,000

I mean it's like pure darkness.

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If you go down, then you're gonna see another opening, but it's too small for us to go down without gear on.

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00:27:02,000 --> 00:27:03,000

Let's drop down.

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00:27:06,000 --> 00:27:07,000

Jess, how deep are you?

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00:27:07,000 --> 00:27:10,000

We're at 38.8 meters depth.

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00:27:14,000 --> 00:27:19,000

That looks pretty tight. Actually, let me see if I can get this RV to, that might be losing this bad boy today.

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00:27:23,000 --> 00:27:26,000

Oh, okay, I don't think we went down this deep. This is new.

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00:27:28,000 --> 00:27:30,000

Who knows what's down there.

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00:27:32,000 --> 00:27:33,000

Got plenty of line, right?

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00:27:33,000 --> 00:27:34,000

We have tons.

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This is nice, because I have a little bit of the side of the rock wall in the viewfinder, which is helping me kind of get some bearings.

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00:27:45,000 --> 00:27:47,000

Oh, I just got hit by something.

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00:27:50,000 --> 00:27:51,000

What do you think it was?

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Oh, I don't know. I mean, I can't tell if I landed on something or if something grabbed the ROV.

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00:27:56,000 --> 00:27:57,000

How deep are we?

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00:27:57,000 --> 00:27:59,000

We are at 50.4 meters.

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Oh, see? Okay, something's grabbing it. Oh my God, something grabbed it.

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00:28:10,000 --> 00:28:11,000

Oh my God, something grabbed it.

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00:28:11,000 --> 00:28:13,000

I'm not even touching the controllers right now.

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00:28:14,000 --> 00:28:15,000

Something's dragging it.

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

I mean, something's definitely attacking the ROV.

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Or something's attacking the line and messing with it.

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Look at this.

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That is really weird.

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00:28:28,000 --> 00:28:30,000

Bill, do you see any movement right now in that crevice?

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00:28:31,000 --> 00:28:33,000

Something's messing with the ROV.

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I can't see anything. It's getting pretty dark.

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00:28:37,000 --> 00:28:40,000

Look at the flow of the particles in the water. Look how fast they're flowing.

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00:28:41,000 --> 00:28:46,000

And they all seem to be flowing kind of down in that direction and then they get caught in that little whirlpool area.

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I think we've reached a point where the current is at its strongest.

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00:28:50,000 --> 00:28:52,000

It's getting sucked around like it's in the washing machine.

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Would that mean that that's a channel that leads to one of the inland blue holes?

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Very well.

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This hidden tunnel could explain how the Leska has been attacking people in both the inland and offshore blue holes,

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while also managing to stay so elusive.

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Whatever's down there, it's going to destroy my robot.

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Or worse.

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Phil, do you copy?

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00:29:14,000 --> 00:29:16,000

I'm having problems with the ROV.

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00:29:16,000 --> 00:29:18,000

I'm going to bring it back up before I lose it.

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00:29:19,000 --> 00:29:21,000

Copy. I'm heading up as well.

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00:29:22,000 --> 00:29:25,000

Alright, we're at eight meters and rising.

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00:29:36,000 --> 00:29:37,000

Got it.

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00:29:39,000 --> 00:29:40,000

Woo!

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00:29:40,000 --> 00:29:42,000

Okay, Jess, what do you see?

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00:29:42,000 --> 00:29:46,000

Well, I mean we got past where you guys had originally dove.

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00:29:46,000 --> 00:29:48,000

And then it just started spinning everywhere.

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00:29:48,000 --> 00:29:51,000

Flipping, flopping, spinning around. I couldn't control it at all.

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00:29:51,000 --> 00:29:52,000

At all.

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So I don't know, maybe something was yanking on it.

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00:29:55,000 --> 00:29:58,000

I mean, there definitely were a few times where it felt like something had hit it.

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00:29:58,000 --> 00:29:59,000

Weird.

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00:29:59,000 --> 00:30:01,000

Yes. I mean, I was down to 50 meters.

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00:30:01,000 --> 00:30:02,000

Wow.

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00:30:02,000 --> 00:30:03,000

And then everything went to \*\*\*\*.

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00:30:04,000 --> 00:30:07,000

Was there a giant shark-clash octopus in there?

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I mean, maybe it definitely got hit by something.

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00:30:12,000 --> 00:30:16,000

I know Jess thinks a luska hiding in the cavern could have attacked the ROV

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and possibly the divers that went missing.

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But I felt that strong current firsthand and at high tide, that pull would be even stronger.

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That makes me think the current could have possibly played a role in the divers' disappearance,

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dragging and trapping them deep inside a rocky tunnel.

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It could also be what dragged the ROV.

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All right. Let's pack it up.

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The current might explain what happened to the divers,

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but it doesn't explain the generations of luska sightings.

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I think we need to expand our search for clues.

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I recall Josh mentioned that some locals believe the monster reports over the past few decades

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are tied to a now-abandoned military facility on the island.

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To find out if any work they were doing there could somehow be connected to the luska,

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I've tracked down a former high-security clearance contractor who worked there.

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What was your job with the military base?

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I was involved in the recovery of spent torpedoes at the conclusion of a test.

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We understand there's a lot about your job you cannot talk about,

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but we were hoping to gain some insight into what type of military activity was happening here on Andro-Island.

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Weapons testing, sea trials, war games, things of that nature.

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Were you ever aware of any kind of experiments on animals?

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There was some activity with marine life.

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They've used dolphins and other animals in some techniques.

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It wasn't part of what I did, but I am aware of it.

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Due to the secret nature of the work there, there were a lot of things that you would kind of see and be aware of,

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but you were supposed to just ignore it, you didn't talk about it.

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Did you ever see anything, I guess, out of the ordinary in the waters out here?

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There was a lot of animals in the waters, particularly a lot of sharks.

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They always seemed to be attracted to that area.

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That's interesting.

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So, I guess, given the compartmentalization of the top secret research that was happening there

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and you add on history of using, I don't know, dolphins and other marine life and research,

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do you think it's possible that some of that research was happening here on this island?

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You know, you can't rule it out.

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Yeah. Perfect.

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So, if we wanted to go and check out this facility, where would we have to go on the island?

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Like, what should we look for?

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Dave gives us the approximate coordinates of the old military site,

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a location that we agreed not to reveal.

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Well, thanks for the leads, Dave.

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Glad to help.

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Well, that was some good intel.

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Yeah, I...it's...here's the deal.

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Do I think the military was experimenting and made some sharp octopus hybrid?

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Do I think top secret activity around here could easily be playing a role in the Luska legend?

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I think we should try to find out a band and base.

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Perfect.

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We head back on our boat to explore the shoreline.

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The plan is to look for evidence of any scientific research that might have been conducted on

marine life.

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Things like lab equipment or animal holding tanks could be clues to what was happening there.

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The question in my mind is, could they have been trying to harness the unique innate abilities of both sharks and octopuses for some kind of military purpose?

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All right, so what do you think we should be looking for besides abandoned buildings?

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You know, probably have some sort of access to water, either a dock or some kind of gate that would open up to the water,

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especially if they're doing research in the water.

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Can I see those really quick?

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I just do a quick scan.

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I don't see anything.

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I mean, one thing to keep in mind, too, is this thing was abandoned decades ago, so it can be overgrown.

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Ooh, what's that?

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Check this out.

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Wow.

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Okay, looks fortified.

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Looks very abandoned.

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Access to the water.

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Access to the water?

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Jess, I'm thinking this is it.

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I think you're right.

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To find out if this was some kind of military testing facility, we need a closer look.

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Check this out, Jess.

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Wow.

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Ooh, this is cool.

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It's way bigger than it looked from shore.

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Yeah, I mean, it extends all the way down.

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Well, I want to go inside.

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Okay, I'm going to leave the ROV here.

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And yeah, let's see what we can find.

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Ooh, this is creepy.

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Look at all the old wires and insulation.

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Gotta say, this cement has held up pretty well over time from all the storms.

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But everything else did not.

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I'm going to go check over here.

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See anything over there?

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I'm going to go head back and check out the outside.

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Okay.

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Oh, yeah.

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Look at that.

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That rebar is sticking right out.

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We can move under this quickly.

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Ooh.

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Oh, I've got something, Phil!

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Recruiting wild animals for military service may seem like a science fiction plot,

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but surprisingly, it's happened.

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Or I should say, it's been attempted.

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During World War II, the American military experimented with strapping miniature explosives

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to Mexican free-tailed bats in something known as Project X-Ray.

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The idea was that a plane would drop special shells filled with millions of these tiny bombers,

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which would then shelter in the eaves of homes and buildings,

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which is when they would detonate,

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igniting death and destruction.

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And then they would be able to move around in a plane.

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And the first time they were able to make it was when they heard the sound of a crash

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and they were able to get out of the building,

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which is when they would detonate,

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igniting devastating infernos all across enemy territory.

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Unfortunately, at the testing site in New Mexico,

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a few of these fully loaded bats escaped and roosted under a massive fuel tank.

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Half of Carl's Bad Army airfield and a general's car were destroyed.

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The army wisely decided to explore other projects,

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Oh, I've got something, Phil!

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You got something?

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Yeah!

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All right, give me a sec.

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Yeah, it's a sign.

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It says warning, no trespassing, government property.

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Check it out.

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Oh, yeah.

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I guess the only problem is...

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Completely cleaned out?

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It's pretty cleaned out.

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If this waterfront research facility was studying marine life, it would make sense that part

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of the facility might actually be underwater.

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This would also keep any secret experiments away from prying eyes, but not away from our

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I'm hoping we'll find some submerged signs that this place is connected to the Lusca.

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All right.

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Off it goes.

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See what we find out there.

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Okay, going under.

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All right, seen some coral.

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Yeah, now it's all empty.

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Just sand.

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Ooh, what's that?

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There's definitely structures under the water.

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Yeah, for sure.

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What is this?

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Oh, we got some posts under water.

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That looks like a dock post.

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Totally does.

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Okay, so we've got confirmation on structures, but I'm not seeing anything that says they're

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doing any experiments yet.

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Yeah, I'm not seeing anything that indicates they would have made some kind of structure

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to keep something in.

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Oh, whoa.

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That's a cage, right?

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That's a cage.

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That looks too big to be a crab pot.

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Here's the thing though.

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There's no way that that cage is going to hold a huge Lusca.

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I'm not talking about a Lusca.

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I'm just saying this is showing that they probably held animals out there.

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Octopuses could be all sorts of things.

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There's another one.

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There's another one.

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Just a minute.

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There's a fish in it.

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There's a fish inside it.

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I mean, it wouldn't surprise me if the military was doing something with the marine life around

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here.

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The problem is, there's not really any good way for us to find out what.

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Nobody's going to talk.

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I mean, this is as good as it's going to get.

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For me, it's really hard to say that what was happening here decades ago has to do with

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the legend of the Lusca today.

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There was a lot of secrecy, obviously.

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Who knows what they had in these cages, but I don't know if that relates to the boo-holes.

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I just feel like every little bit adds up.

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It's just that it's not necessarily a clear picture.

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I think the bottom line is there's a lot of hidden secrets in the water out there.

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It's just hard to know what exactly they were doing.

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Well, I agree.

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When my team returned from Andros, we reviewed the evidence to piece together what's behind

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the legend of the Lusca.

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Phil and Jess might have found a possible explanation for what happened to at least some of those

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reported missing in the blue holes.

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The water here feels completely different, like it's sucking me in.

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Perhaps they got trapped inside the tunnels connecting the inland and ocean caverns.

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Jess's ROV almost fell victim to this phenomenon.

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The footage clearly shows the strength of the current, but she remains convinced that

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there was something else down there.

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Oh my God, something grabbed it.

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And when we examined the footage frame by frame, we did see something we can't identify.

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Could that be a tentacle from a large sea beast getting handsy with an intruder in its layer?

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Or is it merely the arm of an octopus or a stray piece of kelp?

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Without more footage, we can't say for sure.

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Between the former employee's testimony and what my team uncovered, there are indications

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some kind of research involving marine life was happening at a now abandoned military site.

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Oh, f\*\*\*.

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That's a cage, right?

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Is it possible that reports of an aggressive sea monster were intentionally fueled to keep

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the curious away from what was really going on in these waters?

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Something that remains classified.

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Still, we can't discount the many witness reports over the years.

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But it's also hard to reconcile the existence of a sharktopus.

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So until hard physical evidence surfaces, I'll lean toward a more plausible scientific theory.

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What it could be is a hammerhead shark eating a very large octopus.

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And they see the tentacles in the shark's mouth.

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For the people of Andros Island, however, the Luska remains a creature both feared and fascinating.

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Very much alive in their legends.

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And in their nightmares.