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It's pristine waters are amongst the world's most beautiful.

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But could the island paradise of Turks and Caicos hold the answers to a long-standing

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Nazi mystery?

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Magnetometer, ROV, you name it, it's in our bed.

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It's a very beautiful place.

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It's sitting in British waters in the carabines.

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Would you want to say exactly where?

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No, I'm trying to keep that protected as much as I can.

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A submarine he believes is full of gold and other priceless treasures.

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The island is a very beautiful place.

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It's a very beautiful place.

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

It's a very beautiful place.

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00:00:46,000 --> 00:00:49,000

It's a very beautiful place.

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00:00:49,000 --> 00:00:52,000

Magnetometer, ROV, you name it, it's in our bed.

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00:00:52,000 --> 00:00:55,000

It's in our bed.

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00:00:55,000 --> 00:01:00,000

You can see it.

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00:01:00,000 --> 00:01:03,000

It's a very beautiful place.

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00:01:03,000 --> 00:01:06,000

It's a very beautiful place.

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00:01:06,000 --> 00:01:09,000

It's a very beautiful place.

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00:01:09,000 --> 00:01:12,000

It's a very beautiful place.

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00:01:12,000 --> 00:01:15,000

It's a very beautiful place.

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You can follow the trail of clues to search for the Nazi's top secret lost to U-boat

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00:01:19,000 --> 00:01:21,000

and its astonishing contents.

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Using original documents never seen by anyone other than Roger Miklos himself.

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A team of divers will attempt to unlock the mystery

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00:01:29,000 --> 00:01:33,000

and find what many consider the most elusive shipwreck in history.

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Guys, I think I got a hit.

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00:01:35,000 --> 00:01:39,000

I'm Lawrence Fishburne and tonight can Mike Fletcher finish the mission

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00:01:39,000 --> 00:01:42,000

that Roger Miklos started so many years ago?

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00:01:45,000 --> 00:01:50,000

The future of the island

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00:01:50,000 --> 00:01:55,000

Brought to you by the U-boat

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Brought to you by...

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Off the coast of Florida and just 384 miles from Cuba

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Lay the islands of Turks and Caicos.

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Their beauty, color, and perfect weather

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00:02:13,000 --> 00:02:17,800

makes these islands a destination for travelers worldwide.

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But looks can be deceiving.

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00:02:20,000 --> 00:02:22,720

Under these turquoise waters, the terrain

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00:02:22,720 --> 00:02:26,320

is jagged, unpredictable, and often deadly.

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00:02:26,320 --> 00:02:30,040

And these islands are a graveyard of sunken vessels

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00:02:30,040 --> 00:02:31,960

and lost treasure.

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00:02:31,960 --> 00:02:34,880

And that's where Mike Fletcher comes in.

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00:02:34,880 --> 00:02:37,440

You name it, I've done it underwater.

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00:02:37,440 --> 00:02:40,120

I started out with a passion for maritime history

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00:02:40,120 --> 00:02:42,360

and specifically shipwrecks.

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00:02:42,360 --> 00:02:44,240

And then when you combine that with my ability

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00:02:44,240 --> 00:02:47,040

to dive in deep, difficult conditions,

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00:02:47,040 --> 00:02:50,640

I got really good at finding shipwrecks.

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00:02:50,640 --> 00:02:53,520

I get a lot of attention for having found the Carpathia,

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00:02:53,520 --> 00:02:56,720

which was the ship that saved the Titanic survivors.

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00:02:56,720 --> 00:02:59,720

I found three really significant submarines.

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00:02:59,720 --> 00:03:00,220

Mike!

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00:03:00,220 --> 00:03:01,960

I think we got ourselves a submarine.

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00:03:01,960 --> 00:03:03,480

Woo-hoo!

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00:03:03,480 --> 00:03:06,320

Two famous youth boats, so this would be the third.

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00:03:06,320 --> 00:03:08,440

I went from being a commercial diver

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00:03:08,440 --> 00:03:11,720

to a recognized international shipwreck finder.

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00:03:15,440 --> 00:03:19,320

Mike has been finding sunken vessels for over 40 years.

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00:03:19,320 --> 00:03:22,280

But today, he begins the hunt for a shipwreck

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00:03:22,280 --> 00:03:24,880

unlike any other in history.

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00:03:24,880 --> 00:03:28,560

Out of the blue one day, I get a call from this guy.

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00:03:28,560 --> 00:03:30,560

I've never met.

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00:03:30,560 --> 00:03:36,440

And he says, Mike, can we get you to go on a mission for us?

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00:03:36,440 --> 00:03:40,280

Turns out that mission was following up on treasure hunter

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00:03:40,280 --> 00:03:43,800

Roger Miklos' claim that he had found a U-boat full

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00:03:43,800 --> 00:03:46,680

of Nazi treasure.

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00:03:46,680 --> 00:03:49,560

40 years ago, treasure hunter Roger Miklos

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00:03:49,560 --> 00:03:52,880

claimed to have discovered a U-boat on the ocean floor

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00:03:52,880 --> 00:03:55,040

off an island of Turks and Caicos.

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00:03:57,720 --> 00:03:59,920

During World War II, Nazi U-boats

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00:03:59,920 --> 00:04:04,480

terrorized the Atlantic, sinking over 2,500 ships.

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00:04:04,480 --> 00:04:06,880

Official Navy pictures of the smashing of a U-boat

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00:04:06,880 --> 00:04:10,080

supplies on the surface by carrier-based planes.

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00:04:10,080 --> 00:04:13,280

By the end of the war, the Allies had sunk over 600

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00:04:13,280 --> 00:04:14,800

of these German subs.

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00:04:14,800 --> 00:04:16,920

A direct hit from a depth charge

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00:04:16,920 --> 00:04:19,240

and another Nazi menace destroyed.

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00:04:19,240 --> 00:04:22,120

But the U-boat Roger Miklos' claims to have found

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00:04:22,120 --> 00:04:24,200

was not just any German sub.

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00:04:26,760 --> 00:04:29,560

For decades, there had been rumors and stories

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that in the waning days of World War II,

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00:04:32,080 --> 00:04:35,640

the Nazis built a fleet of nine specially modified cargo

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subs to ferry looted gold, priceless artwork,

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00:04:39,320 --> 00:04:43,760

and possibly even top Nazi officers to South America

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00:04:43,760 --> 00:04:47,360

as they attempted to flee a crumbling Third Reich.

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00:04:47,360 --> 00:04:50,240

We do know that there's billions of dollars

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00:04:50,240 --> 00:04:52,760

in looted personal possessions, gold,

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00:04:52,760 --> 00:04:55,240

all sorts of valuable material that

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00:04:55,240 --> 00:04:56,800

went missing during the war.

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00:04:56,800 --> 00:04:59,400

It certainly made sense that some of this could have been

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00:04:59,400 --> 00:05:03,680

loaded on U-boats to smuggle them out of Europe

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00:05:03,680 --> 00:05:05,800

and into a safe haven.

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00:05:05,800 --> 00:05:08,880

Over the years, many U-boats have been discovered.

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00:05:08,880 --> 00:05:12,440

But no one has yet found the specialized German subs.

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00:05:12,440 --> 00:05:19,000

Until in 1981, Roger said he had discovered one of these subs.

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00:05:19,000 --> 00:05:20,960

They welded all the torpedo hatches up,

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00:05:20,960 --> 00:05:26,040

removed all torpedoes for cargo, for all of the treasure.

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00:05:26,040 --> 00:05:28,880

If he was right, it would be among the greatest

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00:05:28,880 --> 00:05:31,320

underwater finds in history.

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00:05:31,320 --> 00:05:36,320

But Roger never told anyone where the U-boat was located.

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00:05:36,320 --> 00:05:39,640

Then in 2018, he died suddenly of a heart attack,

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00:05:39,640 --> 00:05:43,480

leaving behind only cryptic documents and incomplete clues

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00:05:43,480 --> 00:05:45,160

as to where he found the U-boat.

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00:05:49,000 --> 00:05:52,320

But now, Mike Fletcher has those documents.

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00:05:52,320 --> 00:05:55,800

Miklos' family has hired Mike to continue Roger's mission,

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00:05:55,800 --> 00:05:59,240

and they have turned all of his records over to Mike.

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00:05:59,240 --> 00:06:03,360

It is the first time ever that anyone other than Roger Miklos

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00:06:03,360 --> 00:06:07,560

has had access to these maps and records.

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00:06:07,560 --> 00:06:09,240

No one else has these documents.

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00:06:12,000 --> 00:06:15,880

Roger made sure that no one else saw them.

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00:06:15,880 --> 00:06:18,720

There was a lot going on in Roger's world,

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00:06:18,720 --> 00:06:21,600

but he didn't leave us really good notes.

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00:06:21,600 --> 00:06:24,080

So much of what he leaves behind is cryptic,

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00:06:24,080 --> 00:06:27,520

and you can tell he was being very secretive.

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00:06:27,520 --> 00:06:30,720

Roger's the only guy who knows where it is.

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00:06:30,720 --> 00:06:35,600

So now we have to look at his notes and try and work backwards.

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00:06:35,600 --> 00:06:39,160

It's as if Roger's working with us from the grave,

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00:06:39,160 --> 00:06:42,160

but he's not making it easy.

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00:06:42,160 --> 00:06:45,440

For 37 years, Roger kept the location of the U-boat

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00:06:45,440 --> 00:06:47,400

a closely guarded secret.

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00:06:47,400 --> 00:06:49,120

But why?

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00:06:49,120 --> 00:06:51,560

Well, to understand that, you need

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00:06:51,560 --> 00:06:54,200

to know the story of the man who discovered it.

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00:06:54,200 --> 00:06:59,200

My name's Roger Miklos, and I've been in the salvage business

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00:06:59,200 --> 00:07:01,720

for just about 56 years.

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00:07:01,720 --> 00:07:04,320

Born in the Florida Keys, Roger Miklos

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00:07:04,320 --> 00:07:07,040

worked as a police officer in Reno, Nevada,

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00:07:07,040 --> 00:07:11,080

before the lure of sunken treasure drew him back to Florida

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00:07:11,080 --> 00:07:12,080

to seek his fortune.

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00:07:12,080 --> 00:07:15,440

Roger Miklos is here.

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00:07:15,440 --> 00:07:17,920

At the time he says he discovered the U-boat,

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00:07:17,920 --> 00:07:21,680

Roger Miklos was already a treasure hunting legend,

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00:07:21,680 --> 00:07:24,880

having collected between \$200 and \$300 million

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00:07:24,880 --> 00:07:28,440

in sunken treasure before the age of 40.

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00:07:28,440 --> 00:07:31,360

Roger was at perfect balance, a successful treasure

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00:07:31,360 --> 00:07:35,920

hunter who had the credibility mixed with the showmanship.

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00:07:35,920 --> 00:07:39,640

Roger's first major discovery was the El Capitan,

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00:07:39,640 --> 00:07:42,920

a Spanish galleon laden with gold and silver that

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00:07:42,920 --> 00:07:46,240

was lost off the coast of Florida in 1715.

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00:07:46,240 --> 00:07:48,240

The gold pieces here are all that exist

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00:07:48,240 --> 00:07:49,840

left of the El Capitan's treasure.

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00:07:49,840 --> 00:07:52,040

There is no more available anywhere.

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00:07:52,040 --> 00:07:55,520

I didn't think you were allowed to keep treasures.

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00:07:55,520 --> 00:07:57,880

You see, when you salvage treasure in Florida,

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00:07:57,880 --> 00:08:02,360

they get 25% for the state of Florida for the museums.

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00:08:02,360 --> 00:08:05,360

So then they turn to the other 75% over to the salvage company.

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00:08:05,360 --> 00:08:07,600

Throughout his career as a treasure hunter,

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00:08:07,600 --> 00:08:11,320

Roger would continue to make significant finds.

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00:08:11,320 --> 00:08:13,280

The atotcha yielded \$148 million.

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00:08:13,280 --> 00:08:15,680

The El Capitan yielded \$86 million.

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00:08:15,680 --> 00:08:19,960

The Maraviglia yielded a little over \$100 million.

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00:08:19,960 --> 00:08:23,720

35 years later, Roger Miklos gave his final interview

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00:08:23,720 --> 00:08:24,920

before his death.

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00:08:24,920 --> 00:08:26,400

Tell us about the ultimate piece of treasure

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00:08:26,400 --> 00:08:28,000

you think you have found.

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00:08:28,000 --> 00:08:28,880

I just want to move.

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00:08:28,880 --> 00:08:32,960

Well, as far as the item, just that U-boat,

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00:08:32,960 --> 00:08:35,440

that's got to be what I'll tell you why.

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00:08:35,440 --> 00:08:38,440

Because you want to get into the U-boat?

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00:08:38,440 --> 00:08:39,800

I'll tell you the story of it.

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00:08:39,800 --> 00:08:43,040

Roger never set out to find a U-boat.

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00:08:43,080 --> 00:08:48,200

The story begins in 1981, when Roger traveled to the Caribbean

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00:08:48,200 --> 00:08:50,520

to pick out a crew for a new expedition.

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00:08:50,520 --> 00:08:53,040

This is Captain John Christensen.

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00:08:53,040 --> 00:08:53,960

He is a Viking.

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00:08:56,640 --> 00:09:01,000

John and Roger spent six weeks sailing around Turks and Caicos

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00:09:01,000 --> 00:09:04,560

on the hunt for the remains of the pinta, one of the three

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00:09:04,560 --> 00:09:07,960

ships Columbus sailed to the new world.

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00:09:07,960 --> 00:09:10,760

One day, their magnetometer, the device that

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00:09:10,800 --> 00:09:13,200

detects metal objects on the sea floor,

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00:09:13,200 --> 00:09:15,440

picked up something unusual.

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00:09:15,440 --> 00:09:20,520

The magnetic field is disturbed by iron and heavy metals.

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00:09:20,520 --> 00:09:24,600

Maybe a car, a refrigerator, but it's definitely iron, man.

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00:09:24,600 --> 00:09:27,360

Roger went off on his own to investigate.

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00:09:27,360 --> 00:09:29,600

This anchor here in the deep water,

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00:09:29,600 --> 00:09:31,840

I'll take the zodiac and take a look at it.

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00:09:36,040 --> 00:09:39,360

I swam down 45 feet.

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00:09:39,360 --> 00:09:41,160

I saw the two back propeller blades.

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00:09:41,160 --> 00:09:44,480

They're highly polished from going into sand up and down

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00:09:44,480 --> 00:09:46,040

into sand.

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00:09:46,040 --> 00:09:50,840

And there's these enormous zeffelin fins on this damn thing.

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00:09:50,840 --> 00:09:53,000

And I'm, what?

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00:09:53,000 --> 00:09:55,960

Roger knew this was something extraordinary.

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00:09:55,960 --> 00:09:59,480

And I realized, holy cow, this thing goes and goes and goes.

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00:09:59,480 --> 00:10:01,920

It's under an island.

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00:10:01,920 --> 00:10:04,520

And I got to the top of the conning tower.

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00:10:04,520 --> 00:10:09,280

And then I noticed a glint, a gold glint color.

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00:10:09,280 --> 00:10:12,040

They put a commission plaque in the teakwood deck

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00:10:12,040 --> 00:10:14,240

on the starry side of the conning tower.

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00:10:14,240 --> 00:10:16,440

And I rubbed it, grass off of it.

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00:10:16,440 --> 00:10:18,120

And there it is, man.

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00:10:18,120 --> 00:10:19,440

Blooming floss.

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00:10:19,440 --> 00:10:25,360

Humberg, 1944, with a German eagle and swastika on the damn

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00:10:25,360 --> 00:10:25,760

thing.

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00:10:25,760 --> 00:10:27,760

Now I know it's German.

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00:10:27,760 --> 00:10:30,360

This is a hubo.

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00:10:30,360 --> 00:10:33,840

Roger returned to the ship, but never revealed to his crew

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00:10:33,840 --> 00:10:35,280

what he had found.

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00:10:35,280 --> 00:10:38,560

The world of treasure hunting is very cloak and dagger.

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00:10:38,600 --> 00:10:40,840

When you make a big discovery like that,

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00:10:40,840 --> 00:10:42,520

there are people hiding in the weeds,

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00:10:42,520 --> 00:10:44,560

waiting to take it away from them.

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00:10:44,560 --> 00:10:46,800

It's got to be worth a fortune, man.

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00:10:46,800 --> 00:10:49,000

But I don't know anything about it.

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00:10:49,000 --> 00:10:51,320

So I've just let it set.

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00:10:51,320 --> 00:10:53,480

Nobody going to discover this.

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00:10:53,480 --> 00:10:56,120

Roger would have been OK if he had just stayed focused

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00:10:56,120 --> 00:10:59,240

on the hubo, got permissions and pursued that.

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00:10:59,240 --> 00:11:03,120

Instead, Roger continued to search for the pinta.

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00:11:03,120 --> 00:11:05,640

Days later, his crew made a discovery,

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00:11:05,640 --> 00:11:09,000

an anchor they believed to be several centuries old.

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00:11:09,000 --> 00:11:11,520

This is us at the surface transferring it

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00:11:11,520 --> 00:11:13,760

from the Captain Jack to the Hedwig Land.

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00:11:13,760 --> 00:11:16,320

And I'm a little shot there standing.

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00:11:16,320 --> 00:11:18,280

This thing weighed about 1,400 pounds.

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00:11:18,280 --> 00:11:20,480

I said, he really had to get it good and lashed to swing it

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00:11:20,480 --> 00:11:22,320

over on that boom.

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00:11:22,320 --> 00:11:25,320

What the crew didn't know was that the Turks and Caicos

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00:11:25,320 --> 00:11:28,680

government had declared that Roger's permit to salvage

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00:11:28,680 --> 00:11:31,280

items from the shipwreck was invalid.

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00:11:31,280 --> 00:11:33,520

And the next morning, law enforcement officers

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00:11:33,560 --> 00:11:38,040

approached Roger's ship with orders to arrest him and the crew.

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00:11:38,040 --> 00:11:40,040

I told Christian, send port of power on, dude.

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00:11:40,040 --> 00:11:40,760

We're out of here.

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00:11:43,880 --> 00:11:47,040

So all of a sudden, I see the two cops jumping

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00:11:47,040 --> 00:11:49,680

in their little skiff with this diesel motor in it.

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00:11:49,680 --> 00:11:53,320

And here they come, man, firing away at us at M16, man.

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00:11:53,320 --> 00:11:55,400

The bullets are ricocheting off of my hull.

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00:11:55,400 --> 00:12:00,400

I collected 168 rounds of bullets off of my deck.

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00:12:00,400 --> 00:12:04,400

Roger and John escaped, but the government of Turks and Caicos

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00:12:04,400 --> 00:12:06,400

had now cut Roger off from ever returning

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00:12:06,400 --> 00:12:07,400

to find his submarine.

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00:12:11,400 --> 00:12:14,400

Could the sunken sub that Roger claimed to have found

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00:12:14,400 --> 00:12:17,400

be one of these modified Nazi U-boats?

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00:12:17,400 --> 00:12:20,400

Now, after examining Roger Miklos' documents,

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00:12:20,400 --> 00:12:23,400

Mike has assembled a team of two men,

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00:12:23,400 --> 00:12:26,400

and after a few seconds, Mike has assembled a team

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00:12:26,400 --> 00:12:28,400

to look for the U-boat.

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00:12:28,400 --> 00:12:32,400

Diver and underwater photographer Chris Atkins.

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00:12:32,400 --> 00:12:35,400

When it comes to diving, it's Chris Atkins.

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00:12:35,400 --> 00:12:36,400

He's very trustworthy.

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00:12:36,400 --> 00:12:38,400

He works hard.

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00:12:38,400 --> 00:12:39,400

He's my dive partner.

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00:12:39,400 --> 00:12:42,400

He's the underwater shooter.

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00:12:42,400 --> 00:12:48,400

And undersea electronics and robotics expert Sam McDonald.

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00:12:48,400 --> 00:12:51,400

Beyond Chris and myself, we need somebody with the tools.

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00:12:51,400 --> 00:12:52,400

We need the magnetometer.

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00:12:52,400 --> 00:12:53,400

We need the side scan.

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00:12:53,400 --> 00:12:58,400

We need an ROV because we don't know how deep we may have to go.

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00:12:58,400 --> 00:13:02,400

Sam McDonald is the person I turned to for underwater robotics.

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00:13:02,400 --> 00:13:05,400

She not only develops and operates this stuff,

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00:13:05,400 --> 00:13:07,400

she invents this stuff.

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00:13:07,400 --> 00:13:10,400

She brings all of the stuff we need.

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00:13:10,400 --> 00:13:12,400

What have you got for us today?

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00:13:12,400 --> 00:13:16,400

We're going to go to the Caribbean and look for one of Hitler's missing U-boats.

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00:13:16,400 --> 00:13:19,400

It was in route, according to the story,

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00:13:19,400 --> 00:13:23,400

from Germany to maybe South America, loaded with treasure.

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00:13:23,400 --> 00:13:27,400

Pilfered out of Nazi Europe at the end of the war.

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Really?

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Wow.

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Now, Roger never told anybody exactly where he'd found it.

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All's we know is it's in the Turks and Caicos.

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While Roger wasn't allowed to go back into the country, I am.

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I've gone through that box.

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I've read all the articles, looked at the maps, read the reports.

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I think I've cracked the code.

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I carried a 45.

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He wasn't letting anybody know what was in that briefcase.

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But now I've got that briefcase.

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I get to look at the records that Roger held so dearly that nobody else got to see.

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Where is it?

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It's sitting in British waters in the caribouns.

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Did you want to say exactly where?

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No, I'm trying to keep that protected as much as I can.

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Now, Mike has assembled his team to go look for the U-boat.

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That is, if he can decipher the mountain of clues Roger amassed throughout his decades of research

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into the murky origins of the Nazi submarine.

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His diagram superimposed on an ordinary U-boat shows that it has special modifications for long underwater journeys.

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He says it's in perfect condition.

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Roger's research convinced him that this sub had been modified to carry treasure.

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Here's the normal counting tower and all these machine guns and stuff.

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They eliminated all that. They moved the bridge forward. They modernized the bridge, made it very narrow.

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There's 50 tons of gold on that thing.

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All them paintings, Leonardo's, Monet's, all of the famous works of art, 600 of them, distributed between these nine U-boats.

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Here's my original drawing of the way that thing is set. This is the overhang of the island.

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Roger's description of the terrain where he found the U-boat were vague and secretive.

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He said the sub was in 125 feet of water, either partially under an island or sticking out of a cave that had a steep slope on one side.

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We're the only people to see this stuff.

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Really?

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Roger Miklos was so paranoid that somebody was going to find his U-boat that he never wrote the location down.

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True treasure hunter.

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I've watched hours of Roger talking to camera, read all of his documents, looked at his maps.

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I think I've cracked his code.

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The one thing you haven't seen is this.

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And what is that?

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There's a simple pad of paper that lists some of the wrecks that Roger's found in Turks and Gagos.

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At a glance, it didn't mean anything to me.

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But look there, French frigate.

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Number seven, 1724 French frigate.

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And watch what Roger says.

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And I coded the U-boat as a 1724 French frigate.

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Nobody had a clue that that wasn't a French frigate.

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Old shipwreck.

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He just said the French frigate was code for the U-boat.

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So he's telling us that he's keeping the code.

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Towards the end, when Roger's health was really failing, it was like he had one last chance to tell the world what he kneeled to say.

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So by putting the yellow sheet, Roger's words together, the code is cracked, we now have a location.

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I think we make a trip to Turks and Gagos.

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Seven weeks after the team's first meeting, Mike heads to Turks and Gagos to get his first look at the local topography.

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It's not every day I get asked to go on a submarine.

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Roger makes a big, big deal about caves.

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The idea that the submarine is sort of parked inside a cave.

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So if I was going to take on this project, I want to see if we can find a cave big enough to house a big portion of a U-boat.

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We're here.

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Somewhere out there where those waves are breaking should be Roger's U-boat.

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We know that a likely spot would be on a very craggy ocean bed with cliffs and perhaps valleys.

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So if I get underwater and I don't see those topographical features, this trip will have been a big waste of my time.

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Given the vast area to look in, Mike decides to approach the search methodically.

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His first step, investigate the underwater landscape.

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If the underwater geography doesn't match Roger's descriptions, he could scrap the entire expedition.

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I'm finally going to see for myself if there's anything to Roger's story, the moment of truth.

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I'd never visited the Turks and Caicos before.

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And certainly the geography of what Roger describes.

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Everything's adding up. This is a really, really craggy seabed.

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It's not like anything you normally see with big overhangs and sharp drop-offs and gullies.

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This is the overhang of the island. It goes way out there, about 400 feet.

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And there's a shelf that comes up. But there's 700 highlands in that chain.

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And that's like looking for a needle in a haystack, man.

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We haven't found the U-boat yet, but we're certainly in the right area according to Roger's descriptions.

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After completing his first dive, Mike returns to local headquarters to meet up with the team.

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U-boats are being found every day.

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There's a lot of evidence before Roger Michels to point to this part of the world.

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We know that during the war there was a lot of U-boat activity in the Caribbean,

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because a lot of the Allied oil came from South America.

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The Caribbean was an unexpected hotbed of U-boat activity,

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as German and Italian submarines tried to prevent Great Britain from being supplied with oil from Venezuela.

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In addition, Britain's largest oil refinery was on the island of Trinidad, a UK colony.

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From 1941 to 1945, enemy subs took out 319 Allied ships in what historians call the Battle of the Caribbean.

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By 1943, the area was under Allied control.

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So why would a 1944 specialized German U-boat be in these waters?

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Is it possible it was on its way to South America, laden with treasure?

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That part of Roger's story is very much supported by the historical facts.

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So that's what's told me, that's what said to me, Mike, you're going to have to follow this crazy man and see if he was speaking the truth.

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There's a U-boat out there and I intend to bring it up shortly.

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Mike's research convinced him Roger's story could indeed be true.

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Looks like a nice vessel.

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Hi.

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Come on aboard.

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Oh, thank you.

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Wow.

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The team boards the Explorer II, the dive boat that will be their home for the next several days.

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Ultimately, we want to go to the south bottom corner of West Caco.

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I think we can work that out.

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No problem.

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No problem.

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We have a lot of gear we got to get on board.

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We should probably...

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Yeah.

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Like, have you seen how much stuff we have?

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To track down the sub, Mike and his team will be using state-of-the-art equipment that Miklos could not have dreamed of back in 1981.

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Got it, Chris?

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Yeah, I'm good.

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We're going out here with everything under the sun.

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I've never been this well prepared.

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Magnetometer, ROV, side scan.

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You name it, it's in our bevy of electronic tricks.

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But in the end, it will all come down to the trail of breadcrumbs left by Roger Miklos himself.

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Roger has left us with this crazy bunch of hidden clues about what we may or may not find.

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Something tells me that this is not going to come easy.

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We're about to find out.

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You really work to get inside Roger's head.

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And you think you've got him figured out, but he might surprise us yet.

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Mike knows they are looking for what Roger labeled as a French frigate.

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And they know it's in Turks and Caicos.

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But that's still an area covering thousands of square miles.

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So the next step is to narrow the search.

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You often hear that it's a hunt for a needle in a haystack.

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In this case, we've got to find the haystack before we can find the needle.

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Guys, maybe we'll just take a table and spread the chart out.

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Sure.

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So, complete Lorraine chart.

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On the pad of paper where Roger lists a bunch of his shipwrecks,

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some of those locations are clearly latitude-longitude.

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But then there's the French frigate.

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00:23:14,400 --> 00:23:17,400

And there is this cryptic number beside the French frigate.

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143228.

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Right away, I went, that's got to be a Lorraine number.

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A system of navigation sailors used before there was GPS.

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Used for plotting and converting measure data lines to latitude and longitude,

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long-range navigation, or Lorraine for short,

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was set up by the United States in World War II as a special navigational aid.

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Before the advent of GPS, it was used by ship captains for decades.

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I haven't seen one of these in a long time.

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You've actually seen one?

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Yeah, I've been one as young as I look.

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These were state-of-the-art back in Roger's day, but...

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Come a long way.

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Nobody knows where the Lorraine chart is anymore.

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For me to try and find his location based on Lorraine means I had to find an old Lorraine chart.

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That was not easy.

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But I did find one.

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I did find one chain or one coordinate that makes sense with what Roger's telling us.

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So, French frigate, one Lorraine line.

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Okay.

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143228.

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Come straight up this line.

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We're looking for 3228.

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Bingo.

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French frigate.

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It's the only place in the entire country that that line crosses the water depth that we're looking for,

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somewhere between 45 and 100 plus feet.

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When I saw a French frigate on the list and I saw the bits and pieces of a position,

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I went, that's where we go.

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That's where we go first.

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So, there's one of two things here, a French frigate or a U-boat.

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Like any good treasure hunter would, they're not going to put a real X on a real map on a real location.

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That's done uncommon for treasure hunters to often code their finds, right, to keep looters?

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No, they are the sneakiest bastards on the planet.

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What they do is they give you a piece of the truth and then they...

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They're just that big, right?

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They need to protect their finds.

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Oh, absolutely.

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Like if they've got something serious to find, they don't want their competitor finding it.

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Treasure hunters are very territorial and they really hate to see a competing boat on the horizon.

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It's every man for himself.

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Gold changes people like you wouldn't believe.

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I could tell you stories of guys that had on my boat and the greed just fires off like you can't believe.

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All the secrecy and code underscores how little the team really knows about what Roger found on that day in 1981 and where it might actually be.

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They're putting together a puzzle without all the pieces.

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He went to a lot of trouble to hide whatever it is he found here, right?

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Does it make sense?

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It does.

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Look at the torture he put himself through.

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I think he found a U-boat.

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I really believe that.

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His story stayed consistent from the time he first discovered it to the day he died.

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Exactly.

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Treasure hunters can be a bit of snake oil salesman, right?

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They all want to find something so they tell you they found it, but he for his entire life was completely dedicated to this.

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It would be the biggest tale on the planet, man, but if anybody used their head, there ain't no way I could come up with this bullc\*\*\* out of my head, man.

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One thing about bullc\*\*\* you can't remember unless you're really good.

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But you can always remember the truth.

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No matter how hard you try, you can always remember the truth.

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It always comes out the same way twice.

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This guy's a character, but he did dedicate his entire life.

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Anybody who's truly a fraud usually gives up before Roger did.

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Roger found a U-boat.

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I'm convinced of it.

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You know, whether it's Hitler's U-boat full of treasure, that remains to be seen, but I believe in Roger.

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I really, evidence tells us, history tells us there's a U-boat here.

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There's a lot of what Roger says that is plausible, but then there's just one thing that he claims is on the U-boat, and I just went, wow.

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Roger Miklos.

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Where is it?

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It's sitting in British waters in the Caribbean.

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Did you want to say exactly where?

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No, I'm trying to keep that protected as much as I can.

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After the government of Turks and Caicos banned him in 1981 from returning to the site where he says he found the U-boat, Roger spent the rest of his life keeping the sub's location secret.

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Now, after his death, the unique personality that was Roger Miklos casts a long shadow over the team's mission.

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Roger Miklos has some very significant finds that he has discovered over the years, so he is a legit treasure hunter, but he has a lot of controversy surrounding him.

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One of those controversies involves a claim Roger made about the contents of his U-boat.

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He says his research convinced him that the sub was filled with gold, paintings, and maybe even Nazi officers attempting to escape Germany.

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And the facts do lend credibility to Roger's theory.

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Nazi subs did indeed sail the Caribbean, and at the end of the war, many Nazis successfully fled Germany to live in South America.

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But so far, there is no evidence to support his last most controversial claim.

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There's just one thing that he claims is on the U-boat, and I just went, wow.

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Hitler supposedly to the public a committed suicide.

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Him and Brom are on board that damn U-boat.

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It's an extraordinary statement, but could it be true? Could the bodies of Adolf Hitler and Ava Braun be in tune to board Roger's submarine?

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He's not the only one out there who thinks that there might have been some mystery and intrigue with what actually happened to Hitler.

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Roger claimed that meeting with Nazi hunters and retired German officers convinced him that Hitler faked his own suicide and escaped on a modified U-boat.

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Hitler got away clean and was taken to where the U-boats were waiting, and off they went.

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Do I believe Roger found a U-boat? Absolutely.

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Do I believe that the U-boat was carrying gold and paintings looted from Europe after the war? It's possible.

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But do I think that Hitler was on board his U-boat? No.

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It's obvious to me that Roger loved a good headline. He'd like to be in front of the news camera.

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He needed the attention. He needed to garner support for his idea. He needed investors' dollars.

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But more critically, he needed permits to go back to the Turks and Caicos, prove to the world that he had actually found a U-boat.

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Did Roger get a bit eccentric over all the years at trying to convince the world he'd found a U-boat? I don't know.

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Most shipwreck hunters are a little kind of off base. You become obsessed with finding that treasure. You become obsessed with constantly looking.

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But the one thing about Roger over all those years is that his story didn't change. He said he found a U-boat.

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One of the nine U-boats ordered by Hermann Göring at the last part of the war in 1944 to remove high command, art objects, to South America.

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In 1944, Hermann Göring and U-boat commander Carl Donitz ordered the construction of a technologically advanced Nazi sub, the XV-2B, built at the Blumenfloss shipyards in Hamburg.

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It was faster and quieter, designed to combat new allied strategies against U-boats in the Atlantic, including depth charges and convoys.

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According to Roger, the sub he saw was branded with a logo from the Blumenfloss shipyard.

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Now, after months of research, the team feels they have made a breakthrough in their search and have identified a possible location of what could be the final resting place of the mysterious Nazi U-boat.

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Roger said there is a shipwrecked French frigate there, but we also know that Roger has said that the French frigate is really the U-boat.

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What I know is this is where Roger says to look. I gotta think we're in the right spot.

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But knowing where to look is only half the battle. Finding a U-boat that has been submerged over 70 years is a daunting task.

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There's been a lot of passage of time, right? Things move around under the waters.

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Well, and the dangerous thing is that we know this thing is sitting on a steep incline. Once it moves, let's say in a hurricane, if it did let loose, it would plummet into the abyss.

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The ocean is a huge place that's constantly changing, so anything on the seabed is going to be affected by that change.

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Hurricanes, earthquakes, even a tsunami. Shipwrecks roll over, break apart, even fall off cliffs.

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The next question is do we dive first or we just go out with the mag first?

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How big of an area do you think we need to cover?

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At least a thousand square meters or yards.

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Let's go take the magnetometer out and see if we get a hit and then at least we know where to start.

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Let's hope we get a huge hit.

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With such a large area to cover, with depths hundreds of feet, putting divers in the water is not feasible yet.

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You don't just jump in the ocean and find a shipwreck. The ocean is just so big, thousands of miles in every direction.

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Imagine trying to find something as small as a U-boat.

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To narrow the search, the team breaks out the first piece of gear, Sam's trusty magnetometer.

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So let's get her hooked up to the laptop.

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Back in Roger's day, the mag was just a needle whipping up and down on paper.

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This new sophisticated mag will paint a chart with magnetic hits.

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You're looking for a pattern that shows you that, hey, something's different than the things that are surrounding it.

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Hey, Cap, you got a couple minutes?

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Yeah, come on in.

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Great, so we're finally going to get the magnetometer in the water.

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Weird question, but how slow can we go in this boat? Can we go four knots?

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No problem.

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Okay, so we're going to run about four knots, and what we're going to try to do is what they call mowing the lawn.

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Drive the boat in one direction for a little while, turn around, drive it back in the other direction.

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Certainly, if there is something that shows up, even if it's a small object, it'll probably get you to stop.

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Okay.

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So we'll communicate, if you don't mind, using this here.

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Okay.

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So we'll give you a call when we're about to get started. That work?

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Perfect. That sounds good.

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I can't wait to get there and have a look what's down there.

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We have everything that a shipwreck hunting team could want.

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We've got a magnetometer, we've got slide scan sonar, we've got multiple ROVs with multi-beam sonar.

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Nobody has this much equipment, so if there's something to be found, I think we're going to find it.

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Hey, boys, how's my Maggie?

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She's almost ready for a swim.

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Awesome.

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All ready for you.

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The GPS is hooked up.

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Chris, if you carry that, Sam and I will carry the reel.

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Okay, perfect.

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I want to be careful because there's a very delicate, expensive glass sensor in this thing.

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I know you're going to be careful.

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I do think Roger is credible.

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Could he be incorrect, possibly?

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But there's only one way to find out.

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We have to go and see.

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We are ready to deploy the mag.

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Because we're all chasing the Eureka moment, but it all begins with that moment when you throw off the lines and you're on your mission.

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Watch that reel, she's going to pull fast.

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All right.

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This is a very, very important first step.

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If there's something made of metal down there, we're going to know soon.

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You got it?

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I got it.

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There she goes.

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Off the coast of Turks and Caicos, Mike, Sam and Chris are taking a vital step in their search for a sunken Nazi U-boat.

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There she goes.

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They've deployed a magnetometer to scan for metallic objects on the ocean floor.

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As we throw the magnetometer into the water, it feels like all of the hard work that we've done over the past months,

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all the logistics to get out here is finally coming to fruition.

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All right, slowly letting it out.

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You should have signal.

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Connecting.

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But towing this advanced piece of equipment is not without its challenges.

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The ever-changing terrain of Turks and Caicos makes the team's mission particularly difficult.

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Turks and Caicos is absolute paradise.

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But there are some challenges.

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One side of the archipelago is just completely filled with rocks and coral, and it's super dangerous for boats to get in.

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Formed by coral reefs, the islands sit on a foundation of soft limestone.

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Centuries ago, when ocean levels were lower, acid rainwater collected in pools and over time began to dissolve the surrounding limestone.

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The result is a topography of ridges, fissures, sinkholes and caverns, many of which have never been explored.

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Normally you look for a shipwreck, it's going to be obvious, flying there on the ocean floor.

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But imagine how hard it is to find a U-boat when it's underground.

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It just happens to be underwater underground.

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Are you good there, Chris?

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Yeah, I'm good. How's it looking up there?

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It's good. It's marking.

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Magnetometer work is long and tedious.

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You spend a lot of time in front of a screen.

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So just let it out nice and slow. That's good, Chris. Just keep letting it out slow like that.

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Still going.

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We're going to see a graph that's coming up on our computer screen and we're looking for a big blip.

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Whoa, hang on. We got something here. There's something.

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There we go.

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Whoa.

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We got a hit. We did get a little hit there.

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Yeah.

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Like, look at all that.

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Islands is stuff coming on here.

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So we hit something.

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Now it's a U-boat size.

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The good news is that we are getting some hits.

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They're not some marine size hits, but we are showing some magnetic anomaly.

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So there's something here to do.

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But we haven't really hit our sweet spot yet.

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The spot that Roger told us should be the French frigate.

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If it's there and we cross by it, we'll get a huge hit.

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As Mike and the crew get closer to the sunken U-boat location,

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the one constant is the unpredictable nature of the open seas.

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Chris, you notice that as we're coming more south, there's more sea running.

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Yeah.

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Yeah, we're getting into some, some chop here.

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It's going to get rough.

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Yeah.

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Operating the magnetometer in even small waves is difficult.

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And now we're in really rough seas and we really have to monitor the mags buffer to the bottom.

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It looks like the weather is turning on us a little bit.

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The seas have picked up.

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It's not as nice and flat calm as it was when we started.

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Extending the cable helps to balance out the variations in the water depth caused by sudden swells.

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But that comes with a risk.

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A longer tether makes it much more difficult to make quick adjustments,

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making it vitally important that they maintain enough speed to keep the magnetometer off the sea floor.

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Hey, Chris, Chris, we're not going fast enough to hold the mag up.

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Captain's got to pick up the speed or you got to roll tide there like now.

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Because I got 18 feet of depth and 20 feet of bottom.

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J.F., we're going to have you pick up the speed by one knot, please, so we can go five.

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Five.

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Five.

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Very good.

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Five would be great.

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Thanks.

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With the ship speed adjusted, the magnetometer's sweep resumes.

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Turning to starboard slowly.

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So far, none of the data suggests that there is a U-boat in the area, but the team holds out hope.

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We're not getting a hit, but I'm still convinced this could be the spot.

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We're going to make one more pass across what I call the sweet spot.

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And hopefully we're going to see this great big change in magnetic field.

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Guys, I think I got a hit.

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Are you serious?

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What do you got?

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I think that could be it.

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Oh my God.

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In Turks and Caicos, the team believes they're closing in on what could be a lost Nazi U-boat when Sam gets some promising data from the magnetometer.

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I think I got a hit.

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Check this out right now.

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Come on, quick.

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00:40:41,400 --> 00:40:42,400

Are you serious?

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When you find something, when you get that hit, you can feel the excitement in everybody.

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Where do you got?

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All right, check this out.

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So this is where it starts to drop on the cliff a little bit so we get a big gore.

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Oh yeah, there it is.

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And then there's the classic S.

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Oh my God.

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Okay, look where we are too.

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This is pretty close to their location.

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I think that could be it.

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Getting a hit on the magnetometer, this means we've got an indication of metal.

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And it's exactly in the area where Roger tells us to look for the French frigate.

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But a hit doesn't mean it's a submarine yet.

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Determining that will require eyes on the sea floor.

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The magnetometer is not like a sonar or a camera.

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It doesn't draw you a picture.

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It's just going to give you an indication that there is something different than normal and it happens to be metallic.

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We don't know what's there.

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It could be an old car, a sunken ship that we're not looking for.

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And we've got to find out what that iron is that's down there.

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The next step is to put divers in the water.

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If there's something big there, I'm ready to jump in and just swim down and see what it is.

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But once again, the weather refuses to cooperate.

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Rough seas pick up and with sunset on the horizon, the team makes a difficult decision.

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As much as we want to just jump in the water and dive, it's pretty choppy.

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So we're going to pull the mag. We're going to wait for it to calm down.

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Maybe tomorrow we'll do that first dive then.

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The next morning in calmer seas, Mike and Chris decided safe to prep for the dive.

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Can you tuck that into Chris?

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00:42:25,400 --> 00:42:26,400

Yeah.

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00:42:27,400 --> 00:42:29,400

I couldn't hold back Mike and Chris for a moment longer.

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Once we got that hit on the magnetometer, they needed to go in the water.

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The magnetometer has given Chris and Mike the area to explore, but it's by no means precise.

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They have no idea what kind of terrain awaits them.

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Just because there is something metal down there doesn't mean it will be easy to find.

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U-boats were built to dive to great depths, both to evade detection and to hunt their own prey.

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It's possible the sub-Roger says he saw, partially submerged in a cave, was there playing possum

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and then was unable to surface or that it was hit and sunk.

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Diving in caves and in areas like the geography that creates caves is a step beyond the regular dive.

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You're in a very unusual underwater environment that's not like diving in a river or lake.

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It's totally unique.

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It is a sense of adventure that you can't imagine.

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The sense of awe that no one has been in that particular cave ever in the history of mankind on the planet.

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There's a lot of things about diving shipwrecks, especially in low visibility. It's extremely dangerous.

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For Roger, it was an accident several decades ago that changed his life.

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Don't do the diving anymore. I did the diving for 38 solid years. I damaged my heart.

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I had bought a brand new Spoodle Pro tank that I went in and we were down at 80 feet tall

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and all of a sudden on it, exhale, the line on the tank blew off.

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I thought I was dead.

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They got me out of the water and they brought me into the Key Westenburg.

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I was in a coma for seven days and I've got ventricular liberation on the lower part of my heart.

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It's the kind of story that stays with every deep water diver, but when there's a potentially historic discovery on the line,

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the rewards outweigh the risks.

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It's a big, big deal to find a U-boat.

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And it's that spark of history and real adventure that drew me to U-boats specifically.

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Although I'm not after the alleged billions or millions of dollars in the U-boat, the treasure is history.

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The treasure is in the hunt. The treasure is in finding that item that's lost that no one else has

been successful at finding.

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Sam DeCrisse, if you read what's your depth, give me a depth check.

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This is a really, really craggy seabed. It's not like anything you normally see with big overhangs and sharp drop-offs and gullies.

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The way Mike and I work is he goes down with his hand-held metal detector and he starts scanning the area.

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But everything's covered in sand or coral and you could have a U-boat that's been down there for quite a long time, completely covered.

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And you could be looking at it with your eyes and swim over it and not realize that you've just swam over a U-boat.

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We see shifting of sands. It could one day be completely covered, six months be open, and then covered back up again.

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So we're really looking for small artifacts, indications that something might have been there at one time, and then pathways of debris that might lead us to the mothership.

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With the hand-held metal detector, if there is something even as small as a paperclip, I'm going to know it's there even though I can't see it.

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Chris, just wondering what you're seeing down there. What's the bottom conditions? Does it look like somewhere a U-boat might have wrecked?

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It's really hard to tell. It still looks coral. Whenever we get, we have to vent here for a while. Completely covered.

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It's a time-consuming and methodical search, and Mike and Chris make several trips back to the surface for more air.

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Is anything of interest down there?

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Chris, I'm not sure. Mike is watching. He hasn't said anything yet.

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Roger that. Keep me updated.

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Then something catches Mike's eye.

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Okay, we're checking something out here.

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Amazing. What do you got?

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Surface to Mike. Do you read? Over.

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Ma'am, you've got something here.

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Something.

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00:48:24,400 --> 00:48:28,400

Don't leave me hanging, Chris. The anticipation's killing me. What do you got?

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Look what the coral model is.

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Another one.

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Another one.

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Following the piecemeal clues Roger left behind, Mike and his team believe they may have found a promising lead.

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Now the team's instruments have detected iron on the seafloor.

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And Mike and Chris dive down to investigate.

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You're?

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What do you got?

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I put up the trail of metal pieces.

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But in another one.

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Sorry, I've got something here.

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As we're following this metal trail, we come across a metal pipe flange.

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To me, this is a pressure fitting. This is exactly the kind of thing that you would use in the construction of a submarine.

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Most of the metal pieces are hard to identify except for one piece.

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And that piece could be a very significant find.

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And it appears to be a flange for pressure fitting or a sub.

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Sub flanges are used to connect pipes, valves and equipment to provide a pressurized seal.

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When compromised by a catastrophic disaster on board a U-boat sub, this would be the type of debris one would find.

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We're finding these bits and pieces of iron that shouldn't be there.

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It could lead us to a shipwreck, but hopefully are you about.

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Cameras are extremely important when you're searching for shipwrecks.

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There are legal reasons that you would like to have your shipwreck undocumented to prove that you are the one that found it, to prove that you also didn't do anything illegal.

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Shipwreck and treasure hunting has been around for centuries.

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The discovery of an old wreck can be worth millions of dollars.

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However, finding treasure or valuable property is not always as simple as finder's keepers.

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A key question is whether the discovery of goods is deemed salvage or treasure hunting.

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A salvage refers to when someone sees property drifting, lost or abandoned at sea.

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Under international conventions, the salvager is required to return the found goods to the original owner in return for a reward.

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Treasure hunting typically means exploration aimed at unearthing antiquities and other valuables from shipwrecks for financial gain.

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If the find lies in international waters and there's no one to claim ownership, the finder is probably in the clear to keep it.

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However, because of the ambiguity, most countries have enacted laws to establish government ownership for the majority of shipwrecks found in their waters.

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Just because you've found a shipwreck or even pieces that you think are part of a shipwreck, if you don't have a permit, you can't remove them.

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Treasure hunters who ignore these rules often find themselves in trouble with the law.

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Not having the correct permit is what got Roger Miklos banned from ever returning to Turks and Caicos.

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That's where Roger seemed to run amok of the Turks and Caicos government.

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They claim he didn't take out the right permits when he recovered an anchor.

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Photography is the best way for divers to stake their claim when they find a wreck.

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With so much more potentially at stake, it's not uncommon for unscrupulous treasure hunters to swoop in.

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There's always somebody after your discovery who want to tell the public they found it first. They have rights.

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It's a no-holes barred fight to the death when it comes to shipwrecks and especially shipwrecks with treasure.

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I found a very important historical wreck and treasure hunters learned that I'd found it.

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I went to this really president-setting court battle trying to determine who had found it first and who had rights.

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As it turned out, it was my photographic evidence that proved my case.

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It's a lesson Roger Miklos had to learn the hard way.

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Roger claims that he took photographs of his U-boat.

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He also claims that all of those photographs were lost when he was run off the island.

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If just one of those photographs still existed, this whole story would be very different.

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Once Mike and Chris have documented their find, they begin to follow the trail of parts, hoping that it will lead to the missing U-boat.

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The trail leads this way.

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The trail is leading over the cliff and you can't even see the bottom.

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So we followed the trail of bits and shards of metal until it disappeared into the abyss.

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At least you'd have wondered, why is there a U-boat here that just slid off the edge and dumped into the abyss?

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When you look at the seabed, you can see a groove, almost a trough that takes you all the way to the edge of the wall and then drops off into about 3,000 feet of water.

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Everything else is covered in coral. Everything else looks like you would expect.

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But this trough is kind of almost boat shaped. You can imagine this U-boat sitting there on the edge and over time, it's very likely that a storm could have pushed that off the edge down to 3,000 feet of water.

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We don't know.

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Roger talks about the sub being inside of a cave or partially inside of a cave, but could that be Roger trying to throw us off the scent again? We need to find out.

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Mike and Chris are in the deep waters off Turks and Caicos in search of an underwater cave, attempting to get a visual of the Nazi U-boat that Roger described.

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There really was the right incline, as Roger describes, from 45 feet down to 100 plus.

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Mike and I reached our limits. We got down about 130 feet and realized that we're over almost like an abyss and we can't dive down there.

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Mike and Chris have no choice but to give up and return to the boat.

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Now that we found the shards in this gully, I just want to keep going down, get into deeper waters, see if there's more shards and more evidence of something that was on that shelf.

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We got to the edge, we looked over the edge. Everything that Roger describes, the valley leading down, the incline, it all matches. It's time for you to send this thing down there and look over the edge.

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If the dive is beyond, say, 165 or 180 feet, then it's time to bring in Sam with the ROV. She can go places we can't go as divers.

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Sam McDonald has her own company, Deep Trekker, who makes amazing underwater ROVs that are really, really important for the kind of stuff that we're doing.

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The ROVs allow us to look into deep dark spaces that divers can't go into and go to those deeper depths that the divers can't reach.

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ROVs have helped locate and document some of the world's most famous shipwrecks.

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ROVs are being used in shipwreck hunting every day now. ROV technology was used to take some of the first looks at the Titanic, as well as a famous whaling ship from 1902 called the Nova Zembla.

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And we even got to go inside of the USS Arizona for the first time. We got eyes on some of the damage and some of the items and artifacts that are still inside of that ship.

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ROVs also helped locate two vessels from one of the great tragedies in the age of Victorian exploration.

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The mysterious disappearance of Britain's Franklin expedition sent in 1845 to map Canada's supposed Northwest Passage through the Arctic.

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Though many missions were sent to find the doomed ships, their location remained a mystery until 2014 when ROVs found the vessels on the ocean floor.

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And of course the great thing about an ROV is it's not limited like divers to time or depth. You can send an ROV to the deepest spot in the oceans. And that has changed the whole game.

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They'll go into spots that you wouldn't want to go as a human because there's a good chance you won't ever come back. And I can tell you, there's a lot of shipwrecks with ROVs trapped in them that aren't coming home either.

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So this is the revolution, so it's got six thrusters on it, so it's going to hold nice and steady. But for searching, we've got the 4K HD camera and then the multi beam forward facing Sonos.

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Here's my original drawing, the way that thing is that she's up more at the ceiling and that island comes clear of here because I had a hell of a time getting around to the front of the gun.

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Roger tells us that this U-boat is on a cliff, maybe partially submerged inside of a cave.

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And it's lodged, it's even lodged farther up than the way my drawing is. I did this so quick.

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We're going back a lot of years here, things move around, we know that there's been a few hurricanes out here.

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An object as large as a U-boat could be pushed by storms, hurricanes, surges and push it right over that edge.

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I saw the two back propeller blades, they're highly polished from going into sand up and down into sand.

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Even Roger tells us it's going up and down and up and down, so it's already got some buoyancy, so it's tender.

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Now there's decades of pass since Roger was here, did it let go in a hurricane, slide down that slope and just drop over the edge? We can't know.

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We'll cruise down that cliff and look for a cave and maybe there's a U-boat hanging out of it.

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You ready to get this in the water? I want to go find a U-boat.

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Come on, let's do this thing.

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Let me know if you guys need a hand here, looks like you got it.

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All right, let's do this, let's go. Let's go fishing for U-boats.

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The crew now deploys the ROV, hoping it can pinpoint the location of the missing U-boat.

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We're descending.

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00:59:32,400 --> 00:59:36,400

And ultimately help them find the treasure that's been lost at sea for decades.

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Still going up.

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Sam steers the rover towards the edge of the underwater cliff.

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We're about 12 meters down.

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20 meters.

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00:59:51,400 --> 00:59:52,400

Descending.

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00:59:53,400 --> 00:59:56,400

All right, so if you feel tight on that tether, Mike, just keep paying out because I'm going down.

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00:59:57,400 --> 00:59:58,400

Going down.

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01:00:01,400 --> 01:00:07,400

ROVs, because they're providing information in real time, have to have a tether to send that data back.

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That can be a challenge if you're on a swinging boat.

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01:00:12,400 --> 01:00:13,400

There's a chance of the tether getting caught up on things.

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Plus you're limited to how much tether you've got.

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You can only go as far and as deep as that tether allows you to go.

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So you're working really hard to avoid all hangups and of course damaging the coral.

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Yeah, we don't want to be, you know, ruin anything that nature made us.

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01:00:33,400 --> 01:00:34,400

No.

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01:00:38,400 --> 01:00:43,400

I would say we're probably moving like over 200 degrees on this mooring.

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01:00:44,400 --> 01:00:47,400

So I don't know, Sam, are you okay with this?

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01:00:48,400 --> 01:00:49,400

We're on a big boat.

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We've only got a bow anchor on 100 foot ship.

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It's going to swing 150 feet one way, 150 feet the other way.

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This is a challenge.

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The crew can't afford for the rovers in Billicle to become entangled in the boat's propeller.

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Or even worse, on the coral of the sea floor.

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Sam guides the rovers to the area where Mike and Chris bound the metal debris.

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Yep, yep, no, a little bit over to the right.

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01:01:16,400 --> 01:01:17,400

That's it, that's it.

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01:01:18,400 --> 01:01:19,400

Okay, yep, there it is.

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Oh, very cool.

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Just sail her down that gully.

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And follow that down.

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01:01:26,400 --> 01:01:28,400

Chris, stop her when she gets to where we found the chunks of iron.

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01:01:29,400 --> 01:01:30,400

Yeah, I'm watching for it.

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Yeah, right around there, right around there.

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01:01:32,400 --> 01:01:33,400

That's where Mike got that hit.

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01:01:34,400 --> 01:01:35,400

Just a little more to port.

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Well now, see how deep and blue that is?

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01:01:39,400 --> 01:01:40,400

That's the abyss.

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01:01:41,400 --> 01:01:42,400

That's where Chris and I were not going to go.

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01:01:43,400 --> 01:01:44,400

Okay, yeah, look here.

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I got like a glowy on the sonar there.

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Look at the formation.

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So the ROV goes down, it sees the geography that Mike and Chris described.

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It sees the bits of metal that indicate something would be there.

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And then off into the abyss we see the big cliff.

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01:02:02,400 --> 01:02:04,400

Wow, this boat is swinging all over the place.

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Yeah, I think it's going to be too difficult to keep doing it from the back of this boat.

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01:02:09,400 --> 01:02:10,400

See this here?

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I would like to get a visual on that.

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So what is that, right?

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It's certainly different than everything else we see.

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See this line?

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It's no straight lines in nature, right?

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Whoa, we're really swinging, guys.

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All right, guys, I think that it's probably best to pull this one up.

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01:02:28,400 --> 01:02:30,400

Let's go check out that one marking that I got on the sonar.

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01:02:31,400 --> 01:02:33,400

I've taken the GPS location that we want to go to on the Zodiac

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and then drop the little one in and see what we can find.

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Okay, I'll hold it in.

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Mike and his team are searching the waters off Turks and Caicos

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for a highly specialized Nazi U-boat.

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One of only nine commissioned in 1944.

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Roger Michlos claimed he saw it here in 1981

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and that it's carrying what could be billions in gold, treasure and art.

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The team wasn't able to dive deep enough,

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so Sam is using an ROV to assist the search at greater depths.

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But the constant sway of the current is causing the boat to swing wildly.

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Whoa, we're really swinging, guys.

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01:03:22,400 --> 01:03:26,400

And the ROV is in danger of getting snagged on the sea floor.

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Sam decides it's time to move the search to a smaller boat, the ship's Zodiac.

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Okay, let's take this one out. This is the DT G3.

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I like this little guy.

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This little wee guy. Great for boats just like this.

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All right, send that.

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You just throw the deep chucker in like that.

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Manhandle.

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01:03:53,400 --> 01:03:54,400

That's no way to treat your baby.

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01:03:54,400 --> 01:03:55,400

No way to treat your baby.

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01:04:00,400 --> 01:04:02,400

I was really happy to just use the small Zodiac

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and not have to contend with anything swinging or moving.

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It worked really a lot better.

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As I got deeper, the marine life got less and less.

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01:04:14,400 --> 01:04:16,400

And it just became gray rocks as I went down the wall.

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It just got darker and darker.

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But even with the added stability, the rover is quickly nearing the end of its imbilical.

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How deep are we now?

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About 275 meters.

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Can we go much further?

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We got like 25 left.

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01:04:31,400 --> 01:04:32,400

It doesn't look like there's a bottom here.

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01:04:33,400 --> 01:04:36,400

Can you see, reach out with the sonar? Is there anything?

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You know what? I have the sonar range at 50 meters

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01:04:40,400 --> 01:04:41,400

and it's not even picking up the sea floor.

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01:04:42,400 --> 01:04:43,400

Wow.

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If I point that sonar straight down, nothing.

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01:04:46,400 --> 01:04:48,400

So I flew the RLE to the edge of the cliff.

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01:04:49,400 --> 01:04:52,400

I turned around to face it and I started to descend straight down the cliff.

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01:04:53,400 --> 01:04:58,400

So in the first probably 300 feet, you know, we saw corals,

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01:04:59,400 --> 01:05:00,400

we saw different marine life on the wall.

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I picked up on the sonar a bit of an overhang, almost a cliff there.

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01:05:06,400 --> 01:05:09,400

And so I went a little bit to the starboard side and had a look, had the camera out.

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01:05:10,400 --> 01:05:12,400

Didn't look like what, you know, a place where a U-boat could really hide.

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01:05:12,400 --> 01:05:14,400

So I continued to descend.

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I'm going to be honest.

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This is as deep as I've personally ever taken this stuff.

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Can you see any more evidence of pieces of chunks as you went off the cliff?

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You know, sort of maybe there was an area where it just sort of looked beaten up.

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Like something may have scratched it if for lack of a better description.

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But if it did that, it wasn't a smooth journey, that's for sure.

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So a lot of the places in the Turks and Caicos where Roger's U-boat could be

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are either too deep or in very enclosed spaces.

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01:05:52,400 --> 01:05:55,400

The rover follows a trail of debris down the abyss

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01:05:56,400 --> 01:06:00,400

as Mike, Chris and Sam hold out hope that the trail of debris and scratches

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01:06:01,400 --> 01:06:04,400

will end in the big discovery of Roger's U-boat.

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01:06:05,400 --> 01:06:07,400

That's the end boys, that's it. I got nothing left.

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01:06:08,400 --> 01:06:10,400

Like any good treasure hunt, we hit another roadblock.

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If I can't definitively say if there was a U-boat there, it would be on the bottom

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and I just couldn't get there.

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I think we can call this one checked out truth.

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Let's pack it up and head back to the boat.

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There's still so much more depth to get down.

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I think we need to try to identify the pieces that we found

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and hopefully that gives us enough reason to come back with more tether and better equipment.

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Good to go.

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Mike, Sam and Chris make their way back to the boat.

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After storing their gear, they reconvene to discuss the state of their mission.

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Just look at what we've learned.

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There may be something yet beyond what Deep Trekker could reach today.

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We have these bits of iron that may be indicative of a U-boat.

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This round flange of some sort, right?

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That's going to be some sort of high pressure piping flange.

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Submarines are full of that.

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According to Roger, this was like a submarine freighter, right?

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Heading to South America with the spoils of World War II.

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Roger was on the trail of a U-boat and he was convinced that it carried billions of dollars worth of gold bullion and treasure.

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So now as we look in deeper and deeper water and more out of the way places like the Turks and Caicos,

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it's a big, big deal to find a U-boat.

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Guys, it's time to leave here. We've got to move on, right?

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Because we just don't know.

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Let's regroup. Let's talk to the experts.

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Let's just be determined to be open-minded, get more information.

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Agreed.

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Okay, let's do it.

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Shortly after the team completed their underwater search,

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their expedition was shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Just learned that the entire project's been shut down due to COVID.

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I just hate the thoughts that are going home right now

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and truly believe that Roger's U-boat's out there waiting for us to fly.

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Two months later, they regrouped at home base to hear intel from U-boat expert Rob Carmichael.

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Sam was able to track down a U-boat expert, a guy named Rob Carmichael.

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In 2016, divers located a mysterious ship resting in darkness at about 700 feet of water.

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44 sailors were entombed within it.

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It was a Nazi submarine.

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U-576. It was sunk in 1942.

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Look at that.

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Top size. We got a visual.

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In World War II, the greatest concentration of U-boat attacks on America happened off of North Carolina's outer banks, where dozens of ships passed daily.

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The U.S. military didn't want people to worry, so news reports of enemy boats near the coast were classified for national security reasons.

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The discovery of U-576 also revealed a submarine that was mysteriously intact.

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This suggests the vessel may have dove to the bottom intentionally to play possum, but somehow couldn't surface again, killing all crew members inside.

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Roger claims the U-boat he found was also intact.

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Is it possible that the U-boat Roger found may have tried a similar trick in Turks and Caicos to avoid ally detection only to meet a perilous fate?

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Hey Robert, it's good to see you.

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My pleasure. Good to see you today.

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So for the sake of everyone on the call, Robert Carmichael is a friend of mine who is well versed on all things ocean.

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So we're hoping that Robert you can provide us with some expertise on the things that we've found.

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We have sent you a few photographs Robert.

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Metal objects that we found with the eye and with our handheld metal detector.

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We did however get a large magnetic hit. These little pieces clearly are not part of the mag hit that we got.

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They seem to be pieces scattered on a trail leading down and dropping over into the depths into deep water.

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The photo that I'd most like you to look at first would be the one that I call the flange.

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It definitely looks like flange but you know what does that flange seem to be mounted to or part

of?

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This was just lying loose Robert on the seabed. To me this could be part of a high pressure hull but that's beyond my expertise.

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Well I think you could say it's pretty certain that it's part of a pressure system of some sort.

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Is it to have the appearance of some catastrophic failure because if that flange was all by itself and it was part of a pressure system and something catastrophically failed maybe that would explain why this flange component is not attached to its pipe member.

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The history of what it is we're researching has no affiliation with an explosion or for that matter a catastrophic event.

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But in a storm event like a hurricane where everything can be turned upside down who could say.

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Well boy I understand that we just got back from three trips to the Bahamas right following that gigantic hurricane that went up the middle of the Atlantic that lasted for so long.

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It was 550 miles in diameter and we saw the Gulf Stream flowing backwards for 10 days and it just moved a lot of the South Atlantic Ocean to the North Atlantic Ocean.

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Wow. The other images are even less definitive. So again tough one but that's the next one I'd like you to comment on if you could.

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Yeah not enough to tell me anything. You were there in person so did it feel like heavy metal or what was it.

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Well it is definitely iron or metal based. It triggered the handheld metal detector.

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It was quite corroded. It's like it's oxidized as if it has a really high iron or steel content. I know they're just little obscure pieces.

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If there's some other compelling evidence that would lead you to devote resources and time to that site I would say go back and try it again.

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But based on the evidence and the imagery that I just saw there's nothing there that says that's related to a U-boat.

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But as far as I can tell or any significant reason to keep spending resources in that area. Time to move on. Time to move on. Thank you. Bye for now.

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I think Robert is pretty much told as this is not a great indication of a U-boat.

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Yeah when Robert was talking about the hurricanes and the type of damage they caused you know the reversal of the currents underneath the type of changes to the sea floor that he saw it really struck me because we didn't see any of that.

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We did a lot of survey of that cliff edge there and I didn't see anything in the bathymetry that would show me that there had been major damage especially the type of damage you would think to rip a flange off of a U-boat or that U-boat careening over the edge.

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I just didn't see any of that. I think it's time to move on. Okay so basically Robert said move on. Sam you're saying move on. I'm reluctantly saying move on. Just move on. Don't make sense. Sounds good Mike.

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The magnetometer hit proved that there was something big at the bottom of that abyss but the team is still perplexed on exactly what showed up on that magnetometer hit.

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Roger was masterful at keeping everyone at bay on the exact location of the Nazi U-boat but that just pushed the crew into more speculation.

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I know where that site was where the average person got a clue. Nobody gonna discover this.

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So for now we're still left with the mystery of the missing U-boat and I'm wondering if Roger isn't up there just laughing down at all of us.

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Mike is back to square one with no idea where to turn next.

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At this point I figured we were out of options. We're out of dead end. Then I got an email from John Christensen who was not only Roger's trusted friend but he was Roger's boat captain and he was there with Roger in 1981 when all this went down.

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This is Captain John Christensen, captain of the Heather Glenn.

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I have finished captain for over 40 years and I was very fortunate to be in the right place at the right time to meet Roger Miklos in 1981 in the Turks and Caicos.

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You can imagine how important it is to hear what he's got to say.

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Mike, it's John Christensen. How you doing sir?

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John you have no idea how glad I am to hear from you.

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I understand that you've been very involved with Roger looking for this submarine that he claims to have located way back in the day.

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Yeah I have. I think it's amazing that you were the captain of his boat. He found this U-boat and he managed to keep that a secret even from you.

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Yeah he kept it a secret from a lot of people.

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Roger said the next thing we're going to do is go find my submarine and that's when I started with, well tell me about this submarine and where is it?

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He wouldn't answer it. He would just say, I don't know.

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I have got the logbook for the Heather right here.

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Amazing.

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Wow.

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I'd be more than happy to share the logbook so I can hand it to you.

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You're willing to share your logbooks with us?

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After meeting with U-boat expert Rob Carmichael, the team has decided to move on from West Caicos.

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But now, John Christensen, Roger's shipmate and captain on the Heather, the ship that made that infamous trip to Turks and Caicos, offered up his ship's logbook.

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This logbook could be the missing piece to the puzzle.

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I was blown away to think that John would offer up his logbook. This is a great piece of the puzzle.

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John and Roger spent six weeks sailing around Turks and Caicos. Everywhere they went was documented in John's logbook.

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We were down there surveying different areas, looking at different wrecks.

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We dove all around all the Caicos islands. We dove South Caicos. We dove North Caicos. We dove Provincialis, Grand Turk.

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I have got the logbook for the Heather right here.

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Amazing.

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That ended up with Roger down in the Turks and Caicos.

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And if that's your logbook, you had to have kept really detailed records about day-to-day activity.

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Absolutely. Yes, sir. Yes.

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I'd be more than happy to share the logbook so I can...

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You're willing to share your logbooks with us?

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Yes. Yes.

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This is the piece of evidence that puts Roger in the location as a witness.

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This is really, really critical to solving this puzzle.

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I think this is just the beginning of what could be a great adventure together.

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I can't thank you enough. This is not something you see every day in the business of treasure hunting.

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I wish it didn't take all these many years to go and Roger passing away that we're all going to try to finally make this come to fruition for him.

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Well, it's a fascinating story that's only just started for me.

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And it's continuing for me, so I look forward to it, whatever I can do.

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These are quite literally the Loran coordinates and the dive, different dive sites that we dove on for this extended period of time.

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Up till now, our entire search has been focused on West Caicos.

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But this logbook, it's sending us off to East Caicos.

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To totally different parts of the country. And even though it's a small country, the two places are as far apart as you can get.

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East Caicos and even Grand Turk, it is very deep water that are ringed by ledges that are, oh boy,

I tell you, they drop off to 300 feet.

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Now, could there be a ledge big enough where a deep water German U-boat could actually get up underneath this ledge and hide is absolutely possible. Absolutely possible.

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Certainly the geography matches perfectly to what Roger tells us to look for. We're way more likely to find a cave in East Caicos.

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I ain't given the latitude and longitude or GPS readings on it. Are you think I'm crazy? I can't risk. I've been protecting that thing ever since I found it.

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He was protecting what he knew. The submarine came up and I said, I know you can't tell me where it is, but tell me about the geography around where is it you saw this.

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He said it's a horseshoe shaped island and it's down here somewhere. And he was very vague about that. And it could be that Roger was simply throwing me off the scent.

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But I do have one area in mind that I think based on discussions with Roger again, you know, a horseshoe shaped island, that I've got a pretty good deal with what he was referring to.

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Everything's adding up. I've got to call the team. This hunt is back on.

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Hey guys, just got a very important bit of information for you. Out of the blue, I get a phone call from John Christensen, Roger's boat captain back in the infamous 1981 survey.

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Believe it or not, John's heard about us, heard about our search. He sent us his logbook. Really?

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What, from the original expedition?

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Yeah. Every time they went to a new location, he fixed the coordinate and wrote it in his book.

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No way.

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And when you put those locations together, I come up with a new search area, East Kacos.

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So not in West Kacos where we were before at all, a totally new part of the country.

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Pack your bags. We're going back to the islands.

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Amazing.

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It looks like I'm going to have to clear my schedule again.

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But you're in, right?

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This has already been an adventure full of twists and turns, so I'm glad to get going again.

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Okay. Ready to go, guys?

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When I get this logbook, it could very easily lead us to Roger's U-boat.

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It's telling me this search is a long way from home.

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This is a find of a find of a lifetime at Beach 2 in Common, all the hell.

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Ain't nobody going to find anything better than that.

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It's been missing for 72 friggin' years.

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This U-boat was Roger's life's work.

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It must have been tremendously frustrating for him.

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Maybe now we can help him fulfill that destiny and prove once and for all whether Roger actually did find a U-boat.

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For 40 years, the location of Roger Miklos' U-boat has remained a mystery.

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Now, Mike Fletcher is one step closer to solving that puzzle.

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And maybe someday soon, Roger's lifelong dream of raising his U-boat will finally be realized,

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and the world will discover what's really inside.

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I'm Lawrence Fishburne.

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