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This series presents information based in part on theory and conjecture.

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The producer's purpose is to suggest some possible explanations, but not necessarily

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the only ones to the mysteries we will examine.

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On the 17th of July 1978, there appeared along the timber line of Mount Hood, Oregon, three

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creatures never before filmed.

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They are the monsters of the Northwest.

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The Indians call them Sasquatch, the white man, Bigfoot.

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These primal looking figures are human beings, dressed in costumes for a motion picture.

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In every detail, they are duplicates of the part man, part eight, described by a variety

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of reliable eyewitnesses.

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Loch Ness, the lovely 24 mile long lake in Scotland, has sustained an incredible legend

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for some 16 centuries.

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But living somewhere beneath its placid surface is a giant prehistoric monster.

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In the past, in search of, made its own investigation of the fascinating mystery and presented the

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most authenticated picture of the creature taken up to that time.

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Two well-known investigators bring us up to date.

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Peter Byrne, whose specialty is Bigfoot and the abominable snowman, interviewed Tim

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Dimmesdale, considered a leading expert on the Loch Ness monster.

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And incidentally, what is new?

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What's been discovered in this last six months or so?

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Well, there's been some very exciting new developments.

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Last summer, surface photography, there was some two color stills in 35, shot at about

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100 yards of a head and neck out of the water.

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And this is very exciting stuff.

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Yes, yes.

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What do you really think these creatures at Loch Ness are?

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I think the most exciting, dramatic and probably the most likely theory in my humble view is

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that it is a survival, an evolved species of plesiosaur.

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These were the marine sorrians that used to live at sea in the Cretaceous period 70 million

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years ago, which means they've had a long time to adapt and get bigger.

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They've got bigger.

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If this is a plesiosaur, it's got much bigger.

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And of course, if that's the case, it's enormously exciting.

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It's very exciting anyway.

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But how could they have existed all this time and survived in a place like Loch Ness?

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Well, we have the classic case.

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How could they have survived the classic case of the silicant archaic species of fish, which

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was supposed to have conked out at the same time, incidentally, in the Cretaceous, and

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they found them off Madagascar.

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It didn't.

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Crocodiles are sorrarians.

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They haven't changed at all.

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It's not impossible that this thing has continued to survive in the sea and that Loch Ness used

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to be connected to the sea quite recently.

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Land rows got cut off.

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So it's not impossible.

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It's unlikely, but it's not impossible.

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The fact of the fact of the matter is that these animals are real, whatever they are,

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they exist, like your Bigfoot.

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Thousands of miles away along the foggy northern California coast, a unique group of men carry

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on the search for Bigfoot.

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They are not hunters in the usual sense.

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They wield no guns.

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They spend months each year tracing every available clue, hoping to make contact with

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the creature they know exists and is endangered by man.

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Most scientists are, by nature, cautious.

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Quite properly, they don't renounce discoveries until they have substantial proof to support

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their claims.

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Certainly, they tend to avoid areas of research that might expose them to ridicule by their

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colleagues.

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One such area is, of course, the controversial figure of long-standing legend, the elusive

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Bigfoot.

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Therefore, the field of investigation has been taken over by a number of amateurs who

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have no professional status to jeopardize.

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We shall follow one group of these monster hunters as they seek further proof to back

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their belief that Bigfoot does, in fact, exist.

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Calling themselves the Bay Area Group, they focus their intensive pursuit of Bigfoot mainly

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in the forests and mountains north of San Francisco.

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Led by Archbuckley, they've narrowed their searching to particular areas where prior

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evidences of the creature have been uncovered.

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The personnel of each trip may vary, but the information gathered is available to all members.

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Al Berry is a journalist from Sacramento, specializing in tape recording the sounds

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of Bigfoot.

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Warren Thompson of the San Mateo School System seeks proof by photography.

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Spotting layers where Bigfoot may have slept is of major interest to Steve Sanders, zoologist

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and veterinarian.

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Arch is a footprint expert, but for him the method of communication is all important.

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I saw Bigfoot, I've had one sighting, but I've had numerous incidents where I've been

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able to develop somewhat of a rapport with him.

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Well there's a great deal more love in this world than it's ever expressed and animals

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are no different than people.

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And if you think positively and act positively and through the media of Soft Voice, it's

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amazing how you can develop a rapport with wild animals.

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And I'm not talking about park animals.

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I'm talking about wild animals and Bigfoot is no different.

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The group believes they are dealing with a nocturnal, nomadic creature who keeps constantly

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on the move.

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One of the reasons it's been so hard to capture it on film.

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I don't think so.

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Yeah there are beds in the seats and more...

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More often than not there are false clues and disappointments.

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And not camping out, the group headquarters in remote lodges.

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As expected, Bigfoot dominates their conversations.

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We feel in the Bay Area group that we're dealing with a species that's already in danger

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of species.

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And under no circumstances do we recommend going out and shooting one.

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One may rightly ask what inspires the group's belief and commitment.

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What first convinced me that these creatures exist was an incident that I had in 1969.

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Camping about 20 miles north of the confluence of the Clameth and Trinity Rivers in Northern

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California.

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When one of these creatures about four in the morning walked by the side of the tent

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into the campground and we were awakened in commotion from the inside of the tent, started

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to spot the creature and it ran off into the brush.

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And when we came right in to go out and see the trail of Prince that it had left, 16 inch

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Prince, very human in appearance, with a stride of 56 to 60 inches between them, is what

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made a believer out of me.

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Footprints, bits of hair that defy classification, all intriguing evidence that an unusual creature

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inhabits the woods have been found at one time or another.

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Also a unique sound has been heard.

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It was a remote high mountain area and I was aware that there had been some strange goings

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on in this area from a council of the people who had been there.

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It was a long hike in and I got in there in the late afternoon and I set my tape recorder

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up. I put my mic taped into a tree a little ways away from where I'd be bedding down and

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then proceeded to wait along and see what developed.

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Al Berry recreates for us what happened on the night of October 21st, 1972.

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Later on that evening after it grew dark I was tired from the hike in and I had begun

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to doze off when all of a sudden I was awakened by some strange sounds.

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It was very startling. I didn't know what to think. I had very mixed emotions. On one

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hand I was wondering well could somebody possibly be out there doing it, some human being and

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on the other hand viscerally my knees were shaking and my insides were turning a bit

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and I was wondering if maybe what I was hearing was some creature that was stranger than anything

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that we knew.

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We've had the sounds analyzed since then at the University of Wyoming by a professor of

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electrical engineering there and the results are the sounds could not have been made by

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man or any known animal.

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Professor Curlin of the University of Wyoming confirmed to In Search of that AI's tape

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was tested and shown not to have been artificially manufactured.

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As you know for centuries we've had reports of large man-like creatures coming from the

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Pacific Northwest. Reports from reputable individuals from all walks of life and from

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the in investigating these I've been struck by the consistency of the reports, the physical

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appearance, the behavior patterns and by the sincerity of the people that I've talked to.

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All these people can't be lying.

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The Oregon Regional Primate Center in Portland seemed the logical place to inquire into the

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possibility of Bigfoot's existence and of his being a distant relative of man.

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Is it conceivable that a form of man-ape has persisted in the wilds of the northwest

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for eons and if it does exist how could it elude capture by scientists or killing by

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hunters? The questions were put to the center's director, the distinguished zoologist, biologist

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and primatologist Dr. William Montagna.

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The elements that would make me believe the existence of such creatures would be for example

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artifacts. Human beings singularly are deprived of weapons but they have the best weapons

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of them all that have a pair of hands with which they make weapons and these hands are

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intimately attached to the central nervous system and therefore they don't need natural

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weapons. And we have found absolutely nothing that has been presented at least as evidence

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that these creatures are in existence. If they were humanoid they would have certainly

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used their hands to make weapons. Most scientists want to play it safe. They want to be sure

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that they're delving with something that they can actually draw up a finding in a conclusion.

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I am not a specialist in hallucinations. I am sure that people who claim to have seen

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have in fact seen it but I am sure that people claim to have seen God and I'm sure they have

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seen it but they cannot prove to me that they have. Now we feel that we have enough information

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in relation just to our footprints and some of the information that we have gathered we

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know positively in our own mind that we're dealing with the humanoid primate. From what

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alleged evidence has been presented to me I have to admit that it is a hoax indeed. Nevertheless

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in June of 1978 the University of British Columbia held an international conference on the subject

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of Bigfoot's existence. For the first time a major academic institution had taken notice

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of let alone dignified this controversial subject. In the process leaves the medicine

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songs and the vining crystal. Perhaps something of the same pattern can be found in the process

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of making the discern for Sasquatch. According to Wayne Suttles' presentation last night

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the image of Sasquatch has changed over the years. The conference ended with no official

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conclusion as to Bigfoot's existence or nonexistence. As layman Ming-Hui said, the

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community has been tangled with professional investigators however Bigfoot believers were

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encouraged by a sense that a new degree of credibility had been brought to a subject

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heretofore considered only a myth. The scientific community is still to say the least skeptical.

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We're going to be making a presentation on Saturday and hopefully we'll get the sounds

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out and the front people will be able to hear them as they're pretty much recorded.

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I've read the summary and it's very interesting because it looks as though it's a lot of yonder

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something, but it does. For the Indians of the Pacific Northwest there's never been any

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doubt that Bigfoot or Sasquatch shared the woods with them. Numerous totems reflect their

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impressions of the creature over the centuries. Despite Indian lore and much inexplicable evidence,

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Bigfoot has yet to be proven a fact of nature. But after 40 years of tireless searching, Archbuckly

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claims to have had the definitive experience that erased any possible doubt for him.

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But in our particular technique we knew that this particular group of big feet were in

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a specific area. And we knew that the fact that Bigfoot was a very large group of people

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of big feet were in a specific area. And for several weeks we were attempting to develop

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a rapport with them. I think we were successful because one day I was able to bring Bigfoot

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down from the wilderness area to where I had established my base camp on the fringe of

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the wilderness area. Arch reenacted for in search of what happened starting on a late

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afternoon in June 1970.

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At this particular time I was using the technique of setting up bait using principally

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fish in the form of salmon and shad. Several times during the course of developing this

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rapport Bigfoot had come into my campsite and taken my bait.

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I had a salmon about 12 feet high hanging off of a lip. I had several shad on a tripod

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about 10 feet away. And I also had set it in my car a camera, 35 millimeter camera.

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During the course of the night it was sort of a cat and mouse game. I tried to induce

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him to come into my campsite.

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Oop, Oop old friend, old buck friend, Oop. I used the word Oop. It's a word that I picked

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up a number of years ago. Just for you old, come on old friend. Fish, fish.

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I knew that he was close by. He was no more than maybe about 30 yards away from me.

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Oop old friend, old buck friend, Oop. Oop old old friend, old buck friend, Oop.

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I realized that I couldn't induce him to come in. So I thought well maybe I'll get in my car.

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Maybe this would have a change of effect on him. I was hoping that he would take the bait

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and maybe I could get a shot of him with my 35 millimeter camera. He swung around and I caught him.

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I caught him from about the waist on up. I was so impressed with the luminous glare of his eyes.

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He was looking right at me. He was very powerfully built.

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I turned around and I put the flashlight back to where he was located and he had disappeared.

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Although Arch did not get his picture, for a few magic moments he had confirmed for himself that his years of waiting had not been in vain.

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That Bigfoot does exist and despite the disbelief of the scientific community needs dedicated men like himself and the Bay Area group to carry on the cause.

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I was so impressed with the way he looked at me.

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I was so impressed with the way he looked at me.

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I was so impressed with the way he looked at me.

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Coming face to face with Bigfoot after decades of village and searching was obviously a precious highlight in Arch Buckley's life.

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But he insists that as important to him is the hope that when and if Bigfoot is proven to all to exist, legislation will be passed to declare and protect it as an endangered species.

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Undoubtedly his hope can't be realized until science takes a more serious look at this persistent phenomenon.

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In the meantime, Arch and the Bay Area group are passing on their considerable store of information to interested young students.

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With the expectation they will enter the scientific world with an open mind on the subject. Students like Donald Rue.

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I understand you're enrolling at the University of California.

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Well I'm planning to study behavioral and evolutionary anthropology.

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Like you said, I'd like to understand the behavior of their existence, how they act, what do they go during the day and what do they do.

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And with this kind of background I'd be able to understand the behavior patterns that I observe in the field.

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And then also with the evolutionary aspect, I'd like to find out where they fit in man's evolution.

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Are they on a parallel branch or are they directly our ancestors? I doubt that, but it's possible.

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And how do they fit in? I'm curious.

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Well this is what George and I had in mind when we organized our Bay Area group.

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It appears that the Bay Area group's wish to preserve both belief in and compassion for Bigfoot will be fulfilled.

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A little knowledge goes a long way when you're plotting revenge.

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How one man brought the Roman Empire to its knees. The Lost Legions of Verus.

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Tonight at 9 on the History Channel.