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The Russian Infantryman

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The Russian Infantryman

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The Russian Infantryman

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The Russian Infantryman

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While on a reconnaissance mission,

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a Russian infantryman comes face to face

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with a legendary nemesis.

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Everybody halted and was just

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watching these lights.

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Then we start to hear whispering

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I am terrified.

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Yes, yes.

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You can't explain what happened.

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An Air Force engineer

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uncovers a national secret

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supporting the existence of UFOs.

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We were told for 55 years

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that there was nothing but Mars gas.

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I really wanted to find out

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what the truth was about extraterrestrials.

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As the investigation

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unfolds, an Air Force pilot

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comes forward with a startling

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And I saw a metallic looking

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color. I don't know what

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was driving that thing, but it wasn't a conventional

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engine.

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I've got 2,000 hours of flying time.

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I was there.

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Who are you going to believe?

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The public needs to know this.

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It's about time that they were told.

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I definitely believe that what I experienced was paranormal.

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Even though I am so skeptical

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of everything.

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After the fall of the

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Soviet Union in 1991,

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China's

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Soviet Union

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was a terrible

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country.

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It was a terrible country.

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It was a terrible country.

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It was a terrible country.

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The Soviet Union in 1991,

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Chechnya,

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a Republic of the former USSR,

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took up arms to declare its independence.

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But its strategic

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location just north of the Middle East

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made it a valuable asset for the Russians.

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So by 1994,

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Russia invaded,

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and the enemies waged war for two years.

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During that time,

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a mysterious force was set to haunt the region,

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luring in the unsuspecting.

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Villagers, they would always

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make remarks about

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Boogeyman or if the devil would come out at night

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and kill us.

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I didn't believe in any of these ghost stories.

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But I'm starting to

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think this is

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not normal.

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I'm an infantryman in the US Army.

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The risk that I'm taking coming forward

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is that I previously left

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the Russian military service.

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I exchanged some

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important information with the US military

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in order to

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get a citizenship.

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I'm originally from Arkhangelsk,

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which is a northwestern province of Russia.

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My family

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was very heavily involved with the Russian government.

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My father

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was a Tsarshina Milodna,

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which is a sergeant major

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of the VDV with Russian Airborne.

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When I was younger,

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I was a nationalist

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or someone who was extremely patriotic.

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I wanted what was best for Russia

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and not realizing that I was

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just being manipulated.

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But back then,

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I wanted to join the military

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as soon as I could have my own thoughts.

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In order to do so, I had to

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lie about my age

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and I actually joined when I was 16.

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I cut off communication

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with my family when I moved to America.

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I am not

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able to ever see Russia

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ever again.

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In 2009,

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I was selected to be

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reconnaissance infantryman

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because of my top marks in airborne school.

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Being a reconnaissance

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infantryman in the Russian Army

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is very prestigious.

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These officers are responsible

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for intelligence gathering and perform

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sensitive missions in the field.

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These are the best of the best

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in the Russian military.

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In the spring of

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2009, Mikhail

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and his platoon are deployed to Chechnya,

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where tensions between the rebels

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and Russian soldiers reignited.

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The First Chechen War

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comes to an end in 1996.

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It's basically a Russian defeat.

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But the Second Chechen War begins

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and it lasts 10 years and one of the

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most violent of the 20 and 21st century.

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unit was the 45th Independent Guard Brigade.

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It's entirely

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based upon special reconnaissance.

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Our goal was

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unconventionally fight enemies,

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disrupt enemy supply lines

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and to divert enemy attention

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towards targets that were not

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real.

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During

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springtime in Chechnya,

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it's constantly

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raining. There's almost always some sort

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of fog on the ground.

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Our main goal was

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gather intelligence on the enemy.

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So we would typically

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talk to villagers, especially people

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we thought might look open to

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talking with the Russian government.

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One of the key pieces

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of intelligence that we had learned

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was that it was common for insurgents

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to cache weapons

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in woods or bury them.

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When we find buried

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insurgent firearms,

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we carry it back.

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Especially in more

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rural areas, it's important to be quiet

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because the human voice, even whispering

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can be heard from a lot further

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than most people think.

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One night, as I looked up,

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I saw

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10 lights some distance away,

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bright enough that

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I could see them with my naked eye.

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I thought maybe

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it could be a trick due to

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light dispersal from fog.

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So everybody

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00:05:58,000 --> 00:06:00,000

halted and was just watching these lights.

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00:06:00,000 --> 00:06:02,000

They looked like it could

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00:06:02,000 --> 00:06:04,000

possibly be people, and that's what

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our main fear was.

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And then we start to hear

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00:06:10,000 --> 00:06:12,000

whispering.

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It starts off very

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quietly. It sounds like

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maybe one or two voices.

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And the whispering starts to pick up.

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I was hearing chetching.

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At least to be 10 more voices joined

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in.

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Whispering at once, but I couldn't figure out

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where.

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This whispering sounded like

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it was right next to my ear.

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00:06:44,000 --> 00:06:46,000

I was

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00:06:46,000 --> 00:06:48,000

starting to panic.

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00:06:50,000 --> 00:06:52,000

The lights were moving in a semi-erratic

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00:06:52,000 --> 00:06:54,000

pattern as if somebody was

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running back and forth with them.

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What Mikael sees could be

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the result of methanogens.

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00:07:02,000 --> 00:07:04,000

Small, single-cell organisms

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00:07:04,000 --> 00:07:06,000

typically present in damp,

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swampy forests.

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They break down old plant material

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and that produces what is

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known as phosphine.

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So this phosphine could

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create lights. However,

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when methanogens do this,

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it typically produces a single

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light, not what Mikael sees.

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He sees separate lights

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00:07:26,000 --> 00:07:28,000

hovering above the ground.

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00:07:28,000 --> 00:07:30,000

We were waiting to see

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00:07:30,000 --> 00:07:32,000

if there was someone that was behind us

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00:07:32,000 --> 00:07:34,000

or trying to flank us and that these

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00:07:34,000 --> 00:07:36,000

lights were just there to distract us.

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The use of lights by chetching

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fighters is pretty well documented.

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It can really dissociate

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an enemy. If you see a whole bunch of lights

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00:07:46,000 --> 00:07:48,000

in a forest, you're likely to get distracted.

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If I'm going to draw you into a trap

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00:07:50,000 --> 00:07:52,000

as a chetching fighter, I'm going to kill you.

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00:07:52,000 --> 00:07:54,000

And that's guerrilla-style tactic.

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00:07:56,000 --> 00:07:58,000

Suddenly, Ivan, my teammate

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00:07:58,000 --> 00:08:00,000

and a good friend starts

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

talking out loud.

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00:08:02,000 --> 00:08:04,000

Father, I'm coming!

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00:08:04,000 --> 00:08:06,000

It sounds like he's trying to communicate

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00:08:06,000 --> 00:08:08,000

with his father. His father

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

has been fighting for about two years.

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Ivan starts to get louder.

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00:08:12,000 --> 00:08:14,000

He's starting to shout and run.

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Father!

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00:08:16,000 --> 00:08:18,000

What are you going? Get back!

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We're supposed to maintain our

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element of surprise if we have any

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left at this point.

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Father! Shut up! We're going to get us killed!

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I'm starting to think

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someone is really good

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00:08:30,000 --> 00:08:32,000

at messing with our heads.

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00:08:32,000 --> 00:08:34,000

So, I abandoned

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00:08:34,000 --> 00:08:36,000

my position and run after him.

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It was all happening very fast.

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00:08:38,000 --> 00:08:40,000

Father! I'm coming!

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I was more worried about

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the security of us as a whole.

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Shut up! I thought something

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00:08:48,000 --> 00:08:50,000

had gone wrong and now he was acting

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00:08:50,000 --> 00:08:52,000

a little crazy.

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00:08:52,000 --> 00:08:54,000

Father! Forgive me!

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00:08:54,000 --> 00:08:56,000

Suddenly, Ivan threw his rifle

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00:08:56,000 --> 00:08:58,000

on the ground, dropped his backpack

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00:08:58,000 --> 00:09:00,000

and was now

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00:09:00,000 --> 00:09:02,000

going at a dead sprint.

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00:09:02,000 --> 00:09:04,000

Ivan! What are you going?

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00:09:04,000 --> 00:09:06,000

Get back!

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The lights

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00:09:08,000 --> 00:09:10,000

are getting bigger, but there's

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no definition in them.

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Typically, with normal

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lighting, you can start to see

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the source that's projecting it

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as you move closer in. But these just

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seem to be like they're

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floating in midair.

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That was strange to me.

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And I'm just waiting for somebody

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to come out and kill me.

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Father!

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I thought we were going to get us killed!

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While on a reconnaissance mission,

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Russian infantryman Mikhail

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jumps into action

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00:09:44,000 --> 00:09:46,000

to save his comrade Ivan

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00:09:46,000 --> 00:09:48,000

from an elusive danger.

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00:09:50,000 --> 00:09:52,000

Get back!

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I'm starting to think this is

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00:09:54,000 --> 00:09:56,000

not normal, but not

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paranormal.

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My end goal was to

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grab Ivan, cover his mouth

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and possibly

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shut him up any way possible

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but also to recover him

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because he was my friend and I did care.

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Concerned about

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what Ivan will do next, Mikhail

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00:10:14,000 --> 00:10:16,000

desperately tries to catch up to him.

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00:10:16,000 --> 00:10:18,000

I started screaming, Ivan

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00:10:18,000 --> 00:10:20,000

are you insane?

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00:10:20,000 --> 00:10:22,000

I'm trying to stop you.

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00:10:22,000 --> 00:10:24,000

Get back!

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00:10:24,000 --> 00:10:26,000

He does not answer me.

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Ivan only continues to

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00:10:28,000 --> 00:10:30,000

try and talk to his father.

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00:10:30,000 --> 00:10:32,000

Father! Forgive me!

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Suddenly, Ivan is

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kneeling in front of this

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peat bog almost in like a prayer

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but with his arms

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cast down on his side.

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Get back! Ivan!

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I want to think that

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there's some explanation for it

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but I'm really not sure

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as Mikhail tries to make sense

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of what's happening, his commander

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catches up to witness the scene.

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The fellies.

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What?

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The fellies have him now.

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There's a legend throughout the caucuses that

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fairies inhabit woods and bogs

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and swamps and they will use

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lights to bait

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an enemy in so that they can

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be killed or disappear.

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The lights were definitely

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trying to lure Ivan

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into the water.

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At the time, I was not asking

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what else could this be. I was just

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worried about making sure I wasn't getting shot.

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Suddenly, Ivan falls to the ground

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and Mikhail rushes to his aid.

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Ivan!

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When I look back up from his body

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the lights were gone.

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It was terrifying.

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I stopped caring about

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my personal safety at this point

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to make sure everyone got home.

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Ivan had no idea

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what had happened to him. It was like

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he was in a coma.

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He couldn't remember actually the whole day.

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It was extremely weird

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that he couldn't remember any of it.

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What Mikhail is witnessing in his

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body could be the result

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of the bog producing swamp gas

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which poisons people.

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Creating hallucinations, both

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auditory and visual, and people

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behave erratically.

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But the question presents itself.

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If his friend has been poisoned

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why has Mikhail not been affected?

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The next day we looked at each other

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and just nodded.

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You have missions ahead of you.

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So it was sort of

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put in the back of everybody's mind.

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To this day,

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Mikhail has never forgotten

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what happened to him in his platoon

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in the Chechen Forest.

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I want to tell the story

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because I feel like I'm a pretty

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rational human being

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and you can't explain what happened to me.

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It is

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the strangest event I've ever had

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in my entire life.

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If there is a thing

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like the paranormal, I definitely believe

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that day that's what happened.

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It displayed

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technologies that are not

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of this earth.

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Could be a security

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threat to the United States

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of America and its allies.

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In the summer of 1947,

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a rancher discovered some unusual

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debris near Roswell, New Mexico.

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A month later,

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local Air Force officials

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stated the wreckage was a crashed

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weather balloon.

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But many people believed

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it was the remains of

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an extraterrestrial spaceship.

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By 1969,

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at the height of the Cold War,

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more than 12,000 sightings

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had been reported.

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Airline pilots with thousands

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of hours experience of reported saucers

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coming within a few hundred feet of their planes

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and then darting off at supersonic speed,

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leaving a glowing exhaust trail.

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Three shiny objects in the sky

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attracted my attention.

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There were three flying saucers

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in a V.

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Since then, there has been fierce

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debate over whether UFOs

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have visited our planet.

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What people saw

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is revealed clearly by this remarkable

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international news photo, the first

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ever taken of a flying saucer.

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The photo reveals the familiar disc shape.

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From a near hovering position,

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it accelerated rapidly

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and vanished from sight in no time at all.

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It's not a plane, chief.

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I never seen anything like it.

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Finally, in 2021,

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US National Intelligence officials

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release a new report with data

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on unidentified aerial phenomena

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that cannot be ignored.

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While the report offers

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vague insights into the events,

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it leaves many of the biggest

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questions unanswered.

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The explanations just did not

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latch up to what the

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witnesses were seeing.

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I think that triggered

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something in me.

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I've got to find out the truth about this.

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The sightings make national headlines,

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prompting the Air Force

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to examine them as part of their

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Project Blue Book investigation.

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Project Blue Book

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was a very top secret program

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run by the US Defense Department,

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which cataloged UFO reports

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between 1947 and 1969,

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principally based in Wright-Patterson

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Air Force Base in Ohio.

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Within two days,

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the US Department

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of Defense

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of the Air Force, J. Allen Heineck,

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who headed up Project Blue Book,

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attributed the sightings

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to gases released by rotting vegetation.

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These gases, called

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swamp or marsh gas,

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can produce an ethereal light effect

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from the rising methane.

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The Air Force used this theory

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to dismiss these UFO sightings,

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but some refuse to

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accept this explanation.

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The Michigan sightings

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It didn't come a major deal until the Air Force investigated.

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Then the world went insane.

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My name is Raymond Shimanski.

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I was an electronics engineer for the United States Air Force for four decades.

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I grew up in Detroit.

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At the time of the UFO sightings, I am 13 years old.

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And I'm living in the shadow of South Virginia Air Force Base.

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I remember the jets taking off and breaking the sound barrier and alerting us to their presence.

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Six years after the Michigan UFO sightings, Ray is studying electronics at the University of Detroit in 1973.

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He enters a work-study program at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

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Referred to as Wright-Patt, it serves as home to the 88th Air Base Wing,

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as well as the Air Force Research Laboratory, which develops and tests classified aerospace technologies.

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The job that I was doing, I went into a vault where senior engineers were developing electronic circuits.

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I would make sure the boards met the specifications.

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I was assigned to this guy by the name of Al. Al is a mid-level engineer, and he's supposed to show me the ropes.

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MUSIC

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During the first week, we got to walk through a hangar adjoining the two buildings.

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And Al says, have you heard about our aliens?

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Aliens?

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AI tells me we have aliens, we have their machines, they're being investigated here.

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They've been on the base for a couple decades.

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AI said the aliens are kept in the tunnels, not a little spook.

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He told me there was a crash out west, the machines and the occupants were brought to Wright-Patterson for evaluation and exploitation.

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And I'm thinking, why would he be telling me this?

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That's the first I learned about the Wright-Patt connection to UFOs and about Project Blue Book.

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It was a huge story on base and everybody knew what Project Blue Book was doing.

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Project Blue Book was designed to determine whether or not the UFO reports constituted a national security threat to the United States.

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Since 1947, we have received and analyzed between one and two thousand reports.

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We have been able adequately to explain the great book of them.

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However, there have been a certain percentage that have been made by credible observers of relatively incredible things that we now are attempting to resolve.

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With all due respect to the Air Force, I believe that some of them will prove to be of interplanetary origins.

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There were twelve thousand six hundred eighteen sightings reported, but of them only seven hundred and one were listed as unidentified.

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The remaining eleven thousand nine hundred and seventeen were all explained as either some sort of known human technology like weather balloons or optical illusions created by atmospheric disturbances.

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Ray soon discovers that Wright-Patterson's connection to Project Blue Book runs deep.

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In the Project Blue Book office, there's a tongue-in-cheek chart. It has about sixteen objects on it. Sputnik, a Klingon battleship, Spox Enterprise, a missile, a B-52.

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Under each of the objects it says weather balloon, weather balloon, weather balloon.

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But when you get to the picture of the weather balloon, it says swamp gas.

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Dr. J. Allen Heineck, who is the chief debunker for the Air Force, he said these are the result of rotting vegetation in a swamp, i.e. swamp gas or marsh gas.

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There are two things that this chart told me. One, that person was also making fun of the official UFO explanations from the government.

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The other thing was what Project Blue Book was in reality was the debunking program by the United States Air Force, whose sole job was to disinterest and discredit the public in UFO sightings.

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I really wanted to find out what the truth was about extraterrestrials, UFOs, flying saucers. I found out every book I could in the library and I just kept digging deeper and deeper.

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As Ray's career takes off, he gains greater insight into how the military works.

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By 1983, I got a great job offer from Wright-Patterson, developing technology for real-time weapons systems.

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I am in charge of a very large program, run out of the deputy for research and engineering out of the Pentagon.

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Then, in 1997, news reaches Ray at Wright-Patterson of a widely publicized unexplained aerial event.

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On March 13, 1997, thousands of Arizona residents reported what they believed to be unidentified flying objects when they saw a series of lights in a V-shaped formation form over the skyline of Phoenix.

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A few hours later, a string of stationary lights appeared and hovered over the city.

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The Phoenix lights were captivating to me because I had heard all these stories about UFOs all of those years at Wright-Patterson and here is something on my watch.

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Similar to the 1966 Michigan event, eyewitnesses demand answers. But this time in Phoenix, Air Force officials claim the lights originate from aircraft and flares deployed during pilot training.

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A two-mile-wide flying saucer seen by hundreds of people and recorded on cameras literally flew in the shadows of Luke Air Force Base.

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And the explanations just did not latch up to what the witnesses were seeing.

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It triggered something in me that said, I can't stand for this. I said, I've got to find out the truth about this.

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But I didn't really start active field research for almost another 10 years.

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In 2015, Ray retires from Wright-Patterson and begins his investigation into the 1966 Michigan UFO event that captivated him so long ago.

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I think if there was any case where I wanted to solve and make the truth known, it would be this one.

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Ray dives into his research looking for reliable UFO evidence, pouring over reports and testimonies, and finally discovers in 2019 a highly credible first-hand witness.

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When I first found out about Gary Carroll, I discovered that he was a fighter interceptor pilot stationed at Selfridge Air Force Base in March of 1966.

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US Air Force interceptor pilots are trained to fly the fastest jets in the world from bases near the US national borders, and their job is to intercept unauthorized or unidentified aircraft from entering US airspace.

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Selfridge Air Force Base, where Gary Carroll was stationed, is only 40 miles from where all the 1966 Michigan UFO sightings occurred.

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Ray discovers the retired interceptor pilot is still alive.

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I'm thinking this is a pilot flying a fighter interceptor during the big UFO flap, so he might have information.

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I discovered where he lived, and so I just walked up and I said, hey, excuse me, I've written two nonfiction books about UFOs.

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And his response was, then you're going to want to talk to me.

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This incident that I'm referring to here was a pretty thorough experience, it turns out, with a UFO.

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When Gary tells me that he actually intercepted a flying saucer slash UAP slash UFO in Southeastern Michigan early spring of 1966, I felt like I had hit the power ball.

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After spending three years investigating the controversial 1966 UFO sightings in Michigan, engineer Ray Shemansky finally tracks down a first-hand witness, former Air Force pilot Gary Carroll.

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Okay, and what rank were you at the time?

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Captain.

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You're captain, and what was your rank when you finally left the Air Force?

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Full Colonel.

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Colonel's and General's are the keepers of the secrets, so when he revealed to me that he was a Colonel, that is a testimony to who he was and what he did and to his integrity.

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And when I asked him specifically why he wanted to tell his story, the first thing he said is, the public needs to know this. It's about time that they were told.

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As Ray delves into the story, he learns more about Gary's training.

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And at 24 July 1958, you show up at Webb Air Force Base and it says here, student officer flight training.

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Yeah, that's where I earned my weight.

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Earned your wings at Webb.

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Yeah. So now I'm of an official pilot.

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After several postings in the U.S. and overseas, Gary is assigned to Selfridge Air Force Base in January 1965.

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At that time, I was an interceptor pilot, 71st fighter interceptor squadron of the first fighter wing.

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And we were part of the strategic air defense force that protects continental United States in the middle of a cold war against Soviet long range air force.

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The airplanes at the 71st fighter interceptor squadron at that time were F-106s.

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At the time, the F-106 Delta Dart was the most advanced fighter jet of the era, designed to reach top speeds of Mach 2, which is about 1400 miles per hour or twice the speed of sound.

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It had an excellent radar system in it. It also had an infrared system.

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So after a lock on, you can see both the heat picture and the radar picture on the same scope.

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One afternoon in March 1966, Gary and his wingman bomb receive a call they'll never forget.

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We were on alert one day, myself and another pilot, Bob Nicholson.

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Calls are coming from all over southern Michigan.

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There are people who have seen a UFO.

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That was when Colonel Carol and his wingman were scrambled.

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They're told that there is a bogey and you're all going to intercept that bogey.

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A scramble is five minutes, very short time to get yourself from a rest condition to say 25,000 feet in a very few seconds.

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Actually, the intercept is on.

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As Gary and Bob fly their jets toward the UFO sightings, controllers at the nearby NORAD command center at Battle Creek are put on high alert.

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Alpha, November 1, this is Battle Creek. Maintain course and climb to 35,000 feet. Roger that.

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So there's Bob Nicholson and I, 35,000 feet and this controller give us directions to get to this object by the best information that has accumulated to his position.

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Gary drew a box around southeastern Michigan and he showed me the pattern that the Battle Creek control center had him going zigzagging through what we defined as the box.

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This controller gives us his initial vectors. He says, maintain course. We're going to start a descent.

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Gary starts at 35,000 feet but he's been moved down to 20.

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We don't know really what to expect but we're going to take whatever shows up out there and become visible.

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This controller starts giving me target information which is where he thinks this object's at.

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Now it's time to start getting my eyes out of the scopes and putting them out the windshield to see if I see anything out there.

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Battle Creek, still not seeing anything. Let's do another pass.

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We did a turnaround of 270 degrees. Still we're down around 10,000 feet and we still haven't seen anything yet.

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I got a glen out of the right side of me. I kind of turned my head and looked and I saw a little something.

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It was a metallic looking but I couldn't tell what it was.

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We don't start shooting. That's something we don't know what it is. It may come from some non-earthly place. It might throw you away.

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After making visual contact, US Air Force pilot Gary Carroll and his wingman Bob try to get a lock on the unidentified flying object.

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Bob, you got it?

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At this time Bob is in a tactical position so he's got to be four or five airplane wits away from me.

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So I turned, Bob turned with me and now we're both looking. We've got four eyes now looking for this glen of light that we had seen earlier.

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There he is! You got him Bob!

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They're chasing it now and it's at least moving 500 miles an hour but he's not getting a lock on radar-wise.

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Went right past where he should have seen him and didn't see a thing.

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One of the hardest things to tell about these UFOs is that they'll break up and they lose control of the image.

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We seem to do pretty good laterally but in the up and down that's harder to get contacts.

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So I've slowed down now. We're only flying around about 300 miles an hour.

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Just so I don't overrun things if he just knows things go by too fast.

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Anything on your scope, Bob?

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Negative.

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The ultimate thing you're trying to do is get a lock on and once you get that lock on it'll tell you the speed, what direction it's going in, it'll tell you the distance.

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I remember thinking the radar is so sketchy and indefinite the chance that that missile is going to lock on and stay locked on all the way to the target is probably not going to happen.

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We're below 10,000 feet which means you can see a lot of detail on the ground.

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Now you've got something to compare to the UFO.

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And I finally saw something that I could hold my sight on.

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There he is!

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While they're going he's got a quick lock on and at that point he can determine his closing speed.

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Radar is essential to guide the pilot and also to verify what that target is.

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Gary would have needed radar because his whole job is to intercept that aircraft to be able to identify what it is.

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In the case of an unidentified object, presumably the radar 300 mile range as it is would have been able to corroborate the fact that there was actually something physically there as opposed to an atmospheric condition or a plume of gas or something of that nature.

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It's really important.

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I had a lock on the target and so I could see that my closing speed was about the same as what my airspeed was so that maybe when they're away a minute this guy doesn't look like he's moving.

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I looked out, now we're closing less than five or six miles.

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I just kind of focused my eyes on it and stuck on it and it seemed to come into somewhat better view.

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I just see a big kind of spherical looking shape crushed down like a football and that's about all the distinction that I could see.

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Gary's training had him identify everything that was in the sky, any fighter jet, any bomber, drones, whatever they were.

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This did not fit the profile of anything in anybody's inventory.

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We were going pretty much in the same direction then.

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I had just about run out in the steel but I was going to try and be stealthy and sneak up.

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My closing, I mean, he just accelerated.

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Alright, Bob, light him up.

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I lit up my afterburner because I thought, my God, he's going away.

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I don't know what was driving that thing but it wasn't a conventional engine.

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They're heading in this direction, they're going Mach 1.3.

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And then he decided, I guess, that he wasn't going to pull up with this anymore.

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All of a sudden he did a hard left turn, almost like a square turn.

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Acceleration was so fast he was out of my sight in seconds and I could never pick him up again.

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This thing had maneuvering capabilities that would have killed our pilots.

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This UFO just absolutely jaw dropping because to make the vehicle move like they move is a totally different thing than we know how to do.

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I kept the controller advised what the UFO was doing when we lost him and I've got an airplane down here in full afterburner.

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We weren't anywhere in his small part speed wise.

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Whoa!

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He left and it was for good, we were never able to pick him up again.

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The pursuit of the flying saucer by Gary and Bob lasts about 90 minutes from takeoff to the time they return to the base.

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Following Air Force protocol, after landing, Gary and Bob are immediately debriefed by a senior officer.

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So there's Bob and I side by side. I saw that too. We treated it like a standard intercept mission.

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You know, we were scrambled, we went out, we found something out there that was strange and different.

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He went off someplace in the UFO and where we don't know, and we're not going to know.

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When they decided to squash it, it just kind of was unsaid. Nobody ever took me aside and said, you can't ever say anything about that.

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You know, you can talk about it if you want to, but they're not going to corroborate anything.

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And then they wouldn't tell anybody anything, even though the reports kept coming.

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And then afterwards, what I expected to be a lot of attention.

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But nobody said anything.

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I was surprised. There wasn't more of a reaction. It was just like the world went back to normal.

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Gary has told me that what he saw in the air, he is 100% sure, was not ours, was not theirs, and the only thing that could have been is a flying saucer.

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I did a lot of thinking about this afterwards because it made a big impression on me. Bob Nicholson and I, we agreed, we were looking at some kind of at least a UFO.

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For the first time on record, retired Air Force Colonel Gary Carroll reveals the details of his extraordinary 1966 encounter with a UFO.

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Now we have a story of the highest ranking person ever in military history to come out.

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We have a man who sat on a secret for 55 years and now he is changing history as we know it.

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Thing with veterans, they tend to be more trustworthy in their accounts than say the average person because for someone in the military to come out and say, hey, you know, I saw this strange thing,

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they're taking risks that they would get thrown in a category of, oh, you have mental health issues.

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They're more cautious about saying something that could be, you know, seen as being on the fringes.

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So early on, he knew that he shouldn't talk about it, though nobody swore him to see Chrissy on it.

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And I'm thinking of all the reasons why he would tell me his story.

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And then Gary tells me he has terminal cancer.

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I think that cancer kind of gave him a free ticket.

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He lived this great duty, honor, country, air force career and he felt that his secret needed to be told.

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Gary's recollections 55 years after his historic scramble with the UAP have left an unforgettable impression on Ray.

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Gary had a memory that was unbelievable for a man his age, you know, photographic memory.

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I would just see a big kind of spherical looking shape crushed down a little bit more like a football.

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I wanted Gary to draw that flying saucer for me because the primary witness from the Hillsdale, Michigan,

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UFO sighting of 1966 described it as a squashed football.

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And sure enough, you could have overlaid his on at least two of the other witnesses drawings,

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but they were all consistent between and amongst each other.

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You could not find a more solid evidence based UFO story than what Colonel Carroll has told us.

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We were told for 55 years that there was nothing but marsh gas and now the truth is out.

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I was like overwhelmed.

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As rain completes his interviews with Gary in 2021, military authorities make public a long awaited report.

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On the 25th of June, 2021, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence put out a nine page unclassified summary of what they had briefed to Congress just weeks before.

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This report was very significant.

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It was a historical milestone because it's the first time the government admitted that these were real.

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These UAPs are a real phenomenon.

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Reports of sightings are frequent and continuing.

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We need to recognize the fact that Colonel Gary Carroll shared his experience years later of a UFO sighting before the declassification of the U.S. military of these UFO spottings.

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That's no small thing, especially given that Colonel Carroll would have known the stigma that would come with something like that.

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For someone of his rank to go on the record saying he saw a UFO is a pretty incredible thing.

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The fact that Colonel Carroll trusted me, it has a lot of meaning.

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He felt it was important that mankind and the government learn about this and that they use it as a data point and they are going to do the right thing.