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This video is not made for the fun of its own.

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A computer specialist encounters a haunting presence

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at a secure Air Force base.

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What in the world is going on here?

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Did I just witness some form of shadow ghost?

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A UN peacekeeper develops a mysterious power

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to ward off a deadly foe.

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I just felt a sixth sense.

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My whole body's tingling.

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As I'm walking through this minefield,

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I knew something had to be guiding me.

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A military police officer is confronted

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by a mythical creature from native folklore.

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I felt like something higher on the food chain

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was tracking me down.

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Our training doesn't prepare you for anything supernatural

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like that.

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One of these shadows starts to move toward me.

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I don't know what it wants.

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This is not something I'm prepared for.

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Located between Ukjavik, Anchorage, and Juno,

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the Alaska Triangle contains some of the most rugged

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and vast arctic terrain in North America.

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But within this remote wilderness lies a dark secret.

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Outside the city of Anchorage, Elmendorf Air Force Base

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is the largest air force installation in Alaska.

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Established in 1940 to safeguard U.S. interests

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in the Northwest Pacific, the base serves a vital role

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in securing North American airspace.

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What was shocking for me was that these occurrences

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were happening inside a secure military facility.

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My name is Mike Ricksecker.

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I was enlisted in the United States Air Force for six years.

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I was stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base

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from November 1, 1992 to November 1, 1995.

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I come from a long line of military personnel,

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and so my family was very proud of me when I entered

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into the Air Force to carry on that family tradition.

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The Air Force had a lot of opportunities for technology

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to learn more about computers.

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I had a lot of academic training before I was sent up

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to Elmendorf Air Force Base.

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The stakes for me were very high.

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I had a top-secret security clearance

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and a lot of responsibility.

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At Elmendorf, Mike is assigned to work

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as a network and system administrator.

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Within less than a year, he is promoted to the Alaskan Command.

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The Alaskan Air Command is critical to protecting

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American sovereignty, aerial sovereignty,

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in an area that's extremely close to Russia.

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This is an area of great interest to both sides.

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They're spying on one another,

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trying to intercept one another's codes.

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There are absolutely high stakes involved

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when we're talking about communications between commanders.

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This is a very important aspect of our nation's security

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that this sort of data is passed along in a secure manner.

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This is something that could have some dire consequences

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if it gets into the wrong hands.

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There's certainly a lot of weight on your shoulders.

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If they felt that the pressure was too much for you,

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you would suddenly become a security risk.

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Our primary office was in the basement

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of the Alaskan Command building.

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It was a very large building built in the late 1940s.

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This was an older part of the building.

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It was very musty, really kind of dark dank.

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The lighting wasn't very good.

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It had a very heavy feeling about it.

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One night, while working on a critical assignment,

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Mike witnesses something unusual.

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I'm loading up the crypto devices into our secure machinery.

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And then as I'm sitting there,

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I see this shape out of the corner of my eye glide by the doorway.

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I turn and I see this shadowy being walk past.

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Even though this being looks like a human,

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it was translucent in nature.

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You could see through it to the wall on the other side.

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Almost as if it wasn't there.

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I get up out of my chair and I'm looking around.

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Nobody's back there.

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I'm extremely puzzled, kind of shaking my head.

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What's going on here?

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I'm not sure at all what to think at this point.

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Maybe it was just a trick of the dark lighting back there.

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Maybe I didn't really see what I had seen.

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Mike spends hours working in poor lighting on electronics

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with very small components.

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It's quite possible that the shadows he sees are brought on by eye strain.

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Four months later, Mike experiences another strange event

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while working in the basement.

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December 1993, around Christmas holidays,

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most of the people have taken off.

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And so I was really by myself.

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And that's something that we really wear on the psyche,

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especially during the wintertime.

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When you saw very, very little daylight, it is dark all the time.

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As I'm sitting there, I start to feel this strange heaviness come over me,

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like this weight on your shoulders pressing down.

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I start to feel a bit claustrophobic,

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like the walls are starting to come in around me.

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It was almost like I was inside a bubble.

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As that bubble is starting to shrink around me,

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I start to feel that there is a presence that's there,

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even though nobody else is around.

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It's like the hairs on your neck start to raise.

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There's somebody or something else nearby.

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I can't see it, but I'm feeling it.

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When your mind or your brain is devoid of stimuli,

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it starts to create its own stimuli.

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Sometimes when you're in isolation,

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you start to sense things that aren't there.

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You might feel like there's a presence of somebody else with you,

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because we're social creatures and we're so used to being around other people.

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I decide I need to have a look around.

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So I get up from my desk and walk into the back hallway where it's extremely dark.

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The lighting is terrible back there.

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All of a sudden, I see this large black mass pass right down the hallway.

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I'm shocked.

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I don't know what to do.

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I'm confused as to what I'm looking at.

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The other shadow that I saw is more translucent in nature.

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This one that I'm looking at now is more solid.

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It's tall, it's dark.

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You could see ahead and shoulders, part of a body like a torso.

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I don't know what to do or say in this moment,

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other than just watch this shadow walking down that hallway.

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I'm just frozen in dumbstruck looking at this.

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At Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska,

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Airman Mike Ricksecker is confronted by a mysterious presence at a secure military facility.

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Finally, I collect myself enough to actually ask,

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hello, who's there?

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As this thing just dissipates away into the ether,

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I am totally astonished to actually see a form disappear into nothing.

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I was pretty unnerved and this is where I start acknowledging something paranormal,

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something supernatural is really happening in this basement.

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Alaska has long been known as an area where magnetic anomalies are the rule rather than the exception.

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Some people have claimed that this part of Alaska experiences what is known as electromagnetic energy vortexes,

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and they claim that these affect humans, that people experience disorientation,

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they have auditory and visual hallucinations, and they can just get confused.

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This idea, though, of electromagnetic energy vortexes is not something that has been conclusively determined to be true.

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I was very nervous about what I had just seen.

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There's a certain connotation when you're in the military that if you start seeing unreal things that there might be something wrong with you,

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you could always have your top secret security clearance pulled if that's the case, and then your career's in jeopardy.

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So I decide I'm going to go work and do my job and try to forget what I just saw.

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Some days go by, I'm setting up a new file server, getting some equipment together.

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As I'm walking up the hallway, there's a shadow that darts right into that room.

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So I swing open the door.

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I don't see the shadow at that point, but I know I saw it go into that room, so where did it go?

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As I'm looking around in this storage area, the crimpers just suddenly fly off the equipment shelf.

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The crimpers were back on the shelf away, so it actually had to somehow slide across that shelf before it dropped.

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It got me wondering, is this the shadow person that he knocked this off the shelf?

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Was he possibly trying to get my attention?

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I notice in my periphery on the right hand side in the very, very back corner.

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I see this shadow in this area.

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This shadow just suddenly starts to move toward me, and I'm backing up, backing up.

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This shadow is walking directly at me.

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I don't know what it wants, but it's making a B line straight for me.

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I don't want anything to do with this. I need to get out of here.

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This is not something I'm prepared for.

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I don't know if this thing is following me.

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I head down that hallway very quickly.

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I go back to my cubicle.

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My supervisor was back there.

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He kind of sees the expression on my face and asks me what's going on.

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So I describe to him what I had just seen.

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My supervisor leans in and just whispers, yeah, that happens here.

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This is where he starts telling me that this building had once been a hospital

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and that where we were at had actually once been the morgue,

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and the storage area had actually been where the coolers were that stored the bodies.

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As my supervisor is explaining this to me, I'm in total disbelief.

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I'm shocked. Is he telling me a ghost story?

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Did I just witness some form of shadow ghost?

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One of the concepts that started to be taken seriously in physics in the 90s

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was the idea of parallel universes.

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The data tells us that there are many other universes that we live in a multiverse.

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So could it be possible for different universes to interact?

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And if so, will we see signs of it as humans?

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What mic saw? Could that be some sort of other universal parallel universe interaction event?

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We have no idea. This is speculation, but this is the kind of thing we may need to consider.

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These types of events occurred for the next couple of years that I was stationed there at Elmendorf Air Force Base.

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I would see these shadows, especially in those back office areas.

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What was shocking for me was that these occurrences were happening inside a secure military facility.

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That was totally mind-blowing to me.

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I left Elmendorf Air Force Base with more questions than answers.

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What I discovered was that these type of experiences have happened to many people, not just myself.

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And I'm hoping to let people realize that they are not alone in these experiences

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and have the courage to come forward and tell their own stories.

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I am just hoping, praying. Don't let it blow up.

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In 1960, after decades of British military occupation, the Republic of Cyprus became an independent state.

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But violence broke out between the native Turkish and Greek populations, leaving hundreds of innocent civilians dead.

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In 1964, to restore order, the UN Security Council sent in peacekeeping forces.

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Canada's response to the crisis became known as Operation Snow Goose.

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The peacekeepers' job is to keep death at bay on this conflicted island.

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I can't come up with why these things happened. It's an unexplained event.

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My name is Robert Simpson. I am an ex-member of the Canadian Armed Forces.

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I was stationed in Nicosia Cyprus on a UN peacekeeping tour.

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Our deployment went from October, 78, to April, 79, six-month deployment.

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The military's in my blood. My father's second world war veteran, he was a Korean war veteran.

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And my uncle, Dougie, was actually one of the first UN soldiers in 64 to go to Cyprus.

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The UN mission puts an end to the major violence in the region.

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But it can't resolve the underlying tensions between the two groups.

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In 1974, the Turkish army invades and in effect divides the island between Greeks and Turks.

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And that UN peacekeeping force is in the center of all of that.

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This in-between area is known as the buffer zone or the green zone.

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The green zone is a UN-controlled sector. No man's land.

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As a peacekeeper, you have to sit there to keep the Turks and the Greeks apart, keep them from fighting.

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My mission in Cyprus, I call the world's most dangerous babysitting job

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because you're between two groups with automatic weapons who will complain and want to shoot because somebody made a face at them.

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From strategic observation posts, Roberts' unit keeps watch over the green zone in two-man teams.

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George and I were paired up from the start. We shared the same room.

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We became very good friends. He had my six and I had his.

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And that's important, that you got each other's back.

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Four months into his mission, Robert experiences something unnerving while on patrol.

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January 29th, it was George and I on observation posts on Omafita.

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At just about 11 a.m., all of a sudden, everything around me moves in slow motion.

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I felt this energy which was so powerful and so powerful.

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I felt this energy which it was like electric and I can't put my finger on why it is, but I know something's wrong.

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My skin was crawling. I put my binoculars down and all of a sudden, my arm jerked up and there was something very hot and a crook of my elbow.

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And I look down and I see I've been shot.

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There's no saying when you get shot, you never hear the shot. I can tell you I did not hear that shot.

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I just felt something was wrong.

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It was a minor wound, enough to injure me, but not enough to really do damage.

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Being a peacekeeper is a thankless job. Peacekeeping is literally walking into a real conflict zone where you're supposed to lead by example.

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That means in your personal conduct as well as in the fact that you don't shoot at somebody else.

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Now that doesn't mean that the other guy's not shooting at you. You're despised in a lot of ways.

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And you are perpetually a target for anybody who wants to shoot at you.

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A few weeks later, we're on foot patrol in the buffer zone and it's midnight and all of a sudden, I had the same feelings.

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Every hair in my body was standing up from the electricity. There was danger and I grabbed George by the collar and pulled him back and I said, hold it, we got a problem.

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I get down on my hands and knees, he says, what are you doing?

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And I found this black line. I traced it to a soup can on a stake and there's a grenade in there.

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Once it comes out, it'll alarm and in five seconds it goes bang.

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Had George taken that step, he would have triggered that booby trap.

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In that moment, the sense I got and how close that line was, which is impossible to see, had I not listened to that strange electricity, George and I would have been blown to bits.

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The feeling I got is unexplained. It alerted me something was wrong and I have yet to come up with a logical explanation of what it is. I just know I trust it.

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I weigh 275 pounds. I can set an anti-tank mine off, which is about 8 to 10 pounds of explosives.

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That would vaporize me. I am freaking out, and yet my combat antenna was trying to get me through this.

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My whole body's tingling. My senses are just razor sharp. My feet are sensing.

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Try it to feel if there's mines as I step. As I walk through this minefield, I knew something had to be guiding me,

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trying to find me a safe path.

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I make it across the field, and the Turkish soldier's jaw was almost on the ground.

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He was amazed I got through.

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The Turkish soldier said, why didn't you take the safe path?

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I said, I asked you, is this the path? And you nodded to me, yes.

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The safe path was actually five feet further away from where I was walking.

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When I got back, I walked over to George, and we watched three mines explode exactly where I walked.

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And we both had our mouths open, and George looked at me with wide eyes and goes,

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so why didn't the mines go off when I walked there? And I said, I think my combat antenna kept me safe.

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Two weeks left on my tour, we're on a foot patrol. My combat antenna starts going nuts.

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Suddenly we hear what sounds like a shot. I turned around to the sound.

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I started to pull the trigger. Something stopped me as I'm squeezing the trigger.

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In that nanosecond, I see this young man, and I realize this guy did not have an actual weapon in his hand.

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This young man had this cap gun. Somehow I got my finger off the trigger.

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I almost killed this young man.

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My weapon should have discharged. It did not fire.

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That weapon's a very sensitive trigger at that point. Even taking your finger off it, it can discharge.

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Somehow my combat antenna saved that young man's life by making sure my weapon did not discharge.

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Why? I cannot tell you.

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I had almost done the unthinkable. I had almost shot an innocent person.

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That is the worst nightmare of any soldier to shoot an innocent person.

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Everything's hitting me.

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I didn't think I'd get that emotional. But it proves I'm human.

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I threw my weapon down. I said, I don't want to do this no more.

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I knew I'd lost my edge, and they had to pull me off the line for my own good.

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Later that night, Robert is still reeling from the traumatic event. While he's in bed, his combat antenna goes off.

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It's dark. I suddenly wake up. My whole body's lit up, and I can't understand why in the safety of this room am I getting my combat antenna going?

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I look up to my left, and in the far corner is this thing. It's not a human. I don't know what it is. There's a hood.

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All I can see is some glowing eyes. The rest of the figure is always moving.

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My mind's racing, trying to figure out what am I seeing. I know this thing is not a good thing.

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And finally, the only thing I could come up with was you are the Angel of Death.

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The Angel of Death, he takes your soul. He kills. I didn't know why this was happening.

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I just knew you're not touching George. I will defend that man to my dying breath. We've been through too much.

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If it's coming for me, I'll fight with everything I got. I looked at it, and I said in a forceful voice, there's nothing here for you.

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You need to leave now. And then, poof, it was gone.

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The Angel of Death is a pretty well-documented phenomenon. A lot of soldiers have seen it. A lot of soldiers going into harm's way see a hooded black figure, who they colloquially refer to as an Angel of Death.

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The Angel of Death is a harbinger of death. It signifies that somebody is about to die.

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After the Angel of Death lapsed, George woke up. I told George what went on. And he says, I didn't hear a thing.

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George did say, I'm glad you've seen him, not me. George said to me, I'm not saying nothing because nobody's gonna believe us.

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Sometimes something that could be an ambiguous stimuli becomes superseded by what our expectations are and what our surroundings are and what we're currently experiencing in that time.

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Robert, for example, having recently experienced this traumatic event, whatever he might have seen in the shadows for him could have manifested as what he interpreted to be the Angel of Death.

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For the next two weeks, kept my mouth shut, did my job, go back to Canada. We got off the plane. I get down on my hands and knees and kiss the Canadian soil. Glad to be back.

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People should believe my story because it's the truth. It really happened. To me, it's an unexplained event. My experiences in Cyprus changed me to open my mind.

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My combat antenna, the energy it exerts, warrant me and protect me. Why? I wonder to this day.

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I felt like something higher on the food chain than me was tracking me down. The feeling of being hunted is not a feeling I'm used to.

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35 miles south of Washington, D.C. is one of the largest military bases in America, Marine Corps base Quantico.

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The base is situated on 55,000 acres of land that run from the Chesapeake Bay in the east to a forest wilderness in the west.

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Known as the west side, it has a reputation for unsettling the Marines who trained there, prompting questions about the mysteries lurking beyond the treeline.

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I'm not sure what the reason is, but I'm not sure.

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And that's when it says I know you're there.

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I'm an active duty US Marine. I'm currently a military policeman stationed in Quantico.

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I'm choosing to hide my identity because still being active duty is kind of a touchy area.

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At the same time, anybody can have experiences like this. Marines are just as human as everybody else.

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My mom is Mexican and Navajo. My father is also native. I was raised really close to the land.

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Spent most of my time growing up in the high desert hunting mule deer. It's definitely influenced a lot of where I've become today.

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Being the child of a first generation Mexican American immigrant, I feel like I owe something to the country that's given my family so much.

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In 2020, Leon is stationed at Marine Corps Base Quantico as a military police officer.

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I say the Marine Corps goes away for me to give my life a different set of purpose and a different set of guidelines.

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One of my favorite things about the Marine Corps is that Marines don't die, they just go to hell under a group.

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The job duties as a military police officer means anything from writing a speeding ticket to homicides.

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Most of the time you're trying to mitigate problems from happening.

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But one of Leon's primary assignments is to patrol the west side of Quantico.

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I was a road unit from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

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Being a road unit, it's your job to patrol back and forth with the guards and do security checks.

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Making sure that the base is secure and that nobody was doing anything that they shouldn't have been.

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After several months of working the graveyard shift, Leon starts having disturbing nightmares.

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I kept having this dream that I was a Harris hawk and it was just me diving at this coos deer.

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Everything in me needed to fight this coos deer. I would dive it, I would attack it, I would scratch it.

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And no matter the damage I would cause to it, I could never beat it.

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It was just so weird that it was so repetitive.

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The Navajos were veer birds of prey and deer are so scarce, especially back when Navajos depended on hunting for assassins.

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It was really unsettling.

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It's completely natural to look for meaning in our dreams, but the scientific evidence behind that is very questionable as to whether our dreams really do mean anything.

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What we do know about recurring dreams is that they are a sign of mental or physical stress and that they can cause sleep deprivation or sleep disorders like parasomnia, which can cause vivid hallucinations.

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A month after Leon's haunting dreams, he's on patrol late at night on the west side of the base.

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I complete my nightly security checks.

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I'm a big hunter. Marine Corps Base Quantico allows hunting.

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So in my spare time, I'll spot out places and put my trail cams just to see the wildlife in the area.

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Usually I have anywhere from three to five set up at a time in different areas to help get a picture of somebody trespassing on the base or poaching at night.

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The woods on the west side are just different.

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Those woods just give off a really unsettling aura about them.

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You're pretty much by yourself out there.

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As I'm making my way towards my trail camera, the woods start to get silent.

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It was just really unsettling to me.

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So I'd stop for a second. I look, I listen.

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That was when I started to feel the little tingling on the back of the neck.

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It was kind of that feeling, like something's right behind you.

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I'm not one to shake easily. There's not a lot of stuff that can really freak me out.

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I don't really understand why I was reacting the way I was.

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There's nothing around me. I can't hear anything. I can't see anything. I don't smell anything.

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There's nothing to be freaked out about.

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Particularly people who are in combat or in the military, they have to be on high alert and that changes how we perceive the world.

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A lot of these military people are so trained to be vigilant that it's almost like their senses are on hyperdrive.

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They're more sensitive to finding potential threats in the environment because it could potentially save their lives.

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So it's kind of like a smoke detector is set to go off very easily because if you miss a fire, it can be deadly.

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So it makes more sense to be more sensitive to a potential threat just in case.

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So I get to the bottom of the creek where I have my trail camera posted.

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I grab the little card out of there and I pull my laptop out and I flip it open and start flipping through my trail cam pictures.

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All of a sudden I started hearing somebody walking through the woods.

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It's unmistakable that you hear a human walking through the woods. You can tell.

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Just the way they crush leaves, they move branches, they breathe heavy, they don't feel like they belong.

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And 10, 15 yards away from me, sound stops.

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And I can barely make out a shape in the brambles.

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And a white tail deer buck steps out.

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I was like, okay, that's weird.

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It's a really nice looking buck. It's at least an eight pointer. It looks at least to be 180 pounds.

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The thing that really threw me off was how it went from sounding like a human to seeing a deer.

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Right adjacent to the clearing, there's this big oak tree.

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It just trots up to it and just starts feeding its skull into it repeatedly.

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I was kind of stupefied. I was like, wait, what? It was just not normal.

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Am I just hired? Did I drink one too many energy drinks tonight?

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When you over-stimulate the brain, you get increased dieldrin and cortisol.

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And we know that too much caffeine or too much of a stimulant can actually cause hallucinations.

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You do see things that you think are there. They become in effect waking dreams.

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And I've been there myself. It doesn't rule out Leon's experience, but it is an important thing to say.

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I can hear it now. It's just the crushing of bone and like, squelching. It's just unbearable.

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My stomach hit the floor. There has been very, very few times in my life where I've been frozen in fear.

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And that was one of them.

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After I felt like I could move, I thought I was like, what the hell was that?

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While patrolling the West Side Forest of Marine Corps Base, Quantico, military police officer Leon sees something he can't explain.

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As somebody who's hunted and is taking game, everything makes a sound.

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When something's in pain, it makes sounds. Deer have a dying grunt, but there's no crunching.

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There's no sound of something trying to kill itself. The only sound was just this repeated smashing of bone over and over.

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I was like, maybe this is chronic wasting disease. Maybe this is a new symptom of chronic wasting disease.

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Maybe this is the deer feeling its brain deteriorating, so it's trying to get out whatever fell in its head.

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There's something called chronic wasting disease, and it actually affects the brains and nervous systems of deer and other hooved and antlered mammals.

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So infected animals can actually display physical and behavioral changes, things like loss of coordination, drooling, listlessness, and even a fear of people.

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And it can actually spread between animals, either with direct contact or because of contamination of food or soil or water.

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Most animals' retinas reflect back at you, and there's no reflection of the retina. It was just weird, just off.

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As this buck finishes smashing its face, it takes a step back and stands up on its hind legs.

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And that's when, in the clearest voice I have ever heard in my entire life, it says, I know you're there.

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I felt freaked out, scared. This thing doesn't even have a working jaw, much less a working voice box.

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I would say anything like, I felt like I was frozen in time. Like somebody put me in jello and I couldn't react.

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Every realization or explanation I tried to come up with didn't make sense.

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What is this? Is it a warning? Is it a sign? Is it what? I need proof for things.

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I don't want to use the term supernatural, but I've never had anything in my face like that.

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The only thing I could come up with was that it was a skinwalker.

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In Navajo lore, a skinwalker is a witch or a shaman who gets supernatural powers by committing some sort of cultural taboo like murder.

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And then this skinwalker can turn and shape shift into any animal they wish,

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inheriting their cunning, their speed or their strength, and can even control people's minds with direct eye contact.

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Looking at it, it feels like something that's been here way before we have and will be here way after we're gone.

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The only thing I could compare the voice to is depictions of Native Americans.

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They always had that old deep ancestral wisdomy voice, like a voice of something that's way older than you.

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I felt like I was looking at it for hours and it was probably just five to ten seconds.

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And then it dropped back on all fours and walked back into the brush.

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I was shaking so bad that I didn't even think about it. I just got out of there pretty quick.

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Got back into the car. I just kind of sped off trying to put as much distance between myself and it as possible.

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After that, I called my grandfather and I told him what happened.

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He was like, just don't speak into existence. Just stay away from there.

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And his tone of voice made me not question that. I just said, okay, just kind of let it go.

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There's the part of me who's like something spiritual was happening, something involving your ancestry is happening.

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And then there's the marine part of me who's like, it's dumb. My laptop was still out there.

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So a month later, I finally built up the fortitude to go back out there to grab it.

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Then the thing that kind of threw me off about it was after being in the woods exposed to the elements,

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my laptop should have been grungy and like hurt in the leaves, but it wasn't.

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It was like, I just left it there like 20 minutes ago.

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I made my way over to the tree where this book was hitting its head into.

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And the thing that made my stomach absolutely drop was when I looked down, there was splinters of bone and antler.

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And I picked one of the splinters up and felt it in my hand and I was like, okay, that's real.

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It was nice to know that I wasn't insane. It was solid evidence, but at the same time, whether it was supernatural or not, I don't really want to be around it.

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I have not been back. I don't really plan on going back.

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If it was a skin walker, why was it here?

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Part of me wants to find some answers. Part of me doesn't.

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I would definitely say a good part of wanting to hide my identity is because of the thought that for Navajo and a lot of other Native American culture,

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speaking things into existence give them power. Part of me would much rather leave it alone.