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A triumphant statue and its four-legged savior.

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It's the greatest moment in English sporting history.

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A weathered gravestone tells of an accidental invention.

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It's one of the fundamental innovations of the 20th century.

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And a general obsessed with a legendary lance.

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According to tradition, whoever possessed this spear would be invincible.

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Sometimes the greatest secrets lie in plain sight.

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These are the mysteries of the monument.

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England.

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The country that invented modern soccer claims a suitably soccer-mad capital.

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London alone boasts 13 professional teams, more than any other city in the world.

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And the memory of English soccer's greatest triumph is preserved in the working-class neighborhood of West Ham.

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This statue is about 16 feet high, it's made of bronze, it weighs about four tons.

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What it depicts is four men wearing sports uniforms and they look very, very happy indeed.

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This is the 1966 World Cup Winner's Statue.

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But as historian Joshua Levine explains,

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the victory depicted here would have looked very different had it not been for an improbable savior.

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This moment of joy would have been wrecked by a criminal enterprise

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if it hadn't been for an unlikely four-legged hero.

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March 1966, London.

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The city is buzzing with anticipation as it prepares to host one of the most widely watched sporting events on the planet, the World Cup.

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The World Cup is the foremost soccer tournament in the entire world

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and there's a lot of pressure on England to host a really successful tournament.

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Come summer, 16 teams from around the globe will compete for the coveted Jules Rémé Trophy.

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In honor of the tournament, soccer officials agree to put the gold-plated goblet on display at a venue in central London.

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England is really proud of hosting the tournament and so lots of people are coming through every day to stand in front of this trophy.

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But the nation's pride is about to be humbled.

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March 20th, Scotland Yard.

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It's just after midday when Detective Inspector Len Buggy of the Metropolitan Police receives a devastating phone call.

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The World Cup has been stolen.

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And this is where they took it from.

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The trophy itself standing perhaps 10 inches high was on the pedestal in the middle of the cabinet here.

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It seems that while security guards were on break,

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an unknown thief swiped the trophy from its glass cabinet.

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This is very embarrassing indeed for England.

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The tournament is going to happen in three months time. They need that trophy.

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But cracking the sensational case won't be easy.

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Three days later, World Cup officials receive a ransom note from a man who identifies himself only as Jackson.

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Jackson is the first person to be found in the world.

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Jackson is demanding 15,000 pounds, about \$50,000 in return for the trophy.

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The note says if you don't pay me the money, the trophy is going to be melted down.

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But authorities have no intention of paying the ransom.

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Buggy decides the best way to find out who has the cup and to get it back is to set a trap.

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Posing as a World Cup official, Buggy makes contact with a man called Jackson and arranges to meet him at a nearby park.

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What Buggy intends to do is to hand over a briefcase which seems to contain money but in fact contains mainly paper.

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And in return, the suspect will take him to the World Cup and the man will then be arrested. That's the plan.

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That afternoon, Buggy drives to the park in an unmarked car while a backup police van trails behind him.

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Sure enough, Jackson makes his appearance.

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The suspect looks at the money, decides it's real.

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And then gets in alongside Buggy and tells him to drive off.

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The backup police stealthily follow Buggy's car.

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But 10 minutes into the drive, Jackson spots the van.

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He starts looking in his rear view mirror because he's suspicious.

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This isn't right. Don't be dumb.

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And he opens the door while the car is moving and he runs away.

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Realizing this man is his sole link to the cup, Buggy races after the suspect and arrests him.

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Under questioning, Jackson is revealed to be a 47-year-old retired military man named Edward Bechley.

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But the would-be extortionist refuses to cooperate.

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Where is the World Cup?

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I'm not saying anything.

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Buggy and the suspect are at a stalemate.

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And the clock is ticking.

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The police have a suspect. What they do not have is the World Cup itself. They need a piece of luck.

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But then two days later, Buggy gets his break.

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A dock worker named David Corbett walks into the Metropolitan Police Station with a strange story.

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David Corbett tells the police that he took his dog, Pickles, for a walk.

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And Pickles went sniffing around in the hedge outside his house and sniffed out a package.

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When Corbett peeled back the newsprint, he discovered a gold-colored goblet.

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And he put two and two together and realized that what he was holding there was the World Cup.

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Corbett hands over his find to the police, who were relieved to have the money.

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But the police, who were relieved to have it back safe and sound.

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Yet authorities are baffled by how the gilded goblet ended up in the dock worker's yard.

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They think the most likely theory is that whoever had it panicked when they found out that Betchley had been arrested.

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So the easiest thing to do was simply to ditch the trophy somewhere.

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Although his accomplice is never found, Edward Betchley is eventually convicted of extortion

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and sentenced to two years in prison.

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Meanwhile, the trophy's wet-nosed rescuer is hailed as a hero and named Dog of the Year.

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Pickles becomes an instant celebrity. He appears on television. He wins the year supply of dog food.

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The whole country knows who he is.

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But Pickles isn't the only celebrity to score a win for his country.

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When the World Cup kicks off in July, England is riding a wave of national pride.

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The whole mood of the nation changed and that was reflected in the way that the England football team played.

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For the first time in history, the English team emerges as World Cup champions and aims to the Jules Rommet Trophy.

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It's the greatest moment in English sporting history.

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And today, this sculpture in London speaks to that triumphant day, one that would have been very different had it not been for a patriotic pup named Pickles.

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Founded as a resort town in 1876, St. Petersburg, Florida has logged more consecutive days of sunshine than any other city in the world.

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But not far from its popular beaches lies a more secluded retreat, the Greenwood Cemetery.

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And here among the tombstones is a humble marker that harbors an astonishing tale of ingenuity, ambition and revenge.

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It's two feet high and about one foot wide. It's made out of weathered stone and there's a little plaque underneath it that describes this remarkable,

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forgotten American.

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This is the grave of Almond Stroger, the man behind one of history's most sweeping innovations.

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But according to Professor Richard John, this home-spun inventor never set out to change the world.

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The individual buried here had a grudge and it was that grudge that led him to make the technology

that would conquer the nation and the world.

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The 1880s, Kansas City, Missouri. Almond Stroger is an ambitious entrepreneur who runs one of the most successful funeral homes in town.

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Almond Stroger was good at his work, but he was a dour fellow. He didn't particularly enjoy interacting with other people. Perhaps that's why he became an undertaker.

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Despite his eccentricities, the funeral home does well. But one day, the busy undertaker notices something odd. His telephone has stopped ringing.

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It was almost as if people had stopped dying in Kansas City.

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When the perplexed mortician investigates the trend, he makes an astonishing discovery.

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The telephone operator was redirecting calls that were supposed to go to Stroger to arrive at the undertaking business.

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In the 1880s, every call made was connected by a telephone operator.

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You would pick up your receiver, then say, I'd like to speak to so-and-so.

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The operator then would connect your line. And sometimes they stayed on the line, they listened in, they gave advice. They were very much a part of the act of telephony.

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And Stroger soon roots out the shocking reason behind the operator's behavior.

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The telephone operator was the wife of his business competitor.

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You don't want the Stroger anymore, father.

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Seems that the scheming operator is single-handedly driving Stroger's business into the ground.

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The undertaker resolves to put a stop to his rival's shady tactics.

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He was a very stubborn man, and he was determined to save his business.

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What Stroger does next will unexpectedly change the face of communications technology forever.

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It's the late 1880s in Kansas City, Missouri.

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Undertaker, Elman Stroger's business is failing, and he's just figured out why.

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It seems a local telephone operator is redirecting his clients to a rival mortician, who just happens to be her husband.

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Stroger must now find a way to outsmart the obliquitous operator, or lose his livelihood.

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As he ponders the problem, Stroger is struck by a radical idea.

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What he needs to do is to eliminate the middleman.

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The solution he realizes is a telephone exchange system that allows a caller to dial direct without having to rely on a third person, the operator, to connect them.

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So, in March of 1891, Stroger hires a small team of engineers to bring his vision to life.

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What do we do? We have to make a part of it.

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It was a massive challenge that perhaps only an individual with his unusual personality as Stroger would have been willing to undertake.

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Together, they build an exchange in which every line is assigned its own unique phone number.

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To make a call, a person would punch that number into a set of buttons mounted to the telephone set.

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The lines would then be connected not by an operator, but by a set of electrical switches.

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It's the first system that allows callers to dial another person directly.

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This switch made it possible to automate a key task in the completion of a telephone call.

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Excellent, sir.

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In 1891, the ambitious undertaker receives a patent for his new system and establishes a company to manufacture what is being called the Stroger switch.

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The public was delighted at the prospect of making a telephone call without having to go through the operator.

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Stroger later develops a rotary dial that makes the process even more user-friendly.

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And soon, his equipment is being purchased all over the world.

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Now everyone is his own operator.

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And justice is served when the telephone operator's job, that of Stroger's nemesis, becomes obsolete.

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Despite some modifications, the Stroger switch with its revolutionary interface is still with us today.

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The dial telephone is one of the fundamental innovations of the 20th century.

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And this marker at the Greenwood Cemetery endures as a tribute to the disgruntled mortician who set out to save his business and ended up changing how we all communicate.

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Just an hour from upscale Palm Springs is the rugged town of Shereco Summit, California.

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This arid landscape was once home to the world's largest army post, the proving ground of one million U.S. soldiers.

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And rising from the parched earth is the likeness of the camp's legendary first commander.

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His cast in bronze clad in a full military uniform and his trusted dog at his feet.

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And at over 12 feet tall, just as large as the character of the man he portrays.

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This is a statue of General George S. Patton, nicknamed Old Blood and Guts.

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The World War II hero is considered one of America's greatest combat commanders.

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But according to author Sydney Kirkpatrick, few are aware of the role Patton played in a quest for an ancient relic with rare powers.

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This weapon was coveted by the world's most important leaders.

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February 1945, Europe. World War II is raging.

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U.S. General George Patton has just gotten word that his officers in Germany have located a weapon that, legend has it, could help the U.S. win the war.

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Patton's intelligence team had discovered a map leading to this secret Nazi bunker complex containing the Spear of Destiny.

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The Spear of Destiny is a foot-long lance, said to be the very same that the Roman centurion Longinus used to spear Christ on the crucifix.

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According to Christian tradition, Longinus had cataracts, but when he pierced Christ, blood dripped off the spearhead into Longinus' eyes and he was miraculously cured.

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From this moment on, it is said that this extraordinary weapon gives its owner an incredible advantage in warfare.

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Whoever possessed this spear would be invincible.

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And over the next 2,000 years, the world's most powerful men clamor to claim it as their own.

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This was a relic unlike any other. Constantine used it in creating the first Holy Roman Empire.

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Emperor Charlemagne would carry this spear into battle as a form of protection.

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It was the accoutrement of world leaders creating an empire.

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And since 1938, the Spear has been in the grasp of the latest global empire builder, Adolf Hitler.

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Hitler saw himself as the man who would control the destiny of the world.

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And from the moment Hitler took the spear, the empire just kept expanding.

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Hitler believes that so long as he has the Holy Lance in his possession, his empire will continue to expand.

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But now the Fuhrer faces competition for its power.

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To patent the spear held very special significance because he believed the mysticism associated with the Holy Roman Empire.

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And now he wanted to claim it for himself.

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Patten's map indicates the spear is hidden in a vault deep beneath Germany's Nuremberg Castle.

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So in April, the General sends one of his crack units on a secret mission to recover it.

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Whoever possessed this weapon would control the destiny of the world.

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It's April 1945. General George Patton's men are on a quest to recover a legendary relic known as the Spear of Destiny.

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So can Patton get his hands on the coveted weapon?

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On April 20th, Patton's men enter the Unmanned War.

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The Unmanned War is the first war in the world.

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So can Patton get his hands on the coveted weapon?

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On April 20th, Patton's men enter the Underground Bunker where the precious relic is rumored to be concealed.

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Patton's team opens the vault door.

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It was like something right out of Indiana Jones.

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Stacked in front of them were all of these crates with the swatts stickers on the side.

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They start opening the crates and there it is on a red satin pillow.

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The Spear of Destiny.

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It's said the men immediately seize the prized weapon for their general and the prophecy appears to come true.

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Ironically, word comes down that Hitler has killed himself.

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Hitler has lost the Spear of Destiny.

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And his power.

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Soon after, his empire crumbles when Germany surrenders to the Allies on May 7th, 1945.

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But Hitler's death isn't the last associated with the Spear of Destiny.

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After taking possession of the arcane weapon, Patton argues vehemently with the superiors about who it belongs to.

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Patton declares that the Spear of Destiny is an article of war. He wants to keep it for himself.

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But Patton loses the argument and the Spear is eventually moved to the Art History Museum in Vienna.

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And only seven months later, while on a hunting trip in Germany, the general is mortally wounded in a jeep crash.

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The prophecy appears to be strangely true yet again.

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But today, this statue of General George S. Patton honors a legendary leader and recalls the mystical lance that once held him under its spell.

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Just 30 miles southwest of the nation's capital lies the quaint town of Manassas, Virginia.

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Once a major railroad junction, today the city boasts a historic district that offers rare snapshots of life during the Civil War.

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And on the outskirts of the community is a sprawling feeling of fear.

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That despite its ordinary appearance draws close to a million visitors each year.

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It's located on 5,000 acres of rolling hills and farmland.

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There are beautiful old fences, a wonderful old farmhouse.

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And this site bore witness to one of the different aspects of the city's history.

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This is Manassas National Battlefield Park.

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It is where the Union Army suffered a crushing defeat that forever changed the nation's fate.

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But according to author Anne Blackman, the clash might have ended differently had it not been for the first time in the world.

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But the war was over.

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But according to author Anne Blackman, the clash might have ended differently had it not been for the actions of an unlikely traitor.

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She was hiding in plain sight. Everybody in Washington knew her name.

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July 1861, Washington, D.C.

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As the Civil War enters its third month, President Lincoln is eager to bring a swift end to the conflict.

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And he has just put a plan into motion that he believes will crush the Confederates.

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Lincoln's army is on its way to Manassas.

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The southern town is home to a railroad junction that offers direct access to the rebel capital of Richmond.

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President Lincoln thought that the Union Army would just go right in, wipe out the southern army, and things would be over.

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But on July 21st, the President receives unexpected news.

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What was meant to be a surprise attack on the enemy at Manassas has gone horribly wrong.

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As they neared Manassas, the Confederate troops were hiding under the cover of woods.

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They inflicted a stinging blow to the Union officers.

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The ambush leaves almost 3,000 Union soldiers dead or injured.

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And the Confederates claim victory at the first battle of Manassas, or, as the Yankees call it, the Battle of Bull Run.

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This was a striking blow for the Union. They expected the war to be over in 90 days.

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As Lincoln's generals come to grips with a shocking turn of events, they arrive at a troubling conclusion.

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The battle plans must have been passed to the enemy. The Union has been betrayed.

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President Lincoln was simply enraged that somebody was leaking information about the Union plans to the southern army.

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He was determined to find out who it was and to punish that person.

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And the President knows just the man for the job. Legendary investigator Alan Pinkerton.

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Alan Pinkerton was a Chicago detective. He was very well known for putting all kinds of criminals in jail.

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And Lincoln had nothing but admiration for him.

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The intrepid sleuth launches a massive investigation and sets up surveillance across Washington, D.C.

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To his surprise, a tip soon leads him to a fashionable residence located just four blocks from the White House.

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People noticed that at all hours of the day and night, Union officers were going into one house and they were curious.

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What was going on?

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Upon receiving the information, Pinkerton stakes out the home.

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He peeks in and he sees a man he recognized as an officer in the Union army.

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But the officer is not alone. He is in the arms of a mysterious woman.

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Who is this enigmatic seductress? And is she connected to the Union's inexplicable defeat?

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It's the summer of 1861 in Washington, D.C.

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Renowned detective Alan Pinkerton is on the hunt for a southern spy who's been secreting Union battle plans to the Confederate army.

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The case leads him to a home frequented by Union brass where he finds a high-ranking officer in the arms of a mysterious woman.

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Upon looking closer, Pinkerton recognizes her. She is well-known socialite Rose Greenhow.

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Rose Greenhow is one of the most prominent women in Washington.

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She had wonderful dinner parties with people from all over the world.

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She was also a very engaging woman. Men were fascinated by her.

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But the charming socialite may not be what she seems. Pinkerton watches on stunned as the Union officer shows Greenhow a map of their fortifications.

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Pinkerton was convinced that she was seducing men to get military information from the Union officers to send to the south.

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Sensing he has found his culprit, Pinkerton orders a search of Greenhow's home where he finds something damning.

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Correspondents signed by a high-ranking officer of the Confederacy.

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The letter was dated Manassas, July 23rd. Thanks to Mrs. R. Greenhow for your efforts in this battle.

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This was real proof for Pinkerton that Rose was a spy.

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When confronted, Greenhow proudly admits she warned the South of the Union's secret plans to attack at Manassas.

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She said she believed in slavery and she would do anything to help the South win the war.

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On August 23rd, a defiant Greenhow is imprisoned for espionage. But the damage is already done.

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Rose's information to the South really changed the course of the Civil War.

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Because instead of a battle that Lincoln expected would last no more than 90 days, it lasted for four bloody years.

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Today, the Manassas National Battlefield Park stands as a reminder of the femme fatale who changed the direction of the Civil War.

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Rio Grande Valley, New Mexico. 50 miles east of one of the world's largest collections of radio telescopes lies the town of Securo.

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This small desert community sits above a pool of magma, a remnant of the area's ancient volcanoes.

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But on the village's outskirts stands a contemporary work inspired by a more recent seismic event.

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It's 15 feet wide, 42 feet tall, painted in vivid colors. It's got the date 1964 written on it.

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This roadside mural depicts a police officer and his vehicle under a blanket of stars.

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But according to investigator Jesus Jr., this painting is actually a tribute to an otherworldly occurrence.

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It was a tale so wild it makes us wonder if we're really not alone in the universe.

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April 24th, 1964, Securo, New Mexico.

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State police Sergeant Sam Chavez is almost at the end of a shift when he receives a strange call.

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His colleague, Sergeant Lonnie Zamora, is requesting backup for a possible car accident outside of town.

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Lonnie Zamora was a very serious officer. He called you for backup. He meant it. It wasn't a joke.

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Eager to help his fellow officer, Chavez drives to the scene. But when he arrives, he doesn't find a car crash.

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All he found was Lonnie Zamora standing there, looking very upset.

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And it seems Zamora has a stunning tale to tell.

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Zamora says he was patrolling traffic just outside of town when he noticed something unusual.

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Lonnie was in hot pursuit of somebody speeding when he noticed in the sky a fiery orange streak heading southwest.

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Concerned the flare had come from an explosion, he abandoned the car chase and followed its trajectory.

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The streak arced down to an isolated ravine and the officer parked his car to get a better look.

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But when he arrived at the scene, Zamora says what he saw was unlike anything he had ever

witnessed.

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He said it was an oval shaped craft of some sort. It was silvery white and had four legs holding it up.

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And even more shocking, standing by the craft were two strange figures.

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He thought they were smaller than the average person. They were wearing white outfits.

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But before he could approach them, the craft disappeared into thin air.

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The ship shot straight up leaving the same orange fiery streak that he noticed before.

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In its wake, the figures seemed to have vanished.

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Zamora finishes his story, leaving Chavez wondering if his colleague is telling the truth.

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But when the men survey the site, they uncover something mind boggling.

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They'd never seen anything like it before. It truly was out of this world.

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It's 1964 in Secorro, New Mexico. Police officer Lani Zamora claims to have stumbled upon a bizarre site.

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An unusual egg shaped aircraft manned by two small figures wearing white suits.

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Before the officer can approach them, both the craft and the pair zoom up into the sky.

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It's an encounter that seems otherworldly.

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When Chavez and Zamora comb the site for evidence of the unusual encounter, they discover something astonishing.

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They found a burn bush scorched earth and four v-shaped indentations in the ground.

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The imprints don't resemble those of any known aircraft.

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Back at the Secorro Sheriff's Office, Zamora repeats his extraordinary story.

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When the press catches wind of it, it takes on a life of its own.

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It seems that Zamora is not the only one to have observed an unusual craft that night.

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News reports spur two other witnesses to come forward with similar accounts.

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They describe seeing an egg shaped vehicle just like what Lani described.

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The FBI descends on Secorro County to interview Zamora and inspect the scene.

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As their investigation unfolds, speculation over what happened in the New Mexico desert that night runs wild.

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Some suggest that the answer lies in the location of the site.

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Along the edge of a military base called the White Sands Missile Range.

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White Sands Missile Range was one of the world's largest military facilities.

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For several months, America's fledgling space program had been working at the remote site to build a craft that could land on the moon.

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At the time, they were doing lunar module testing.

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It is thought the military used a small helicopter to carry the lunar surveyor around for testing.

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Together, the helicopter and the module may have resembled an egg-shaped craft.

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Leading some to assume Zamora merely stumbled on a NASA field trial.

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Two small individuals could have been engineers analyzing the module in cutting-edge uniforms.

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The theory sounds like a reasonable explanation for what Zamora saw, but there is just one problem.

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Air Force investigators independently conclude there were no lunar surveyors in operation at the time of the sighting.

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And in its official report, the military classifies the cause of the police officer's sighting as an unknown.

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What Lani Zamora witnessed on the outskirts of town remains a mystery to this day.

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And this vibrant mural in Socorro, New Mexico pays tribute to one of the most perplexing UFO reports of all time.

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Philadelphia.

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Philadelphia.

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With buildings dating back to our colonial past, this city's skyline is uniquely linked to our nation's struggle for independence.

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But one open-air structure tells a lesser-known story of liberty.

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There are three red brick walls that spring up from a granite floor.

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There is a door frame, but no door. It has the feeling of an unfinished house.

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This is the President's House, a memorial built on the site of the city's first executive mansion during Philadelphia's brief time as America's capital.

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But according to historian Denise Valentine, it was on this very spot that a daring escape shed a troubling light on one of the country's founding fathers.

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This monument symbolizes the painful paradox of enslavement within a nation founded on principles of freedom and liberty.

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Philadelphia. 1796.

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Fresh off the heels of the American Revolution, the city is named capital of the fledgling nation.

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Yet liberty is a privilege that remains out of reach for many of its residents. One of them is Oni Judge.

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Oni is a 20-year-old slave girl who serves as a personal maid servant to her mistress.

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But Oni's masters aren't just anyone.

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She's the property of George Washington, the President of the United States.

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Like many men of his time, Washington is a slave owner. And he's brought his lifelong servant, Oni, to the lavish confines of the executive mansion.

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As part of her duties, Oni tends to various affairs throughout town. And it's there she encounters a unique group of people.

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She got to go meet the free blacks that lived in Philadelphia, which had one of the largest free black communities in the new nation.

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From her new friends, Oni is overjoyed to learn of radical legislation in the works, which would virtually outlaw slavery in Philadelphia.

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But her hopes will soon be dashed.

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One day, while going about her chores at the executive mansion, she overhears Mrs. Washington having a conversation with her friend.

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Oni finds out that she's going to be given as a wedding gift to Martha Washington's eldest niece.

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If Oni is sent to the South, she'll likely remain in bondage for the rest of her life.

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Yet with the prospect of freedom so fresh in her mind, she can no longer let others decide her fate.

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So she decides to escape.

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While she's packing clothes for the family to take a trip back to Mount Vernon, she secretly packs a bag for herself.

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On the night of May 21st, she flees.

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It's now or never. So she slips out the door of the presidential mansion and onto the streets of Philadelphia.

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With the help of friends, Oni manages to sneak onto a ship bound for Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where slavery has already been abolished.

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On her arrival, Oni settles into her new life of freedom.

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But back in Philadelphia, the president is furious.

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He puts an advertisement in the newspaper for her capture.

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The move sends Oni into a panic. It suddenly feels as though anyone and everyone might turn her in.

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And her paranoia is justified.

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One day she's in the market square and someone calls out her name.

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Oni?

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Her blood runs cold.

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She recognizes that this is a friend of the Washingtons. She is terrified.

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Oni flees, but the damage has been done.

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Word of her whereabouts makes it back to President Washington, who wastes no time in dispatching a local official to capture her.

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Oni knows that time is running out.

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It's 1796 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

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20-year-old slave, Oni Judge, has fled from the Philadelphia home of President George Washington and found refuge in the free state of New Hampshire.

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But when he learns of the escape, the furious president dispatches a local official to recapture her.

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The official, a customs officer named Joseph Whipple, soon tracks Oni to her home.

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With her freedom hanging in the balance, Oni makes a desperate plea.

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She expresses she has a heartfelt desire to live a life as a free woman.

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Who wants to go back to slavery after living free?

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To Oni's amazement, Whipple pauses, considers her plea, and is so moved that he can't bring himself to arrest her.

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Although he was a federally appointed official, he felt that he could not, in good conscience, send this woman, who's living free, back into the institution of slavery.

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Washington is enraged.

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But to her New Hampshire neighbors, Oni is a hero.

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This woman had the courage to run from the president of the United States.

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Today, the legacy of Oni Judge endures, as one of the earliest and most courageous acts of freedom in the abolitionist movement.

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Oni's name is enshrined in the history of the United States.

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Described in the wall of the president's house in Philadelphia.

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A fitting tribute to a woman who risked everything to write her own destiny.

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From a patriotic pup, to a seductive spy, a daring escape, to a legendary lens.

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I'm Don Wildman, and these are the Mysteries at the Monument.