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We're screwed.

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Yes, we could do this test on a real lawn,

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but remember, this isn't about whether lawn mowers cut grass.

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We know this.

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This is about what happens to rocks

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when they interact with lawn mowers.

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I walked in my own path.

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So we've created our lawn laboratory here

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in order to remove variables

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and to clearly see what happens to those rocks.

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Our experimental design today is pretty straightforward.

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We are going to lay down these rocks.

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Now it's starting to sink into me what we're about to do.

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Turn on this gas-powered motor and run it over them.

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What we want to witness is what happens in the reaction

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between the stones and the blade of the lawn mower.

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This is going to be a horror shot.

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Ha ha ha.

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Our blue figures are painted onto styrofoam,

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and so if any rocks come out of the mower with any force,

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this foam is soft enough that it should easily show it.

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The mowers when Jamie was a kid didn't even have wheels.

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They had a really interesting name.

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I recall it was it.

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It was called the Mawar.

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It was called the Mawar.

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It was called the Mawar.

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They had a really interesting name.

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I recall it was it.

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Oh, goats.

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Okay, let's see if this thing starts up.

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Modern metal mowers have to breed a flexion more than covered

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with this spring-loaded safety flout.

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Nothing came out. We got to pull that door.

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But Adam and Jamie want to know what happens

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in the worst-case scenario.

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It seems like the safety features work beautifully,

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but as you know on Mythbusters, that's never stopped us.

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The first order of business,

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remove this little door with a word danger on it.

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There we go. Safety feature removed.

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With the mower now poorly maintained,

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the opening on the right-hand side

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means any debris propelled by the blades

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will hit the styrofoam targets.

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Adam, standing behind the mower, should be safe.

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What's going to happen?

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Well, one thing's for certain.

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Unless you're wearing hockey armor,

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you don't want to stand in front of the opening to that mower.

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I don't want to do this anymore. This is terrifying.

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I start out, I start the mower, and I get into a rhythm.

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It's the most terrifying rhythm I've ever been in.

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I actually ended up turning my entire body away from this rain,

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this shower, this firestorm of little tiny bubbles

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that won't even flew up in the air and landed on my hat.

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And I can't even picture the physics required for that to occur.

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Good lord!

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I ran out of steam, and that is fine with me.

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I'm no expert with cameras, but that's bad. Am I right? That's bad.

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I don't ever want to be behind a mower doing that again.

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While Adam was behind the mower out of the line of fire.

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I'm really sorry about that. I apologize.

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I'll put that right there.

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A veritable firestorm of stones and ricochets meant no one was safe.

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Come here. Oh my gosh.

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Hit, hit, hit.

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With the foam on Looker's pepper.

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That went all the way through.

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Wow!

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The myth that a lawn mower can fling rocks at bullet-like force

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is clearly on the right track.

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It threw this. This...

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That's heavy.

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With enough force to embed itself in this.

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I mean, I know that it's foam, but this is...

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I'm amazed.

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So, there's evidence the ballistic fallout is significant.

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But the Heinemann...

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Wee!

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Can't resist ramping it up.

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This thing here is, uh,

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what you call a premium domestic lawn mower.

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It's a ride-on and it's made to mow lawns fast.

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It's fun.

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That's beautiful!

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Ha, ha, ha, ha!

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With an engine four times more powerful...

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Jamie, are you ready?

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I'm ready.

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How much more havoc will Jamie wreak?

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Three, two, one, go!

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Oh, no.

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Ha, ha, ha, ha!

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I brought in the riding lawn mower

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and picked up where Adam left off.

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Oh, oh, my God!

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Stop, stop!

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As you can see, there are no rocks left where I mowed.

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That mower moved them successfully off to the side with vigor.

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Ha, ha, ha!

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Turn it up! How'd I do?

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Um...

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Ha, ha, ha, ha!

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I'm going to go get a new mower.

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I'm going to get a new mower.

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I'm going to get a new mower.

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I'm going to get a new mower.

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Ha, ha, ha, ha!

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You know, I don't really care.

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Ha, ha, ha, ha!

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You might want to think twice before inviting a myth buster to mow your lawn.

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I'm just saying.

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Look, we have had fun so far.

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But it is important to remember that this entire story

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is about the interaction between a spinning lawn mower blade

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and a rock.

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How fast does it leave and with how much energy?

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Now, were those rocks leaving the lawn mower at the speed of a bullet?

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Or were the same amount of energy?

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That we don't yet know.

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I think what we've got to do is take some of this equipment

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back into the shop and remove even more variables

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and hone in to find out if they really are kicking those rocks

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with the energy of a 357.

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The mower mayhem is set to continue.

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Everybody okay?

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But coming up next...

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The accidental ammo armor-geddon...

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Two... one...

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It's Dangerous New Heights.

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I did not expect that level of carnage from our lawn mower.

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Yeah, we might be onto something with that.

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True, but a lot is going to rest on exactly how fast those rocks are actually going.

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But before we get to that,

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what's if we crank up the gore on another story?

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You're talking about glass guillotine.

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Yes, the myth is that if a pane of glass falls out of an office building

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and you're unlucky enough for it to find you in the street,

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it will shing cleave you right in twain.

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Well, I don't know about that,

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but whatever happens, it ain't going to be pretty.

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No.

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For us to do our glass guillotine experiment,

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we need something to cut,

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something that ideally would be like a human.

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And, well, I asked for some volunteers from the shock crew,

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but nobody stepped up,

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so I'm going to have to make my own,

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and to do that, I'm going to melt down a clear flesh like a human.

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I'm going to melt down a clear flesh like material

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and pour it into this human sized torso mold.

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Yep, for anatomical accuracy,

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Jamie's using a creepy mix of realistic materials.

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See the way that tears?

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This is a polyethylene material,

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and it actually rips,

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just like flesh will rip.

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So I'm going to use this as a filler material

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so that when our plastic dummy gets impacted,

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it actually cleaves if it's going to like flesh.

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Getting a human-like texture for their torso is critical.

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Adding bags of blood?

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Not so much.

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These bags are made for what's known as sous vide.

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It's a method of cooking,

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and it means that the plastic's able to withstand a fair amount of heat,

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and this will provide a container for the blood,

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which when we float this or hang it inside our mold,

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hopefully if it gets hit with our class guillotine, it'll bleed.

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With the gratuitously gory innards placed,

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the pouring of the now superheated gel commences.

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Lower down.

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It's funny to go back through our whole entire history of human analogue production.

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There we go.

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I mean, we started off so primitively,

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just filling molds like this with dessert gelatin.

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All the way up to, you know, last year we made a human analogue

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that would actually get hypothermia while you watch.

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It's all looking good. It's nice and clear.

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In this case, for our class guillotine, this one bleeds,

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and in 12 hours when it cools, we're going to try it out.

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It's a beautiful start.

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Oh, it's beautiful.

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But their bubble is soon burst.

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That right there, that's a breach of one of our blood bags

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inside our human analogue here.

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It doesn't look like they've all breached, but if one has,

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well, there's only one of two reasons,

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either because the bag wasn't properly constructed

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or because they're all going to breach.

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What this means to the final product, I have no idea.

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We just got to wait till this cools and see what we get.

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This is how Jamie was born.

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Ta-da!

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Hey!

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Oh, he looks a lot better than I was afraid he'd look.

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Yeah.

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Wow.

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I'd say it looks pretty usable.

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Nice!

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This is the first of our castings,

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and frankly, we were worried that we had ruined it,

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but while it's not perfect,

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hey, sorry, it's usable,

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and it'll serve for one of our tests.

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That's the deal.

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All of this is done in a way that we can do it,

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and that's a big challenge.

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Can we just build something like this?

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We can build a company,

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and we can do it.

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Clearly, if we're going to be experimenting

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with glass falling from great heights,

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we're going to need glass and we're going to need great height.

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Too low.

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Now, glass is easy, great heights, not so much.

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A little bit better.

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Today, I hate heights.

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We're gonna be dropping large panes of glass

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onto unwilling ballistics gelatin test subjects.

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Absolutely perfect.

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So we've got a 4-foot by 6-foot piece of 3-eighths inch thick glass,

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like what they would have on top of a high-rise.

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Not many people know this,

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but Mime's actually practiced behind an actual pane of glass.

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And I'm gonna hoist it to 75 feet.

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Good.

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We're Adam and I are gonna drop it.

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Looking good.

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Now, when you're visualizing a pane of glass falling

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and slicing through someone like a guillotine or a sword,

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you're probably thinking of something that looks a little like this.

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But you also probably were watching us move around our pane of glass

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and thinking, wait a minute, that glass doesn't look sharp.

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It looks like it's got a kind of a square edge, kind of like that.

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That's because the glass in an office building is called tempered glass.

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It's made to be very hard and it also doesn't break into shards.

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It actually breaks into many, many thousands of little tiny chunks,

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kind of like this.

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It didn't break.

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Let me just say this again.

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It breaks into many little pieces like this.

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There you go.

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So it's more akin to actually hitting the melon with the back of my blade

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rather than the front, like this.

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Now, is that what's gonna happen to our guy when our glass falls on him?

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Frankly, I have no idea. I'm just as curious as you are.

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All right.

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Nobody underneath this.

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Jamie, I will meet you up at the top.

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Here we go.

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I hate heights.

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I know nothing's gonna happen to me when I'm in these things.

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Man, this is scary.

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But I've always been that way.

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I just hate heights so intensely.

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It's just awful.

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Yeah, that's it.

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Jamie, this is working beautifully.

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You know, I can't help but feel like we're about to enact a scene in a movie

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called Clumsy Window Movers.

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For clarity, it is worth restating that what we are looking for from the glass here

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is not whether or not it kills him.

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Okay, now, I figure we hoisted over our heads.

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Yeah, although that would be the end result no matter what, if it hit him.

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Okay.

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Three.

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Oh my God.

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It's that it would cleave him in two like my sword did with the melon.

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Sheen.

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Three, two, one.

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Oh.

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It did a little turn right at the very end.

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It looked like it was gonna be perfect and at the very end at fish tail.

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Oh my gosh.

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It was so close.

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For like the first couple of seconds, it seemed to be falling perfectly like a knife towards him.

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I'm like, oh my God, it's gonna hit him.

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It's gonna hit him.

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And then what feels like just before it got to our dude and went like this

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and hit the ground perfectly flat and spread in every direction.

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Oh my goodness.

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It looks worse down here than it did up there.

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Oh my God, it's so pretty.

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When I was like 10, I would have taken these home and pretended they were diamonds and pretended I had treasure.

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I would have sold them to the neighborhood kids and made a profit.

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It's clear that this test was a fling and a miss.

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To stand a chance of a direct hit split, they're gonna need a plan B.

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What do you think?

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Should we head back to the shop and make a system for guiding the glass?

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Yeah, I've got some ideas.

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Me too.

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Lurking innocently in your garden shed, a lethal accident is waiting to happen.

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Or is it?

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We have been trying to determine whether a lawnmower can fling rocks with the same amount of energy as a bullet.

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What we'd like to do is measure the speed at which the rocks are leaving the lawnmower

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and then see how that compares to the speed of an actual bullet.

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Before comparing actual bullets, they're measuring the mower.

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Why am I taking the motor off?

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Well, for us to test it in the shop, we need to look closely at it and run it for a while.

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And so instead of having this noisy, smelly, gasoline engine going in here,

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we're just gonna swap it out with an electric motor, nice and clean and quiet.

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This thing's stuck.

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And we got it.

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The way this motor is wound, it's gonna give us 100 rpm for every bolt that it sees.

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And so given that the gas engine ran at 3600 rpm, we need to feed this 36 volts to see the same rpm.

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But the thing is, if we give it that voltage all at once, it's gonna spin that blade up to full rpm in like a millisecond.

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It's, it's, it's, you just build a lawnmower that I want to be behind a blast shield in order to start.

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And that's scary. It might end up putting the blade in the wall or in me or something,

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because something's gonna break. So I've got to figure out a way of doing it a little more gently.

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To gently deliver that power, once again, Jamie uses equipment in ways for which it was never intended.

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This is working perfectly.

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He's hooked up a DC-powered welding machine to a lawnmower.

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I love it when things actually work the way you hope. I mean, it is somehow a little counterintuitive to run a motor off of a welder,

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but DC power is DC power.

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That's amazing. All right, let's get it up on a stand.

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We need to be able to deliver the rock to the spinning blade in a way that we can actually see what's going on.

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Now it's looking like something.

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But Adam and I have come up with a way of doing it, which involves putting the whole mower up on top of a sheet of clear acrylic,

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and then we can see from underneath.

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Yet another in a long line of pristine surfaces soon to be destroyed and sullied in our hunt for the truth.

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And we'll simply raise the mower, get the mower up to speed, and then lower it down onto the rock.

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Bang.

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So how are we going to keep this stuff from going all over the shop?

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Well, we've cut away the whole side here, so we wanted to go there, so I thought we'd put some upright supply wood here to protect the walls.

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We already know that a lawnmower can curl a rock at a fairly good speed.

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We don't know what that speed is.

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Cool. All right.

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That's position one, medium-sized rock.

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So we're going to power up this lawnmower to its full speed.

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We're going to feed rocks into it, watch them on our high-speed camera, and measure exactly how fast they leave.

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You ready?

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I'm ready.

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Let's do this.

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18, 25, 32.

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Speed.

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All right. Here we go.

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Dropping a lawnmower onto a rock.

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Three, two, one.

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Cut it.

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Blink, and it's gone.

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Because when the mower is lowered, the blade instantly slices the stone into chunks.

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Oh, wow. Just absolutely decimated that piece.

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Question is, were any of the fragments moving at a bullet-like velocity?

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The fastest chunk was going 250 feet per second, and that's actually pretty significant for a chunk of rock about one inch long and a half inch wide.

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But we're going to keep running this, see if we can't find even faster debris.

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250 feet per second is a good start.

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Okay, sir. We got a whole pile going in.

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But this time, they're giving their mower more to aim for.

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Start her up.

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What could possibly go wrong?

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Speed.

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Dropping big pile of rocks.

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Cover your eyes.

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Three, two, one.

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00:23:20,000 --> 00:23:21,000

Cut it.

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Everybody okay?

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Chunk.

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Chunk made it out.

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I hope we got the shot because that was the sound of the blade coming off of the motor.

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Oh, really?

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Yeah.

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While Jamie inspects the carnage.

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Wow.

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We cracked our acrylic bottom.

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Adam, ignoring the mess he's made.

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Here's the blade.

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Cues up the high speed.

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Wow, dude.

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We got the hit that I was hoping to get.

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Watch the leading edge of the blade here.

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Boom.

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That piece.

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400 feet per second.

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272 miles per hour.

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Well.

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I feel like we're in some very dangerous territory.

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Dangerous for sure.

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But the crucial question is, how does it compare to the speed of a bullet?

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Well, Jamie, with high speed camera in tow, fired up at the gun range.

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Define that.

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Three, two, one.

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The slowest bullet we measured went at 1,000 feet per second.

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The 357, which was much faster, went at 1,400 feet per second.

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Now, the fastest rock we got off of our lawnmower went 400 feet per second, which is nowhere close.

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But it's not busted right there.

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No, no, no, no.

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Because while this rock is bigger and slower than this bullet, it's heavier.

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What I'm wondering now is, is there a rig I can build that can compare the amount of energy the bullet brings to the equation

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and compare it to the amount of energy the rock brings?

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I think I can.

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Three, two, one.

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While Adam cogitates on how to illustrate energy comparison, he's thinking outside the box for glass guillotine.

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Clearly dropping glass off the building isn't going to be a repeatable way for us to test this story.

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Oh!

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So we're going to need to come up with a mechanism for reliably making the glass hit exactly where we want.

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And I have an idea, except in order to talk about it, I want to build a little model of the fire training tower.

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And instead of an exotic material, I love making corners match up.

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I'm just going to use this cardboard box we just got in the mail.

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Ta-da!

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I know it doesn't look like much, but check this out.

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This coat hanger will be a welded steel rack which we sit on the lip of the building.

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You are clear.

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These red pieces of parachute cord are guide wires which we mount to the ground.

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Awesome.

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The glass has riders on it that keep it aligned with the guide wires.

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They say the glass is tempered, but is it bad tempered?

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We bring it up with a winch.

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Go ahead and winch up the glass.

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Oh, here she comes.

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Drop it from the top and...

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Think!

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It hits our test subject square where we want him to and slices him right in half.

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Or not.

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That's what we're going to find out.

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And with Adam's model design rigged, the glass is poised to come crashing down in controlled fashion.

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It is really just about to happen.

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I can't wait to see this.

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It's time to find out if our unsuspecting bystander will be neatly split in two.

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In three, two, one.

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Here it comes.

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That was perfect.

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Dude, that was beautiful.

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He's still in one piece.

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It looks like he's still in one piece.

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Of course.

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There's blood everywhere.

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Well, every one of our methodologies worked beautifully.

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The glass dropped, it hit our dude exactly where we wanted it to,

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and it did not leave him in twain.

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No, it merely became a piece of glass.

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But there's still only one dude. There's not two half dudes.

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I've got to try something else.

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Yep, this slasher story is about to get real edgy.

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Could a one in a million high-rise slip ever really slice you in half?

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Not according to the evidence so far.

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And you might be watching thinking, of course it didn't you, idiot.

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It's that tempered glass you dropped, had this big square edge on it.

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But that's the thing with tempered glass.

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It doesn't break and have sharp edges.

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For that, you've got to move to plate glass.

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Now, they don't use plate glass in office buildings specifically for this reason,

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but for due diligence, we've got a piece of plate glass here.

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And we're going to break this so that we get a nice, clean, broken edge of plate glass.

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All right.

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And we're going to drop that on the next unsuspecting bystander we pulled out of our mold.

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Okay, I'm going to move them in.

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Yep.

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Our next victim doesn't have blood bags.

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That is right down the center.

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Not quite as much fun, but a little bit more consistent as far as the physics.

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Go ahead and raise him in three, two, one, go.

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While it's on its way up, I feel confident that I think that that is going to slice our dude in half.

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The edges of that glass, they're really sharp.

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It's going to be a hard shot.

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All right, go ahead and count it down and let it go.

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And three, two, one.

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Here it comes.

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00:29:24,000 --> 00:29:26,000

Oh, it's good. It's good.

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00:29:35,000 --> 00:29:37,000

That was beautiful.

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00:29:37,000 --> 00:29:40,000

I mean, I don't know how well it worked, but it looked great.

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Dude, that would be cleaved as I've been saying all that episode long in twain.

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Not exactly a bullseye to the brain, but in twain he truly is.

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I couldn't see that chunk fly off of him from where I was standing.

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It looked like unfettered destruction, but dude, that is, that's amazing.

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These two dummies tell the whole story.

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The first one we dropped a piece of temperate glass onto, and they manufacture that glass so that people don't get cut.

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And the result is appropriate to that.

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Our guy would have had his skull crushed with a lot of bones broken, but he wouldn't have been cleaved in half.

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The other one we dropped a piece of plate glass on that had a broken edge that was very sharp.

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And as a result, he got cut cleanly in half.

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The end result is the same. You would have died.

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Take your pick.

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Can glass falling from a high rise cut you in two?

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This is an interesting one because it's kind of a yes or no situation.

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If it's the glass they make high rises from, then no, it's not going to cut you in two.

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It's going to kill you, but it's not going to leave you in two parts.

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But if it's the wrong kind of glass, then absolutely it can leave you in two big chunks.

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So right kind is busted, but wrong kind is plausible.

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Bless a plausible.

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Alright, I'll buy that.

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Alright, let's get out of here.

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Back on the trail of the stone cold killer.

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Adam and Jamie have proven a rock from a mower does not travel as fast as a bullet,

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but speed is not the only vicious vector.

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So we are looking to compare the amount of energy generated from an impact with a bullet

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with the energy generated from the impact with a rock.

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So imagine that this hammer can swing like a pendulum.

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Then let's take a gun and shoot the face of this hammer.

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What's going to happen?

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It's an indicator of how much energy the bullet brings to the equation.

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Now if I fire a stone at the same hammer at this speed it would be kicked by a lawn mower

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and the hammer moves the same amount, well then we could conclude that the amount of energy

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being brought to the equation by the bullet is the same as the stone.

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That's the theory anyway.

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Let's see if it works.

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Yep, the heavy stone may have been moving more slowly than the lighter bullet.

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That's beautiful.

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But this pendulum rig will illustrate and compare the energy of each.

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Its acrylic impact pad will efficiently transfer the energy of the bullet to the pendulum

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and can be replaced for each test.

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Well that looks nifty.

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With the rig ready to swing, the first test will be to measure the bullet's impact.

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And for that, it's back down to the gun range.

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Gun is hot.

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Alright, 357 on your mark.

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Okay, here we go.

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Hopefully this doesn't wreck the rig.

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And three, two, one.

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The pendulum peaked at 60 degrees, but working on the basis that

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If it ain't repeatable, it ain't science.

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The guys go again.

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And three, two, one.

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Nice.

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It looked pretty consistent.

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We did our two tests with 357 and they were consistent.

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They were about 60 degrees.

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So we've got the data we need to move on to stones out of the lawnmower.

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But if you thought that means no more guns, then think again.

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Wow.

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Because stones from the lawnmower are hard to aim, because Adam's pendulum target is very small.

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We're going to take the lawnmower out of the equation and use a pneumatic launcher instead.

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I'm going to first check to see that it's shooting the rocket at the correct speed.

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Seriously?

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Awesome. Let's bring it in and shoot this thing.

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And then we're going to bring in Adam's energy rig, hit it with a rock shot at 400 feet per second,

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and see how far a pendulum goes.

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This is it.

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Good to go.

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And his safety's off.

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Will a stone the same mass and velocity as the fastest speed test stone match the energy of the lighter lethal bullet?

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Dude, we got to see the video, but I swear that went past 60 degrees.

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With the crucial shot queued up, did the rock hit the right angle?

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Let's see how high it actually went.

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Wait. Oh my gosh. Dude! Dude!

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It went above the 357.

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That's 66 degrees.

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That is more energy from the rock.

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I'm sorry I'm yelling, but I totally didn't expect this result.

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That is more energy from the rock than from a bullet from a 357.

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That is amazing.

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Shocking.

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Totally awesome.

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I have been expressing my doubts about confirming this story.

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Since the beginning, I just never thought the rock was going to have anywhere close to the amount of energy of a 357 bullet,

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and yet it exceeded it.

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That, I knew lawnmowers were scary.

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I just didn't know how scary.

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So with everything that we tested, I think we have definitively proven, and frankly I'm astonished by this,

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but that a rock thrown from a lawnmower can possibly have as much or more power than a bullet from a 357.

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I'm astonished, but this one's confirmed.

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Yeah, I was surprised too.

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But you know that gave me an idea.

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What?

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I want to make the lawnmower from hell.

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You do that, I'm going to go home and hide.

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With typical enthusiasm for engineering extremes,

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the Heinemann's going all out to turn a dream domestic mower into a deadly weaponized nightmare.

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And the key to his hellish vision...

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That's going to be sweet.

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...is to load up with a whole load more power.

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Oh my god, that's one big battery.

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What this is, is a bank of about 90 volts at about 1800 amps.

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That means that shorting some of these would pretty much be like setting off a stick of dynamite.

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What are we doing back here at the Chabot gun range?

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Well, remember that we have absolutely determined that a lawnmower can curl a rod

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with the same amount or greater force than a bullet from a 357.

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That means that a lawnmower can be weaponized and that fact...

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Well, let's just say that fact was too tempting for Jamie.

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When it comes to terrifying engineering and gratuitous ramping up,

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the Heinemann has history.

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I call it my little pop gun.

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When he decides to go over the top, it's a good idea to duck, cover,

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and wear a hard hat at a safe distance.

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Introducing the lawnmower from hell.

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You've got 200 horsepower of electric car motors,

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1800 amps of lithium batteries.

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They'll be spinning a 50-pound tool steel blade at upwards of 5,000 RPM.

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Put it all together and you really don't want to try this at home.

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First up, we're going to get the beast here a little taste.

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Just a little taste.

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It's a bucket of blue water.

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Go for it.

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Oh, I've barely been so happy to be behind the bulletproof shields.

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He's approaching.

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Six feet, four feet, two feet, it goes!

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Dude, that was beautiful.

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Tell you what, why don't you take this thing around the corner?

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I'll set up a really fun course for you to implement as much destruction as possible.

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I'll let you know when we're ready for you.

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Okay.

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So how do you put ridiculously souped up and almost definitely dangerous lawnmower through its paces?

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I decided on a broad range of material.

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Now we're getting serious.

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I wanted some small hard things to get that bullet-like carnage like a frat house lawn.

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And I wanted some big things to get some awesome high-speed camera carnage.

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I call this section the pallet cleanser.

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My prediction?

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Got to have some willing victims.

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Frankly, I just hope no one gets hurt.

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Last one, like some sort of kumbaya dance circle.

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In fact, it's a circle de los muertos.

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Here it comes.

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I bet Jamie's just a little bit nervous right now.

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Oh yeah, watermelons are first on the menu.

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Holy crap, something went flying!

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I think we had a total failure of the rig there.

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What just happened?

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What happened was scary as hell.

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The axle broke.

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Oh yeah.

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Oh dude, the axle sheared.

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Look at this.

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Oh my gosh.

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Well there's your problem.

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Oh shoot.

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Well, that's the end of today's fun.

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Well, you know, I intended to go over the top with my lawnmower from hell.

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And I guess I did.

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Maybe a little too much though.

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Like we always say, failure is always an option.

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And you know, this is the perfect example that you can learn as much from a failed test as a successful one.

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What we learned in this test is, well that Jamie has built something far too dangerous to turn on again.

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He is literally sitting on a drivable, cutting, whirling, slicing blender of death.

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Well we could put another blade on it to be sure, but we're gonna bow out for right now.

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At least until Jamie can figure out how to make this thing safe.

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Then we will be back.

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Thanks for watching.