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Open your eyes.

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I mean it's even hard for me to see what's going on.

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It's even hard for me to believe that I've seen it but you don't forget.

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And I'm nervous now just talking about it. I got the shakes.

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Can we start from the very beginning as far as, right before you saw the craft, what were you doing, who were you with?

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In the beginning, I was in the house, I think I was eating. My cousin went out on the porch.

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And you come back in, you gotta see this, you gotta see this. That's what he said.

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So everybody went out on the porch and that's when we seen the craft or whatever it was.

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It was, like I said, you had to see it. It was the biggest thing I ever seen.

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But it looked like it was drawing something off the power lines to me.

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You know, I'm ten years old so I could be, you know, a little off but it looked like a diamond.

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But it was red, like red and in the center of it, it was a little brighter in the center.

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But then like pulsed, like, you know, outward.

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And that's why I thought it was drawing something from the power lines.

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Did you hear anything?

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Not a sound.

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Can you show us where on the ridge you saw it?

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This big tower right here, it was probably 50 feet away from the top corner, one of the points of the craft.

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Well, the whole top of that hill was covered. And like I said, it was as big as a building, whatever it was.

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You said you saw something a couple nights later. Can you go through that?

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I was out at the end of our house. We lived in a mobile home.

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And I was at the end of the trailer. There's a field back this way on this hill.

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And there's a big boulder that sticks out of the hill.

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There was something standing on it and I walked closer to it.

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And it looked like somebody in a hazmat, because the headpiece was wide, you know, about like this.

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But, you know, it looked like a human. I mean, of the other features.

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But, and being a kid, a stupid kid, I had a BB gun and I started shooting at it.

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But it didn't move. And then I turned and turned back and it was gone.

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So there was something there.

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After that, I was, you know, gunshot. I was afraid to go outside.

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And at night, anyhow.

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But it always came between, I think, 11 and one o'clock in the morning.

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It was, you know, very on time. I'll put it that way. Every year.

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You saw, you saw three times, your mom saw it five times.

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What was the time frame between the first sighting the second and the third for you?

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It was always the same time at night. And it wasn't long after that we moved.

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I moved back to my hometown and then I swore that I'd never come back to this road.

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But the diamond shape thing, you just, you can't forget it.

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I still have dreams about it. Every once in a while, I'll have a dream that that's in it.

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And like I said, you felt funny. You felt static in the air.

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I don't know if you ever felt static in the air, but it's like the whole area was like static electricity.

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What do you see when you look up? Darkness, light, maybe a haze so thick with man-made chemicals that it hides the stars.

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I live in Las Vegas. It's a city that's always shining so at night when I look up, I don't see much of anything.

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My name is Shannon Legro, but maybe you already knew that, which means you probably also know that I collect stories.

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Stories about the Bazaar and unexplained.

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Currently, I'm collecting stories about UFOs or UAPs or flying saucers or whatever you want to call them.

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I'm in West Virginia, the Mountain State, a place I've never spent much time in, but whose connection to the unusual is inescapable.

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You see, despite its reputation as being out of the way, West Virginia has been tied to the UFO phenomenon for over a century.

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Want to know why? Well, so do I.

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In search for the truth behind the existence and origin of these strange objects people are seeing over our heads, most have stopped looking up.

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But here in the heart of Appalachia, taking a second to stop and stare into the dark sky might mean the difference between just another boring night and having an encounter with something that'll

change your life.

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As a kid, did you get a read that it's a weird state that the strange things happen here?

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Um, yeah, especially in Moundsville.

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Can we talk about your sightings, the things you've experienced for yourself?

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The one main one that I'm pretty sure it was something, in my opinion, weird.

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It was a very clear day like it is today.

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My pap and I were out shooting hoops in the backyard.

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I was probably between 10 and 13.

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I went to shoot the basketball up and out of the left corner of my eye I noticed something like reflecting in the sky.

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And I paid more attention to it after, you know, I noticed it.

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And it looked like a mirror, like something was reflecting, like a light was reflecting off of a mirror.

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And there may or may not have been smaller, like little detail like where it might have been multiple different lights or might have been different panels of something reflective.

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So, did you hear anything when you saw it?

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No, but my pap saw it, we both saw it.

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And then that's what my grandfather shared with me, experience he had when he was younger.

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And he said I was out playing the front yard and I looked south and above the ridge line it's like this dark, gray, brownish looking disc.

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Came over the hill and stopped and then it went straight up in the air and then it disappeared.

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Did you get a sense that what you were looking at was like a solid object?

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It looks like a solid object.

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Have you ever wondered what its purpose might have been in that place at that time?

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Being where it was at and how high it was, it's hard to tell.

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Are there any like mines or caves in Moundsville or in that area?

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Oh yeah, I mean Moundsville is a coal mine town.

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Wheeling pretty much is too.

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I know there's a lot of old coal mine shafts under Moundsville.

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There's a lot of underground streams, a lot of unused coal mine shafts underneath Moundsville right now that have water running through them to the high river.

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So West Virginia is larger than I was expecting.

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It's defined by its back roads and hills and hollers and by a history that feels ancient.

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I've only been here a short time but in that span I've already learned about sightings around the state of strange craft,

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lights in the sky, and even heard whispers of government cover-ups.

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I've always thought of myself as simply a collector of stories, but this time I'm trying to dig deeper

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to piece together some of the clues that are laid out with each eyewitness account.

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But to start analyzing the case laid out before me, I want to understand the people who live here, the culture of the area.

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If anyone would know, it should be him.

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That's why I'm in Wheeling.

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It's a bustling industrial town on the Ohio River that is known as the City of Lights today.

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Its original moniker though was far darker.

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Native Americans called the land where Wheeling sits, Wielunk, which meant the place of the skull.

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So named due to the decapitated heads that lined its bank to ward off those attempting to make a home here.

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When the area was eventually claimed by European settlers, they made the questionable decision of sticking with the name Wheeling.

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A fitting origin story for a town that acts as an entryway into the Ohio Valley.

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So, I mean, as far as West Virginia, have you grown up here?

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Yeah, I grew up here. My paternal grandparents came over from Ireland in 1905 and built the farmhouse that my family still lives in today.

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And how did you end up in Wheeling?

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You know, that's a good question. Family lore is that we came in through New York and we kind of traveled around for a little while.

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But it seems like people from the British Isles are attracted to this area and I think it's because it's the same mountain range.

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We have a common bond here with these mountains. It's like the bones of the world almost.

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How long have you owned the restaurant?

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We've been in downtown West Virginia for six and a half years.

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What about, you know, weird stories? I mean, you're probably familiar with Mothman, everybody is. But what about other stories in the area?

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Point Pleasant does the Mothman Festival every year and they've been doing that for a long time.

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But I feel like especially recently, it's really caught hold of the cultural zeitgeist in the state.

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But the supernatural stuff is really strong in Appalachia.

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I've spent some time down in Canane Valley in the Davis, Thomas West Virginia area.

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And there's just a lot of weird stuff and people are diving a little deeper into that than they have in a long time.

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But there's just something about the hills and the hollows of this area that, especially the light quality and the dawn or dusk,

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like I've seen all kinds of weird shit. I'm not prepared to say what it is, but, you know, I've seen plenty of things.

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And I feel like, again, our brain has this false pattern recognition and we put together the puzzle in a certain way to make sense of our experiences.

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And, you know, I think there's a lot of stuff out there that we don't understand.

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From deposits, West Virginia has coal enough to last the nation for generations.

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Tell us about the state of West Virginia and its ties to coal mining.

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Coal mining is a very important part of West Virginia history.

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It's been going on for over 150, 200 years, helped build America, helped power America, helped us win two world wars.

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It is completely ingrained into people's personalities even.

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What mining is, it's more than a job, it's more than an occupation. It is everything to a lot of people.

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In terms of UFOs, aliens, the Mothman, Poole's UN, is a young age.

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I saw the movie when it came out, then bought the book thinking that it would be similar and it's a lot better.

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Been hooked into it ever since.

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Appalachia is nothing, if not a haven, for stories and storytellers.

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One of the keepers of the Mountain State's legends and lore was author, poet, tour guide and mother, Susan Shepard.

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I've been aware of Susan's work for years, but this was our first time to meet.

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And to hear her unfold years of paranormal history in minutes was truly a thrill.

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And offered a unique insight into how stories are told and retold.

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If anyone is aware of the Appalachian's ephological history, it was Susan.

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What were some of the conalities of UFO sightings that were taking place during that time frame?
What were people seeing?

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Well, mostly lights in the sky was big among them.

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There was one case where my former mother-in-law was stepping out of the house one evening.

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And there were these spinning lights, just these spinning lights right over her head.

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And she went right back inside and then they vanished.

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There was another incident where my grandmother, she was walking by the window and she looked up and she saw in the distant sky,

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she saw a red light, a green light and a white light.

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And they would flash intermittently.

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Now at that time she called them tokens because she didn't really know what a UFO was.

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She thought it was some kind of sign. That's what she thought that.

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But it was mostly lights in the sky.

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The oldest sighting in the state potentially was in 1950 at a place called Mount Hope.

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The mayor of the town actually saw something in the eastern sky near his home.

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He saw a light zipping about that was not normal.

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As far as I know, the records are lost.

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The connection between the study of UFOs in West Virginia is in some ways there's quintessential cases from West Virginia

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that you have to talk about if you're talking about major flaps that have taken place in the United States.

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So it really is instrumental, although that's not the first state people think of in terms of UFOs.

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I don't think that you can take a complete look at the topic without looking at the cases from the mountain state.

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A flatwoods is one that is gaining notoriety and if you look back historically,

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it's one that has to be dealt with along with many of the major flaps of the 1950s.

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Any true UFO historian is aware of the Flatwoods monster case.

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In August of 1952, a bizarre being was encountered on a hill late one evening

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following a string of reported UFO sightings across the eastern United States.

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The creature was sighted by a group of locals, most of them just kids during a terrifying ordeal that became a media sensation across the country.

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The event helped to shine a light on the weird activity taking place in the strange little state of West Virginia

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and bolstered the name of one of West Virginia's most well-known UFO figures, Gray Barker.

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But before we get to Barker, let's visit the tiny hamlet of Sutton, home to the Flatwoods Monster Museum

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and a hub for ongoing unusual activity.

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So how long have you had the museum here?

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We established the museum here in downtown Sutton in October of 2018.

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A big reason why people come to the area or are interested in the area, particularly from really far away,

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is because of the Flatwoods Monster.

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So I talked to my board and we decided having a Flatwoods Monster Museum makes a lot of sense in conjunction with the visitor center.

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I saw something about a rash of sightings like around the 1950s. Can you talk about that?

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Yes. As far as I know, there were a lot of sightings that took place in the 50s

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and most notably starting with the Flatwoods Monster case that took place in 52.

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I think maybe a sighting or two that took place before that of UFO phenomenon, things like that,

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but a lot after as well going into the mid-50s and maybe even beyond.

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And I've heard a lot of stories that according to the people that's told them to me,

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they've either never shared them with anybody else or if they have just really close friends,

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they want to get it off their chest to somebody that they know won't make fun of them.

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Because obviously if we have this, they see a place where weird things are kind of accepted

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or can be discussed without feeling ridicule.

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The Flatwoods case became a seminal moment in Braxton County history.

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But what was overlooked in the days following the incident was the rash of sightings of strange craft

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across the entire United States as well as other sightings of beings matching the Green Monsters description.

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While digging into the tale of what was once dubbed the Green Monster,

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I came across accounts and wheeling of a similar creature that the local media had dubbed Bashful Billy.

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A long forgotten side story to the Flatwoods monster saga is the UFO wave over wheeling,

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which also took place on August 15th, just three nights following the Flatwoods events.

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That point in time in American history, the mid-50s was so big for UFOs with Project Blue Book

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and everything else going on that it was almost destined, I feel like, to happen at one point in time in wheeling.

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The Wheeling Intelligencer and the Police Department and the Wheeling News Registrar

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as the newspapers at the time had been getting flooded with calls for the last couple of days

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from the 12th to the 15th, 16th about seeing several meteorites burning objects in the sky, things like that,

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disappearing weird turns, weird Lola object flights, and that includes Wheeling, St. Clairsville, Zanesville, Ohio, Cambridge,

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West Liberty, Glendale, MacMackin, West Virginia, including even Morgantown, Garrett County, Maryland.

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There were odd sightings all across the state, across Ohio, across Pennsylvania.

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Even Baltimore had sightings and all this ties in sort of with the Flatwoods monster, which happened on the 12th.

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To the point where the newspapers and the Police Department weren't really investing any more time into the whole thing.

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And then it culminated with this bashful, billy sighting.

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Around the September 15th, I believe, there was a crash landing of a UFO.

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And it was shortly after that that people started reporting that they saw a monster of some sort at Vineyard Hills in Wheeling,

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which is a housing development area.

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People had called the police saying that they saw or heard that someone saw a creature that was large, seven to nine feet tall,

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had the ability to breathe fire, a noxious odor.

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There was a lot of raging reports by time that it got to the newspapers as wildly blown up as a half robot slash half man, half dragon creature.

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There was a drawing that I found once that was almost like it came out of like a 1600s fairy book.

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It was just way overdone.

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Supposedly a woman had been burned when she got too close to the creature.

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And there are some unsubstantiated reports that police were there and shots were fired.

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The only hard evidence was reports of a police officer who had his arm burned

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and a woman who had supposedly deceased and was severely burned from head to toe.

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It's kind of thought that when the story ran in the Wheeling Intelligencer, and they called it bashful billy,

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that that was sort of a way to discredit the creature.

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But a few nights later, he was seen, or a creature similarly described,

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was seen across the river, just right across the Ohio River on the Ohio side.

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And it was the same standard, a creature that was seven to nine feet tall, green body, red face, breathing fire, a noxious odor.

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I feel like honestly, even if it landed in a different part of town, Vineyard Hills housing development, it was low income.

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The police, I mean, it's just all my opinion, the police at the time had a very low interest in going up there

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and solving any kind of crimes, let alone paranormal crimes.

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So I feel like where it landed in this lower income area, it was destined to be forgotten, you know.

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As a kid, were you very aware of like strange things in the skies over West Virginia?

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I was. I grew up near one of the first Mothman sightings, and I can actually remember that.

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Of course, the strange case, 1966, going into 1967, where there was a church bus going past our house,

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they saw a UFO actually hovering over our house.

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And they called my parents, and that was about the time my parents began to believe in these things.

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So yeah, there was tons of things going on, just strange.

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Poltergeist, Mothman, Men in Black, UFOs, hundreds of sightings of UFOs.

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So the 50s through the 70s, there were all kinds of things happening.

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There were tons of sightings, UFOs of creatures, things like that, in West Virginia specifically, or just across the river in Ohio.

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So you get the Ohio Valley, and then deep into West Virginia.

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You have, this is where the big names come in. You get the Flatwoods monster, you have Mothman in the 60s,

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you have the Grafton monster in the 50s as well, almost as if once one story started,

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then other people would see something similar, or maybe they were feeling brave enough to come forward at that point in time.

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Because I've talked to some witnesses that were hesitant at first to say that they saw anything,

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but once they did talk to a few people, then more would start coming forward.

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But it's initially getting past that breaking point.

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So one of the most infamous cases in West Virginia UFO history is the case of Woodrow Darenberger,

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who around the same time that things were really jumping off in Point Pleasant in 1967,

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had an initial encounter going from Parkersburg to Mineral Wells, driving a box truck,

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and he reports a craft by his truck, but then swinging out in front of him and stopping,

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making it impossible for him to continue, they had swerved over into the berm,

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and the figure got out, approached his truck.

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A man steps out, whom looks like any ordinary man on the street.

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Looks like he's about 35 years of age, dark hair, dressed in dark clothing,

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proceeds to walk toward Mr. Darenberger's panel truck, goes around to the side window.

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He says to Mr. Darenberger, would you roll down your window? Which Mr. Darenberger did.

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Whoever this figure was communicated to Darenberger, he said,

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not by speaking, but by direct telepathy, the figure introduced himself as Indrid Cold,

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and claimed that he was from another planet.

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And Indrid Cold said, I'm a searcher, I'm a searcher.

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Then he said, Mr. Darenberger, why are you so frightened?

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He said, I mean you, no harm.

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He said, I bleed just as you do.

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And he says that several times to reassure him.

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And after about a five, ten minute conversation, Indrid Cold says to Mr. Darenberger,

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thank you very much for answering my questions.

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And when he says, we will see you again, this charcoal gray craft comes right back down,

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begins to hover on the side of the road.

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The hatch opens, a human arm extends, pulls Indrid Cold up into the craft,

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goes up into the air about 25 feet or at hovers for a few seconds,

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makes a fluttering sound, it shoots away at a very high rate of speed.

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And within a few minutes, Mr. Darenberger gets back to his farmhouse.

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His wife meets him at the door, and she said, what's happened to you?

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Why are you late?

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He said, well get me a glass of water, and I'll tell you why I'm late.

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Mrs. Darenberger later said, Mr. Darenberger could not have been any whiter

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if he had been lying in a coffin.

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Darenberger was very public about this.

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It got into the papers almost immediately.

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It made Darenberger a media sensation.

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And he was soon being talked about both locally and nationally.

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But it almost seems to me like they seemed to target families for some reason.

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That same year, my uncle worked as an engineer at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

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He was out coon hunting with two friends, and they come upon this UFO.

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Again, dark charcoal gray, no lights, a man steps out.

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My uncle's dog starts going crazy, running around in the circle.

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The other two men run away, perfectly human looking man.

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I asked my uncle about different things in the area.

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And it was very similar.

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He said at the end of the conversation, thank you for speaking to me.

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We will see you again.

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Gets back into the UFO, shoots up into the air, goes away at a very high rate of speed.

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That's all I know of that story, because my uncle wouldn't talk about it very much.

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But I've got that steel trap of a mind.

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And everything I heard either from his brother or from him when they were talking,

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I absorbed it and I recorded it.

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Why do you think so much unusual activity takes place in this particular area?

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I don't know if it's just because the skies are pretty clear.

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We don't really have much smog, stuff like that.

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When it gets dark, it's dark.

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So we don't have a lot of light pollution.

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Some places, more than others.

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So there's that, and it's quiet.

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It feels like to me that there's just the better opportunity, maybe the better environment to see things.

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And have you had your own sighting?

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I may have.

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Well, I had a sighting of something, I don't know what it is.

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But yes, it took place about 6.20pm.

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I was driving between the town of Gasaway and Sutton on October 12th of 2019.

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Me and my wife were driving and for about a period of 20 seconds while I was driving,

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the sky was completely clear.

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As I said, it was in the evening.

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The sun was working on setting.

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As I'm driving, I notice this bright object just setting in the sky.

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It seemed to be completely still from what I could tell.

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And it had a yellowish-white color that I would associate looking a lot like the way the sun's reflection looks on anything shiny.

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And then I realized, no, it's just a ball.

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Like there's no definition to it whatsoever.

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As I'm looking at it, I'm just thinking, okay, so neither one of those make any sense.

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So now I don't know what it is.

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So then as I'm continuing driving, continuing to look at it, right about that time, it just went away.

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There was a period of maybe like two seconds that it went from as bright and glowing as it was to fading into nothing.

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It was just gone.

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I wonder sometimes if West Virginia has so much strangeness because people are actually taking time to go out and look around,

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to look up into the sky.

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There's just more time to be out and being around things.

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They're not in the middle.

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I mean, they have cities, but it's not like the middle of New York City where you're busy and constantly just moving about, milling about.

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You're into areas where there's very little lighting.

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You go outside, you just look up at this massive sky.

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So I think anywhere like that would be more prone to having strangeness occur.

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It could be, you know, it is a sacred area, especially the Ohio Valley among the Native American tribes.

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It was also an area that they were afraid of for some reason, and they considered it cursed in some way.

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But it could be the energies from the Indian mounds, the rivers intersecting,

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or just the plain old reason not much happens here, you notice.

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People notice it more.

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They talk about things more.

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The mysterious green monster would eventually make its way into the historical records of ufology,

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written and spoken about alongside prominent cases like the Betty and Barney Hill Abduction or even Roswell.

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Brexon County has since become a destination for those seeking out information on the feigned event.

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With the Flatwoods Monster Museum stationed as a hub for all things weird in the area.

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Interestingly enough, Brexon County is at the geographic center of the Mountain State,

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fitting considering its importance to the state's ufological history as well.

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I could see why so many unusual events happen in this particular area.

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The nearest cities are over 60 miles away,

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which might account for the volume of reports in the state of strange lights and craft in the night sky.

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We were just outside, David, his son and I, and we were just sitting out there and we happened to glance up and see a light in the sky.

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And the fact that it was not moving, there was no sound, that's what caught our attention.

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So we stood there and watched it for a few minutes, and it was basically coming slowly heading in a north-east direction.

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And we just watched it, and when that's when his son went inside and got him,

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I got my phone out and videotape for about a minute, that's all I did.

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I forget what time it was, but it was after dark and I was in the process of closing up the store.

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My son came in and said, Dad, you've got to come outside and come see this.

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Okay, fine. So I went outside to see what he was concerned about,

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and I found him and my wife and Janet all looking in the sky towards the south of town.

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The object originally came from the south of town, it came over the ridge on the other side of the river, and then it stopped.

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And that's when I came out and I saw it when it was in a fixed position, and then while we were all there, that's when it started moving west.

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It was just a spherical shape and it was changing colors from an orangeish-red to a white.

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My estimation, it was about the height you'd see, like a small aircraft flying, was what I would say was a sphere,

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and it seemed to be undulating between orange and white.

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And it sat in the sky for a couple of minutes and they're watching it,

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and then it began moving west, like along the river.

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And so I know speaking for myself, I think a couple of the others followed me, but we went towards the end of the street to see where it was going,

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and as it moved west, it just disappeared.

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And we just watched it just slowly move, there was no sounds, we didn't hear anything of like a drone or an aircraft or a helicopter,

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and then it did turn direction and start heading in a westerly direction.

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And then next thing you know, it just disappeared.

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Any whispers in the next few days after you guys decided that anybody else saw this thing?

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We mentioned it to someone that we know in town, or actually just outside of town, and he had an interesting comment.

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He said that as a kid, he saw something similar to that, which means about 40 or 50 years ago he would have seen something of that same nature,

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because when we described it to him, or I think it was David's opinion.

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It was the same location, it was around the dam.

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Anything of interest in that area or in around the ridge where it was stopped?

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Besides the dam, you mentioned it.

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The dam and the rivers.

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I mean, you have a history of this stuff happening around the area.

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Well, and I have a theory about that, but I don't know if you need to go into that.

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My theory is there have been stories about military bases in West Virginia,

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and given the nature of the state, low population density, very rural in those areas,

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and my understanding is that there have been quiet military operations in the state.

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We've got, the FBI has their facility up in Clarksburg, so we know they've got a presence.

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Greenbrier, which is in the south end of the state, that was going to be used in the event of a Cold War nuke attack.

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On Washington, they had that completely set up for Congress.

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Is there a history of coal mining in this area, like around Sutton, around Flatwoods?

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There is a coal mine in Northern Illinois.

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Now I'm curious to know, why are you asking about the mine?

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We've heard some ties between sightings of UFOs and coal mines in the state of West Virginia.

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We left Flatwoods, but remained in Braxton County for the night.

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Staying in a remote corner on a plot of land situated on top of a mountain that happened to be truly dark sky territory.

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Here we met up with Ron Lanham and Joe Perdue, paranormal investigators based in the area.

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They've also brought a witness named Dave, who has had his own experience.

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Ron and Joe's knowledge of the state's history of weirdness will prove invaluable to piecing together the strange occurrences we've learned about so far.

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Historically, can you expand on the period of time between the 50s and the early 80s where you had...

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Oh, there was the I-64 incident.

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Yeah, I mean, there's just this constant stream of activity during that time.

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The I-64 incident actually took place right across from what's now Dow Chemical Plant.

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And that chemical plant used to actually manufacture one of the three necessary parts to make what we would call now weapons of mass destruction, which was the nuclear missiles.

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That was the rumor. You are correct.

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They were manufactured at the Dow Chemical Plant.

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There was a manufacturing plant in the Canola Valley where Dow Chemical sets is in a town called Institute.

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And that is exactly where the I-64 site took place, where this UFO was 50, 60 feet off the

interstate.

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And the gentleman that had the encounter got out of his vehicle and observed this thing for some time before it left and then proceeded to actually make a UFO detection device.

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He alleged that it worked and he had many reports that he took the device out on.

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I mean, we went from the 50s all the way up to the 80s, but the 70s was a huge block.

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There were several good sightings during that.

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Well, that's when I had mine.

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There's a lot of those early cases, especially the 66 flaps back around Ohio and Point Pleasant, all that.

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Massive UFO sightings, which people just don't, for whatever reason, really pay that much attention to.

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They were witnessed by a lot of people.

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You have so many different things that have happened here.

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The Appalachian Mountain Range is the oldest mountain range in the world.

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It used to be the tallest mountain range in the world.

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So depending on how long these UFOs have been around, it's a known target range.

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It's a landmark that hasn't really changed other than the fact that it's been eroded and weathered away.

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But the course is still here.

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West Virginia is the perfect place to conduct your business if you don't want to be seen.

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A key piece to the UFO story in this area are encounters with the men in black.

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Enigmatic beings who appear to witnesses following unusual incidents,

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often to question them about the event and occasionally to threaten or terrify them into silence.

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The men in black rose to prominence in the 1960s during the wave of UFO and mothman sightings that swept across the area.

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Clarksburg native, Gray Barker wrote a book titled They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers,

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which detailed encounters with black-suited individuals around the United States.

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Barker has since passed away, but his contributions to the UFO subject are numerous.

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So the men in black phenomenon is what people explain happens after they've looked into either UFO sightings

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or they've specifically had some sort of encounter with the UFO.

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It's happened both with researchers who have apparently been digging too deeply

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or, like I said, people have had an actual encounter.

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In the men in black, it's not always a black suit, but that's typically what comes to mind.

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Men show up in a dark suit, a black suit, and come to warn you that you need to stop talking about whatever it is related to UFOs that you were previously sharing.

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The men in black would often show up within a day or so of somebody seeing a UFO.

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And there's one example in particular that sticks out.

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In the case of the family, I think Christensen was their last name.

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They had just moved into this house.

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Nobody knew except their close family that they had moved.

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They had no new telephone number.

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They had seen lights in the skies.

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The next day, a strange person shows up on their doorstep.

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So this very strange man dressed in, like, very odd-fitting clothing,

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again, strange mannerisms in speech and sort of a sing-song quality to his voice.

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And he starts asking them numerous questions about, is this who you are?

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What have you seen?

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And then all of a sudden he starts dropping in other details about UFOs.

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Have you ever seen some of those?

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One of the children who was present at that time, she could see a green wire coming out of his sock

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and then going into his leg around a brown patch.

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The other thing that was very strange is that he said at the beginning when he came in and wanted access to their home,

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this is going to take 40 minutes.

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And it did. It took exactly 40 minutes.

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When 40 minutes were over, he shut up all of his books and his briefcase and he left.

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Because of the strange nature of this, either the wife or one of the daughters decided they're going to watch him leave

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to see where was he going to go.

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He walked out down the driveway of the home.

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There's a fairly wooded area, a black, 40-style view.

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It pulls up in the driveway, lights off.

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The man jumps in the car, which is a classic man in black-style car,

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and it backs down the driveway with the lights still off and he's gone.

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Andrew Cole fits the description of a man in black perfectly.

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And also, after his encounter with Andrew Cole, the men in black began to visit Woodrow Durenberger at his farm.

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He thought they were the mafia.

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I mean, if you read any John Keele's books, I think John Keele thought they were some strange race of people.

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He was actually frightened of them.

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And so was Durenberger, many people that encountered the men in black.

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Even though Cole said when he was talking to Woodrow Durenberger,

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we mean you no harm.

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We wish you only happiness.

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He would say that over and over to him to reassure him.

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But there's just something not right about the men in black.

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There's just something that encounters that I've had with them as a young person and a child.

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Yeah, can you go into more detail about your own personal experiences with the men in black?

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With the men in black?

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Well, my friend Jeannie and I were up on the hill.

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We were playing up on the hill in the woods.

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We saw these two men dressed entirely in black and they were measuring the hillside.

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One looked perfectly ordinary except he was dressed all in black, Caucasian looking.

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The other man looked kind of Asian and then he had like dyed blonde hair.

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Now, nowadays, if you saw an Asian man with dyed blonde hair all dressed in black, that might not be unusual.

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It was back in 1966.

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We knew to be frightened of them and then we ran home.

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Later, my brother came home from school and said he and his friends were up on the hill

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and they found this big circular impression on the hillside like either an impression of a UFO or a crop circle or something.

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Then of course years later, I would see the men in black in various ways.

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Men in black reports, have you guys taken any of those?

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It hasn't been necessarily a formal report, but just speaking with individuals that told us when they were a kid that they saw a man in black.

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We're man in black came to their house.

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We've had one report that was really intriguing to us that kind of lined up with some of the bizarre man in black

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where the translucent kind of skin and looked kind of weird and didn't know how to shake hands or work a ballpoint pen sort of deal.

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There's various theories of course about who the men in black really are or if they're even part of a qualifiable group.

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I think the most prosaic and simple explanation is that they are some type of government disinformation group that is seeking to,

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if they are behind what people have seen, then they're following up on that sighting by further,

either trying to find out what they saw

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and get a description for their own data gathering purposes or if it's an entire sort of psychological operation

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to just chart what people, how they are reacting to the strange goings on in their area and that they have experienced.

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Whether or not Indrid Cold and the men in black have any ties to the military is debatable,

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but all of this talk about them reminded me of a conversation I had with my friend Mark Munsey.

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Mark is a paranormal author and historian based in Florida who grew up in Appalachia

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and who had come across a story regarding Indrid Cold, which might help put together some pieces

regarding the origins of the person or being behind the myth.

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So Mark, I have heard that you have uncovered a brand new Indrid Cold story when you were researching for one of your new books.

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Can you please share that with us?

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Indrid Cold is this interesting figure in UFO lore and research.

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There's some other sightings here and there throughout histories, mostly turns out similar to Mothman,

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he kind of turns up in places right before bad things happen or just after bad things happen.

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And one of the incidents from Florida's past I was researching was known as the Crestview incident.

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This happened in 1967 in April. This was a UFO incident.

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A school, a bunch of students at a school saw an unusual aircraft.

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Tons of students see it, teachers see it. There's no keeping kids in school.

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This thing's flying right outside. It's got little ones with it.

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It's a big classic saucer. Everybody's like, wow, well, that was crazy.

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But then the military show up and they start interrogating the students and the teachers as witnesses.

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The story in the paper says unusuals of craft sighted was helicopters and it disappears.

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It goes out of the papers. Nobody talks about it again for, you know, 50 years.

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Well, the advent of social media, suddenly these kids are like, wait a minute, it wasn't helicopters.

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I saw something weird. What did you see? And a lot of them start talking and start getting in touch with each other.

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They kind of form a group online. I reached out to that group when I was told about it.

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And when that group got me, I was like, OK, tell me about this. Tell me about this.

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And I started talking to each one that was willing to talk to me.

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I got to talk to one in particular. He had met with government agents, had come to his house to talk to him after the incident.

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His father had kept the names of the men who had asked him questions.

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He had the note that his dad, you know, basically journaled everybody he had talked to.

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A Lieutenant Smith, there was a captain Sinclair from the Coast Guard.

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But then the third name just said government man, Colt.

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This would have been six months after Indred's encounter with Darren Berger.

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Is he working with the government now? And I'm like, do you remember the guy?

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And he said, yeah, he just kind of stood there weird suit and just smiled at me the whole time.

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I don't remember him asking any questions. Is Indred Colt working with the government?

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You know, has he become the men in black? You know, that we hear so much about?

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It would make a lot of sense. You want to talk bombshell? It's like goose bumps still, you know, thinking about it and seeing that piece of paper.

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Yeah, I think we get into issues with UFOs when we start talking about UFOs because it draws this image into people's heads of alien spacecraft.

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It's not necessarily what we're talking about. We're talking about an unidentified flying object or UAPs on an identified, you know, aerial phenomena,

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which could be nocturnal lights, you know, and we don't know what that is. We have no clue what that is.

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These things have been happening around here for a very long time. I mean, you can talk to a lot of people and they'll tell you.

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You know, they've seen things. You know, my grandmother back in the days when she was growing up, there was a bright light that came down and it's

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all down in the field. Well, I thought that was probably a meteorite. So, you know, as I got older, I went out and tried to find that, but I never found it.

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I don't necessarily believe that we're dealing with a modern phenomenon as some people believe.

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Well, Dave, thanks for coming out to talk to us. So I heard you had a sighting. That's quite interesting.

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Of course, this was in Davis, West Virginia, north of the Dalai South's wilderness, and it came well after refuge.

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My wife and I actually had a vacationing for the week. This was on June 30th on a Tuesday night, of course, of this year.

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It's a really odd area, but it's quite beautiful. But anyways, we wanted to do some astronomy.

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And we drove out there with a telescope and, of course, star maps and everything to do some stuff.

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We got parked and we probably weren't even out there maybe 15 minutes.

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And we looked up in the northwestern sky and we just saw this object, just like a golden tan collar.

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The object just popped into the sky. Of course, it went from the northwest to southwest.

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And when I got towards the southeast, it kind of just jolted. It was a weird, like, jolt thing and then it just disappeared.

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And then a second later, I was looking down, actually, like looking at my wife.

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And she looked up and yelled at me and said, Hey, there's another one.

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And then she looked up and another came across the sky and it's same trajectory.

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And it did the same thing. It did a little jitter and just poof. Poof, it was gone.

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How long did you see each thing when they blinked in and then by the time they left?

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Not even maybe two minutes. And then it was nice to say it was too fast to be an airplane, too slow to be a satellite.

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It just shows the trajectory, the whole trajectory of it, where we drove up from Fire Ridge 70 from Davis.

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And of course, the trajectory of both the first and second object that went across the sky towards the Dysos wateriness.

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I believe, you know, that obviously there's something going on that we can't explain.

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Of course, with it being UFO, I mean, it could be a military craft for all we know,

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because we don't know everything that they have right now, obviously.

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But that's just basically the whole experience.

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The more time I spent in West Virginia, the more I felt like I wasn't seeing the big picture.

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At this point, I talked to numerous witnesses and learned about a number of fascinating sightings,

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both historic and present day. But what connected them?

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While conducting his interview about their sighting in Sutton,

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Lewis had hinted at the possibilities of a military angle to the sightings of UFOs in the state.

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Dave similarly wasn't ruling out the possibility of the light heat scene in the skies near Dolly-Sawds belonging to a military craft.

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Whispers of military operations in West Virginia have been a part of the state's lore for decades.

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Rumors of underground bases dotting the Appalachian mountain range that runs through the state

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are nearly as widespread as sightings of Mothman or UFOs.

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The NSA, FBI, Army, and National Guard all operate out of the region, but those are the known locations.

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What else might be happening in the state that we're being kept in the proverbial dark about?

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The NSA, FBI, and National Guard all operate out of the region.

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The NSA, FBI, and National Guard all operate out of the region.

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Thanks for doing this with us today. So you have seen something highly anomalous?

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Go ahead and tell that story to us.

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13 years old. It was May of 1997. The sun had just went down.

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So it was about 915, I would say.

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My mom, my younger brother, and we were on the front porch of our house.

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As we're looking out that way, we notice this bright light appear out in the distance.

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And we watch it, and thinking that it's an airplane, we realize that it's moving way too slow.

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And we watch it for about 10 minutes before it gets close enough to us that we realize it's something really, really large.

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We're in so much shock, we just watch it as it approaches.

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And by the time it gets to us, we realize it's at least from where we're at to the end of the street.

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I'd say it was about 300 feet wide, it was a triangle, and it might have been at the most 100 feet up in the air.

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And moving maybe at five miles an hour. I mean, it was slow.

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And we just sat there, and all, like, looking at this thing in shock.

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And, I mean, we were terrified.

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Not a sound coming from it, nothing. Just floating along.

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And we watch it, like, travel past, and we go around the side of the house and we watch it go off into the horizon.

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And at that point, we're like, oh my goodness, we gotta get someone else to see this.

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So we go and get our dad, and he watches the sleight go off, and he's like,

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I'm not saying that you didn't see a UFO. I can't tell what it was.

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But don't tell anybody what you saw, because they will think you're crazy.

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It piqued an interest in me as to, like, okay, what was this?

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I mean, for me, honestly, there's, no matter what the intent is, there's nothing that we can do.

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You know, so it's not something that I really think about or consider,

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because whether they're here just to, you know, observe us, or if they're planning an invasion, there's...

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And I know that's extreme, the whole invasion thing, but when we go to a foreign place here on Earth,

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it's where they're to observe, to actually engage the civilization and take samples and collect

data and all that.

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Or we're there to just completely take it over, and there was a neighbor that lived beside of us,

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and she swore that there is a government test facility for aircraft.

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It would be roughly, I don't know, 40 miles to the southeast of where we're at, a town called Elkins.

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The direction where it came from would have been that area.

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Kitty, thanks for chatting with us.

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I mean, are you, have you always been interested in UFOs, or you just had your own sighting,

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and that's what got you kind of going in this subject?

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I've always been interested in UFOs because of my grandfather, who was part of Project Blue Book,

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and who worked before that with NASA.

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He was kind of a spokesman for Blue Book, and he would give the line, like,

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no, we don't find any evidence to support the existence of UFOs.

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He was a disinformation guy, essentially, even though he had his own UFO sighting.

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Oh, working expound upon your own sightings for him?

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Yeah, I'd never seen anything in the sky before I moved out here,

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and then all of a sudden I saw things that, you know, I didn't, I didn't know what they were.

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The first thing I saw was from my deck, it was at dusk, and I was looking up over here in the sky.

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I saw what looked like a star, and it got really, really, really bright,

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and then it started moving around really erratically, like really crazy, like an insect almost,

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and then it just blinked out to nothing.

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So I saw another thing that was sort of like that again, in that same part of the sky,

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and from the same place on my deck, but I saw it at about three in the morning,

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and I didn't know what that was, and I posted on Facebook,

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seeing if anybody else had seen anything like that or saw what I saw before,

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and there was like one gal in town who said that she'd seen that a couple times,

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and also didn't know what it was.

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Music

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So this area has a lot of military presence in the sky,

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maybe that could explain some of the things that I've seen.

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I wouldn't be too surprised, but...

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What are you, experimental craft?

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Yeah, like something that nobody knows about.

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Music

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Throughout our trip we've heard about Davis, and specifically the Dolly Sods wilderness.

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Music

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It's where Dave had his sighting, and it's also a location where my friend Les O'Dell

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conducts a lot of his paranormal research.

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There are also rumors of secret military ops taking place in the region,

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but the more time we spend looking into all of this,

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the more rumors of government installations and secret black ops involving UFOs come up.

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Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank, West Virginia.

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Here there is no industrial noise, no airports, little highway traffic,

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no transmission interference.

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The surrounding mountains protect the area from the crackle of Earth's atmosphere.

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It's worth mentioning Green Bank Observatory.

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Construction began in 1957.

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Originally intended to be just one piece of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory,

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its ultimate goal was to study objects in space based on their radio waves.

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Frequently referred to as West Virginia's Area 51,

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part of the mission assigned to the facility was determining whether or not

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other life existed in our solar system.

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Today, the observatory is privately owned and wholly embraces its extraterrestrial history,

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but its mystique continues to grow.

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The Green Bank Observatory is one of the largest observatories on the East Coast,

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and the money was accrued very recently after the Flatwoods Monster event,

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and subsequent government investigations.

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It's in Green Bank, West Virginia.

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It's one of those areas where when you enter into this certain perimeter,

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no cell phones, no TV, everything's 1940s-era equipment.

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Otherwise, the satellite can pick it up and damage the signals or corrupt signals.

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Can you tell us about the Green Bank incident with the photos that you showed me?

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The guy got a hold on me through email.

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He emailed me these pictures, and he said that he took them in the Green Bank area.

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I believe he told me a cell phone, and he said he was just driving around,

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and he looked up and seeing this thing in the sky.

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01:03:14,000 --> 01:03:16,000

He started taking pictures, and he said,

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you know there's a second one, and he's taking pictures of it.

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And what's strange is Green Bank, in my understanding, is a no-fly zone.

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So if these are near Green Bank, they shouldn't have been there.

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Even if they were drones, they shouldn't have been there.

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So I got a hold of Ron Lanham, and he was perplexed by him,

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01:03:32,000 --> 01:03:37,000

and he took them and done the enhancements and done the 3D modeling to show

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01:03:37,000 --> 01:03:42,000

that it's something other than a bird in the sky.

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01:03:42,000 --> 01:03:45,000

Yeah, that's as far as it went with that.

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The guy just sent me the pictures.

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01:03:52,000 --> 01:03:57,000

Are you aware of government investigation of UFO sightings in the state?

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I've heard Green Bank has something to do with it,

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but there are people in Beckley area, in the Oak Hill area,

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believe that there's more that goes on there.

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How about your own personal sightings?

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I've only had one, but it was at Dolly Sods, and that was two months ago.

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01:04:12,000 --> 01:04:14,000

I went up to watch the stars like I do.

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01:04:14,000 --> 01:04:16,000

I'll just drive up there to watch stars.

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01:04:16,000 --> 01:04:22,000

And I'm laying in my van looking out the window, and I see this orange light

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come across from one horizon, and it just moves and it blink,

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01:04:26,000 --> 01:04:27,000

and then moves and it blink.

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01:04:27,000 --> 01:04:30,000

It wasn't moving steady, it just moved to a spot and blink.

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And then it got so far over, and it blinked and went out,

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01:04:35,000 --> 01:04:39,000

and then I could see a blink again, and it shot like in an angle,

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01:04:39,000 --> 01:04:44,000

and it started blinking again, and moved over again, and then eventually just went off.

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01:05:40,000 --> 01:05:42,000

Thanks for taking us out here.

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01:05:42,000 --> 01:05:46,000

This is where I see the light I was setting over here.

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01:05:46,000 --> 01:05:52,880

over here. And it was actually laying in my band. It was right over here along this side,

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01:05:52,880 --> 01:05:58,000

like in this area of the sky here. You feel like it was maybe conventional?

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01:05:58,000 --> 01:06:07,360

The way it moved, I mean I couldn't say it was UFO. Mainly because I couldn't see it,

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01:06:07,360 --> 01:06:13,840

but also I was delight. But it moved. As it moved forward, it stopped blinking and then it

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01:06:14,000 --> 01:06:18,880

seemed like it shot in the Z pattern, shot down in an angle, started blinking again,

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01:06:19,920 --> 01:06:29,760

and then kept on going so far this way and that was it. I lost it and didn't see it anymore.

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01:06:44,240 --> 01:07:04,000

All right, so let's tell them what you spot at first and I actually was able to pick it up too.

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01:07:04,080 --> 01:07:14,800

Yeah, so right over in that area going pretty fast, we saw a consistent blueish light going

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01:07:14,800 --> 01:07:22,400

pretty quickly and it disappeared. It disappeared and then it came back and disappeared. Now it's gone.

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01:07:23,120 --> 01:07:26,800

Whoa, I've never seen anything move that quickly through the sky. That was...

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01:07:26,800 --> 01:07:30,800

It was actually really far away. That's what's impressive is because the second you said it,

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01:07:30,880 --> 01:07:38,320

I actually, I locked eyes on it and it was so far, but it was smooth and going extremely fast.

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01:07:38,320 --> 01:07:45,920

Yeah. I mean something to go, I mean where that plane is, look how far it's been going and going

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01:07:45,920 --> 01:07:51,360

in the sky. And comparing the speed of the plane to what it was doing was just significantly quick.

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01:07:51,360 --> 01:07:58,240

Yeah, that is a huge difference between what was there and then that.

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01:08:01,200 --> 01:08:05,680

It was weird man. It like turned off and then you could see it again.

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01:08:11,760 --> 01:08:15,520

Oh, that is weird. Hey, Shannon, that one just disappeared.

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01:08:16,880 --> 01:08:24,560

Yeah. So watch, so right here, right where my finger's at, you see, so watch that zone.

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01:08:24,560 --> 01:08:27,440

I was trying to get focus. You're seeing it move.

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01:08:31,120 --> 01:08:36,000

Oh yeah, you're like was that an airplane because it's there? You'll see it move and then it goes away.

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01:08:38,560 --> 01:08:43,840

Oh, I think I just saw it behind it and then it goes. Right there. So see there's those two pieces.

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01:08:43,840 --> 01:08:49,360

You're gonna see the bottom one move. Watch. It's moving, moving, moving, moving, moving

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01:08:50,320 --> 01:08:59,600

and then it goes away. It's gone. Whoa. That literally moved like a couple, maybe around that far

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01:08:59,600 --> 01:09:04,960

up thousand feet. I don't know, I'm not a scientist but we definitely, okay, that was cool. Do you want to see that?

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So you gotta see this. Whoa.

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01:09:06,960 --> 01:09:12,560

Oh.

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01:09:16,560 --> 01:09:22,560

I've officially seen a UFO. Holy crap. That's for real. That's legit. That's legit.

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01:09:22,560 --> 01:09:39,440

The objects or lights we saw that night are unidentifiable. Could they be known aircraft?

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01:09:40,080 --> 01:09:46,960

Sure, maybe. But they bear startling similarities to what Dave and Les saw in the same area,

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01:09:47,760 --> 01:09:50,880

right down to the fact that they disappeared without a trace.

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01:09:52,320 --> 01:09:57,760

The camera didn't quite do justice to the low altitudes they seem to be flying at and against

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01:09:57,760 --> 01:10:02,480

a sky full of bright stars, you almost had to be there to really get the full effect,

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01:10:03,120 --> 01:10:09,360

which I now realize is something that witnesses say to me all the time. You had to be there to

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01:10:09,360 --> 01:10:16,720

understand it. So I've finally seen something that I can't identify. I'm still trying to

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01:10:16,720 --> 01:10:23,920

make sense of where it came from or what it was. Did it come from one of those rumored military bases

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or is it simply a test aircraft running maneuvers? If it's not of this earth, then what is it doing

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here? Is there something in this particular area drawing it in?

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As far as a defining characteristic of UFOs in West Virginia, I think the most consistent seems to be

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a light or a flying disc of some sort that will often be spotted in places where there has been a

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history of mining. There's a correlation it would seem between those two things. Even to the degree

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that in many cases people report seeing what appears to them to be a physical craft suddenly

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dives into the ground without an explosion and that's so often accompanied by some type of

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mine or location that has to do with that industry. Are you aware of any other sightings in

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like in association with coal mines? The coal mine areas, yeah. I mean there's even one

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that come from the canal area of the valley where is it 2012 I believe it was or 2013

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01:11:35,200 --> 01:11:40,720

where several people say they saw these large black triangles like three in a row cross over

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this coal mine. Have you taken many or any reports, have you heard of any reports? It

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doesn't matter if you've taken it or not I'm just asking the general that tie together UFO sightings

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and coal mines. We do have mines and we do have you know episodes of high strangeness that do occur

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01:12:01,440 --> 01:12:07,040

around these things so if there's an episode of high strangeness then sometimes related to UFOs.

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It's related to other things too but you know you have to look at those. The reports that we've all

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taken were actually in correlation with the power plants in the chemical valley. Oh you're talking

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about I'm talking about the big you're talking about nukes yeah that's a whole different story

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that's not necessarily the power plants. That's not a power plant that's that's way more impressive.

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But we recently we had a report that came in it's about three weeks old now at this point

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where a St. Alvin's gentleman had a visual sighting daylight sighting and it was flying

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through the chemical valley he said the object looked like it was a silver kind of mirrory finish

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and it was flying alongside an osprey. He said this osprey didn't have a

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stereotypical paint job that you would expect from a military vehicle and then there was the

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01:12:58,240 --> 01:13:06,320

single fighter jet that he said came on blaring up the valley and whenever the two objects kind of

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01:13:06,320 --> 01:13:12,160

came in close proximity that the shining unidentified object blinked out and went straight

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01:13:12,240 --> 01:13:17,120

up into the atmosphere and that would have been roughly near the John Amos power plant.

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Instead of calling it the Canora River Valley they call it the chemical river valley or the

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chemical valley. West Virginia and the that's that's the Canora River area was home to all of these

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01:13:30,400 --> 01:13:36,640

weapons manufacturing plants. Nitro is named after you know their production of TNT and explosives

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01:13:36,720 --> 01:13:42,240

for the war effort and you know there were sightings in St. Alvin's and St. Alvin's is right

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01:13:42,240 --> 01:13:46,880

across the river from Nitro so these things could have been in Nitro. So what you're saying is we

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01:13:46,880 --> 01:13:52,320

could have basically the exact same thing that they're reporting at these nuclear bases and what

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01:13:52,320 --> 01:13:57,280

not today that we could be dealing with the same thing that they were actually looking at maybe

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01:13:57,280 --> 01:14:04,160

the components rather than the actual nuclear side of it. Right because at that point they were all

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01:14:04,160 --> 01:14:20,080

separate components and each each area was developing their own portion.

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01:14:34,560 --> 01:14:48,880

Accommodation

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Kenneth can you tell us where we are right now.

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01:15:01,280 --> 01:15:09,520

I don't know exactly and we're about a mile from a fish actor.

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01:15:09,520 --> 01:15:10,520

Okay.

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01:15:10,520 --> 01:15:11,900

We're in the bowden area.

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01:15:11,900 --> 01:15:12,900

Bowden?

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01:15:12,900 --> 01:15:13,900

Okay.

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01:15:31,280 --> 01:15:37,440

I mean do you think there could be some kind of time between caves and mines and what you

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01:15:37,440 --> 01:15:38,440

saw?

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01:15:38,440 --> 01:15:40,840

I think mines all over the place.

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01:15:40,840 --> 01:15:50,200

There's one probably I'd say two miles from my house, a good size mine.

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01:15:50,200 --> 01:15:52,680

But there's mines all over West Virginia.

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01:15:52,680 --> 01:15:55,000

I mean you get a ease for you, there's mines.

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01:15:55,000 --> 01:15:59,720

We went in mines up there, you know, 150 year old mines.

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01:15:59,720 --> 01:16:01,960

It didn't come from the ground, it came from there.

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01:16:01,960 --> 01:16:02,960

I would have done it.

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01:16:02,960 --> 01:16:04,960

It was in there.

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01:16:04,960 --> 01:16:09,040

And it didn't, when it took off, it didn't have no trouble detaining it like that.

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That fast.

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And it was gone.

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01:16:11,040 --> 01:16:17,920

But it was something from, I don't know if it was from here, you know, or face or I

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01:16:17,920 --> 01:16:21,960

ain't gonna say UFO because what I've seen was seen other times in West Virginia.

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01:16:21,960 --> 01:16:23,720

I've seen it in Morgantown.

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01:16:23,720 --> 01:16:25,720

I think you can see around here somewhere.

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01:17:23,720 --> 01:17:29,080

After going through all of the places that we've been, I kind of put together this map

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and let me know what you think.

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But it looks like these locations that we have been talking about all correlate with

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01:17:37,880 --> 01:17:39,380

coal mines.

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01:17:39,380 --> 01:17:45,560

I mean within miles or minutes in some instances.

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01:17:45,560 --> 01:17:53,280

I mean there's a lot of abandoned mines in West Virginia.

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01:17:53,840 --> 01:17:56,240

Some of them go back centuries.

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01:17:56,240 --> 01:18:02,160

And a lot of active mines that are even close to power stations in general.

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So I don't know if maybe power stations themselves lend something as an energy source for something

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like this and maybe that's why.

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Maybe some of these mines are someplace that something can hide and be developed by something

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otherworldly or something right here.

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The interesting thing is West Virginia is a heavily mined state, right?

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It's known for coal mines.

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Western part of the state is not heavily mined.

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And yet you've got this preponderance of reports around Point Pleasant in the 1960s.

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Point Pleasant is a mine location in an area that is not known for mining.

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If you extrapolate that out, the same thing holds true for Sutton and Flatwoods where

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all of a sudden there's mines and those are places known for siding.

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So it's not necessarily the fact that there's siding happening in heavily mined areas.

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It seems like the big thing is the fact that there's siding happening in places that are

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not known for mining where they happen to be mined.

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Even many new years ago.

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Not less, we went to Dolly Sods with you.

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Tell me about that area in relation to the theory we're finding on.

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It's largely limestone area.

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The majority of what would be considered as a mine area.

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There are mines.

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You got like Buffalo Coal, it used to be there.

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There is Matiki Mine and they all feed the Mount Storm Power Plant.

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It's just a handful of miles away from Dolly Sods.

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So we pretty much haven't come across a siding that does not correlate with an energy source.

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Okay, what about the idea guys of maybe these things just strictly taking out power plants

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and coal mines.

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These things coming directly in and out of the earth.

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01:19:51,920 --> 01:19:56,080

But there has been siding in this area.

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Just in Elkins or like the Northern area.

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I've had a few siding from there.

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Whether it was the Triangle Object or Disc.

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This local UFO researcher named Bob Teets, he wrote a book all about West Virginia compiling

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his West Virginia cases.

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The theory that you're presenting was put forth by him as well.

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And one thing that he pointed out was that there were a large number of sightings in

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that book, historical sightings, older sightings, where people did see objects diving into or

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01:20:25,760 --> 01:20:27,360

coming out of the earth.

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I suppose the easier question, not with an answer though, is could they be pulling energy

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from these sources?

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What is the purpose?

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It certainly kind of nods in that direction at the very least.

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Yeah, are they leaching energy from these places?

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01:20:44,360 --> 01:20:46,680

Are they literally coming out of the earth?

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There's books from the 1950s and 60s where people posited the idea that UFOs are coming

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from a hollow earth.

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So basically after everything that we've gone through, it still doesn't tell us much of

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anything for sure, just gives us more questions.

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But at least for our part of it, especially in West Virginia, it is a model that we can

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build on.

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The dark sky of West Virginia holds a lot of secrets.

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Apparently so do its mountains and rivers, its forests, and its hills and haulers.

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Maybe it's all connected.

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Maybe there are extraterrestrial beings coming from the stars to secretly mine our planet.

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Or maybe it's our own, or even a foreign military testing aircraft in our backyard.

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Maybe the visitors are coming from inside the earth itself.

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For now, I'm heading back home, where I'll no doubt continue my search for stories and

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answers to questions I haven't even asked yet.

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After all, just because I live in a city too bright to see the stars, doesn't mean I'll

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ever stop looking up.