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We are heading up to see the brown mountain lights well, hopefully see the brown mountain lights

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We are in North Carolina and the brown mountain lights is a

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phenomena that has been seen since

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basically man could be about them and

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We are actually here in a peak point of the year so we are

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We are really crossing our fingers and toes that we actually will not only be able to see them but capture them on film for ourselves

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Earth lights orbs spook lights whatever you want to call them

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Nearly every place on earth has some sort of legend revolving around mysterious nighttime

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illuminations

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unlike the typical UAP descriptions, however

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These glowing objects tend to be seen close to the ground and they seem to gravitate to one geographical area

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Places like Brown Mountain or Joplin, Missouri have a history of these phantom lights that goes back centuries and

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Are so commonly witnessed that even scientists have spent decades trying to get at a root cause for them

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If a UFO is simply an unidentified flying object

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Then the subject encompasses a number of folklore elements that often get overlooked and mystery lights are one of them

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These orbs are an ancient observable phenomenon that falls just outside the boundaries of the topic

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But that's the thing about me

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I'm not a fan of labels and the longer I look into various Fortean subjects the more I begin to wonder if they aren't all connected to begin with

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Who am I to leave something like spook lights out of the discussion?

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So what can we learn from these strange lights and how do they play a role in the UFO topic as a whole?

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spook lights are a tradition usually attributable to

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small-town folklore

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Related to like lovers lanes Michael Huntington is a UFO enthusiast and blogger who takes a scientific

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skeptical approach to the subject of ufology

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He also loves to celebrate the bizarre topics

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He has studied for most of his life by cataloging unusual legends folklore and places around the United States and

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You're unlikely to find anyone more knowledgeable about small-town legends and lore

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Generally the story of spook lights is you know, there's a rural road where something occurred like maybe a

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Indian princess committed suicide or a rail worker had been beheaded

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00:04:13,680 --> 00:04:16,680

And he's looking for his lost head after some accident

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So traditionally spook lights have been ghost stories

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So there are several theories for the origins of the spook lights one of the ones that you find throughout

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The different places where the spook lights are seen are that they're attributed to a Native American legend

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Particularly very often the death of either a pair of lovers or the death of a woman who was betrothed to a Native American man

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for example, the Oklahoma spook lights are often attributed to the Trail of Tears where

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Thousands of Native Americans were killed as the result of that march

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So these moments of death are what lead to these lights being seen in the night sky as a continuing tribute to

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the Native American peoples if you take it just as it is

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It's a UFO phenomena. It's an unidentified aerial phenomena in that

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Spook lights are generally described as glowing balls of light usually about basketball size generally white

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Sometimes they're amber. I guess some people would describe them as orbs, but you know, we're not talking orbs from like photographs

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We're talking objects that move around that are illuminated

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That interacts with the environment will disappear if lights get shown upon them will cause

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00:05:34,860 --> 00:05:41,820

Automobiles their electronics to be interfered with when you start talking about spook lights and and earth lights

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00:05:42,220 --> 00:05:49,540

Then you have to begin reckoning with lobes balls of light in the orbs that are typically talked about today

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00:05:50,500 --> 00:05:52,500

various sizes and colors

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00:05:52,700 --> 00:06:00,500

But that seemed to defy the normal laws of physics regarding electricity or lightning for example

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They're described as lights in the night sky that move around that seem to dance

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00:06:05,140 --> 00:06:08,500

They can join together or split up. They can change colors

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00:06:08,500 --> 00:06:13,780

They move around really drastically picking up speed slowing down really moving at

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00:06:14,220 --> 00:06:15,540

speeds that are not

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Capably understood by most of today's contemporary aircraft and the frequency by which they're cited also

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Undermines the idea that they are contemporary aircraft because what type of maneuvers would occur almost every night

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Spook lights have been around forever

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And they've been recorded ever since people have decided to write down histories

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So some of the places that have a variety of UFO or

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unexplainable light stories related to them are often referred to as areas where spook lights or orbs occur

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Because in fact what they are unexplainable lights that occur over various regions

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so for example Brown Mountain as well as

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US 181 in Oklahoma and

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Marfa, Texas

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All of these places are home to the spook lights among some others, but these are some of the really famous ones

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They've taken a variety of forms. I think there are various categories of mysterious lights

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the bottom line is that

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Various times and places people have seen lights either in the sky or lights in close proximity to them

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00:07:24,060 --> 00:07:31,260

In some cases even entering their own dwellings entering into vehicles that they're in seen along ridge lines

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mountainous areas

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along railroad tracks whatever is being seen has the property of

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Being a light typically in a dark place in Oklahoma

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They're called the hornet lights and what they look like are lights and a variety of colors that appear in the night sky

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They're often attributed to drivers headlights or to campfires in the place of Marfa

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However, that's been

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Really heavily debunked because these places have such a variety of reports throughout history

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I mean some of these reports go back to the 19th century

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so it's really hard to accredit them to

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Contemporary technologies when they have such a historical presence

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you can look at folklore of the past and

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There are many parallels at the very least going all the way back to things like mystery lights

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spook lights willow the wisps going far back into

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European folklore. There have been countless stories about

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Don't follow the lights into the woods or something bad may happen to you

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00:08:40,860 --> 00:08:44,860

Matthew shang grew up in the town of Asheville, New York in Chautauqua County

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Asheville's mysterious lights haven't gained the same sort of prominence that areas like Marfa or Brown Mountain have

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00:08:51,580 --> 00:08:54,300

But that doesn't mean anything to those who've witnessed them

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00:08:54,860 --> 00:08:59,980

What makes matt an especially useful witness is that his sighting wasn't simply of an illumination

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00:09:00,300 --> 00:09:02,300

glimpsed at a distance

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So in the town of Asheville, which is in New York, western New York, there's a lot of

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Interesting stuff that happens mass UFO sightings ghost stories people were seeing

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00:09:13,900 --> 00:09:20,940

Mystery lights like just giant spheres. I've heard people talk from like one foot to five feet

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In diameter. It's very isolated. There's like an you feel very isolated in that town and it's only like a thousand people

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So I would I would take night hikes with my friend anytime it was nice out. So what we would do is we would

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start at like nine o'clock and then pick a direction and hike and

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00:09:43,660 --> 00:09:46,540

We would go until we just got tired really, you know

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00:09:46,620 --> 00:09:47,980

We hiked maybe

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00:09:47,980 --> 00:09:52,060

Five miles and hit this field and we were going to set up in the field

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00:09:52,220 --> 00:09:58,220

but decided against it and broke through the tree line on the other side and continued hiking into

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00:09:58,620 --> 00:10:04,300

Into the into the forest again. We went underneath the horse fence soon after that. We saw a

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00:10:05,100 --> 00:10:12,780

Soft blue light in the distance and we thought there that it was a person because there are backwoods people in Asheville that kind of

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00:10:13,660 --> 00:10:15,660

They stay to themselves

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00:10:15,900 --> 00:10:17,740

this light

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00:10:17,740 --> 00:10:24,460

Kind of was just getting closer and closer and it was kind of just like waving back and forth kind of going in a zigzag motion

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00:10:25,020 --> 00:10:30,860

It got maybe 25 feet in front of me and it was maybe three feet in diameter

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00:10:31,980 --> 00:10:36,220

It was just like a ball of energy and it was very like soft

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00:10:36,780 --> 00:10:41,180

Darker towards the center and it would get bright and go out and then it'd go out like that

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00:10:41,260 --> 00:10:43,260

And it just did this like ring thing

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00:10:44,300 --> 00:10:46,860

The closer it got I kind of fell into this

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00:10:48,140 --> 00:10:54,060

Like dream state. I remember looking and seeing my friend and he was in the same kind of state

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00:10:54,060 --> 00:10:57,580

He was just kind of like in awe and I like snapped out of it

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00:10:57,900 --> 00:11:02,380

And I started saying that we need to go because my body was just like yep now it's time to run

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00:11:02,620 --> 00:11:08,460

Both of our adrenaline's were pumping. We were running and we hit a farmer's plot eventually

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00:11:08,940 --> 00:11:16,140

We waited till sunrise and just kind of waited on his land and then asked him where we were and we actually ended up in the town over

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00:11:17,020 --> 00:11:19,020

from us we just kept running

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00:11:19,100 --> 00:11:21,580

And uh, so we walked home after that

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00:11:23,820 --> 00:11:27,740

Willow wisps might be one of the oldest examples of a uap

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00:11:28,620 --> 00:11:34,940

They were seen quite frequently around the moors and bogs of england and were typically said to be simply a floating light

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00:11:35,900 --> 00:11:39,340

By the time the first settlers began setting down routes in the americas

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00:11:39,660 --> 00:11:45,820

They were almost immediately recounting sightings of lights moving through the forests and across prairies of the new world

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These phenomena seem to have far more in common with what we know as spook light or orbs than the typical flying saucers reported in the 1940s

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From the 40s into the 1960s sightings and legends began to grow up around phantom lights

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Joplin missouri is home of the ozark spook light a mysterious glowing orb that was frequently encountered on back roads late at night

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00:12:12,540 --> 00:12:16,460

In marfa texas a near hysteria mounted around the enigmatic

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00:12:17,260 --> 00:12:20,220

Eliminations spotted in the forest around highway 90

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00:12:20,860 --> 00:12:27,500

Like brown mountain there's even a specific pull-off to head to if you want to catch a glimpse of the mystery lights

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00:12:27,900 --> 00:12:32,860

Micah hanks lives near brown mountain in the city of ashville, north carolina

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00:12:33,420 --> 00:12:40,860

Micah has made a name for himself in the field by writing for various websites and hosting radio programs about 14 subjects

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He's also spent days and nights combing the forests around brown mountain for answers to the mystery of the lights

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00:12:48,620 --> 00:12:53,740

It's behind us here brown mountain north carolina in the black mountain range just outside of the limble gorge

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00:12:54,060 --> 00:12:56,060

And often the distance you'll see a

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00:12:56,620 --> 00:13:03,180

Very flat mountain ridge that tapers off presumably toward the direction of boom north carolina

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00:13:04,060 --> 00:13:10,140

And that rounded ridge line marks the end of brown mountain. I've camped over the many times over the years and I'll tell you

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00:13:10,940 --> 00:13:15,900

It's like any other wilderness. There's nothing really peculiar about that that terrain, but

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00:13:16,620 --> 00:13:21,420

This is ground zero for where these lights appear. I mean people see them and I've seen some really good light

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00:13:21,500 --> 00:13:24,780

From over here in the limble gorge, but I've spoken with firefighters locals

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00:13:25,900 --> 00:13:30,380

Campers hikers most will tell you that where you see the most of this is

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00:13:30,940 --> 00:13:35,020

literal brown mountain proper, which is what's right behind us here and of course we're at the viewing

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00:13:35,820 --> 00:13:39,340

Location there are a lot of different interpretations of what they might be

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00:13:39,340 --> 00:13:43,980

I mean going all the way back to the 1920s when george on mansfield comes up here with usgs

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00:13:44,540 --> 00:13:47,500

And he does his survey from over on ginger cake mountain

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00:13:48,140 --> 00:13:50,140

His idea was that it had been

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00:13:50,860 --> 00:13:52,860

Oncoming lights from locomotives

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00:13:53,580 --> 00:13:55,660

Way off down toward lennor and off in the distance

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00:13:55,660 --> 00:14:00,300

But the problem with that theory is that there are a lot of photographs that I think are credible photos from over the years

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That showed these things coming up over the ridge line and into the air

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Which railroad lights don't do I mean even counting in you know things like atmospheric refraction and

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00:14:10,060 --> 00:14:14,060

Mirages that still seems like kind of a far out explanation for me

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00:14:14,060 --> 00:14:18,780

Some of these lights do appear to actually be airborne. They're very much like what we'd call ball lightning

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00:14:19,260 --> 00:14:23,340

Which we also can't explain completely. You've got a circumstance where

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00:14:23,660 --> 00:14:30,460

Whatever these lights are they appear and they do so I mean with remarkable frequency enough such that people come up here every

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00:14:30,460 --> 00:14:36,780

Weekend looking through the lines. There is one story from right here at the main brown mountain overlook where a man had said years ago

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He and his family were up here observing

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00:14:40,220 --> 00:14:42,220

It had begun to rain slightly just like this

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00:14:43,100 --> 00:14:48,620

One of the lights comes across the valley a lot of people described this but he said it came close enough that he was able to touch it now

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00:14:49,660 --> 00:14:51,260

You know, maybe that's true. Maybe or not

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00:14:51,260 --> 00:14:56,060

But but what he said was that when he touched it it gave him a good jolt like an electrical shock

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00:14:56,540 --> 00:14:59,100

Which would be consistent with some sort of electrical phenomenon

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00:14:59,100 --> 00:15:02,700

But the question then is what kind of mechanism

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Allows for that kind of an energetic presence to form

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00:15:05,900 --> 00:15:09,020

I think I've heard more stories though where right after a heavy rain

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00:15:09,900 --> 00:15:14,380

They tend to appear and I think that if we were to speculate as to why that might be it's probably because

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00:15:14,940 --> 00:15:19,020

A good rainstorm is going to cause an ionization of the atmosphere that charges

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00:15:19,420 --> 00:15:22,300

Again the atmosphere and it's going to be conducive to plasma formation

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00:15:22,300 --> 00:15:25,420

Hypothetically, but if that's the case

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00:15:26,540 --> 00:15:28,540

It doesn't explain the entire phenomenon

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00:15:30,540 --> 00:15:32,940

Greg Cannon is a paranormal investigator with a

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00:15:33,020 --> 00:15:37,020

Military background who lives in Marion, North Carolina just down the road from Brown Mountain

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00:15:37,420 --> 00:15:39,420

Having grown up in the area

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Greg was vaguely aware of the brown mountain lights

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But it wasn't until recent years that he began looking into the subject for himself

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We always heard stories or I always heard stories from my cousins and my parents and family

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00:15:51,580 --> 00:15:57,500

About you know, brown mountain lights the phenomenon didn't really mean a whole lot to me when I was a little kid as I got a little older

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00:15:58,060 --> 00:16:00,060

I wanted to go check them out

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00:16:00,140 --> 00:16:03,100

And kind of see what the brown mountain lights were all about

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00:16:03,100 --> 00:16:07,980

So when we moved back to Marion and got settled in we started trying to go see

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00:16:08,620 --> 00:16:10,620

The brown mountain lights. We actually met some people

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00:16:11,180 --> 00:16:15,180

Who would go see him all the time and it wasn't a matter of timing necessarily

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00:16:15,180 --> 00:16:18,140

So it was sort of like the environmental conditions had to be right

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00:16:18,140 --> 00:16:21,500

You need to have a period of wetness like rain for two to three days

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00:16:21,820 --> 00:16:26,620

And then once it sort of dried for a day or two if there was a 30 degree shift in temperature roughly

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00:16:26,700 --> 00:16:31,660

You could go and actually see the brown mountain lights and that's what we did and we showed up

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00:16:31,660 --> 00:16:33,660

We went to the pull-off area

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00:16:33,660 --> 00:16:38,220

We actually pulled off and we went and stood by a bunch of people and brought a bunch of camera gear

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00:16:38,220 --> 00:16:40,700

Because we were going to take pictures and document it had no luck

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00:16:40,700 --> 00:16:44,140

So actually went back to the vehicle and dropped our camera gear off

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00:16:44,140 --> 00:16:49,980

Started to kind of shut things down a little bit and there was a nice couple standing in front of our van

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00:16:49,980 --> 00:16:53,180

And they said are you here to see the brown mountain lights? I said, well, yeah

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00:16:53,340 --> 00:16:57,340

They said are you here to see the brown mountain lights? I said, well, yeah, and he said well, you're looking the wrong way

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So we turned and looked the opposite direction and there they were just whizzing around

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It's kind of a strange movement that they were making and to me it reminded me like an ember that comes off of like a fire

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00:17:11,500 --> 00:17:14,700

So if you're out there and you're doing a campfire, you get the embers flying around

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00:17:15,660 --> 00:17:20,860

It's up it would they would just kind of float and fly around and then just whizz off to another direction and come back again

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00:17:21,580 --> 00:17:25,020

You know, so it's it's like it had intent and purpose behind it

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00:17:25,020 --> 00:17:28,540

And that's what really sort of freaked me out and someone just fly by pretty fast

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00:17:28,540 --> 00:17:30,540

I seen about 11 all together

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00:17:30,540 --> 00:17:33,420

There were different colors. There was a more like phosphorescent colors

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00:17:33,740 --> 00:17:37,340

Phosphorescent yellow you'd see sometimes orange and the blue

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00:17:38,060 --> 00:17:39,180

and

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00:17:39,180 --> 00:17:45,180

That's what I was seeing and they were about the size of a basketball and from our van's point you're about five or six miles away

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00:17:45,340 --> 00:17:48,220

So to see something the size of a basketball had to be really large

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00:17:48,380 --> 00:17:53,100

And my wife was trying to take pictures and she stayed at it trying to take pictures and had no luck

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00:17:53,100 --> 00:17:55,980

I just put everything away and just started watching them through binoculars. It was

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00:17:56,620 --> 00:17:58,620

It was pretty impressive

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The similarities between traditional flying saucer reports and those of uap like orbs and mystery lights

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Are more apparent the further you delve into the topic

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While there are a number of nuts and bolts craft descriptions

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There are just as many reports of simply strange lights in the sky

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00:18:17,980 --> 00:18:24,540

And often the behavior of these lights seem to mirror those of phenomena like the one you'll find at brown mountain

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00:18:25,980 --> 00:18:30,540

One of the strangest observations by witnesses of both ufo's and mystery lights

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00:18:30,860 --> 00:18:36,620

Is that so often they claim that the object or illumination was being intelligently controlled by

something

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While the japlin spook light might seem to be little more than a ghost story

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It's been observed by numerous people over the course of decades and its behavior has never changed

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00:18:48,780 --> 00:18:54,940

The same can be said for any number of odd luminous and objects or beings seen over the centuries

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While on the surface phantom lights and traditional ufo's might seem to have nothing in common

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00:19:01,740 --> 00:19:07,660

These rarities do actually inform one another and possibly even offer insight into one another

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Certainly if nothing else opening the door to examining folklore in a new context

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But I think the one thing that seems to characterize the spook light phenomena

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Which the whole idea of the spook light or the ghost light seems to be very north american

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Is the idea that there is an intelligence

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To the light itself and that it seems to

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Want to and even delight in interacting with human beings in some cases the description is even given

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Of that light seeming to dance with a participant

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So that there is this interaction

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And it's not just a random bolt of lightning for example, but it's a

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Form of light that seems to recognize when it's being observed

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And respond to that in some way

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Within ufology, there's a lot of different theories as to you know, what is the the unifying

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phenomena at work with a lot of the different paranormal

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Stuff that's going on perhaps there is something in the environment perhaps there are locales where

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The the environment the conditions perhaps in the the electromagnetic fields perhaps in the mineral content

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That allows for these things to occur. Maybe they're natural. Maybe there's some sort of quantum

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or even metaphysical thing going on where

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Maybe these things are real and they come from a different reality a different dimension a different

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Realm and from time to time these things can kind of cross boundaries

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Why has there been this change in the terminology from ufo to to uap and what what is that really?

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to

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Is that just because of all the

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The lights in the sky like it works and all that so we can encompass everything or if we go back to when the term

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ufo was actually

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Created it was created by the air force. They were the ones who

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Called it unidentified flying objects

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And that's because of the high strangeness that was being reported by the public

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You know, they were seeing the weirdest stuff

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In the skies and the the government and the u.s. Air force had no explanation for it

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So when they decided to finally investigate these things

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They created the acronym ufo and this was to downplay

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The more weirder aspects to all this. It's just an object in the sky that's unidentified. Don't worry. We got this

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We'll identify it eventually. I think as the years have gone on and the

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The phenomenon has evolved as well and become possibly more elusive and possibly much weirder

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the term uap is

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A lot more. I think

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Approved it encompasses a lot more than just in solid object in the sky

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I didn't see a solid object in the sky. I saw weird lights in a triangular formation. So for me, that's an aerial phenomenon

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It's not a ufo a lot of investigators

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Now within ufology are are looking at spook lights. Mostly they're looking at spook lights because

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They are localized and they are

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Frequent and they are constant and you can set up equipment

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You can monitor a location for a long period of time and attempt to

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document it the anomaly

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And and try to figure out the the causation

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Unlike, you know, say a flying saucer sighting which you know comes and goes if we haven't

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Figured out what the hell ufos are in the past 70 years. It's time to look at it with a new lens

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Change the vocabulary if you have to whatever it's whatever is going to make

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us find answers and

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Ask new questions at the phenomenon. I think is important

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So when ufos sort of arrive on the cultural scene by the late 1940s 50s and they're

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Rising to prominence in that period through the 50s and 60s

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Popular magazine articles begin to depict the brown mountain lights as the brown mountain ufos

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But prior to that again, if there were anything other than prosaic

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Misidentification of things or maybe some kind of unidentified natural phenomena if anything they were called ghost lights

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Now, let's say this a friend recently brought to my attention

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um something she'd been listening to my podcast and

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She had heard me on the show say that there were no native american legends that recount stories of the brown mountain lights

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Even though by the 1950s and 60s popular articles began to say that native american legends among the Cherokee

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Tell of the brown mountain lights and so i'd mentioned that she said actually

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I found something that you'll find interesting and there was an account given by james mooney the anthropologist who

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Truly chronicled the myths of the Cherokee here of western north carolina

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The story talked about this was sort of a almost like a cosmological story about the origin of stars is what it was

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But the way it describes the stars it tells that a couple of people had seen these two lights moving across

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The mountain up in the sky above the mountain ridge one night

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And so they say they go up on the mountain and they find these two furry creatures with faces kind of like ducks protruding out of it

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And they take a couple of them back to their camp and they say that these creatures

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You know stayed with them by daytime but that they glowed at night and that finally they let them go and that when they did

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They rose back up into the heavens and became stars and so this was a myth clearly

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Describing where stars come from the way it described the stars moving over the ridge line

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It very least implied that there could have been at some time some sort of an observation of something which again

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In prehistoric times if that indeed is where the legend comes from

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I mean this would have to entail something moving through the sky that clearly isn't a star

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Other celestial phenomenon like meteors or comets might not be moved ruled out completely

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But at very least the way that it was described in that legend

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It was suggested of sort of how the brown mountain lights appear at times

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Like most of my journey so far I didn't manage to actually see the brown mountain lights for myself

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Despite the weather conditions being essentially perfect. This phenomenon just didn't feel like coming out to visit with us

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Even this far into my trek across the u.s. In search of answers

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I'm reminded again that you can't simply walk out your front door and encounter the unknown

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Places like brown mountain seem to serve as little more than further prove that simply trying to find the pieces

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Let alone assemble them is going to be the most difficult part of the puzzle of ufology

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Coming up on the next episode of on the trail of ufos

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You know, it's one of those things where it's like you always look back and you're like, you know

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Did it really happen? Was it real?

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But one morning I woke up and there was dried blood coming out of my nose

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Scoops in the back of my neck here that I've avoided looking too deeply into the abduction side of the subject

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Maybe because deep down I'm aware. There's something so primal and terrifying

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about it

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So

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