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I never realized how hard it would be to deal with something like this.

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I was in the middle of nowhere and nobody knew I was there.

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Something was going on in the house that I couldn't explain.

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I looked the thing in the eye. It was clearly not a human being.

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What was tearing the inside of my house apart?

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Oh my god!

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It was hunting me.

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Oh no!

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If you don't run, it's gonna kill you.

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I loved it. All my heart. I loved that house.

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It was a wonderful place to live.

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The house was my sanctuary.

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It was the perfect little house that everybody dreams about.

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My mom's new boyfriend Matt moved into the house with his daughter, Marie.

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What are you doing?

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Matt was an intelligent, smart, funny, happy guy.

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I was happy to have Marie there.

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It felt like I had a little sister that I had never had.

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We basically had a lot of fun together.

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Marie and my daughter became good friends quickly,

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which really helped our relationship because we thought we had a good start.

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The very first strange thing that happened,

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I went into the kitchen and there was a jar of peanut butter laying on its side on the counter.

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Jamie!

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I looked at it thinking that the kids had made a mess or that cats had knocked it over.

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But the strange thing about the jar was that the kids had made a mess.

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I kind of thought it was a joke.

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I thought, why are you asking me about peanut butter?

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I didn't think anything of this.

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Oh my God!

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But then I realized that I had to do something.

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I had to do something.

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I had to do something.

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I had to do something.

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I had to do something.

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I had to do something.

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Oh my God!

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But then we started finding things stacked or arranged in certain ways.

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I thought that Marie was doing it at first.

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At this point, we started taking pictures of everything because we wanted proof of what was happening.

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Oh my God!

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I did suspect the kids of some of the things that happened.

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I still wasn't convinced that it was still something supernatural.

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One day, everything changed.

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I have so much math homework. Can you help me?

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I put my coffee down to go let the dog in.

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Really?

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Marie?

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I didn't do that.

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You're the only one in here.

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Jamie, it wasn't me.

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I knew that we hadn't had an earthquake.

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I didn't bump anything.

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I didn't know what to think.

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I was angry.

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I was frustrated and annoyed.

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I decided to clean my room.

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I heard Jamie call me.

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I immediately came into the house.

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I closed the doors and turned around to the doors.

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I couldn't believe what I just saw.

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I was freaking out.

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I was scared out of my mind.

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I saw it with my own eyes.

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I saw it happen.

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Jamie said to me,

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we have a poltergeist in the house.

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We knew that day that something was really, really wrong.

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But that was nothing compared to what happened in the following months.

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Everything was twisted and pulled out or on the floor.

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And it didn't stop.

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Doors would bang all night long, all day long.

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It would just be constantly over and over and over and over again.

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At night, all the lights would go off.

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Everything, every light in the house would go off.

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And you could flip the switch and the lights won't come back on.

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There was something in our house that was uninvited.

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Matt didn't believe anything that was happening.

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He thought that it was me doing it.

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He thought that I was doing it for attention.

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One evening, I saw long, drawn-out arrows pointing in all different places.

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They went up the wall, across the ceiling.

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They would point toward the central heating vents upon the walls.

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We thought maybe it might be trying to communicate with us.

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I told Matt the vents lead up to the attic.

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Maybe there's something up there we need to look for.

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Matt was very skeptical.

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He wanted to rationalize it.

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I wouldn't give him time.

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I told him, you have to believe me.

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I don't care what you feel, I don't care what you think.

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Something's in our house, something's playing with us.

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Okay, I'll go up and I'll take a look, all right?

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It's dirty and messy and full of loose double insulation.

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I wanted to watch just in case...

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I don't know, but just in case something bad happened.

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The tension and energy inside the house was so heavy.

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And active.

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He couldn't get all the way across the ceiling because it was dark.

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I don't know where I'm putting my feet. I can't see anything up here.

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When he said that to me, a warning flag came up and I said,

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okay, that's it, we can't do this anymore.

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You can get hurt up here.

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You're happy now?

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He did not fully accept it that day.

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But I still had some idea we could communicate with it and maybe stop it.

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My mom had talked to somebody who suggested that she offer it something.

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A peace offering.

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I made a small place on the mantle, you might say even like an altar.

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I love cats, so I had found a little cat furrowing.

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And I put it on the mantle and I spoke to it and I said,

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this gift is for you.

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I would like to give you the small place on the mantle as your place

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to let you know that we mean you no harm.

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We don't want you to be afraid of us.

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And we don't want to be afraid of you.

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What's going on?

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Matt wasn't happy about it.

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Matt was very much against the figurine.

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He was very much against the figurine.

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He was very much against communicating with it.

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He was very much against giving it a gift of any kind.

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He called it talking to the devil.

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Honestly, I don't want to.

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I was making an effort to change things.

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I was doing something, but in doing that, I risked our relationship.

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Matt just got really angry.

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Matt, don't do that.

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Don't you dare!

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00:11:30,000 --> 00:11:32,000

That's enough of that.

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It was one of those times where you just can't believe what you see before your eyes.

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I know it landed in the field. I saw it.

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I told him, you better not smash that cat.

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Matt!

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00:12:24,000 --> 00:12:27,000

It was just going to make things ten times worse.

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I don't know what this is.

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He didn't listen to me.

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Matt, no.

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00:12:32,000 --> 00:12:33,000

No!

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00:12:33,000 --> 00:12:34,000

No!

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00:12:34,000 --> 00:12:35,000

No!

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00:12:35,000 --> 00:12:36,000

No!

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00:12:36,000 --> 00:12:37,000

No!

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00:12:37,000 --> 00:12:38,000

No!

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00:12:38,000 --> 00:12:40,000

I felt like I was doomed.

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00:12:40,000 --> 00:12:45,000

The first thing I thought was, we are going to go through hell for this.

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It's going to retaliate.

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00:13:06,000 --> 00:13:12,000

That night, we found the word cat.

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Written all over the house.

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It had gone on a rampage.

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As we were cleaning it up, we noticed what looked like footprints.

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They did not look human.

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They just did not look human at all.

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I saw those footprints down there.

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And I couldn't believe what I was seeing.

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They were huge, round toes.

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And wide.

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00:14:06,000 --> 00:14:13,000

Whatever it or they were, was in the house with us.

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The first thing that came to my mind was, what was in my house?

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What was tearing the inside of my house apart?

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Having all of this happening at the house while I was trying to hold down a job was just tremendous stress.

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I wanted to leave really bad.

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I wanted to get away from it.

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Everybody wanted to get away from it.

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But I was already struggling to make house payments.

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It wasn't feasible.

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At the same time that it was attacking the house, it started on the animals.

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We had two cats that each had a litter.

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And they were very sweet dispositions, very loving kittens.

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Soon, one by one, each one got really, really sick.

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There is nothing I could do to help.

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00:15:41,000 --> 00:15:48,000

We thought perhaps maybe they just didn't have enough energy to fight off this thing.

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We thought perhaps it used them up.

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They all died just right after one after another.

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00:15:57,000 --> 00:16:01,000

They didn't have a chance.

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00:16:01,000 --> 00:16:03,000

I was scared.

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00:16:03,000 --> 00:16:09,000

I was scared that was attacking my pets to get at me.

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Maybe this isn't going to stop at the animals.

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00:16:13,000 --> 00:16:23,000

I might have the capability of taking life, not just our animals, but possibly one of us.

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00:16:31,000 --> 00:16:33,000

I was at work.

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Jamie had gone out to run an errand.

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Marita's at home alone.

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00:16:39,000 --> 00:16:45,000

This thing had turned the TV on and off in rapid succession.

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00:17:10,000 --> 00:17:14,000

Stop.

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00:17:22,000 --> 00:17:24,000

Marie called.

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00:17:24,000 --> 00:17:30,000

She told me the furniture was moving across the room.

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00:17:30,000 --> 00:17:43,000

I came home and as soon as I got one lock unlocked, it'd be locked again.

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00:17:43,000 --> 00:17:48,000

Marie! Marie! I can't open the door!

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00:17:51,000 --> 00:17:57,000

She grabbed her digital camera and she took a succession of flashes just to light up the room.

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00:17:57,000 --> 00:18:00,000

You have to help me open the door!

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00:18:11,000 --> 00:18:18,000

These pictures appeared on her camera that were just really unbelievable.

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00:18:28,000 --> 00:18:31,000

I was scared.

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00:18:36,000 --> 00:18:47,000

Unbelievably bizarre photos of this light energy appeared on her camera.

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What was foremost in my mind was if it could move heavy furniture, what else could it do?

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00:18:54,000 --> 00:18:57,000

How far would it go?

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00:19:02,000 --> 00:19:07,000

The level of fear I thought time was...

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00:19:08,000 --> 00:19:20,000

Undescribable, really. There's no way to describe how it made me feel.

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00:19:23,000 --> 00:19:35,000

That was a day that Matt realized that this thing in our house could attack his daughter while she was alone and he got worried.

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00:19:38,000 --> 00:19:44,000

He got out the phone book and he started calling churches.

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00:19:48,000 --> 00:19:53,000

The first couple of churches that he called didn't offer any help.

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00:19:53,000 --> 00:20:11,000

It's difficult to speak to someone about it. That takes a lot of guts because you put yourself up for accusations, disbelief and skepticism.

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00:20:11,000 --> 00:20:19,000

He finally got a hold of the pastor that was willing to come out to our house immediately.

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There was a little bit of hope that things would get better by them coming to our house.

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We finally found someone that believed us and that would come help us figure out what was going on in our house.

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The house was just a total mess. It was embarrassing to even have anybody in the house.

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He looked all around the house and he saw all the stuff on the walls.

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00:21:08,000 --> 00:21:13,000

He said, this is bad. There's spiritual warfare going on here.

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Even though I walked in the darkest valley, I never felt comfortable.

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They just prayed with us and that was it.

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Is there any more you can do?

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00:21:23,000 --> 00:21:25,000

We can't help you.

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00:21:26,000 --> 00:21:30,000

That was the last I ever heard of a more psalm.

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00:21:31,000 --> 00:21:43,000

We felt completely abandoned and left out to dry. We were on our own.

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00:21:43,000 --> 00:22:08,000

As time went on, my feeling was that the only way to get rid of this thing out of our lives was to just move out.

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00:22:09,000 --> 00:22:17,000

I didn't have money to move out and I didn't have friends that I could go stay with.

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00:22:17,000 --> 00:22:19,000

I felt trapped.

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00:22:21,000 --> 00:22:29,000

I felt my family breaking down. Matt and I were constantly losing our timbers.

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Because we couldn't communicate. We couldn't talk about it.

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00:22:34,000 --> 00:22:39,000

Our relationship was falling apart.

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I remember the stress that I was in and that I was feeling and how alone I felt.

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It's hard to relive all of this.

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00:23:03,000 --> 00:23:06,000

Jamie was afraid to leave the room.

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00:23:07,000 --> 00:23:11,000

Her room seemed to be the one place where she felt she had a barrier.

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00:23:13,000 --> 00:23:15,000

She was wrong.

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00:23:22,000 --> 00:23:27,000

This pounding started on my bedroom door.

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00:23:28,000 --> 00:23:34,000

It was so loud. I was actually frozen in fear.

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00:23:40,000 --> 00:23:44,000

It just eventually got to the point where I had to go look in the hallway.

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00:23:44,000 --> 00:24:06,000

Right before I opened the door, it would stop. It's like it knew that I was coming to open the door.

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00:24:07,000 --> 00:24:14,000

And I would close the door and it would start again.

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It went on for approximately three hours. That pounding was horrific. Terrible.

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Eventually the pounding stopped.

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When I opened the door, there was just a giant hole.

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It looked like a battering ram hit the door. And the doorknob was bent.

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00:24:47,000 --> 00:24:57,000

Everything was utilized by this thing to pound on that door.

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00:25:02,000 --> 00:25:09,000

The light in the bathroom started going on and on. I figured something must be in there.

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00:25:10,000 --> 00:25:15,000

Whatever it was, I was trying to get into my room.

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There was no way to lock the door.

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00:25:22,000 --> 00:25:26,000

The bathroom door didn't have the doorknob on it.

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00:25:26,000 --> 00:25:34,000

I decided to take this kite string that we had and wrapped it through the hole in the door.

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00:25:34,000 --> 00:25:41,000

I figured if I have the other end of the string, this thing cannot open the door.

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00:25:44,000 --> 00:25:48,000

I started feeling it pulling on the string.

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00:25:48,000 --> 00:25:53,000

As soon as she tightened up on the rope, it tugged at the door.

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00:25:57,000 --> 00:25:59,000

Stop it!

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00:25:59,000 --> 00:26:08,000

I was freaking out because I figured that once that door opened, I was going to see something from my nightmare.

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00:26:08,000 --> 00:26:15,000

Some demon was going to come at me.

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00:26:18,000 --> 00:26:26,000

I just held on to the string and figured that if it couldn't break the string, that it couldn't open the door.

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00:26:30,000 --> 00:26:33,000

It cut the rope.

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00:26:33,000 --> 00:26:37,000

Figured it out. It cut the rope.

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00:26:40,000 --> 00:26:43,000

She was scared out of her wits.

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00:26:45,000 --> 00:26:51,000

I knew it was coming. I knew it was coming into the room. I knew that there's nothing I could do to stop it.

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00:26:59,000 --> 00:27:02,000

And there was nothing there.

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00:27:04,000 --> 00:27:07,000

I really had to get out of that house.

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00:27:07,000 --> 00:27:10,000

I was so scared.

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00:27:10,000 --> 00:27:12,000

I was so scared.

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00:27:12,000 --> 00:27:15,000

I was so scared.

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00:27:15,000 --> 00:27:17,000

I was so scared.

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00:27:17,000 --> 00:27:20,000

I was so scared.

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00:27:20,000 --> 00:27:23,000

I was so scared.

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00:27:23,000 --> 00:27:26,000

I was so scared.

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00:27:26,000 --> 00:27:29,000

I got out of that house

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and closed the door and locked it.

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00:27:33,000 --> 00:27:36,000

I immediately smelled smoke.

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00:27:44,000 --> 00:27:49,000

I looked down and there was a pan that had a paper towel burning inside of it.

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Made to be like a wick.

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00:27:52,000 --> 00:27:54,000

to be like a wick.

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00:27:54,000 --> 00:28:06,000

It had moved beyond anything that it had done before.

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00:28:15,000 --> 00:28:17,000

I stepped out into the hallway.

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00:28:22,000 --> 00:28:44,000

I found toilet paper and paper towels.

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00:28:44,000 --> 00:28:46,000

I was strewn throughout the house.

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00:28:46,000 --> 00:28:51,000

Wrapped around everything that could catch fire.

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00:28:51,000 --> 00:28:58,000

It actually was setting up something to carry a flame throughout the house.

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00:28:58,000 --> 00:29:03,000

It was going to burn us alive in the house.

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00:29:03,000 --> 00:29:07,000

I just knew that I had to put out the fire.

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00:29:21,000 --> 00:29:27,000

I started gathering all the paper towels and toilet paper up.

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I had to make sure that there was nothing that could catch fire.

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00:29:39,000 --> 00:29:50,000

That was the most frightening, horrific thing I've ever been through in my whole life.

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This thing attempted to burn my house down with my daughter in it.

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00:30:01,000 --> 00:30:06,000

That was the last straw.

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We finally moved out.

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It was a huge relief that I wasn't going to have to deal with it anymore.

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That I was going to be able to have a normal life again.

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The situation succeeded in finally driving this wedge between Matt and I.

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00:30:35,000 --> 00:30:38,000

We were separating.

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00:30:43,000 --> 00:31:04,000

After we moved out, in the next three or four months, the next four neighbors also left.

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00:31:04,000 --> 00:31:08,000

There's four or five houses that are vacant on that block.

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00:31:08,000 --> 00:31:12,000

It makes me wonder that maybe perhaps it wasn't just us.

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00:31:14,000 --> 00:31:17,000

The next day

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00:31:35,000 --> 00:31:39,000

I saw something I can't explain.

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00:31:39,000 --> 00:31:44,000

I don't like the idea of not being able to explain it.

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00:31:55,000 --> 00:32:03,000

Back in 1997, I got a call from a friend of mine who was also the elected sheriff in a rural Oregon county.

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00:32:03,000 --> 00:32:06,000

He knew that I'd been a certified police officer.

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I had been in the Marine Corps, so he asked me if I wanted to be a deputy sheriff.

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00:32:12,000 --> 00:32:15,000

I jumped at the chance.

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At the time I was fit, at the present time I certainly am not.

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00:32:19,000 --> 00:32:21,000

Hey man. How are you doing? Good.

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00:32:21,000 --> 00:32:23,000

Yeah, it's great. I kept the seat one for you.

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00:32:23,000 --> 00:32:28,000

On this particular day, I was early getting off shift.

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It was one of the prettiest days I can ever remember seeing in the Cascade Mountains.

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It made me want to take a hike.

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00:32:40,000 --> 00:32:49,000

You can walk across country where there are no trails and probably be places in eastern Oregon where nobody's ever even walked before.

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00:32:49,000 --> 00:32:52,000

I loved that idea.

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00:32:53,000 --> 00:33:05,000

I've been walking uphill for two hours at least.

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00:33:05,000 --> 00:33:09,000

It was taking a long time because of the terrain.

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00:33:16,000 --> 00:33:21,000

I decided to find a route that would get me into a more open area.

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When I looked through my compass to take that measurement, I was totally shocked.

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I saw a person standing there, but it was clearly not a human being.

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00:33:53,000 --> 00:34:12,000

This thing had a human-like shape to it and a clear place for the eyes and the nose and the mouth, but it wasn't a person.

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00:34:12,000 --> 00:34:17,000

He had his eyes directly on me.

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00:34:18,000 --> 00:34:23,000

The weirdest thing happened.

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00:34:23,000 --> 00:34:28,000

I just involuntarily cocked my head to one side.

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00:34:30,000 --> 00:34:33,000

He mimicked me. Exactly.

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00:34:33,000 --> 00:34:36,000

He was smart.

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00:34:36,000 --> 00:34:40,000

I instinctively reached around to get my weapon.

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00:34:41,000 --> 00:34:50,000

He ran away so fast it seemed impossible, certainly physically impossible for a human.

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00:34:50,000 --> 00:34:55,000

I was so curious that I had to check it out.

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00:34:55,000 --> 00:35:02,000

I could see most of the wide open area and I was looking everywhere.

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00:35:02,000 --> 00:35:05,000

There was nothing there.

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00:35:05,000 --> 00:35:08,000

I decided to look for tracks.

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00:35:08,000 --> 00:35:13,000

I couldn't find a track anywhere.

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00:35:13,000 --> 00:35:18,000

I was so shocked that I couldn't find a track anywhere.

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00:35:19,000 --> 00:35:22,000

I couldn't find a track anywhere.

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00:35:31,000 --> 00:35:37,000

I carried on walking for a while, but I was feeling a little nervous.

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00:35:37,000 --> 00:35:43,000

It was darker than it should be for me to get back to the car before dark and I didn't have a flashlight.

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00:35:44,000 --> 00:35:49,000

I realized I wasn't going to make it unless I turned around right then, so I did.

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00:35:52,000 --> 00:35:59,000

I decided to take a different route so that I put some space between myself and whatever that was.

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00:35:59,000 --> 00:36:04,000

I was looking to my left because that's the area that he'd gone.

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00:36:06,000 --> 00:36:09,000

And that's when I heard it.

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00:36:14,000 --> 00:36:18,000

It was as loud as some guns when they go off.

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00:36:18,000 --> 00:36:20,000

It was a big tree.

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00:36:20,000 --> 00:36:23,000

The snap came from my riot.

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00:36:23,000 --> 00:36:25,000

It was impossible.

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00:36:25,000 --> 00:36:28,000

He'd circled me.

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00:36:32,000 --> 00:36:38,000

The idea that I couldn't see him, that he could see me, made me very uncomfortable.

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00:36:38,000 --> 00:36:41,000

That's just a prescription for an ambush.

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00:36:44,000 --> 00:36:47,000

That's when I heard a second snap.

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00:36:51,000 --> 00:36:55,000

He wasn't just watching me or running away from me.

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00:36:55,000 --> 00:36:57,000

He was tracking me.

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00:36:59,000 --> 00:37:05,000

It flashed through my mind that what I had seen was big enough to snap me the same way it was snapping those trees.

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I had been in the Marine Corps.

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I had police service.

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I don't scare easily.

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00:37:18,000 --> 00:37:20,000

I am scared to death.

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00:37:28,000 --> 00:37:31,000

He started to get closer as the sun went down.

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00:37:31,000 --> 00:37:35,000

I knew because the snap started getting closer.

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00:37:35,000 --> 00:37:38,000

It was hunting me.

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00:37:38,000 --> 00:37:43,000

Getting closer and closer like a hunter but staying invisible to the prey.

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00:37:45,000 --> 00:37:49,000

If you can't see what's out there, you can't fight it.

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00:37:49,000 --> 00:37:51,000

You can't even run from it.

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00:37:51,000 --> 00:37:54,000

You don't know which direction to run now because he circled you.

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00:37:56,000 --> 00:37:59,000

Maybe you run right into his arms. You don't know.

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00:38:00,000 --> 00:38:05,000

I was rushing down the hill and all of a sudden there is a deer standing in front of me.

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00:38:05,000 --> 00:38:08,000

I didn't have any fear of humans at all.

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00:38:11,000 --> 00:38:16,000

She snapped her head over in the direction that I had been watching where the snaps had been coming from.

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00:38:17,000 --> 00:38:20,000

I've scanned the whole tree line.

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00:38:20,000 --> 00:38:23,000

I've been looking for a way to get closer to him.

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00:38:23,000 --> 00:38:26,000

I've been looking for a way to get closer to him.

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00:38:26,000 --> 00:38:29,000

I scanned the whole tree line.

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00:38:30,000 --> 00:38:32,000

Didn't see anything.

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00:38:32,000 --> 00:38:35,000

No sound, nothing.

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00:38:37,000 --> 00:38:40,000

She smelled the air with her head up.

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00:38:46,000 --> 00:38:51,000

And then she bolted in the opposite direction as fast as I've ever seen a deer move.

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00:38:52,000 --> 00:38:57,000

I felt the hair on the back of my neck go up.

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00:38:58,000 --> 00:39:00,000

I knew I was being watched.

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00:39:05,000 --> 00:39:12,000

It was just so close and it was so obvious that it didn't want me there.

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00:39:13,000 --> 00:39:18,000

There was only about two minutes away from the car if I ran real fast, so I did.

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00:39:21,000 --> 00:39:25,000

I heard snaps again and this time they were really close.

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00:39:43,000 --> 00:39:48,000

I was convinced that I was going to die and that I was going to die in a very bad way.

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00:39:51,000 --> 00:39:57,000

When I finally saw my car, I was hearing snaps very close, but they weren't frequent.

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00:39:57,000 --> 00:40:01,000

And as I got real close to the car, they stopped entirely.

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00:40:03,000 --> 00:40:11,000

I remember now thinking, those snaps have stopped because he's right behind me and he's going to grab me.

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00:40:13,000 --> 00:40:19,000

I started hitting the blunt in the automatic release of the logs.

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00:40:28,000 --> 00:40:34,000

I had a lot of shooting possible.

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I started hitting the button for the automatic release of the locks.

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00:40:40,000 --> 00:40:43,000

It's not going to open in time.

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00:40:45,000 --> 00:40:48,000

My heart was starting to beat faster.

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00:40:50,000 --> 00:40:54,000

I want to get steel between me and whatever the thing is.

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00:40:56,000 --> 00:40:59,000

I felt fear that I wasn't going to get that far.

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00:41:00,000 --> 00:41:03,000

Come on, come on!

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00:41:08,000 --> 00:41:10,000

I put the key in the ignition.

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00:41:12,000 --> 00:41:14,000

It wouldn't start.

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00:41:16,000 --> 00:41:19,000

It was like, what else can go wrong?

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00:41:29,000 --> 00:41:31,000

I felt fear.

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00:41:40,000 --> 00:41:44,000

The sense of relief that I felt was real good.

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00:41:46,000 --> 00:41:49,000

First thing I wanted to do was have a cigarette.

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00:41:49,000 --> 00:41:53,000

I didn't tell anybody but the sheriff that I served for.

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00:41:54,000 --> 00:41:57,000

I didn't think he would believe me.

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00:42:01,000 --> 00:42:03,000

He did believe me.

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00:42:04,000 --> 00:42:11,000

He said they get reports of big, hairy, unknown animals up there.

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00:42:11,000 --> 00:42:15,000

He told me, don't write a report. Don't talk about it. So I didn't.

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What I saw was physical.

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It was some kind of living being.

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And in my experience, living beings have to multiply in some way.

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That means there's more of them. I don't know how many.

