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She had an uneasy feeling right from the very first day.

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I thought there's something evil in this house.

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I felt like someone was watching her all the time.

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I started to think I was going crazy.

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I didn't want to say I think you're insane.

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Let's go see a doctor.

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You see that?

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I didn't want to say that.

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I kept getting more and more intense.

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This is crazy.

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I really wanted out of that house.

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Ahhh!

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I was married previously to Robin.

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We were married for 25 years.

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She was diabetic, so she was very hard to care for the last couple years.

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You know, it was very difficult.

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She passed away just after she turned 50 years old.

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But I bounced back pretty quick.

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It was maybe a year later I met Lynn.

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I honestly didn't think it would evolve into a relationship the way it did.

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Pick anything you like.

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She picks out this ring, you know, and I was like, well, you want to get married?

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We got married within a year of meeting each other.

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It was a whole new life for me.

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I never had kids, and I always wanted to have a little boy.

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Now I have this beautiful woman and this little boy, and I finally get the family that I wanted.

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Things couldn't be better.

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Mark was still living in the same house that he and Robin shared.

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Isn't it beautiful?

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It was a beautiful house on a beautiful piece of property.

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I felt really privileged to have gone from having nothing to marrying a man who could give my son and I anything we wanted.

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Jesse, let's go in the house.

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I was excited that Jesse was going to have a beautiful house to grow up in, in the country.

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When I went in the house, I was amazed.

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Mark owned an antique store.

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There was paintings and vases and antiques.

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I'd never seen so much beautiful furniture in one place, but I was very nervous.

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Don't touch anything, Jesse.

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Jesse's going to break something or damage something that was irreplaceable.

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Welcome to your new home.

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It was very dark. The blinds were shut. There was no life. It just felt dead.

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She was uneasy right from the very first day.

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She was freaked out by all the angels that Robin had collected.

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Figurines, pictures, China cabinets just filled with angel figurines.

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They were all over the place.

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Jesse, don't touch.

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00:04:06,120 --> 00:04:11,120

The house was still all decorated by Robin's hand.

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After she died, I hadn't changed anything.

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Robin had her own room upstairs.

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She had it all decorated up. I had a bed up there, and she would go up there, and she hung out in there.

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He asked Jesse and I to stay out of it.

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I didn't want people going in there. It was her room.

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Let's go find your room, Jesse.

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Robin, she and I had very different tastes.

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She was very happy.

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00:04:59,120 --> 00:05:01,120

She was very happy.

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Robin, she and I had very different tastes in how we like to decorate.

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I really, really hated a lot of the things that she had in there.

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At first, I was reluctant. I didn't really want to change it all.

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But after a while, I was like, we got to get rid of these things.

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He said nothing in the house really meant anything to him anymore.

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He's in the business of selling things, so anything in the house could be sold.

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Let's have a garage sale. Let's get rid of these angels.

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I was taking down a lot of angels and putting them in boxes.

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I just couldn't wait to get rid of them.

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00:05:57,120 --> 00:06:04,120

I always felt uncomfortable. Maybe like I shouldn't be there.

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00:06:04,120 --> 00:06:10,120

At first, it was just a feeling. Very uncomfortable.

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00:06:10,120 --> 00:06:14,120

Like, eyes were just on me.

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Thank you.

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Oh, thank you very much.

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It was a very successful garage sale.

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I was shocked at how many people like angels.

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We probably sold about 75.

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Jesse and I were waiting for Mark to come home, and he was playing.

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He was just standing there.

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And he looked up at me and said, mama, there's a lady in the tree.

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There's no lady in the tree, Jesse.

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00:07:13,120 --> 00:07:17,120

And there's blood.

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This came out of the blue, and I honestly, at that point, I wasn't sure what he was talking about.

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So I saw that he was disturbed by this, and I said, you mean lady?

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You go away. You leave my Jesse alone.

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And he just went right back to playing.

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But curiosity got the best of me, so a couple minutes later, I said, Jesse, is the bad lady gone?

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And he looked up, and he looked across the yard, and he said, now she's in the road.

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It frightened me because he was so young, because I knew he couldn't make something like that up.

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00:08:01,120 --> 00:08:04,120

Come on, Jesse. Let's go to the house.

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00:08:04,120 --> 00:08:07,120

You better get going.

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00:08:07,120 --> 00:08:10,120

Oh, no.

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00:08:10,120 --> 00:08:12,120

I'm sorry.

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00:08:12,120 --> 00:08:14,120

I'm sorry.

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00:08:14,120 --> 00:08:16,120

I'm sorry.

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00:08:16,120 --> 00:08:18,120

I'm sorry.

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00:08:18,120 --> 00:08:20,120

I'm sorry.

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00:08:20,120 --> 00:08:23,120

You better get going.

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00:08:23,120 --> 00:08:25,120

Oh, yeah.

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00:08:25,120 --> 00:08:27,120

Have a good day.

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I was downstairs in the kitchen, and I heard a cry.

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00:08:39,120 --> 00:08:44,120

So I stopped, and I listened.

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I thought maybe I was hearing things.

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I just tried to brush it off and go back to work.

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00:08:53,120 --> 00:08:57,120

Jesse?

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I thought it was odd, because immediately as a mother, I think, oh, my son's crying, and then it hits me.

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00:09:10,120 --> 00:09:12,120

He's not even here.

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00:09:13,120 --> 00:09:18,120

Where's this crying coming from?

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00:09:18,120 --> 00:09:26,120

It was within the house. It wasn't coming from outside.

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I went into every room, and there was nobody or nothing there.

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I heard a lot of noise coming out of Robin's room, the room we were never to go into.

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I couldn't believe what I was hearing.

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00:09:47,120 --> 00:09:50,120

I had a horrible feeling.

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The blinds were flapping, and it was very cold in there.

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The windows were both opened, and there was so much stuff across the floor.

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I could not figure out how that got opened.

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I came home, and I thought, what the heck is going on here?

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It looked like someone had been in there rifling through everything.

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Marilyn, why did you come in the room?

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Look, it's a mess.

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00:10:47,120 --> 00:10:50,120

I didn't want rain coming in, getting in, Robin's stuff.

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I was angry about it.

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So I just found it like that.

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Well, look at the room.

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He clearly didn't believe me, and I thought, well, maybe it's just me.

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I started to think there was something wrong with me.

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Did Jesse, did he do this?

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00:11:07,120 --> 00:11:10,120

She was saying it wasn't her, and it wasn't Jesse.

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Who else could it be?

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Did you do this?

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No, I didn't.

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00:11:24,120 --> 00:11:33,120

Mark and I were lying in bed, and all of a sudden I woke up.

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00:11:33,120 --> 00:11:38,120

You could hear children laughing, playing, and I said to Mark, do you hear that?

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00:11:38,120 --> 00:11:41,120

He just laid his head back shut his eyes, and he went, yup.

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00:11:41,120 --> 00:11:46,120

What is it?

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00:11:46,120 --> 00:11:52,120

We have a swing set right outside our window.

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It sounded like they were right outside playing.

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I don't know why I kept looking for these things I was hearing.

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But when you hear a child, your instinct is to go look for it.

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00:12:42,120 --> 00:12:44,120

There was nothing.

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00:12:44,120 --> 00:12:58,120

I don't know what I was thinking I was going to find.

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00:12:58,120 --> 00:13:02,120

He had to throw down one handful after the other out of his pockets.

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00:13:02,120 --> 00:13:04,120

It was hard for me to put Jesse to bed.

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00:13:04,120 --> 00:13:08,120

His room is right across from Robin's room.

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00:13:08,120 --> 00:13:10,120

Okay, time for bed.

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And so for the longest time I wouldn't put him to bed.

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00:13:13,120 --> 00:13:17,120

I kept him with me.

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And Mark's like, absolutely not.

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00:13:19,120 --> 00:13:21,120

You have to put him to bed.

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00:13:21,120 --> 00:13:23,120

Good night.

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00:13:23,120 --> 00:13:31,120

Good night.

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00:13:31,120 --> 00:13:39,120

We were sitting in the living room watching television.

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Jesse started screaming.

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00:13:41,120 --> 00:13:43,120

Almost like he had been hurt.

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00:13:43,120 --> 00:13:46,120

It was that kind of a cry.

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00:13:46,120 --> 00:13:48,120

He had only been up there for a few minutes.

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00:13:48,120 --> 00:13:50,120

And I'm like, what's he screaming about?

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00:13:50,120 --> 00:13:54,120

Mommy, mommy, mommy, mommy.

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00:13:54,120 --> 00:13:56,120

Jesse, are you okay?

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00:13:56,120 --> 00:13:59,120

He's just screaming before you get to the closet.

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00:13:59,120 --> 00:14:00,120

Mama, mama.

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00:14:00,120 --> 00:14:17,120

Jesse, in the closet.

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00:14:17,120 --> 00:14:19,120

Oh, Jesse, there's nothing there.

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00:14:19,120 --> 00:14:21,120

You just had a bad night.

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00:14:21,120 --> 00:14:23,120

I'm okay.

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00:14:23,120 --> 00:14:27,120

Mommy, mommy, mommy, mama, mama.

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00:14:27,120 --> 00:14:29,120

He's terrified. He's crying.

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00:14:29,120 --> 00:14:31,120

His face is beat right.

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00:14:31,120 --> 00:14:34,120

I didn't know what to do.

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00:14:34,120 --> 00:14:38,120

I couldn't see what he was seeing.

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00:14:38,120 --> 00:14:40,120

You're gonna be okay.

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00:14:40,120 --> 00:14:42,120

Okay.

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00:14:42,120 --> 00:14:43,120

Marilyn.

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00:14:43,120 --> 00:14:44,120

Mark told me to put him back to bed.

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00:14:44,120 --> 00:14:46,120

He just wanted attention.

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00:14:46,120 --> 00:14:48,120

He's really scared. I have to stay with you.

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I was like, kids see things at night.

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00:14:51,120 --> 00:14:54,120

I mean, I always thought there was ghosts in my closet too.

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00:14:54,120 --> 00:15:02,120

I can see why Mark felt that way, but I knew better.

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00:15:02,120 --> 00:15:05,120

So I laid with him for a while till he calmed down,

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00:15:05,120 --> 00:15:13,120

and I was so mad at Mark that he made me put him back to bed.

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I felt like I wasn't getting any support.

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It's really hard as a mom to watch your child be terrified

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00:15:22,120 --> 00:15:32,120

and terrified of something you don't know what it is.

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It was Sunday morning, and Mark was at the store.

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I had decided to catch up on some housework.

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It was something big and heavy, and you could hear glass break.

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00:15:48,120 --> 00:15:49,120

Jesse, you okay, hon?

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00:15:49,120 --> 00:15:50,120

Yeah.

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00:15:50,120 --> 00:16:00,120

And so I went into the kitchen, and the water was on just full blast, both faucets.

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00:16:00,120 --> 00:16:04,120

Jesse couldn't have done that. He wasn't tall enough.

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00:16:04,120 --> 00:16:11,120

And as I was shutting that off, there was banging at the garage door,

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00:16:11,120 --> 00:16:14,120

in the laundry room.

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00:16:14,120 --> 00:16:16,120

You could see the door move.

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00:16:16,120 --> 00:16:19,120

Like something was trying to bust the door in.

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00:16:19,120 --> 00:16:29,120

So I just mustered up all the courage I could, and I opened the door really fast.

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00:16:29,120 --> 00:16:32,120

There was nothing happening in the garage.

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00:16:32,120 --> 00:16:37,120

No breeze. There was nothing there.

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00:16:46,120 --> 00:16:58,120

There was something just beating on the door, beating on the door,

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00:16:58,120 --> 00:17:00,120

and the door was moving.

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00:17:00,120 --> 00:17:02,120

You could see the door move.

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00:17:02,120 --> 00:17:06,120

And all of a sudden, the lights were flashing.

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00:17:06,120 --> 00:17:08,120

Jesse, where are you?

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00:17:08,120 --> 00:17:10,120

Jesse, where are you?

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00:17:10,120 --> 00:17:15,120

And at that point, I could see my son is really afraid.

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00:17:15,120 --> 00:17:22,120

So I picked up the phone, and I called Mark at the shop.

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Mark, you have to come home.

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00:17:24,120 --> 00:17:28,120

She's in a panic. She's crying. Please come home.

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00:17:28,120 --> 00:17:31,120

I just thought, what is going on here?

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00:17:31,120 --> 00:17:33,120

No, no, you have to come home, please.

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00:17:33,120 --> 00:17:36,120

And I just remember thinking, this is crazy.

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00:17:36,120 --> 00:17:42,120

Come home. Please come home. Come home.

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00:17:42,120 --> 00:17:48,120

I felt like I was just frozen in fear.

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00:17:48,120 --> 00:17:55,120

I didn't understand why Mark wouldn't come and get us.

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00:17:55,120 --> 00:18:07,120

I was starting to wonder if she wasn't having a nervous breakdown.

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00:18:07,120 --> 00:18:11,120

I felt like I was insane at that point.

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00:18:11,120 --> 00:18:13,120

What if I was crazy?

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00:18:13,120 --> 00:18:18,120

Then they locked me up or something.

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00:18:18,120 --> 00:18:29,120

I don't want to ever lose my son.

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00:18:29,120 --> 00:18:31,120

Oh, sweetie.

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00:18:31,120 --> 00:18:33,120

Oh, my God.

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00:18:33,120 --> 00:18:37,120

I was a little surprised when she started talking about being afraid

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00:18:37,120 --> 00:18:39,120

or not being comfortable in the house anymore.

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00:18:39,120 --> 00:18:40,120

Right?

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00:18:40,120 --> 00:18:42,120

Because that wasn't at all like her.

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00:18:42,120 --> 00:18:43,120

We're going to sort this thing out.

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00:18:43,120 --> 00:18:46,120

All right?

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00:18:46,120 --> 00:18:49,120

My sister was studying psychology in college,

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00:18:49,120 --> 00:18:54,120

and she brought some books over, and we also got on the internet.

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I would show her what the symptoms were exactly,

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and we went through them.

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People with schizophrenia that have hallucinations

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00:19:02,120 --> 00:19:05,120

do not experience them the same way that Mary Lynn was.

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They weren't speaking to her or telling her to do things.

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00:19:09,120 --> 00:19:12,120

I'm telling you.

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00:19:12,120 --> 00:19:15,120

My sister's the only one who I could trust.

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00:19:15,120 --> 00:19:17,120

I felt at that point.

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00:19:17,120 --> 00:19:19,120

I'll go have a look around.

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00:19:19,120 --> 00:19:22,120

So I asked her to look around.

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00:19:22,120 --> 00:19:25,120

It was a very lovely house.

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00:19:25,120 --> 00:19:28,120

There was a lot of very beautiful things there.

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00:19:28,120 --> 00:19:33,120

My eyes were just wandering everywhere, room by room.

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00:19:39,120 --> 00:19:41,120

As I was approaching the door,

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00:19:41,120 --> 00:19:45,120

I started feeling a little bit different.

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00:19:45,120 --> 00:19:49,120

My heart started racing.

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00:19:49,120 --> 00:19:52,120

And I just felt very anxious.

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I call it that fight-or-flight type of feeling

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00:20:07,120 --> 00:20:12,120

where you just kind of want to turn around and run right out of there.

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Mary Lynn was down there waiting for me,

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00:20:14,120 --> 00:20:17,120

and I told her what I was experiencing.

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00:20:17,120 --> 00:20:21,120

She said that was the same room where Robin was when she was sick.

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00:20:21,120 --> 00:20:23,120

Why don't we go get some lunch?

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00:20:23,120 --> 00:20:25,120

Oh, no, I can't. I have to be just here for the night.

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00:20:25,120 --> 00:20:26,120

Okay.

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00:20:26,120 --> 00:20:30,120

When she told me she felt weird around that area,

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00:20:30,120 --> 00:20:33,120

I thought, well, it must be Robin.

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00:20:33,120 --> 00:20:36,120

She's still in there. She's still here.

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00:20:36,120 --> 00:20:39,120

She doesn't want to leave her house.

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00:20:39,120 --> 00:20:44,120

I did tell Mark, and again, he just brushed me off.

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00:20:44,120 --> 00:20:48,120

I kept saying, no, it can't be, it can't be Robin.

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00:20:48,120 --> 00:20:50,120

I didn't believe that.

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Robin would never do that.

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00:20:52,120 --> 00:20:55,120

You know, she's not that kind of person.

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00:21:00,120 --> 00:21:05,120

A little while later, I started working with Mark at the antique store.

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00:21:05,120 --> 00:21:08,120

I don't want you to...

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00:21:08,120 --> 00:21:11,120

Anytime I wasn't in the house, it was great.

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00:21:11,120 --> 00:21:13,120

My son was at school. He was safe.

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00:21:13,120 --> 00:21:16,120

And I got to be with Mark most of the day.

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00:21:16,120 --> 00:21:17,120

Comfortable?

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00:21:17,120 --> 00:21:18,120

Yeah.

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00:21:18,120 --> 00:21:19,120

Yeah? Good.

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00:21:19,120 --> 00:21:21,120

So I felt a lot safer, too.

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00:21:26,120 --> 00:21:28,120

It's a beautiful store.

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It's in an old historic building built in the late 1800s.

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It's very big. It's 10,000 square feet, two levels.

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00:21:36,120 --> 00:21:38,120

And it was absolutely beautiful.

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00:21:42,120 --> 00:21:45,120

Okay, next, I like to put the clock in front of the store.

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00:21:45,120 --> 00:21:48,120

Peter started out as a customer.

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00:21:48,120 --> 00:21:51,120

I bought every single Beatles album that was in the shop.

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00:21:51,120 --> 00:21:54,120

And she saw that and we started talking.

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00:21:54,120 --> 00:21:55,120

Watch your head.

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00:21:55,120 --> 00:21:59,120

And I said, I wish I could hire you, but you're not in my budget right now.

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00:21:59,120 --> 00:22:01,120

And he said, I'll work for free.

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00:22:01,120 --> 00:22:03,120

This would be fun for me.

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00:22:03,120 --> 00:22:04,120

I'll help you sit myself.

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00:22:04,120 --> 00:22:07,120

Lynn and I were working on one of the windows in the shop.

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00:22:09,120 --> 00:22:12,120

There was this picture frame that was leaning against the counter.

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00:22:20,120 --> 00:22:23,120

Just kind of lifted up and fell over.

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00:22:25,120 --> 00:22:30,120

This picture just picked up and kind of flew across the room and landed.

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00:22:31,120 --> 00:22:32,120

Face down.

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00:22:38,120 --> 00:22:40,120

Peter and I just looked at each other.

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00:22:40,120 --> 00:22:42,120

Did you see that?

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00:22:43,120 --> 00:22:46,120

I just was thinking, what the hell was that?

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00:22:46,120 --> 00:22:48,120

What the hell just happened?

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00:22:54,120 --> 00:22:56,120

Peter and I were closing the store.

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00:22:56,120 --> 00:22:58,120

And just as we were leaving...

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00:23:01,120 --> 00:23:04,120

We heard some footsteps upstairs.

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00:23:06,120 --> 00:23:07,120

Did you hear that?

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00:23:07,120 --> 00:23:09,120

We just stopped and we listened.

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00:23:10,120 --> 00:23:14,120

We have accidentally shut lights off on customers before not realizing they're in there.

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00:23:14,120 --> 00:23:15,120

Someone must be upstairs.

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00:23:15,120 --> 00:23:18,120

But I knew we had gotten all the customers out of the shop.

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00:23:20,120 --> 00:23:22,120

We checked the monitors on the camera.

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00:23:25,120 --> 00:23:26,120

There was nobody up there.

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00:23:26,120 --> 00:23:32,120

But there was still very clear footsteps walking.

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00:23:34,120 --> 00:23:37,120

I'm gonna step up there and have a little peek.

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00:23:45,120 --> 00:23:47,120

My heart was beating pretty fast.

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00:23:47,120 --> 00:23:49,120

I just didn't know what to expect.

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00:23:57,120 --> 00:23:59,120

Something pounded.

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00:24:00,120 --> 00:24:02,120

They made me jump out of my skin.

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00:24:05,120 --> 00:24:07,120

I'd never seen him react like that.

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00:24:07,120 --> 00:24:09,120

I didn't care what was back there.

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00:24:09,120 --> 00:24:10,120

I was gonna get out of there.

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00:24:12,120 --> 00:24:16,120

I was frightened thinking it was out of control.

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00:24:26,120 --> 00:24:29,120

It wasn't going away. It was getting worse.

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00:24:48,120 --> 00:24:51,120

Mark went in and looked around the shop.

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00:24:51,120 --> 00:24:54,120

And there was nobody there.

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00:24:54,120 --> 00:24:56,120

It was scary for me.

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00:24:56,120 --> 00:24:58,120

I didn't want to say, I think you're insane.

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00:24:58,120 --> 00:25:01,120

Let's go see a doctor.

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00:25:03,120 --> 00:25:05,120

I didn't want to say that, you know?

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00:25:07,120 --> 00:25:10,120

I felt very trapped. I didn't know where to go.

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00:25:10,120 --> 00:25:13,120

I couldn't go home. I couldn't go to work.

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00:25:14,120 --> 00:25:19,120

This was happening everywhere I was going and there was no place to get away from it.

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00:25:25,120 --> 00:25:27,120

It was starting to scare me.

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00:25:27,120 --> 00:25:29,120

I didn't want to lose them.

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It kind of seemed like, you know, they're gonna leave.

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00:25:42,120 --> 00:25:44,120

I really wanted out of that house.

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00:25:46,120 --> 00:25:48,120

I begged Mark to move.

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I want to be able to protect my family,

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00:25:52,120 --> 00:25:58,120

but I didn't have the resources to, you know, just pack up and go somewhere else.

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00:25:59,120 --> 00:26:03,120

I should have left. I should have got out of there.

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00:26:23,120 --> 00:26:25,120

More than soldier.

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00:26:25,120 --> 00:26:29,120

I remember getting up, you know, and I looked down.

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00:26:31,120 --> 00:26:34,120

I got these three scratches on my hand.

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00:26:35,120 --> 00:26:38,120

I'm thinking, how did that happen?

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00:26:38,120 --> 00:26:41,120

It looked like someone just went like this.

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00:26:44,120 --> 00:26:47,120

And about the same time,

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00:26:48,120 --> 00:26:51,120

I saw three marks on my side.

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00:26:55,120 --> 00:26:58,120

She's got these scratches on her side.

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00:26:58,120 --> 00:27:01,120

It looked like someone had scratched us both.

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00:27:03,120 --> 00:27:06,120

And what scared me is I didn't feel it happen.

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00:27:07,120 --> 00:27:09,120

It didn't wake us up.

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00:27:11,120 --> 00:27:14,120

I did not have a rational explanation for any of it.

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00:27:18,120 --> 00:27:25,120

That evening, I decided to go sit down and watch television with my husband.

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00:27:31,120 --> 00:27:36,120

I kept telling myself, just watch TV, just deal with it, get over it.

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00:27:42,120 --> 00:27:45,120

I felt like someone was watching me.

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00:27:48,120 --> 00:27:50,120

I was like, what?

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00:27:53,120 --> 00:27:56,120

She's like, I can't sit in the living room.

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00:27:56,120 --> 00:27:58,120

You know, I'm like, why?

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00:27:58,120 --> 00:28:00,120

They're looking at me.

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00:28:00,120 --> 00:28:05,120

She's like, well, there's these people looking down on me.

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00:28:05,120 --> 00:28:07,120

Do you see them?

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00:28:07,120 --> 00:28:09,120

Who's looking at you?

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00:28:09,120 --> 00:28:11,120

Do you see them?

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00:28:12,120 --> 00:28:14,120

I didn't see anything.

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00:28:24,120 --> 00:28:26,120

I totally panicked.

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00:28:26,120 --> 00:28:28,120

Jesse, where are you?

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00:28:28,120 --> 00:28:30,120

Jesse?

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00:28:31,120 --> 00:28:34,120

My heart was racing. I couldn't breathe.

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00:28:34,120 --> 00:28:36,120

Jesse!

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00:28:36,120 --> 00:28:39,120

I couldn't believe what I was seeing.

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00:28:41,120 --> 00:28:43,120

Jesse?

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00:28:43,120 --> 00:28:45,120

Jesse?

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00:28:50,120 --> 00:28:52,120

Jesse?

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00:28:57,120 --> 00:29:00,120

I ran to Jesse to make sure he was okay.

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00:29:00,120 --> 00:29:02,120

I didn't want to scare him.

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00:29:02,120 --> 00:29:05,120

I realized at that moment it wasn't Robin.

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00:29:08,120 --> 00:29:11,120

She was wearing black Victorian morning clothes.

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00:29:11,120 --> 00:29:15,120

A little boy had on my little suit from that era.

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00:29:15,120 --> 00:29:19,120

Robin wouldn't be dressed in Victorian clothing.

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00:29:21,120 --> 00:29:24,120

So I knew it couldn't be Robin.

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00:29:24,120 --> 00:29:26,120

Tonight, Jesse got burnt.

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00:29:26,120 --> 00:29:30,120

That was the scariest thing I ever seen.

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00:29:30,120 --> 00:29:32,120

Jesse, dinner's ready.

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00:29:32,120 --> 00:29:35,120

I'm still freaked out by it.

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00:29:40,120 --> 00:29:42,120

Jesse, Mark and I were all in the kitchen,

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00:29:42,120 --> 00:29:45,120

and I had all the food out on the counter.

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00:29:45,120 --> 00:29:48,120

I was like, I'm gonna go and get some food.

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00:29:48,120 --> 00:29:51,120

I was like, I'm gonna go and get some food.

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00:29:51,120 --> 00:29:54,120

I was in the kitchen, and I had all the food out on the counter,

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00:29:54,120 --> 00:29:57,120

and we were all standing there fixing our plates.

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00:29:59,120 --> 00:30:01,120

Jesse reached up.

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00:30:01,120 --> 00:30:03,120

And just as he touches his piece of chicken,

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00:30:03,120 --> 00:30:05,120

he's screaming.

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00:30:09,120 --> 00:30:12,120

He was just shaking, like he's being electrocuted.

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00:30:12,120 --> 00:30:15,120

I'm standing there next to him, and I'm like,

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00:30:15,120 --> 00:30:17,120

what's the matter? What's the matter?

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00:30:17,120 --> 00:30:19,120

He was crying, he was panicking.

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00:30:19,120 --> 00:30:21,120

My side, my side.

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00:30:24,120 --> 00:30:28,120

So we lifted up his shirt to see what was wrong.

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00:30:31,120 --> 00:30:34,120

And his red mark appeared.

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00:30:34,120 --> 00:30:37,120

It just started to grow as we were looking at it,

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00:30:37,120 --> 00:30:39,120

you know, bigger and bigger.

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00:30:39,120 --> 00:30:41,120

There's nothing high around him.

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00:30:41,120 --> 00:30:43,120

Couldn't explain it.

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00:30:45,120 --> 00:30:48,120

It was the scariest thing I've ever seen.

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00:30:48,120 --> 00:30:50,120

I should have taken him to the doctor,

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but how do you explain that?

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00:30:52,120 --> 00:30:55,120

I had no explanation.

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00:30:55,120 --> 00:30:58,120

I couldn't go in and lie.

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00:30:58,120 --> 00:31:00,120

Merck saw it all.

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00:31:00,120 --> 00:31:02,120

I don't know.

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00:31:02,120 --> 00:31:04,120

It had a major effect on him.

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00:31:04,120 --> 00:31:07,120

He finally believed us, but it had to come to that.

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00:31:10,120 --> 00:31:15,120

For the next few weeks, it was like I was just not there.

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00:31:15,120 --> 00:31:18,120

Jesse's getting hurt. We're getting hurt.

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00:31:18,120 --> 00:31:20,120

What's going to be next?

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00:31:34,120 --> 00:31:36,120

We bunkered down in the bedroom.

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00:31:36,120 --> 00:31:39,120

Jesse and I did. We did everything in the bedroom.

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00:31:41,120 --> 00:31:43,120

It made it worse that it wasn't Robin,

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00:31:43,120 --> 00:31:46,120

because if it was Robin, there would be a reason for it.

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00:31:51,120 --> 00:31:53,120

I got this perfect family,

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00:31:53,120 --> 00:31:57,120

but now she's afraid to come out of the bedroom.

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00:32:02,120 --> 00:32:05,120

You know, she's scared to come out of the bedroom.

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00:32:09,120 --> 00:32:12,120

I thought there was something evil in this house.

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00:32:14,120 --> 00:32:16,120

I...

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00:32:29,120 --> 00:32:31,120

Merck, I'm going to bed.

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00:32:31,120 --> 00:32:33,120

Good night.

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00:32:33,120 --> 00:32:37,120

I was feeling a sense of pressure building in the house.

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00:32:43,120 --> 00:32:45,120

They were watching me.

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00:32:52,120 --> 00:32:55,120

I felt like someone was watching her all the time,

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00:32:55,120 --> 00:32:59,120

even though I couldn't see it or hear, feel it or anything.

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00:33:02,120 --> 00:33:04,120

I didn't know what to do about it.

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00:33:08,120 --> 00:33:10,120

I was just so scared.

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00:33:10,120 --> 00:33:12,120

I was so scared.

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00:33:25,120 --> 00:33:29,120

I looked over, and I see this woman go down into the basement.

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00:33:29,120 --> 00:33:32,120

And so I went walking over there.

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00:33:34,120 --> 00:33:36,120

And the door was shut.

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00:33:40,120 --> 00:33:42,120

So I was thinking,

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00:33:42,120 --> 00:33:46,120

a woman in a dress just walked right through this door.

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00:33:46,120 --> 00:33:48,120

What is going on here?

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00:33:50,120 --> 00:33:52,120

Merlin?

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00:33:54,120 --> 00:33:56,120

Merck, I'm too late.

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00:33:58,120 --> 00:34:00,120

I'm...

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00:34:02,120 --> 00:34:05,120

Sometimes when they'd appear, the woman had a baby.

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00:34:07,120 --> 00:34:09,120

Merlin?

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00:34:09,120 --> 00:34:11,120

Merlin?

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00:34:12,120 --> 00:34:14,120

Merlin?

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00:34:15,120 --> 00:34:17,120

What was that?

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00:34:20,120 --> 00:34:24,120

I was starting to see the stuff just like Mary Lynn now.

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00:34:24,120 --> 00:34:26,120

So I was totally believing her.

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00:34:26,120 --> 00:34:30,120

From that point on, I knew she wasn't crazy.

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And I was terrified because I didn't know what it was,

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00:34:34,120 --> 00:34:36,120

what to do,

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00:34:36,120 --> 00:34:38,120

and how to live in my house.

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I decided I needed to call someone in for help

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00:34:44,120 --> 00:34:47,120

to figure out who this woman was.

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00:34:49,120 --> 00:34:51,120

And if I was in danger.

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00:34:56,120 --> 00:35:01,120

I made some phone calls and found two local historians.

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00:35:01,120 --> 00:35:03,120

We love unusual stories.

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00:35:03,120 --> 00:35:06,120

What we like to do is find out what in history

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00:35:06,120 --> 00:35:09,120

may have created this unusual event.

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When we first got to the store, we were introduced to Mary Lynn.

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And she seemed like a very sweet woman.

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She was friendly, she was smiling, very courteous.

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Even though I will say that she did have a slightly haunted look,

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00:35:24,120 --> 00:35:26,120

if that's an appropriate way to describe it.

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I was afraid they wouldn't believe me or would laugh at me.

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00:35:30,120 --> 00:35:32,120

I think I was crazy.

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00:35:32,120 --> 00:35:34,120

It's just over here?

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00:35:34,120 --> 00:35:37,120

I did think she could have been a very troubled woman.

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You always have to consider that as a possibility in a case like this.

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They were very kind and they listened to me.

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And they said that they look into the past

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of what happened in the area I lived in.

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We know research.

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We're all about research, all about the history

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that may create the hunting, not just the hunting.

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We will look at land records, that certificates,

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00:36:00,120 --> 00:36:02,120

birth certificates, census records.

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00:36:02,120 --> 00:36:04,120

We do a lot of that.

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00:36:04,120 --> 00:36:09,120

And in this case, we certainly did hours and hours of research.

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00:36:09,120 --> 00:36:13,120

I was shocked when I learned what they found out.

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The antique shop used to be the Porter A Wright hardware store.

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It was the center of the town for the time period

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because it supplied manufacturing and farmers.

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00:36:40,120 --> 00:36:41,120

And gossip?

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00:36:41,120 --> 00:36:42,120

And gossip.

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00:36:42,120 --> 00:36:45,120

They didn't have Facebook then, so it was a source of gossip.

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We were looking at land records and we saw that the property

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where Mary and her husband resided had been a farm since the early 1870s.

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A young girl by the name of Teresa Stison lived at the farm.

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She was living with her uncle, Phillip, and his wife.

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Teresa, time to come inside the house, sweetheart.

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00:37:07,120 --> 00:37:09,120

They had a young orphan boy who they cared for.

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His name was Nate.

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Teresa.

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00:37:14,120 --> 00:37:16,120

And it made a very interesting family.

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Months later, Teresa became pregnant.

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During Victorian era, that was unthinkable that a single young woman

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00:37:36,120 --> 00:37:38,120

would become pregnant.

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So Phillip had to send her.

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He had to send her to a sanatorium far away.

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Teresa's pregnancy was a tough one,

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and her birth was even more difficult.

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She gave birth to an infant, a young boy who died.

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No one in town knew.

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The only one who knew was Porter A. Wright.

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When Teresa was sent away to the sanatorium,

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the owner of the hardware store was used as a liaison

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for communications between her and her uncle Phillip.

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And how he did that was rather clandestinely.

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He would send letters via Porter A. Wright's store

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and send her to them anonymously.

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It wasn't long after that she became very ill.

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She knew she was near death.

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And it was at that point that she told the people at the sanatorium

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00:38:52,120 --> 00:38:56,120

that her uncle Phillip was the father of her child.

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Phillip's Dyson was placed on trial.

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And during testimony it was little Nate,

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the orphan boy who lived with them,

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00:39:27,120 --> 00:39:31,120

who gave key testimony, very damning testimony.

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Phillip's Dyson was found guilty of incest.

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But the judge dismissed it,

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saying that the testimony was hearsay,

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and the trial was dismissed.

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When Teresa died, she was just 19 years old.

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Teresa's Dyson was really wronged.

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She died with people thinking she was having an affair with her uncle.

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When I really believed she was being blasted by her uncle,

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and I don't think that she could rest until her story was told.

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It was like peeling back the layers,

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and every time you peeled another layer back,

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something new would happen.

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They lived on Phillip's Dyson's farm.

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Porter A. Wright's hardware store is the Holly Anne Teak shop.

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A woman in Victorian clothing holding an infant.

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I was seeing her, her baby.

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Mary Lynn and Teresa Styson were living the same lives,

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only maybe a hundred years apart.

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All these connections were just unbelievable.

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They were still there.

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Everything just sort of clicked right into place.

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She knew that she was where she was supposed to be.

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She was supposed to be working in the antique store,

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and she was supposed to be living at the house where she is.

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She had been validated. She wasn't crazy.

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I mean, there really was a connection between her and this Victorian family.

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I don't see them anymore.

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I don't see the woman and the two children anymore.

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Whoa, slow down.

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It was a really terrifying experience for me,

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but in the end, I'm really happy and almost honored

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that she chose me to tell her story through.

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She's a huge part of me and a huge part of my life.

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Looking back, you know, I should have done more.

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I should have been more supportive.

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I should have believed Jesse instead of just every kid's afraid of the dark.

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And I treated Mary Lynn the same way.

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I regret that. I really do.