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That house changed every aspect of my life, my children's lives, and it changed us to

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the core of who we are.

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They obviously prepared the bodies in this room.

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I've never in my life seen stuff like I saw in this house, never.

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There was something tormenting my son.

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I thought this thing is trying to kill me.

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It wants me dead.

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Back in 1987, I had a wonderful life.

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I lived in a little small town in upstate New York with my husband, Alan.

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My four children, Brad, my daughter Jennifer, and AJ.

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And then there was the oldest, Phillip.

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He was very mischievous.

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They all idolized him.

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He was the big brother.

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They played baseball and lived a normal life, riding bicycles out front.

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It was just a nice, slow-paced life.

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There was nothing that I thought could destroy our lives.

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Phillip was 13, and I noticed a small lump at the low portion of his neck.

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It turned out the cancer was very serious.

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It was Hodgkin's lymphoma.

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Unfortunately, we found that there was no childhood cancer treatment centers in the area where we lived,

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and we had to go to Hartford, Connecticut, which was 300 miles round trip a day.

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And we were making that trip five times a week.

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The treatment was new, and it was very radical and very aggressive.

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The radiation was so intense that it burned his skin and turned it black.

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Just going back and forth was taking such a toll on his body with the headaches and the nausea

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and the body aches that this child was suffering, and I can't reach around and comfort him or hug him or hold him.

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I was afraid that the trip itself was going to kill Phillip, let alone the cancer.

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My husband and I decided that we needed to move to Connecticut to be near his doctors.

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It was very difficult to find a place to live in Connecticut.

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I looked at everything in the papers and called every realtor,

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but they said that they didn't rent to anyone with more than two children.

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So I was going to take this townhouse regardless, even though it was sight unseen.

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It's our last resort, basically.

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I bagged down and I said, please, please, please go in and check.

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See if it's okay.

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What? No, come on.

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No.

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Come here.

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Go, go on.

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I said, I'm chewing my nails, waiting on him to come back out.

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He was gone about 15 minutes.

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What?

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Come see.

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When we go into the house, everything looks pretty normal.

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But then I started noticing above every entranceway, there was the crucifix.

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There was a funeral home.

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I think the word, oh my God, came out many, many times.

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Then Alan took me down into the basement.

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There was a counter that ran around the three walls.

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There was another room off to the right.

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They obviously prepared the bodies in this room.

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I thought, oh my God, this is an embalming machine.

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This had people's fluids going through it.

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When I turned around, I could see this lift.

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I realized that that lift was what they put the coffins on and lifted them up through the floor.

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I looked at Alan and said, we have a son that has cancer.

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I didn't want him thinking about his own mortality.

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We cannot live here.

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He said, we've got no choice.

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Savings of God, the resources of God.

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We're stuck.

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I decided I would do the best I could and I would make it a home and try to keep it from

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the children that it was a funeral home.

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I remember I was really excited because of the size of the house.

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It was humongous.

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I thought to myself, wow, this is like a palace.

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This is like a castle.

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Now had to return directly back to New York to work.

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I had to continue with those treatments and then try to get the house settled on my own.

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I decided to put Phillip in the basement room.

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It was right next to the bathroom.

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He was still suffering with a lot of nausea and vomiting.

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I could keep my ears open so I could hear when he needed me.

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The very first night we stayed there, Phillip went downstairs to his bed.

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He was totally wiped.

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I was on phone with Al.

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I was explaining how the day had gone and what was going on.

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I heard somebody calling my name.

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I explained to him that I had been on the phone with his dad and that he had probably heard through the way the sound traveled in an empty house.

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May he say his night.

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I'm sure that's what it was.

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He said, no, we have to leave this place and never come back.

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It's evil.

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My brother was a real prankster growing up.

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So when he said, oh, this is where they displayed the coffins, I said, yeah.

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I said, you're just pulling my leg.

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And he said, no, I can prove this used to be a funeral home.

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Phillip wasn't a fool.

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He had been messing around in the rooms where he wasn't supposed to be.

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I didn't really want to, but you know, it's my older brother daring me to do it.

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And when your older brother dares you, you have to do it.

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The lights were going around and around and around and around.

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Like dark, like dark, like dark, like dark.

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He was really trying to creep me out.

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And the next morning he said that there's something cool about these counters that go all the way around the room.

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Once that hole was exposed, I just remember a dark darkness behind it.

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Phil was in front, then it was me.

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Naturally, me being the youngest one, I was in the rear.

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It was like a long, dark cave to me.

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Notice there was a stain on the ground.

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I was touching the stain and it was a dark, thick substance and it was really sticky.

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All of a sudden Phil took his flashlight and he pointed it to the wall.

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It was like dark red, the color of blood.

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We were all getting nervous and we're all getting freaked out and spooked.

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I could just hear them screaming, get out of here, get out of here.

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When they came by me, there wasn't a whole lot of room.

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So naturally, I got pushed out of the way.

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They were wide as goes and they said that there was blood coming out of the walls.

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I said if there was blood coming out of the wall, I would see evidence of it.

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I thought there was paint running down the wall that was dried.

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I started laughing at them and I said, scared yourselves, didn't you?

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That's what you get for going in there. You had no business being in there anyway.

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I felt that there was something wrong with the house and I was really unnerved.

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I didn't want to be in the house anymore.

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I wanted to bring life back the way it was before my brother got sick.

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One day, I noticed the crucifix inside the basement room disappeared.

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You could see the perfect outline.

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I believe that the kids were being mischievous and taking them down, playing a prank on mom.

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I was worried about Phillip who had been so ill.

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The treatment was putting a lot of stress on him and he was going through more than I can probably imagine.

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Phillip.

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Phillip.

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The voice is again.

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He said he was hearing them every night, but now he was seeing things as well.

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I was pretty sure it was the consequence of the radiation to the head.

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I was surprised that he wasn't seeing pink elephants.

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I was afraid that Phillip was telling me of the kids these stories and they're going to believe it, no matter what.

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We've been living in the house, I guess, at least six months.

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I'm sorry.

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I'm sorry.

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I'm sorry.

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00:15:39,520 --> 00:15:45,520

I'm sorry.

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He was going shh.

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Don't say nothing. Don't say nothing. Be quiet.

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Look over in the corner. There's four guys sitting over in the corner.

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My robot was going crazy and the four guys were standing around it.

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All I'd seen was the dark cloaks. I couldn't see if they had any faces or not.

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All of a sudden, all four of them were simultaneously.

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My heart's in my throat. I'm scared. You know, just about to pee in my pants.

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Mom, just come in.

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I was more angry than frightened.

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If somebody is in my house with my babies, I get angry. I was going down to rip them a new one.

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Brad and Phil are right there next to me.

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I want you to wait here.

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They're scared to death.

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The next way of coming into the basement would have been through the back half of those rooms.

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I went from room to room looking.

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We looked in every possible room and every possible place and there was nobody there.

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Police.

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No, well, I mean, I went to get one.

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Can I call you back?

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My mom will notice the crucifixes were disappearing off the walls, but we were getting blamed for it.

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We kept telling our parents that we weren't doing it. It was whatever was in the house.

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Philip, Brad!

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I said, all right, all of you family meeting. There's no ghost.

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We live in a funeral home or what used to be a funeral home. There is no such thing as ghosts.

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They blamed Phil for a lot of the stuff that we were seeing.

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I told him he needed to start acting his age and stop toying with the children.

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And I don't want to hear any more ghost stories.

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It was hard for me to be angry with Philip. He had been so sick. He'd been through so much.

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It was a year after we moved in. I came home from school one day and he had moved his bed from my bedroom to the next room over, the embalming room.

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I said, you were so afraid of that room. Why are you all of a sudden going in there? And he just shrugged his shoulder.

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Phil was constantly getting in trouble.

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Puberty was kicking in. He'd moved to a strange city. He had cancer.

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He was hearing voices. He was seeing things.

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His doctors were telling him it wasn't the medication.

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He became more withdrawn. He didn't really talk to us as much.

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He rarely smiled.

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I did not know how to deal with this other being, this person that he had become.

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I wanted my baby back to who he was.

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The second summer we lived there, two cousins came and stayed with us. Kim and Tammy.

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Me and Philip had a really great relationship. We just had this deep connection. Brotherly, sisterly, playful.

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Everybody greeted me at the door except for Philip.

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I was kind of hurt. I wanted to hug him. I wanted him to be excited with me. That I was there. He just wasn't.

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Phil had this book he always wrote in.

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So I'd come in there and I'd start bugging him. What are you writing? What are you writing?

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He'd just sit there and he'd just look at me.

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He would send chills up my spine.

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I was helping Aunt Quahum clean. Philip's room would get quite messy.

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As I went through Philip's notebook, I felt as if I were, you know, invading his privacy, taking something from him.

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But I was worried for him.

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I started to read the words and they were very dark words.

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Everywhere about death, murder, the word keel.

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It was very terrifying to read some of the dark thoughts that was going on in his head.

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And then I began to wonder if they were his writings at all because Philip was dyslexic.

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I had spent years of trying to teach him to write the alphabet, let alone these complete complex words.

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When I asked him how did you write them, he said the man helped him write them.

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One night we were at dinner. Philip reached around me at the dinner table and his sleeve went up.

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What's that?

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And I noticed these scratches in his arms.

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What is this?

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Philip, please.

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And I asked him, Philip, why are you doing that? Why are you making yourself bleed? What are you doing?

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And he would say, I don't know what I'm doing. I don't know why I'm doing it.

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Something is telling me to do this.

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This was not Philip's nature at all. It wasn't anything that I was used to. But now he was different.

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You could always see him kind of just leaning around looking out at you.

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It would scare me. It would spook me.

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As time progressed and Philip's personality changed more and more, he became more aggressive.

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He'd come in and say something to me and I'd say something back to him. And the next thing I know, we were throwing punches.

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Why are you so angry?

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And then Tammy went to defend Brad.

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Get off of him, Philip! Come on! What is wrong with you?

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And he went around into my room. And he just destroyed my room.

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Philip, let go of me! Stop! Stop! Let go of me!

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Stop it!

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Out of nowhere, he became very, very strong.

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Stop it!

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Throw me across the room like I was nothing. It put the fear of God in me.

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This was a person who had cancer. He was a sick boy. There was no way he was able to throw me across the room like that.

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After this big fight with Philip, things really started to change for me.

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It was like hands were grabbing the bed covers and pulling them down.

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I felt like something was coming after me.

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And Carmen? I don't know what it is.

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My bed covers are being pulled off of my bed and my shirt is being lifted up.

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She would feel pulling at her bra strap. I felt very violated.

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She was very frightened because she didn't see what was pulling at her sheets and she didn't see what was pulling at her blanket.

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But at the end of the day, there is no way I believed that it was ghost.

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The only conclusion I could come up with was that it was my son, my baby, that he was doing this.

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Okay guys, it's time to go.

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I didn't know what to feel or what to think. I was more like a robot running on battery power than anything.

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Her emotions are very torn.

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This is your prized possession. This is your first born child.

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And you adore him and you suffered through his skint knees and his cancer and his dyslexia.

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But you have to protect your nieces and your daughters and the other children in the house.

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Alan was in New York, so I'm left with deciding on how to handle it.

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I called his doctor.

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It's about Phillip.

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And I said, this is what's going on. It has to be handled before it gets any further.

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And he said, I was describing schizophrenia.

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00:29:43,520 --> 00:29:46,520

It's time to have him committed.

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00:29:55,520 --> 00:30:04,520

I was a vacuum. My emotions were just completely void.

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Come six o'clock, I'm trying to act as if nothing's going on. Everything's normal.

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I make for his favorite dinner.

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They didn't even knock. They just entered into the house.

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It was just like all the happenings was gone. Everybody was sitting there quiet.

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And your son's looking at you and she's saying, Mom, don't do this. Mom, please don't do this.

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00:31:01,520 --> 00:31:05,520

He was screaming at this point, you know, what's going on? Where are we going?

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00:31:05,520 --> 00:31:07,520

Quiet again.

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00:31:07,520 --> 00:31:12,520

I couldn't tell him. I just would cry. I'd tell him, I'm sorry. I'm so sorry, Phillip.

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00:31:17,520 --> 00:31:24,520

I wanted to believe him. I wanted to believe him, but every time that they had told me that there was something going on, I went in there.

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And I looked and I never found anything. So I couldn't prove that there was anything there.

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No.

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So I had to cover all my bases and I had to make sure the other children were safe.

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Mom!

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00:31:54,520 --> 00:31:56,520

He's right behind you, baby.

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And then they strapped him in a trite jacket.

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And they wouldn't let me go in.

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Mom, please don't!

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He said, Mom, don't leave me. Mom, don't leave me.

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00:32:30,520 --> 00:32:35,520

We're yelling, now that I'm gone, they're going to come after you.

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I'm so sorry. I cried the entire way and I was angry.

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Everything he said to me as I left, prayed on my mind.

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00:33:04,520 --> 00:33:07,520

They can't come after me.

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00:33:35,520 --> 00:33:44,520

I went directly down the back stairs and I said, all right, you son of a bitch, you want to play,

you come play with me.

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00:33:51,520 --> 00:33:56,520

It was very, very solemn, very steel, very eerie.

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00:33:57,520 --> 00:34:02,520

Just a quiet eerie.

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00:34:04,520 --> 00:34:07,520

I sat there for hours.

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00:34:10,520 --> 00:34:12,520

Nothing ever appeared.

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00:34:27,520 --> 00:34:31,520

It wasn't long after in my room.

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00:34:48,520 --> 00:34:53,520

Philip wasn't around. This wasn't something that he did. You know, he's not home. He's in the hospital.

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And, Clarence, it's happening again.

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00:34:58,520 --> 00:35:03,520

Philip's not in the house and I have no explanation for what's going on.

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On the way out, I happened to notice that the last crucifix had disappeared.

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So all of the crucifixes in the house were now gone.

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At this point, nothing that I knew to be true was true.

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00:35:28,520 --> 00:35:36,520

Nothing that I understood to be was what it was. I was in the twilight zone.

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00:35:39,520 --> 00:35:44,520

Got her tucked into bed and I began to read from the Bible.

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One thing have I desired of the Lord that I will seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the time.

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And she said, it's coming. Can you feel it? It's coming.î

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00:35:56,520 --> 00:35:58,520

Yeah, you're saying praise unto the Lord here?

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00:35:59,520 --> 00:36:02,520

I felt a hand just rise up under my clothes.

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00:36:06,520 --> 00:36:10,520

I can see the bones and the wrist and the knuckles.

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00:36:14,520 --> 00:36:17,520

It was violating. It was just horrifying.

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I scooped her up and I ran into the dining room.

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00:36:44,520 --> 00:36:57,520

She says, "Hey, Carmen, can you feel it? It's coming and I can feel it."

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00:36:58,520 --> 00:37:02,520

Rowing in the motion of the room.

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00:37:03,520 --> 00:37:05,520

The coldness, the smell.

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00:37:05,520 --> 00:37:13,520

I can feel it but I couldn't see it or fight it back.

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00:37:14,520 --> 00:37:18,520

My rosary begins to levitate up off my neck.

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I realized I was wrong at committing Philip at that point.

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So I pick up the phone and I call the church. Fortunately, they believe me.

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They just told me that there would be an exorcist there tomorrow.

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00:37:57,520 --> 00:38:04,520

I was so joyous that finally somebody's going to come in to heal my family.

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00:38:05,520 --> 00:38:08,520

I was so happy that I could see them.

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A shower curtain very quickly wrapped around me.

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I couldn't push away.

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It was completely tightened around my face.

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As if somebody was trying to smother me.

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And it's getting tighter.

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00:38:51,520 --> 00:38:57,520

I thought this thing is trying to kill me. It wants me dead.

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00:39:03,520 --> 00:39:09,520

I hear my acorn calling for me.

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The more I screamed the tighter it got.

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00:39:16,520 --> 00:39:20,520

I didn't get her out since she would suffocate.

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00:39:21,520 --> 00:39:24,520

I pull and I rip.

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00:39:32,520 --> 00:39:35,520

I'm so happy that I can see her.

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That house changed every aspect of my life, my children's lives.

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00:39:49,520 --> 00:39:52,520

And it changed us to the core of who we are.

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00:39:56,520 --> 00:40:01,520

The guilt of what I've done to my son is overwhelming.

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00:40:03,520 --> 00:40:11,520

I knew that I had to get Philip out of the hospital and get that stigma removed from him.

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00:40:18,520 --> 00:40:19,520

You coming?

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00:40:19,520 --> 00:40:26,520

The first time I saw him I just grabbed a hold and I held him and I rocked him.

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00:40:26,520 --> 00:40:30,520

And I rubbed his head and I said, I am so sorry baby.

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I can hear you. Can you hear me?

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Well I told my mom from day one that the house was evil.

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And I said, I'm sorry baby.

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00:40:47,520 --> 00:40:48,520

I'm sorry baby.

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00:40:49,520 --> 00:40:50,520

I'm sorry baby.

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00:40:51,520 --> 00:40:52,520

I'm sorry baby.

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00:40:53,520 --> 00:40:54,520

I'm sorry baby.

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00:40:55,520 --> 00:40:59,520

Well I told my mom from day one that the house was evil.

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00:41:01,520 --> 00:41:12,520

My parents weren't believing me and I guess yeah I became more fascinated with, rather than frightened of the things that were in the basement.

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00:41:14,520 --> 00:41:20,520

My mom was trying to be strong on one hand and do what she thought was right, you know.

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But I definitely felt a sense of betrayal.

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It took a lot of time for Philip to retrust.

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Just through everyday love and trust and conversation.

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It's hard to describe the way you know you can actually find its way into little nooks and crannies in your life.

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You know, begin to manipulate you like that.

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He came to me one day in the kitchen about a week before he passed and he said, Mom am I evil?

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00:42:02,520 --> 00:42:06,520

I was stunned. I was, no baby you're not evil.

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00:42:07,520 --> 00:42:09,520

You're a sweet, sweet boy.

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00:42:10,520 --> 00:42:11,520

And I'm proud of you.

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