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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:09,440

They were telling me more of these stories.

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00:00:09,440 --> 00:00:12,320

Mom, Bonette wants to hear about Uncle Will.

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00:00:17,720 --> 00:00:21,040

Is this the man you saw?

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00:00:21,040 --> 00:00:22,920

Just seemed like it was behind the trees.

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00:00:22,920 --> 00:00:25,080

It was moving.

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00:00:25,080 --> 00:00:27,160

It was kind of a Dale Boyd initiation.

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00:00:27,160 --> 00:00:29,520

Run, Michael!

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00:00:29,520 --> 00:00:30,960

I didn't think you believed in ghosts.

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00:00:37,680 --> 00:00:39,160

Put me up!

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00:00:39,160 --> 00:00:40,960

Put me down!

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00:00:40,960 --> 00:00:44,880

Uncle Will wasn't a boogie man.

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00:00:44,880 --> 00:00:45,480

He was real.

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00:00:59,520 --> 00:01:16,160

It was when the winter of 1989, I kind of come home,

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00:01:16,160 --> 00:01:20,080

found out that my brother Timmy and his wife,

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00:01:20,080 --> 00:01:22,240

Susie, and their children were going to be moving back

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00:01:22,240 --> 00:01:23,360

into the farm.

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00:01:23,360 --> 00:01:24,560

Dan!

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00:01:24,560 --> 00:01:27,600

I didn't want to move back to the farm.

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You know, lost my job.

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Just financially, we didn't really have a choice.

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I didn't want my family to be on the street.

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Hey, Matthew. Hey, Laura. How are you guys?

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I was very young when my parents moved in.

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Laura, can you guys go play outside, please?

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00:01:42,600 --> 00:01:43,600

OK.

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It was a bit tight and cramped.

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There was a lot of people living there.

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I know I put a strain on my mom.

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She had lung cancer, and it was a hard time.

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Well, when Tim moved back to the farm,

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I was a, you know, a teenager, did not high school.

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My mom took him back in and helped him out.

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00:02:04,600 --> 00:02:06,600

I thought it was nice.

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I like Tim. I like Sue.

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00:02:08,600 --> 00:02:10,600

Hey, Tim, you're something you can carry.

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00:02:10,600 --> 00:02:12,600

Oh, that's really funny. Thanks.

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Ask me something else.

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With family, that's what you do.

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You help them out.

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It was great having Tim and Steve and I back together

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in the farm.

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That first night, well, we got together for feather bones.

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00:02:28,600 --> 00:02:30,600

Hey, Tim, where are those ribs at, buddy?

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00:02:30,600 --> 00:02:32,600

There they are.

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00:02:32,600 --> 00:02:34,600

I love cooking them. I really doctored them up.

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Oh, Tim is an incredible, just an incredible cook.

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Eating was a big. We liked to eat.

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Vonnette, at the time we were dating,

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00:02:44,600 --> 00:02:49,600

she lived close by on a farm not too far away from us.

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I had known Dan more or less my entire life.

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I was living still at home with my parents.

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And one for the chef?

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00:02:59,600 --> 00:03:02,600

And we sat around and we were talking and having a good time

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00:03:02,600 --> 00:03:04,600

just reminiscing about when we were children.

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00:03:04,600 --> 00:03:07,600

When we would get loud, we'd get obnoxious.

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00:03:07,600 --> 00:03:09,600

And the big line we'd hear from Mom was,

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00:03:09,600 --> 00:03:12,600

is we've got 10 and 1 half acres land out there.

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00:03:12,600 --> 00:03:14,600

What are you doing in the house?

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00:03:14,600 --> 00:03:16,600

Get out of my house and go play.

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00:03:16,600 --> 00:03:18,600

All the time.

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00:03:18,600 --> 00:03:20,600

Mom was the head of the family.

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00:03:20,600 --> 00:03:22,600

The entire head of the family.

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00:03:22,600 --> 00:03:24,600

She kept everything together.

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00:03:24,600 --> 00:03:26,600

You know what?

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00:03:26,600 --> 00:03:28,600

Who's to you?

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00:03:28,600 --> 00:03:30,600

Guys, drink something.

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I was becoming more of a family member,

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so they were telling me more of these stories.

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That is our great, great grandfather, Dennis Launergen.

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00:03:40,600 --> 00:03:41,600

Oh, yeah?

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00:03:41,600 --> 00:03:44,600

Dennis Launergen had two sons, Charlie,

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00:03:44,600 --> 00:03:47,600

who would have been my great grandfather

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and his other son, Will.

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Dan had told me that his Uncle Will had passed away in 1939.

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Hey, Mom, Fonette wants to hear about Uncle Will.

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And it was becoming clear that not everybody is a nice person.

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Tell the story about the time you laughed at you

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00:04:06,600 --> 00:04:08,600

when you fell off your horse.

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00:04:08,600 --> 00:04:10,600

Really?

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00:04:10,600 --> 00:04:12,600

Uncle Will wasn't, he wasn't a boogie man.

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00:04:12,600 --> 00:04:14,600

He was, he was real.

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First you got...

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00:04:16,600 --> 00:04:18,600

I'm sorry.

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00:04:18,600 --> 00:04:20,600

I'm sorry.

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00:04:20,600 --> 00:04:22,600

I'm sorry.

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00:04:22,600 --> 00:04:25,600

It's overwhelming at times to take care of someone you love

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00:04:25,600 --> 00:04:27,600

when you know that they're dying,

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00:04:27,600 --> 00:04:29,600

and there's nothing you can do about it,

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00:04:29,600 --> 00:04:32,600

but try and make them feel more comfortable.

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00:04:36,600 --> 00:04:39,600

It was late in the evening,

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00:04:39,600 --> 00:04:42,600

and I remember shutting things down

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00:04:42,600 --> 00:04:45,600

and turning off the TV, turning off the lights,

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00:04:45,600 --> 00:04:47,600

and going to bed.

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00:04:47,600 --> 00:04:49,600

Night, Mom.

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00:04:49,600 --> 00:04:52,600

I just got a strange feeling

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00:04:52,600 --> 00:04:55,600

that something just wasn't right.

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00:05:15,600 --> 00:05:17,600

It wasn't long after we moved back,

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00:05:17,600 --> 00:05:20,600

I decided to take a walk around the property.

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00:05:20,600 --> 00:05:23,600

Thanks so much for helping us move our things.

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00:05:23,600 --> 00:05:25,600

Of course, man.

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00:05:25,600 --> 00:05:27,600

Family.

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00:05:27,600 --> 00:05:29,600

Timmy and I were pretty close.

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00:05:29,600 --> 00:05:31,600

We're pretty close brothers.

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00:05:31,600 --> 00:05:33,600

Yeah, it's good to see you again.

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00:05:33,600 --> 00:05:35,600

Oh, no, you did not just start a snowball fight with me.

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00:05:35,600 --> 00:05:39,600

You jump over logs and go under trees and go through thistles,

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00:05:39,600 --> 00:05:42,600

and when you got through the woods,

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00:05:42,600 --> 00:05:44,600

you'd start to see the house.

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00:05:47,600 --> 00:05:49,600

Back when it was first built,

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00:05:49,600 --> 00:05:52,600

it was probably a pretty nice house.

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00:05:52,600 --> 00:05:54,600

And it was falling apart.

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00:05:54,600 --> 00:05:56,600

I mean, it was condemned.

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00:05:57,600 --> 00:06:00,600

That was Uncle Will's house.

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00:06:00,600 --> 00:06:05,600

You know, the place just scared me since I was a kid.

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00:06:05,600 --> 00:06:08,600

Do you want to go inside?

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00:06:08,600 --> 00:06:11,600

I tell you, there just seemed like there was something there.

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00:06:13,600 --> 00:06:16,600

And we kept hearing this pounding.

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00:06:16,600 --> 00:06:18,600

What's that pounding?

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00:06:24,600 --> 00:06:27,600

We finally figured out it was our own hearts.

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00:06:29,600 --> 00:06:32,600

My heart was pounding because I'd heard ghost stories

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00:06:32,600 --> 00:06:34,600

all my life growing up,

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00:06:34,600 --> 00:06:36,600

and here I am going to this abandoned house.

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00:06:37,600 --> 00:06:40,600

Tim, I'm gonna go back to the house and check on Mom.

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00:06:40,600 --> 00:06:42,600

I'll see you later.

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00:07:01,600 --> 00:07:03,600

I heard something.

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00:07:03,600 --> 00:07:05,600

I heard, you know, twig breaking.

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00:07:06,600 --> 00:07:09,600

And I had the feeling something was there.

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00:07:11,600 --> 00:07:13,600

Hello?

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00:07:21,600 --> 00:07:24,600

One of the things we had at the farm were many outbuildings.

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00:07:26,600 --> 00:07:29,600

That morning, I'm in the barn.

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00:07:29,600 --> 00:07:32,600

It's dark. It's kind of dusty.

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00:07:32,600 --> 00:07:34,600

Dusty.

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00:07:37,600 --> 00:07:40,600

I had heard these bells.

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00:07:45,600 --> 00:07:48,600

I heard these bells.

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00:07:49,600 --> 00:07:51,600

They were off in the distance.

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00:07:52,600 --> 00:07:54,600

And there was no...

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00:07:54,600 --> 00:07:56,600

There was nobody there.

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00:08:03,600 --> 00:08:06,600

I hear these bells sound like someone's spurs on their shoes.

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00:08:06,600 --> 00:08:08,600

They're walking.

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00:08:13,600 --> 00:08:15,600

There's no one in the barn.

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00:08:15,600 --> 00:08:18,600

There's no one outside the barn.

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00:08:21,600 --> 00:08:26,600

And it sounded just very ominous, very...

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00:08:27,600 --> 00:08:30,600

Very frightening as it got closer and closer to me.

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00:08:32,600 --> 00:08:34,600

I go,

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00:08:34,600 --> 00:08:36,600

Danny, you hear the bells?

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00:08:36,600 --> 00:08:38,600

He looked at me like...

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00:08:38,600 --> 00:08:40,600

Yeah, I heard the bells.

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00:08:40,600 --> 00:08:42,600

I don't know what those bells were.

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00:08:42,600 --> 00:08:44,600

I can't really explain it.

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00:08:46,600 --> 00:08:48,600

What are you working on?

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00:08:48,600 --> 00:08:51,600

Oh, I'm just fixing the old saw.

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00:08:52,600 --> 00:08:54,600

She's in pretty rough shape.

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00:08:54,600 --> 00:08:56,600

I'm just gonna go back to the barn.

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00:08:56,600 --> 00:08:58,600

I'm gonna go back to the barn.

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00:08:58,600 --> 00:09:00,600

I'm gonna go back to the barn.

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00:09:00,600 --> 00:09:02,600

She's in pretty rough shape.

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00:09:02,600 --> 00:09:04,600

Is that the well?

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00:09:06,600 --> 00:09:09,600

Danny, does this well still work?

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00:09:09,600 --> 00:09:11,600

We didn't have city water.

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00:09:11,600 --> 00:09:13,600

It was out in the middle of the country.

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00:09:13,600 --> 00:09:15,600

Everybody had a well.

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00:09:15,600 --> 00:09:18,600

I remember it was the only water we had.

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00:09:18,600 --> 00:09:20,600

Still the same.

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00:09:20,600 --> 00:09:22,600

Still no city water.

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00:09:22,600 --> 00:09:25,600

You look down and it's a good 75, 80 feet deep.

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00:09:25,600 --> 00:09:29,600

It's a scary thing to look down and see just a little dot of water

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00:09:29,600 --> 00:09:31,600

down at the bottom of it.

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00:09:31,600 --> 00:09:33,600

Two, three.

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00:09:33,600 --> 00:09:35,600

And I remember when I was a kid

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00:09:35,600 --> 00:09:37,600

that somehow an animal got down there.

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00:09:37,600 --> 00:09:41,600

It took me back to that day when I had to go down there.

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00:09:43,600 --> 00:09:48,600

Three, four, five, six.

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00:09:49,600 --> 00:09:51,600

Man, it stinks down there.

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00:09:51,600 --> 00:09:53,600

My mom was like,

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00:09:53,600 --> 00:09:56,600

you guys need to go down and check the well and see what's happened.

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00:09:56,600 --> 00:09:58,600

Well, I didn't even have to cover up.

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00:09:58,600 --> 00:10:01,600

Well, it wasn't me, and I wasn't seeing the must have been you, Danny.

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00:10:01,600 --> 00:10:03,600

I swear it wasn't me.

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00:10:03,600 --> 00:10:06,600

I was old enough to be able to do it.

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00:10:11,600 --> 00:10:13,600

I found this old rope in the back.

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00:10:13,600 --> 00:10:15,600

It seemed strong enough it should work.

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00:10:15,600 --> 00:10:20,600

So I got volunteered to get the dead animal out.

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00:10:20,600 --> 00:10:22,600

All right, let's do it.

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00:10:22,600 --> 00:10:24,600

You know, you don't mess with a well.

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00:10:24,600 --> 00:10:26,600

You know, it's very scary.

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00:10:26,600 --> 00:10:28,600

But you'd never want to fall down there

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00:10:28,600 --> 00:10:30,600

because you knew you were going to die.

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00:10:33,600 --> 00:10:37,600

I had taken a fish net to pick up the animal.

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00:10:37,600 --> 00:10:39,600

All right, start to lure me down.

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00:10:39,600 --> 00:10:43,600

And my brothers would pull me back up, and this was our plan.

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00:10:50,600 --> 00:10:53,600

I was extremely nervous about it.

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00:10:54,600 --> 00:10:56,600

Yeah, you're heavy.

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00:11:01,600 --> 00:11:04,600

And this well was pretty deep, so you couldn't see the bottom.

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00:11:04,600 --> 00:11:06,600

It was just a dark hole down the bottom.

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00:11:09,600 --> 00:11:11,600

I remember lowering him down there.

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00:11:11,600 --> 00:11:13,600

It's a deep well.

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00:11:13,600 --> 00:11:16,600

The lower I got to get, the scarier and scarier.

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00:11:24,600 --> 00:11:26,600

Can't reach the bottom.

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00:11:28,600 --> 00:11:30,600

I shined my flashlight down.

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00:11:35,600 --> 00:11:39,600

It was a dead raccoon that had been there for at least a couple days.

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00:11:42,600 --> 00:11:44,600

Oh, it smells.

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00:11:44,600 --> 00:11:46,600

It smells.

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00:11:51,600 --> 00:11:56,600

And at that point, I heard someone whisper to me.

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00:12:00,600 --> 00:12:02,600

Did you guys say something?

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00:12:03,600 --> 00:12:06,600

I think Nanny thought that we were playing a joke or something,

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00:12:06,600 --> 00:12:08,600

but we didn't say anything.

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00:12:08,600 --> 00:12:10,600

No, I didn't say anything. You?

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00:12:10,600 --> 00:12:11,600

I didn't say anything.

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00:12:11,600 --> 00:12:13,600

No, we didn't say anything.

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00:12:13,600 --> 00:12:16,600

And as I'm reaching down with the net,

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00:12:16,600 --> 00:12:19,600

I heard something talking my ear again.

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00:12:22,600 --> 00:12:25,600

And it sounded like it was right behind me.

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00:12:28,600 --> 00:12:32,600

I felt like I wasn't alone in the well.

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00:12:34,600 --> 00:12:36,600

No matter how I turned or spun around in the rope,

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00:12:36,600 --> 00:12:38,600

there was someone right behind me.

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00:12:38,600 --> 00:12:40,600

It was absolutely terrifying.

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00:12:43,600 --> 00:12:45,600

I was like, I'm gonna die.

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00:12:53,600 --> 00:12:56,600

Gonna skin you alive, boy.

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00:13:00,600 --> 00:13:03,600

I reached down, scooped the raccoon up,

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00:13:03,600 --> 00:13:06,600

and then yelled at them to pull me up now.

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00:13:06,600 --> 00:13:08,600

Guys, pull me up, pull me up, pull me up.

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00:13:08,600 --> 00:13:10,600

I started screaming at them,

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00:13:10,600 --> 00:13:13,600

and they pulled me up the well fairly quickly.

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00:13:13,600 --> 00:13:15,600

Were you guys talking to me?

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00:13:15,600 --> 00:13:16,600

It wasn't us.

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00:13:16,600 --> 00:13:17,600

They knew that something was wrong.

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00:13:17,600 --> 00:13:18,600

Was it you guys?

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00:13:18,600 --> 00:13:19,600

No.

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00:13:19,600 --> 00:13:20,600

Don't lie to me.

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00:13:20,600 --> 00:13:22,600

You just get me out of here.

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00:13:22,600 --> 00:13:25,600

As a kid, that was my main fear,

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00:13:25,600 --> 00:13:27,600

was that there was someone in the well with me.

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00:13:27,600 --> 00:13:31,600

But as an adult, I knew there couldn't be anything down there.

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00:13:34,600 --> 00:13:36,600

As I look back on it,

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00:13:36,600 --> 00:13:40,600

I've never been able to come up with a rational explanation.

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00:13:47,600 --> 00:13:51,600

Well, as my mom's cancer progressed,

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00:13:51,600 --> 00:13:55,600

and they had kind of told us that mom wasn't...

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00:13:55,600 --> 00:13:58,600

wasn't going to probably live through the weekend.

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00:13:59,600 --> 00:14:02,600

That evening, I was there with mom along.

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00:14:02,600 --> 00:14:05,600

It had been at least a day since she'd even talked.

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00:14:06,600 --> 00:14:11,600

And she had been in and out of consciousness the entire time.

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00:14:36,600 --> 00:14:41,600

She was looking clearly at someone, and there was just no one there.

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00:14:41,600 --> 00:14:44,600

I was the only one in the room at the time.

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00:14:44,600 --> 00:14:48,600

It was a very eerie, very eerie moment.

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00:14:48,600 --> 00:14:52,600

I checked on her and realized that she had passed away, that she was gone.

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00:15:07,600 --> 00:15:11,600

I helped hold his hand. I held a lot of their hands.

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00:15:11,600 --> 00:15:17,600

Here were these three brothers trying to keep control of the farm

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00:15:17,600 --> 00:15:24,600

and get over their loss because she was their world.

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00:15:24,600 --> 00:15:27,600

My mom was an awesome person.

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00:15:27,600 --> 00:15:29,600

She, uh...

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00:15:29,600 --> 00:15:32,600

I sure miss her sometimes.

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00:15:37,600 --> 00:15:40,600

There you go.

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00:15:40,600 --> 00:15:45,600

It was around Halloween. It was late October.

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00:15:45,600 --> 00:15:50,600

It was kind of chilly. It was probably about 11 o'clock at night.

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00:15:51,600 --> 00:15:55,600

It was kind of a Dale Boy initiation.

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00:15:55,600 --> 00:15:57,600

Make him feel part of the family.

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00:15:57,600 --> 00:16:02,600

Come on. I'll take you up to Uncle Will's and let's see if I can scare ya.

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00:16:02,600 --> 00:16:04,600

And I shook my head and said,

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00:16:04,600 --> 00:16:07,600

Hey, you're not going to be able to scare me.

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00:16:08,600 --> 00:16:12,600

Hey, you wait up for a minute.

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00:16:12,600 --> 00:16:18,600

And as you look up, there is nothing but a wall of trees.

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00:16:18,600 --> 00:16:25,600

And as you got closer, it felt like the more the light was just sucked out of the area,

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00:16:25,600 --> 00:16:27,600

there was no sound.

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00:16:27,600 --> 00:16:29,600

There was no animal sound.

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00:16:29,600 --> 00:16:31,600

You didn't hear anything.

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00:16:31,600 --> 00:16:34,600

And as Dan and I were walking,

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00:16:34,600 --> 00:16:40,600

he began to tell me more stories about the past and what had happened.

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00:16:40,600 --> 00:16:45,600

And when we were kids, they wanted us to stay out of the woods.

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00:16:45,600 --> 00:16:47,600

Uncle Will might get you.

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00:16:47,600 --> 00:16:53,600

I was just telling her, you know, a lot of it, of course, just to build up the scare a little bit.

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00:16:53,600 --> 00:17:00,600

He did warn me to watch my step and there was all kinds of debris and you really had to be careful.

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00:17:00,600 --> 00:17:02,600

Want to go check out what's upstairs?

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00:17:23,600 --> 00:17:42,600

I was convinced at that point that I was scorable and I'm going to go back outside.

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00:17:42,600 --> 00:17:48,600

It's okay. It's okay.

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00:17:48,600 --> 00:17:51,600

You gotta come check out what's in the basement.

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00:17:52,600 --> 00:17:55,600

I don't know.

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00:17:55,600 --> 00:17:58,600

I didn't think you believed in ghosts.

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00:17:58,600 --> 00:18:01,600

I don't.

279

00:18:05,600 --> 00:18:12,600

He was teasing me, well no, you've got to come in, you've got to check out the basement.

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00:18:12,600 --> 00:18:15,600

She didn't want to go into the cellar.

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00:18:15,600 --> 00:18:19,600

We kind of tart her until we went down there.

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00:18:19,600 --> 00:18:21,600

Watch your head.

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00:18:21,600 --> 00:18:26,600

So we go down the steps and I'm shot in the flashlight.

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00:18:32,600 --> 00:18:37,600

You could hear your own breathing.

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00:18:37,600 --> 00:18:43,600

And you could actually hear your own heartbeat.

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00:18:43,600 --> 00:18:48,600

Okay. That was a little creepy now.

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00:18:50,600 --> 00:18:56,600

So I asked Dan, alright, so...

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00:18:56,600 --> 00:18:58,600

What's the purpose of all the holes?

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00:18:58,600 --> 00:18:59,600

Oh.

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00:18:59,600 --> 00:19:03,600

And he's like, oh, that's where Uncle Will kept his treasure.

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00:19:03,600 --> 00:19:07,600

Anybody who tried to steal his treasure would lose their hand.

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00:19:14,600 --> 00:19:16,600

Yeah, I wasn't going to go for that.

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00:19:16,600 --> 00:19:26,600

So I picked up a couple of sticks and I was poking them into different holes.

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00:19:30,600 --> 00:19:36,600

There was nothing in there, but there was one that was a little bit higher.

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00:19:36,600 --> 00:19:44,600

And for some reason, that was the one that I needed to touch.

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00:19:45,600 --> 00:19:50,600

I can't explain it. I just, I knew I had to put my hand in that one.

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00:19:50,600 --> 00:19:51,700

Okay.

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00:20:12,900 --> 00:20:14,360

Dan?

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00:20:18,600 --> 00:20:19,800

What's the matter?

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00:20:20,600 --> 00:20:24,600

There was this searing, hot pain in my hand,

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00:20:24,600 --> 00:20:26,900

and it was spreading up to my elbow.

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00:20:26,900 --> 00:20:29,600

And we could see there was this bite mark.

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00:20:32,300 --> 00:20:35,600

What could have possibly bitten her arm like this?

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00:20:35,600 --> 00:20:37,100

Did this look like a human?

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00:20:37,100 --> 00:20:39,600

Like someone hit, like a person had bit her.

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00:20:39,600 --> 00:20:41,600

If it was an actual human bite,

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00:20:41,600 --> 00:20:43,600

then the person was missing some teeth.

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00:20:43,600 --> 00:20:45,600

Let's go. Let's go.

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00:20:45,600 --> 00:20:48,600

I knew we needed to get out of there.

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00:20:49,600 --> 00:20:51,600

I felt guilty because I took her up there.

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00:20:51,600 --> 00:20:53,600

That's why she was hurt.

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00:20:53,600 --> 00:20:55,600

I really wish I hadn't done it,

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00:20:55,600 --> 00:20:58,600

but nothing that severe had happened before.

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00:21:14,600 --> 00:21:15,600

Well, that was fun.

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00:21:15,600 --> 00:21:17,600

It was time to go. It was getting late.

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00:21:17,600 --> 00:21:20,600

We were walking back up to the farm.

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00:21:20,600 --> 00:21:23,600

Too bad we didn't get anything, though.

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00:21:23,600 --> 00:21:25,600

You mean too bad you didn't get anything.

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00:21:25,600 --> 00:21:28,600

They were supposed to teach you to use firearms in the service.

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00:21:28,600 --> 00:21:29,600

Oh, shut up.

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00:21:31,600 --> 00:21:33,600

I remember the...

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00:21:38,600 --> 00:21:41,600

You could hear something.

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00:21:41,600 --> 00:21:43,600

Like footsteps.

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00:21:51,600 --> 00:21:53,600

Hey, Danny, wait up.

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00:21:53,600 --> 00:21:56,600

I'd say, Danny, did you hear that?

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00:21:58,600 --> 00:22:00,600

Think there's someone out there?

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00:22:00,600 --> 00:22:04,600

It was like something was stalking us. Something was there.

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00:22:05,600 --> 00:22:07,600

I don't think so.

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00:22:07,600 --> 00:22:09,600

I don't think so.

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00:22:09,600 --> 00:22:11,600

I don't think so.

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00:22:14,600 --> 00:22:17,600

Hey. Hey, you!

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00:22:18,600 --> 00:22:21,600

They just take off to the flat ride.

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00:22:25,600 --> 00:22:28,600

I'm gonna find out who this is, who's been following us.

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00:22:39,600 --> 00:22:42,600

I couldn't catch up to whoever it was.

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00:22:43,600 --> 00:22:46,600

It seemed like it was behind the trees. It was moving.

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00:22:47,600 --> 00:22:50,600

I couldn't run fast enough. I couldn't get there.

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00:22:51,600 --> 00:22:54,600

It seemed like they were just trying to chase a rainbow.

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00:22:58,600 --> 00:23:01,600

I couldn't run fast enough. I couldn't get there.

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00:23:01,600 --> 00:23:04,600

It seemed like they were just trying to chase a rainbow.

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00:23:10,600 --> 00:23:13,600

You had the feeling something was watching you.

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00:23:13,600 --> 00:23:15,600

But there wasn't anybody there.

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00:23:19,600 --> 00:23:22,600

So as we're cutting through the woods to get to the barn,

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00:23:22,600 --> 00:23:26,600

then we can cut over and back up to the farmhouse.

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00:23:27,600 --> 00:23:30,600

I was kind of worn out, and I was trying to catch my breath.

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00:23:30,600 --> 00:23:32,600

Oh, hey, Vanna, why don't you let me take that?

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00:23:32,600 --> 00:23:33,600

Thanks.

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00:23:33,600 --> 00:23:34,600

You got your thing?

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00:23:34,600 --> 00:23:36,600

Yeah. Come on, I'll catch up to you.

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00:23:37,600 --> 00:23:40,600

It's like, I'll catch up with you. You guys go on ahead.

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00:23:44,600 --> 00:23:46,600

And I was taking a drink.

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00:23:50,600 --> 00:23:52,600

It was a man in a noose.

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00:23:54,600 --> 00:23:56,600

It was an apparition.

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00:23:57,600 --> 00:23:59,600

Okay, you're hallucinating.

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00:24:00,600 --> 00:24:02,600

It's not really there.

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00:24:02,600 --> 00:24:05,600

This was Uncle Will's property. This was his barn.

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00:24:15,600 --> 00:24:18,600

That night, that's when the nightmares really started.

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00:24:25,600 --> 00:24:27,600

It's always in the barn.

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00:24:29,600 --> 00:24:31,600

And there was people.

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00:24:33,600 --> 00:24:35,600

They were just laughing at me.

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00:24:38,600 --> 00:24:41,600

You know, like, you're a trouble boy.

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00:24:41,600 --> 00:24:44,600

The old guy that was deranged looking,

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00:24:44,600 --> 00:24:46,600

and I couldn't get away from him.

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00:24:46,600 --> 00:24:49,600

All of a sudden, my mom showed up.

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00:24:51,600 --> 00:24:53,600

And she's pulling at me.

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00:24:55,600 --> 00:24:58,600

You just got to get out of here. You can't get out of here.

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00:24:58,600 --> 00:25:00,600

You can't get out of here.

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00:25:00,600 --> 00:25:03,600

You just got to get out of here. You can't be here.

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00:25:05,600 --> 00:25:07,600

Get the hell out of here.

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00:25:11,600 --> 00:25:14,600

I woke up outside Uncle Will's house.

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00:25:14,600 --> 00:25:17,600

My underwear, the t-shirt.

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00:25:17,600 --> 00:25:19,600

There were six, eight inches of snow on the ground.

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00:25:19,600 --> 00:25:21,600

I was in my bare feet.

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00:25:21,600 --> 00:25:23,600

This thing that was chasing me.

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00:25:23,600 --> 00:25:27,600

I've got the feeling I've seen this figure before.

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Well, there was one recurring nightmare

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00:25:29,600 --> 00:25:31,600

that kept happening more and more.

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00:25:38,600 --> 00:25:41,600

And it felt clearly evil.

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00:25:41,600 --> 00:25:45,600

There was something that wanted to get me.

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00:25:48,600 --> 00:25:51,600

And at that point, I'm completely terrified.

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00:25:51,600 --> 00:25:54,600

It's something bad I'm going towards.

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00:25:55,600 --> 00:25:57,600

And mom is there.

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00:26:00,600 --> 00:26:02,600

She is yelling at me,

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00:26:02,600 --> 00:26:04,600

get out of here now.

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00:26:24,600 --> 00:26:27,600

We kept happening and happening.

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00:26:27,600 --> 00:26:30,600

I was asking myself, why am I seeing this?

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00:26:30,600 --> 00:26:32,600

Why is this happening?

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00:26:38,600 --> 00:26:41,600

I hadn't sleptwalked since I was a child.

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00:26:41,600 --> 00:26:43,600

I was terrified.

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00:26:43,600 --> 00:26:45,600

It brought back all the memories

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00:26:45,600 --> 00:26:47,600

and everything that happened when I was a kid.

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00:26:47,600 --> 00:26:50,600

I just couldn't believe what was going on.

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00:26:50,600 --> 00:26:52,600

I was coming apart.

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00:26:53,600 --> 00:26:55,600

I'm telling Danny about it,

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00:26:55,600 --> 00:26:59,600

and he just, he's freaked out.

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00:26:59,600 --> 00:27:02,600

He just goes, it's the same kind of dream I'm having.

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00:27:02,600 --> 00:27:05,600

Mom's telling you to get out of there.

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00:27:06,600 --> 00:27:08,600

And then we kind of realized maybe

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00:27:08,600 --> 00:27:11,600

she's trying to protect us from something.

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It kind of made me remember something that happened

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00:27:19,600 --> 00:27:22,600

back when I was in high school.

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00:27:27,600 --> 00:27:31,600

Timmy and I took our friends, Earl and Aaron,

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00:27:31,600 --> 00:27:33,600

and Uncle Will's.

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00:27:33,600 --> 00:27:35,600

There were a couple of guys we played football with,

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00:27:35,600 --> 00:27:37,600

they're friends.

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00:27:38,600 --> 00:27:40,600

I don't want to terrify other people,

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00:27:40,600 --> 00:27:42,600

but just scare them a little bit

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00:27:42,600 --> 00:27:44,600

to make them understand what we,

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00:27:44,600 --> 00:27:46,600

kind of what we lived through.

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00:27:50,600 --> 00:27:52,600

Hey.

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00:27:52,600 --> 00:27:54,600

You know, he's saying, Aaron, you can't handle

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00:27:54,600 --> 00:27:56,600

going up to Uncle Will's, you know.

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00:27:59,600 --> 00:28:01,600

We saw the no-trust-passing sign.

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00:28:01,600 --> 00:28:03,600

It was just nailed up.

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00:28:03,600 --> 00:28:07,600

It kind of reminds you of looking at the old western days.

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00:28:08,600 --> 00:28:11,600

We can't be trust-passing if we're with a family.

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00:28:11,600 --> 00:28:13,600

We're never going to call this a bluff.

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00:28:13,600 --> 00:28:15,600

So that was the main thing on it.

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00:28:15,600 --> 00:28:17,600

We, you know, we tired of hearing about it.

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00:28:17,600 --> 00:28:19,600

Well, who was Uncle Will?

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00:28:20,600 --> 00:28:22,600

We didn't believe that there was a spirit,

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00:28:22,600 --> 00:28:26,600

and I really wasn't interested in trying to find out.

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00:28:41,600 --> 00:28:45,600

At that point, that's when the terror started setting in.

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00:28:47,600 --> 00:28:49,600

What is that?

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00:28:51,600 --> 00:28:53,600

I don't know.

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00:28:53,600 --> 00:28:55,600

And we see something on one side of the porch.

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00:28:56,600 --> 00:28:58,600

Start moving.

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00:29:01,600 --> 00:29:04,600

You can start hearing the boards cricking,

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00:29:04,600 --> 00:29:06,600

and we froze again like deer.

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00:29:08,600 --> 00:29:10,600

They felt something, they sensed something,

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00:29:10,600 --> 00:29:13,600

and I know that I started feeling there was something wrong.

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00:29:17,600 --> 00:29:19,600

You're going to get all over me!

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00:29:19,600 --> 00:29:21,600

It's a boss! No!

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00:29:21,600 --> 00:29:24,600

All I just knew was I was getting out of him.

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00:29:26,600 --> 00:29:28,600

He was just coming at us fast.

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00:29:29,600 --> 00:29:31,600

Tall man coming up the path.

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00:29:31,600 --> 00:29:32,600

It was moving fast.

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00:29:32,600 --> 00:29:34,600

He's covered almost half the distance.

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00:29:35,600 --> 00:29:39,600

I was faster than I had ever ran in my life.

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00:29:39,600 --> 00:29:42,600

I looked back, and the man's only a few feet behind me.

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00:29:42,600 --> 00:29:44,600

Something's right behind him.

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00:29:45,600 --> 00:29:47,600

I was running full speed,

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00:29:47,600 --> 00:29:49,600

looked like a little human locomotive.

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00:29:52,600 --> 00:29:55,600

I hit that gate, jumped the gate.

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00:30:02,600 --> 00:30:09,600

We've been chased off the property by a man who's been dead for 35 or 40 years.

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00:30:14,600 --> 00:30:17,600

The things that we saw when we were children were still there,

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00:30:17,600 --> 00:30:20,600

and it was just becoming much, much more frightening.

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00:30:21,600 --> 00:30:23,600

Just sleep.

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00:30:25,600 --> 00:30:26,600

Me either.

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00:30:26,600 --> 00:30:29,600

I don't think that we're imagining this.

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00:30:29,600 --> 00:30:33,600

There's too many people here who have experienced this stuff.

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00:30:34,600 --> 00:30:36,600

There's got to be something going on here, right?

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00:30:42,600 --> 00:30:43,600

See you later.

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00:30:44,600 --> 00:30:46,600

I'm going to go get my stuff.

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00:30:50,600 --> 00:30:56,600

We just were trying to figure out why are we seeing these things that we hadn't seen before.

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00:30:58,600 --> 00:31:00,600

Uncle Will, that's what I thought.

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00:31:00,600 --> 00:31:02,600

Uncle Will is back.

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00:31:03,600 --> 00:31:07,600

Since mom had passed away, one person I knew would know about it would be my Aunt Mary.

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00:31:08,600 --> 00:31:11,600

She was like a second mom.

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00:31:12,600 --> 00:31:14,600

This is a nice surprise.

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00:31:14,600 --> 00:31:15,600

How are you?

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00:31:15,600 --> 00:31:17,600

I'm good. How are you doing?

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00:31:19,600 --> 00:31:22,600

They explained Aunt Mary what had been going on,

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00:31:22,600 --> 00:31:26,600

and kind of told her everything that different people had been experiencing.

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There's this man, this gaunt man with a mustache.

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00:31:33,600 --> 00:31:35,600

Everyone keeps seeing him.

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00:31:35,600 --> 00:31:37,600

He's in our dreams.

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I didn't know who else to come to, so...

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00:31:39,600 --> 00:31:42,600

Dan, would you go get that photo album for me, please?

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00:31:42,600 --> 00:31:43,600

Yeah, yeah, sure.

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00:31:43,600 --> 00:31:45,600

I want to show you some pictures.

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00:31:47,600 --> 00:31:49,600

She had brought out some pictures to show me...

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00:31:49,600 --> 00:31:51,600

You remember this one? This one's at the house.

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00:31:51,600 --> 00:31:53,600

Yeah, I recognize a few of these.

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00:31:53,600 --> 00:31:56,600

There's your great-great-grandfather, Dennis.

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00:31:57,600 --> 00:31:59,600

And Dennis had two sons.

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One was Charlie.

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00:32:02,600 --> 00:32:05,600

And one of the pictures she showed me was Uncle Will.

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Is this the man you saw?

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00:32:09,600 --> 00:32:13,600

It was the person that had chased us off of his property.

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00:32:14,600 --> 00:32:15,600

That's him.

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Aunt Mary told me that in the early 1900s, something bad had happened at the Lonergan farm.

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Will?

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00:32:32,600 --> 00:32:34,600

Oh, he was a terrible racist.

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An African-American that was working on the farm had done something with a white woman that had so angered Will

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00:32:46,600 --> 00:32:51,600

that Will and some other men decided that they had to get rid of this man.

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I asked Aunt Mary what exactly had happened.

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00:32:59,600 --> 00:33:01,600

They lynched him.

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00:33:06,600 --> 00:33:07,600

Will?

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00:33:08,600 --> 00:33:09,600

Will!

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00:33:11,600 --> 00:33:12,600

Will!

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00:33:13,600 --> 00:33:14,600

Will!

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00:33:16,600 --> 00:33:17,600

Will!

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00:33:18,600 --> 00:33:19,600

Will!

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Will!

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Will!

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Will!

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Will!

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00:33:28,600 --> 00:33:29,600

Will!

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00:33:30,600 --> 00:33:31,600

Will!

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00:33:32,600 --> 00:33:33,600

Will!

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00:33:33,600 --> 00:33:34,600

Will!

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00:33:41,600 --> 00:33:43,600

I drove back to the Lonergan farm.

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00:33:44,600 --> 00:33:47,600

I couldn't believe that Uncle Will got away with this.

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00:33:48,600 --> 00:33:56,600

The idea that someone in my family could cause this much torment for another person is just sickening.

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00:33:57,600 --> 00:34:03,600

Uncle Will had haunted us when we were children and now he was haunting us as adults.

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Growing up at the farm, it was scary when it was dark or night or...

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but for the most part, I mean, it was a good place.

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I was seven and I had to share a room with my sister.

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When we were at the farm, I remember Laura had started having some nightmares.

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Auntie Fonette!

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I used to have a lot of bad dreams.

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Auntie Fonette!

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00:34:32,600 --> 00:34:36,600

Sometimes I couldn't tell if they were real or if they were dreams.

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00:34:37,600 --> 00:34:38,600

Hi, sweetie, why aren't you in bed?

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00:34:38,600 --> 00:34:40,600

Can't go to sleep, we're scared.

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Laura and I became really good friends and she would tell me all kinds of little things about what was going on at school

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00:34:50,600 --> 00:34:54,600

and then she would talk about her secrets and her fears.

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00:34:55,600 --> 00:35:00,600

I wasn't sure she had had a nightmare and that's what woke her up, but she just knew she felt scared.

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00:35:01,600 --> 00:35:08,600

And my aunt would always tell me, well, if it's a dream and you pinch yourself, you'll know because you'll wake up.

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00:35:16,600 --> 00:35:17,600

Good night.

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00:35:20,600 --> 00:35:27,600

I can remember one particular night.

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00:35:28,600 --> 00:35:32,600

The door, it creaked open and it creaked open very slowly.

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00:35:34,600 --> 00:35:36,600

I saw somebody coming in the room.

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I couldn't tell who it was, but I knew it wasn't my mother or my father.

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Is this a dream or is this happening?

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Is this a dream or is this happening?

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If you're having a bad dream, just pinch yourself and it'll go away.

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Or pinch yourself to wake yourself up.

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I felt like I couldn't move, I felt frozen in my skin.

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My sister was still there, just pinch yourself and you'll wake up.

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I was thinking I need to pinch myself, I need to pinch myself, but I couldn't do it.

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I was just frozen.

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I just had that feeling that they were going to take her.

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I forced myself to pinch myself and I screamed and I screamed.

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I was terrified it was my fault that she was gone.

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I didn't know where my daughter was, I didn't know if somebody kidnapped her.

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Melissa wasn't even barely crawling, she never even crawled out of the house before.

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Alright folks, we're looking for a baby, her name is Melissa.

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We knew that this is what all these events had been escalating to.

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Move very slowly, check everything, alright?

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Off we go.

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Something took my daughter.

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Why would anybody do that?

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I went cold, I thought Uncle Will.

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Uncle Will's dead and the cop isn't going to know that.

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The cop wasn't going to believe something like that.

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Why would they?

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When a young kid is missing, you know, the community comes together to try to get her.

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They had formed human chains to walk along looking for her.

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There were people everywhere, hollering, looking, screaming, Melissa, Melissa.

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And it just started to echo in the trees.

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I was worried about not ever seeing my daughter again.

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Well, my sister was married to Timmy, and I got this call saying that Herman, Melissa's missing.

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I had to join in the search.

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I mean, it's Melissa, it's my niece.

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I was feeling more panicked, I was becoming more worried.

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And I looked over and then I realized I was right next to Uncle Will's.

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So I was so focused at where I needed to go.

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No reason, no rhyme, I don't know, I just have to be there.

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You're worried to look back there?

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You know, it was like, I'm driven to do something and I don't know why.

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All of a sudden, I heard bells.

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It was a strange noise.

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Melissa! Melissa! Melissa!

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I knew Melissa was out there with the ghost of Uncle Will.

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I had decided that I have to go this direction.

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Somebody or something is telling me, Herman, this is what you need to do.

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And I walked through this area anyway because I was being guided and I don't know why.

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At that point, I just see something, it looked like an animal.

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I'm wondering what is that?

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And as I looked down, I noticed it wasn't an animal, it was human.

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I hollered. I found her.

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She's over here, she's alive, I've got her.

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I don't know who or what guided Herman, my mom, a guardian angel.

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I can't answer that.

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And thank God we got her back.

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Everything that happened to me, everything that happened to everybody else, Melissa's disappearance, I believe it was Uncle Will.

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They had centered their life around their mother in a lot of ways.

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And with her gone, Uncle Will wanted to come back.

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He wanted to reclaim that which he lost.

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And really, no one was really upset to see the house go.

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That place was...

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That place was evil.

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Uncle Will wanted us out of there, or something did.

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I think it was a warning.

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I can't say why.

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It's just full of hate, malevolence.

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To this day, I don't understand.