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So come on in.

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00:00:07,000 --> 00:00:09,000

Welcome.

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The house had to work.

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I had too much to lose.

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Crystal, there was something going on in there.

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It just didn't feel right.

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I'm just a little bit worried.

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I thought you should see this.

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If this was her vision of our house,

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what would she see?

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Monsters!

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Is that a bee?

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It was almost biblical.

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Could this all be like a curse from an angry preacher?

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Back in 1997, I was not in a great place.

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I had just ended a four-year relationship,

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and my grandmother had recently passed away,

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and we'd had our childhood home sold out from under us.

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My daughter, Taylor, and I really needed to find a place to live,

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but finding housing on a single wage was pretty tough.

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I have a younger sister, Carrie,

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and she was in a bad situation herself.

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I was in a fairly bad relationship,

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and I needed to get out of there fast.

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Like Crystal, I needed a place to live.

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Hey, Taylor.

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Yeah?

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Have fun.

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Yeah.

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Do you want to play the house?

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Yeah.

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Do you want to play patty games?

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I met Dawn in school, and we hit it off right away.

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She was funny, and she made me laugh.

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Taylor, okay?

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Taylor!

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Dawn would come to our home pretty much every weekend,

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so she sort of was a part of the extended family.

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Dawn was also experiencing a breakup in her relationship

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and was in a similar place.

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And then Carrie had a brainwave.

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I said to Crystal,

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why don't we live together?

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Let's find a place.

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Let's find a great home.

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We all decided we'd had enough of the bad relationships,

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poor decisions, bad luck, whatever it was.

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We could choose to make a better life for ourselves.

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The house was absolutely beautiful.

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Hi.

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Carrie.

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Nice to meet you.

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Nice to meet you.

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Beautiful.

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How's it going?

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Having my sister there and having Dawn there

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to be part of my daughter's life as well

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was very attractive to me.

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God, I mean it.

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For the first time in a long time,

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I felt hopeful.

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All right, so come on in.

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Welcome.

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There was just so much room.

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Isn't it beautiful?

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Plenty of room for all of you here.

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Just a lovely family home.

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The nice tall ceilings here.

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Mommy, I'm here.

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Sure, come on.

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Of course, original heartlet.

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My daughter and I had been living in such a cramped space

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that it felt like we could stretch out

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and we could breathe.

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So come on in here.

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Now, if you come around this way,

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we'll come back and...

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As we walked through the house,

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we kept looking at each other like,

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this house is too nice.

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We noticed this enormous stone wall

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that was running in the hallway.

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The wall looked a little bit out of place.

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It was cold.

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It looked like that wall at one time

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had been on the outside.

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Now, down the hall is the kitchen.

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But if you want to just come with me...

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We were feeling really optimistic and overjoyed

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about starting our life over in this wonderful new house.

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We said, right away, yes, we'll take it.

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Moving day was crazy.

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Around 2 o'clock in the morning,

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we still had half the truck to unload.

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And we didn't have any energy left.

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So we decided to just get some rest

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and take our time with unpacking

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and moving that stuff in the house later.

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I felt really enthusiastic about the future

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and what it was going to bring for us.

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I was really excited.

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In the middle of the night,

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I was jolted awake by the sound of a child giggling.

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And footsteps in the hallway.

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Taylor, honey, I know you're excited,

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00:05:35,000 --> 00:05:37,000

but you gotta get some sleep, okay?

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00:05:37,000 --> 00:05:39,000

I'm gonna go back to bed.

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And as soon as I said that...

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00:05:44,000 --> 00:05:46,000

Mommy, I'm here.

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00:05:47,000 --> 00:05:49,000

What the hell, you know?

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00:05:49,000 --> 00:05:51,000

Oh, okay.

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00:05:51,000 --> 00:05:53,000

All right, honey, you just go back to bed, okay?

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00:05:53,000 --> 00:05:55,000

Okay, I'll see you in the morning.

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Okay, go back to sleep.

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And then I heard another creak,

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00:06:02,000 --> 00:06:04,000

and it was clear and it was loud,

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and there was no mistaking it.

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I saw a shadow,

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00:06:10,000 --> 00:06:14,000

and it looked like somebody was walking in the hallway.

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00:06:24,000 --> 00:06:26,000

I was nervous.

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I went around the corner past the stone wall.

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Immediately,

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I was struck by this cold.

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00:06:50,000 --> 00:06:54,000

And I couldn't hear somebody's footsteps behind me.

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00:06:59,000 --> 00:07:03,000

Then I felt somebody exhaling, like, right behind my ear.

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

I was like, okay, this is my imagination.

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00:07:07,000 --> 00:07:09,000

There's nothing there.

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There was this lethargy that settled on us,

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00:07:31,000 --> 00:07:35,000

and it was something beyond the exhaustion of the move.

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00:07:41,000 --> 00:07:45,000

We unpacked our clothes and the things that we needed immediately.

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00:07:47,000 --> 00:07:51,000

We never did get around to unpacking the boxes.

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00:07:52,000 --> 00:07:56,000

The light and the warmth that had been so inviting about the house

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00:07:56,000 --> 00:07:58,000

didn't seem to be there anymore.

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It was impossible not to notice.

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00:08:02,000 --> 00:08:06,000

There had been a significant shift in the energy of the house.

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It just didn't feel right.

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Carrie, it's freezing in here.

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00:08:31,000 --> 00:08:32,000

I know.

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00:08:32,000 --> 00:08:33,000

Here, have some coffee.

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00:08:33,000 --> 00:08:35,000

Oh, thank you so much.

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00:08:35,000 --> 00:08:37,000

Check out the fire.

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00:08:37,000 --> 00:08:40,000

It was always cold inside,

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00:08:41,000 --> 00:08:44,000

which was unusual because it was only September.

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It's like a refrigerator in here.

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Is that working?

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00:08:48,000 --> 00:08:49,000

I don't know.

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00:08:49,000 --> 00:08:52,000

Carrie went and turned the thermostat up to 85.

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00:08:54,000 --> 00:08:57,000

And it made no difference at all.

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00:08:59,000 --> 00:09:02,000

So I called the landlord.

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00:09:03,000 --> 00:09:04,000

Yeah, hello.

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00:09:04,000 --> 00:09:06,000

Hi, this is Carrie.

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00:09:06,000 --> 00:09:08,000

Yeah, the tenant.

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00:09:08,000 --> 00:09:10,000

It's freezing in here.

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00:09:10,000 --> 00:09:14,000

It was especially cold by the hallway where the stone wall was.

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00:09:21,000 --> 00:09:24,000

The repairman comes and looks at the furnace.

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He fills our tank with \$500 worth of propane.

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00:09:30,000 --> 00:09:33,000

This should get you by more than a couple of months.

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00:09:33,000 --> 00:09:35,000

Okay, thanks.

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00:09:35,000 --> 00:09:37,000

That's good.

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00:09:37,000 --> 00:09:40,000

He felt, okay, we're gonna be fine for a while.

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00:09:54,000 --> 00:10:00,000

I woke up the next morning because I was freezing.

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00:10:00,000 --> 00:10:02,000

This is ridiculous.

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00:10:02,000 --> 00:10:04,000

It was colder than the day before.

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

Honey, come here.

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00:10:12,000 --> 00:10:14,000

I called the fire.

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00:10:14,000 --> 00:10:16,000

I called the fire.

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00:10:16,000 --> 00:10:18,000

I called the fire.

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00:10:18,000 --> 00:10:20,000

I called the fire.

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00:10:20,000 --> 00:10:22,000

I called the fire.

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00:10:23,000 --> 00:10:25,000

I called the fuel company again and I said,

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00:10:25,000 --> 00:10:28,000

what's going on here? This house is freezing.

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00:10:34,000 --> 00:10:36,000

Well, your fuel tank was empty.

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00:10:36,000 --> 00:10:38,000

Empty.

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00:10:38,000 --> 00:10:40,000

There's no leaking the lines.

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00:10:40,000 --> 00:10:43,000

There's no reason the fuel should be gone, but it's fine now.

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00:10:43,000 --> 00:10:47,000

We were just like, wow, how could this happen?

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00:10:47,000 --> 00:10:49,000

Okay, well, how much is this gonna cost me?

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00:10:49,000 --> 00:10:51,000

\$500.

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00:10:51,000 --> 00:10:53,000

\$500.

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00:10:53,000 --> 00:10:55,000

No.

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00:10:55,000 --> 00:10:58,000

It was another \$500 that we didn't have.

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00:11:00,000 --> 00:11:02,000

It made no sense.

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00:11:02,000 --> 00:11:04,000

We knew something was wrong.

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00:11:05,000 --> 00:11:08,000

It was like the house didn't want to stay warm.

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00:11:17,000 --> 00:11:20,000

That night, I was exhausted.

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00:11:22,000 --> 00:11:26,000

And I'd been asleep maybe an hour when I heard

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00:11:28,000 --> 00:11:30,000

tap, tap, tap, tap on my window.

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00:11:38,000 --> 00:11:41,000

And then I had a horrible realization

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00:11:41,000 --> 00:11:44,000

that my bedroom window was 20 feet off the ground

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00:11:44,000 --> 00:11:47,000

and it wasn't possible for anyone to be standing there.

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00:11:48,000 --> 00:11:52,000

The noise could only be coming from inside the house.

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00:12:11,000 --> 00:12:16,000

I see a crack and it slowly sort of made its way

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00:12:17,000 --> 00:12:19,000

across the window.

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00:12:21,000 --> 00:12:24,000

My whole body's stiffened.

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

I thought it had to be the temperature

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00:12:27,000 --> 00:12:29,000

that caused the glass to break.

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00:12:31,000 --> 00:12:34,000

There had to be a rational explanation.

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00:12:38,000 --> 00:12:39,000

Mommy!

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00:12:39,000 --> 00:12:41,000

Mommy!

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00:12:42,000 --> 00:12:44,000

Mommy!

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00:12:44,000 --> 00:12:46,000

Mommy!

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00:12:48,000 --> 00:12:51,000

The next day, the crack was gone.

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00:12:53,000 --> 00:12:55,000

Mommy! Are you coming back?

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00:12:55,000 --> 00:12:57,000

I didn't know what to think of it.

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00:12:58,000 --> 00:12:59,000

It was weird.

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00:13:05,000 --> 00:13:08,000

Later that night, I hadn't been in bed for very long.

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00:13:11,000 --> 00:13:13,000

And I was woken up.

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00:13:17,000 --> 00:13:19,000

It sounded as though there was a choir

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00:13:19,000 --> 00:13:22,000

literally standing in my bedroom.

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00:13:25,000 --> 00:13:28,000

The choir singing Amazing Grace.

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00:13:38,000 --> 00:13:40,000

I went into the hallway.

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00:13:42,000 --> 00:13:45,000

Everybody's door shut, nobody's awake.

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00:13:47,000 --> 00:13:50,000

The singing continued.

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00:13:59,000 --> 00:14:01,000

There were many muffled voices.

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00:14:01,000 --> 00:14:03,000

It was like a church choir.

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00:14:09,000 --> 00:14:11,000

I was so surprised.

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00:14:11,000 --> 00:14:13,000

I was so surprised.

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00:14:13,000 --> 00:14:15,000

I was so surprised.

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00:14:16,000 --> 00:14:19,000

It's not coming from inside the house.

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00:14:19,000 --> 00:14:22,000

It's coming from outside the house.

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00:14:25,000 --> 00:14:28,000

So I walked back to my bedroom

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00:14:28,000 --> 00:14:31,000

and looked out the window because I'm thinking,

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00:14:31,000 --> 00:14:34,000

are they standing on the lawn?

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00:14:37,000 --> 00:14:39,000

There was nobody there.

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00:14:40,000 --> 00:14:42,000

Am I going crazy?

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00:14:43,000 --> 00:14:46,000

Am I hearing things?

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00:14:49,000 --> 00:14:51,000

Taylor, honey, eat your breakfast.

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00:15:02,000 --> 00:15:04,000

Harry came into the dining room

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00:15:04,000 --> 00:15:06,000

and I noticed that she looked tired

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00:15:06,000 --> 00:15:08,000

and she had bags under her eyes.

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00:15:09,000 --> 00:15:11,000

Hey, Munchkin, you okay?

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

Taylor had dark circles under her eyes.

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00:15:18,000 --> 00:15:21,000

Hey, how have you guys been sleeping?

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00:15:21,000 --> 00:15:23,000

Not very well.

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00:15:23,000 --> 00:15:25,000

Why do you ask?

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00:15:25,000 --> 00:15:28,000

I know, I've been hearing music.

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00:15:29,000 --> 00:15:31,000

Have you heard choirs?

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00:15:34,000 --> 00:15:36,000

It was really hard to admit

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00:15:36,000 --> 00:15:39,000

what was going on, to talk about it.

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00:15:39,000 --> 00:15:42,000

No, no, I haven't heard anything.

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00:15:42,000 --> 00:15:46,000

It was probably like a car driving by or something.

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00:15:46,000 --> 00:15:48,000

Maybe it's you dreaming it.

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00:15:51,000 --> 00:15:53,000

I didn't know what to say.

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00:15:54,000 --> 00:15:57,000

There really was a weird energy in the house.

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00:15:58,000 --> 00:16:01,000

We were trying to move away from bad relationships

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00:16:01,000 --> 00:16:04,000

and the challenges we had had.

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00:16:05,000 --> 00:16:07,000

We were trying to take charge

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00:16:07,000 --> 00:16:10,000

and move forward with our lives.

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00:16:10,000 --> 00:16:13,000

Maybe we just hadn't dealt with our issues

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00:16:13,000 --> 00:16:15,000

that we had all moved in with.

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00:16:35,000 --> 00:16:39,000

I was doing chores when I heard a loud knock on the door.

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00:16:43,000 --> 00:16:47,000

I stopped what I was doing and went to the door to answer it.

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00:16:55,000 --> 00:16:57,000

And no one was there.

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00:16:58,000 --> 00:17:01,000

A few minutes later, another knock on the door,

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00:17:01,000 --> 00:17:04,000

only this time they were pounding on the door.

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00:17:58,000 --> 00:18:00,000

Again, nobody there.

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00:18:01,000 --> 00:18:04,000

I was getting really mad and really frustrated.

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00:18:05,000 --> 00:18:07,000

I figured somebody in the neighborhood

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00:18:07,000 --> 00:18:11,000

thought it would be funny to play pranks on the new people.

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00:18:12,000 --> 00:18:15,000

But who could we have offended?

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00:18:20,000 --> 00:18:24,000

Later that afternoon, I was sitting at my sewing machine.

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00:18:24,000 --> 00:18:26,000

I didn't know where to go.

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00:18:26,000 --> 00:18:29,000

I don't know. I hadn't seen him in a long time.

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00:18:29,000 --> 00:18:33,000

I heard my daughter in her room just chatting away

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00:18:33,000 --> 00:18:36,000

and making her toys talk to each other

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00:18:36,000 --> 00:18:39,000

and just doing what kids do.

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00:18:47,000 --> 00:18:49,000

I poked my head in.

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00:18:50,000 --> 00:18:52,000

And she was looking up

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00:18:52,000 --> 00:18:55,000

as though she was speaking to somebody in front of her.

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00:18:56,000 --> 00:19:00,000

She was a good woman. She was nice and polite and very gentle.

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00:19:01,000 --> 00:19:03,000

But there was nobody there.

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00:19:04,000 --> 00:19:07,000

Taylor, honey, who were you talking to?

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00:19:07,000 --> 00:19:08,000

No one.

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00:19:08,000 --> 00:19:10,000

No, I just heard you. Who were you talking to?

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00:19:10,000 --> 00:19:12,000

No one, Mommy.

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00:19:17,000 --> 00:19:20,000

It was like a conversation I wasn't invited to.

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00:19:20,000 --> 00:19:24,000

Taylor, can you please take your dishes down to the kitchen?

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00:19:27,000 --> 00:19:30,000

She just, with venom, was like,

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00:19:30,000 --> 00:19:33,000

no, you take it into the kitchen.

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00:19:34,000 --> 00:19:35,000

Taylor!

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00:19:35,000 --> 00:19:41,000

The look on her face was not the look you see on a six-year-old's face.

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00:19:43,000 --> 00:19:45,000

Stop! Taylor, stop!

283

00:19:45,000 --> 00:19:47,000

And she threw herself to the floor.

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00:19:47,000 --> 00:19:48,000

Stop it!

285

00:19:48,000 --> 00:19:50,000

I don't want to!

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00:19:50,000 --> 00:19:53,000

I'd never seen anything like it, and I was terrified.

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00:19:53,000 --> 00:19:54,000

Stop!

288

00:19:54,000 --> 00:19:56,000

Stop it!

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00:19:56,000 --> 00:19:58,000

I don't want to!

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00:19:58,000 --> 00:20:00,000

I don't want to!

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00:20:00,000 --> 00:20:03,000

It seemed like something was changing her personality.

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00:20:03,000 --> 00:20:05,000

I don't want to!

293

00:20:06,000 --> 00:20:10,000

That night, I was thinking about what was going on with Taylor,

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00:20:10,000 --> 00:20:12,000

and I was getting nervous.

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00:20:12,000 --> 00:20:14,000

I was like, I don't want to.

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00:20:14,000 --> 00:20:16,000

I don't want to.

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00:20:16,000 --> 00:20:20,000

I was like, oh, Taylor, and I was getting worried about Dawn.

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00:20:23,000 --> 00:20:26,000

She was sort of retreating into herself.

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00:20:31,000 --> 00:20:37,000

Then we had just settled down, and I heard a tapping sound, a tap-tap.

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00:20:46,000 --> 00:21:15,400

I looked at the window and I didn't see anything.

301

00:21:15,400 --> 00:21:17,600

All of a sudden we heard boom.

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00:21:17,600 --> 00:21:19,600

Oh my God, the furnace.

303

00:21:19,600 --> 00:21:21,360

Taylor, Taylor!

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00:21:21,360 --> 00:21:23,800

The floor shook and the windows shook.

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00:21:23,800 --> 00:21:25,200

Hello, we have an emergency.

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00:21:25,200 --> 00:21:28,000

We need a fire truck right away.

307

00:21:28,000 --> 00:21:32,200

It was like a cannon had just gone off.

308

00:21:32,200 --> 00:21:33,400

Yes, send it immediately.

309

00:21:33,400 --> 00:21:34,300

Yes.

310

00:21:40,920 --> 00:21:43,080

I sent the fire chief down to the cellar

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00:21:43,080 --> 00:21:44,800

where the boiler was.

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00:21:45,000 --> 00:21:47,200

We're good.

313

00:21:47,200 --> 00:21:48,480

Your pilot light went out and the gas

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00:21:48,480 --> 00:21:50,520

was building underneath.

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00:21:50,520 --> 00:21:53,880

Gas had been building up in that little space.

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00:21:53,880 --> 00:21:55,760

It's still pumping through the system.

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00:21:55,760 --> 00:21:57,240

Then it just blew.

318

00:21:57,240 --> 00:21:57,640

What?

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00:21:57,640 --> 00:21:59,920

What could have caused that?

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00:21:59,920 --> 00:22:03,640

You guys are lucky you're not dead.

321

00:22:03,640 --> 00:22:06,520

The furnace blew up.

322

00:22:06,520 --> 00:22:07,200

Hey, baby.

323

00:22:07,200 --> 00:22:09,120

There was no explanation from the fire department.

324

00:22:09,120 --> 00:22:10,840

I'm not scared.

325

00:22:10,840 --> 00:22:11,640

It's OK.

326

00:22:11,640 --> 00:22:12,720

Everything's OK now.

327

00:22:12,760 --> 00:22:16,120

I started to ask myself the question,

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00:22:16,120 --> 00:22:18,240

is something paranormal going on in this house?

329

00:22:30,240 --> 00:22:34,800

In that moment, we could hear the acquire.

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00:22:34,800 --> 00:22:35,760

Crystal, did you hear that?

331

00:22:38,640 --> 00:22:39,760

I didn't know what to say.

332

00:22:39,760 --> 00:22:42,800

I just didn't want to have a conversation about it.

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00:22:42,800 --> 00:22:44,000

I didn't want to talk about it.

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00:22:46,640 --> 00:22:50,880

She was clearly determined to say this wasn't happening.

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00:23:09,760 --> 00:23:11,760

I sort of felt like I was going mad.

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00:23:14,760 --> 00:23:16,760

There's something out of this world going on in this house.

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00:23:21,760 --> 00:23:23,760

This was starting to feel dangerous.

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00:23:39,760 --> 00:23:41,760

Mommy!

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00:23:41,760 --> 00:23:42,760

Mommy!

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00:23:42,760 --> 00:23:44,760

Monster eyes!

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00:23:44,760 --> 00:23:45,760

Monster eyes!

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00:24:09,760 --> 00:24:10,760

Mommy!

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00:24:10,760 --> 00:24:11,760

Mommy!

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00:24:11,760 --> 00:24:14,760

I hear this drilling, piercing scream.

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00:24:14,760 --> 00:24:15,760

Ah!

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00:24:15,760 --> 00:24:16,760

Taylor!

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00:24:16,760 --> 00:24:18,760

Taylor, honey, what's wrong?

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00:24:18,760 --> 00:24:21,760

She's sitting up in bed and pointing at the wall.

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00:24:21,760 --> 00:24:23,760

I saw monster eyes on my wall.

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00:24:23,760 --> 00:24:25,760

Monster eyes?

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00:24:25,760 --> 00:24:27,760

And I looked where she was pointing.

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00:24:27,760 --> 00:24:29,760

Oh, honey, it's just ponies.

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00:24:29,760 --> 00:24:31,760

It's just ponies, baby.

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00:24:31,760 --> 00:24:32,760

You're OK?

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00:24:32,760 --> 00:24:34,760

It's just a drawing, you know?

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00:24:34,760 --> 00:24:36,760

I was really kind of surprised.

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00:24:36,760 --> 00:24:38,760

But she was inconsolable.

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00:24:38,760 --> 00:24:40,760

Do you want to come sleep in Mommy's room tonight?

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00:24:46,760 --> 00:24:48,760

She said she wanted to sleep with me.

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00:24:48,760 --> 00:24:49,760

Oh, come on.

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00:24:51,760 --> 00:24:53,760

Let's go to bed, OK?

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00:24:54,760 --> 00:24:56,760

So I brought her in my room to sleep.

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00:24:56,760 --> 00:24:57,760

Thanks, Carrie.

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00:24:57,760 --> 00:24:58,760

Come here.

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00:25:03,760 --> 00:25:05,760

I didn't know you were going to sleep with me.

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00:25:05,760 --> 00:25:09,760

I didn't want to believe it, and I didn't want to think about it.

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00:25:09,760 --> 00:25:11,760

So I didn't engage.

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00:25:14,760 --> 00:25:16,760

Chris, listen to me.

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00:25:16,760 --> 00:25:19,760

Crystal, there is something going on in there.

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00:25:19,760 --> 00:25:20,760

There's something not right here.

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00:25:20,760 --> 00:25:22,760

What is going on?

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00:25:22,760 --> 00:25:24,760

We just have to get used to the house.

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00:25:24,760 --> 00:25:26,760

Crystal, are you losing your grip?

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00:25:26,760 --> 00:25:28,760

Don is petrified.

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00:25:28,760 --> 00:25:31,760

Crystal wouldn't hear about it.

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00:25:31,760 --> 00:25:34,760

You'd have to be blind and deaf not to see there's something going on here.

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00:25:34,760 --> 00:25:36,760

There's nothing going on.

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00:25:37,760 --> 00:25:40,760

Admitting that there was something going on, men.

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00:25:41,760 --> 00:25:42,760

I had to do something.

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00:25:42,760 --> 00:25:46,760

I had to take some kind of action, and that action was to get out.

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00:25:48,760 --> 00:25:50,760

But I wasn't ready to give up.

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00:25:54,760 --> 00:25:58,760

I felt like the house was driving a wedge between us.

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00:25:59,760 --> 00:26:04,760

The next morning, I was trying to get some rest.

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00:26:06,760 --> 00:26:09,760

I heard a scraping sound.

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00:26:10,760 --> 00:26:11,760

So I get up,

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00:26:15,760 --> 00:26:19,760

and I move very slowly into the hallway.

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00:26:28,760 --> 00:26:32,760

Each of the dining room chairs was moving all on its own.

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00:26:35,760 --> 00:26:38,760

Don came in the room, saw what I was seeing.

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00:26:41,760 --> 00:26:43,760

And then I hear more scraping.

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00:26:44,760 --> 00:26:48,760

And the other chairs pull themselves away from the table in the same manner.

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00:26:48,760 --> 00:26:51,760

I was in absolute disbelief as to what I was seeing.

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00:26:55,760 --> 00:26:57,760

There was something going on in our house.

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00:27:00,760 --> 00:27:01,760

Don had had enough.

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00:27:01,760 --> 00:27:03,760

She said she couldn't take it anymore.

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00:27:08,760 --> 00:27:10,760

There was no time to even say goodbye.

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00:27:12,760 --> 00:27:14,760

I was so disappointed.

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00:27:14,760 --> 00:27:16,760

I was so disappointed.

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00:27:16,760 --> 00:27:18,760

There was no time to even say goodbye.

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00:27:18,760 --> 00:27:19,760

She was just gone.

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00:27:21,760 --> 00:27:25,760

Now there were only two of us paying the bills.

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00:27:28,760 --> 00:27:32,760

We realized we couldn't get on top of our financing until the winter was over,

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00:27:32,760 --> 00:27:34,760

so we couldn't leave.

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00:27:37,760 --> 00:27:41,760

We were essentially trapped in this situation, in this house.

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00:27:41,760 --> 00:27:47,760

Things just became worse very quickly.

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00:27:49,760 --> 00:27:53,760

Michael looks in the window for all kinds of nice things to do.

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00:27:57,760 --> 00:27:58,760

Christa?

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00:27:59,760 --> 00:28:00,760

Yeah?

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00:28:01,760 --> 00:28:02,760

Was that a bee?

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00:28:03,760 --> 00:28:06,760

I thought she had to be mistaken because it was November,

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00:28:06,760 --> 00:28:09,760

and there are no bees in November in Vermont.

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00:28:12,760 --> 00:28:13,760

Oh my God.

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00:28:14,760 --> 00:28:15,760

And then there was another.

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00:28:15,760 --> 00:28:16,760

Oh God.

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00:28:20,760 --> 00:28:22,760

All of a sudden there was another bee and another bee.

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00:28:27,760 --> 00:28:28,760

It's okay.

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00:28:30,760 --> 00:28:33,760

The room was filling with bees.

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00:28:34,760 --> 00:28:37,760

They were everywhere, out of thin air.

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00:28:38,760 --> 00:28:39,760

Oh my God.

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00:28:41,760 --> 00:28:50,760

The noise was unbelievable.

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00:28:55,760 --> 00:28:58,760

There was thousands and thousands and thousands of bees.

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00:29:11,760 --> 00:29:21,760

The bees just kept throwing themselves at the glass.

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00:29:22,760 --> 00:29:23,760

We were the target.

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00:29:26,760 --> 00:29:28,760

They were trying to come through the cracks.

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00:29:35,760 --> 00:29:38,760

So we taped off all the cracks we could find.

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00:29:42,760 --> 00:29:48,760

You could not even see through the glass enough to see the room.

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00:29:50,760 --> 00:29:52,760

It was like a plague.

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00:30:12,760 --> 00:30:14,760

It was almost biblical.

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00:30:17,760 --> 00:30:21,760

We called the landlord and he called an exterminator to come out.

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00:30:23,760 --> 00:30:27,760

We could tell that he was profoundly uncomfortable with what he had seen.

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00:30:31,760 --> 00:30:32,760

I didn't get it.

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00:30:34,760 --> 00:30:37,760

He was never able to find where they originated from,

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00:30:37,760 --> 00:30:40,760

why they were there in the middle of the winter.

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00:30:40,760 --> 00:30:42,760

There was no explanation for it.

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00:30:44,760 --> 00:30:47,760

The events in the house were starting to take their toll on all of us.

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00:30:49,760 --> 00:30:53,760

We didn't have any more money, but we had to get out of the house.

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00:30:55,760 --> 00:31:01,760

My biggest concern was Taylor and the effect the house was having on her.

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00:31:05,760 --> 00:31:06,760

How was school?

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00:31:06,760 --> 00:31:12,760

One afternoon I went to pick Taylor up from school and her teacher asked if I had a few minutes.

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00:31:12,760 --> 00:31:15,760

She wanted to show me a drawing that Taylor had done that day.

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00:31:15,760 --> 00:31:17,760

Okay, Taylor, honey, go wait for my meal in the car, okay?

441

00:31:17,760 --> 00:31:19,760

They'll be there in a second.

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00:31:25,760 --> 00:31:26,760

Does Taylor like the new place?

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00:31:26,760 --> 00:31:29,760

Yeah, it's an adjustment, but she's getting used to it.

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00:31:29,760 --> 00:31:35,760

Okay, I'm just a little bit worried because today the students drew pictures of their homes.

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00:31:35,760 --> 00:31:38,760

I thought you should see this.

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00:31:43,760 --> 00:31:45,760

My stomach just sank.

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00:31:45,760 --> 00:31:48,760

It was this horrifying vision of our house.

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00:31:50,760 --> 00:31:52,760

Everything was black and dead looking,

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00:31:52,760 --> 00:31:57,760

and in each of the windows was a black figure with orange eyes.

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00:32:00,760 --> 00:32:02,760

It was absolutely terrifying.

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00:32:03,760 --> 00:32:04,760

It was a nightmare.

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00:32:04,760 --> 00:32:07,760

Look, if there's anything I can help or if you need to talk about it.

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00:32:07,760 --> 00:32:09,760

Okay, yeah, just let me know, okay?

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00:32:09,760 --> 00:32:10,760

Thank you, thank you.

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00:32:10,760 --> 00:32:11,760

Take care.

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00:32:11,760 --> 00:32:12,760

Have a good day.

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00:32:13,760 --> 00:32:17,760

If this was her vision of our house, what was she seeing?

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00:32:24,760 --> 00:32:27,760

I was sitting in my car in my driveway.

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00:32:27,760 --> 00:32:31,760

And I just lost it.

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00:32:34,760 --> 00:32:38,760

It was like all the failure in spite of all the effort.

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00:32:43,760 --> 00:32:44,760

Are you okay?

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00:32:44,760 --> 00:32:49,760

It startled me, and I realized that it was my neighbor.

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00:32:49,760 --> 00:32:51,760

How's everything going with the house?

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00:32:53,760 --> 00:32:56,760

I said, this is going to sound crazy.

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00:32:57,760 --> 00:33:00,760

But I think our house is haunted.

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00:33:01,760 --> 00:33:03,760

And he did not seem surprised at all.

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00:33:05,760 --> 00:33:09,760

My family's been living near this house for a long time,

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00:33:09,760 --> 00:33:13,760

and there's always been some kind of activity going on here.

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00:33:13,760 --> 00:33:15,760

He said, you're not crazy.

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00:33:15,760 --> 00:33:18,760

That old place has quite a history.

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00:33:18,760 --> 00:33:19,760

Take care.

472

00:33:19,760 --> 00:33:24,760

I realized that I needed to find out more about the house,

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00:33:24,760 --> 00:33:26,760

and I was determined to find answers.

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00:33:29,760 --> 00:33:31,760

I thought the best thing I could do

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00:33:31,760 --> 00:33:34,760

was to start at the town's historical society.

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00:33:34,760 --> 00:33:39,760

I discovered a strange history about the town of Hinesburg.

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00:33:40,760 --> 00:33:43,760

Our house was where a church once stood.

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00:33:43,760 --> 00:33:47,760

I thought of the old stone wall in our house.

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00:33:50,760 --> 00:33:54,760

And I had to wonder, did these stones come from the church?

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00:33:58,760 --> 00:34:03,760

The church belonged to a strange Baptist sect

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00:34:03,760 --> 00:34:08,760

led by a fire and brimstone priest.

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00:34:08,760 --> 00:34:11,760

Their belief systems were pretty extreme.

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00:34:12,760 --> 00:34:15,760

These folks believed that the end of the world was imminent.

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00:34:16,760 --> 00:34:20,760

And the sinners would be engulfed in flames.

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00:34:24,760 --> 00:34:27,760

Someone from the town got pretty angry.

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00:34:27,760 --> 00:34:30,760

I thought, I'm going to be a priest.

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00:34:30,760 --> 00:34:33,760

I thought, I'm going to be a priest.

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00:34:33,760 --> 00:34:36,760

I thought, I'm going to be a priest.

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00:34:36,760 --> 00:34:39,760

Someone from the town got pretty fed up with them

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00:34:39,760 --> 00:34:41,760

and it set the whole area ablaze.

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00:34:44,760 --> 00:34:48,760

Could this all be like a curse from an angry preacher?

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00:34:52,760 --> 00:34:56,760

The things we had seen, the smoke, the threat of fire.

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00:34:56,760 --> 00:34:58,760

Smoke, focus.

494

00:34:58,760 --> 00:35:02,760

I thought of like a plague of locusts, but for us it was bees.

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00:35:07,760 --> 00:35:13,760

I felt a chill run down my spine as I thought about a chill in the house.

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00:35:13,760 --> 00:35:15,760

They're torments.

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00:35:15,760 --> 00:35:17,760

Looks like a torment.

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00:35:17,760 --> 00:35:20,760

As the storm gets wrecked.

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00:35:20,760 --> 00:35:22,760

Amen.

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00:35:22,760 --> 00:35:24,760

Amen.

501

00:35:25,760 --> 00:35:28,760

Maybe those lingering souls resented us.

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00:35:28,760 --> 00:35:30,760

Could that be it?

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00:35:30,760 --> 00:35:34,760

Did the congregation disapprove of me being a single parent?

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00:35:34,760 --> 00:35:36,760

Raise your hands!

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00:35:44,760 --> 00:35:47,760

We didn't have any more money, but we had to get out of the house.

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00:35:49,760 --> 00:35:53,760

We heard on the radio that there was going to be a big storm and we thought,

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00:35:53,760 --> 00:35:55,760

okay, we need a Vermonters.

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00:35:55,760 --> 00:35:58,760

We never thought that that was that big of a deal.

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00:35:58,760 --> 00:36:01,760

We were going to leave the next morning.

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00:36:01,760 --> 00:36:03,760

Where can we go?

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00:36:03,760 --> 00:36:05,760

Like now.

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00:36:05,760 --> 00:36:08,760

Well, if we don't have any money, Moms is the only place we can go.

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00:36:08,760 --> 00:36:10,760

Let's go see Mom.

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00:36:10,760 --> 00:36:13,760

We deal with storms all the time.

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00:36:15,760 --> 00:36:17,760

I wasn't overly concerned.

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00:36:19,760 --> 00:36:21,760

And boy was I wrong.

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00:36:32,760 --> 00:36:36,760

We woke up the next morning to a different world.

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00:36:41,760 --> 00:36:43,760

Everything is coated in ice.

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00:36:45,760 --> 00:36:47,760

It was lethal.

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00:36:47,760 --> 00:36:50,760

It was apocalyptic.

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00:36:56,760 --> 00:36:59,760

It was a huge, huge storm.

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00:37:01,760 --> 00:37:04,760

And it was clear to both of us.

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00:37:04,760 --> 00:37:07,760

We weren't going anywhere.

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00:37:11,760 --> 00:37:16,760

We could hear the wind howling and the relentless pelting of sleep.

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00:37:17,760 --> 00:37:21,760

It didn't stop. It just kept building in intensity.

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00:37:24,760 --> 00:37:28,760

It was as though we finally decided we're going to get out of here

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00:37:28,760 --> 00:37:31,760

and now we're absolutely stuck.

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00:37:39,760 --> 00:37:43,760

We took all the blankets and decided we would just wait out the storm.

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00:37:47,760 --> 00:37:49,760

Candles. I think there's some over here.

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00:37:49,760 --> 00:37:51,760

Okay.

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00:37:51,760 --> 00:37:54,760

I think the rest are in the dining room.

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00:37:54,760 --> 00:37:56,760

All right.

533

00:37:56,760 --> 00:37:59,760

Auntie Carrie, come here right back, baby.

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00:38:02,760 --> 00:38:06,760

Things didn't get better. They got worse at that point.

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00:38:13,760 --> 00:38:15,760

Carrie!

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00:38:15,760 --> 00:38:17,760

There was doors slamming.

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00:38:20,760 --> 00:38:23,760

And there was piano keys playing.

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00:38:26,760 --> 00:38:29,760

It's as though the house knows they can't do anything.

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00:38:29,760 --> 00:38:31,760

They can't really go anywhere.

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00:38:35,760 --> 00:38:37,760

Taylor was really frightened.

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00:38:42,760 --> 00:38:44,760

She was just carrying.

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Crystal, where are you going?

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I heard footsteps in the hallway.

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Crystal, what are you doing?

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When you have a child in the house, you have to hold it together

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and you have to at least appear to be strong for that child.

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I had to do something. I had to take some kind of action.

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I walked down the hallway.

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And I heard whispers.

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And I saw a shadow on the wall.

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I knew what wanted to hurt us and I thought,

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what wanted to hurt us and I'd seen it.

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And just as suddenly as it started, it stopped.

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And the room was suddenly still and quiet.

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I hadn't been asleep for very long when I felt the weight of something.

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Carrie?

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It wasn't Carrie.

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Carrie?

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I'm sorry.

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00:40:43,760 --> 00:40:45,760

I'm sorry.

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00:40:45,760 --> 00:40:47,760

I'm sorry.

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Carrie?

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We could see dark shadows moving around.

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Human shapes.

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It was the congregation of that church.

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They hated us and they didn't want us there.

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I figured, walk past.

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It looked like a preacher in the 1800s.

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I was so scared.

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I was scared.

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And then it was gone.

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And then it was gone.

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The storm finally passed.

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We knew that for us that was it.

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Oh wait, go get your bag back.

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We made a plan to stay with our mother.

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This place that was supposed to be the place where we would rest and heal

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literally tormented us from day one.

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Carrie, I forgot her elephant in the living room.

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You can just show us, I'm going to run and go get it.

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Okay.

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Thank you.

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The preacher did everything possible to make sure that we didn't rest

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and certainly there was no healing there.