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It was war.

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We knew that there had been people killed up there.

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But there was something just completely wrong about this place.

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I never, ever believed in ghosts before.

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We didn't leash something.

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

Someone is trying to kill us.

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It's gonna be them or me.

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

And it sure as hell not gonna be me.

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

What do you do? I mean you have this gun and all this gear.

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

But that's not gonna help you now.

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We're all about to die right now.

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00:01:00,000 --> 00:01:02,000

We're all about to die.

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As Commander-in-Chief, I have determined that it is in our vital national interest

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to send an additional 30,000 US troops to Afghanistan.

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I do not make this decision lightly.

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I make this decision because it is from here that we were attacked on 9-11.

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And it is from here that new attacks are being plotted as I speak.

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In the Marines you live, you breathe with the guys you work with day in and day out.

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Some of the guys had kids that were just born recently married and this was their first deployment.

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It was pretty hard on them.

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Opri-Rak was my first assignment.

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It was just a kick in the face pretty much like, hey you're gonna do this training for a few months and boom,

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you're going straight to Afghanistan.

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I don't even know if I want to do this or not.

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00:02:28,000 --> 00:02:32,000

The squad was led by Sergeant Green and I was his second command.

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Being in charge of so many guys as a burden,

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00:02:37,000 --> 00:02:41,000

it's a mistake or decision you made and they pay the cost.

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00:02:41,000 --> 00:02:44,000

That's a heartbreak to swallow.

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00:02:50,000 --> 00:02:53,000

All right.

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One of the British soldiers came down to help his welcome to Opri-Rak.

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It looked like a giant rock.

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It was pretty much just a knoll.

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What?

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It was definitely a weird place.

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00:03:13,000 --> 00:03:16,000

It had a very strange vibe.

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00:03:19,000 --> 00:03:22,000

It was just a very strange feeling.

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00:03:27,000 --> 00:03:29,000

The British soldiers looked pretty rough.

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00:03:29,000 --> 00:03:32,000

They looked a little razzled, a little bit fried.

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00:03:34,000 --> 00:03:38,000

You can tell they've been there for a long time and they're just ready to go and go home.

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00:03:41,000 --> 00:03:44,000

You didn't have any beds, you didn't have any cot, you slept in the dirt.

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00:03:45,000 --> 00:03:47,000

It was just really bare.

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00:03:47,000 --> 00:03:49,000

Yeah, it sucked.

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00:04:01,000 --> 00:04:03,000

There was this dog that was up there.

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00:04:03,000 --> 00:04:05,000

Hey buddy, hey!

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00:04:05,000 --> 00:04:07,000

And they said, oh, that's ugly Betty.

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00:04:07,000 --> 00:04:09,000

Take care of her, feed her.

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00:04:09,000 --> 00:04:11,000

Because you won't ever find a more diligent sentry.

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00:04:11,000 --> 00:04:12,000

Hey!

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00:04:12,000 --> 00:04:15,000

I was a dog person growing up, worked with animals,

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00:04:15,000 --> 00:04:17,000

and I took it upon myself to take care of her.

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00:04:17,000 --> 00:04:19,000

She's cute.

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00:04:19,000 --> 00:04:21,000

Betty, come on!

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00:04:21,000 --> 00:04:22,000

Come on!

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00:04:31,000 --> 00:04:34,000

Finally it was time for the British soldiers to go.

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00:04:36,000 --> 00:04:37,000

One more thing.

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00:04:37,000 --> 00:04:39,000

The British soldiers told us something crazy.

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00:04:39,000 --> 00:04:43,000

If you dig anything up, make sure you put it back where you found it, all right?

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00:04:43,000 --> 00:04:48,000

So it was like, we don't know these guys, they're probably just like, jerking our chain, you know what I mean?

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00:04:48,000 --> 00:04:51,000

It made no sense to us at the time.

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00:05:03,000 --> 00:05:06,000

Later that night, I was on the machine gun post.

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00:05:08,000 --> 00:05:10,000

It was very isolated.

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00:05:11,000 --> 00:05:18,000

When you're in a small unit, there's always that fear of being vastly outnumbered and dragged away into the night.

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It's always a possibility.

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You know anything corporal?

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Anytime Sergeant Green had come from the post, you would do a very distinctive tap tap on your shoulder just to get your attention.

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No, I'm good.

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00:05:37,000 --> 00:05:40,000

I told him everything was fine, he was good to rack out for the night.

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All of a sudden I heard something over the radio.

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00:05:58,000 --> 00:06:03,000

It was a crackling, gurgling noise that kept fading in and out.

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00:06:19,000 --> 00:06:21,000

I immediately called the main base.

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00:06:28,000 --> 00:06:31,000

We have not sent or received any traffic at this time.

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00:06:31,000 --> 00:06:33,000

Copy.

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00:06:33,000 --> 00:06:36,000

It was just very unusual.

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00:06:48,000 --> 00:06:52,000

I'll turn up the volume on it and see if I can kind of make out what's being transmitted.

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00:06:59,000 --> 00:07:01,000

It doesn't sound English.

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

My media thought it was bad batteries.

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00:07:06,000 --> 00:07:09,000

I grabbed a fresh battery.

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00:07:09,000 --> 00:07:11,000

I hope that's the end of it.

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00:07:11,000 --> 00:07:14,000

This is our lifeline. We can't afford to lose this radio.

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If someone was to sneak up on us, we'd be done for.

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00:07:20,000 --> 00:07:23,000

OP ROCK, this is Gulf Main. Radio check, over.

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00:07:25,000 --> 00:07:29,000

Roger, Gulf Main. This is OP ROCK. Loud and clear. Over.

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00:07:29,000 --> 00:07:34,000

It was very unusual, but you can't really dwell on what happened.

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00:07:43,000 --> 00:07:48,000

Observation posts are usually pretty safe because you can see from miles and around.

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00:07:48,000 --> 00:07:52,000

This was different, though. You felt somewhat exposed.

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Anytime your head was popping over to side, chances of a sniper is going to get you.

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00:07:59,000 --> 00:08:02,000

There were trenches in place, but they weren't very deep.

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The British had been here for a while.

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We couldn't figure out why they had not dug in deeper.

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00:08:09,000 --> 00:08:13,000

We immediately knew that we needed to dig deeper and wider trenches.

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00:08:18,000 --> 00:08:29,000

I'm digging, I'm digging. All of a sudden, I hit metal.

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00:08:33,000 --> 00:08:36,000

It's some kind of engineering stake.

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00:08:36,000 --> 00:08:39,000

I brush it off. I see there's Russian lettering.

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00:08:39,000 --> 00:08:42,000

It's very distinctive. It made sense.

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00:08:42,000 --> 00:08:45,000

The Russians had been down here back in the 80s.

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00:08:45,000 --> 00:08:49,000

Wouldn't be surprising to find leftover gear from their time here.

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00:08:53,000 --> 00:08:57,000

The ground was pretty hard. It was like trying to break through rock.

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00:08:57,000 --> 00:09:01,000

I poked the shovel into the wall and it collapsed on me.

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00:09:01,000 --> 00:09:04,000

So now this was like a little crevice.

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00:09:05,000 --> 00:09:07,000

Hey, Smith.

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00:09:08,000 --> 00:09:13,000

Lance Coppill Smith started digging around.

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00:09:26,000 --> 00:09:31,000

We found little pieces of ceramic pots, little cups and stuff like that.

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00:09:32,000 --> 00:09:34,000

What is it?

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00:09:34,000 --> 00:09:41,000

We went from Ben Mareens to archaeologist or anthropologist or something.

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00:09:45,000 --> 00:09:49,000

There was something else down there. Just didn't know exactly what it was.

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00:10:02,000 --> 00:10:06,000

Hey, Lena. Make a wish.

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00:10:09,000 --> 00:10:15,000

From the shape of it, it's a femur bone. It was definitely, definitely human.

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00:10:15,000 --> 00:10:17,000

You sure?

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00:10:17,000 --> 00:10:18,000

Positive.

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

Like, is this kind of creepy?

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00:10:21,000 --> 00:10:26,000

Lance Coppill Smith was definitely the practical joker.

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00:10:26,000 --> 00:10:29,000

You know, he always wanted to say something crazy and cruel.

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00:10:29,000 --> 00:10:32,000

Oh, can you check my heart? I think something's wrong.

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00:10:32,000 --> 00:10:33,000

Come on.

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00:10:33,000 --> 00:10:36,000

You got something? You got something?

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

Seriously, man. Put it back.

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00:10:38,000 --> 00:10:39,000

Yeah, yeah.

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00:10:39,000 --> 00:10:40,000

We're here to work.

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00:10:40,000 --> 00:10:41,000

All right.

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00:10:41,000 --> 00:10:44,000

We were kind of superstitious about things like that.

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00:10:44,000 --> 00:10:48,000

So we just went to the lab and found out that there was something wrong.

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00:10:48,000 --> 00:10:50,000

We were superstitious about things like that.

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So we just put it back where it belonged.

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00:11:01,000 --> 00:11:05,000

But you couldn't dig anywhere without digging up bone after bone.

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00:11:07,000 --> 00:11:08,000

What the?

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00:11:08,000 --> 00:11:10,000

There's another one.

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00:11:10,000 --> 00:11:12,000

They were everywhere.

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00:11:12,000 --> 00:11:17,000

Now it became very clear why the bridge did not dig in deeper.

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

There were bodies buried underneath here.

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00:11:23,000 --> 00:11:25,000

We're on top of a graveyard.

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00:11:25,000 --> 00:11:30,000

It was my 20th birthday. I was the most junior marine on OP rock.

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00:11:30,000 --> 00:11:37,000

Being up there alone with nothing to do just mentally drains you.

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00:11:37,000 --> 00:11:39,000

I had to wait for it to be over.

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00:11:39,000 --> 00:11:42,000

I had to wait.

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00:11:42,000 --> 00:11:45,000

I had to wait.

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00:11:45,000 --> 00:11:46,000

I had to wait.

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00:11:46,000 --> 00:11:47,000

I had to wait.

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00:11:47,000 --> 00:11:48,000

I had to wait.

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00:11:48,000 --> 00:11:50,000

I had to wait.

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00:11:50,000 --> 00:11:53,400

Being up there alone with nothing to do

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00:11:53,400 --> 00:11:55,200

just mentally drains you.

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00:11:58,520 --> 00:12:00,480

It's an eerie silence.

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00:12:00,480 --> 00:12:02,980

I grew up in a farm, so I was used to the country,

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00:12:02,980 --> 00:12:05,000

but it was deathly quiet.

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00:12:08,280 --> 00:12:18,800

And I'm sitting there, and all of a sudden,

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00:12:18,800 --> 00:12:21,320

I just get this unnerving feeling that I'm being watched.

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00:12:29,320 --> 00:12:31,480

And it just sent chills through my entire body.

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00:12:41,320 --> 00:12:43,600

I hear just blood curling scream.

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00:12:49,800 --> 00:12:51,800

It's not good, guys.

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00:12:51,800 --> 00:12:52,800

It's not good.

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00:13:05,800 --> 00:13:08,800

I thought someone got grabbed.

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00:13:08,800 --> 00:13:09,800

And this is our biggest fear.

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00:13:09,800 --> 00:13:12,800

Someone's sneaking into camp, grabbing us at night

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00:13:12,800 --> 00:13:13,800

and carrying them off.

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00:13:18,800 --> 00:13:20,800

I'm just like, hey.

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00:13:20,800 --> 00:13:22,800

He's like, man, what was that?

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00:13:22,800 --> 00:13:24,800

I was just like, I don't even know, man.

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00:13:24,800 --> 00:13:26,800

It was just like really creepy.

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00:13:26,800 --> 00:13:28,800

Move.

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00:13:28,800 --> 00:13:29,800

Go.

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00:13:33,800 --> 00:13:36,800

I assumed that it was a person that had caught in the water.

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00:13:42,800 --> 00:13:44,800

I'm just like, hey, what's going on?

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00:13:44,800 --> 00:13:46,800

I'm just like, hey, what's going on?

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00:13:47,800 --> 00:13:50,800

But I look around, and there's nothing to be seen.

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00:14:01,800 --> 00:14:04,800

I saw something move across right outside our perimeter wire.

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00:14:05,800 --> 00:14:06,800

We immediately went.

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00:14:06,800 --> 00:14:09,800

Guns already straight to the little front entrance

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00:14:09,800 --> 00:14:10,800

where our razor wire was.

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00:14:10,800 --> 00:14:12,800

Shined a flashlight out there.

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00:14:12,800 --> 00:14:13,800

Look.

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00:14:13,800 --> 00:14:16,800

I thought someone is going to try to either take a pop shot at us

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00:14:16,800 --> 00:14:18,800

or throw a grenade into the OP.

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00:14:21,800 --> 00:14:23,800

I don't have a visual.

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00:14:23,800 --> 00:14:24,800

So I grabbed the thermals.

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00:14:26,800 --> 00:14:31,800

Thermal optics would very clearly show anybody that was hiding behind brush

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00:14:31,800 --> 00:14:32,800

or hiding in the dirt.

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00:14:33,800 --> 00:14:36,800

You can very clearly see its shape from the body.

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00:14:36,800 --> 00:14:38,800

He'd tell if it's a person or an animal.

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00:14:44,800 --> 00:14:46,800

You sure you saw something, Huy?

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00:14:46,800 --> 00:14:48,800

With all the assets and gear at our disposal,

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00:14:48,800 --> 00:14:51,800

there was no way that someone could have hidden from us and not be seen.

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00:14:54,800 --> 00:14:55,800

I saw something.

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00:14:55,800 --> 00:14:57,800

You're trying to put together what you just heard.

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00:14:57,800 --> 00:14:58,800

What caused that?

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00:14:58,800 --> 00:15:00,800

And you just don't have an answer.

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00:15:00,800 --> 00:15:02,800

We'll take a look in the morning.

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00:15:03,800 --> 00:15:05,800

We just shook their shoulders and went back to post,

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00:15:05,800 --> 00:15:06,800

and I feel like nothing happened.

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00:15:06,800 --> 00:15:07,800

Good night.

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00:15:09,800 --> 00:15:12,800

I assumed that it was just my mind playing tricks on you.

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00:15:12,800 --> 00:15:15,800

It was just my mind playing tricks on me because I was so tired.

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00:15:22,800 --> 00:15:25,800

So early next morning, I took Lance Corporal Parker down with me.

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00:15:26,800 --> 00:15:29,800

You always have a battle buddy watching your back.

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00:15:31,800 --> 00:15:35,800

Being outside the wire, you feel very exposed for any kind of sniper attack.

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00:15:35,800 --> 00:15:38,800

So we didn't want to spend a whole lot of time out there.

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00:15:43,800 --> 00:15:46,800

I immediately started looking for some kind of rationalization

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00:15:46,800 --> 00:15:48,800

for what had been there.

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00:15:48,800 --> 00:15:52,800

Individual or even an animal, for that matter, would have left footprints.

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00:15:54,800 --> 00:15:57,800

I could not find any kind of prints, you know, man or beast,

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00:15:57,800 --> 00:15:59,800

indicating that there had been there previous night.

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00:16:13,800 --> 00:16:16,800

So you start to wonder, well, what was it?

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00:16:30,800 --> 00:16:32,800

It was quiet out. It was still.

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00:16:32,800 --> 00:16:37,800

And I was just reflecting about life stuff.

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00:16:38,800 --> 00:16:41,800

It would get so hot at night.

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00:16:42,800 --> 00:16:44,800

It was very uncomfortable.

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00:16:52,800 --> 00:16:54,800

Put your helmet on.

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00:16:54,800 --> 00:16:56,800

I'm sorry.

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00:17:05,800 --> 00:17:08,800

Some hours passed after that.

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00:17:12,800 --> 00:17:14,800

What's the feeling?

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00:17:14,800 --> 00:17:17,800

All of a sudden, I feel like this cold chill move across me.

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00:17:20,800 --> 00:17:22,800

What's this?

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00:17:25,800 --> 00:17:28,800

There was no, like, breeze.

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00:17:28,800 --> 00:17:32,800

There's no reason why I would feel like cold all of a sudden.

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00:17:34,800 --> 00:17:38,800

And then I feel this breath on the side of my face.

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00:17:41,800 --> 00:17:44,800

And I hear something whisper in my ear.

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00:17:46,800 --> 00:17:48,800

I spun around.

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00:17:48,800 --> 00:17:50,800

Nothing was there.

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00:17:52,800 --> 00:17:55,800

The whisper, I mean, it sounded like Russian.

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00:17:56,800 --> 00:17:58,800

I thought I'm just tired.

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00:17:58,800 --> 00:18:00,800

I mean, I'm just stressed out.

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00:18:00,800 --> 00:18:03,800

So I gaffed it off as being that.

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00:18:07,800 --> 00:18:09,800

I hear, like, a crunching noise.

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00:18:09,800 --> 00:18:11,800

It sounded like footsteps above me.

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00:18:18,800 --> 00:18:22,800

There was definitely somebody walking above me.

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00:18:24,800 --> 00:18:26,800

And I thought, OK, it's probably Smith.

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00:18:26,800 --> 00:18:30,800

So I ran around real quick to catch him on top of the post.

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00:18:41,800 --> 00:18:43,800

Nobody was there.

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00:18:44,800 --> 00:18:47,800

And that's when I started getting spooked.

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00:18:55,800 --> 00:18:58,800

So I turned on my thermal scope.

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00:19:00,800 --> 00:19:02,800

And I'm looking around.

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00:19:02,800 --> 00:19:05,800

And I'm, like, scanning around on top of the base.

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00:19:05,800 --> 00:19:08,800

And nothing was there.

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00:19:13,800 --> 00:19:15,800

I'm just looking around.

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00:19:32,800 --> 00:19:36,800

And then I see this figure in my sight.

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00:19:43,800 --> 00:19:45,800

I'm just looking around.

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00:20:01,800 --> 00:20:03,800

It looks like it's fist or balls.

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00:20:04,800 --> 00:20:06,800

I was ready to shoot.

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00:20:06,800 --> 00:20:10,800

I needed to make sure it wasn't one of my boys.

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00:20:14,800 --> 00:20:17,800

And when I look back through it...

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00:20:24,800 --> 00:20:27,800

It gone. Just gone.

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00:20:44,800 --> 00:20:46,800

I was like, are you kidding me, man?

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00:20:46,800 --> 00:20:51,800

I got to deal with the towel band, all the insects, the IEDs, the heat.

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00:20:53,800 --> 00:20:56,800

And now I got to deal with, like, spirits.

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00:21:04,800 --> 00:21:07,800

And that's when I felt that chill again.

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00:21:07,800 --> 00:21:09,800

What do you do?

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00:21:09,800 --> 00:21:11,800

I mean, you have this gun and all this gear

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00:21:11,800 --> 00:21:15,800

and your training, but that's not going to help you now.

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00:21:26,800 --> 00:21:28,800

What's up with you, man?

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00:21:28,800 --> 00:21:30,800

When I got up to relieve Damien on post,

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00:21:30,800 --> 00:21:33,800

he started telling me about strange things going on that night.

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00:21:33,800 --> 00:21:35,800

Something bad here, man.

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00:21:35,800 --> 00:21:37,800

I saw something.

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00:21:37,800 --> 00:21:40,800

I took it with a grain of salt, because it's late. You're tired.

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00:21:40,800 --> 00:21:43,800

One of your senses plays tricks on you.

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00:21:51,800 --> 00:21:57,800

It's a lonely feeling knowing that this place is haunted,

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00:21:57,800 --> 00:22:01,800

and you're the only one that sees these things or hears these things.

257

00:22:01,800 --> 00:22:07,800

I'd rather, you know, take my chances against something I could actually, like, fight against.

258

00:22:07,800 --> 00:22:11,800

So after that, I requested a transfer.

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00:22:20,800 --> 00:22:23,800

We didn't know what quite to make of it.

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00:22:23,800 --> 00:22:27,800

If he wasn't strong enough to be there, then I didn't quite want him watching my back,

261

00:22:27,800 --> 00:22:29,800

because then that's something I can't trust.

262

00:22:29,800 --> 00:22:31,800

At the same time, you're down a man now.

263

00:22:31,800 --> 00:22:33,800

That sucks for everybody else.

264

00:22:37,800 --> 00:22:39,800

I'm sorry.

265

00:22:51,800 --> 00:22:53,800

Copy that, Golf Main. All clear here.

266

00:22:53,800 --> 00:22:55,800

How's our boys doing?

267

00:22:55,800 --> 00:22:57,800

Kickin' ass, OP Rock. You know it.

268

00:22:57,800 --> 00:23:02,800

A few days after Zola had left OP Rock, I was on the machine gun post.

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00:23:02,800 --> 00:23:05,800

It was about 1.30 in the morning.

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00:23:08,800 --> 00:23:10,800

I hear ugly Betty barking,

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00:23:10,800 --> 00:23:15,800

and instinctively I throw up my night vision goggles to see what she's barking at.

272

00:23:32,800 --> 00:23:35,800

I see something in the distance.

273

00:23:38,800 --> 00:23:43,800

The first thing that goes through my mind is a scout for the Taliban.

274

00:23:43,800 --> 00:23:45,800

It was unnerving.

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00:23:45,800 --> 00:23:51,800

I felt like this figure was staring right at me and knew I was staring right back at it.

276

00:23:51,800 --> 00:23:55,800

At that distance, your eyes can kind of play tricks on you.

277

00:23:55,800 --> 00:23:58,800

I switch over to my thermal optics.

278

00:24:08,800 --> 00:24:13,800

There's no animal activity, no creatures, no people out there.

279

00:24:14,800 --> 00:24:17,800

So, thinking that I had made a mistake somehow,

280

00:24:17,800 --> 00:24:20,800

I switch back over to my night vision goggles.

281

00:24:23,800 --> 00:24:27,800

The figure had moved 100 meters closer in just a few seconds.

282

00:24:30,800 --> 00:24:32,800

It is teleporting to me.

283

00:24:34,800 --> 00:24:36,800

I thought it must have been crazy.

284

00:24:37,800 --> 00:24:39,800

It was just a little bit of a shock.

285

00:24:47,800 --> 00:24:49,800

Still nothing.

286

00:24:49,800 --> 00:24:52,800

The field's cold. There's no body heat, it's just insures.

287

00:24:58,800 --> 00:25:02,800

The whole time ugly Betty is still barking in that direction.

288

00:25:02,800 --> 00:25:05,800

I look back to where the figure is.

289

00:25:08,800 --> 00:25:10,800

I'm just in.

290

00:25:14,800 --> 00:25:19,800

And just then, I felt Sergeant Green's signature double tap on the shoulder.

291

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

Green?

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00:25:25,800 --> 00:25:27,800

I knew I felt that double tap.

293

00:25:27,800 --> 00:25:30,800

It was so precise.

294

00:25:38,800 --> 00:25:40,800

Ah!

295

00:25:58,800 --> 00:26:01,800

And there's nobody there. It is vanished.

296

00:26:02,800 --> 00:26:05,800

I know how not crazy ugly Betty was barking at it.

297

00:26:07,800 --> 00:26:09,800

It's not just me.

298

00:26:10,800 --> 00:26:13,800

I realized Zolic, you know, was on to something.

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00:26:13,800 --> 00:26:15,800

And he got out of there.

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00:26:15,800 --> 00:26:17,800

And we're still here.

301

00:26:17,800 --> 00:26:20,800

What is my next step?

302

00:26:20,800 --> 00:26:25,800

You don't go running to your command saying I've got ghosts playing tricks on me on post

303

00:26:25,800 --> 00:26:29,800

because that's gonna get you one way ticket to the loony bin.

304

00:26:29,800 --> 00:26:31,800

You alright, sir?

305

00:26:31,800 --> 00:26:33,800

Yeah.

306

00:26:33,800 --> 00:26:37,800

Part of me kind of would be going and trying to find out what's going on in the room.

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00:26:37,800 --> 00:26:39,800

But I don't know.

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00:26:39,800 --> 00:26:41,800

I don't know, I don't know.

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00:26:41,800 --> 00:26:43,800

I don't know.

310

00:26:43,800 --> 00:26:45,800

I don't know.

311

00:26:45,800 --> 00:26:50,800

Part of me kind of wished that someone else might have the experience too.

312

00:27:15,800 --> 00:27:18,800

It was the dead of the night.

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00:27:18,800 --> 00:27:20,800

Everyone else is asleep.

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00:27:20,800 --> 00:27:22,800

There's one other Marine that's awake.

315

00:27:22,800 --> 00:27:26,800

Lance Corporal Smith, who was 15 to 20 meters away in a different post.

316

00:27:30,800 --> 00:27:33,800

I could hear big footsteps behind me.

317

00:27:33,800 --> 00:27:35,800

Hey, Sarge.

318

00:27:40,800 --> 00:27:42,800

Hey, sir.

319

00:27:45,800 --> 00:27:48,800

And there's nothing there.

320

00:27:49,800 --> 00:27:52,800

It was probably just loose gravel falling.

321

00:28:03,800 --> 00:28:07,800

Ugly Betty, who's just standing there with her hair up.

322

00:28:07,800 --> 00:28:10,800

Teeth bare growling.

323

00:28:11,800 --> 00:28:14,800

So I scanned with my thermal.

324

00:28:15,800 --> 00:28:20,800

The only heat signatures up there were the dog and the other Marine sleeping.

325

00:28:23,800 --> 00:28:25,800

Smith.

326

00:28:25,800 --> 00:28:27,800

What?

327

00:28:27,800 --> 00:28:29,800

You see anything?

328

00:28:29,800 --> 00:28:31,800

No, man.

329

00:28:31,800 --> 00:28:33,800

He said no.

330

00:28:33,800 --> 00:28:36,800

Try to shake it off. Do your job.

331

00:28:46,800 --> 00:28:50,800

And all of a sudden, I just hear this crunch again.

332

00:28:57,800 --> 00:29:01,800

My body is telling me that something just breathed on me.

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00:29:01,800 --> 00:29:04,800

My skin is icy.

334

00:29:10,800 --> 00:29:12,800

I couldn't see anything.

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00:29:12,800 --> 00:29:17,800

And it was like my eyes were just lying to me because every other sense in my body was saying,

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00:29:17,800 --> 00:29:20,800

no, there's something there.

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00:29:33,800 --> 00:29:38,800

It was then that I really accepted the fact that, you know what, Damien was right.

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00:29:38,800 --> 00:29:40,800

We were not alone up there.

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00:29:42,800 --> 00:29:45,800

I was like, I'm not alone.

340

00:30:06,800 --> 00:30:09,800

I never, ever believed in ghosts.

341

00:30:09,800 --> 00:30:11,800

There's no way, man. There's no way that happened.

342

00:30:11,800 --> 00:30:13,800

Like, I don't believe any of that stuff.

343

00:30:27,800 --> 00:30:31,800

And then out of nowhere, it was just like this weird cold chill.

344

00:30:39,800 --> 00:30:42,800

And then that's when I heard the whispering.

345

00:30:46,800 --> 00:30:49,800

At first it was just like faint like,

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00:30:49,800 --> 00:30:51,800

like you can barely hear what was going on.

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00:30:54,800 --> 00:30:56,800

There was no one there.

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00:30:56,800 --> 00:30:58,800

I was like, I'm not alone.

349

00:30:58,800 --> 00:31:00,800

I was like, I'm not alone.

350

00:31:00,800 --> 00:31:02,800

I'm not alone.

351

00:31:02,800 --> 00:31:04,800

I'm not alone.

352

00:31:04,800 --> 00:31:06,800

I'm not alone.

353

00:31:06,800 --> 00:31:08,800

There was no one there.

354

00:31:17,800 --> 00:31:20,800

The voice came back again, but it was more distinct.

355

00:31:22,800 --> 00:31:24,800

That's Russian.

356

00:31:24,800 --> 00:31:26,800

But no Russians here.

357

00:31:30,800 --> 00:31:35,800

And then it just got louder, like the person was actually touching me in the ear.

358

00:31:36,800 --> 00:31:38,800

They're all there.

359

00:31:44,800 --> 00:31:46,800

It was me, it's boys.

360

00:31:51,800 --> 00:31:53,800

And it was just so loud in my head.

361

00:31:53,800 --> 00:31:55,800

And it just terrified me.

362

00:31:55,800 --> 00:31:58,800

It's a space, huh?

363

00:31:58,800 --> 00:32:00,800

Space, pick up the fire.

364

00:32:18,800 --> 00:32:20,800

Did something happen to you?

365

00:32:20,800 --> 00:32:23,800

We couldn't deny that these things had happened to us,

366

00:32:23,800 --> 00:32:25,800

because it happened to all of us.

367

00:32:25,800 --> 00:32:27,800

I've seen some things too.

368

00:32:27,800 --> 00:32:31,800

Everybody was just like, yeah man, I know exactly what you're talking about.

369

00:32:31,800 --> 00:32:34,800

Some weird stuff going on.

370

00:32:34,800 --> 00:32:41,800

This is not something that we can just write off as being heat stroke or being exhaustion.

371

00:32:41,800 --> 00:32:45,800

It was too many things happening to all of us too many times.

372

00:32:45,800 --> 00:32:49,800

I felt breath on the back of my neck, perk whispers.

373

00:32:49,800 --> 00:32:51,800

It just became common knowledge.

374

00:32:51,800 --> 00:32:54,800

There's no rational explanation here.

375

00:32:54,800 --> 00:32:57,800

At this point you have to look to the supernatural.

376

00:33:01,800 --> 00:33:04,800

You can't shoot it, you can't stab it, you can't blow it up.

377

00:33:04,800 --> 00:33:09,800

You just have to accept the fact that these things are happening and we need to continue to do our job.

378

00:33:13,800 --> 00:33:17,800

The one person to see most unaffected by it was Lance Corporal Smith.

379

00:33:17,800 --> 00:33:20,800

He used to give us a bit of a hard time about it.

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00:33:20,800 --> 00:33:22,800

The sun fried your brain.

381

00:33:23,800 --> 00:33:26,800

But there was something just completely wrong about this place.

382

00:33:26,800 --> 00:33:28,800

It's not the sun guys.

383

00:33:28,800 --> 00:33:33,800

And it wasn't a matter, you know, if something would happen.

384

00:33:33,800 --> 00:33:35,800

Again, it was a matter of when.

385

00:33:41,800 --> 00:33:43,800

This was our last night.

386

00:33:43,800 --> 00:33:46,800

We were so close to our goal of getting out of there.

387

00:33:46,800 --> 00:33:48,800

We were all on edge.

388

00:33:49,800 --> 00:33:51,800

Last couple of days, calls me over.

389

00:33:51,800 --> 00:33:53,800

Something going on with the radio.

390

00:33:54,800 --> 00:33:56,800

What's the problem here?

391

00:33:56,800 --> 00:33:58,800

Well, I've changed out the battery twice now.

392

00:33:58,800 --> 00:33:59,800

Both gone dead.

393

00:33:59,800 --> 00:34:03,800

And both of them have gone dead within a ten minute period.

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00:34:03,800 --> 00:34:05,800

It just made no sense.

395

00:34:06,800 --> 00:34:09,800

So, I grabbed the last good battery we have.

396

00:34:09,800 --> 00:34:11,800

That's all we have left.

397

00:34:11,800 --> 00:34:13,800

Seems fine to me.

398

00:34:14,800 --> 00:34:16,800

Seems fine to me.

399

00:34:16,800 --> 00:34:17,800

Thanks.

400

00:34:22,800 --> 00:34:23,800

Corporal Lena.

401

00:34:23,800 --> 00:34:25,800

Corporal Lena. Radio's dead.

402

00:34:25,800 --> 00:34:26,800

System's dead.

403

00:34:27,800 --> 00:34:31,800

Our means of communication have now been completely severed.

404

00:34:33,800 --> 00:34:35,800

We were on our own.

405

00:34:43,800 --> 00:34:45,800

We're on our own.

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00:35:14,800 --> 00:35:16,800

What's he doing?

407

00:35:17,800 --> 00:35:19,800

What's he doing?

408

00:35:20,800 --> 00:35:22,800

What's he doing before?

409

00:35:28,800 --> 00:35:29,800

This is going to happen again.

410

00:35:29,800 --> 00:35:31,800

I'm sitting here waiting for that whisperer.

411

00:35:31,800 --> 00:35:33,800

I'm sitting here waiting for that whisperer.

412

00:35:41,800 --> 00:35:43,800

Bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang.

413

00:35:45,800 --> 00:35:47,800

Holy hell, we're all about to die right now.

414

00:35:49,800 --> 00:35:51,800

Someone finally got in.

415

00:35:51,800 --> 00:35:53,800

Someone is trying to kill us.

416

00:35:54,800 --> 00:35:57,800

We've been shot at before, but this is close.

417

00:35:58,800 --> 00:36:00,800

Time to go to work.

418

00:36:01,800 --> 00:36:03,800

It's going to be them or me.

419

00:36:04,800 --> 00:36:07,800

And it sure as hell not going to be me.

420

00:36:10,800 --> 00:36:12,800

My heart was pounding really hardcore.

421

00:36:14,800 --> 00:36:16,800

The machine gun fired right next to my ear.

422

00:36:21,800 --> 00:36:22,800

Wilson!

423

00:36:22,800 --> 00:36:24,800

What's going on?

424

00:36:25,800 --> 00:36:27,800

It wasn't a misfire.

425

00:36:27,800 --> 00:36:28,800

What happened?

426

00:36:28,800 --> 00:36:32,800

It was very clear that no rounds had been recently expelled from the machine gun.

427

00:36:33,800 --> 00:36:35,800

Wilson! You okay?

428

00:36:35,800 --> 00:36:37,800

I don't know where I heard.

429

00:36:39,800 --> 00:36:40,800

Damn!

430

00:36:40,800 --> 00:36:41,800

It was definitely an RPG.

431

00:36:42,800 --> 00:36:46,800

You can just hear the thump, thump, thump, thump of your heartbeat.

432

00:36:47,800 --> 00:36:50,800

I thought that was it. I thought I was done for.

433

00:36:50,800 --> 00:36:52,800

What's happening?

434

00:36:52,800 --> 00:36:55,800

Everyone started to try to figure out where we were taking fire from.

435

00:36:55,800 --> 00:36:57,800

Wait, take the trenches, spider.

436

00:36:57,800 --> 00:36:58,800

Let's go.

437

00:36:58,800 --> 00:37:00,800

Check every trench.

438

00:37:08,800 --> 00:37:11,800

The only thing going to your head is the next step that I have to take.

439

00:37:21,800 --> 00:37:24,800

Move forward. Find the enemy.

440

00:37:31,800 --> 00:37:33,800

But there was no enemy to find.

441

00:37:33,800 --> 00:37:34,800

Clear.

442

00:37:34,800 --> 00:37:35,800

Clear.

443

00:37:36,800 --> 00:37:37,800

Go, go, go, go!

444

00:37:43,800 --> 00:37:48,800

Whatever it was, was actually like holding a gun next to my ear and just opening fire.

445

00:37:50,800 --> 00:37:52,800

I'm going to die.

446

00:37:52,800 --> 00:37:57,800

It's God forsaken rock out in the middle of Afghanistan.

447

00:38:12,800 --> 00:38:15,800

All I remember was hearing the noise.

448

00:38:20,800 --> 00:38:22,800

All of a sudden it was completely silent.

449

00:38:22,800 --> 00:38:24,800

Like there's nothing even there.

450

00:38:24,800 --> 00:38:26,800

I couldn't even explain what was going on.

451

00:38:34,800 --> 00:38:36,800

What's going on?

452

00:38:36,800 --> 00:38:40,800

Everyone heard it. Everyone knew and was just a machine gun.

453

00:38:41,800 --> 00:38:44,800

At that point we realized there's no one there.

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00:38:45,800 --> 00:38:47,800

We felt helpless.

455

00:38:47,800 --> 00:38:50,800

It's too much for your mind to process.

456

00:38:52,800 --> 00:38:55,800

Lance Corporal Smith gets mad. He throws off his helmet.

457

00:38:56,800 --> 00:38:58,800

Freaking OP rock!

458

00:39:00,800 --> 00:39:04,800

We are all so ready to get off that God forsaken piece of rock.

459

00:39:17,800 --> 00:39:24,800

Finally, we heard from the main base that you're no longer going to be there.

460

00:39:28,800 --> 00:39:34,800

It was amazing. We were packed up and ready to go within five minutes of getting the order.

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00:39:37,800 --> 00:39:40,800

The moment we actually did step foot off the rock,

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00:39:41,800 --> 00:39:43,800

we were ready to go.

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00:39:43,800 --> 00:39:46,800

The moment we actually did step foot off the rock,

464

00:39:47,800 --> 00:39:49,800

it was the greatest feeling of all time.

465

00:39:49,800 --> 00:39:51,800

I felt really happy. It was like my birthday.

466

00:39:52,800 --> 00:39:54,800

It was Christmas to us.

467

00:39:54,800 --> 00:39:57,800

We're finally on our way out the door here.

468

00:39:57,800 --> 00:39:59,800

Someone else's problem now.

469

00:40:05,800 --> 00:40:07,800

See chap, see any ghosts?

470

00:40:07,800 --> 00:40:09,800

Yeah, a place that's proper haunted.

471

00:40:10,800 --> 00:40:13,800

This one time, early on in the first one.

472

00:40:13,800 --> 00:40:17,800

Eventually I found out the true recent history behind OP rock.

473

00:40:18,800 --> 00:40:20,800

Back when the Russians first invaded,

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00:40:20,800 --> 00:40:22,800

the Russians killed all the Mujahideen up there,

475

00:40:22,800 --> 00:40:24,800

took it over for themselves.

476

00:40:25,800 --> 00:40:27,800

Later the Taliban rolled in force.

477

00:40:27,800 --> 00:40:33,800

In the middle of the night, they snuck up to top of OP rock and ritualistically beheaded

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00:40:33,800 --> 00:40:36,800

all the Russian's holders up there.

479

00:40:37,800 --> 00:40:40,800

Finally when the Marines rolled through the area,

480

00:40:40,800 --> 00:40:43,800

they buried a number of Taliban underground.

481

00:40:46,800 --> 00:40:48,800

The whole story makes sense.

482

00:40:49,800 --> 00:40:54,800

The Russian's stake, all the broken and shattered bones,

483

00:40:54,800 --> 00:40:56,800

the voices we heard,

484

00:40:57,800 --> 00:40:59,800

the images,

485

00:41:00,800 --> 00:41:02,800

the screams.

486

00:41:03,800 --> 00:41:06,800

This little piece of rock was one giant tomb.

487

00:41:09,800 --> 00:41:11,800

That silly-ass of my sound started to wonder,

488

00:41:11,800 --> 00:41:15,800

did we then leash something when we first started digging up those bones?

489

00:41:15,800 --> 00:41:18,800

Elena, make a wish.

490

00:41:18,800 --> 00:41:20,800

Some curse.

491

00:41:21,800 --> 00:41:24,800

I thought we were safe from whatever was up there.

492

00:41:24,800 --> 00:41:27,800

We'll be able to move on with our lives.

493

00:41:28,800 --> 00:41:31,800

We didn't realize what was to come.

494

00:41:32,800 --> 00:41:34,800

I just curled up in the ball and just like, cry,

495

00:41:34,800 --> 00:41:36,800

because he was a good friend of mine.

496

00:41:36,800 --> 00:41:38,800

Really sad.

497

00:41:39,800 --> 00:41:41,800

It made no sense.

498

00:41:41,800 --> 00:41:43,800

You have a better chance of getting struck by lightning

499

00:41:43,800 --> 00:41:45,800

than what happened with him.

500

00:41:49,800 --> 00:41:51,800

We had been told going in, Marines were going to die,

501

00:41:51,800 --> 00:41:54,800

but we didn't expect that many that fast.

502

00:41:56,800 --> 00:41:58,800

We didn't expect that many that fast.

503

00:41:58,800 --> 00:42:00,800

We didn't expect that many that fast.

504

00:42:01,800 --> 00:42:04,800

I mean, this is like some final destination thing.

505

00:42:04,800 --> 00:42:06,800

What the hell is going on?

506

00:42:10,800 --> 00:42:14,800

You thought you were done with OP rock when you left,

507

00:42:14,800 --> 00:42:17,800

but in some ways it wasn't done with you.

508

00:42:23,800 --> 00:42:26,800

You get told, man, we went out on patrol, it just went bad.

509

00:42:26,800 --> 00:42:28,800

You didn't make it.

510

00:42:28,800 --> 00:42:33,800

I mean, that, that, that brother of agent,

511

00:42:33,800 --> 00:42:36,800

it's just, there's no words that can describe it.

512

00:42:36,800 --> 00:42:38,800

It really isn't.

513

00:42:41,800 --> 00:42:44,800

There was just this really strange feeling.

514

00:42:44,800 --> 00:42:48,800

That was my family, and there were only three of us left.

515

00:42:51,800 --> 00:42:53,800

I'm hoping that the curse is over.

516

00:42:53,800 --> 00:42:55,800

I hope nothing happens to me.

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I mean, hopefully not.

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Thank you.