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We were starting a new life in Rockford, Alabama.

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This is gonna be the perfect house.

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I'm thinking, what's the catch?

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I was expecting quiet country life,

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and what I got is this feeling of apprehension.

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I think they're mapping somebody in the house.

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There ain't nobody in that house.

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Ah!

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It's just dismissing me.

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This time, I'm going to see what it is.

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I couldn't believe it.

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Ah!

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Ah!

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And I thought, this is how I'm gonna die.

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Ah!

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Ah!

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Ah!

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Ah!

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Ah!

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Oh!

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Ah!

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Ah!

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Ah!

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Ah!

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Can you feel it in your spirit?

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00:01:05,000 --> 00:01:07,000

Ah!

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00:01:07,000 --> 00:01:09,000

Can you feel it in your spirit?

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00:01:09,000 --> 00:01:11,000

Yeah!

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Hey!

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Give me a hallowed loop.

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Thank you.

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Tick, tick, tick, tick, tick.

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Back in 2012, I was a journalist.

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I worked for the local paper in a city called Auburn, Alabama,

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in East Central Alabama.

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I'd lived there ten years.

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But this morning, I had to say goodbye to being a career woman in the city.

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Hey, honey. Hey!

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Let's go get Grace and Strapped in, and she'll be ready to go.

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You go with Daddy, get in that truck.

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Yeah.

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My husband, Punter, was starting a new job, which meant we needed to move

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to be closer to where he worked.

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This job was going to be my chance.

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There's a lot more money.

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Had to make some sacrifices, but we were very excited.

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It would be just the four of us out there.

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Hunter, our daughter, Grayson, and our dog, Betty Lou.

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This is a big change for me.

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I was going to have to be a stay-at-home mom,

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but I was really determined to make this work.

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I thought this is the perfect opportunity to use my journalism skills

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to blog about our whole experience.

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It's move-in day.

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It's time for a fresh start for our family.

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Today we moved to Rockford, Alabama.

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We're leaving the city for the country.

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Our journey begins.

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We're stuffed with that place, you like it, right?

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Jenny and I both had children in my previous marriage.

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Jenny had Buddy, who was nine, and I had Faith.

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She was also nine, and so it kind of, you know, it fit.

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Hunter is the love of my life.

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You don't often get second chances,

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and this was our second chance, together.

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We said goodbye to the concrete,

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and it just rolled down into this country green landscape.

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I started getting nervous because we were literally in the middle of nowhere.

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I'm not.

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I'm not.

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Hunter, it's amazing.

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It's so big.

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It was absolutely beautiful.

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I was really impressed that he had found us this house.

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Are you sure we can afford this, honey?

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I was amazed. It was in our price range.

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Oh, yeah, it was a deal.

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I'm thinking, what's the catch?

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I'm thinking, what's the catch?

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I'm thinking, what's the catch?

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I'm thinking, what's the catch?

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I'm thinking, what's the catch?

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That's going to be your bedroom up there.

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Big house.

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There were fields as far as the eye could see.

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Our closest neighbor, I have no idea where they are.

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Come on, honey.

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I'll show you the side.

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Yeah, okay.

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Ready to lose?

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Come on.

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Come on.

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Come on.

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Come on.

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It looked like the people that had lived there before

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got out in a hurry.

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I didn't want Hunter to be disappointed in my reaction

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because he was so excited about this house.

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What was the heck of the deal?

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Yeah, I bet.

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I'm going to have to carry you everywhere.

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There's much down right there, sweetie.

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Upstairs, all I could see was this awful, awful blue.

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Oh, my gosh.

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This paint had been thrown on

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like someone had taken a paintbrush and just done like this.

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Why would you paint the window frames?

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Why would you paint the light switches?

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What an ugly mess.

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They're probably trying to liven it up a bit.

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What? Perfect. Thank you.

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We need to paint.

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It was creepy.

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Mason, can you come here, please?

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It made me really wonder what I was getting into.

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I think this is a bathroom.

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Curse this way.

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I'll go take the mirror.

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It was like the mirrors had been ripped off the wall.

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You don't ever notice a mirror, but when it's not there,

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then you're like, why is it not there?

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Nothing else I should be looking out for, Hunter.

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And then it dawned on me.

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I hadn't seen one single mirror in the whole house.

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I thought this is just another experience.

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Let's have a look at the bedrooms.

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I could see something on the ceiling.

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It was duct tape on the attic entryway.

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It's been duct tape completely shut,

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and it has that same awful blue paint.

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The tape has to go, so I reached up and I yanked it down.

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I'm going to go take the mirror.

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I thought the reason it had been taped was because it was broken.

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But it was fine.

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It's kind of odd to me.

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It looked like somebody didn't want that attic to be used for a reason.

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I'm going to go take a look.

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Well, I can see why it's taped up.

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It's filthy.

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Let's go check out the kitchen while it's still doing it.

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Yes, ma'am.

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00:08:27,000 --> 00:08:29,000

I'm going to go take a look.

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What time is it?

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I'm going to go.

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Soon after we had moved in, it was time for me to start this job.

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I was excited.

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Jeannie and I only had one car,

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and so I felt bad leaving Jeannie by herself.

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But Jeannie put on her happy face.

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She's being the supportive wife, you know.

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We'll do what we got to do to make this work.

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00:09:24,000 --> 00:09:26,000

I'm going to go take a look.

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When he went off to work and the door closed, it was so quiet.

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The house had a cool music system.

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It was like an intercom system,

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and it would play music throughout the house.

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The classical music made me feel comfortable.

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I was like, I'm going to play music.

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I'm going to play music.

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I'm going to play music.

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I'm going to play music.

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I'm going to play music.

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00:10:22,000 --> 00:10:25,000

The classical music made me feel comfortable.

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00:10:25,000 --> 00:10:27,000

It's secure.

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00:10:32,000 --> 00:10:35,000

Hunter was working late and Grayson was asleep.

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

I was alone.

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I suddenly got this strange feeling

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like something was watching me.

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I was in the car,

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and I could hear a singing sound.

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And I was like, I'm going to go to bed.

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I was like, I'm going to bed.

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00:11:03,000 --> 00:11:05,000

I was like, I'm going to bed.

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00:11:09,000 --> 00:11:13,000

Being out in the country was starting to get to me.

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And so I just decided to go to bed.

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Come on.

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Let's go upstairs, yeah.

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Okay, Betty Lou.

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00:11:29,000 --> 00:11:31,000

Okay.

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00:11:31,000 --> 00:11:33,000

What's the matter, huh?

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She ran faster than I've ever seen her run.

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Betty Lou didn't want to be around me,

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00:11:40,000 --> 00:11:42,000

and she didn't want to be upstairs.

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00:11:42,000 --> 00:11:44,000

I'm sorry.

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00:11:44,000 --> 00:11:46,000

I'm sorry.

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00:11:46,000 --> 00:11:48,000

I'm sorry.

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

Ugh.

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00:11:54,000 --> 00:11:57,000

The house was completely still.

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00:12:09,000 --> 00:12:15,000

I heard something scurrying outside of my window.

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00:12:16,000 --> 00:12:18,000

Thud.

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00:12:18,000 --> 00:12:20,000

And then this...

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

Almost like a cat, but bigger.

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00:12:46,000 --> 00:12:48,000

My heart was pounding.

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On the front of the house, there was a motion sensor system,

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but whatever made the noise, it did not trip the lights.

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00:13:05,000 --> 00:13:07,000

I can't see anything.

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00:13:08,000 --> 00:13:10,000

I don't want to get bitten

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

by some strange animal out in the country.

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00:13:37,000 --> 00:13:39,000

I'm sorry.

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00:13:50,000 --> 00:13:53,000

The next morning, I told Hunter what had happened.

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The security sensor is armed, so...

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I checked those sensor lights every time they come on.

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Didn't turn on last night, Hunter. I'm telling you.

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00:14:02,000 --> 00:14:05,000

I'm thinking, Genie's imagination's getting carried away.

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Country quiet is starting to kind of get to Genie a little bit.

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It's an old house. Could have been creaking or settling.

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Hunter said, when you go from bustling city to completely quiet,

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you start thinking, well, I'm hearing things, you know?

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Looks fine on me. I mean, I'll just check it again,

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and I'll be right back.

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So I thought it was all in my head.

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Just put it out on my mind.

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If I wasn't writing my blog, I was unhappy.

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

I had to have an outlet.

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The to-do list just keeps growing.

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I am no Martha Stewart,

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but I'm going to have to do a real makeover on this house.

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I do always love a challenge.

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00:14:52,000 --> 00:14:55,000

It was time to start getting to work on this house.

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Hunter and I both had children from previous marriages,

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and I wanted to make sure that when they come to stay,

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00:15:03,000 --> 00:15:06,000

everything would just be perfect.

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It's the kids' first visit. We are really excited.

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Hunter's daughter Faith and my boy Buddy

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00:15:12,000 --> 00:15:14,000

are going to be with us all weekend.

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We're really looking forward to the house being full of the sound of laughter.

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It had been maybe a month since we've seen Buddy and Faith.

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I'm sitting proud, Papa.

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00:15:25,000 --> 00:15:27,000

You can dig in anytime you want.

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00:15:27,000 --> 00:15:31,000

New house, good job, the family's together.

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In my mind, I've made it.

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00:15:41,000 --> 00:15:45,000

It was bath time, and Buddy always looks forward to bath time.

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00:15:45,000 --> 00:15:47,000

Come on up.

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00:15:50,000 --> 00:15:53,000

Hey, Faith. Remember how you said you've always wanted your own room?

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00:15:53,000 --> 00:15:55,000

Yeah.

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Jenny and Buddy were in the bathroom,

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00:15:57,000 --> 00:15:59,000

and I was excited to show Faith her new room.

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00:15:59,000 --> 00:16:01,000

Check this out.

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00:16:01,000 --> 00:16:03,000

We had put in a lot of work.

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00:16:03,000 --> 00:16:06,000

Whoa. It's awesome.

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00:16:06,000 --> 00:16:09,000

I got dad points there, so I was excited about that.

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In the bathroom, Buddy just stops.

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He just fixates on one point in the mirror.

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Faith and I are sitting on the bed.

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Do you like it?

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00:16:28,000 --> 00:16:29,000

I love it.

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00:16:29,000 --> 00:16:31,000

And I heard something on the window.

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00:16:31,000 --> 00:16:33,000

It's really pretty.

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00:16:35,000 --> 00:16:38,000

All the pillows and the blankets and the sheets.

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00:16:42,000 --> 00:16:45,000

Buddy was seeing something in the mirror.

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00:16:48,000 --> 00:16:50,000

Ah!

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00:16:52,000 --> 00:16:54,000

Thanks really much.

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Good. Just stay there a sec, honey.

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

Whoa!

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00:17:02,000 --> 00:17:04,000

Ah!

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00:17:06,000 --> 00:17:08,000

Ah!

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00:17:08,000 --> 00:17:10,000

Ah!

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00:17:10,000 --> 00:17:12,000

Ah!

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00:17:12,000 --> 00:17:14,000

Ah!

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00:17:14,000 --> 00:17:16,000

Ah!

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

Ah!

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00:17:25,000 --> 00:17:27,000

We're gonna fix this, okay, honey?

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00:17:27,000 --> 00:17:29,000

We're gonna get it all cleaned up.

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00:17:33,000 --> 00:17:35,000

What's up, honey?

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00:17:36,000 --> 00:17:37,000

I asked him,

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00:17:37,000 --> 00:17:39,000

honey, what do you see in the mirror?

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00:17:39,000 --> 00:17:41,000

And he just wouldn't tell me.

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00:17:41,000 --> 00:17:43,000

I couldn't explain it.

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00:17:49,000 --> 00:17:52,000

After the weekend, the kids went back to the city.

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00:17:56,000 --> 00:17:59,000

I just feel so deflated and upset.

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00:17:59,000 --> 00:18:03,000

We had such high hopes when we moved into this house.

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00:18:03,000 --> 00:18:06,000

But there are so many strange things happening.

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00:18:08,000 --> 00:18:10,000

What's going on?

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00:18:11,000 --> 00:18:13,000

I'm not sure.

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00:18:20,000 --> 00:18:22,000

A few days later, I'm downstairs

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00:18:22,000 --> 00:18:25,000

standing in the kitchen doing dishes.

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00:18:31,000 --> 00:18:33,000

I was thinking maybe I could get some chickens

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00:18:33,000 --> 00:18:35,000

or start a garden or something

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00:18:35,000 --> 00:18:37,000

and just really make this work.

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00:18:37,000 --> 00:18:39,000

I can make this work.

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00:18:41,000 --> 00:18:43,000

I'm not sure.

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00:18:45,000 --> 00:18:48,000

Suddenly, I just got this feeling

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00:18:48,000 --> 00:18:50,000

that somebody was standing behind me,

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

looking at me.

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

I thought, well, Grayson is sleeping.

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00:19:03,000 --> 00:19:05,000

Hunter's at work.

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00:19:05,000 --> 00:19:07,000

Nobody's here but me.

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00:19:11,000 --> 00:19:13,000

I'm not sure.

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00:19:15,000 --> 00:19:17,000

There wasn't anybody there.

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

So I just dismiss it.

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00:19:20,000 --> 00:19:23,000

Like, I'm going crazy.

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00:19:42,000 --> 00:19:46,000

Suddenly, the radio system is playing full volume.

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00:19:46,000 --> 00:19:49,000

It just made me jump out of my skin.

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00:19:53,000 --> 00:19:56,000

I can't get the thing to turn off.

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00:20:06,000 --> 00:20:08,000

Something's wrong with the radio.

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00:20:08,000 --> 00:20:10,000

The music was so loud, it was like it hit you

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

with full force.

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

You turned on that music?

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

I can't get it to turn off.

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00:20:16,000 --> 00:20:18,000

And she's frantic.

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

Just tear up the wires completely.

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00:20:23,000 --> 00:20:25,000

I had to reach my fingers around

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00:20:25,000 --> 00:20:27,000

and jerk it out of the wall.

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00:20:31,000 --> 00:20:33,000

Johnny?

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00:20:33,000 --> 00:20:35,000

Honey?

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00:20:35,000 --> 00:20:37,000

I'm sorry.

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00:20:37,000 --> 00:20:39,000

I'm sorry.

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00:20:39,000 --> 00:20:41,000

I'm sorry.

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00:20:41,000 --> 00:20:43,000

I'm sorry.

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00:20:43,000 --> 00:20:45,000

I'm sorry.

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00:20:45,000 --> 00:20:47,000

Suddenly, I started hearing

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00:20:47,000 --> 00:20:49,000

this creaking noise coming

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00:20:49,000 --> 00:20:51,000

from right above my head.

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00:20:51,000 --> 00:20:53,000

Are you still there?

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00:20:59,000 --> 00:21:02,000

Hunter, I think there might be somebody in the house.

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00:21:02,000 --> 00:21:05,000

And I'm like, there ain't nobody in that house.

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00:21:07,000 --> 00:21:09,000

Hunter?

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00:21:10,000 --> 00:21:12,000

Hunter?

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00:21:12,000 --> 00:21:14,000

Johnny?

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00:21:18,000 --> 00:21:20,000

Whatever it was was heavy enough

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00:21:20,000 --> 00:21:23,000

to make the boards creak as it walked.

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00:21:23,000 --> 00:21:26,000

And so, I knew it wasn't gracing.

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00:21:32,000 --> 00:21:34,000

Somebody was up there.

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00:21:34,000 --> 00:21:36,000

And my daughter was up there too.

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00:22:02,000 --> 00:22:04,000

I'm sorry.

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00:22:13,000 --> 00:22:15,000

There's nobody there.

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00:22:15,000 --> 00:22:17,000

I realized that creaking

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00:22:17,000 --> 00:22:20,000

was coming from the room down the hallway.

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00:22:46,000 --> 00:22:48,000

I had to take care of it.

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00:22:48,000 --> 00:22:50,000

I have to protect my child.

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00:22:57,000 --> 00:22:59,000

I couldn't see anything,

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00:22:59,000 --> 00:23:01,000

but I knew that whatever it was

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00:23:01,000 --> 00:23:03,000

was still there.

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00:23:03,000 --> 00:23:05,000

I'm sorry.

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00:23:05,000 --> 00:23:07,000

I'm sorry.

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00:23:07,000 --> 00:23:09,000

I'm sorry.

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00:23:09,000 --> 00:23:11,000

I'm sorry.

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00:23:11,000 --> 00:23:13,000

I'm sorry.

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00:23:15,000 --> 00:23:17,000

I'm sorry.

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00:23:17,000 --> 00:23:19,000

I'm sorry I had to be left on a chair.

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00:23:19,000 --> 00:23:21,000

If I was right, I said,

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

why not join in on the play here?

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00:23:45,000 --> 00:23:46,220

Earlier this year,

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00:23:46,220 --> 00:23:49,120

participants were followed

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00:23:49,120 --> 00:23:52,060

by five cold conversations with their husbands

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00:23:52,060 --> 00:23:53,700

without having to hang out,

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00:23:53,700 --> 00:23:55,660

without hanging around.

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00:23:55,900 --> 00:23:57,440

By fighting back,

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00:23:57,440 --> 00:23:59,700

they only knew that we were a year in prison.

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00:23:59,700 --> 00:24:00,840

When students were fed up,

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00:24:00,840 --> 00:24:05,000

those young women weren't picking ■ wa employment stops.

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00:24:05,000 --> 00:24:06,700

I was very surprised when they found out

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00:24:06,700 --> 00:24:07,900

how they were going to graduate,

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00:24:07,900 --> 00:24:08,980

and I thought,

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00:24:08,980 --> 00:24:11,980

how can I compete against my husband

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00:24:11,980 --> 00:24:14,000

and see part of the world

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00:24:14,000 --> 00:24:18,000

I was absolutely sure of what I heard.

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00:24:18,000 --> 00:24:21,000

Now, there was no doubt in my mind.

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00:24:21,000 --> 00:24:25,000

The house was haunted, and whatever it is,

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00:24:25,000 --> 00:24:28,000

it doesn't want us here. It doesn't want me here.

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00:24:31,000 --> 00:24:32,000

Honey.

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00:24:32,000 --> 00:24:33,000

Honey, are you okay?

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00:24:33,000 --> 00:24:36,000

This house is haunted. It's haunted.

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00:24:36,000 --> 00:24:39,000

She was convinced that the house was haunted,

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00:24:39,000 --> 00:24:41,000

and I was not convinced.

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00:24:41,000 --> 00:24:47,000

This is the problem, Hunter. You're just dismissing me.

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00:24:47,000 --> 00:24:48,000

It really made me mad.

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00:24:48,000 --> 00:24:50,000

Why don't you believe me?

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00:24:56,000 --> 00:24:58,000

You need to start thinking about your family, Hunter.

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00:24:58,000 --> 00:25:01,000

The last thing I shouted at him was,

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00:25:01,000 --> 00:25:03,000

I gave up everything for you.

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00:25:06,000 --> 00:25:08,000

I gave up everything for you.

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00:25:09,000 --> 00:25:16,000

And I need you to be there for me.

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00:25:16,000 --> 00:25:18,000

I can't do this by myself anymore.

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00:25:18,000 --> 00:25:20,000

It's too much.

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

Hearing that from Jeannie was a knife in the heart.

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00:25:30,000 --> 00:25:34,000

I felt like Hunter and I were leading separate lives.

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00:25:34,000 --> 00:25:38,000

I was expecting quiet, calm country life,

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00:25:38,000 --> 00:25:42,000

and what I got instead is this feeling of isolation.

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00:25:45,000 --> 00:25:48,000

I really, really need somebody to talk to face to face.

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00:25:48,000 --> 00:25:51,000

So I invited my friend Kim over.

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00:25:57,000 --> 00:26:02,000

My first impression was that the house was very odd and out of place.

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00:26:04,000 --> 00:26:10,000

I felt uncomfortable just to be standing in the yard of this home.

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00:26:13,000 --> 00:26:16,000

Then in the upstairs room,

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00:26:18,000 --> 00:26:22,000

a shadowy figure through the window

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00:26:25,000 --> 00:26:27,000

gave me chills.

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00:26:29,000 --> 00:26:31,000

Hi, Kim. You made it.

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00:26:31,000 --> 00:26:32,000

I did.

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00:26:32,000 --> 00:26:34,000

Hi, Grace.

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00:26:34,000 --> 00:26:36,000

Hi, Grace. Nice to meet you.

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00:26:36,000 --> 00:26:38,000

Can I get you a coffee?

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00:26:38,000 --> 00:26:40,000

Yeah, that'd be great. Thank you.

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00:26:40,000 --> 00:26:45,000

When Kim came over, it was nice to be able to talk to somebody who wouldn't judge me.

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00:26:45,000 --> 00:26:50,000

I decided to show her photos of the house before I had painted.

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00:26:54,000 --> 00:26:58,000

I noticed that the blue paint was just everywhere.

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00:26:58,000 --> 00:27:02,000

Jenny, I've seen it before.

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00:27:02,000 --> 00:27:04,000

It's called Hate Blue.

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00:27:04,000 --> 00:27:06,000

It's used in voodoo.

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00:27:06,000 --> 00:27:10,000

It made me think back to when I would visit New Orleans with my mother

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00:27:10,000 --> 00:27:15,000

and she would tell me about the blue paint warding off evil voodoo spirits.

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00:27:15,000 --> 00:27:17,000

Maybe there's something in your house?

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00:27:19,000 --> 00:27:21,000

I felt I could trust Kim.

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00:27:21,000 --> 00:27:25,000

I told her everything that had happened in the house.

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00:27:25,000 --> 00:27:28,000

She told me about the bug infestation,

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00:27:30,000 --> 00:27:34,000

the footsteps of her son being afraid of mirrors.

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00:27:37,000 --> 00:27:38,000

Let me be clear.

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00:27:38,000 --> 00:27:40,000

You think this house is haunted?

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00:27:40,000 --> 00:27:43,000

Jenny knew that I was a historical researcher.

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00:27:43,000 --> 00:27:46,000

It's kind of like being a investigator.

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I hoped we could come together and find out what was going on in this house.

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00:27:52,000 --> 00:27:54,000

Jenny and I planned to meet at the courthouse

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00:27:54,000 --> 00:27:58,000

and see what we could find out about the families that had owned the land

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00:27:58,000 --> 00:28:00,000

prior to her living there.

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00:28:00,000 --> 00:28:01,000

Drive safe.

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00:28:01,000 --> 00:28:02,000

I will.

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00:28:03,000 --> 00:28:07,000

I need to convince Hunter that this haunted is real.

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00:28:07,000 --> 00:28:10,000

The fight back starts here.

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00:28:10,000 --> 00:28:15,000

I got home late from work one night and Jenny was already in bed,

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00:28:15,000 --> 00:28:18,000

so I flopped down in front of the television

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00:28:18,000 --> 00:28:21,000

and don't run wind a little bit, so I'm watching TV.

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00:28:22,000 --> 00:28:23,000

Hunter?

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00:28:27,000 --> 00:28:28,000

Hunter?

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00:28:31,000 --> 00:28:32,000

Hunter?

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00:28:33,000 --> 00:28:34,000

Hunter?

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00:28:37,000 --> 00:28:38,000

Hunter?

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00:28:40,000 --> 00:28:41,000

What's my wife's voice?

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00:28:42,000 --> 00:28:44,000

Right here by my ear.

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00:28:44,000 --> 00:28:45,000

Hunter!

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00:28:49,000 --> 00:28:50,000

Jenny, you need me?

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00:28:56,000 --> 00:28:58,000

I'm thinking she's playing with me.

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00:28:58,000 --> 00:28:59,000

She's not really asleep.

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00:28:59,000 --> 00:29:02,000

And so I go and I shaker.

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00:29:02,000 --> 00:29:03,000

What?

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00:29:03,000 --> 00:29:05,000

Did you need me for something, honey?

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00:29:06,000 --> 00:29:07,000

No.

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00:29:07,000 --> 00:29:08,000

I was annoyed because he woke me up.

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00:29:08,000 --> 00:29:10,000

You didn't just call me just now?

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00:29:10,000 --> 00:29:11,000

No.

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00:29:11,000 --> 00:29:13,000

No, I didn't.

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00:29:13,000 --> 00:29:14,000

I'm done-founded.

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00:29:14,000 --> 00:29:15,000

I'm sleeping.

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00:29:15,000 --> 00:29:18,000

I'm trying to process what's going on.

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00:29:18,000 --> 00:29:20,000

I worked a 14-hour day that day,

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00:29:20,000 --> 00:29:23,000

not getting a lot of sleep, stress.

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00:29:23,000 --> 00:29:25,000

Did I really hear it?

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00:29:25,000 --> 00:29:27,000

I go back to watching TV.

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00:29:30,000 --> 00:29:35,000

There's something out of the corner of my eye.

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00:29:42,000 --> 00:29:44,000

Am I going crazy?

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00:30:00,000 --> 00:30:01,000

I'm going crazy.

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00:30:15,000 --> 00:30:17,000

There's something out of the corner of my eye.

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00:30:26,000 --> 00:30:27,000

There's nothing there.

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00:30:29,000 --> 00:30:31,000

And I know I saw it.

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00:30:33,000 --> 00:30:37,000

I started to believe what Jenny was telling me.

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00:30:37,000 --> 00:30:39,000

But at the same time,

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00:30:39,000 --> 00:30:42,000

I didn't want to discuss it with her.

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00:30:42,000 --> 00:30:46,000

I was trying desperately to push through this,

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00:30:46,000 --> 00:30:49,000

and this is going to be the perfect house.

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00:30:52,000 --> 00:30:55,000

The following morning, I met Kim at the courthouse.

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00:30:55,000 --> 00:30:58,000

We were looking for clues that would explain

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00:30:58,000 --> 00:31:00,000

what was going on in Jenny's home.

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00:31:03,000 --> 00:31:06,000

I just had to know the history of this house.

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00:31:09,000 --> 00:31:10,000

Jenny.

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00:31:10,000 --> 00:31:11,000

Mm-hmm.

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00:31:11,000 --> 00:31:12,000

Jenny, come here.

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00:31:12,000 --> 00:31:15,000

We discovered that there was a family by the name of Maxwell.

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00:31:15,000 --> 00:31:16,000

There it is.

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00:31:16,000 --> 00:31:17,000

Right here.

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00:31:17,000 --> 00:31:21,000

That, back in the 1940s, had owned Jenny's land.

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00:31:21,000 --> 00:31:22,000

This one?

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00:31:22,000 --> 00:31:25,000

Hopefully, the name Maxwell would give me the answers

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00:31:25,000 --> 00:31:26,000

that I needed.

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00:31:29,000 --> 00:31:32,000

I began searching on the internet,

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and a ton of stuff came up about a local preacher

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00:31:36,000 --> 00:31:38,000

called William Maxwell.

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In the 1970s, he would preach at the church

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right down from our house.

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The rumor was that he was involved in some mysterious deaths

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00:31:48,000 --> 00:31:49,000

in the area.

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It was a huge story.

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National press picked it up.

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Even Harper Lee, the iconic Alabama author,

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spent time in Rockford because she was going to write

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00:31:59,000 --> 00:32:01,000

a true crime novel about it.

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00:32:03,000 --> 00:32:05,000

The suspicious thing about the Maxwell case

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00:32:05,000 --> 00:32:08,000

was that all the people who turned up dead

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00:32:09,000 --> 00:32:12,000

happened to be William Maxwell's family members.

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00:32:12,000 --> 00:32:14,000

There were five deaths,

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00:32:15,000 --> 00:32:18,000

and the Reverend Maxwell had taken out insurance policies

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00:32:18,000 --> 00:32:20,000

on every one of them.

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00:32:20,000 --> 00:32:21,000

Thank you.

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00:32:21,000 --> 00:32:25,000

At the last funeral, the victim's uncle went up to William Maxwell

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00:32:25,000 --> 00:32:27,000

and shot him dead.

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00:32:27,000 --> 00:32:28,000

Wait, wait, no!

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00:32:30,000 --> 00:32:32,000

But that wasn't the end of the story.

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I found out that the locals referred to Reverend Maxwell

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00:32:36,000 --> 00:32:38,000

as the voodoo preacher.

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00:32:42,000 --> 00:32:43,000

I was shocked.

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00:32:44,000 --> 00:32:47,000

Him had told me that the Hank Blue paint was a way

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00:32:47,000 --> 00:32:49,000

to keep out voodoo curses.

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00:32:51,000 --> 00:32:53,000

There was no way that this is a coincidence.

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00:32:55,000 --> 00:32:56,000

I was shocked.

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00:33:00,000 --> 00:33:02,000

Later that day, I was cleaning.

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00:33:02,000 --> 00:33:05,000

I spent a lot of time cleaning because it's a big house.

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00:33:07,000 --> 00:33:09,000

Grayson was in the bedroom.

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00:33:09,000 --> 00:33:11,000

How you doing, baby girl?

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00:33:11,000 --> 00:33:12,000

Good.

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00:33:12,000 --> 00:33:13,000

Good.

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00:33:26,000 --> 00:33:29,000

If I do get a call during the day, it's usually Hunter,

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00:33:29,000 --> 00:33:32,000

and so I thought, well, I need to hurry up and answer that.

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00:33:48,000 --> 00:33:51,000

I started feeling like something was standing behind me.

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00:33:56,000 --> 00:33:58,000

I was like, what's going on?

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00:34:01,000 --> 00:34:04,000

But Betty Lou was yelping and growling.

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00:34:06,000 --> 00:34:09,000

Betty Lou, I get to the top of the stairs.

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00:34:10,000 --> 00:34:11,000

Betty Lou, shh!

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00:34:12,000 --> 00:34:13,000

Bam.

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00:34:26,000 --> 00:34:27,000

Oh, oh, oh.

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00:34:35,000 --> 00:34:37,000

I'm in a lot of pain.

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00:34:38,000 --> 00:34:42,000

But my first thought was to turn around and see what had pushed me.

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00:34:46,000 --> 00:34:49,000

This time, I'm going to see what it is.

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00:34:55,000 --> 00:34:57,000

Honey, are you okay?

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00:34:57,000 --> 00:34:58,000

What happened?

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00:35:00,000 --> 00:35:01,000

Where's Grayson?

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00:35:01,000 --> 00:35:03,000

He's up the stairs.

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00:35:04,000 --> 00:35:05,000

He's asleep.

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00:35:06,000 --> 00:35:11,000

No man likes to see their life in tears.

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00:35:12,000 --> 00:35:14,000

You wanted to hurt me, honey.

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00:35:16,000 --> 00:35:17,000

I'm sorry.

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00:35:19,000 --> 00:35:20,000

I'm sorry.

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00:35:21,000 --> 00:35:22,000

I'm sorry.

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00:35:23,000 --> 00:35:25,000

You wanted to hurt me, Hunter.

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00:35:25,000 --> 00:35:29,000

I can no longer deny what's going on in that house.

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00:35:30,000 --> 00:35:32,000

He finally said, I believe you.

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

I don't know, we can't stay here anymore.

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00:35:36,000 --> 00:35:38,000

It's too dangerous for all of us.

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00:35:38,000 --> 00:35:42,000

We both agreed that as soon as the lease was up, we were out of there.

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00:35:42,000 --> 00:35:44,000

There was a light at the end of the tunnel.

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00:35:45,000 --> 00:35:46,000

Halt!

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00:35:47,000 --> 00:35:48,000

Halt!

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00:35:53,000 --> 00:35:57,000

Even though in just four weeks we'd be gone, I wanted some answers.

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00:35:58,000 --> 00:36:02,000

Did the things going on in our house have something to do with the Rev and Willie Maxwell?

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00:36:06,000 --> 00:36:08,000

I decided to dig deeper into Voodoo.

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00:36:10,000 --> 00:36:13,000

I found out that mirrors are the doorway to the dead.

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00:36:16,000 --> 00:36:21,000

Bug infestations are common Voodoo curses.

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I just started to really make sense.

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Damn it, Betty Lou.

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Betty Lou!

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Betty Lou, come home!

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Nothing.

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I didn't want to go looking for Betty Lou in the dark with Grayson.

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So I just waited until Hunter got home.

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Hey Lou, where are you girl?

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I'm looking for Betty Lou and I thought maybe if she is her, I can hear her yelling.

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But I got nothing.

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Suddenly, something just jumped off the page.

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The Voodoo spirit known as the Boo Hat.

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Just like a vampire that will come into your room at night and sit on your chest and steal your life energy.

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And after it's finished, it will move into the attic.

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And I thought, well, the attic was duct-taped shut.

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And I let some sort of Voodoo creature out of my attic.

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I couldn't find Betty Lou at all.

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Maybe she's on the trail or something.

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She'll be back in the morning.

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I began to think, was it the Boo Hag that Buddy had seen in the mirror?

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Had the Boo Hag pushed me down the stairs?

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I was afraid my family was in danger.

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Hey Lou.

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And then all of a sudden, I was just seeing these disturbing Voodoo sacrifices, blood everywhere.

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I'm almost back to the house.

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Didn't my light catch us something?

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I couldn't believe it.

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Betty Lou was ripped open savagely and her heart had been removed.

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Had Betty Lou's death been some kind of Voodoo sacrifice?

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I was angry. I was so angry.

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That night, Grayson was asleep. Hunter had already gone to sleep and I was really, really tired.

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I heard scurrying sound.

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Through the darkness, I can see this shape.

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I tried to get Hunter's attention, but I can't move a muscle.

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I'm paralyzed.

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It starts sucking my air out of me.

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And I thought, this is how I'm gonna die.

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Suddenly, it just popped in my brain. I'm going after your daughter.

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And it ran down the hall. I've never heard Grayson scream like that before.

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She need takes off down the hall.

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I was just freaking out.

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I can't even hurt.

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I just see him.

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I looked over her for physical marks.

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I'm the husband. I'm the protector.

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And here's something that's attached to her. Your wife and your kid.

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I'm sorry, baby.

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It makes you feel like crap.

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I'm so sorry.

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I was terrified I was gonna come back and finish what it started.

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I just wanted out of there.

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If we could have moved that night, we would have.

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I'm sorry.

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The next morning, Jeannie and I, we got out.

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We got out.

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Was a boo-hag, some voodoo curse conjured up by Willie Maxwell.

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Whatever it was, was absolute evil.

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And what about Harper Lee?

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Maybe Harper Lee did dig too far into Willie Maxwell.

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We will never know.