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This actually happened. This wasn't a dream, Mom.

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I was scared.

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She didn't believe me.

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Mama, mama, mama.

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It sounded like a little girl's voice.

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I've never been so scared.

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No! No!

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As a parent, it's your job to protect those kids.

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And I'm not scared.

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I'm scared.

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I'm scared.

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I'm scared.

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I'm scared.

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I'm scared.

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I'm scared.

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And I didn't.

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Mama, mama, mama.

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What's doing this? Who's doing this to you?

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Did you mean to scare the little girl?

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Yes, she better run.

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It's been in my house...

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with my kids.

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THE END

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Moving in day was pretty exciting.

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It was just kind of a humongous shock to me, you know, being 12 or 13 years old,

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because brand new house, brand new space.

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It was so much bigger than our old house.

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Vianne is the best big sister that I could ever ask for.

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She's a really nice person, loving.

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Get you in the room.

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Wow.

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Riley does have a speech impediment.

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She's had it since she was a little girl.

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I like it, Riley.

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You bet.

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And everybody asks her where she's from and where her accent is from.

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Maybe.

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I was tired of having to share a room with my sister, and I was so happy to get my own room.

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RANDY

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Randy and I had a son that passed away right after we were married.

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We always did want to have a son, and the girls wanted to have a brother in the family,

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so because of that we decided to look into the adoption process.

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Good enough for your new brother?

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What the hell is it?

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When's he coming?

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I wanted to see it now.

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You gotta get everything ready first.

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We were gonna need more space, so we found the perfect house in a small little town,

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Norman, Nebraska.

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Population about 48 people, nice and small, quiet.

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When we moved in, it was the perfect beginning to the next chapter of our lives.

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Hey, is that our soup?

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Sure is.

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Cool. Let's check it out.

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On the edge of the property was this barn, and it was decrepit, and it had to be over 100 years old.

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What is it?

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What's wrong?

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What's wrong?

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We walked in, and the first thing that we noticed was the smell.

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It was disgusting.

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The instant I walked in the door, it didn't feel like...

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It smelled like rotten wood or eggs.

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It was really bad.

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There was a whole bunch of weird taxidermy stuff in there.

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It was weird, and it was freaky.

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It seemed like no matter where you went in the barn, the animal heads were watching you.

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Always staring at us with those black eyes.

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Let's get out of here.

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No, I wanna check it out.

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It was just kind of scary. I left.

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I wanted to leave, but I felt like I was a piece of metal being pulled by a magnet.

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I needed to be there.

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Riley?

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It sounded like a little girl's voice.

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Giggling.

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And no one was there.

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And I thought, God, that was weird.

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I swear, I just heard someone.

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I was, you know, poking around things.

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I remember thinking, what am I even doing in here?

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I didn't know what I was looking for.

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I heard it again.

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A little girl's voice saying,

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Mama, mama.

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Mama, mama.

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Mama, mama.

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Mama, mama.

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Mama, mama.

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Mama, mama.

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Mama, mama.

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Mama, mama.

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Mama, mama.

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Mama, mama.

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Is Riley with you?

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No, honey. She's back in the house.

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I thought, you know, maybe I'm just freaking out.

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Maybe I'm tired. I just need to sleep.

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I just ignored it.

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Wow.

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Would you look at this?

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It's beautiful.

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There was this child.

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There was this China hutch.

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Once we had my grandmother's dinnerware in there,

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it just seemed to fit perfectly in the house.

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I was in the kitchen cooking dinner.

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And my back is turned to everybody.

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Girls and I were in the living room watching a TV show.

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So while I'm cooking there,

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I heard this voice right in my ear.

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What do you want?

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What are you talking about?

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I think you're losing your hearing in your old age.

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So we were just kind of teasing her.

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You're losing your hearing in your old age,

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going crazy, teasing her about stuff like that.

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I just went back to cooking and let it go.

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I let it drop.

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I just wanted to eat.

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Randy and I were laying in bed trying to fall asleep for the night.

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Then we hear this...

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of little feet going out on the tile.

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Somebody's still awake.

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Go see?

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We heard this.

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It sounded like a kid running around outside of our bedroom door.

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We heard some giggling, laughing.

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So I looked down the hallway.

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Didn't see no kids or nothing.

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I started hearing a noise.

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I couldn't quite figure out what it was.

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It sounded like it was a type of a lullaby

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being played on a flute or something like that.

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I was asleep and I started to hear something.

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I was like, oh, God, it's my alarm.

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I'm going to be late for school.

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So I get up and I look at my clock and it's the middle of the night.

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It sounded like flute music.

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So I thought, this is something. This is weird.

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Can you hear that?

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What is that?

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It was just really unnerving and unsettling

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to have this music there.

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I can't find anything in the front room or the kitchen

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that is making this music noise that I'm hearing.

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So we're like, OK, maybe we're here in town.

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So we're like, OK, maybe we're here in things.

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All of a sudden, there were three knocks.

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They were very distinct.

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

It sounded like the banging was coming from the China hutch.

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00:11:12,000 --> 00:11:14,000

It was like, OK, maybe we're here in town.

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

Must be the pipes or something.

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

Come on, boy.

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00:11:37,000 --> 00:11:40,000

We didn't really know how to rationalize that sound.

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We just kind of let it go and forgot about it.

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After a while, the music had completely gone away.

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I thought it was all over.

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00:12:05,000 --> 00:12:07,000

Then I heard something.

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00:12:11,000 --> 00:12:13,000

Mom, is that you?

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00:12:36,000 --> 00:12:38,000

As soon as I turned on the lights,

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the figure I had seen was gone.

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

I was trying to tell myself, you know, it's OK.

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00:12:48,000 --> 00:12:49,000

It's OK.

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00:12:49,000 --> 00:12:50,000

It was probably just a shadow, you know?

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00:12:50,000 --> 00:12:52,000

Nothing scary, just a shadow.

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00:12:52,000 --> 00:12:55,000

You're tired and you need to sleep.

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00:13:02,000 --> 00:13:05,000

I left the lights on that night because it scared me so much

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I didn't want to sleep in the dark.

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I didn't want to see another shadow.

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Morning.

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Morning.

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00:13:32,000 --> 00:13:33,000

Morning, sweetheart.

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Yeah, I know.

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In the morning when Rihanna came out of her room,

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she didn't look like she was very well rested.

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What's up?

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00:13:46,000 --> 00:13:48,000

I didn't tell anybody about what happened

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00:13:48,000 --> 00:13:51,000

because I didn't want to burden Mom and Dad

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00:13:51,000 --> 00:13:54,000

with the stress of thinking their daughter's insane

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00:13:54,000 --> 00:13:56,000

with the adoption coming up.

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00:13:56,000 --> 00:13:58,000

Nothing, I'm just tired.

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00:14:05,000 --> 00:14:06,000

Come on.

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00:14:24,000 --> 00:14:28,000

I was asleep in bed when I was awoken by strange noise.

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00:14:35,000 --> 00:14:37,000

I was asleep.

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Then I started listening.

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It sounded like music.

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00:14:47,000 --> 00:14:50,000

The music was calm and soft, kind of like a lullaby.

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All of a sudden, the bed started shaking.

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00:15:14,000 --> 00:15:17,000

All I could do was just sit there and tear up.

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00:15:22,000 --> 00:15:26,000

It felt like fists were hitting my bed and punching it.

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00:15:27,000 --> 00:15:28,000

No!

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00:15:33,000 --> 00:15:35,000

Something's under the bed shaking it.

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

Just frantic, screaming that something was under her bed,

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00:15:39,000 --> 00:15:40,000

shaking her bed.

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There wasn't anything there.

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00:15:48,000 --> 00:15:50,000

The bed wasn't moving.

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00:15:50,000 --> 00:15:51,000

There's nothing there, honey.

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00:15:51,000 --> 00:15:52,000

It's okay.

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00:15:52,000 --> 00:15:54,000

It was solid.

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It wasn't shifting around.

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00:16:03,000 --> 00:16:05,000

I was telling my mom that this actually happened.

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This wasn't a dream, Mom.

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00:16:07,000 --> 00:16:09,000

This actually happened.

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But she didn't believe me.

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I did suspect that Riley's imagination was running away with her.

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And I didn't understand how to help her feel safe.

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I don't want to sleep a year tonight.

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And she got really upset with me because I didn't believe her right away.

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And it makes me feel bad now knowing I didn't believe her at first.

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We were watching TV.

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Who gets the ice cream?

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00:16:56,000 --> 00:17:00,000

Vianna nominated me to go get the ice cream from the basement.

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00:17:01,000 --> 00:17:02,000

Really?

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

It scared me down there.

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00:17:04,000 --> 00:17:05,000

And chicken?

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00:17:19,000 --> 00:17:21,000

I had strange noise.

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00:17:44,000 --> 00:17:46,000

I had strange noise.

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00:17:50,000 --> 00:17:53,000

I couldn't pinpoint where it was coming from.

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00:18:08,000 --> 00:18:11,000

There was a woman standing next to the freezer.

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I just banned.

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00:18:19,000 --> 00:18:21,000

I just banned.

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Can I use everything okay?

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When I went into Riley's room and I looked in on her, she was drawing.

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When I looked over her shoulder, I saw what she was drawing.

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I was like, what's wrong with you?

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The face was angry.

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00:18:49,000 --> 00:18:51,000

It was so mad.

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And it had like black slashes for eyes.

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And it was horrible.

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Why are you drawing that?

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Because I saw it in the basement.

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What?

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I wanted to draw the woman so then other people could see what she looked like.

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I went to go get some ice cream.

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And I saw her.

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

It was scary.

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00:19:23,000 --> 00:19:24,000

Come downstairs.

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00:19:24,000 --> 00:19:26,000

I found it very unnerving.

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I had no idea what was going on.

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I couldn't explain what had that ability to scare her so much.

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00:19:34,000 --> 00:19:36,000

Are you sure you're okay?

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00:19:38,000 --> 00:19:41,000

Something had happened to her and it really shook her up.

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00:19:41,000 --> 00:19:45,000

And I realized things weren't just happening to me in the house.

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00:19:45,000 --> 00:19:50,000

But then I got all protective like, no, don't do this to my little sister.

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00:19:50,000 --> 00:19:52,000

I'm the big sister.

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Don't do it to her.

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00:19:53,000 --> 00:19:55,000

Do it to me instead.

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

I'm sorry.

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00:20:28,000 --> 00:20:30,000

I was slipped onto my back.

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00:20:30,000 --> 00:20:34,000

It was as if my body had been taped down.

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00:20:38,000 --> 00:20:40,000

I was stuck.

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

I couldn't move.

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00:20:44,000 --> 00:20:46,000

And I couldn't yell for help.

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00:20:51,000 --> 00:20:54,000

The girl was on the ceiling staring down at me.

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

I was scared.

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I've never been so scared.

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

She was just looking at me.

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

And she had the most angriest expression I have ever seen.

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Suddenly, she was gone.

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I realized that I'm not hearing things.

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I'm not going insane.

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I'm being haunted.

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00:22:01,000 --> 00:22:04,000

And I finally decided it stops here.

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00:22:04,000 --> 00:22:06,000

We need to tell someone.

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00:22:06,000 --> 00:22:09,000

And just seconds after deciding that,

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00:22:11,000 --> 00:22:13,000

I felt the sharp pain in my back.

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00:22:14,000 --> 00:22:18,000

It felt like claws were being dragged down my back.

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00:22:24,000 --> 00:22:27,000

It was like, what the hell's going on, you know?

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00:22:27,000 --> 00:22:29,000

Something was hurting her.

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And she was scared.

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And she said, something's on my back.

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Something's on my back.

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When I lifted up her shirt,

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there wasn't anything there.

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But then...

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these three scratches

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appeared going down her back.

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It's okay, honey.

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00:22:51,000 --> 00:22:53,000

It's okay.

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I was so mad when I saw them

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because I thought, how dare something hurt my baby?

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That's when she started to tell me about everything

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

that she'd been experiencing.

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What's going on?

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Come here, honey.

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Come on.

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I was like punching a hole in my chest.

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It's hard to believe, you know, this is happening to my daughter.

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I was upset because I couldn't do nothing to stop it.

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As a parent, it's your job to protect those kids.

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And I didn't, because I couldn't.

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That's when we knew we needed help.

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Danielle?

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Chris.

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We spoke on the phone.

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Thank you so much for coming.

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When we arrived at the house,

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you could tell that there was a lot of tension in the house,

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that they were nervous

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and had been very frightened for a while.

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Please.

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I felt certain that they would solve the problem

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and that they would be able to take care of everything in the house.

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We try to rule everything else out first.

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Sometimes it's just misunderstanding, environmental stimuli.

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You know, old houses make noises.

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There can be air and pipes that make banging noises.

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And that's something that we do a lot of.

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Make sure that there isn't a real world answer

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before we assign anything, you know, as being paranormal.

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It's often believed that increasing electromagnetic field readings

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and accompanying changes in temperature also accompanies paranormal activity.

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Do you see how it's just above zero there?

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That's normal.

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The readings we were getting were very normal.

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We couldn't find anything to explain what was going on.

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Sometimes it's not the house.

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Tell me about the barn.

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You don't go in there much.

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Looks pretty old.

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There was something just a little eerie about that place.

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Every hair on your arm stood up.

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I was like, oh, I'm going to be okay.

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00:26:01,000 --> 00:26:03,000

I'm going to be okay.

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Every hair on your arm stood up.

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00:26:06,000 --> 00:26:10,000

You could feel it before you even went inside it.

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So we set up some stationary infrared cameras

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to try to capture anything that we might not be able to see with the naked eye,

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that the camera could pick up.

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We also set up our digital audio recorders.

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Okay, I'm going to need total silence.

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Who are you?

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Sometimes if you ask questions out loud,

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you can capture answers on the recording devices.

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What is your name?

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I'm sorry.

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Are you trying to hurt Rhiannon?

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

We listened, but we didn't hear anything.

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00:27:06,000 --> 00:27:08,000

Nothing. Silence.

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Why do you go to Rhiannon's room?

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Paul.

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They can't be right.

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The EMF started to just go up and up and up.

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It was .5 and then 10.

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Is there a power source coming to this building?

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No.

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No power lines outside?

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Nothing.

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There was no electricity going to the barn at all.

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What's going on?

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But the readings kept spiking off the chart

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like there was still electricity on.

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What?

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Went up to actually in the 30s.

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And that's just totally unheard of.

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I've never seen that before.

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What's going on?

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I just really just kept thinking, holy cow,

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00:28:03,000 --> 00:28:05,000

what is going on here?

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You all right?

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I'm going to have to look at what we have

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and do some more research.

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Okay?

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00:28:51,000 --> 00:28:52,000

Yeah.

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00:28:52,000 --> 00:28:55,000

I thought Chris was going to be able to fix

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00:28:55,000 --> 00:28:57,000

whatever was broken in my home

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and make it stop.

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So as we were breaking down our cameras,

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we decided to check a little bit of the video

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from the barn.

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We were going to go to the barn.

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We were going to go to the barn.

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We were going to go to the barn.

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We were going to go to the video from the barn.

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

Oh my God.

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And we discovered that our whole DVR system was fried.

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It made me worried for the family.

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I did still have our digital audio recorders.

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Okay, I'm going to need total silence.

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So we can start reviewing the audio evidence.

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We were asking questions such as,

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What is your name?

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Tell us what your name is.

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I'm a professional audio recorder.

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00:30:01,000 --> 00:30:03,000

I'm a professional audio recorder.

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Tell us what your name is.

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And then we got this male's voice that said,

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Steven.

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We also caught the name Richard.

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I honestly thought that the name could well be a positive sign.

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Why do you go to Rihanna's room?

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Do you realize that it scares her?

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Did you mean to scare the little girl?

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00:30:46,000 --> 00:30:48,000

Very clearly.

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00:30:48,000 --> 00:30:50,000

You could hear it as plain as day.

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00:31:02,000 --> 00:31:04,000

Yes, she better run.

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When I first heard the sentence, I was excited.

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As a researcher, as an investigator, because you don't get a whole sentence often.

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That's extremely rare.

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But it really scared me to death for her because I thought it was very threatening.

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At first we thought we were maybe dealing with two separate people, a Steven and a Richard,

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until we dug into the historical research and we realized that it was one person,

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one person, one and the same, Steven Richards.

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Who's Steven Richards?

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I've never heard of this man.

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You need to sit down.

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Steven Richards was the first serial killer ever hung in Nebraska.

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He was often called the bloody butcher of Kearney County.

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And that's the name that we got in your home.

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I couldn't believe what Chris was telling us.

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I couldn't believe what she was telling us.

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I couldn't believe what she was telling us.

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I couldn't believe what she was telling us.

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00:32:21,000 --> 00:32:23,000

I couldn't believe what she was telling us.

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I couldn't believe what Chris was telling us.

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I couldn't believe what she was telling me about Steven Richards.

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I mean, this was something out of a nightmare or a movie.

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Steven Richards was a man who traveled aimlessly through the Midwest, going from job to job.

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His longest position that he was able to hold was at the Iowa State in St. Asylum.

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He was a man who was a little bit of a man.

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Part of his job there was to bury some of the most unfortunate inmates.

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There he acquired a taste for violence and death.

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In 1878, he traveled to Nebraska and met and befriended Mrs. Harrelson

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and her three children, Daisy, Mabel and Jesse.

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Mrs. Harrelson and her three children quickly fell under his spell.

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They trusted him completely.

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But their trust was misplaced.

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Richards was only interested in their land and their money.

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00:33:44,000 --> 00:33:49,000

My goodness. This is his actual confession.

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00:33:56,000 --> 00:33:57,000

Ugh.

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00:34:02,000 --> 00:34:04,000

I have killed in all nine persons.

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I am 23 years of age and am to be executed on the 26th day of April, 1879.

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I have been asked a good many times why I killed the Harrelson family

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and have kept people in ignorance until now.

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He's been in my house with my kids.

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This was my first time to help him.

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I have been asked a good many times why I killed the Harrelson family

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and I have kept people in ignorance until now.

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I had placed an axe near the door of the house,

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00:35:13,000 --> 00:35:19,000

and immediately on returning, I took this and approached the bed

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00:35:19,000 --> 00:35:22,000

in which Leigh Daisy was asleep.

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At this, she moved a little and murmured something like,

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00:35:28,000 --> 00:35:37,000

Mama, mama, the time had come.

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00:35:38,000 --> 00:35:40,000

Now or never.

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00:35:40,000 --> 00:35:42,000

Ever felt waiting any longer?

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I approached the bed of the mother,

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00:35:45,000 --> 00:35:48,000

and getting a good aim at her head.

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00:35:56,000 --> 00:36:00,000

Then I turned to Daisy, who was still sleeping?

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00:36:00,000 --> 00:36:03,000

She too stirred, but little and made no noise.

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Next I killed Mabel, struck her on the forehead

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00:36:14,000 --> 00:36:19,000

with the flat side of the axe, one blow, and killed her dead.

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Then I killed Jesse.

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I struck him three blows.

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I then stood still a moment, looking at the bed,

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00:36:36,000 --> 00:36:41,000

and as Daisy moaned and murmured,

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I struck her two or three more times.

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00:36:47,000 --> 00:36:57,000

And then she lay quite still.

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00:36:57,000 --> 00:37:02,000

Oh, God.

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00:37:02,000 --> 00:37:09,000

It almost makes me sick that this thing is in my house.

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Stephen Richards, you have been found guilty

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00:37:16,000 --> 00:37:22,000

of the murder of Mrs. Harrelson and her three children.

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You will now be hung from the neck until you are dead.

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He confessed to a multitude of crimes, never once showing any remorse.

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I cannot say or agree on what I've done.

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I've never been happier in my life than I'm present.

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On the morning of April 26th, he was hung for his dreadful crimes.

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I was absolutely livid that this complete monster

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00:38:01,000 --> 00:38:05,000

was terrorizing my children.

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What did we do now?

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How do I stop him?

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We need to do a cleansing ceremony.

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Because of the severity of the activity there,

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we felt like we should do a cleansing of the land.

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I'll get everything ready and we can do it tomorrow.

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00:39:05,000 --> 00:39:12,000

Suddenly, something woke me up.

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00:39:12,000 --> 00:39:18,000

All of the hair stood up on the back of my neck.

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00:39:18,000 --> 00:39:25,000

I was like, oh, God, something is going to happen.

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00:39:25,000 --> 00:39:30,000

I was like, oh, God, something is going to happen.

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00:39:55,000 --> 00:40:00,000

I felt like these two humongous hands just went...

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

But it was like right here.

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00:40:05,000 --> 00:40:08,000

I was fast asleep and something woke me up.

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00:40:08,000 --> 00:40:13,000

I didn't notice some flashing lights underneath the window.

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It's like, oh, crap, get the kids up, get them ready.

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Daniel, call 911.

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00:40:20,000 --> 00:40:22,000

We need to get them out of the house

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00:40:22,000 --> 00:40:24,000

because we don't want to take any chances.

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Get the kids, get them ready, come on.

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I woke up right away because I was so startled.

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His tone of voice was so not randy.

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And I looked into the backyard.

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The entire barn was engulfed in flames.

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The entire barn was engulfed in flames.

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I was so surprised.

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I was being choked. I couldn't breathe.

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00:41:16,000 --> 00:41:21,000

No.

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00:41:29,000 --> 00:41:32,000

We got to get out of here.

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to this day we still don't know exactly what caused the barn to burn down I

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think Stephen Richards was sending us a message not to be messing with him

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when we were finally able to adopt I can't even put it into words it was just

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to me it was magical it was like a hole had been filled in our family that we

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00:42:19,840 --> 00:42:28,560

didn't even really know existed it was miraculous

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we were one big happy family at last everything seemed to go back to normal

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you know everyone was happy it was like wow we're free there's nothing here to

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00:42:43,280 --> 00:42:45,800

hurt us anymore

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you