



Elves,
Gnomes,
and other
Friendly
Forest
Folk

**MY
ENCOUNTERS
with GNOMES?**

BXP

1
00:00:12,880 --> 00:00:10,600

[Music]

2
00:00:17,830 --> 00:00:12,890

[Applause]

3
00:00:21,990 --> 00:00:19,670

welcome to the best of first person

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00:00:24,870 --> 00:00:22,000

episodes of phantoms and monsters

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00:00:25,429 --> 00:00:24,880

please like subscribe and hit the bell

6
00:00:28,830 --> 00:00:25,439

icon

7
00:00:31,990 --> 00:00:28,840

so you'll be notified of all future

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00:00:36,470 --> 00:00:35,110

my experiences with gnomes when i was

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00:00:38,709 --> 00:00:36,480

about 10 years old

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00:00:40,630 --> 00:00:38,719

i went on a drive with my parents into

11
00:00:41,030 --> 00:00:40,640

the english countryside to a place

12
00:00:43,510 --> 00:00:41,040

called

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00:00:44,790 --> 00:00:43,520

came in surrey we were going to lunch

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00:00:47,029 --> 00:00:44,800

with mum's longtime

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00:00:48,709 --> 00:00:47,039

friend jill and husband harry and we met

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00:00:50,470 --> 00:00:48,719

them on the way at a country pub for

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00:00:52,389 --> 00:00:50,480

pre-lunch drinks

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00:00:54,549 --> 00:00:52,399

as children my brother and i were

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00:00:56,869 --> 00:00:54,559

allowed to go around to the back garden

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00:00:58,069 --> 00:00:56,879

and we sipped lemonade and dead crisps

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00:01:00,790 --> 00:00:58,079

then the adults brought

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00:01:02,630 --> 00:01:00,800

their drinks outside the garden of this

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00:01:05,030 --> 00:01:02,640

pub had a row of handmade miniature

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00:01:07,590 --> 00:01:05,040

houses at the bottom of the garden

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00:01:08,390 --> 00:01:07,600

each one had its own pathway gate and

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00:01:10,630 --> 00:01:08,400

door

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00:01:12,469 --> 00:01:10,640

i wandered over to take a closer look

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00:01:14,630 --> 00:01:12,479

and to my utmost surprise

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00:01:17,109 --> 00:01:14,640

the doors of these tiny houses opened

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00:01:20,310 --> 00:01:17,119

and a small nome exited from each one

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00:01:21,990 --> 00:01:20,320

and came to talk to me one in a red hat

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00:01:23,350 --> 00:01:22,000

was leaning on his garden rake

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00:01:25,429 --> 00:01:23,360

chattering away

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00:01:27,510 --> 00:01:25,439

i can't remember what they spoke to me

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00:01:28,550 --> 00:01:27,520

about but the vision of them has never

36

00:01:30,630 --> 00:01:28,560

left me

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00:01:32,710 --> 00:01:30,640

of course when i walked back to tell my

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00:01:33,190 --> 00:01:32,720

parents i just received a pat on the

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00:01:36,230 --> 00:01:33,200

head

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00:01:38,230 --> 00:01:36,240

and my mom said that's nice dear i had

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00:01:40,950 --> 00:01:38,240

another experience when i came to

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00:01:43,109 --> 00:01:40,960

australia in the early 1980s

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00:01:45,190 --> 00:01:43,119

my partner and i visited a tea room

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00:01:47,590 --> 00:01:45,200

during winter in the mountains

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00:01:48,630 --> 00:01:47,600

they had a lovely garden but no flowers

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00:01:51,030 --> 00:01:48,640

were out anywhere

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00:01:53,429 --> 00:01:51,040

and the wind was quite cold all of a

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00:01:56,069 --> 00:01:53,439

sudden i saw a small gnome with my inner

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00:01:58,550 --> 00:01:56,079

vision and he started talking to me

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00:01:59,510 --> 00:01:58,560

let me show you my flowers i look after

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00:02:01,749 --> 00:01:59,520

he said

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00:02:04,069 --> 00:02:01,759

again looking around i could see only

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00:02:06,630 --> 00:02:04,079

stalks and barrows bushes

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00:02:08,550 --> 00:02:06,640

anyway i followed him along a pathway

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00:02:10,790 --> 00:02:08,560

and then he turned a corner

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00:02:12,630 --> 00:02:10,800

there just around the bed was a small

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00:02:13,430 --> 00:02:12,640

bush with beautiful white perfumed

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00:02:15,910 --> 00:02:13,440

flowers on

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00:02:17,990 --> 00:02:15,920

and no other flowers in sight he was

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00:02:19,990 --> 00:02:18,000

very proud of his flowers and bush

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00:02:22,869 --> 00:02:20,000

and thanked me for allowing him to show

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00:02:24,309 --> 00:02:22,879

me we also had a gnome called tom in our

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00:02:26,390 --> 00:02:24,319

backyard in sydney

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00:02:29,270 --> 00:02:26,400

who used to pop up now and again giving

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00:02:32,150 --> 00:02:29,280

suggestions to help different plants

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00:02:33,030 --> 00:02:32,160

so that is my experiences with gnomes

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00:02:41,110 --> 00:02:33,040

and they are just

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00:02:45,270 --> 00:02:42,869

possible witcher elf encountered by

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00:02:47,270 --> 00:02:45,280

swiss soldier this happened while i was

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00:02:48,229 --> 00:02:47,280

doing my army service in switzerland in

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00:02:49,990 --> 00:02:48,239

the alps

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00:02:51,750 --> 00:02:50,000

i am not allowed to talk about what we

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00:02:52,470 --> 00:02:51,760

were doing but i'll try to keep things

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00:02:54,790 --> 00:02:52,480

clear

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00:02:56,790 --> 00:02:54,800

my company had installed a huge antenna

76
00:02:57,830 --> 00:02:56,800
and it had to be guarded by two soldiers

77
00:02:59,750 --> 00:02:57,840
day and night

78
00:03:02,149 --> 00:02:59,760
we were on the top of a hill far away

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00:03:05,190 --> 00:03:02,159
from any city and near a huge force

80
00:03:07,830 --> 00:03:05,200
it was 18h00 and i had just started my

81
00:03:09,430 --> 00:03:07,840
watch of six hours with another soldier

82
00:03:11,589 --> 00:03:09,440
everything went fine we smoked

83
00:03:13,589 --> 00:03:11,599
cigarettes and kept ourselves occupied

84
00:03:15,270 --> 00:03:13,599
until our watch ended at midnight

85
00:03:17,270 --> 00:03:15,280
then we received a call from our

86
00:03:19,030 --> 00:03:17,280
superior and he told us that one of the

87
00:03:20,149 --> 00:03:19,040
soldiers that was supposed to take the

88
00:03:21,990 --> 00:03:20,159

watch couldn't come

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00:03:23,509 --> 00:03:22,000

and one of us had to stay for another

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00:03:25,270 --> 00:03:23,519

watch of six hours

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00:03:27,110 --> 00:03:25,280

we tossed a coin to know who will stay

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00:03:29,430 --> 00:03:27,120

from midnight to six in the morning

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00:03:30,309 --> 00:03:29,440

with temperatures of minus 20 celsius

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00:03:32,229 --> 00:03:30,319

decrease

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00:03:33,990 --> 00:03:32,239

of course i lost and i had to wait for

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00:03:35,270 --> 00:03:34,000

the other soldier to come and join me

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00:03:37,110 --> 00:03:35,280

for the night watch

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00:03:38,869 --> 00:03:37,120

they sent another soldier but not the

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00:03:40,630 --> 00:03:38,879

best because i knew he would sleep all

100

00:03:42,070 --> 00:03:40,640

night when i saw him climbing the hill

101
00:03:44,149 --> 00:03:42,080
with his sleeping bag

102
00:03:46,470 --> 00:03:44,159
and that's what he did he immediately

103
00:03:48,309 --> 00:03:46,480
took place in the tent and fell asleep

104
00:03:50,630 --> 00:03:48,319
it was the coldest and longest night of

105
00:03:52,710 --> 00:03:50,640
my life but nothing special about it

106
00:03:54,309 --> 00:03:52,720
the weird part happened in the morning

107
00:03:56,470 --> 00:03:54,319
we received another call from our

108
00:03:58,149 --> 00:03:56,480
superior and he told us that we had an

109
00:03:59,910 --> 00:03:58,159
nbc exercise

110
00:04:01,509 --> 00:03:59,920
it means that we have to wear all day

111
00:04:03,509 --> 00:04:01,519
long or anti-chemical suit

112
00:04:05,429 --> 00:04:03,519
i don't know the english word for it the

113
00:04:06,470 --> 00:04:05,439

one with gas masks and everything that

114

00:04:08,630 --> 00:04:06,480

goes with it

115

00:04:10,470 --> 00:04:08,640

i was really upset and exhausted because

116

00:04:12,789 --> 00:04:10,480

i wasn't able to sleep with that thing

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00:04:14,229 --> 00:04:12,799

on and sleep was my only reward for that

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00:04:16,310 --> 00:04:14,239

12 hour watch

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00:04:18,229 --> 00:04:16,320

well i got out of the tent and this is

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00:04:19,430 --> 00:04:18,239

where i saw something that still scares

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00:04:21,189 --> 00:04:19,440

me to this day

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00:04:23,270 --> 00:04:21,199

there was a woman standing next to the

123

00:04:25,430 --> 00:04:23,280

antenna and she wasn't moving

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00:04:26,469 --> 00:04:25,440

she was just standing there five meters

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00:04:28,310 --> 00:04:26,479

from the tent

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00:04:30,469 --> 00:04:28,320

i couldn't see her face because of the

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00:04:32,230 --> 00:04:30,479

sun starting to rise behind her

128

00:04:34,469 --> 00:04:32,240

i knew she was a woman because she had

129

00:04:35,909 --> 00:04:34,479

really long hair and she had curves

130

00:04:37,990 --> 00:04:35,919

remember that we were in the middle of

131

00:04:40,629 --> 00:04:38,000

nowhere and this lady was standing there

132

00:04:42,469 --> 00:04:40,639

not moving like she was frozen i started

133

00:04:44,469 --> 00:04:42,479

to freak out and i called the other guy

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00:04:46,390 --> 00:04:44,479

to show him what i was looking at

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00:04:48,390 --> 00:04:46,400

i don't know why but he wasn't scared at

136

00:04:49,670 --> 00:04:48,400

all and he told her to leave because she

137

00:04:51,749 --> 00:04:49,680

wasn't allowed there

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00:04:53,030 --> 00:04:51,759

but she didn't make a move she just

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00:04:55,350 --> 00:04:53,040

stood there looking at us

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00:04:56,070 --> 00:04:55,360

or at least in our direction i was so

141

00:04:57,830 --> 00:04:56,080

confused

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00:04:59,990 --> 00:04:57,840

how women could ignore two soldiers

143

00:05:02,230 --> 00:05:00,000

telling her to leave a forbidden area

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00:05:04,230 --> 00:05:02,240

i mean we are in switzerland the army is

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00:05:06,469 --> 00:05:04,240

not that impressive i know but people

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00:05:08,150 --> 00:05:06,479

usually don't do this kind of things

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00:05:10,150 --> 00:05:08,160

they would just move away especially

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00:05:11,990 --> 00:05:10,160

when it's six in the morning and what

149

00:05:13,830 --> 00:05:12,000

was she doing in the middle of nowhere

150

00:05:15,990 --> 00:05:13,840

obviously not dressed for this cold

151
00:05:17,670 --> 00:05:16,000
weather how long was she standing there

152
00:05:20,150 --> 00:05:17,680
and how did she end up here

153
00:05:21,830 --> 00:05:20,160
i didn't hear any footsteps so many

154
00:05:22,629 --> 00:05:21,840
questions went through my mind at that

155
00:05:24,710 --> 00:05:22,639
moment

156
00:05:26,390 --> 00:05:24,720
the other soldier didn't think twice and

157
00:05:28,390 --> 00:05:26,400
started walking towards her

158
00:05:29,909 --> 00:05:28,400
when he almost reached her she started

159
00:05:32,390 --> 00:05:29,919
running very fast

160
00:05:34,230 --> 00:05:32,400
she ran directly into the forest i saw

161
00:05:36,070 --> 00:05:34,240
her getting deep down in the forest and

162
00:05:38,310 --> 00:05:36,080
she disappeared from her sight

163
00:05:39,590 --> 00:05:38,320

i'm really a rational thinker i question

164

00:05:41,189 --> 00:05:39,600

everything and think that there is

165

00:05:43,029 --> 00:05:41,199

always an explanation

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00:05:44,950 --> 00:05:43,039

for me the explanation is that she was

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00:05:46,310 --> 00:05:44,960

simply a jogger because of the way she

168

00:05:48,070 --> 00:05:46,320

ran to the forest

169

00:05:49,830 --> 00:05:48,080

but almost three minutes had passed

170

00:05:52,150 --> 00:05:49,840

between the first time i saw her

171

00:05:53,909 --> 00:05:52,160

and the moment she started running away

172

00:05:55,670 --> 00:05:53,919

three minutes of not moving at all

173

00:05:57,909 --> 00:05:55,680

looking at me dressed with something

174

00:06:00,070 --> 00:05:57,919

really tight with minus 20 degrees

175

00:06:01,830 --> 00:06:00,080

and in the middle of nowhere thank god

176

00:06:03,110 --> 00:06:01,840

there was someone with me because nobody

177

00:06:10,710 --> 00:06:03,120

would have believed me

178

00:06:14,390 --> 00:06:12,710

bigfoot carries injured man home in

179

00:06:16,390 --> 00:06:14,400

smith county virginia

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00:06:18,309 --> 00:06:16,400

i've got a story that may be hard to

181

00:06:19,749 --> 00:06:18,319

believe but i vow to you that it is

182

00:06:21,590 --> 00:06:19,759

completely true

183

00:06:22,870 --> 00:06:21,600

i have lived on the same property in

184

00:06:25,590 --> 00:06:22,880

smith county

185

00:06:27,029 --> 00:06:25,600

virginia all my 68 years and i have seen

186

00:06:29,270 --> 00:06:27,039

a lot of strange things

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00:06:31,110 --> 00:06:29,280

though i believe all were natural but

188

00:06:33,270 --> 00:06:31,120

there is one thing in my woods that i

189

00:06:36,309 --> 00:06:33,280

have never been able to explain

190

00:06:37,749 --> 00:06:36,319

the first time i saw it i was 16 or so

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00:06:38,790 --> 00:06:37,759

in squirrel hunting in the late

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00:06:41,029 --> 00:06:38,800

afternoon

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00:06:43,029 --> 00:06:41,039

i was sitting on a large rock watching a

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00:06:44,950 --> 00:06:43,039

den hole in a large hickory tree

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00:06:46,309 --> 00:06:44,960

when i noticed a hairy man running in

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00:06:48,390 --> 00:06:46,319

the hollow below me

197

00:06:49,830 --> 00:06:48,400

it was covered top to bottom with short

198

00:06:51,909 --> 00:06:49,840

reddish brown hair

199

00:06:55,270 --> 00:06:51,919

the hair on its head and face was very

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00:06:57,029 --> 00:06:55,280

long i think it was around six feet tall

201
00:06:58,950 --> 00:06:57,039
it made a hell of a racket moving

202
00:07:00,550 --> 00:06:58,960
through brush crashing branches and

203
00:07:02,550 --> 00:07:00,560
grunting up a storm

204
00:07:04,230 --> 00:07:02,560
it then turned around and did the same

205
00:07:06,790 --> 00:07:04,240
thing on its way back

206
00:07:08,950 --> 00:07:06,800
i stood up and quickly made my way home

207
00:07:10,070 --> 00:07:08,960
i never said anything to my folks about

208
00:07:12,150 --> 00:07:10,080
what i saw

209
00:07:14,070 --> 00:07:12,160
that's the last i had seen of this thing

210
00:07:16,309 --> 00:07:14,080
until this past october

211
00:07:18,070 --> 00:07:16,319
i was dragging old tree branches down

212
00:07:18,950 --> 00:07:18,080
into the woods when i stumbled on a

213
00:07:21,029 --> 00:07:18,960

treerd

214

00:07:22,150 --> 00:07:21,039

i twisted my knee badly and couldn't

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00:07:24,469 --> 00:07:22,160

stand on it

216

00:07:26,710 --> 00:07:24,479

i lay on the ground in pain trying to

217

00:07:29,029 --> 00:07:26,720

figure out what i was going to do

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00:07:30,230 --> 00:07:29,039

then all of a sudden i wake up on the

219

00:07:32,950 --> 00:07:30,240

porch bench

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00:07:34,309 --> 00:07:32,960

it's totally dark i reach over and turn

221

00:07:36,950 --> 00:07:34,319

on the porch light

222

00:07:39,350 --> 00:07:36,960

how did i get here then i noticed mud on

223

00:07:41,430 --> 00:07:39,360

my clothes and mud on the porch floor

224

00:07:43,589 --> 00:07:41,440

there was also a pile of hand-sized

225

00:07:45,510 --> 00:07:43,599

creek pebbles on the porch table

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00:07:47,350 --> 00:07:45,520

i had seen these piles of pebbles

227

00:07:48,550 --> 00:07:47,360

throughout the woods for as long as i

228

00:07:50,309 --> 00:07:48,560

could remember

229

00:07:52,070 --> 00:07:50,319

that's when i realized that the hairy

230

00:07:52,790 --> 00:07:52,080

man in the woods must have brought me

231

00:07:54,869 --> 00:07:52,800

home

232

00:07:56,710 --> 00:07:54,879

i wondered if it was the same hairy man

233

00:07:58,869 --> 00:07:56,720

i saw when i was a boy

234

00:07:59,909 --> 00:07:58,879

that's the only explanation i can come

235

00:08:01,749 --> 00:07:59,919

up with up

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00:08:03,189 --> 00:08:01,759

i don't have any neighbors since i'm

237

00:08:12,469 --> 00:08:03,199

living on the ridge

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00:08:14,629 --> 00:08:12,479

maybe i'll see it again one day f

239

00:08:17,510 --> 00:08:14,639

possible pukuji confronted in maine

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00:08:18,710 --> 00:08:17,520

woods i was living in fairfield maine on

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00:08:21,189 --> 00:08:18,720

cottage street

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00:08:23,670 --> 00:08:21,199

up the street from mine were some woods

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00:08:25,430 --> 00:08:23,680

i used to take my dog morbid up there to

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00:08:27,589 --> 00:08:25,440

burn some energy off

245

00:08:29,589 --> 00:08:27,599

her most favorite time to go up in the

246

00:08:30,869 --> 00:08:29,599

woods was when we'd just gotten a good

247

00:08:33,589 --> 00:08:30,879

snow storm

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00:08:34,870 --> 00:08:33,599

well one time after a storm morbid came

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00:08:37,670 --> 00:08:34,880

and woke me up

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00:08:39,670 --> 00:08:37,680

she always did this after a storm it was

251
00:08:42,070 --> 00:08:39,680
around two or three am

252
00:08:43,430 --> 00:08:42,080
so i got up and got dressed to take her

253
00:08:45,750 --> 00:08:43,440
up into the woods

254
00:08:47,750 --> 00:08:45,760
my daughter had a friend staying with us

255
00:08:48,790 --> 00:08:47,760
and she happened to be up and came along

256
00:08:50,630 --> 00:08:48,800
with us

257
00:08:52,710 --> 00:08:50,640
we got up there and were walking on the

258
00:08:54,790 --> 00:08:52,720
trail to get to the tree line

259
00:08:57,670 --> 00:08:54,800
as we were walking towards the trees on

260
00:08:59,829 --> 00:08:57,680
both sides of the small trail as a swamp

261
00:09:02,389 --> 00:08:59,839
i saw some moose prints that were really

262
00:09:03,430 --> 00:09:02,399
fresh so i asked victoria to hold my

263
00:09:05,990 --> 00:09:03,440

dog's leash

264

00:09:08,230 --> 00:09:06,000

because i wanted to check out the prince

265

00:09:09,750 --> 00:09:08,240

well i took three steps on to the swamp

266

00:09:12,550 --> 00:09:09,760

eyes and fell through waist

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00:09:14,470 --> 00:09:12,560

deep vic was laughing hysterically as i

268

00:09:16,470 --> 00:09:14,480

was struggling to get out of the muck at

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00:09:19,190 --> 00:09:16,480

the bottom of the swamp water

270

00:09:21,509 --> 00:09:19,200

anyways i finally got myself out of it

271

00:09:23,430 --> 00:09:21,519

and continued on to the tree line

272

00:09:24,949 --> 00:09:23,440

now once you get into the woods there a

273

00:09:27,110 --> 00:09:24,959

little side trail

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00:09:29,110 --> 00:09:27,120

i happened to see a gnarly looking tree

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00:09:31,509 --> 00:09:29,120

down the little side trail that looked

276

00:09:33,910 --> 00:09:31,519

really cool with all that snow on it

277

00:09:34,790 --> 00:09:33,920

i told vic to stay there and is be right

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00:09:37,269 --> 00:09:34,800

back

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00:09:39,269 --> 00:09:37,279

well i took my dog morbid with me and as

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00:09:40,230 --> 00:09:39,279

we approached the gnarly tree my dog

281

00:09:42,790 --> 00:09:40,240

dead dogged me

282

00:09:44,710 --> 00:09:42,800

and i hated that so i turned to scold

283

00:09:46,070 --> 00:09:44,720

her when i saw that she was staring at

284

00:09:47,910 --> 00:09:46,080

this birch tree

285

00:09:50,230 --> 00:09:47,920

suddenly this thing stepped out from

286

00:09:51,910 --> 00:09:50,240

behind the tree and it looked towards us

287

00:09:54,630 --> 00:09:51,920

and i could feel it was just as

288

00:09:56,949 --> 00:09:54,640

surprised to see us as we were to see it

289

00:09:58,070 --> 00:09:56,959

now it was completely black had an

290

00:10:00,710 --> 00:09:58,080

oversized head

291

00:10:01,509 --> 00:10:00,720

a swollen belly but it had no fingers or

292

00:10:03,670 --> 00:10:01,519

eyes

293

00:10:05,110 --> 00:10:03,680

it was way too wide to fit behind that

294

00:10:07,110 --> 00:10:05,120

skinny little birch tree

295

00:10:09,269 --> 00:10:07,120

but it did it was like it was

296

00:10:11,269 --> 00:10:09,279

communicating telepathically

297

00:10:13,110 --> 00:10:11,279

like when it turned towards us it had no

298

00:10:15,350 --> 00:10:13,120

eyes yet i knew that it was just as

299

00:10:17,430 --> 00:10:15,360

surprised as morbid and i were

300

00:10:19,269 --> 00:10:17,440

it was also like it was two-dimensional

301
00:10:21,430 --> 00:10:19,279
or something because it looked like a

302
00:10:23,509 --> 00:10:21,440
cardboard cut out or something

303
00:10:25,590 --> 00:10:23,519
after it disappeared behind that tree

304
00:10:27,910 --> 00:10:25,600
suddenly the wind started to pick up

305
00:10:29,350 --> 00:10:27,920
and a snow nado began to chase us back

306
00:10:31,430 --> 00:10:29,360
to the main trail

307
00:10:33,509 --> 00:10:31,440
it stopped the second both of us had all

308
00:10:35,910 --> 00:10:33,519
of our feet on the main trail

309
00:10:38,710 --> 00:10:35,920
i tested this two more times and each

310
00:10:40,870 --> 00:10:38,720
time i was chased back by a snow nado

311
00:10:43,030 --> 00:10:40,880
i immediately went home and drew what i

312
00:10:44,870 --> 00:10:43,040
saw step out from behind that tree

313
00:10:46,389 --> 00:10:44,880

as well as took pics of the tree it

314

00:10:52,470 --> 00:10:46,399

stepped out from

315

00:10:55,910 --> 00:10:55,030

this is lon strickler if you like this

316

00:10:57,670 --> 00:10:55,920

program

317

00:10:58,949 --> 00:10:57,680

it would help us if you would give it a

318

00:11:01,829 --> 00:10:58,959

thumbs up

319

00:11:02,310 --> 00:11:01,839

then subscribe and click the bell icon

320

00:11:04,710 --> 00:11:02,320

so you

321

00:11:06,790 --> 00:11:04,720

get notification when we upload new

322

00:11:09,910 --> 00:11:06,800

first person encounters

323

00:11:10,630 --> 00:11:09,920

we have many more to come very soon and

324

00:11:12,710 --> 00:11:10,640

by the way

325

00:11:14,389 --> 00:11:12,720

if you have a suggestion or an

