

A silhouette of a large, hairy creature, resembling a Sasquatch or Bigfoot, stands in a forest. The creature is holding the hand of a small child who is also silhouetted. The background shows green trees and a bright sky with a sun or moon. The entire image is framed by a yellow border.

**Three more  
encounters  
with  
Sasquatch**

**Growing up  
with  
BIGFOOT?**

**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

4  
00:00:24,870 --> 00:00:22,000

episodes of phantoms and monsters

5  
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  
00:00:31,830 --> 00:00:28,840

so you'll be notified of all future

8  
00:00:33,910 --> 00:00:31,840

uploads

9  
00:00:35,990 --> 00:00:33,920

growing up with sasquatch though i've

10  
00:00:36,389 --> 00:00:36,000

lived in florida for just over 12 years

11  
00:00:38,790 --> 00:00:36,399

now

12  
00:00:40,549 --> 00:00:38,800

i grew up in ohio i'm convinced that we

13  
00:00:42,549 --> 00:00:40,559

had a sasquatch that would pass through

14

00:00:44,389 --> 00:00:42,559

the area on a regular basis

15

00:00:46,549 --> 00:00:44,399

this conviction is due to both sightings

16

00:00:48,389 --> 00:00:46,559

of them and other evidence

17

00:00:50,229 --> 00:00:48,399

i had actually emailed autumn williams

18

00:00:51,750 --> 00:00:50,239

with these accounts several years ago

19

00:00:53,670 --> 00:00:51,760

after watching a few episodes of

20

00:00:54,709 --> 00:00:53,680

mysterious encounters when it was in

21

00:00:56,229 --> 00:00:54,719

production

22

00:00:58,069 --> 00:00:56,239

she never bothered to write back in

23

00:01:00,630 --> 00:00:58,079

response so i don't even know

24

00:01:02,470 --> 00:01:00,640

if she received the message since then i

25

00:01:03,590 --> 00:01:02,480

contacted a researcher in ohio with

26

00:01:05,670 --> 00:01:03,600

these events

27

00:01:07,910 --> 00:01:05,680

sorry to say i don't recall the man's

28

00:01:09,590 --> 00:01:07,920

name he was excited about it when he

29

00:01:11,910 --> 00:01:09,600

replied back to me with questions

30

00:01:13,270 --> 00:01:11,920

but i've heard nothing since my parents

31

00:01:14,870 --> 00:01:13,280

and i moved into a house

32

00:01:16,390 --> 00:01:14,880

that was only a couple hundred yards

33

00:01:18,469 --> 00:01:16,400

from an abandoned railroad bed in

34

00:01:19,190 --> 00:01:18,479

marysville ohio when i was five years

35

00:01:21,190 --> 00:01:19,200

old

36

00:01:23,429 --> 00:01:21,200

it wasn't long after that we my friends

37

00:01:24,070 --> 00:01:23,439

and i started our forays to the railroad

38

00:01:25,670 --> 00:01:24,080

bed

39  
00:01:27,670 --> 00:01:25,680  
during the summer months the weeds there

40  
00:01:30,310 --> 00:01:27,680  
would grow far taller than we were

41  
00:01:31,109 --> 00:01:30,320  
for us it was akin to being in a forest

42  
00:01:33,109 --> 00:01:31,119  
each summer

43  
00:01:34,630 --> 00:01:33,119  
we carve a path through using sticks to

44  
00:01:36,550 --> 00:01:34,640  
hack and slash at the weeds

45  
00:01:37,670 --> 00:01:36,560  
cutting out a narrow curving path in a

46  
00:01:39,749 --> 00:01:37,680  
larger open area

47  
00:01:41,350 --> 00:01:39,759  
where we gather to talk and want it when

48  
00:01:43,830 --> 00:01:41,360  
the sasquatch first turned up

49  
00:01:45,190 --> 00:01:43,840  
or i should say when we first noticed it

50  
00:01:47,510 --> 00:01:45,200  
we were still young

51  
00:01:49,109 --> 00:01:47,520  
we had no idea what was there we felt

52  
00:01:51,510 --> 00:01:49,119  
that something was there on occasion

53  
00:01:52,230 --> 00:01:51,520  
watching us but for a long time we saw

54  
00:01:54,230 --> 00:01:52,240  
nothing

55  
00:01:55,990 --> 00:01:54,240  
then one of my friends reported having

56  
00:01:56,630 --> 00:01:56,000  
seen something large and hairy there one

57  
00:01:58,230 --> 00:01:56,640  
night

58  
00:02:00,469 --> 00:01:58,240  
he saw it from a distance and only

59  
00:02:02,149 --> 00:02:00,479  
briefly the rest of us didn't take him

60  
00:02:04,310 --> 00:02:02,159  
too seriously at first

61  
00:02:06,389 --> 00:02:04,320  
he kept pounding us with it though then

62  
00:02:07,990 --> 00:02:06,399  
another friend a girl whose grandparents

63  
00:02:10,630 --> 00:02:08,000

lived in the lot of joining the railroad

64

00:02:12,070 --> 00:02:10,640

bed saw something one night she mostly

65

00:02:13,990 --> 00:02:12,080

lived with her grandparents due to

66

00:02:16,150 --> 00:02:14,000

family issues and her bedroom window

67

00:02:17,670 --> 00:02:16,160

looked right out at the old railroad bed

68

00:02:19,270 --> 00:02:17,680

having a second report of something

69

00:02:21,830 --> 00:02:19,280

large and hairy up there at night

70

00:02:23,350 --> 00:02:21,840

made us all take it more seriously still

71

00:02:25,510 --> 00:02:23,360

we were young and stupid

72

00:02:27,190 --> 00:02:25,520

and the railroad bed was our place to go

73

00:02:29,190 --> 00:02:27,200

to get away from our parents

74

00:02:30,550 --> 00:02:29,200

it was our place we weren't going to

75

00:02:32,790 --> 00:02:30,560

give it up easily

76  
00:02:35,350 --> 00:02:32,800  
being so young still we had no idea what

77  
00:02:37,190 --> 00:02:35,360  
we had we started calling it a troll

78  
00:02:38,630 --> 00:02:37,200  
as we never had the impression that it

79  
00:02:40,949 --> 00:02:38,640  
was their full time

80  
00:02:42,309 --> 00:02:40,959  
so we learned to live with it it's been

81  
00:02:44,070 --> 00:02:42,319  
suggested to me before

82  
00:02:46,309 --> 00:02:44,080  
upon sharing these events that the

83  
00:02:49,110 --> 00:02:46,319  
sasquatch may have been young itself

84  
00:02:51,110 --> 00:02:49,120  
i don't know several years went by we

85  
00:02:53,110 --> 00:02:51,120  
were easing into our early teens

86  
00:02:54,869 --> 00:02:53,120  
that's when things started to pick up

87  
00:02:56,550 --> 00:02:54,879  
maybe there was a juvenile

88  
00:02:58,309 --> 00:02:56,560

maybe it was just watching us grow and

89

00:03:00,070 --> 00:02:58,319

decided that while i was willing to

90

00:03:01,750 --> 00:03:00,080

allow young children to play there

91

00:03:03,750 --> 00:03:01,760

it wasn't going to be so tolerant of

92

00:03:03,990 --> 00:03:03,760

older children but the girl who lived

93

00:03:05,670 --> 00:03:04,000

right

94

00:03:07,350 --> 00:03:05,680

next to the railroad bed had several

95

00:03:09,110 --> 00:03:07,360

more nighttime sightings

96

00:03:10,869 --> 00:03:09,120

she was actually so afraid of what she

97

00:03:12,949 --> 00:03:10,879

saw that she convinced herself

98

00:03:14,869 --> 00:03:12,959

that she dreamed these rather than truly

99

00:03:16,550 --> 00:03:14,879

admit that there was something there

100

00:03:19,110 --> 00:03:16,560

i had three sightings of it them over

101  
00:03:21,110 --> 00:03:19,120  
the years she was with me for the first

102  
00:03:23,110 --> 00:03:21,120  
we were in her grandparents yard walking

103  
00:03:23,830 --> 00:03:23,120  
up the short gentle hill to the railroad

104  
00:03:25,509 --> 00:03:23,840  
bed

105  
00:03:27,110 --> 00:03:25,519  
she froze and put her arm across my

106  
00:03:29,350 --> 00:03:27,120  
chest stopping me

107  
00:03:30,470 --> 00:03:29,360  
i looked at her she was staring open

108  
00:03:32,390 --> 00:03:30,480  
mouth and wide-eyed

109  
00:03:34,390 --> 00:03:32,400  
pointing straight ahead through a narrow

110  
00:03:34,869 --> 00:03:34,400  
gap in the weeds i saw what looked like

111  
00:03:36,710 --> 00:03:34,879  
the head

112  
00:03:38,070 --> 00:03:36,720  
and shoulders of a large humanoid figure

113  
00:03:39,589 --> 00:03:38,080

with dark black hair

114

00:03:41,190 --> 00:03:39,599

it was either sitting or crouched

115

00:03:43,350 --> 00:03:41,200

holding perfectly still

116

00:03:45,030 --> 00:03:43,360

we were seeing its profile we back

117

00:03:46,869 --> 00:03:45,040

slowly down the hill until it was out of

118

00:03:49,030 --> 00:03:46,879

sight then turned and ran

119

00:03:51,509 --> 00:03:49,040

after that she refused to ever go back

120

00:03:54,070 --> 00:03:51,519

up there not even as part of a group

121

00:03:55,750 --> 00:03:54,080

the following day we told another friend

122

00:03:57,190 --> 00:03:55,760

he wanted to see the spot where the

123

00:03:59,190 --> 00:03:57,200

creature had been seen

124

00:04:01,030 --> 00:03:59,200

it was broad daylight so i took him up

125

00:04:02,869 --> 00:04:01,040

there albeit reluctantly

126

00:04:04,630 --> 00:04:02,879

the only sign we saw of it was a large

127

00:04:05,350 --> 00:04:04,640

patch of flattened grasses where it had

128

00:04:07,110 --> 00:04:05,360

been

129

00:04:09,190 --> 00:04:07,120

somewhere in there he and i also found

130

00:04:11,110 --> 00:04:09,200

what we refer to as the vine cave which

131

00:04:13,110 --> 00:04:11,120

i now believe to have been a nest

132

00:04:14,869 --> 00:04:13,120

from our point of view it simply popped

133

00:04:15,509 --> 00:04:14,879

into existence literally overnight in

134

00:04:17,990 --> 00:04:15,519

the large

135

00:04:19,509 --> 00:04:18,000

open area we carved he and i actually

136

00:04:21,590 --> 00:04:19,519

crawled into it a few times

137

00:04:23,270 --> 00:04:21,600

but always felt very uncomfortable in it

138

00:04:25,189 --> 00:04:23,280

and always left quickly

139

00:04:27,510 --> 00:04:25,199

not long after the discovery of the vine

140

00:04:29,430 --> 00:04:27,520

cave a couple of rival kids destroyed it

141

00:04:30,870 --> 00:04:29,440

thinking we built it i think that may

142

00:04:32,710 --> 00:04:30,880

have well caused the increase in

143

00:04:34,390 --> 00:04:32,720

encounters with the sasquatch and its

144

00:04:35,990 --> 00:04:34,400

attempts to chase us away

145

00:04:38,150 --> 00:04:36,000

my second and third sightings were

146

00:04:40,550 --> 00:04:38,160

spaced out over the next few years

147

00:04:42,469 --> 00:04:40,560

each time i saw it was in broad daylight

148

00:04:44,230 --> 00:04:42,479

i was in our driveway pulling weeds that

149

00:04:45,830 --> 00:04:44,240

were growing up through the gravel

150

00:04:47,990 --> 00:04:45,840

movement from up at the railroad bed

151  
00:04:48,629 --> 00:04:48,000  
caught my attention i looked up there to

152  
00:04:50,310 --> 00:04:48,639  
see a tall

153  
00:04:52,469 --> 00:04:50,320  
humanoid being with long arms walking

154  
00:04:54,629 --> 00:04:52,479  
along the hill moving to my right

155  
00:04:56,070 --> 00:04:54,639  
it was covered in dark black hair i've

156  
00:04:58,150 --> 00:04:56,080  
always suspected it was the same

157  
00:04:59,430 --> 00:04:58,160  
creature i saw on my first sighting but

158  
00:05:01,110 --> 00:04:59,440  
don't know for sure

159  
00:05:02,550 --> 00:05:01,120  
i watched it walk for a few seconds

160  
00:05:03,990 --> 00:05:02,560  
until it was blocked from you by a

161  
00:05:06,310 --> 00:05:04,000  
neighbor's storage shed

162  
00:05:07,990 --> 00:05:06,320  
then i turned and ran into the house i

163  
00:05:08,950 --> 00:05:08,000

didn't go back up to the railroad bed

164

00:05:10,870 --> 00:05:08,960

for weeks

165

00:05:12,710 --> 00:05:10,880

my third sighting was from a far greater

166

00:05:14,790 --> 00:05:12,720

distance on the other side of the

167

00:05:16,870 --> 00:05:14,800

railroad bed was a fenced in area of cow

168

00:05:19,110 --> 00:05:16,880

pasture and the local water tower

169

00:05:21,350 --> 00:05:19,120

beyond that was a trailer cord i was in

170

00:05:23,909 --> 00:05:21,360

her upstairs back bedroom one afternoon

171

00:05:25,510 --> 00:05:23,919

again during broad daylight i saw what i

172

00:05:27,590 --> 00:05:25,520

first took to be a rolled up rug by a

173

00:05:29,270 --> 00:05:27,600

trash can back in the trailer cord

174

00:05:31,029 --> 00:05:29,280

i could just barely see it due to the

175

00:05:33,110 --> 00:05:31,039

distance i looked away

176  
00:05:35,189 --> 00:05:33,120  
and then looked back what i was seeing

177  
00:05:36,070 --> 00:05:35,199  
seemed shorter as if it had sagged or

178  
00:05:38,230 --> 00:05:36,080  
crouched

179  
00:05:39,830 --> 00:05:38,240  
i kept looking away and then looked back

180  
00:05:42,150 --> 00:05:39,840  
wanting to see if it moved

181  
00:05:43,990 --> 00:05:42,160  
i couldn't tell if it was moving or not

182  
00:05:44,790 --> 00:05:44,000  
finally i looked away for about 10

183  
00:05:46,469 --> 00:05:44,800  
minutes

184  
00:05:48,870 --> 00:05:46,479  
when i looked back whatever it had been

185  
00:05:50,550 --> 00:05:48,880  
was gone another friend of mine lived in

186  
00:05:51,590 --> 00:05:50,560  
a house just beyond the far side of the

187  
00:05:53,510 --> 00:05:51,600  
trailer core

188  
00:05:55,350 --> 00:05:53,520

a wooden privacy fence divided his

189

00:05:57,110 --> 00:05:55,360

backyard from the trailer cord

190

00:05:58,950 --> 00:05:57,120

he once told me that he and his family

191

00:05:59,990 --> 00:05:58,960

would sometimes smell a heavy musky

192

00:06:01,590 --> 00:06:00,000

scent at night

193

00:06:03,430 --> 00:06:01,600

they would sometimes hear what sounded

194

00:06:04,230 --> 00:06:03,440

like heavy footfalls outside their house

195

00:06:05,909 --> 00:06:04,240

at night

196

00:06:07,990 --> 00:06:05,919

he said his mother even claimed to have

197

00:06:10,150 --> 00:06:08,000

heard a loud heartbeat on occasion

198

00:06:12,469 --> 00:06:10,160

all in all we were lucky we gave it

199

00:06:15,110 --> 00:06:12,479

plenty of incentive to lash out at us

200

00:06:15,990 --> 00:06:15,120

luckily it never did anything to hurt us

201  
00:06:18,390 --> 00:06:16,000

just scare us

202  
00:06:20,070 --> 00:06:18,400

employing fear tactics we were just too

203  
00:06:21,029 --> 00:06:20,080

dumb and stubborn to pay close enough

204  
00:06:23,270 --> 00:06:21,039

attention

205  
00:06:25,189 --> 00:06:23,280

even after we'd all seen it aside from

206  
00:06:26,790 --> 00:06:25,199

the direct sightings of the creatures we

207  
00:06:27,510 --> 00:06:26,800

had other evidence that it was there as

208  
00:06:29,350 --> 00:06:27,520

well

209  
00:06:30,550 --> 00:06:29,360

once when i was in my teens and at the

210  
00:06:32,309 --> 00:06:30,560

railroad bed alone

211  
00:06:33,830 --> 00:06:32,319

something that sounded very large was in

212  
00:06:35,029 --> 00:06:33,840

the weeds and brush ahead of me

213  
00:06:36,710 --> 00:06:35,039

thrashing at the weeds

214

00:06:39,110 --> 00:06:36,720

causing them to move and make a lot of

215

00:06:40,790 --> 00:06:39,120

noise i thought at first it was the same

216

00:06:42,469 --> 00:06:40,800

friend who's wanted to go check out the

217

00:06:43,510 --> 00:06:42,479

site of my first direct sighting of the

218

00:06:45,189 --> 00:06:43,520

sasquatch

219

00:06:46,790 --> 00:06:45,199

about the same moment i realized that

220

00:06:48,550 --> 00:06:46,800

whatever was ahead of me was too large

221

00:06:49,749 --> 00:06:48,560

to be him a rock about the size of my

222

00:06:51,350 --> 00:06:49,759

fist was thrown at me

223

00:06:53,589 --> 00:06:51,360

just narrowly missing hitting me in the

224

00:06:55,510 --> 00:06:53,599

head i ran and refused to go back to the

225

00:06:57,270 --> 00:06:55,520

railroad bed for weeks after

226

00:06:59,270 --> 00:06:57,280

next time i was there alone i was in the

227

00:07:00,390 --> 00:06:59,280

same place and the same rethrashing

228

00:07:02,790 --> 00:07:00,400

occurred again

229

00:07:04,629 --> 00:07:02,800

luckily no rock was thrown that line

230

00:07:06,390 --> 00:07:04,639

another time that same friend who wanted

231

00:07:08,629 --> 00:07:06,400

to see the spot of my first sighting and

232

00:07:10,309 --> 00:07:08,639

i were at the railroad bed by ourselves

233

00:07:11,749 --> 00:07:10,319

there had to have been at the very least

234

00:07:13,909 --> 00:07:11,759

two of the creatures with us

235

00:07:15,749 --> 00:07:13,919

one on either side of us nothing was

236

00:07:18,070 --> 00:07:15,759

thrown at us but the same reef thrashing

237

00:07:20,309 --> 00:07:18,080

noises started up to each side of us

238

00:07:21,430 --> 00:07:20,319

oddly this time nothing was moving that

239

00:07:23,350 --> 00:07:21,440

we could see

240

00:07:24,950 --> 00:07:23,360

both of us clearly heard the sounds but

241

00:07:26,870 --> 00:07:24,960

couldn't see a thing moving

242

00:07:28,950 --> 00:07:26,880

still after holding our ground for only

243

00:07:31,110 --> 00:07:28,960

a few moments we both ran

244

00:07:32,870 --> 00:07:31,120

this same friend also decided to step up

245

00:07:34,710 --> 00:07:32,880

our own claims on the railroad bed

246

00:07:35,909 --> 00:07:34,720

after he had found a rockhand built on

247

00:07:38,150 --> 00:07:35,919

our path one day

248

00:07:39,270 --> 00:07:38,160

the cairn was small my friend spouted

249

00:07:41,110 --> 00:07:39,280

his usual lineup

250

00:07:43,110 --> 00:07:41,120

no freaking monkey is going to chase me

251  
00:07:44,629 --> 00:07:43,120  
away and promptly kicked the care and

252  
00:07:46,390 --> 00:07:44,639  
scattered the stones

253  
00:07:48,309 --> 00:07:46,400  
we gathered up new stones and built a

254  
00:07:49,029 --> 00:07:48,319  
new larger cairn in place of the one we

255  
00:07:50,790 --> 00:07:49,039  
found

256  
00:07:52,309 --> 00:07:50,800  
we left and went back the next day to

257  
00:07:54,710 --> 00:07:52,319  
find our own cairns scattered

258  
00:07:56,309 --> 00:07:54,720  
and a new larger one in his place my

259  
00:07:57,430 --> 00:07:56,319  
friend immediately kicked it apart and

260  
00:07:59,430 --> 00:07:57,440  
we built a new one

261  
00:08:01,510 --> 00:07:59,440  
larger still in place of the one we

262  
00:08:03,430 --> 00:08:01,520  
found this went on for days

263  
00:08:05,270 --> 00:08:03,440

each day we find that the cairn we built

264

00:08:07,749 --> 00:08:05,280

the day before had been wrecked and new

265

00:08:09,589 --> 00:08:07,759

larger one would be in this place each

266

00:08:10,790 --> 00:08:09,599

day my friend would scatter the new one

267

00:08:12,869 --> 00:08:10,800

and we build our own

268

00:08:14,070 --> 00:08:12,879

larger yet in place of the most recent

269

00:08:15,990 --> 00:08:14,080

one we found

270

00:08:17,909 --> 00:08:16,000

secretly i thought he was going back up

271

00:08:19,749 --> 00:08:17,919

to the railroad bed later and building

272

00:08:21,510 --> 00:08:19,759

the new cairn we would find the next day

273

00:08:23,350 --> 00:08:21,520

and he thought the same of me

274

00:08:24,710 --> 00:08:23,360

finally after this had gone on long

275

00:08:26,710 --> 00:08:24,720

enough that the cairns were getting to

276

00:08:28,790 --> 00:08:26,720

be a bit larger than shoebox size

277

00:08:30,790 --> 00:08:28,800

my friend decided to go one better and

278

00:08:32,469 --> 00:08:30,800

sent mark the cairn we just built

279

00:08:34,469 --> 00:08:32,479

he told me what he was going to do and

280

00:08:36,389 --> 00:08:34,479

promptly unzipped his pants and urinated

281

00:08:38,870 --> 00:08:36,399

on the rock hair and we had just built

282

00:08:40,469 --> 00:08:38,880

afterward we left and went to his house

283

00:08:41,829 --> 00:08:40,479

we hung out on his front porch for two

284

00:08:43,990 --> 00:08:41,839

or three hours talking

285

00:08:45,030 --> 00:08:44,000

then decided to go check on the new sent

286

00:08:46,550 --> 00:08:45,040

mark cairn

287

00:08:48,310 --> 00:08:46,560

the smell hit us when we were still a

288

00:08:50,470 --> 00:08:48,320

good hundred yards maybe more

289

00:08:51,990 --> 00:08:50,480

from the cairn we knew what we find and

290

00:08:53,590 --> 00:08:52,000

it scared both of us

291

00:08:55,269 --> 00:08:53,600

as we've been together for the entire

292

00:08:56,949 --> 00:08:55,279

intervening time each knew that the

293

00:08:58,310 --> 00:08:56,959

other had not gone back to the railroad

294

00:08:59,990 --> 00:08:58,320

bed to do anything

295

00:09:01,750 --> 00:09:00,000

the scent was an overpowering musk that

296

00:09:03,910 --> 00:09:01,760

was so strong that made us sick

297

00:09:05,030 --> 00:09:03,920

things can concentrate we held our

298

00:09:06,949 --> 00:09:05,040

breath ran in

299

00:09:08,550 --> 00:09:06,959

saw what we knew we find a new cannon

300

00:09:10,150 --> 00:09:08,560

that was noticeably larger than the one

301

00:09:11,910 --> 00:09:10,160

we built a few hours prior

302

00:09:14,310 --> 00:09:11,920

and ran back out into clear air to

303

00:09:16,070 --> 00:09:14,320

breath that stench lingered for days but

304

00:09:17,990 --> 00:09:16,080

that ended the rockharen war

305

00:09:19,670 --> 00:09:18,000

there were other times before and after

306

00:09:21,509 --> 00:09:19,680

that where my friends and i would be at

307

00:09:22,550 --> 00:09:21,519

the railroad bed and smell what smelled

308

00:09:24,150 --> 00:09:22,560

like a skunk

309

00:09:25,910 --> 00:09:24,160

we also once found what looked to be

310

00:09:27,590 --> 00:09:25,920

shallow crew pit toilets

311

00:09:29,350 --> 00:09:27,600

we saw what looked to be finger marks in

312

00:09:31,430 --> 00:09:29,360

the mud and suspected they'd been dug

313

00:09:33,030 --> 00:09:31,440

out with very large bare hands

314

00:09:34,470 --> 00:09:33,040

several of the toilets contained what

315

00:09:36,870 --> 00:09:34,480

looked to be human fecal matter

316

00:09:38,550 --> 00:09:36,880

only far larger the next door neighbors

317

00:09:39,750 --> 00:09:38,560

we had while i was growing up were very

318

00:09:41,350 --> 00:09:39,760

wasteful people

319

00:09:43,750 --> 00:09:41,360

they didn't believe in leftovers for

320

00:09:44,630 --> 00:09:43,760

meals if something wasn't eaten it went

321

00:09:46,790 --> 00:09:44,640

into the trash

322

00:09:47,750 --> 00:09:46,800

not the refrigerator their trash was

323

00:09:49,990 --> 00:09:47,760

torn open many

324

00:09:51,829 --> 00:09:50,000

many times they went the expense of

325

00:09:53,350 --> 00:09:51,839

having a five foot tall brick wall built

326

00:09:54,230 --> 00:09:53,360

around the area they kept their trash

327

00:09:55,590 --> 00:09:54,240

cans in

328

00:09:57,350 --> 00:09:55,600

there was a green picket gate on the

329

00:09:59,190 --> 00:09:57,360

front for the garbage collectors to open

330

00:10:01,190 --> 00:09:59,200

to get access to the trash

331

00:10:03,350 --> 00:10:01,200

they also bought trash cans with locking

332

00:10:04,949 --> 00:10:03,360

lids none of it did any good

333

00:10:06,470 --> 00:10:04,959

whatever kept tearing into the trash

334

00:10:08,389 --> 00:10:06,480

would sometimes open the gate

335

00:10:09,990 --> 00:10:08,399

leaving it open and knew how to unlock

336

00:10:11,509 --> 00:10:10,000

the lock trash can lids

337

00:10:13,590 --> 00:10:11,519

i've often wondered if their trash

338

00:10:15,430 --> 00:10:13,600

wasn't why the sasquatch liked that area

339

00:10:17,269 --> 00:10:15,440

and if it wasn't using the railroad bed

340

00:10:18,870 --> 00:10:17,279

as a convenient staging place to raid

341

00:10:20,630 --> 00:10:18,880

both their trash and trash from the

342

00:10:22,389 --> 00:10:20,640

aforementioned trailer cord

343

00:10:24,310 --> 00:10:22,399

i have no evidence to support these

344

00:10:25,670 --> 00:10:24,320

claims we were young and never thought

345

00:10:27,269 --> 00:10:25,680

to gather any evidence

346

00:10:29,670 --> 00:10:27,279

something i kicked myself for to this

347

00:10:31,670 --> 00:10:29,680

day having a sasquatch passing those so

348

00:10:39,829 --> 00:10:31,680

closely so often didn't seem special to

349

00:10:42,870 --> 00:10:41,910

possible sasquatch encounter near tacoma

350

00:10:44,949 --> 00:10:42,880

washington

351  
00:10:47,190 --> 00:10:44,959  
in 2011 i was working at the lewis

352  
00:10:48,630 --> 00:10:47,200  
mccord military base located south of

353  
00:10:50,389 --> 00:10:48,640  
tacoma washington

354  
00:10:52,870 --> 00:10:50,399  
i was employed at public works and

355  
00:10:54,870 --> 00:10:52,880  
assigned to the environmental department

356  
00:10:56,870 --> 00:10:54,880  
i was part of a group conducting a study

357  
00:10:58,710 --> 00:10:56,880  
in the southern section of the base

358  
00:11:00,150 --> 00:10:58,720  
there were several soldiers attached to

359  
00:11:01,829 --> 00:11:00,160  
the group for security

360  
00:11:03,350 --> 00:11:01,839  
we have been out in the field all day

361  
00:11:04,230 --> 00:11:03,360  
and we're getting ready to head back to

362  
00:11:06,710 --> 00:11:04,240  
the lab

363  
00:11:08,470 --> 00:11:06,720

about 5 30 pm we heard a distress call

364

00:11:10,230 --> 00:11:08,480

on the radio from one of the security

365

00:11:10,870 --> 00:11:10,240

attachments located north of our

366

00:11:12,790 --> 00:11:10,880

location

367

00:11:15,030 --> 00:11:12,800

then we heard gunshots coming from the

368

00:11:17,670 --> 00:11:15,040

same direction the best i can describe

369

00:11:19,350 --> 00:11:17,680

the situation is that all help reclude

370

00:11:21,509 --> 00:11:19,360

the civilians were hustled out of the

371

00:11:23,350 --> 00:11:21,519

area immediately when we arrived at the

372

00:11:25,190 --> 00:11:23,360

lab we were told by command that our

373

00:11:26,310 --> 00:11:25,200

department would be non-active until

374

00:11:28,310 --> 00:11:26,320

further notice

375

00:11:30,230 --> 00:11:28,320

the next day i received a phone call at

376

00:11:31,750 --> 00:11:30,240

home from a lady i worked with

377

00:11:33,829 --> 00:11:31,760

she was wondering if i had heard

378

00:11:35,829 --> 00:11:33,839

anything i told her that no one

379

00:11:37,350 --> 00:11:35,839

contacted me but i was having dinner

380

00:11:38,230 --> 00:11:37,360

later with friends who worked on the

381

00:11:40,150 --> 00:11:38,240

base

382

00:11:42,230 --> 00:11:40,160

she seemed very concerned because no one

383

00:11:44,230 --> 00:11:42,240

was answering calls to base

384

00:11:45,670 --> 00:11:44,240

that evening i got together with friends

385

00:11:47,350 --> 00:11:45,680

who worked in other public works

386

00:11:49,190 --> 00:11:47,360

departments at the base

387

00:11:51,030 --> 00:11:49,200

at that time there was no official

388

00:11:52,949 --> 00:11:51,040

information available but there were a

389

00:11:54,790 --> 00:11:52,959

lot of rumors floating around

390

00:11:57,030 --> 00:11:54,800

the most prevalent rumor was that one of

391

00:11:59,269 --> 00:11:57,040

the security detail went off his rocker

392

00:12:00,949 --> 00:11:59,279

and started shooting at other personnel

393

00:12:03,110 --> 00:12:00,959

we were all called back to work about a

394

00:12:04,949 --> 00:12:03,120

week later we each were given a written

395

00:12:07,030 --> 00:12:04,959

statement that despite the rumors

396

00:12:09,110 --> 00:12:07,040

the incident was a false alarm and that

397

00:12:11,350 --> 00:12:09,120

no one had discharged their firearm

398

00:12:13,269 --> 00:12:11,360

we all rolled our eyes each of us had

399

00:12:15,350 --> 00:12:13,279

heard the gunshots and realized that the

400

00:12:16,870 --> 00:12:15,360

situation was more serious than what the

401  
00:12:18,790 --> 00:12:16,880  
military was stating

402  
00:12:20,710 --> 00:12:18,800  
a month or so later i was collecting

403  
00:12:22,790 --> 00:12:20,720  
samples in the field and was accompanied

404  
00:12:24,470 --> 00:12:22,800  
by two soldiers for security

405  
00:12:25,990 --> 00:12:24,480  
we were back in the general area of the

406  
00:12:27,670 --> 00:12:26,000  
mysterious incident

407  
00:12:29,509 --> 00:12:27,680  
one of the soldiers mentioned that all

408  
00:12:30,710 --> 00:12:29,519  
the security people who were on duty

409  
00:12:32,710 --> 00:12:30,720  
that particular day

410  
00:12:34,069 --> 00:12:32,720  
were no longer with the division which i

411  
00:12:35,829 --> 00:12:34,079  
thought was very odd

412  
00:12:38,069 --> 00:12:35,839  
i asked if he had heard anything about

413  
00:12:39,750 --> 00:12:38,079

the incident with a straight face he

414

00:12:41,430 --> 00:12:39,760

said that something was shot after it

415

00:12:43,110 --> 00:12:41,440

scared a group of soldiers

416

00:12:45,350 --> 00:12:43,120

i mentioned that i thought soldiers were

417

00:12:47,110 --> 00:12:45,360

not authorized to shoot at wildlife

418

00:12:49,829 --> 00:12:47,120

both the soldiers snickered and agreed

419

00:12:51,430 --> 00:12:49,839

with my comment i asked what was it

420

00:12:52,949 --> 00:12:51,440

they explained that they were never told

421

00:12:55,030 --> 00:12:52,959

what the something was but there had

422

00:12:56,949 --> 00:12:55,040

been unconfirmed sightings of sasquatch

423

00:12:58,389 --> 00:12:56,959

and other unknown man-like creatures in

424

00:13:00,389 --> 00:12:58,399

and around the base

425

00:13:02,389 --> 00:13:00,399

this information didn't really surprise

426

00:13:04,230 --> 00:13:02,399

me since i grew up in portland oregon

427

00:13:06,550 --> 00:13:04,240

and was well aware of the legend

428

00:13:08,629 --> 00:13:06,560

that is about all i can tell you i no

429

00:13:10,389 --> 00:13:08,639

longer work at lewis mccord but still

430

00:13:12,230 --> 00:13:10,399

have several friends who do

431

00:13:14,230 --> 00:13:12,240

i will say that i am more mindful of the

432

00:13:15,750 --> 00:13:14,240

cryptic world especially here in the

433

00:13:17,110 --> 00:13:15,760

pacific northwest

434

00:13:19,030 --> 00:13:17,120

i believe that the government and

435

00:13:21,190 --> 00:13:19,040

military are very familiar with these

436

00:13:22,790 --> 00:13:21,200

creatures the sudden security boost

437

00:13:24,310 --> 00:13:22,800

during the incident and then the fact

438

00:13:26,069 --> 00:13:24,320

that the biological and medical

439

00:13:26,790 --> 00:13:26,079

departments on the base were put on

440

00:13:28,629 --> 00:13:26,800

hiatus

441

00:13:30,949 --> 00:13:28,639

leads me to believe that the military

442

00:13:33,110 --> 00:13:30,959

was in possession of one these creatures

443

00:13:34,949 --> 00:13:33,120

i have no confirmation of this but my

444

00:13:35,750 --> 00:13:34,959

gut feeling indicates that this is what

445

00:13:42,710 --> 00:13:35,760

happened

446

00:13:46,230 --> 00:13:44,710

couple encounters bigfoot on the loma

447

00:13:49,269 --> 00:13:46,240

prieta great trail

448

00:13:51,269 --> 00:13:49,279

i'm a silicon valley san jose california

449

00:13:53,509 --> 00:13:51,279

native and have frequented the adjacent

450

00:13:55,189 --> 00:13:53,519

santa cruz mountains all my life

451

00:13:57,110 --> 00:13:55,199

this incident happened on the loma

452

00:13:58,550 --> 00:13:57,120

prieta grade trail in the forest of

453

00:14:01,030 --> 00:13:58,560

nassim mark state park

454

00:14:02,949 --> 00:14:01,040

in the late summer of 2019. my

455

00:14:04,310 --> 00:14:02,959

girlfriend at the time and i were hiking

456

00:14:06,629 --> 00:14:04,320

on a wednesday morning

457

00:14:08,230 --> 00:14:06,639

there were already people around this is

458

00:14:09,670 --> 00:14:08,240

a popular trail as it's a really

459

00:14:11,750 --> 00:14:09,680

beautiful locale

460

00:14:13,430 --> 00:14:11,760

that said there were also stretches when

461

00:14:15,670 --> 00:14:13,440

it was just the two of us

462

00:14:17,269 --> 00:14:15,680

i think it's a five mile hike total and

463

00:14:19,350 --> 00:14:17,279

we were about an hour in when my

464

00:14:21,590 --> 00:14:19,360

girlfriend had to relieve herself

465

00:14:23,350 --> 00:14:21,600

there were thick trees on both sides so

466

00:14:23,990 --> 00:14:23,360

we looked for a clearing on our right

467

00:14:26,470 --> 00:14:24,000

side

468

00:14:28,150 --> 00:14:26,480

we saw not really a path but an opening

469

00:14:30,870 --> 00:14:28,160

and walked past the tree line

470

00:14:33,269 --> 00:14:30,880

maybe twenty to 30 feet in she wanted to

471

00:14:35,030 --> 00:14:33,279

be out of sight of anyone who passed by

472

00:14:37,030 --> 00:14:35,040

i tossed her my backpack which had

473

00:14:37,829 --> 00:14:37,040

toilet paper and she ducked behind a

474

00:14:39,590 --> 00:14:37,839

tree

475

00:14:41,829 --> 00:14:39,600

i walked back down the clearing about

476

00:14:43,990 --> 00:14:41,839

halfway but i could still see her

477

00:14:45,670 --> 00:14:44,000

she's squatting and i'm just waiting

478

00:14:46,389 --> 00:14:45,680

like i said i could see her the whole

479

00:14:48,870 --> 00:14:46,399

time

480

00:14:51,110 --> 00:14:48,880

it was darker inside the trees obviously

481

00:14:53,110 --> 00:14:51,120

but i could still see just fine

482

00:14:54,470 --> 00:14:53,120

so i'm standing there with nothing to do

483

00:14:55,990 --> 00:14:54,480

but look around me

484

00:14:57,910 --> 00:14:56,000

that's when i caught the movement of

485

00:15:00,230 --> 00:14:57,920

something on my left there was a

486

00:15:01,110 --> 00:15:00,240

medium-sized tree with a very distinct

487

00:15:03,509 --> 00:15:01,120

very dark

488

00:15:04,230 --> 00:15:03,519

hand on it it was about 10 or so feet

489

00:15:05,829 --> 00:15:04,240

away

490

00:15:07,350 --> 00:15:05,839

at first i thought it was someone

491

00:15:09,269 --> 00:15:07,360

wearing black gloves

492

00:15:10,790 --> 00:15:09,279

i don't know why but i immediately

493

00:15:12,470 --> 00:15:10,800

thought it was some biker pervert

494

00:15:14,470 --> 00:15:12,480

looking in on my girlfriend

495

00:15:16,470 --> 00:15:14,480

that's when i saw the face peek out and

496

00:15:18,629 --> 00:15:16,480

everything turned upside down

497

00:15:20,550 --> 00:15:18,639

i can't say with full certainty but i'd

498

00:15:23,829 --> 00:15:20,560

say it was seven to eight feet tall

499

00:15:25,269 --> 00:15:23,839

easy i'm six foot two i only saw half of

500

00:15:27,030 --> 00:15:25,279

it but it was everything you would

501  
00:15:27,910 --> 00:15:27,040  
expect from a classic description of

502  
00:15:30,629 --> 00:15:27,920  
bigfoot

503  
00:15:32,629 --> 00:15:30,639  
big black eyes large flat nose dark

504  
00:15:34,550 --> 00:15:32,639  
skinned with blackish grayish hair

505  
00:15:36,710 --> 00:15:34,560  
i could see only a hint of the conical

506  
00:15:37,509 --> 00:15:36,720  
skull really based on nothing in

507  
00:15:40,550 --> 00:15:37,519  
particular

508  
00:15:43,269 --> 00:15:40,560  
i feel like i saw a female not sure why

509  
00:15:44,470 --> 00:15:43,279  
i just do anyway it peeked back and

510  
00:15:46,470 --> 00:15:44,480  
forth twice

511  
00:15:48,069 --> 00:15:46,480  
the eyes were mesmerizing that's the

512  
00:15:49,670 --> 00:15:48,079  
best way to describe it

513  
00:15:52,230 --> 00:15:49,680

they felt like they were looking right

514

00:15:54,150 --> 00:15:52,240

through my soul i wasn't scared really

515

00:15:54,470 --> 00:15:54,160

but i was definitely in shock like the

516

00:15:56,150 --> 00:15:54,480

way

517

00:15:57,910 --> 00:15:56,160

seeing a car accident feels like

518

00:16:00,069 --> 00:15:57,920

everything is in slow motion

519

00:16:02,150 --> 00:16:00,079

and let me confirm what others say there

520

00:16:04,150 --> 00:16:02,160

was no way i had the wherewithal to pull

521

00:16:06,550 --> 00:16:04,160

out my phone and take a picture

522

00:16:07,269 --> 00:16:06,560

no way i was totally engrossed in the

523

00:16:09,590 --> 00:16:07,279

moment

524

00:16:10,790 --> 00:16:09,600

this was all in the space of maybe 20 yo

525

00:16:12,710 --> 00:16:10,800

30 seconds

526  
00:16:14,069 --> 00:16:12,720  
the second time it peaked out it looked

527  
00:16:16,069 --> 00:16:14,079  
at me for a few seconds

528  
00:16:17,910 --> 00:16:16,079  
then ducked back behind the tree but

529  
00:16:18,710 --> 00:16:17,920  
also sank like it was going onto the

530  
00:16:20,870 --> 00:16:18,720  
ground

531  
00:16:22,470 --> 00:16:20,880  
that was the last i saw of it my

532  
00:16:24,150 --> 00:16:22,480  
girlfriend finally finished

533  
00:16:25,829 --> 00:16:24,160  
and when she came back toward me that

534  
00:16:27,829 --> 00:16:25,839  
was when the fear hit me

535  
00:16:29,910 --> 00:16:27,839  
not like i was in danger right at that

536  
00:16:31,509 --> 00:16:29,920  
moment but more like the reality of what

537  
00:16:33,430 --> 00:16:31,519  
i saw finally hit me

538  
00:16:34,870 --> 00:16:33,440

i quickly took her hand and pulled her

539

00:16:37,030 --> 00:16:34,880

back onto the trail

540

00:16:38,710 --> 00:16:37,040

i didn't say what i saw but i said we

541

00:16:40,949 --> 00:16:38,720

had to go back asap

542

00:16:42,629 --> 00:16:40,959

she was confused but i explained to her

543

00:16:44,710 --> 00:16:42,639

what i saw as we walked back

544

00:16:46,310 --> 00:16:44,720

at a much brisker pace than when we came

545

00:16:48,230 --> 00:16:46,320

up she believed me

546

00:16:49,990 --> 00:16:48,240

she's canadian and has an uncle and

547

00:16:52,389 --> 00:16:50,000

cousin who claimed to see one when she

548

00:16:54,069 --> 00:16:52,399

was growing up so that was good she

549

00:16:56,150 --> 00:16:54,079

actually wanted to turn around

550

00:16:57,910 --> 00:16:56,160

and see if we could find it but i wasn't

551  
00:16:58,629 --> 00:16:57,920  
quite in that space just after it

552  
00:17:00,470 --> 00:16:58,639  
happened

553  
00:17:01,829 --> 00:17:00,480  
i'd say i was generally a bigfoot

554  
00:17:03,670 --> 00:17:01,839  
believer prior to this

555  
00:17:05,669 --> 00:17:03,680  
but not anywhere near a fanatic or

556  
00:17:06,949 --> 00:17:05,679  
anything and it's not like i set out

557  
00:17:09,029 --> 00:17:06,959  
looking for anything

558  
00:17:10,150 --> 00:17:09,039  
i know people argue that if you have

559  
00:17:11,829 --> 00:17:10,160  
bigfoot on the brain

560  
00:17:14,069 --> 00:17:11,839  
you're more likely to jump to that

561  
00:17:16,630 --> 00:17:14,079  
conclusion in certain situations

562  
00:17:17,990 --> 00:17:16,640  
i did not in fact the whole hike i was

563  
00:17:20,470 --> 00:17:18,000

complaining to my girlfriend

564

00:17:22,150 --> 00:17:20,480

about my manager at work bigfoot was the

565

00:17:24,150 --> 00:17:22,160

last thing on my mind

566

00:17:26,230 --> 00:17:24,160

i'm okay with what happened but i had

567

00:17:27,909 --> 00:17:26,240

strange dreams for weeks after

568

00:17:29,990 --> 00:17:27,919

my girlfriend thought it was a great

569

00:17:30,950 --> 00:17:30,000

story and she'd tell our friends over

570

00:17:32,789 --> 00:17:30,960

beers and stuff

571

00:17:35,029 --> 00:17:32,799

but i'm not entirely comfortable with

572

00:17:37,110 --> 00:17:35,039

people knowing but like i said

573

00:17:39,430 --> 00:17:37,120

i'm far away from it now to at least

574

00:17:41,110 --> 00:17:39,440

share it here yeah it's possible a huge

575

00:17:42,150 --> 00:17:41,120

guy in his suit was out there at that

576

00:17:44,710 --> 00:17:42,160

exact time and

577

00:17:46,070 --> 00:17:44,720

in that exact spot but i don't think so

578

00:17:53,510 --> 00:17:46,080

i'm 99

579

00:17:57,029 --> 00:17:56,070

this is lon strickler if you like this

580

00:17:58,710 --> 00:17:57,039

program

581

00:18:00,070 --> 00:17:58,720

it would help us if you would give it a

582

00:18:02,950 --> 00:18:00,080

thumbs up

583

00:18:03,430 --> 00:18:02,960

then subscribe and click the bell icon

584

00:18:05,750 --> 00:18:03,440

so you

585

00:18:07,909 --> 00:18:05,760

get notification when we upload new

586

00:18:11,029 --> 00:18:07,919

first person encounters

587

00:18:13,430 --> 00:18:11,039

we have many more to come very soon and

588

00:18:15,830 --> 00:18:13,440

by the way if you have a suggestion