



**Dark Walkers?
Deermen?
Upright
Amphibians?**

**PHANTOMS & MONSTERS
MENAGERIE**

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
00:00:34,470 --> 00:00:31,840

uploads

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00:00:36,310 --> 00:00:34,480

the dark walker when i was a boy my

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00:00:38,310 --> 00:00:36,320

mother and i lived with my grandfather

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00:00:40,229 --> 00:00:38,320

who had a farmhouse in a rural location

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00:00:42,389 --> 00:00:40,239

in southwestern pennsylvania

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00:00:44,229 --> 00:00:42,399

my grandfather was a handyman who also

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00:00:45,110 --> 00:00:44,239

worked a small blacksmith shop in his

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00:00:47,110 --> 00:00:45,120

old barn

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00:00:49,430 --> 00:00:47,120

my grandmother had died before i was

17

00:00:51,910 --> 00:00:49,440

born and my father had also passed away

18

00:00:54,229 --> 00:00:51,920

while serving overseas in the u.s army

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00:00:56,150 --> 00:00:54,239

beginning in the summer of 1946 we

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00:00:57,510 --> 00:00:56,160

noticed strange howling sounds coming

21

00:00:58,310 --> 00:00:57,520

from the woods that surrounded the

22

00:01:00,389 --> 00:00:58,320

property

23

00:01:02,630 --> 00:01:00,399

the activity came at night and was very

24

00:01:04,310 --> 00:01:02,640

frightening when the howling came close

25

00:01:06,230 --> 00:01:04,320

the sounds didn't seem to bother my

26
00:01:07,750 --> 00:01:06,240
grandfather though my mother and i were

27
00:01:09,590 --> 00:01:07,760
shaken when it would begin

28
00:01:11,590 --> 00:01:09,600
the sounds continued off and on for

29
00:01:12,469 --> 00:01:11,600
about a year but we never noticed any

30
00:01:14,469 --> 00:01:12,479
animals

31
00:01:15,910 --> 00:01:14,479
my grandfather and i would hunt for deer

32
00:01:18,230 --> 00:01:15,920
and squirrel in the woods during the

33
00:01:20,070 --> 00:01:18,240
colder months but we never saw signs of

34
00:01:22,950 --> 00:01:20,080
unusual animal activity

35
00:01:25,030 --> 00:01:22,960
one late afternoon in the spring of 1947

36
00:01:26,710 --> 00:01:25,040
i was helping my grandfather in his shop

37
00:01:28,390 --> 00:01:26,720
when i noticed something moving around

38
00:01:30,630 --> 00:01:28,400

the edge of the woods near an area where

39

00:01:31,670 --> 00:01:30,640

my grandfather had a few jump cars and

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00:01:34,069 --> 00:01:31,680

other items

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00:01:35,670 --> 00:01:34,079

it was about 200 feet from our location

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00:01:37,109 --> 00:01:35,680

but i clearly noticed someone or

43

00:01:39,590 --> 00:01:37,119

something moving around

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00:01:40,310 --> 00:01:39,600

i told my grandfather to look he walked

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00:01:42,469 --> 00:01:40,320

to the door

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00:01:44,469 --> 00:01:42,479

lit his pipe and said nothing after a

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00:01:45,510 --> 00:01:44,479

minute or two he turned around and got

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00:01:47,429 --> 00:01:45,520

back to work

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00:01:48,870 --> 00:01:47,439

about that time this thing moved into

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00:01:50,870 --> 00:01:48,880

the woods and disappeared

51
00:01:52,630 --> 00:01:50,880
i couldn't judge how big it was but it

52
00:01:54,389 --> 00:01:52,640
sort of reminded me of a magazine

53
00:01:56,789 --> 00:01:54,399
picture i had seen of a large ape that

54
00:01:58,709 --> 00:01:56,799
was said to inhabit in the asian jungles

55
00:02:00,950 --> 00:01:58,719
later that evening i told my mother what

56
00:02:02,630 --> 00:02:00,960
i had seen she was shocked because she

57
00:02:04,950 --> 00:02:02,640
knew i wouldn't lie to her and that the

58
00:02:06,950 --> 00:02:04,960
howling sounds had been closer lately

59
00:02:08,790 --> 00:02:06,960
i also told her of my grandfather's

60
00:02:09,510 --> 00:02:08,800
response when i pointed the creature out

61
00:02:11,270 --> 00:02:09,520
to him

62
00:02:13,110 --> 00:02:11,280
she immediately stood up and walked into

63
00:02:14,710 --> 00:02:13,120

the sitting room in order to ask my

64

00:02:16,790 --> 00:02:14,720

grandfather what it was

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00:02:18,229 --> 00:02:16,800

he started to shake his head slowly and

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00:02:18,710 --> 00:02:18,239

said that he was hoping that we wouldn't

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00:02:20,070 --> 00:02:18,720

see it

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00:02:22,309 --> 00:02:20,080

because he was worried we would be

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00:02:23,910 --> 00:02:22,319

scared and leave him after assuring him

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00:02:24,309 --> 00:02:23,920

that we'd never leave him my mother

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00:02:25,750 --> 00:02:24,319

again

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00:02:27,670 --> 00:02:25,760

insisted that he tell us what this

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00:02:29,510 --> 00:02:27,680

creature was he looked away

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00:02:31,270 --> 00:02:29,520

took a deep breath and said it's a dark

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00:02:32,710 --> 00:02:31,280

walker and said that it had lived in the

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00:02:34,390 --> 00:02:32,720

woods for many years

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00:02:35,990 --> 00:02:34,400

he said the native indians called it

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00:02:37,830 --> 00:02:36,000

stone spirit and they thought that it

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00:02:39,430 --> 00:02:37,840

was an evil spirit who would appear when

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00:02:41,270 --> 00:02:39,440

someone was about to die

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00:02:42,630 --> 00:02:41,280

the last time he had seen the dark

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00:02:43,910 --> 00:02:42,640

walker was the night before my

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00:02:45,910 --> 00:02:43,920

grandmother died

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00:02:47,670 --> 00:02:45,920

my mother was skeptical of the harbinger

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00:02:49,670 --> 00:02:47,680

of death angle but she sensed that there

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00:02:51,509 --> 00:02:49,680

was something unnatural nearby

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00:02:53,430 --> 00:02:51,519

the howling continued each night though

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00:02:54,150 --> 00:02:53,440

we hadn't seen any signs of the dark

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00:02:55,910 --> 00:02:54,160

walker

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00:02:58,390 --> 00:02:55,920

one warm evening we were sitting on the

91

00:03:00,550 --> 00:02:58,400

back porch there were a few howls but it

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00:03:02,390 --> 00:03:00,560

seemed like the sounds were further away

93

00:03:04,149 --> 00:03:02,400

we were listening to the radio when all

94

00:03:05,670 --> 00:03:04,159

at once my grandfather stood up and

95

00:03:08,070 --> 00:03:05,680

looked out towards the barn

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00:03:09,110 --> 00:03:08,080

he turned to me and said john go get my

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00:03:11,509 --> 00:03:09,120

pistol and ammo

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00:03:14,149 --> 00:03:11,519

hurry now i ran into the sitting room

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00:03:15,589 --> 00:03:14,159

and grabbed the 455 webley revolver and

100

00:03:16,710 --> 00:03:15,599

a handful of bullets from the old

101
00:03:18,470 --> 00:03:16,720
steamer trunk

102
00:03:20,630 --> 00:03:18,480
i handed it to him and watched him load

103
00:03:22,390 --> 00:03:20,640
the gun he then picked up a hatchet and

104
00:03:24,869 --> 00:03:22,400
slid it in his pants belt

105
00:03:26,229 --> 00:03:24,879
now both of you get into the house now

106
00:03:27,750 --> 00:03:26,239
we were in the kitchen looking through

107
00:03:30,149 --> 00:03:27,760
the screen door and watched my

108
00:03:32,149 --> 00:03:30,159
grandfather walk slowly towards the barn

109
00:03:34,470 --> 00:03:32,159
we saw him turn and walk out of sight

110
00:03:36,309 --> 00:03:34,480
into the dark i decided to grab my

111
00:03:38,149 --> 00:03:36,319
shotgun and keep it nearby

112
00:03:40,070 --> 00:03:38,159
after my neuter so we heard three

113
00:03:41,990 --> 00:03:40,080

gunshots and a blood-curdling scream

114

00:03:43,670 --> 00:03:42,000

emanate from the woods near the barn

115

00:03:45,750 --> 00:03:43,680

then it suddenly stopped and there was

116

00:03:47,270 --> 00:03:45,760

complete quiet we were frozen and

117

00:03:48,390 --> 00:03:47,280

wondering if we should go look for my

118

00:03:50,390 --> 00:03:48,400

grandfather

119

00:03:52,550 --> 00:03:50,400

a few seconds later we heard him yell

120

00:03:54,630 --> 00:03:52,560

stay in the house until i come back

121

00:03:56,470 --> 00:03:54,640

i heard the pickup truck start up i

122

00:03:58,470 --> 00:03:56,480

looked out the storage room window and

123

00:03:59,750 --> 00:03:58,480

saw my grandfather drive to the back of

124

00:04:01,589 --> 00:03:59,760

the barn and park

125

00:04:03,429 --> 00:04:01,599

several minutes later he backed up and

126
00:04:04,229 --> 00:04:03,439
drove by the side of the house out onto

127
00:04:05,750 --> 00:04:04,239
the road

128
00:04:07,509 --> 00:04:05,760
i could see that there was something in

129
00:04:09,509 --> 00:04:07,519
the back covered up with a tarp

130
00:04:10,550 --> 00:04:09,519
it was getting late so my mother told me

131
00:04:12,710 --> 00:04:10,560
to go to bed

132
00:04:14,149 --> 00:04:12,720
the next morning i came downstairs and

133
00:04:15,670 --> 00:04:14,159
sat beside my grandfather

134
00:04:17,270 --> 00:04:15,680
who was reading the newspaper and

135
00:04:18,949 --> 00:04:17,280
drinking a cup of coffee

136
00:04:21,270 --> 00:04:18,959
my mother was sitting at the other end

137
00:04:23,590 --> 00:04:21,280
of the table staring at my grandfather

138
00:04:25,909 --> 00:04:23,600

not long later she said well dad tell

139

00:04:26,710 --> 00:04:25,919

him my grandfather put the paper down

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00:04:29,030 --> 00:04:26,720

and looked at me

141

00:04:31,189 --> 00:04:29,040

i killed the dark walker that was all he

142

00:04:33,350 --> 00:04:31,199

said my mother told me not to tell

143

00:04:35,510 --> 00:04:33,360

anyone and that the matter was closed

144

00:04:37,749 --> 00:04:35,520

we never talked about it again my

145

00:04:39,270 --> 00:04:37,759

grandfather lived another 15 years and

146

00:04:40,230 --> 00:04:39,280

my mother stayed with him until his

147

00:04:41,990 --> 00:04:40,240

dying day

148

00:04:44,310 --> 00:04:42,000

when i grew older i moved away and

149

00:04:45,350 --> 00:04:44,320

raised a family i would return home to

150

00:04:54,310 --> 00:04:45,360

visit each summer

151

00:04:58,469 --> 00:04:56,950

did the loveland frogman return we

152

00:05:01,590 --> 00:04:58,479

bought a little house down by the

153

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

loveland castle museum back in 2000

154

00:05:05,590 --> 00:05:03,680

it was perched above a ravine in creek

155

00:05:06,950 --> 00:05:05,600

and the back of the house dropped off

156

00:05:08,469 --> 00:05:06,960

very steeply

157

00:05:09,990 --> 00:05:08,479

there would have been enough room for a

158

00:05:12,310 --> 00:05:10,000

man or a bipedal person to

159

00:05:13,749 --> 00:05:12,320

stand behind the house but the basement

160

00:05:15,909 --> 00:05:13,759

windows were eye level

161

00:05:18,230 --> 00:05:15,919

and the first floor was quite far up

162

00:05:19,990 --> 00:05:18,240

from the place where one could stand

163

00:05:21,990 --> 00:05:20,000

the reason i point this out is that

164

00:05:24,070 --> 00:05:22,000

because it was a very small house

165

00:05:25,350 --> 00:05:24,080

we had to use the basement for our two

166

00:05:27,110 --> 00:05:25,360

boys bedroom

167

00:05:29,029 --> 00:05:27,120

they kept complaining that something

168

00:05:31,670 --> 00:05:29,039

kept looking in the window at the man my

169

00:05:33,909 --> 00:05:31,680

husband and i laughed it off at first

170

00:05:36,150 --> 00:05:33,919

it was a wooded setting very rural and

171

00:05:38,870 --> 00:05:36,160

beautiful and very dark at night

172

00:05:40,390 --> 00:05:38,880

having no street lights out there so it

173

00:05:42,150 --> 00:05:40,400

seemed funny that they were thinking

174

00:05:44,310 --> 00:05:42,160

something was watching them

175

00:05:46,070 --> 00:05:44,320

we just told them maybe it was a deer

176

00:05:48,790 --> 00:05:46,080

they are plentiful in the fall

177

00:05:49,350 --> 00:05:48,800

and went about our business one night

178

00:05:51,430 --> 00:05:49,360

however

179

00:05:53,830 --> 00:05:51,440

i woke hearing a weird sound just

180

00:05:54,629 --> 00:05:53,840

outside our bedroom window on the first

181

00:05:57,029 --> 00:05:54,639

floor

182

00:05:58,710 --> 00:05:57,039

it faced out back of the house and i was

183

00:06:00,150 --> 00:05:58,720

puzzled as to what it could be because

184

00:06:02,629 --> 00:06:00,160

it sounded like a man

185

00:06:04,550 --> 00:06:02,639

breathing heavily i started to sit up

186

00:06:06,870 --> 00:06:04,560

and realize that whatever it was

187

00:06:07,670 --> 00:06:06,880

it was looking in my window just inches

188

00:06:10,550 --> 00:06:07,680

from my head

189

00:06:12,230 --> 00:06:10,560

and i was terrified i did not look out

190

00:06:14,309 --> 00:06:12,240

because i knew that i would see it

191

00:06:16,629 --> 00:06:14,319

and i kept feeling something urging me

192

00:06:17,270 --> 00:06:16,639

to look we often would hear squeaking

193

00:06:20,230 --> 00:06:17,280

noises

194

00:06:21,110 --> 00:06:20,240

screeching not like an owl and a crying

195

00:06:23,189 --> 00:06:21,120

baby

196

00:06:24,150 --> 00:06:23,199

i woke my husband up and he said

197

00:06:26,070 --> 00:06:24,160

whatever it was

198

00:06:27,510 --> 00:06:26,080

it would have had to be ten feet tall to

199

00:06:29,749 --> 00:06:27,520

look in our window

200

00:06:31,670 --> 00:06:29,759

i couldn't sleep that night but whatever

201
00:06:33,670 --> 00:06:31,680
had been there had moved on

202
00:06:35,350 --> 00:06:33,680
i didn't mention it to the kids the next

203
00:06:37,510 --> 00:06:35,360
day the boys came

204
00:06:40,150 --> 00:06:37,520
up from the basement shaken from seeing

205
00:06:41,990 --> 00:06:40,160
the red glowing eyes the night before

206
00:06:43,749 --> 00:06:42,000
they were every bit as big as red road

207
00:06:44,390 --> 00:06:43,759
reflectors and they heard heavy

208
00:06:46,469 --> 00:06:44,400
breathing

209
00:06:49,350 --> 00:06:46,479
and the hair on their bodies stood up on

210
00:06:50,950 --> 00:06:49,360
end this was only one experience we had

211
00:06:52,790 --> 00:06:50,960
out there in loveland

212
00:06:55,189 --> 00:06:52,800
it's right down by the little miami

213
00:06:57,589 --> 00:06:55,199

river only a stone's throw

214

00:06:59,990 --> 00:06:57,599

many weird things out there green glows

215

00:07:01,909 --> 00:07:00,000

orbs something very large and black on

216

00:07:02,550 --> 00:07:01,919

top of the roof of the house very late

217

00:07:04,870 --> 00:07:02,560

at night

218

00:07:06,710 --> 00:07:04,880

when light was shown on it it did not go

219

00:07:09,270 --> 00:07:06,720

through whatever it was on the roof

220

00:07:11,189 --> 00:07:09,280

and it looked like a huge dark figure

221

00:07:12,710 --> 00:07:11,199

i'd like to know if you have any more

222

00:07:15,510 --> 00:07:12,720

weird stories about this

223

00:07:17,830 --> 00:07:15,520

area we moved a few miles away but still

224

00:07:25,430 --> 00:07:17,840

go past that area often

225

00:07:28,710 --> 00:07:27,189

fall smelling dear man encountered in

226

00:07:31,430 --> 00:07:28,720

northeast arkansas

227

00:07:33,589 --> 00:07:31,440

this happened to me in january 2014 on a

228

00:07:35,670 --> 00:07:33,599

back road in northeast arkansas

229

00:07:37,830 --> 00:07:35,680

at the time i was a newspaper delivery

230

00:07:39,110 --> 00:07:37,840

driver i picked up my papers from the

231

00:07:41,990 --> 00:07:39,120

press usually at 12

232

00:07:43,749 --> 00:07:42,000

15 am and it was a 45 minute drive to

233

00:07:45,990 --> 00:07:43,759

get to the start of my route

234

00:07:47,990 --> 00:07:46,000

at the time i was a cigarette smoker so

235

00:07:49,990 --> 00:07:48,000

after i backed up enough newspapers to

236

00:07:52,150 --> 00:07:50,000

sustain my route for a while i'd light

237

00:07:54,309 --> 00:07:52,160

up a cigarette and roll the window down

238

00:07:56,150 --> 00:07:54,319

being cold i tried to keep it up as much

239

00:07:57,589 --> 00:07:56,160

as possible because my car back then

240

00:07:59,430 --> 00:07:57,599

didn't have ac

241

00:08:01,189 --> 00:07:59,440

there's a really long stretch of gravel

242

00:08:02,710 --> 00:08:01,199

road called old military road near

243

00:08:04,550 --> 00:08:02,720

harrisburg arkansas

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00:08:06,629 --> 00:08:04,560

on the left side of the road are mostly

245

00:08:08,629 --> 00:08:06,639

houses and on the right is fence posts

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00:08:10,150 --> 00:08:08,639

and open pasture with barns and troughs

247

00:08:12,070 --> 00:08:10,160

for horses and cows

248

00:08:13,350 --> 00:08:12,080

it is in the middle of nowhere though

249

00:08:14,950 --> 00:08:13,360

there are no streetlights

250

00:08:17,110 --> 00:08:14,960

some people have floodlights in their

251
00:08:19,270 --> 00:08:17,120
yard so i'm driving along with my

252
00:08:21,670 --> 00:08:19,280
windows down smoking a cigarette

253
00:08:23,510 --> 00:08:21,680
it's about 2 2 30 a.m and begins

254
00:08:24,469 --> 00:08:23,520
smelling a combination of burning hair

255
00:08:26,469 --> 00:08:24,479
and urine

256
00:08:27,749 --> 00:08:26,479
like not a mixture of the two but one

257
00:08:29,909 --> 00:08:27,759
and also the other

258
00:08:31,990 --> 00:08:29,919
it isn't a great smell i toss the

259
00:08:34,469 --> 00:08:32,000
cigarette and roll my window up but can

260
00:08:36,389 --> 00:08:34,479
still smell whatever this awful smell is

261
00:08:37,589 --> 00:08:36,399
the further i go down the road the worse

262
00:08:39,509 --> 00:08:37,599
the smell gets

263
00:08:41,589 --> 00:08:39,519

usually see some of the cows sleeping

264

00:08:43,750 --> 00:08:41,599

outside your horses chilling sometimes

265

00:08:45,430 --> 00:08:43,760

but nothing tonight so i know that i'm

266

00:08:47,190 --> 00:08:45,440

not the only one that picked up on

267

00:08:49,350 --> 00:08:47,200

something being weird that night

268

00:08:50,470 --> 00:08:49,360

as i'm coming up to a fork in the road i

269

00:08:52,230 --> 00:08:50,480

have to take the left

270

00:08:53,990 --> 00:08:52,240

there is a big open field to the far

271

00:08:55,990 --> 00:08:54,000

right i see what looks like a man

272

00:08:57,750 --> 00:08:56,000

with a deer's head it was too dark for

273

00:08:59,750 --> 00:08:57,760

me to tell whether it was a man wearing

274

00:09:00,310 --> 00:08:59,760

a deer skull or an actual human deer

275

00:09:02,070 --> 00:09:00,320

cross

276

00:09:03,590 --> 00:09:02,080

but it was definitely the source of the

277

00:09:05,910 --> 00:09:03,600

whatever the smell was

278

00:09:07,670 --> 00:09:05,920

it scared the fck out of me and i didn't

279

00:09:09,350 --> 00:09:07,680

want to hang out long enough to figure

280

00:09:11,269 --> 00:09:09,360

out exactly what it was

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00:09:13,110 --> 00:09:11,279

to my perception he was a shoulder

282

00:09:15,110 --> 00:09:13,120

height seven feet tall

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00:09:17,110 --> 00:09:15,120

the head probably added a foot of height

284

00:09:19,269 --> 00:09:17,120

i don't know but he was massive

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00:09:21,030 --> 00:09:19,279

they were definitely deer antlers and

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00:09:23,110 --> 00:09:21,040

the smell was disgusting

287

00:09:25,190 --> 00:09:23,120

i saw him stretch his arms imagine

288

00:09:26,790 --> 00:09:25,200

flexing your arms and chest by making a

289

00:09:28,310 --> 00:09:26,800

white sea with your arms

290

00:09:30,710 --> 00:09:28,320

his movement for the two to three

291

00:09:32,949 --> 00:09:30,720

seconds i saw him look to be human

292

00:09:34,310 --> 00:09:32,959

i found a new chop by late january and

293

00:09:36,150 --> 00:09:34,320

started by february

294

00:09:38,310 --> 00:09:36,160

was not interested in ever being out in

295

00:09:45,269 --> 00:09:38,320

that area again creepy dear man

296

00:09:48,710 --> 00:09:47,829

this is lon strickler if you like this

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00:09:50,470 --> 00:09:48,720

program

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00:09:51,829 --> 00:09:50,480

it would help us if you would give it a

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00:09:54,710 --> 00:09:51,839

thumbs up

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00:09:55,190 --> 00:09:54,720

then subscribe and click the bell icon

301

00:09:57,509 --> 00:09:55,200

so you

302

00:09:59,590 --> 00:09:57,519

get notification when we upload new

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00:10:02,710 --> 00:09:59,600

first person encounters

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00:10:05,190 --> 00:10:02,720

we have many more to come very soon and

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00:10:07,590 --> 00:10:05,200

by the way if you have a suggestion