



**Five First-  
Person  
Encounters  
with the**

**CHICAGO  
MOTHMAN?**

**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  
00:00:31,910 --> 00:00:28,840

so you'll be notified of all future

8  
00:00:35,110 --> 00:00:33,830

downtown chicago flying humanoid

9  
00:00:36,790 --> 00:00:35,120

sighting confirmed

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00:00:38,389 --> 00:00:36,800

i was out with my daughter and mother

11  
00:00:39,190 --> 00:00:38,399

celebrating my daughter's recent

12  
00:00:41,110 --> 00:00:39,200

graduation

13  
00:00:42,869 --> 00:00:41,120

and after dinner and some live shopping

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00:00:43,990 --> 00:00:42,879

we decided to go out and check out the

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

newly opened chicago

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00:00:47,990 --> 00:00:45,680

riverwalk that had just opened after

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00:00:49,910 --> 00:00:48,000

construction we accessed the river walk

18

00:00:51,830 --> 00:00:49,920

via the entrance on michigan avenue

19

00:00:53,430 --> 00:00:51,840

and walk east toward the lake looking at

20

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

the sights and enjoying the beautiful

21

00:00:56,069 --> 00:00:54,160

view

22

00:00:57,990 --> 00:00:56,079

as we passed under the columbus drive

23

00:01:00,150 --> 00:00:58,000

bridge we heard this train sound that my

24

00:01:02,229 --> 00:01:00,160

daughter said look at that as we looked

25

00:01:03,430 --> 00:01:02,239

up we saw a large winged person flying

26

00:01:04,950 --> 00:01:03,440

just above the water

27

00:01:07,109 --> 00:01:04,960

and then pulling up and going over the

28

00:01:09,190 --> 00:01:07,119

bridge it looked like a huge owl

29

00:01:10,950 --> 00:01:09,200

or even a bat but completely black with

30

00:01:11,990 --> 00:01:10,960

the exception of the two large eyes that

31

00:01:14,070 --> 00:01:12,000

appeared red

32

00:01:16,230 --> 00:01:14,080

i'm not sure if it was the actual color

33

00:01:16,870 --> 00:01:16,240

of its eyes or just the light reflecting

34

00:01:18,950 --> 00:01:16,880

off of them

35

00:01:20,390 --> 00:01:18,960

either way it looked very spooky we

36

00:01:22,149 --> 00:01:20,400

watched it go over the bridge

37

00:01:23,830 --> 00:01:22,159

and then continue flying right above the

38

00:01:25,510 --> 00:01:23,840

water and out of sight

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00:01:27,190 --> 00:01:25,520

it didn't seem to care if anyone else

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00:01:29,030 --> 00:01:27,200

saw it it just left lying above the

41

00:01:30,789 --> 00:01:29,040

water until it was out of sight

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00:01:33,109 --> 00:01:30,799

my daughter and me tried to get pictures

43

00:01:35,270 --> 00:01:33,119

of it but by the time we took pictures

44

00:01:37,429 --> 00:01:35,280

all we got were blurry images of mostly

45

00:01:38,230 --> 00:01:37,439

black we have never seen anything like

46

00:01:40,310 --> 00:01:38,240

this before

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00:01:42,149 --> 00:01:40,320

it never flapped its wings while we were

48

00:01:43,990 --> 00:01:42,159

inside at first glance

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00:01:45,350 --> 00:01:44,000

it looked like a person in a wingsuit

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00:01:46,469 --> 00:01:45,360

but i don't think anyone would be

51

00:01:48,149 --> 00:01:46,479

suicidal enough

52

00:01:50,870 --> 00:01:48,159

to go for a stunt like that along the

53

00:01:52,389 --> 00:01:50,880

waterfront i have gone skydiving before

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00:01:53,990 --> 00:01:52,399

and have seen demonstrations of

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00:01:55,910 --> 00:01:54,000

wingsuits in the past

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00:01:57,590 --> 00:01:55,920

this lead me to rule that this would be

57

00:01:59,109 --> 00:01:57,600

a person in one of those suits

58

00:02:01,510 --> 00:01:59,119

or anything similar as it would be a

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00:02:03,510 --> 00:02:01,520

surefire recipe for disaster

60

00:02:05,109 --> 00:02:03,520

this thing also had wings that did bits

61

00:02:06,709 --> 00:02:05,119

seem like the wings on a bat as they

62

00:02:08,229 --> 00:02:06,719

seemed to form one big wing from the

63

00:02:09,749 --> 00:02:08,239

back to the bottom of the legs

64

00:02:11,430 --> 00:02:09,759

and seemed more of a membrane than

65

00:02:13,589 --> 00:02:11,440

feathered wings like canal

66

00:02:15,030 --> 00:02:13,599

there was no sound at all just inaudible

67

00:02:16,470 --> 00:02:15,040

whoosh as it flew over

68

00:02:18,790 --> 00:02:16,480

it was up and over the bridge in a

69

00:02:20,550 --> 00:02:18,800

matter of seconds and then it was gone

70

00:02:22,309 --> 00:02:20,560

we were a bit shaken up after this thing

71

00:02:29,589 --> 00:02:22,319

flew away she didn't know what it was

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00:02:33,990 --> 00:02:31,589

second airline pilot reports and

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00:02:36,550 --> 00:02:34,000

describes o'hare mothman encounter

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00:02:37,270 --> 00:02:36,560

my name is bruce and i am a pilot for

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00:02:44,790 --> 00:02:37,280

redacted

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00:02:46,630 --> 00:02:44,800

before that served for six years in the

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00:02:49,190 --> 00:02:46,640

united states air force

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00:02:51,190 --> 00:02:49,200

i have over 9 000 hours of flight time

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00:02:53,110 --> 00:02:51,200

and have flown a variety of aircraft in

80

00:02:53,830 --> 00:02:53,120

my career in virtually all types of

81

00:02:55,589 --> 00:02:53,840

weather

82

00:02:57,509 --> 00:02:55,599

the incident i am about to tell you

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00:03:00,149 --> 00:02:57,519

happened on thursday august 8

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00:03:01,990 --> 00:03:00,159

2019 at o'hare international airport at

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00:03:04,309 --> 00:03:02,000

approximately 1800

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00:03:06,470 --> 00:03:04,319

i had flown into o'hare the previous day

87

00:03:09,509 --> 00:03:06,480

and had stayed at a hotel for the night

88

00:03:11,430 --> 00:03:09,519

i was due to fly out at 200 to the uk

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00:03:13,910 --> 00:03:11,440

i was taking the airport shuttle toward

90

00:03:16,070 --> 00:03:13,920

the terminal as i looked out the window

91

00:03:18,229 --> 00:03:16,080

i saw a large human with enormous wings

92

00:03:19,670 --> 00:03:18,239

and glowing red eyes perched upon a rail

93

00:03:21,509 --> 00:03:19,680

and looking straight at me

94

00:03:23,750 --> 00:03:21,519

the being appeared to be squatting down

95

00:03:25,430 --> 00:03:23,760

on the rail but had its wings completely

96

00:03:27,990 --> 00:03:25,440

opened and moved them slowly as he

97

00:03:29,910 --> 00:03:28,000

stared at the shuttle bus as we drove by

98

00:03:31,589 --> 00:03:29,920

i knew it was watching me as its head

99

00:03:32,470 --> 00:03:31,599

swiveled and followed the shuttle as we

100

00:03:35,190 --> 00:03:32,480

passed

101  
00:03:37,030 --> 00:03:35,200  
its eyes locked on me the entire time i

102  
00:03:37,910 --> 00:03:37,040  
was startled and i'll admit it very

103  
00:03:39,910 --> 00:03:37,920  
frightened

104  
00:03:41,750 --> 00:03:39,920  
not only by this encounter but the

105  
00:03:43,830 --> 00:03:41,760  
absolute boldness of this thing is it

106  
00:03:44,710 --> 00:03:43,840  
did not move or attempt to hide itself

107  
00:03:46,949 --> 00:03:44,720  
as we approached

108  
00:03:48,949 --> 00:03:46,959  
knowing that it could be clearly seen we

109  
00:03:51,270 --> 00:03:48,959  
passed it on the outside lane and were

110  
00:03:53,030 --> 00:03:51,280  
at our closest approximately 15 feet

111  
00:03:54,949 --> 00:03:53,040  
away from where it was perched

112  
00:03:57,190 --> 00:03:54,959  
it never once flinched or attempted to

113  
00:03:58,710 --> 00:03:57,200

hide itself it just stayed put and

114

00:04:00,949 --> 00:03:58,720

watched as we passed

115

00:04:02,949 --> 00:04:00,959

when we passed i attempted to look back

116

00:04:04,949 --> 00:04:02,959

and see if it was still perched there

117

00:04:07,190 --> 00:04:04,959

i saw nothing and can only assume that

118

00:04:08,949 --> 00:04:07,200

it must have flown off when we passed

119

00:04:11,190 --> 00:04:08,959

i have heard the stories of the o'hare

120

00:04:13,110 --> 00:04:11,200

mothman or as some have called it batman

121

00:04:14,390 --> 00:04:13,120

but i simply dismissed them as nothing

122

00:04:16,550 --> 00:04:14,400

more than fantasy

123

00:04:18,310 --> 00:04:16,560

an urban legend that was associated with

124

00:04:20,710 --> 00:04:18,320

an already spooky airport

125

00:04:21,909 --> 00:04:20,720

i mean who hasn't heard of the weird ufo

126

00:04:24,230 --> 00:04:21,919

sightings over o'hare

127

00:04:26,070 --> 00:04:24,240

and stories of ghosts and wagnet what

128

00:04:28,070 --> 00:04:26,080

happened to me that evening changed my

129

00:04:30,390 --> 00:04:28,080

entire view of those stories

130

00:04:32,070 --> 00:04:30,400

so when i saw the post asking for pilots

131

00:04:32,710 --> 00:04:32,080

to step up forward and share their

132

00:04:34,790 --> 00:04:32,720

stories

133

00:04:40,830 --> 00:04:34,800

i took advantage of the opportunity to

134

00:04:45,270 --> 00:04:43,350

mothman

135

00:04:46,550 --> 00:04:45,280

big wing being observed on chicago's

136

00:04:48,790 --> 00:04:46,560

silver pass roof

137

00:04:49,830 --> 00:04:48,800

my name is os and i believe i have seen

138

00:04:52,469 --> 00:04:49,840

the mothman

139

00:04:54,590 --> 00:04:52,479

my encounter took place back in march it

140

00:04:56,070 --> 00:04:54,600

was in tinley park at the corner of

141

00:04:59,189 --> 00:04:56,080

174th place

142

00:05:01,029 --> 00:04:59,199

in 66th avenue i was walking my dog

143

00:05:02,469 --> 00:05:01,039

at around midnight and he suddenly

144

00:05:04,070 --> 00:05:02,479

stopped at the corner

145

00:05:06,550 --> 00:05:04,080

as i looked down at him i saw him

146

00:05:08,629 --> 00:05:06,560

staring off as i looked up i saw and

147

00:05:10,870 --> 00:05:08,639

heard something swash overhead

148

00:05:12,790 --> 00:05:10,880

i didn't know what it was i have heard

149

00:05:15,110 --> 00:05:12,800

of big birds coming down and taking

150

00:05:17,029 --> 00:05:15,120

small dogs we have a pomeranian

151  
00:05:18,150 --> 00:05:17,039  
so naturally i looked around more for

152  
00:05:20,230 --> 00:05:18,160  
what it may have been

153  
00:05:21,350 --> 00:05:20,240  
and began walking toward a tree in front

154  
00:05:23,430 --> 00:05:21,360  
of a house

155  
00:05:25,110 --> 00:05:23,440  
as i got to the tree i noticed my dog

156  
00:05:27,510 --> 00:05:25,120  
looking across the street

157  
00:05:29,909 --> 00:05:27,520  
so i tried to see where he was looking

158  
00:05:31,830 --> 00:05:29,919  
and my ice went up to the rooftop across

159  
00:05:34,310 --> 00:05:31,840  
the street and there is when i noticed

160  
00:05:36,790 --> 00:05:34,320  
something big on the top of the roofline

161  
00:05:38,230 --> 00:05:36,800  
it was as if it was crouching i didn't

162  
00:05:39,990 --> 00:05:38,240  
know what the heck it was

163  
00:05:41,749 --> 00:05:40,000

so i slowly moved toward it while

164

00:05:43,510 --> 00:05:41,759

fumbling to get my phone

165

00:05:45,350 --> 00:05:43,520

as i turned the lead light on on my

166

00:05:47,590 --> 00:05:45,360

phone and aimed it at the roof

167

00:05:48,550 --> 00:05:47,600

not a very bright light i kept walking

168

00:05:50,469 --> 00:05:48,560

towards it

169

00:05:52,710 --> 00:05:50,479

as i got about halfway in the street

170

00:05:53,350 --> 00:05:52,720

with my dog behind me it seemed to have

171

00:05:55,189 --> 00:05:53,360

shot up

172

00:05:56,870 --> 00:05:55,199

and then it took a short downward turn

173

00:05:59,110 --> 00:05:56,880

down behind that house

174

00:06:01,189 --> 00:05:59,120

it was something big as i have told

175

00:06:03,189 --> 00:06:01,199

people as that thing was crouched on the

176  
00:06:03,749 --> 00:06:03,199  
rooftop it was almost next to the

177  
00:06:07,909 --> 00:06:03,759  
chimney

178  
00:06:09,909 --> 00:06:07,919  
not sure if you'll believe me or not

179  
00:06:11,909 --> 00:06:09,919  
but i'd like only my initials used if

180  
00:06:13,830 --> 00:06:11,919  
you plan on using this story

181  
00:06:15,110 --> 00:06:13,840  
my wife is the one who told me about

182  
00:06:16,950 --> 00:06:15,120  
these encounters

183  
00:06:19,189 --> 00:06:16,960  
her and my mother-in-law were the first

184  
00:06:20,469 --> 00:06:19,199  
ones i told as soon as i returned from

185  
00:06:23,540 --> 00:06:20,479  
walking our dog

186  
00:06:29,029 --> 00:06:23,550  
thanks again os

187  
00:06:33,510 --> 00:06:31,189  
large wing being perched on michigan

188  
00:06:35,830 --> 00:06:33,520

roof i've been scanning the internet

189

00:06:38,150 --> 00:06:35,840

trying to find anything that resembles

190

00:06:39,110 --> 00:06:38,160

what i saw about one week ago today here

191

00:06:41,749 --> 00:06:39,120

in lansing

192

00:06:43,990 --> 00:06:41,759

michigan your articles on the chicago

193

00:06:45,830 --> 00:06:44,000

bat creature almond mothman seemed to be

194

00:06:48,469 --> 00:06:45,840

the closest i could find

195

00:06:50,710 --> 00:06:48,479

especially the article titled big wing

196

00:06:51,510 --> 00:06:50,720

being observed on chicago suburb home

197

00:06:54,550 --> 00:06:51,520

roof

198

00:06:56,550 --> 00:06:54,560

it was about 5 45 a.m and i was

199

00:06:59,029 --> 00:06:56,560

preparing to leave for work

200

00:07:00,629 --> 00:06:59,039

as usual i glanced out of my small

201  
00:07:03,749 --> 00:07:00,639  
bathroom window to see

202  
00:07:04,950 --> 00:07:03,759  
if it was raining it was very calm and

203  
00:07:07,189 --> 00:07:04,960  
dry that morning

204  
00:07:08,870 --> 00:07:07,199  
but then i noticed an unusual shape on

205  
00:07:11,670 --> 00:07:08,880  
my neighbor's rooftop

206  
00:07:13,029 --> 00:07:11,680  
obviously the sun was not up yet but it

207  
00:07:15,670 --> 00:07:13,039  
was just bright enough

208  
00:07:16,469 --> 00:07:15,680  
that i could see the outline i do own a

209  
00:07:18,309 --> 00:07:16,479  
cell phone

210  
00:07:20,629 --> 00:07:18,319  
but it's one of those cheap consumer

211  
00:07:21,670 --> 00:07:20,639  
cellular ones and those are worthless in

212  
00:07:23,830 --> 00:07:21,680  
low light

213  
00:07:25,909 --> 00:07:23,840

i stared at the figure for about 30

214

00:07:27,670 --> 00:07:25,919  
seconds and it never moved

215

00:07:30,070 --> 00:07:27,680  
there was tree foliage behind the

216

00:07:32,390 --> 00:07:30,080  
creature i'm thinking it may have been

217

00:07:33,430 --> 00:07:32,400  
sitting or perched just on the other

218

00:07:35,990 --> 00:07:33,440  
side of the roof

219

00:07:37,830 --> 00:07:36,000  
as i never saw a header glowing eyes

220

00:07:39,990 --> 00:07:37,840  
it's hard to guess on the size of the

221

00:07:42,629 --> 00:07:40,000  
being as i only saw the wings

222

00:07:44,550 --> 00:07:42,639  
i was about 20 feet away from it i

223

00:07:46,950 --> 00:07:44,560  
wished i had stared at it longer

224

00:07:49,110 --> 00:07:46,960  
or even shined a flashlight on it but i

225

00:07:56,469 --> 00:07:49,120  
didn't want to be late for work

226

00:08:00,309 --> 00:07:58,309

bad wing humanoid encountered in

227

00:08:02,790 --> 00:08:00,319

chippewa falls wisconsin

228

00:08:04,150 --> 00:08:02,800

i recently listened to a podcast on the

229

00:08:06,790 --> 00:08:04,160

higher side chats

230

00:08:08,390 --> 00:08:06,800

and got this website from that i have

231

00:08:09,110 --> 00:08:08,400

never known where to report this

232

00:08:12,390 --> 00:08:09,120

incident

233

00:08:14,150 --> 00:08:12,400

so i have just kept it to myself however

234

00:08:16,150 --> 00:08:14,160

i would like to add my encounter

235

00:08:17,110 --> 00:08:16,160

experience to the inventory of this

236

00:08:18,869 --> 00:08:17,120

mystery

237

00:08:21,430 --> 00:08:18,879

everything that has been described in

238

00:08:23,589 --> 00:08:21,440

chicago account of a bat like creature

239

00:08:25,110 --> 00:08:23,599

is pretty identical to what i saw with a

240

00:08:27,430 --> 00:08:25,120

few exceptions

241

00:08:28,309 --> 00:08:27,440

my sighting took place in chippewa falls

242

00:08:31,029 --> 00:08:28,319

wisconsin

243

00:08:33,990 --> 00:08:31,039

in january twenty eleven it was between

244

00:08:36,630 --> 00:08:34,000

nine pm and eleven pm when i saw it

245

00:08:38,870 --> 00:08:36,640

i was outside smoking a cigarette and i

246

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

saw human sized being with bat like

247

00:08:42,310 --> 00:08:40,479

wings fly overhead

248

00:08:43,750 --> 00:08:42,320

it flew or glided a little higher than

249

00:08:45,990 --> 00:08:43,760

the street lights

250

00:08:47,829 --> 00:08:46,000

the wings were somewhat transparent

251

00:08:50,550 --> 00:08:47,839

exactly how a bat looks

252

00:08:52,070 --> 00:08:50,560

except that it did not flap its wings it

253

00:08:54,389 --> 00:08:52,080

glided past

254

00:08:55,110 --> 00:08:54,399

my reaction was not negative nor

255

00:08:57,910 --> 00:08:55,120

positive

256

00:08:59,110 --> 00:08:57,920

just speculative i was in a moment of

257

00:09:01,269 --> 00:08:59,120

what was that

258

00:09:02,790 --> 00:09:01,279

i would also like to note that i did not

259

00:09:04,630 --> 00:09:02,800

see any red eyes

260

00:09:06,710 --> 00:09:04,640

i would also like to add another

261

00:09:08,630 --> 00:09:06,720

sighting not mine however

262

00:09:10,790 --> 00:09:08,640

this is a sighting for my boyfriend's

263

00:09:12,470 --> 00:09:10,800

friend it was in fort atkins in

264

00:09:16,150 --> 00:09:12,480

wisconsin area

265

00:09:18,150 --> 00:09:16,160

around january 2014 3 a.m

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00:09:20,150 --> 00:09:18,160

he said it was big and it was standing

267

00:09:21,910 --> 00:09:20,160

by the river rock river

268

00:09:23,750 --> 00:09:21,920

he refused to look at it because it

269

00:09:25,829 --> 00:09:23,760

freaked him out so bad

270

00:09:27,509 --> 00:09:25,839

in conclusion i think there is some

271

00:09:29,590 --> 00:09:27,519

connection with water

272

00:09:32,550 --> 00:09:29,600

chippewa falls is known for its water

273

00:09:35,110 --> 00:09:32,560

source and rock river is a major river

274

00:09:37,350 --> 00:09:35,120

and now lake michigan please feel free

275

00:09:39,590 --> 00:09:37,360

to contact me if you have any further

276

00:09:46,389 --> 00:09:39,600

questions regarding the sighting

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00:09:51,110 --> 00:09:48,949

this is lon strickler if you like this

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00:09:52,949 --> 00:09:51,120

program it would help us if you would

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00:09:55,750 --> 00:09:52,959

give it a thumbs up

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00:09:56,230 --> 00:09:55,760

then subscribe and click the bell icon

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00:09:58,630 --> 00:09:56,240

so you

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00:10:00,710 --> 00:09:58,640

get notification when we upload new

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00:10:03,829 --> 00:10:00,720

first person encounters

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00:10:04,550 --> 00:10:03,839

we have many more to come very soon and

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00:10:06,710 --> 00:10:04,560

by the way

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00:10:08,310 --> 00:10:06,720

if you have a suggestion or an