

A person with large, dark wings is flying over a river valley at sunset. The person is silhouetted against the bright orange and yellow sky. The valley below is filled with green trees and a river that reflects the sky. The overall scene is dramatic and mysterious.

WEST VIRGINIA MOTHMAN?

Two Frightening Encounters!

BXP

1
00:00:05,790 --> 00:00:04,590
[Music]

2
00:00:10,540 --> 00:00:05,800
[Applause]

3
00:00:12,890 --> 00:00:10,550
[Music]

4
00:00:17,830 --> 00:00:12,900
[Applause]

5
00:00:21,990 --> 00:00:19,670
welcome to the best of first person

6
00:00:24,870 --> 00:00:22,000
episodes of phantoms and monsters

7
00:00:25,429 --> 00:00:24,880
please like subscribe and hit the bell

8
00:00:28,830 --> 00:00:25,439
icon

9
00:00:31,990 --> 00:00:28,840
so you'll be notified of all future

10
00:00:35,270 --> 00:00:33,990
winged humanoid observed in fiat caddy

11
00:00:37,910 --> 00:00:35,280
west virginia

12
00:00:39,750 --> 00:00:37,920
hi lon hope things are going well i read

13
00:00:40,630 --> 00:00:39,760

about the winged humanoid in your latest

14

00:00:42,229 --> 00:00:40,640

newsletter

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00:00:43,990 --> 00:00:42,239

i've been following these stories in

16

00:00:45,750 --> 00:00:44,000

your newsletter pretty closely

17

00:00:47,110 --> 00:00:45,760

the newsletter that was in my inbox

18

00:00:48,950 --> 00:00:47,120

today really struck me

19

00:00:50,869 --> 00:00:48,960

because i have seen something similar

20

00:00:51,750 --> 00:00:50,879

the jeepers creepers description was

21

00:00:53,750 --> 00:00:51,760

dead on

22

00:00:55,430 --> 00:00:53,760

long story short i don't remember the

23

00:00:56,470 --> 00:00:55,440

exact year but this would have been the

24

00:00:59,990 --> 00:00:56,480

mid 80s

25

00:01:01,830 --> 00:01:00,000

my best guess is 1985 or 1986.

26

00:01:04,310 --> 00:01:01,840

it was a summer evening in oak hill west

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00:01:06,070 --> 00:01:04,320

virginia oak hill is a small town in the

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00:01:07,990 --> 00:01:06,080

south central part of the state

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00:01:09,990 --> 00:01:08,000

about 15 minutes from beckley west

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00:01:12,550 --> 00:01:10,000

virginia or about one hour from

31

00:01:14,390 --> 00:01:12,560

charleston west virginia i was between

32

00:01:16,070 --> 00:01:14,400

seven and eight years old at the time

33

00:01:17,749 --> 00:01:16,080

and i was outside playing with my

34

00:01:19,830 --> 00:01:17,759

brother one year younger than me

35

00:01:21,270 --> 00:01:19,840

and our neighbor a boy named roy who was

36

00:01:23,590 --> 00:01:21,280

the same age as my brother

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00:01:24,950 --> 00:01:23,600

give or take a few months we lived in a

38

00:01:26,950 --> 00:01:24,960

very rural area which

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00:01:29,109 --> 00:01:26,960

at that time we probably had three or

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00:01:30,789 --> 00:01:29,119

four neighbors within a one mile radius

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00:01:32,310 --> 00:01:30,799

and we effectively lived on the edge of

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00:01:34,789 --> 00:01:32,320

the woods down a dirt road

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00:01:36,630 --> 00:01:34,799

probably half a mile from a railroad so

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00:01:38,390 --> 00:01:36,640

there weren't many people around

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00:01:39,830 --> 00:01:38,400

it was dusk and we were throwing rocks

46

00:01:41,830 --> 00:01:39,840

to bats today

47

00:01:43,590 --> 00:01:41,840

it seems strange but back then it was

48

00:01:45,510 --> 00:01:43,600

something kids in the area did

49

00:01:47,270 --> 00:01:45,520

that's a common in the area and around

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00:01:48,550 --> 00:01:47,280

dusk in the summer they are out in force

51
00:01:50,149 --> 00:01:48,560
to catch bugs

52
00:01:52,389 --> 00:01:50,159
you'll see dozens of them and they

53
00:01:53,830 --> 00:01:52,399
usually fly approximately 40 feet off

54
00:01:55,429 --> 00:01:53,840
the ground or less

55
00:01:57,429 --> 00:01:55,439
if you throw a small rock high in the

56
00:01:58,630 --> 00:01:57,439
air you can often get the bat to swoop

57
00:02:00,870 --> 00:01:58,640
down and catch a rock

58
00:02:02,630 --> 00:02:00,880
presumably thinking it's a bug it's

59
00:02:04,389 --> 00:02:02,640
interesting the things kids did before

60
00:02:06,870 --> 00:02:04,399
there was the internet and we only had

61
00:02:08,389 --> 00:02:06,880
abc and pps on the tv back then

62
00:02:09,990 --> 00:02:08,399
so this was entertainment at its

63
00:02:11,910 --> 00:02:10,000

finest.at any rate

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00:02:13,670 --> 00:02:11,920

we're throwing rocks to bats when we see

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00:02:15,430 --> 00:02:13,680

what we at first thought was a monstrous

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00:02:16,150 --> 00:02:15,440

bat flying higher in the sky than the

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00:02:18,150 --> 00:02:16,160

others

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00:02:19,990 --> 00:02:18,160

i don't remember who spotted it first

69

00:02:20,710 --> 00:02:20,000

but once it was pointed out we were

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00:02:22,949 --> 00:02:20,720

stunned

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00:02:24,949 --> 00:02:22,959

after staring at it for a few seconds it

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00:02:27,270 --> 00:02:24,959

was clear that this wasn't a bad

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00:02:29,510 --> 00:02:27,280

it was something else it was a creature

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00:02:31,670 --> 00:02:29,520

in the shape of a man but with wings

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00:02:33,750 --> 00:02:31,680

it had wings exactly like that of a bat

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00:02:36,470 --> 00:02:33,760

but it had distinct arms and legs

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00:02:38,550 --> 00:02:36,480

also it was mostly gliding with only the

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00:02:39,430 --> 00:02:38,560

occasional flap of its wings which is

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00:02:41,750 --> 00:02:39,440

unlike a bat

80

00:02:43,830 --> 00:02:41,760

which constantly flaps its wings and its

81

00:02:45,030 --> 00:02:43,840

arms were sort of lazily hanging behind

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00:02:47,190 --> 00:02:45,040

it at its side

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00:02:48,949 --> 00:02:47,200

it looks whole but linky but it was too

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00:02:50,309 --> 00:02:48,959

high in the sky to really get a good

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00:02:52,070 --> 00:02:50,319

estimate of size

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00:02:54,070 --> 00:02:52,080

i know today that it's pretty easy to

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00:02:55,350 --> 00:02:54,080

get size estimates really wrong on

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00:02:57,990 --> 00:02:55,360

objects that are flying

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00:02:59,430 --> 00:02:58,000

like large birds i also can say that it

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00:03:00,949 --> 00:02:59,440

was dark but i couldn't tell you

91

00:03:03,270 --> 00:03:00,959

anything about coloration

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00:03:05,190 --> 00:03:03,280

it was dusk and the light was relatively

93

00:03:06,790 --> 00:03:05,200

low by that point and we were seeing it

94

00:03:09,430 --> 00:03:06,800

mostly as a silhouette

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00:03:10,710 --> 00:03:09,440

we saw head but never face i don't think

96

00:03:12,630 --> 00:03:10,720

it was looking down

97

00:03:14,630 --> 00:03:12,640

my best estimate is that it was about

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00:03:15,350 --> 00:03:14,640

two to two and a half times as high as

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00:03:17,190 --> 00:03:15,360

the bats

100

00:03:18,869 --> 00:03:17,200

so that would probably put it at around

101
00:03:21,030 --> 00:03:18,879
100 feet off the ground

102
00:03:23,509 --> 00:03:21,040
but i could easily be way off it wasn't

103
00:03:25,110 --> 00:03:23,519
a detail that i focused on at the time

104
00:03:27,589 --> 00:03:25,120
we watched this creature for a little

105
00:03:29,589 --> 00:03:27,599
while maybe 15 seconds or so

106
00:03:31,910 --> 00:03:29,599
we were transfixed standing there with

107
00:03:32,789 --> 00:03:31,920
slack jaws trying to comprehend what we

108
00:03:34,550 --> 00:03:32,799
were seeing

109
00:03:36,630 --> 00:03:34,560
then we snapped out of it we looked at

110
00:03:38,390 --> 00:03:36,640
each other and simultaneously we ran

111
00:03:40,710 --> 00:03:38,400
toward the house to get my dad

112
00:03:41,509 --> 00:03:40,720
i remember my dad was home but my mom

113
00:03:43,509 --> 00:03:41,519

wasn't

114

00:03:45,430 --> 00:03:43,519

we ran inside and told him to come

115

00:03:46,550 --> 00:03:45,440

outside quick we told him that we had

116

00:03:48,309 --> 00:03:46,560

seen the devil

117

00:03:50,070 --> 00:03:48,319

of course we thought it was the devil

118

00:03:51,990 --> 00:03:50,080

that's how we would have contextualized

119

00:03:52,789 --> 00:03:52,000

it within our very limited framework at

120

00:03:54,390 --> 00:03:52,799

the time

121

00:03:56,390 --> 00:03:54,400

he told us that he was sure that we

122

00:03:58,630 --> 00:03:56,400

hadn't seen the devil but he reluctantly

123

00:04:00,710 --> 00:03:58,640

decided to come outside and check

124

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

by the time he did whatever it was

125

00:04:04,470 --> 00:04:02,560

called he reassured us with some

126

00:04:05,429 --> 00:04:04,480

platitudes but he obviously didn't

127

00:04:07,509 --> 00:04:05,439

believe us

128

00:04:09,030 --> 00:04:07,519

we were all pretty shaken by deciding

129

00:04:09,990 --> 00:04:09,040

and we talked about it for weeks

130

00:04:11,990 --> 00:04:10,000

afterwards

131

00:04:14,630 --> 00:04:12,000

i slept in the bed with my parents that

132

00:04:16,390 --> 00:04:14,640

night and for at least a week afterwards

133

00:04:18,310 --> 00:04:16,400

this incident actually spurred my

134

00:04:20,469 --> 00:04:18,320

interest in the supernatural

135

00:04:22,469 --> 00:04:20,479

later as a teenager i learned about the

136

00:04:24,150 --> 00:04:22,479

mothman sightings and wondered if that

137

00:04:26,150 --> 00:04:24,160

had been what we had witnessed with the

138

00:04:27,670 --> 00:04:26,160

west virginia connection it was natural

139

00:04:29,510 --> 00:04:27,680

to think it may have been

140

00:04:31,430 --> 00:04:29,520

but the descriptions never really fit

141

00:04:32,550 --> 00:04:31,440

perfectly and we weren't very close to

142

00:04:34,230 --> 00:04:32,560

point pleasant

143

00:04:35,749 --> 00:04:34,240

it wasn't until the reports starting

144

00:04:37,670 --> 00:04:35,759

appearing in your newsletter that it

145

00:04:39,350 --> 00:04:37,680

became clear that others had been seeing

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00:04:41,350 --> 00:04:39,360

exactly what i had seen

147

00:04:43,030 --> 00:04:41,360

the jeepers creepers description really

148

00:04:43,749 --> 00:04:43,040

is the most apt description that i've

149

00:04:46,469 --> 00:04:43,759

seen

150

00:04:48,310 --> 00:04:46,479

i'm a scientist or was anyway so i have

151
00:04:50,390 --> 00:04:48,320
trouble reconciling what we saw with

152
00:04:51,670 --> 00:04:50,400
reality as i know it but i am sure that

153
00:04:53,909 --> 00:04:51,680
we saw something

154
00:04:56,070 --> 00:04:53,919
not really much to tell beyond that my

155
00:04:58,070 --> 00:04:56,080
brother passed away many years ago and i

156
00:04:58,710 --> 00:04:58,080
haven't spoken to roy in probably as

157
00:05:00,629 --> 00:04:58,720
long

158
00:05:02,629 --> 00:05:00,639
he's had some struggles with substance

159
00:05:03,590 --> 00:05:02,639
abuse as an adult and i've kept my

160
00:05:05,510 --> 00:05:03,600
distance

161
00:05:07,670 --> 00:05:05,520
none of us discussed the incident since

162
00:05:09,189 --> 00:05:07,680
we were adults but we did discuss it at

163
00:05:10,950 --> 00:05:09,199

some point in our teens

164

00:05:12,310 --> 00:05:10,960

i wanted to share just to give you an

165

00:05:13,430 --> 00:05:12,320

additional data point in your

166

00:05:15,029 --> 00:05:13,440

investigation

167

00:05:16,790 --> 00:05:15,039

i expect that we'll never really know

168

00:05:18,550 --> 00:05:16,800

what people are seeing but it's good

169

00:05:20,950 --> 00:05:18,560

that someone is documenting it for

170

00:05:31,270 --> 00:05:20,960

posterity if for nothing else

171

00:05:35,430 --> 00:05:33,990

the faithful mothman our family lived in

172

00:05:37,590 --> 00:05:35,440

fayetteville west virginia

173

00:05:39,270 --> 00:05:37,600

and our home was located one-tenth mile

174

00:05:41,590 --> 00:05:39,280

from the major town street

175

00:05:43,909 --> 00:05:41,600

our house was located in the forest and

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00:05:47,029 --> 00:05:43,919

our property bordered a state forest

177

00:05:49,670 --> 00:05:47,039

i was 11 or 12 at the time the forest

178

00:05:52,230 --> 00:05:49,680

was dense with well-worn hiking paths

179

00:05:54,070 --> 00:05:52,240

some had been logging roads at one time

180

00:05:55,270 --> 00:05:54,080

one was larger as it had once been a

181

00:05:57,590 --> 00:05:55,280

rock quarry road

182

00:05:58,629 --> 00:05:57,600

the remains of the quarry was located on

183

00:06:00,629 --> 00:05:58,639

our property

184

00:06:02,469 --> 00:06:00,639

a quarter mile from the quarry was a

185

00:06:05,110 --> 00:06:02,479

convergence to two creeks

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00:06:07,189 --> 00:06:05,120

one was wolf creek the convergence point

187

00:06:09,270 --> 00:06:07,199

once had a five foot stone dam that was

188

00:06:11,189 --> 00:06:09,280

blasted years before my time due to

189

00:06:12,870 --> 00:06:11,199

waterborne disease outbreaks

190

00:06:15,189 --> 00:06:12,880

the town dumped its sewage into the

191

00:06:17,029 --> 00:06:15,199

smaller creek beyond the convergence of

192

00:06:18,870 --> 00:06:17,039

the creek it descended several large

193

00:06:19,670 --> 00:06:18,880

waterfall systems into the new river

194

00:06:21,670 --> 00:06:19,680

George

195

00:06:23,909 --> 00:06:21,680

when waters were low large flat rock

196

00:06:25,029 --> 00:06:23,919

creek bed was exposed and we played in

197

00:06:26,550 --> 00:06:25,039

it as kids

198

00:06:28,230 --> 00:06:26,560

several of us were wrapped up in the

199

00:06:30,550 --> 00:06:28,240

dungeons and dragons craze

200

00:06:32,870 --> 00:06:30,560

were enamored by heavy metal music and

201
00:06:35,510 --> 00:06:32,880
teetered on the edge of occult interests

202
00:06:36,550 --> 00:06:35,520
nothing too serious boys of their time

203
00:06:38,550 --> 00:06:36,560
and place

204
00:06:40,550 --> 00:06:38,560
during one late afternoon i proclaimed

205
00:06:42,710 --> 00:06:40,560
upon the top of a rock outcrop over the

206
00:06:44,710 --> 00:06:42,720
creek bed that i was calling forward a

207
00:06:47,029 --> 00:06:44,720
great spirit of the deep forest

208
00:06:49,909 --> 00:06:47,039
nothing happened we continued playing

209
00:06:52,230 --> 00:06:49,919
until dusk parted ways and returned home

210
00:06:53,110 --> 00:06:52,240
perhaps it was happenstance perhaps

211
00:06:55,510 --> 00:06:53,120
related

212
00:06:58,070 --> 00:06:55,520
my experience with mothman began that

213
00:07:00,150 --> 00:06:58,080

week and lasted just less than a month

214

00:07:02,230 --> 00:07:00,160

i did not speak of it or share with

215

00:07:04,390 --> 00:07:02,240

others for nearly 15 years

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00:07:06,629 --> 00:07:04,400

i was afraid that speaking of it would

217

00:07:08,950 --> 00:07:06,639

somehow cause it to come back around

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00:07:10,950 --> 00:07:08,960

i will spare you the minor details but

219

00:07:11,749 --> 00:07:10,960

need to share the only backstory that

220

00:07:13,830 --> 00:07:11,759

matters

221

00:07:15,670 --> 00:07:13,840

a few years earlier i played with a girl

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00:07:17,670 --> 00:07:15,680

my age and her younger brother

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00:07:18,790 --> 00:07:17,680

they had a grand three-story wooden home

224

00:07:21,270 --> 00:07:18,800

in our neighborhood

225

00:07:22,629 --> 00:07:21,280

it was a historic house a mansion by

226

00:07:24,550 --> 00:07:22,639

local standards

227

00:07:26,309 --> 00:07:24,560

we entered her home one night after

228

00:07:26,950 --> 00:07:26,319

searching out fireflies in the front

229

00:07:28,469 --> 00:07:26,960

yard

230

00:07:30,469 --> 00:07:28,479

when we walked through the foyer to the

231

00:07:31,990 --> 00:07:30,479

main staircase to the second floor i

232

00:07:32,710 --> 00:07:32,000

looked to my right across a large

233

00:07:34,950 --> 00:07:32,720

sitting room

234

00:07:37,110 --> 00:07:34,960

where there were sets of large windows

235

00:07:39,029 --> 00:07:37,120

outside the windows was a large hardwood

236

00:07:42,870 --> 00:07:39,039

about 75 years old

237

00:07:44,629 --> 00:07:42,880

i saw two large red eyes large i stopped

238

00:07:46,629 --> 00:07:44,639

the girl and her brother were already a

239

00:07:48,710 --> 00:07:46,639

fourth the way up the stairs and i was

240

00:07:50,710 --> 00:07:48,720

standing still and mesmerized

241

00:07:52,790 --> 00:07:50,720

i said there are two red eyes in your

242

00:07:55,510 --> 00:07:52,800

tree the girl replied back

243

00:07:56,710 --> 00:07:55,520

that's a ghost he has red eyes looks

244

00:07:58,150 --> 00:07:56,720

like an old man

245

00:08:00,550 --> 00:07:58,160

sits in the tree and stares at the

246

00:08:01,589 --> 00:08:00,560

sometimes i asked if they ever called

247

00:08:04,309 --> 00:08:01,599

the police

248

00:08:06,150 --> 00:08:04,319

she said no she said her mom told them

249

00:08:07,909 --> 00:08:06,160

not to look at it and ignore it

250

00:08:10,550 --> 00:08:07,919

their mom often seemed drained and

251
00:08:12,550 --> 00:08:10,560
depressed i was glad i did not have old

252
00:08:13,350 --> 00:08:12,560
creepy men sitting in trees around our

253
00:08:16,309 --> 00:08:13,360
house

254
00:08:18,309 --> 00:08:16,319
it stayed with me back to my main story

255
00:08:19,749 --> 00:08:18,319
i immediately felt that i was being

256
00:08:22,230 --> 00:08:19,759
watched of all times

257
00:08:23,350 --> 00:08:22,240
the primal feeling of prey being stalked

258
00:08:25,909 --> 00:08:23,360
it did not matter

259
00:08:26,550 --> 00:08:25,919
if i was in my house woods walking to

260
00:08:29,110 --> 00:08:26,560
the park

261
00:08:31,510 --> 00:08:29,120
day and night there were scratches at my

262
00:08:33,509 --> 00:08:31,520
second floor window but no trees

263
00:08:34,949 --> 00:08:33,519

deep fear of getting out of bed

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00:08:37,509 --> 00:08:34,959

paralyzing fear

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00:08:39,269 --> 00:08:37,519

many sleepless nights i tried to share

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00:08:40,149 --> 00:08:39,279

strange things were going on to my

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00:08:42,389 --> 00:08:40,159

parents

268

00:08:44,310 --> 00:08:42,399

they had no interest i would wake them

269

00:08:44,870 --> 00:08:44,320

up at night and ask them to search the

270

00:08:47,910 --> 00:08:44,880

house

271

00:08:49,590 --> 00:08:47,920

check the doors etc there were annoyed

272

00:08:51,269 --> 00:08:49,600

they did agree to keep the floodlights

273

00:08:53,910 --> 00:08:51,279

on surrounding the house

274

00:08:55,990 --> 00:08:53,920

my dog was acting strange normally a

275

00:08:59,030 --> 00:08:56,000

brave dog not scared by bear

276
00:09:00,389 --> 00:08:59,040
not man nor bigger dog was a mess while

277
00:09:02,310 --> 00:09:00,399
this was going on

278
00:09:04,150 --> 00:09:02,320
i called one of my friends that was

279
00:09:05,670 --> 00:09:04,160
there with us when we were playing and

280
00:09:08,070 --> 00:09:05,680
asked him to come over

281
00:09:09,670 --> 00:09:08,080
that it was very important told him i

282
00:09:10,470 --> 00:09:09,680
would only speak with him in person

283
00:09:12,470 --> 00:09:10,480
about it

284
00:09:14,949 --> 00:09:12,480
he did and i learned he too was having a

285
00:09:17,110 --> 00:09:14,959
series of strange and frightening events

286
00:09:18,710 --> 00:09:17,120
he felt we needed to stick together and

287
00:09:19,509 --> 00:09:18,720
tell no one as they would think we were

288
00:09:21,509 --> 00:09:19,519

nuts

289

00:09:22,630 --> 00:09:21,519

needless to say i did spend a lot of

290

00:09:24,870 --> 00:09:22,640

time at his house

291

00:09:26,550 --> 00:09:24,880

located in a non-wooded neighborhood the

292

00:09:29,030 --> 00:09:26,560

stuff going on at his house

293

00:09:30,470 --> 00:09:29,040

was just as bad knocking on multiple

294

00:09:32,470 --> 00:09:30,480

walls during the day

295

00:09:33,750 --> 00:09:32,480

a thousand birds on the power lines

296

00:09:35,829 --> 00:09:33,760

outside his home

297

00:09:37,829 --> 00:09:35,839

the fear of being watched and followed

298

00:09:39,030 --> 00:09:37,839

he was irritated with me as he felt it

299

00:09:40,949 --> 00:09:39,040

had been my fault

300

00:09:42,870 --> 00:09:40,959

one night i mustered the courage to go

301
00:09:43,750 --> 00:09:42,880
to my bedroom window and look out on the

302
00:09:45,590 --> 00:09:43,760
backyard

303
00:09:47,190 --> 00:09:45,600
a beam crossed from the shadows of the

304
00:09:49,269 --> 00:09:47,200
house side across the yard

305
00:09:51,190 --> 00:09:49,279
and into the floodlight lit area just a

306
00:09:53,269 --> 00:09:51,200
bit stopped and looked over its shoulder

307
00:09:54,710 --> 00:09:53,279
at me at an upward angle as i was in an

308
00:09:56,870 --> 00:09:54,720
elevated position

309
00:09:59,110 --> 00:09:56,880
first this thing was eight to nine feet

310
00:10:00,150 --> 00:09:59,120
tall had its giant wings pulled in

311
00:10:02,310 --> 00:10:00,160
across its back

312
00:10:03,430 --> 00:10:02,320
so that it looked like a cloak it looked

313
00:10:05,430 --> 00:10:03,440

straight ahead again

314

00:10:06,710 --> 00:10:05,440

and seemed to glide across the yard in a

315

00:10:08,870 --> 00:10:06,720

standing position

316

00:10:11,190 --> 00:10:08,880

it did not have traditional legs and the

317

00:10:12,949 --> 00:10:11,200

legs came together into a very strange

318

00:10:14,870 --> 00:10:12,959

point as though its stance could not

319

00:10:18,069 --> 00:10:14,880

support its mass yet they did

320

00:10:18,870 --> 00:10:18,079

it used no stride it was not human many

321

00:10:21,269 --> 00:10:18,880

years later

322

00:10:22,550 --> 00:10:21,279

when the film came out i was amazed the

323

00:10:25,509 --> 00:10:22,560

static on the phone

324

00:10:27,190 --> 00:10:25,519

headaches etc at the time of the events

325

00:10:29,750 --> 00:10:27,200

i assumed it was a demon

326

00:10:31,750 --> 00:10:29,760

mothman was not a term i knew i never

327

00:10:34,150 --> 00:10:31,760

saw it spread its wings or fly

328

00:10:35,430 --> 00:10:34,160

i did have the feeling it was above me a

329

00:10:37,269 --> 00:10:35,440

bird's eye view

330

00:10:38,710 --> 00:10:37,279

the damn thing was silent as i have the

331

00:10:40,870 --> 00:10:38,720

hearing of the fruit bat

332

00:10:42,710 --> 00:10:40,880

i had a panic attack that night cold

333

00:10:45,030 --> 00:10:42,720

sweats and felt very alone

334

00:10:46,150 --> 00:10:45,040

i got down on my knees and prayed in a

335

00:10:48,710 --> 00:10:46,160

way i never had

336

00:10:50,310 --> 00:10:48,720

and never have since there was one wise

337

00:10:52,470 --> 00:10:50,320

old man who cut our grass

338

00:10:54,389 --> 00:10:52,480

and acted as a handyman when the minds

339

00:10:57,590 --> 00:10:54,399

closed from time to time

340

00:10:58,710 --> 00:10:57,600

he liked me gave me a lot of advice told

341

00:11:01,509 --> 00:10:58,720

me stories

342

00:11:03,509 --> 00:11:01,519

he had three girls and no boys my dad

343

00:11:04,310 --> 00:11:03,519

liked to do his own work but pitch the

344

00:11:06,710 --> 00:11:04,320

fellow work

345

00:11:08,790 --> 00:11:06,720

because he was a good guy he was working

346

00:11:09,670 --> 00:11:08,800

on our mower when i broached the subject

347

00:11:11,829 --> 00:11:09,680

briefly

348

00:11:13,190 --> 00:11:11,839

he stopped what he was doing stood up

349

00:11:15,509 --> 00:11:13,200

took me by the shoulders

350

00:11:17,110 --> 00:11:15,519

and looked me in the eyes he said i know

351

00:11:19,030 --> 00:11:17,120

what you are talking about

352

00:11:21,829 --> 00:11:19,040

it is the thing we do not talk about in

353

00:11:23,990 --> 00:11:21,839

this town it is called mothman and even

354

00:11:26,550 --> 00:11:24,000

talking about it can bring him around

355

00:11:29,190 --> 00:11:26,560

that was it i live in atlanta now and

356

00:11:31,430 --> 00:11:29,200

during 2005 i finally shared the whole

357

00:11:33,030 --> 00:11:31,440

story with my wife of six years

358

00:11:34,710 --> 00:11:33,040

within a week i was in the back

359

00:11:37,190 --> 00:11:34,720

courtyard in one swooped

360

00:11:37,829 --> 00:11:37,200

the wingspan and speed was awesome it

361

00:11:40,550 --> 00:11:37,839

perched

362

00:11:42,310 --> 00:11:40,560

not like a bird 70 yards away at about

363

00:11:44,150 --> 00:11:42,320

70 feet and watched me

364

00:11:45,430 --> 00:11:44,160

no red eyes during the middle of the day

365

00:11:47,430 --> 00:11:45,440

and blended well

366

00:11:49,670 --> 00:11:47,440

they do not weigh much but are crazy

367

00:11:51,990 --> 00:11:49,680

large intelligent and not human

368

00:11:53,670 --> 00:11:52,000

it moved on within a week while they can

369

00:11:56,069 --> 00:11:53,680

communicate telepathically

370

00:11:57,590 --> 00:11:56,079

so can i when you lock minds with it i

371

00:11:59,670 --> 00:11:57,600

let it know that it was out of its

372

00:12:00,629 --> 00:11:59,680

element in a city like atlanta that i

373

00:12:02,150 --> 00:12:00,639

had no fear

374

00:12:04,069 --> 00:12:02,160

and that i would end it should it mess

375

00:12:06,629 --> 00:12:04,079

with my family and property

376

00:12:07,110 --> 00:12:06,639

not sure i could but i was a man at that

377

00:12:09,269 --> 00:12:07,120

time

378

00:12:10,629 --> 00:12:09,279

and had very little patience and refused

379

00:12:12,870 --> 00:12:10,639

to succumb to fear

380

00:12:14,310 --> 00:12:12,880

they are most curious about us they

381

00:12:15,829 --> 00:12:14,320

don't think like humans

382

00:12:18,230 --> 00:12:15,839

don't have the same values and

383

00:12:20,389 --> 00:12:18,240

motivations there were no tragedies

384

00:12:22,790 --> 00:12:20,399

associated with my experience

385

00:12:24,069 --> 00:12:22,800

they are voyeurs by nature i don't think

386

00:12:26,230 --> 00:12:24,079

they are physically as strong

387

00:12:27,750 --> 00:12:26,240

as a full man but i can't imagine

388

00:12:33,670 --> 00:12:27,760

getting a shot at one

389

00:12:37,110 --> 00:12:36,230

this is lon strickler if you like this

390

00:12:38,870 --> 00:12:37,120

program

391

00:12:40,150 --> 00:12:38,880

it would help us if you would give it a

392

00:12:43,030 --> 00:12:40,160

thumbs up

393

00:12:43,509 --> 00:12:43,040

then subscribe and click the bell icon

394

00:12:45,910 --> 00:12:43,519

so you

395

00:12:47,990 --> 00:12:45,920

get notification when we upload new

396

00:12:51,110 --> 00:12:48,000

first person encounters

397

00:12:53,590 --> 00:12:51,120

we have many more to come very soon and

398

00:12:55,990 --> 00:12:53,600

by the way if you have a suggestion