



**The thrilling
conclusion
to this
intense
tale!...**

LIVING IN THE HEART OF

BIGFOOT COUNTRY

PART II

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BXP

1
00:00:05,710 --> 00:00:04,580
[Music]

2
00:00:10,540 --> 00:00:05,720
[Applause]

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

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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

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

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

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

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00:00:36,950 --> 00:00:28,840
so you'll be notified of all future

10
00:00:40,790 --> 00:00:38,950
johnny mays had a farm pond a quarter

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00:00:42,470 --> 00:00:40,800
mile up the canyon from ours

12
00:00:44,790 --> 00:00:42,480
we enjoyed fishing there and catching

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

frogs and camping often we would see

14

00:00:47,670 --> 00:00:46,640

bears east off at a distance with their

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00:00:49,590 --> 00:00:47,680

young cubs

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00:00:51,750 --> 00:00:49,600

now i believe they were actually bigfoot

17

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

families we would be scared and climb

18

00:00:54,069 --> 00:00:52,480

the trees

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00:00:55,910 --> 00:00:54,079

figuring the tree branches couldn't

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00:00:58,069 --> 00:00:55,920

support their weight and home was too

21

00:00:59,750 --> 00:00:58,079

far to run to without getting caught

22

00:01:02,950 --> 00:00:59,760

my brother was two and a half months

23

00:01:04,549 --> 00:01:02,960

younger than me born december 8th 1960

24

00:01:06,469 --> 00:01:04,559

when my brother merle was in the fifth

25

00:01:08,630 --> 00:01:06,479

grade he invited dennis stick to come

26
00:01:10,310 --> 00:01:08,640
spend the night at our house from school

27
00:01:11,990 --> 00:01:10,320
merle had already been to his house

28
00:01:14,469 --> 00:01:12,000
several times i recall

29
00:01:15,270 --> 00:01:14,479
the stay very well after getting off the

30
00:01:17,109 --> 00:01:15,280
school bus

31
00:01:19,190 --> 00:01:17,119
merlin and i took dennis stick to climb

32
00:01:20,870 --> 00:01:19,200
ghost mound at the top of the peak the

33
00:01:22,070 --> 00:01:20,880
height and high wind terrified my

34
00:01:23,990 --> 00:01:22,080
brother's friend

35
00:01:26,310 --> 00:01:24,000
fearing he would be blown off he clung

36
00:01:28,310 --> 00:01:26,320
to a large boulder on the top i had to

37
00:01:30,069 --> 00:01:28,320
track him down several hundred feet

38
00:01:32,390 --> 00:01:30,079

as he kept grabbing the boulders on the

39

00:01:33,109 --> 00:01:32,400

way down and i had to pry his fingers

40

00:01:35,109 --> 00:01:33,119

loose

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00:01:36,789 --> 00:01:35,119

we spent the next few hours fishing at

42

00:01:38,550 --> 00:01:36,799

the pond behind the house

43

00:01:40,630 --> 00:01:38,560

i didn't want to share a room with my

44

00:01:42,069 --> 00:01:40,640

brother's friend so i suggested he and

45

00:01:44,149 --> 00:01:42,079

meryl have a campout

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00:01:46,230 --> 00:01:44,159

telling them it should be loads of fun

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00:01:47,990 --> 00:01:46,240

we had a rambler station wagon parked

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00:01:49,670 --> 00:01:48,000

under a huge cottonwood tree that we

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00:01:51,510 --> 00:01:49,680

didn't use any longer

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00:01:53,270 --> 00:01:51,520

dennis refused to sleep in a tent

51
00:01:54,149 --> 00:01:53,280
because he heard the coyotes off in the

52
00:01:55,749 --> 00:01:54,159
distance

53
00:01:57,429 --> 00:01:55,759
but i convinced him sleeping in the

54
00:01:59,109 --> 00:01:57,439
station wagon would be safe

55
00:02:01,350 --> 00:01:59,119
he could even roll up the windows and

56
00:02:03,109 --> 00:02:01,360
lock the doors if he got scared

57
00:02:05,350 --> 00:02:03,119
i made a bed for them in the station

58
00:02:07,590 --> 00:02:05,360
wagon then retired to my bedroom

59
00:02:09,669 --> 00:02:07,600
at about 3 am i heard muffled voices

60
00:02:11,589 --> 00:02:09,679
coming through my open bedroom window

61
00:02:13,430 --> 00:02:11,599
i climbed through the window so i would

62
00:02:15,350 --> 00:02:13,440
not awaken my cranky dad

63
00:02:17,270 --> 00:02:15,360

as i woke up in the bright moonlight i

64

00:02:18,949 --> 00:02:17,280

could see the station wagon's windows

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00:02:19,670 --> 00:02:18,959

were rolled up and it wasn't even

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00:02:21,750 --> 00:02:19,680

raining

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00:02:23,830 --> 00:02:21,760

the car was rocking back and forth so

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00:02:25,750 --> 00:02:23,840

the boys must be playing inside

69

00:02:28,070 --> 00:02:25,760

all the sudden i saw some tall dark

70

00:02:30,150 --> 00:02:28,080

shadow flee from jerking the door handle

71

00:02:32,470 --> 00:02:30,160

so i ran across the yard for a baseball

72

00:02:34,070 --> 00:02:32,480

bat the boys were badly shaken up and

73

00:02:34,790 --> 00:02:34,080

didn't want to leave the safety of the

74

00:02:38,150 --> 00:02:34,800

car

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00:02:40,390 --> 00:02:38,160

seat for the rest of the night to

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00:02:42,309 --> 00:02:40,400

protect them from whoever it was

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00:02:43,990 --> 00:02:42,319

about an hour later while i was fast

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00:02:45,750 --> 00:02:44,000

asleep someone began

79

00:02:47,670 --> 00:02:45,760

jerking on the doors and hitting the

80

00:02:49,830 --> 00:02:47,680

windows hard with their fists

81

00:02:51,270 --> 00:02:49,840

the car was under the tree so his shadow

82

00:02:53,190 --> 00:02:51,280

kept the moonlight away

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00:02:54,790 --> 00:02:53,200

the flashlight my brother and his friend

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00:02:56,869 --> 00:02:54,800

were using lost its charge

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00:02:57,910 --> 00:02:56,879

and the car wouldn't start so i called

86

00:02:59,990 --> 00:02:57,920

drive away

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00:03:01,910 --> 00:03:00,000

because the battery was low the light

88

00:03:03,670 --> 00:03:01,920

from the inside car lights didn't help

89

00:03:06,149 --> 00:03:03,680

me identify the attacker

90

00:03:07,430 --> 00:03:06,159

and i was only 13 years old no match for

91

00:03:09,350 --> 00:03:07,440

a big criminal

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00:03:12,070 --> 00:03:09,360

finally i thought to honk the horn and

93

00:03:13,589 --> 00:03:12,080

out came my dad with a 45 cult automatic

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00:03:15,589 --> 00:03:13,599

pistol in both hands

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00:03:16,869 --> 00:03:15,599

we yelled it was only us then he cussed

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00:03:18,630 --> 00:03:16,879

and sent us to bed

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00:03:20,710 --> 00:03:18,640

the next day we looked over the station

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00:03:22,630 --> 00:03:20,720

wagon and it was covered in scratches

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00:03:24,710 --> 00:03:22,640

and the entire top of the car was caved

100

00:03:26,229 --> 00:03:24,720

in dad then sold it for junk to the

101

00:03:28,149 --> 00:03:26,239

hydro salvage yard

102

00:03:31,350 --> 00:03:28,159

it was on a windy hot scorching day in

103

00:03:32,229 --> 00:03:31,360

mid-july 1972 that i finally laid eyes

104

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

on bigfoot

105

00:03:35,910 --> 00:03:34,000

dad had requested that we help richard

106

00:03:36,550 --> 00:03:35,920

waters out with chopping weeds from his

107

00:03:38,390 --> 00:03:36,560

cotton

108

00:03:40,470 --> 00:03:38,400

the day earlier we had chopped the weeds

109

00:03:42,229 --> 00:03:40,480

from the farm in which she lived on

110

00:03:43,509 --> 00:03:42,239

he had a hippie couple working for him

111

00:03:45,350 --> 00:03:43,519

from california

112

00:03:47,270 --> 00:03:45,360

they were middle-aged and used trucks

113

00:03:48,550 --> 00:03:47,280

while they worked they were supposed to

114

00:03:50,630 --> 00:03:48,560

meet us the next day

115

00:03:52,789 --> 00:03:50,640

at richard waters cotton field north of

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00:03:54,789 --> 00:03:52,799

hydro on the south canadian river

117

00:03:55,910 --> 00:03:54,799

the sun rodney waters has later since

118

00:03:58,070 --> 00:03:55,920

built a home there

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00:04:00,149 --> 00:03:58,080

when we arrived at 1pm the small foreign

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00:04:02,149 --> 00:04:00,159

car was parked next to the field and a

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00:04:03,429 --> 00:04:02,159

small table was set up with sandwiches

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00:04:05,270 --> 00:04:03,439

and potato salad

123

00:04:06,630 --> 00:04:05,280

only a bite or two was taken from the

124

00:04:08,149 --> 00:04:06,640

sandwich and salad

125

00:04:10,550 --> 00:04:08,159

we looked around for the couple but

126

00:04:12,470 --> 00:04:10,560

couldn't find them in this remote area

127

00:04:14,630 --> 00:04:12,480

mother said they probably got too hot

128

00:04:16,229 --> 00:04:14,640

and walked down to the river for a swim

129

00:04:18,150 --> 00:04:16,239

there was an old farm house on the

130

00:04:19,110 --> 00:04:18,160

property that nobody had lived in for

131

00:04:21,110 --> 00:04:19,120

decades

132

00:04:22,950 --> 00:04:21,120

next to the house was a big peach tree

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00:04:25,110 --> 00:04:22,960

full of big rag peaches

134

00:04:26,870 --> 00:04:25,120

me my oldest sister donna and little

135

00:04:29,110 --> 00:04:26,880

brother merle headed up our rose

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00:04:31,110 --> 00:04:29,120

in the baking heat my mother wanda and

137

00:04:32,150 --> 00:04:31,120

sister malva went over to the tree to

138

00:04:34,310 --> 00:04:32,160

get a peach

139

00:04:35,350 --> 00:04:34,320

we just had lunch so the rest of us were

140

00:04:37,110 --> 00:04:35,360

not hungry

141

00:04:38,950 --> 00:04:37,120

after me merle and ladonna were about

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00:04:40,629 --> 00:04:38,960

four city blocks down our rose

143

00:04:42,790 --> 00:04:40,639

we began wondering what was taking

144

00:04:43,830 --> 00:04:42,800

mother and malva so long to start up

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00:04:45,830 --> 00:04:43,840

their rose

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00:04:47,830 --> 00:04:45,840

suddenly mother came rushing from behind

147

00:04:48,790 --> 00:04:47,840

the old house and was waving her arms

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00:04:50,629 --> 00:04:48,800

frantically

149

00:04:51,990 --> 00:04:50,639

we all figured they got into a nest of

150

00:04:54,150 --> 00:04:52,000

yellowjacket wasps

151
00:04:56,070 --> 00:04:54,160
and was trying to fend them off a few

152
00:04:56,710 --> 00:04:56,080
minutes later malva went running for the

153
00:04:58,870 --> 00:04:56,720
car

154
00:05:00,629 --> 00:04:58,880
we thought she got stung several times

155
00:05:02,390 --> 00:05:00,639
and was wanting to go home

156
00:05:04,150 --> 00:05:02,400
all the sudden one of the bears like

157
00:05:06,150 --> 00:05:04,160
what i have seen while growing up was

158
00:05:07,430 --> 00:05:06,160
walking along the barbed wire fence more

159
00:05:09,430 --> 00:05:07,440
than our direction

160
00:05:11,670 --> 00:05:09,440
mother went dashing to the car and was

161
00:05:13,830 --> 00:05:11,680
trying to get malva to unlock the doors

162
00:05:15,670 --> 00:05:13,840
so she could drive the car to us the

163
00:05:16,550 --> 00:05:15,680

bear moved forward until it was across

164

00:05:18,550 --> 00:05:16,560

from us

165

00:05:20,230 --> 00:05:18,560

the car was too far away to make a run

166

00:05:22,390 --> 00:05:20,240

for it i was 14

167

00:05:24,710 --> 00:05:22,400

but my little brother was just 11 at the

168

00:05:26,710 --> 00:05:24,720

time and couldn't run very fast

169

00:05:28,710 --> 00:05:26,720

i tried to talk my brother and sister

170

00:05:31,189 --> 00:05:28,720

into making a run for it while i kept it

171

00:05:33,350 --> 00:05:31,199

busy chasing me by running close to

172

00:05:34,550 --> 00:05:33,360

ladonna decided our best chance was to

173

00:05:36,469 --> 00:05:34,560

stick together

174

00:05:38,390 --> 00:05:36,479

so i came up with the idea to charge the

175

00:05:39,430 --> 00:05:38,400

bear and yell well swinging our heavy

176
00:05:41,510 --> 00:05:39,440
steel hose

177
00:05:43,510 --> 00:05:41,520
as it crossed the fence and got closer

178
00:05:44,150 --> 00:05:43,520
it became quite obvious that it wasn't a

179
00:05:45,749 --> 00:05:44,160
bear

180
00:05:47,909 --> 00:05:45,759
it looked like a big hairy human with

181
00:05:48,629 --> 00:05:47,919
huge jaws and bright golden eyes like a

182
00:05:50,629 --> 00:05:48,639
linger

183
00:05:52,390 --> 00:05:50,639
if you look up homo erectus it will give

184
00:05:53,029 --> 00:05:52,400
you a good idea what the bigfoot looked

185
00:05:54,870 --> 00:05:53,039
like

186
00:05:56,950 --> 00:05:54,880
it looked very angry and i figured we

187
00:05:59,270 --> 00:05:56,960
were all dead however we charged the

188
00:06:01,110 --> 00:05:59,280

beast and it stopped dead in its tracks

189

00:06:03,029 --> 00:06:01,120

we began shouting and charging once

190

00:06:04,790 --> 00:06:03,039

again and the bigfoot turned and walked

191

00:06:06,390 --> 00:06:04,800

over to the fence and crossed it

192

00:06:07,909 --> 00:06:06,400

it stood and looked at us for about

193

00:06:09,670 --> 00:06:07,919

three or four minutes doing what

194

00:06:10,390 --> 00:06:09,680

appeared to be sign language with its

195

00:06:12,230 --> 00:06:10,400

hands

196

00:06:14,629 --> 00:06:12,240

then it turned and ran like nothing i

197

00:06:16,070 --> 00:06:14,639

had ever seen this running stripe must

198

00:06:18,469 --> 00:06:16,080

have covered 30 feet

199

00:06:19,909 --> 00:06:18,479

and it ran as fast as a cheetah it kept

200

00:06:21,909 --> 00:06:19,919

his body perfectly 90

201
00:06:23,990 --> 00:06:21,919
degrees as a tran its head could turn

202
00:06:24,950 --> 00:06:24,000
and watch us as it ran away without

203
00:06:26,469 --> 00:06:24,960
stopping

204
00:06:27,990 --> 00:06:26,479
several minutes later some army

205
00:06:30,309 --> 00:06:28,000
helicopters flew over

206
00:06:31,830 --> 00:06:30,319
probably from fort sill oklahoma they

207
00:06:33,590 --> 00:06:31,840
were flying low and in the same

208
00:06:35,430 --> 00:06:33,600
direction that bigfoot went

209
00:06:37,029 --> 00:06:35,440
i thought maybe this beast was something

210
00:06:39,510 --> 00:06:37,039
that belonged to the army

211
00:06:40,870 --> 00:06:39,520
some type of remote controlled robot so

212
00:06:42,870 --> 00:06:40,880
my fear went away

213
00:06:45,110 --> 00:06:42,880

i just called get a grip on what we just

214

00:06:46,550 --> 00:06:45,120

saw because it made no sense to me

215

00:06:48,710 --> 00:06:46,560

the couple never came after their

216

00:06:51,189 --> 00:06:48,720

belongings from richard waters house

217

00:06:53,029 --> 00:06:51,199

and he eventually had the car towed away

218

00:06:54,230 --> 00:06:53,039

i guess the bigfoot must have killed him

219

00:06:55,990 --> 00:06:54,240

before we arrived

220

00:06:57,510 --> 00:06:56,000

i don't believe richard ever reported

221

00:06:59,749 --> 00:06:57,520

the couple as missing

222

00:07:00,629 --> 00:06:59,759

dad was farming partners with 40 or more

223

00:07:02,550 --> 00:07:00,639

farmers

224

00:07:04,469 --> 00:07:02,560

he provided the tractor machinery and

225

00:07:06,070 --> 00:07:04,479

seed and they provided the land labor

226

00:07:07,510 --> 00:07:06,080

and irrigation if needed

227

00:07:09,510 --> 00:07:07,520

we were not allowed to report the

228

00:07:10,950 --> 00:07:09,520

bigfoot sighting because dad didn't want

229

00:07:12,710 --> 00:07:10,960

the extra attention

230

00:07:15,110 --> 00:07:12,720

in fact he never allowed us to call the

231

00:07:16,469 --> 00:07:15,120

law he always preferred taking care of

232

00:07:18,710 --> 00:07:16,479

problems himself

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00:07:20,870 --> 00:07:18,720

when i was 16 we moved from hydro to

234

00:07:23,110 --> 00:07:20,880

weatherford which was okay by me

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00:07:23,990 --> 00:07:23,120

just about every man and boy in hydro is

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00:07:26,230 --> 00:07:24,000

bisexual

237

00:07:28,070 --> 00:07:26,240

so i never wanted them as friends the

238

00:07:30,309 --> 00:07:28,080

coaches liked to kick me and walk on my

239

00:07:31,909 --> 00:07:30,319

hands while i was doing push-ups

240

00:07:33,510 --> 00:07:31,919

some of the other teachers beat me with

241

00:07:35,430 --> 00:07:33,520

the paddle for no reason

242

00:07:36,950 --> 00:07:35,440

it made them feel really big beating up

243

00:07:38,550 --> 00:07:36,960

on bud shemlin's son

244

00:07:40,070 --> 00:07:38,560

they didn't have the courage to stand up

245

00:07:41,430 --> 00:07:40,080

to him so they took out their

246

00:07:43,350 --> 00:07:41,440

frustration on me

247

00:07:45,430 --> 00:07:43,360

i never told dad about it because i knew

248

00:07:46,309 --> 00:07:45,440

they would end up hospitalized or in an

249

00:07:48,469 --> 00:07:46,319

accident

250

00:07:50,070 --> 00:07:48,479

many of the local farmers had lost farms

251

00:07:51,830 --> 00:07:50,080

to dad in poker games

252

00:07:53,749 --> 00:07:51,840

from the first day we moved to south

253

00:07:56,710 --> 00:07:53,759

airport road the trouble began

254

00:07:57,990 --> 00:07:56,720

in 1974 we moved in a house from colony

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00:07:59,830 --> 00:07:58,000

to location a mile

256

00:08:01,749 --> 00:07:59,840

and a half south on airport road and a

257

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

quarter east our address was in

258

00:08:05,029 --> 00:08:03,199

weatherford oklahoma

259

00:08:06,869 --> 00:08:05,039

the first day of the house was moved and

260

00:08:08,550 --> 00:08:06,879

somebody knocked out the windows

261

00:08:11,029 --> 00:08:08,560

a week later somebody stole all the

262

00:08:12,150 --> 00:08:11,039

power tools so we built a shop which had

263

00:08:13,909 --> 00:08:12,160

have strong lock

264

00:08:16,150 --> 00:08:13,919

after a few months of remodeling we

265

00:08:18,070 --> 00:08:16,160

moved in however the bad stuff kept

266

00:08:19,749 --> 00:08:18,080

happening such as mom's veggie garden

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00:08:21,589 --> 00:08:19,759

would get raided and the fruit trees

268

00:08:23,589 --> 00:08:21,599

would get pulled out of the ground

269

00:08:25,350 --> 00:08:23,599

eventually we got everything established

270

00:08:27,029 --> 00:08:25,360

in the garden and in the orchard

271

00:08:28,950 --> 00:08:27,039

we built a barn and chicken coops to

272

00:08:29,990 --> 00:08:28,960

house my 50 breeds of chickens and

273

00:08:31,749 --> 00:08:30,000

jungle fell

274

00:08:33,670 --> 00:08:31,759

it was a constant battle stopping the

275

00:08:35,909 --> 00:08:33,680

thieves and vandals from stealing our

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00:08:37,670 --> 00:08:35,919

things and destroying our automobiles

277

00:08:39,750 --> 00:08:37,680

even though i stayed up all night long

278

00:08:40,469 --> 00:08:39,760

sometimes i never caught the vandals and

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00:08:42,469 --> 00:08:40,479

thieves

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00:08:43,829 --> 00:08:42,479

we kept a big chest freezer in the shop

281

00:08:45,750 --> 00:08:43,839

full of steak to eat

282

00:08:47,430 --> 00:08:45,760

one night somebody ripped off the entire

283

00:08:49,910 --> 00:08:47,440

lid and stole all the meat

284

00:08:52,150 --> 00:08:49,920

we then had dad's best friend floyd goss

285

00:08:54,230 --> 00:08:52,160

install lighting all around the property

286

00:08:55,910 --> 00:08:54,240

i love watching wildlife so i always

287

00:08:57,350 --> 00:08:55,920

spread peanut butter and honey on our

288

00:08:59,190 --> 00:08:57,360

back fence posts

289

00:09:01,350 --> 00:08:59,200

so i could watch the deer raccoons and

290

00:09:03,430 --> 00:09:01,360

opossums this may have been what first

291

00:09:05,430 --> 00:09:03,440

attracted our unwanted guests

292

00:09:06,630 --> 00:09:05,440

vandals would drive steel fence posts

293

00:09:08,470 --> 00:09:06,640

through our car tires

294

00:09:10,389 --> 00:09:08,480

drive wooden spears through our car and

295

00:09:11,590 --> 00:09:10,399

truck radiators hill bricks from the

296

00:09:13,750 --> 00:09:11,600

canyon near to us

297

00:09:15,509 --> 00:09:13,760

send waves of homemade arrows with us

298

00:09:17,990 --> 00:09:15,519

and many more wacky things

299

00:09:19,829 --> 00:09:18,000

we had no idea who the crazy people were

300

00:09:21,509 --> 00:09:19,839

why didn't they just puncture our tires

301

00:09:23,269 --> 00:09:21,519

with a cordless drill or shoot

302

00:09:25,430 --> 00:09:23,279

store-bought arrows at us

303

00:09:27,670 --> 00:09:25,440

a few years later when i was 22 years

304

00:09:29,350 --> 00:09:27,680

old the puzzle began coming together

305

00:09:31,509 --> 00:09:29,360

wrapped strawberries kerns and

306

00:09:33,670 --> 00:09:31,519

blackberries began disappearing before

307

00:09:34,949 --> 00:09:33,680

mother had the opportunity to pick them

308

00:09:36,870 --> 00:09:34,959

the sheets that she put on the

309

00:09:39,269 --> 00:09:36,880

clothesline would be ripped to pieces

310

00:09:41,430 --> 00:09:39,279

while she was indoors cooking meals one

311

00:09:43,590 --> 00:09:41,440

friday morning when dad was on his way

312

00:09:45,030 --> 00:09:43,600

out of town for the weekend as always he

313

00:09:45,750 --> 00:09:45,040

found a pickup that was totally

314

00:09:47,430 --> 00:09:45,760

destroyed

315

00:09:50,070 --> 00:09:47,440

and the seat had been torn out and was

316

00:09:51,430 --> 00:09:50,080

missing this sent my dad into a rage

317

00:09:53,350 --> 00:09:51,440

and he went door to door in the

318

00:09:54,150 --> 00:09:53,360

neighborhood trying to find the guilty

319

00:09:56,070 --> 00:09:54,160

person

320

00:09:58,310 --> 00:09:56,080

while he was gone i threw all of his

321

00:10:00,310 --> 00:09:58,320

guns into the pond behind our house

322

00:10:01,910 --> 00:10:00,320

dad never really forgave me for that

323

00:10:02,710 --> 00:10:01,920

although i knew it was the right thing

324

00:10:04,389 --> 00:10:02,720

to do

325

00:10:06,550 --> 00:10:04,399

i had a pen of really huge pull in

326
00:10:07,509 --> 00:10:06,560
china's sews where the vegetable garden

327
00:10:09,509 --> 00:10:07,519
used to be

328
00:10:11,350 --> 00:10:09,519
mother finally gave up having a garden

329
00:10:12,389 --> 00:10:11,360
because 70 percent of it would end up

330
00:10:14,710 --> 00:10:12,399
get stolen

331
00:10:16,870 --> 00:10:14,720
these 800 pound sews were really mean

332
00:10:19,190 --> 00:10:16,880
from being tormented by the vandals

333
00:10:21,430 --> 00:10:19,200
i was selling show pigs to kids in 4-h

334
00:10:23,350 --> 00:10:21,440
and future farmers of america club

335
00:10:25,350 --> 00:10:23,360
most of the sows had already farrowed

336
00:10:27,190 --> 00:10:25,360
and were suckling pigs in the garden

337
00:10:28,949 --> 00:10:27,200
mother went to check on the last soda

338
00:10:29,910 --> 00:10:28,959

pharaoh one morning and came running

339

00:10:31,590 --> 00:10:29,920

back to the house

340

00:10:33,990 --> 00:10:31,600

yelling one of the sows is eating a

341

00:10:35,430 --> 00:10:34,000

gorilla like as i began to dress

342

00:10:37,350 --> 00:10:35,440

i thought what she was seeing was

343

00:10:37,990 --> 00:10:37,360

probably a large dog or coyote being

344

00:10:40,230 --> 00:10:38,000

eaten

345

00:10:42,150 --> 00:10:40,240

i did know pigs love the taste of meat

346

00:10:44,230 --> 00:10:42,160

once there was a car wreck by carnegie

347

00:10:45,829 --> 00:10:44,240

where the car landed in a pig pen

348

00:10:47,910 --> 00:10:45,839

by the time hal came the people were

349

00:10:49,030 --> 00:10:47,920

already eaten if a chicken ever got

350

00:10:51,430 --> 00:10:49,040

caught in the pig pen

351
00:10:53,269 --> 00:10:51,440
it was quickly devoured as i rushed upon

352
00:10:54,389 --> 00:10:53,279
the scene i found his soul with a large

353
00:10:56,870 --> 00:10:54,399
leg in its mouth

354
00:10:58,790 --> 00:10:56,880
the leg was covered in short brown fur

355
00:10:59,590 --> 00:10:58,800
the calf of the leg was just as large as

356
00:11:01,509 --> 00:10:59,600
the thigh

357
00:11:02,630 --> 00:11:01,519
the sows kept trying to bite me because

358
00:11:04,389 --> 00:11:02,640
of the baby pigs

359
00:11:05,750 --> 00:11:04,399
so i had to keep kicking they weigh with

360
00:11:07,670 --> 00:11:05,760
my cowboy boots

361
00:11:09,110 --> 00:11:07,680
the cell wouldn't release the leg so i

362
00:11:10,069 --> 00:11:09,120
could take it to my college for

363
00:11:12,230 --> 00:11:10,079

inspection

364

00:11:13,509 --> 00:11:12,240

i was a senior at southwest oklahoma

365

00:11:15,430 --> 00:11:13,519

state university

366

00:11:16,790 --> 00:11:15,440

i went into the house and got the pistol

367

00:11:18,870 --> 00:11:16,800

mother kept in her purse

368

00:11:21,269 --> 00:11:18,880

to shoot the sow so i could retrieve the

369

00:11:23,269 --> 00:11:21,279

leg when i returned two sews had began

370

00:11:25,030 --> 00:11:23,279

eating on the thigh portion of the leg

371

00:11:26,389 --> 00:11:25,040

it looked like i was going to have to

372

00:11:27,670 --> 00:11:26,399

shoot three sews to get at the

373

00:11:29,590 --> 00:11:27,680

mysterious leg

374

00:11:31,509 --> 00:11:29,600

mother came up behind me with a stick of

375

00:11:33,750 --> 00:11:31,519

firewood and it was lights out

376

00:11:35,110 --> 00:11:33,760

by the time i came to the leg had long

377

00:11:36,949 --> 00:11:35,120

since been devoured

378

00:11:39,110 --> 00:11:36,959

so now i began to figure it was the

379

00:11:40,949 --> 00:11:39,120

bigfoots that had been tormenting us

380

00:11:42,150 --> 00:11:40,959

like the one we saw in the cotton field

381

00:11:43,670 --> 00:11:42,160

eight years earlier

382

00:11:45,750 --> 00:11:43,680

we must live near their village i

383

00:11:47,509 --> 00:11:45,760

thought or a place special to them

384

00:11:49,030 --> 00:11:47,519

why else would they spend six years

385

00:11:51,030 --> 00:11:49,040

trying to run us off

386

00:11:52,389 --> 00:11:51,040

i told mother it was just a cow's leg

387

00:11:53,990 --> 00:11:52,399

the dogs had drug up

388

00:11:55,910 --> 00:11:54,000

the truth would have made her too scared

389

00:11:56,790 --> 00:11:55,920

to sleep at night or leave the safety of

390

00:11:58,629 --> 00:11:56,800

the house

391

00:12:00,710 --> 00:11:58,639

mother apologized for hitting me over

392

00:12:02,310 --> 00:12:00,720

the head with a stick of firewood

393

00:12:04,310 --> 00:12:02,320

she said the neighbors would have called

394

00:12:05,110 --> 00:12:04,320

the law if i began killing all three

395

00:12:07,110 --> 00:12:05,120

sows

396

00:12:09,430 --> 00:12:07,120

i bought three male old english mastiffs

397

00:12:11,430 --> 00:12:09,440

to protect us from bigfoots and thieves

398

00:12:12,870 --> 00:12:11,440

each of them weighed over 200 pounds and

399

00:12:14,949 --> 00:12:12,880

were lean and strong

400

00:12:16,870 --> 00:12:14,959

lots of chickens were getting stolen and

401

00:12:17,750 --> 00:12:16,880

i wasn't certain bigfoot was the blame

402

00:12:19,990 --> 00:12:17,760

for all of it

403

00:12:21,750 --> 00:12:20,000

because our game foul was very expensive

404

00:12:24,069 --> 00:12:21,760

so cockers who couldn't afford them

405

00:12:26,069 --> 00:12:24,079

might be inclined to steal them many of

406

00:12:27,030 --> 00:12:26,079

my rare breed chickens were european and

407

00:12:28,949 --> 00:12:27,040

asian imports

408

00:12:31,350 --> 00:12:28,959

and i had a small fortune invested in

409

00:12:33,350 --> 00:12:31,360

them the dogs did a great job protecting

410

00:12:35,430 --> 00:12:33,360

the acre of land we were living on

411

00:12:37,829 --> 00:12:35,440

rottweilers and german shepherds we had

412

00:12:39,750 --> 00:12:37,839

died from a broken neck or broken ribs

413

00:12:40,470 --> 00:12:39,760

so finally we were having no problems

414

00:12:42,069 --> 00:12:40,480

here

415

00:12:44,150 --> 00:12:42,079

some of my friends brought over their

416

00:12:46,069 --> 00:12:44,160

trailhounds and we scoured the local

417

00:12:48,150 --> 00:12:46,079

sections for signs of bigfoot

418

00:12:49,350 --> 00:12:48,160

they lost several dogs to wooden spears

419

00:12:51,350 --> 00:12:49,360

and primitive arrows

420

00:12:53,190 --> 00:12:51,360

so they called off the hunts they

421

00:12:54,550 --> 00:12:53,200

figured some psycho must be living on

422

00:12:56,230 --> 00:12:54,560

the local creeks

423

00:12:58,550 --> 00:12:56,240

i don't think i ever convinced them they

424

00:12:59,590 --> 00:12:58,560

were bigfoots my friends tend to believe

425

00:13:01,829 --> 00:12:59,600

only what they see

426

00:13:03,910 --> 00:13:01,839

with their own two eyes it wasn't long

427

00:13:06,310 --> 00:13:03,920

before cattle and horses near to us

428

00:13:07,509 --> 00:13:06,320

began getting mutilated their legs being

429

00:13:09,670 --> 00:13:07,519

bound with heavy gauge

430

00:13:11,590 --> 00:13:09,680

barbed wire and me cut from their body

431

00:13:12,389 --> 00:13:11,600

with them still alive and driving in

432

00:13:14,230 --> 00:13:12,399

agony

433

00:13:15,430 --> 00:13:14,240

knives were always getting stolen from

434

00:13:17,269 --> 00:13:15,440

our tackle boxes

435

00:13:19,190 --> 00:13:17,279

in fact all the fishermen in my area

436

00:13:21,430 --> 00:13:19,200

were losing hunting knives and fishing

437

00:13:23,430 --> 00:13:21,440

equipment from their fishing camps

438

00:13:24,790 --> 00:13:23,440

seems a late bigfoot likes to steal what

439

00:13:27,670 --> 00:13:24,800

he can use

440

00:13:29,509 --> 00:13:27,680

it was christmas 1984 and many relatives

441

00:13:31,430 --> 00:13:29,519

were joining us for christmas

442

00:13:33,190 --> 00:13:31,440

we were busy opening the presents when

443

00:13:34,470 --> 00:13:33,200

my brother looked out the kitchen window

444

00:13:36,230 --> 00:13:34,480

and whispered dennis

445

00:13:37,670 --> 00:13:36,240

somebody is carrying away your chickens

446

00:13:39,350 --> 00:13:37,680

over the back fence

447

00:13:41,189 --> 00:13:39,360

it was beginning to get dark and the

448

00:13:42,310 --> 00:13:41,199

yard light couldn't illuminate the area

449

00:13:44,470 --> 00:13:42,320

because of the barn

450

00:13:45,750 --> 00:13:44,480

i sprang to my feet and ran to the fence

451
00:13:48,230 --> 00:13:45,760
and climbed over it

452
00:13:48,870 --> 00:13:48,240
it just struck me i hope this seaf isn't

453
00:13:50,310 --> 00:13:48,880
hard

454
00:13:52,790 --> 00:13:50,320
the thief came into view with the

455
00:13:54,389 --> 00:13:52,800
chickens in each hand i grabbed his arm

456
00:13:56,230 --> 00:13:54,399
and demanded he release them

457
00:13:58,310 --> 00:13:56,240
all the sudden this huge fist struck me

458
00:14:00,150 --> 00:13:58,320
in the jaw and drove me back six feet

459
00:14:02,069 --> 00:14:00,160
into the small cedar trees

460
00:14:03,910 --> 00:14:02,079
this made me terribly mad because i

461
00:14:05,829 --> 00:14:03,920
wasn't being hostile towards him

462
00:14:07,350 --> 00:14:05,839
in a few seconds i responded with four

463
00:14:09,430 --> 00:14:07,360

quick jabs to his stomach

464

00:14:12,470 --> 00:14:09,440

and heard him lose his wind i was a

465

00:14:14,790 --> 00:14:12,480

scrappy 6ft 6 300 pound kickboxer who

466

00:14:16,550 --> 00:14:14,800

hammered his thick skull and hairy body

467

00:14:17,910 --> 00:14:16,560

all of a sudden he began biting and

468

00:14:19,030 --> 00:14:17,920

scratching me with these huge

469

00:14:20,949 --> 00:14:19,040

fingernails

470

00:14:23,189 --> 00:14:20,959

next he flung me into the cedar trees

471

00:14:24,949 --> 00:14:23,199

where my brother had built a treehouse

472

00:14:27,110 --> 00:14:24,959

i yelled for my brother and cousin to

473

00:14:28,949 --> 00:14:27,120

get back across the barbed wire fence

474

00:14:31,030 --> 00:14:28,959

because we were no match for this giant

475

00:14:32,069 --> 00:14:31,040

of a man the clumps its huge hands

476

00:14:33,990 --> 00:14:32,079

around my throat

477

00:14:36,389 --> 00:14:34,000

i knew this guy was planning to finish

478

00:14:38,150 --> 00:14:36,399

me off so i screamed at the top of my

479

00:14:39,670 --> 00:14:38,160

lungs to release the dogs

480

00:14:41,990 --> 00:14:39,680

we had them in pens because of the

481

00:14:44,389 --> 00:14:42,000

relatives being here my mother's cousin

482

00:14:45,269 --> 00:14:44,399

dorothy nelson from tonkawa oklahoma was

483

00:14:46,870 --> 00:14:45,279

running our way

484

00:14:49,030 --> 00:14:46,880

she had pulled her revolver from her

485

00:14:50,790 --> 00:14:49,040

purse planning to rescue me

486

00:14:52,150 --> 00:14:50,800

in the darkness she could accidentally

487

00:14:53,910 --> 00:14:52,160

shoot me by mistake

488

00:14:55,990 --> 00:14:53,920

when she heard me scream for the release

489

00:14:56,710 --> 00:14:56,000

of the dogs she stopped and opened their

490

00:14:58,389 --> 00:14:56,720

doors

491

00:15:00,550 --> 00:14:58,399

the dogs were already foaming at the

492

00:15:02,310 --> 00:15:00,560

mouth ready to bite my attacker

493

00:15:03,990 --> 00:15:02,320

they hid bigfoot like a freight train

494

00:15:05,829 --> 00:15:04,000

pushing him into the ground

495

00:15:08,230 --> 00:15:05,839

i was terrified they would bite me by

496

00:15:10,629 --> 00:15:08,240

accident the bigfoot screamed in pain as

497

00:15:13,189 --> 00:15:10,639

the punishing jaws toward his flesh

498

00:15:14,870 --> 00:15:13,199

from the screen i knew it was not human

499

00:15:16,389 --> 00:15:14,880

soon bigfoot was up and running with the

500

00:15:18,389 --> 00:15:16,399

mastiffs on his heels

501
00:15:20,710 --> 00:15:18,399
when they took me to the emergency room

502
00:15:22,550 --> 00:15:20,720
i was covered in bites and scratches

503
00:15:24,470 --> 00:15:22,560
i have no idea what the emergency

504
00:15:25,269 --> 00:15:24,480
department thought about all my unusual

505
00:15:27,189 --> 00:15:25,279
wounds

506
00:15:29,590 --> 00:15:27,199
dad said i look like a bear had attacked

507
00:15:30,790 --> 00:15:29,600
me it fractured my skull and bruised me

508
00:15:33,829 --> 00:15:30,800
from head to toe

509
00:15:35,030 --> 00:15:33,839
my family moved from here in 1992 i

510
00:15:37,670 --> 00:15:35,040
moved the girlfriend in

511
00:15:39,749 --> 00:15:37,680
and we stuck it out until 1994.

512
00:15:42,389 --> 00:15:39,759
eventually all my dogs died at the hand

513
00:15:44,550 --> 00:15:42,399

of a bigfoot wooden arrows wooden spears

514

00:15:47,189 --> 00:15:44,560

cement blocks and beaten with a fence

515

00:15:47,749 --> 00:15:47,199

post even electric fences didn't stop

516

00:15:50,069 --> 00:15:47,759

them

517

00:15:51,829 --> 00:15:50,079

meth makers began taking over the area

518

00:15:53,430 --> 00:15:51,839

so my family moved away

519

00:15:55,269 --> 00:15:53,440

it seemed every place i moved the

520

00:15:56,870 --> 00:15:55,279

bigfoots would soon follow

521

00:15:58,470 --> 00:15:56,880

neighbors complained that someone was

522

00:15:59,350 --> 00:15:58,480

trying to scare them in a gorilla or

523

00:16:00,949 --> 00:15:59,360

bear suit

524

00:16:03,350 --> 00:16:00,959

we would have the same pounding on our

525

00:16:04,310 --> 00:16:03,360

walls at night i contacted the bigfoot

526
00:16:05,910 --> 00:16:04,320
research people

527
00:16:07,590 --> 00:16:05,920
and sure enough bigfoots were being

528
00:16:09,430 --> 00:16:07,600
spotted in my vicinity

529
00:16:10,710 --> 00:16:09,440
i have no clue why these creatures are

530
00:16:12,790 --> 00:16:10,720
attracted to me

531
00:16:14,230 --> 00:16:12,800
finally i moved so far away that they

532
00:16:20,550 --> 00:16:14,240
might never find me

533
00:16:23,990 --> 00:16:23,110
this is lon strickler if you like this

534
00:16:25,749 --> 00:16:24,000
program

535
00:16:27,110 --> 00:16:25,759
it would help us if you would give it a

536
00:16:29,910 --> 00:16:27,120
thumbs up

537
00:16:30,470 --> 00:16:29,920
then subscribe and click the bell icon

538
00:16:32,790 --> 00:16:30,480

so you

539

00:16:34,870 --> 00:16:32,800

get notification when we upload new

540

00:16:37,990 --> 00:16:34,880

first person encounters

541

00:16:38,710 --> 00:16:38,000

we have many more to come very soon and

542

00:16:40,870 --> 00:16:38,720

by the way

543

00:16:42,470 --> 00:16:40,880

if you have a suggestion or an