



PANTHER MEN?

**Frightening
encounters
with upright
feline cryptids!**

BXP

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00:00:05,790 --> 00:00:04,590

[Music]

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00:00:10,540 --> 00:00:05,800

[Applause]

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00:00:12,890 --> 00:00:10,550

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00:00:17,830 --> 00:00:12,900

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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 from phantoms and monsters

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00:00:28,830 --> 00:00:24,880
please like subscribe and hit the bell

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00:00:31,910 --> 00:00:28,840
icon so you'll be notified of all future

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00:00:35,910 --> 00:00:34,549
wampus cat stocks coastal north carolina

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00:00:37,990 --> 00:00:35,920
native family

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00:00:40,069 --> 00:00:38,000
i live on the edge of the north carolina

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00:00:41,510 --> 00:00:40,079
coast and have been in this beach town

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00:00:43,830 --> 00:00:41,520

my whole life

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00:00:46,069 --> 00:00:43,840

you get a few miles west from the beach

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00:00:47,990 --> 00:00:46,079

and you're immediately in the country

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00:00:49,510 --> 00:00:48,000

my mother's side has lived here as far

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00:00:51,670 --> 00:00:49,520

back as memory serves

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00:00:53,270 --> 00:00:51,680

and my father is a sioux's mother moved

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00:00:54,549 --> 00:00:53,280

him here as a child away from the

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00:00:56,790 --> 00:00:54,559

reservation

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00:00:57,670 --> 00:00:56,800

since i can remember my mother's side of

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00:01:00,389 --> 00:00:57,680

the family

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00:01:02,709 --> 00:01:00,399

hazard run-ins with the wampus cat

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00:01:04,710 --> 00:01:02,719

legends vary depending on where you are

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00:01:06,469 --> 00:01:04,720

but commonly around here it said she was

26
00:01:06,950 --> 00:01:06,479
a cherokee woman who snuck into the

27
00:01:09,030 --> 00:01:06,960
woods

28
00:01:10,469 --> 00:01:09,040
to listen in on a male's only meeting

29
00:01:11,590 --> 00:01:10,479
that included the chief and their

30
00:01:13,510 --> 00:01:11,600
medicine man

31
00:01:14,630 --> 00:01:13,520
not sure if it's the correct term for

32
00:01:16,230 --> 00:01:14,640
this tribe

33
00:01:18,630 --> 00:01:16,240
she wore the skin of a cougar as a

34
00:01:20,310 --> 00:01:18,640
disguise but she was found out

35
00:01:22,469 --> 00:01:20,320
and the medicine man cursed her to

36
00:01:25,190 --> 00:01:22,479
forever wear the cougar skin

37
00:01:26,469 --> 00:01:25,200
she now stalks people for what reason i

38
00:01:29,590 --> 00:01:26,479

don't know

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00:01:31,990 --> 00:01:29,600

but it follows me and my family

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00:01:33,030 --> 00:01:32,000

always has we've gotten so used to the

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00:01:35,670 --> 00:01:33,040

wampus cat

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00:01:36,230 --> 00:01:35,680

we just expect her when we move to a new

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00:01:38,870 --> 00:01:36,240

house

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00:01:40,069 --> 00:01:38,880

or the seasons are changing or we find

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00:01:42,630 --> 00:01:40,079

ourselves in a moment

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00:01:44,310 --> 00:01:42,640

of emotional weakness when my mother had

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00:01:44,870 --> 00:01:44,320

a rough day being bullied in middle

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00:01:47,429 --> 00:01:44,880

school

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00:01:49,670 --> 00:01:47,439

back in the 80s she was crying and

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00:01:50,389 --> 00:01:49,680

riding her bike home down a country dirt

51
00:01:52,950 --> 00:01:50,399
road

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00:01:53,670 --> 00:01:52,960
the sun is setting but it's not dark out

53
00:01:55,990 --> 00:01:53,680
yet

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00:01:56,950 --> 00:01:56,000
behind her she hears this shriek i've

55
00:01:59,190 --> 00:01:56,960
heard it before

56
00:02:01,429 --> 00:01:59,200
and it sounds like when an eagle screams

57
00:02:02,709 --> 00:02:01,439
but with that gurgling gutturalness of a

58
00:02:05,190 --> 00:02:02,719
cougar's roar

59
00:02:05,910 --> 00:02:05,200
so she turns around and she sees a huge

60
00:02:08,229 --> 00:02:05,920
creature

61
00:02:10,309 --> 00:02:08,239
dark matted fur and a stance like a

62
00:02:11,029 --> 00:02:10,319
gorilla stands in when it walks on its

63
00:02:13,510 --> 00:02:11,039

knuckles

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00:02:15,430 --> 00:02:13,520

back legs crouched a bit chest and head

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00:02:16,390 --> 00:02:15,440

up and supported by the arms on the

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00:02:18,630 --> 00:02:16,400

knuckles

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00:02:20,070 --> 00:02:18,640

she turns around and races on her bike

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00:02:22,390 --> 00:02:20,080

all the way home

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00:02:23,350 --> 00:02:22,400

she told her mom what she saw and she

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00:02:25,990 --> 00:02:23,360

calmly says

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00:02:26,390 --> 00:02:26,000

that's a whampus cat they've never hurt

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00:02:29,910 --> 00:02:26,400

us

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00:02:31,990 --> 00:02:29,920

that

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00:02:33,670 --> 00:02:32,000

so i grew up with a native father

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00:02:35,750 --> 00:02:33,680

superstitious as all hell

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00:02:38,070 --> 00:02:35,760

and practically jumping under the bed to

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00:02:39,750 --> 00:02:38,080

hide when we heard the wampus cat scream

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00:02:41,910 --> 00:02:39,760

in the backyard some nights

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00:02:42,949 --> 00:02:41,920

while my mom and grandmother just kind

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00:02:46,150 --> 00:02:42,959

of acknowledge

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00:02:47,910 --> 00:02:46,160

oh it's the cat again and i have gone my

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00:02:48,949 --> 00:02:47,920

whole life with this is completely

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00:02:51,270 --> 00:02:48,959

normal

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00:02:52,869 --> 00:02:51,280

even when i got married and my husband

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00:02:55,110 --> 00:02:52,879

was out by the woods with me

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00:02:57,190 --> 00:02:55,120

we'd hear that scream see the leaves on

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00:02:57,589 --> 00:02:57,200

the forest floor kick up as it stalked

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00:02:59,830 --> 00:02:57,599

us

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00:03:01,750 --> 00:02:59,840

never coming too close and have to

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00:03:02,869 --> 00:03:01,760

realize that to people who didn't grow

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00:03:05,830 --> 00:03:02,879

up in my town

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00:03:07,589 --> 00:03:05,840

this was a terrifying experience to me

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00:03:09,190 --> 00:03:07,599

it's like when you occasionally see a

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00:03:11,270 --> 00:03:09,200

cardinal in the trees

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00:03:13,110 --> 00:03:11,280

a bit different than the day-to-day but

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00:03:15,270 --> 00:03:13,120

nothing life-changing

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00:03:16,390 --> 00:03:15,280

my closest encounter was one night in

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00:03:18,869 --> 00:03:16,400

high school

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00:03:20,869 --> 00:03:18,879

my friend and i and her boyfriend were

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00:03:22,710 --> 00:03:20,879

sitting on the front porch enjoying the

101
00:03:23,589 --> 00:03:22,720
nighttime salt hair and the lightning

102
00:03:26,309 --> 00:03:23,599
bugs

103
00:03:28,550 --> 00:03:26,319
a huge gorilla-sized extremely hairy

104
00:03:31,350 --> 00:03:28,560
animal runs up to the front of the porch

105
00:03:33,030 --> 00:03:31,360
and screams like hell has opened up now

106
00:03:35,910 --> 00:03:33,040
i'm semi-used to the critter

107
00:03:37,030 --> 00:03:35,920
but i don't want it five feet from me we

108
00:03:39,270 --> 00:03:37,040
go to her bedroom

109
00:03:41,110 --> 00:03:39,280
and for about an hour here is talking

110
00:03:43,589 --> 00:03:41,120
back and forth under her window

111
00:03:45,750 --> 00:03:43,599
about 10 feet down coastal towns have

112
00:03:46,869 --> 00:03:45,760
raised houses on stilts in case of

113
00:03:49,509 --> 00:03:46,879

hurricanes

114

00:03:51,190 --> 00:03:49,519

growling spitting screaming rolling

115

00:03:54,070 --> 00:03:51,200

around in the foliage

116

00:03:54,949 --> 00:03:54,080

just being pesky and grumpy finally it

117

00:03:57,990 --> 00:03:54,959

wanders off

118

00:03:59,030 --> 00:03:58,000

all is quiet and we fall asleep every

119

00:04:02,149 --> 00:03:59,040

once in a while

120

00:04:04,710 --> 00:04:02,159

i'll still hear it it's just life here

121

00:04:06,470 --> 00:04:04,720

this town is extremely haunted i've

122

00:04:07,670 --> 00:04:06,480

grown up a few miles from the fort

123

00:04:10,710 --> 00:04:07,680

fisher battleground

124

00:04:12,949 --> 00:04:10,720

and many historic and tragic places i

125

00:04:14,149 --> 00:04:12,959

have too many unnatural encounters with

126

00:04:17,430 --> 00:04:14,159

all sorts of things

127

00:04:18,550 --> 00:04:17,440

to put in one post but that's it my

128

00:04:20,629 --> 00:04:18,560

experience with a

129

00:04:22,629 --> 00:04:20,639

not so talked about creature that is

130

00:04:24,870 --> 00:04:22,639

just a part of life to me

131

00:04:27,189 --> 00:04:24,880

hope you'll learn something and don't go

132

00:04:36,390 --> 00:04:27,199

out too late in coastal north carolina

133

00:04:40,629 --> 00:04:38,710

upright panther in rural illinois my

134

00:04:41,350 --> 00:04:40,639

aunt saw black panther man when she was

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00:04:43,350 --> 00:04:41,360

a kid

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00:04:45,270 --> 00:04:43,360

ever since i had experienced paranormal

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00:04:46,870 --> 00:04:45,280

activity i started pulling people

138

00:04:48,469 --> 00:04:46,880

asking if they've ever had anything

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00:04:50,150 --> 00:04:48,479

paranormal happen to them

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00:04:51,590 --> 00:04:50,160

at dinner with my aunt and uncles i

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00:04:53,270 --> 00:04:51,600

asked them and she said when she was

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00:04:54,870 --> 00:04:53,280

maybe seven or eight years old

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00:04:56,230 --> 00:04:54,880

she was playing in a creek in the woods

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00:04:57,510 --> 00:04:56,240

behind their house in the middle of

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00:04:59,110 --> 00:04:57,520

rural illinois

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00:05:01,110 --> 00:04:59,120

she heard a noise and looked up to see a

147

00:05:02,870 --> 00:05:01,120

tall muscular black panther man looking

148

00:05:04,790 --> 00:05:02,880

at her as he just walked by

149

00:05:06,629 --> 00:05:04,800

she said she was scared to death but the

150

00:05:08,230 --> 00:05:06,639

creature was almost beautiful

151
00:05:10,310 --> 00:05:08,240
she watched as he just walked away out

152
00:05:11,670 --> 00:05:10,320
of sight he did not threaten or do

153
00:05:12,550 --> 00:05:11,680
anything other than look at her as he

154
00:05:14,469 --> 00:05:12,560
passed

155
00:05:16,310 --> 00:05:14,479
at the time i had not heard many or if

156
00:05:18,150 --> 00:05:16,320
any of these animal human sightings

157
00:05:19,909 --> 00:05:18,160
so i thought it was interesting and i

158
00:05:21,430 --> 00:05:19,919
believed her but it was the first time

159
00:05:23,430 --> 00:05:21,440
i'd heard of a cat man

160
00:05:25,510 --> 00:05:23,440
my uncle who's very meat and potatoes

161
00:05:26,629 --> 00:05:25,520
logical said he had not experienced

162
00:05:28,550 --> 00:05:26,639
anything paranormal

163
00:05:30,870 --> 00:05:28,560

and he just smiled as my aunt told her

164

00:05:32,390 --> 00:05:30,880

story they asked why i was interested

165

00:05:33,830 --> 00:05:32,400

and i told them that i'd experienced

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00:05:35,749 --> 00:05:33,840

some supernatural things

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00:05:37,510 --> 00:05:35,759

and now i make a point to ask people if

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00:05:39,590 --> 00:05:37,520

they've experienced anything

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00:05:41,990 --> 00:05:39,600

my uncle quoted carl sagan and said

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00:05:42,710 --> 00:05:42,000

extraordinary claims need extraordinary

171

00:05:44,390 --> 00:05:42,720

proof

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00:05:45,990 --> 00:05:44,400

but my aunt was not embarrassed and

173

00:05:47,430 --> 00:05:46,000

stressed that she indeed saw it and

174

00:05:49,430 --> 00:05:47,440

she'll never forget it

175

00:05:51,110 --> 00:05:49,440

that must have been 10 years ago and i

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00:05:52,870 --> 00:05:51,120

now know these encounters are somewhat

177

00:05:54,870 --> 00:05:52,880

more common than i once thought

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00:05:57,029 --> 00:05:54,880

you have the egyptians depicting catman

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00:05:58,790 --> 00:05:57,039

bird men dog men etc

180

00:06:00,309 --> 00:05:58,800

stephen king's the dark tower writes

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

about these entities working with the

182

00:06:04,629 --> 00:06:00,639

men

183

00:06:06,950 --> 00:06:04,639

story they're called the tahin

184

00:06:08,710 --> 00:06:06,960

so is it a human shapeshifter are there

185

00:06:10,629 --> 00:06:08,720

actual catman entities from another

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00:06:11,990 --> 00:06:10,639

dimension that slip into our reality

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00:06:13,670 --> 00:06:12,000

from time to time

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00:06:15,830 --> 00:06:13,680

is it a genetically created hybrid

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00:06:18,070 --> 00:06:15,840

monster from some government program

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00:06:19,990 --> 00:06:18,080

perhaps aliens created this hybrid as a

191

00:06:22,309 --> 00:06:20,000

vessel that humans can possess like an

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00:06:23,909 --> 00:06:22,319

avatar to walk around our realm maybe

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00:06:24,950 --> 00:06:23,919

it's like the werewolf phenomena but a

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00:06:27,189 --> 00:06:24,960

wheelbarrow

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00:06:28,070 --> 00:06:27,199

i have no idea but the possibilities are

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00:06:35,670 --> 00:06:28,080

endless

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00:06:37,510 --> 00:06:35,680

h jones

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00:06:39,909 --> 00:06:37,520

upright tiger man encountered in

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00:06:41,670 --> 00:06:39,919

queensland i've also encountered a cat

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00:06:43,590 --> 00:06:41,680

man humanoid being in the woods of

201
00:06:45,510 --> 00:06:43,600
northern queensland australia

202
00:06:47,749 --> 00:06:45,520
i was working at a security detention

203
00:06:49,749 --> 00:06:47,759
center in a place called weeper up there

204
00:06:51,990 --> 00:06:49,759
it's absolutely vast land there with

205
00:06:53,830 --> 00:06:52,000
woods stretching for miles and miles

206
00:06:55,430 --> 00:06:53,840
it was about three a.m in the morning

207
00:06:57,189 --> 00:06:55,440
when the encounter occurred

208
00:06:58,950 --> 00:06:57,199
there were four security posts around

209
00:07:00,790 --> 00:06:58,960
the fence line which we had to man

210
00:07:01,990 --> 00:07:00,800
and make sure the detainees didn't

211
00:07:04,070 --> 00:07:02,000
escape i was

212
00:07:06,469 --> 00:07:04,080
stationed at zulu 3 post which was

213
00:07:08,390 --> 00:07:06,479

situated behind the detention center

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00:07:10,309 --> 00:07:08,400

where those seven lebanese detainees

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00:07:11,270 --> 00:07:10,319

escaped three months before i started

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00:07:13,749 --> 00:07:11,280

working there

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00:07:15,430 --> 00:07:13,759

it was 3 am and i was sitting at my post

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00:07:16,790 --> 00:07:15,440

watching a kookaburra bird swoop down

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00:07:18,070 --> 00:07:16,800

from the top of the tall fence to the

220

00:07:20,390 --> 00:07:18,080

grass collecting bugs

221

00:07:22,230 --> 00:07:20,400

lizards etc when i heard a crash in the

222

00:07:24,469 --> 00:07:22,240

woods behind my post

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00:07:26,309 --> 00:07:24,479

this caused all the occupying kookaburra

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00:07:27,909 --> 00:07:26,319

birds to wake up and call

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00:07:29,350 --> 00:07:27,919

there were thousands of them up there in

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00:07:31,350 --> 00:07:29,360

the northern queensland

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00:07:33,029 --> 00:07:31,360

i quickly got up and ran to see what the

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00:07:34,950 --> 00:07:33,039

commercial was all about

229

00:07:37,510 --> 00:07:34,960

is when i saw what the birds were

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00:07:40,390 --> 00:07:37,520

hacking at it was a cat humanoid being

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00:07:42,309 --> 00:07:40,400

standing about two meters behind my post

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00:07:44,309 --> 00:07:42,319

it was making its way through the trees

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00:07:44,790 --> 00:07:44,319

until it saw me standing there watching

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00:07:48,950 --> 00:07:44,800

it

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00:07:51,589 --> 00:07:48,960

which looked like long claws

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00:07:53,270 --> 00:07:51,599

it stood about eight to nine feet tall i

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00:07:54,309 --> 00:07:53,280

was trying to see what it looked like

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00:07:56,390 --> 00:07:54,319

through the darkness

239

00:07:58,469 --> 00:07:56,400

but all i could see was feature wise was

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00:08:00,629 --> 00:07:58,479

the shape of a cat's face

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00:08:02,790 --> 00:08:00,639

like a tiger honestly it looked

242

00:08:03,510 --> 00:08:02,800

ferocious and it was built like it was

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00:08:06,950 --> 00:08:03,520

made to do

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00:08:08,950 --> 00:08:06,960

serious damage standing on two feet

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00:08:10,550 --> 00:08:08,960

it then walked backwards into the woods

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00:08:11,350 --> 00:08:10,560

and vanished into the darkness of the

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00:08:13,909 --> 00:08:11,360

woods

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00:08:15,990 --> 00:08:13,919

i was so glad i had a 40 feet fence

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00:08:17,749 --> 00:08:16,000

between me and that monstrosity

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00:08:19,589 --> 00:08:17,759

for the remainder of my time working

251
00:08:20,710 --> 00:08:19,599
there i kept my back face towards the

252
00:08:23,430 --> 00:08:20,720
detention center

253
00:08:25,430 --> 00:08:23,440
and my front face towards the woods this

254
00:08:26,390 --> 00:08:25,440
encounter i'll definitely take to my

255
00:08:32,310 --> 00:08:26,400
grave

256
00:08:35,750 --> 00:08:34,790
this is lon strickler if you like this

257
00:08:37,509 --> 00:08:35,760
program

258
00:08:38,790 --> 00:08:37,519
it would help us if you would give it a

259
00:08:41,670 --> 00:08:38,800
thumbs up

260
00:08:42,149 --> 00:08:41,680
then subscribe and click the bell icon

261
00:08:44,550 --> 00:08:42,159
so you

262
00:08:46,630 --> 00:08:44,560
get notification when we upload new

263
00:08:49,750 --> 00:08:46,640

first-person encounters

264

00:08:52,230 --> 00:08:49,760

we have many more to come very soon and

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00:08:54,630 --> 00:08:52,240

by the way if you have a suggestion