

ATTACKED
by murderous
pale humanoid
creatures in
Tennessee's
Cherokee
Forest!



**KILLER
CRAWLERS?**



1
00:00:05,860 --> 00:00:04,590
[Music]

2
00:00:10,540 --> 00:00:05,870
[Applause]

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

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00:00:17,750 --> 00:00:12,900
[Applause]

5
00:00:21,910 --> 00:00:19,670
welcome to the best of first person

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00:00:24,790 --> 00:00:21,920
episodes of phantoms and monsters

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00:00:28,830 --> 00:00:24,800
please like subscribe and hit the bell

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00:00:31,830 --> 00:00:28,840
icon so you'll be notified of all future

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00:00:33,510 --> 00:00:31,840
uploads

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00:00:35,110 --> 00:00:33,520
deadly pale humanoid monsters

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00:00:36,310 --> 00:00:35,120
encountered in tennessee's cherokee

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00:00:38,069 --> 00:00:36,320
national forest

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00:00:39,350 --> 00:00:38,079

in the early days of february just

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

before my senior year

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00:00:43,110 --> 00:00:41,360

i was prompted by my father to undertake

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00:00:44,869 --> 00:00:43,120

a rite of passage as he called it

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00:00:46,549 --> 00:00:44,879

i was to be left alone to fend for

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00:00:48,470 --> 00:00:46,559

myself in a section of tennessee's

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00:00:49,510 --> 00:00:48,480

cherokee national forest for three days

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00:00:50,790 --> 00:00:49,520

and two nights

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00:00:52,950 --> 00:00:50,800

i was against the trip from the

22

00:00:54,630 --> 00:00:52,960

beginning sure i liked hunting and

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00:00:56,869 --> 00:00:54,640

camping but this was extreme

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00:00:58,950 --> 00:00:56,879

too extreme for my tastes but it was

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00:01:00,709 --> 00:00:58,960

tradition passed down from father to son

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00:01:03,349 --> 00:01:00,719

in my family for generations

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00:01:05,270 --> 00:01:03,359

who was i to break tradition so against

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00:01:06,710 --> 00:01:05,280

my reservations and against the feeling

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00:01:08,550 --> 00:01:06,720

that this was a stupid idea

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00:01:11,030 --> 00:01:08,560

i packed up my backpack grabbed my

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00:01:12,870 --> 00:01:11,040

30-ought 6-bolt action rifle and climbed

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00:01:14,950 --> 00:01:12,880

into the cab of my dad's pickup

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00:01:16,950 --> 00:01:14,960

it was a long drive i was a little

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00:01:17,670 --> 00:01:16,960

pissed that my dad was basically forcing

35

00:01:19,510 --> 00:01:17,680

this on me

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00:01:21,030 --> 00:01:19,520

and our uneasy silence only made the

37

00:01:22,870 --> 00:01:21,040

hours feel like days

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00:01:24,630 --> 00:01:22,880

we only stopped once at a gas station

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00:01:26,710 --> 00:01:24,640

about 10 miles from our cabin

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00:01:28,550 --> 00:01:26,720

it was 15 miles of dirt to my dad's

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00:01:29,749 --> 00:01:28,560

cabin that his grandfather had left him

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00:01:32,469 --> 00:01:29,759

which would in turn

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00:01:33,990 --> 00:01:32,479

be left to me it was tradition after all

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00:01:34,710 --> 00:01:34,000

but i wouldn't be getting the luxury of

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00:01:36,870 --> 00:01:34,720

the cabin

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00:01:38,710 --> 00:01:36,880

no we were parking the truck and my

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00:01:39,990 --> 00:01:38,720

father was driving me up deeper into the

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00:01:42,230 --> 00:01:40,000

woods on a four-wheeler to

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00:01:44,389 --> 00:01:42,240

a random undisclosed point i would then

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00:01:46,389 --> 00:01:44,399

have three days to find my way back

51
00:01:48,310 --> 00:01:46,399
if i succeeded i'd become a man in my

52
00:01:50,069 --> 00:01:48,320
dad's eyes and we'd also be getting a

53
00:01:51,990 --> 00:01:50,079
new swimming pool for the summer

54
00:01:53,429 --> 00:01:52,000
it was bribery but i would be going into

55
00:01:55,190 --> 00:01:53,439
my senior year in august

56
00:01:57,670 --> 00:01:55,200
and having a big pool would cement my

57
00:01:59,749 --> 00:01:57,680
popularity it was vain and i was doing

58
00:02:01,749 --> 00:01:59,759
this for mostly selfish reasons but i

59
00:02:03,350 --> 00:02:01,759
also wanted to make my dad proud

60
00:02:05,109 --> 00:02:03,360
i stepped out of the toasted truck to

61
00:02:07,030 --> 00:02:05,119
the calm frigid forest air

62
00:02:09,270 --> 00:02:07,040
the cabin was a small two-story log

63
00:02:10,150 --> 00:02:09,280

affair worn from age but obviously well

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00:02:11,830 --> 00:02:10,160

maintained

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00:02:13,589 --> 00:02:11,840

a new wooden wraparound porch had been

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00:02:15,110 --> 00:02:13,599

built last summer and was in need of

67

00:02:16,309 --> 00:02:15,120

staining that we've never gotten around

68

00:02:18,150 --> 00:02:16,319

to but otherwise

69

00:02:19,670 --> 00:02:18,160

the cabin was pristine it was a

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00:02:21,110 --> 00:02:19,680

tremendously peaceful place

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00:02:23,030 --> 00:02:21,120

far removed from the troubles of

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00:02:24,630 --> 00:02:23,040

civilization and i felt like i was

73

00:02:26,229 --> 00:02:24,640

intruding on hello ground

74

00:02:28,150 --> 00:02:26,239

i brushed off the shiver that clawed

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00:02:29,030 --> 00:02:28,160

down my spine and buttoned my long coat

76
00:02:30,949 --> 00:02:29,040
to my neck

77
00:02:32,630 --> 00:02:30,959
immediately most of the chill went away

78
00:02:34,630 --> 00:02:32,640
and i shook off my unease

79
00:02:36,229 --> 00:02:34,640
before i could take a step to the cabin

80
00:02:37,830 --> 00:02:36,239
my dad came around the front of the

81
00:02:40,070 --> 00:02:37,840
truck and held out his hand

82
00:02:41,750 --> 00:02:40,080
thomas hand me your bag he demanded in a

83
00:02:43,910 --> 00:02:41,760
curt no-nonsense tone

84
00:02:45,190 --> 00:02:43,920
as he told me to hand him my backpack i

85
00:02:47,110 --> 00:02:45,200
did so without question

86
00:02:48,550 --> 00:02:47,120
and he immediately went inside telling

87
00:02:50,309 --> 00:02:48,560
me to wait on the porch

88
00:02:51,990 --> 00:02:50,319

i marched across the wood and sat in the

89

00:02:53,030 --> 00:02:52,000

rocking chair while my dad bustled

90

00:02:54,550 --> 00:02:53,040

around inside

91

00:02:56,630 --> 00:02:54,560

i loaded everything you'll need for

92

00:02:58,309 --> 00:02:56,640

three days in the bag you have a couple

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00:02:59,030 --> 00:02:58,319

days of food but it's only for an

94

00:03:01,110 --> 00:02:59,040

emergency

95

00:03:02,070 --> 00:03:01,120

i also added a flare gun for an actual

96

00:03:03,910 --> 00:03:02,080

emergency

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00:03:05,910 --> 00:03:03,920

he handed me back the bag and it was

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00:03:07,670 --> 00:03:05,920

stuffed full a lot had been added to it

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00:03:09,830 --> 00:03:07,680

so much that string strained against the

100

00:03:11,509 --> 00:03:09,840

nylon fabric i hafted it onto my

101
00:03:12,229 --> 00:03:11,519
shoulder and though it was much heavier

102
00:03:14,390 --> 00:03:12,239
than before

103
00:03:15,350 --> 00:03:14,400
it wasn't cumbersome or unwieldy i could

104
00:03:17,110 --> 00:03:15,360
carry it all day

105
00:03:19,110 --> 00:03:17,120
and i didn't think it would bother me

106
00:03:20,630 --> 00:03:19,120
after he handed me the pack we unloaded

107
00:03:22,149 --> 00:03:20,640
the four wheeler from the back of his

108
00:03:23,990 --> 00:03:22,159
truck and we set off up the small

109
00:03:26,070 --> 00:03:24,000
walking trail next to the house

110
00:03:27,750 --> 00:03:26,080
from memory the path went on for dozens

111
00:03:29,190 --> 00:03:27,760
of miles and followed the stream as it

112
00:03:30,869 --> 00:03:29,200
snaked through the wilderness

113
00:03:32,869 --> 00:03:30,879

we rode until the dirt road ended and

114

00:03:34,710 --> 00:03:32,879

humanity fell away to the deep woods

115

00:03:36,710 --> 00:03:34,720

the ride got bumpy as we wound around

116

00:03:38,630 --> 00:03:36,720

trees and over small rocks and for a

117

00:03:40,789 --> 00:03:38,640

minute i was afraid of hazards

118

00:03:42,630 --> 00:03:40,799

my dad was an experienced outdoorsman

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00:03:44,470 --> 00:03:42,640

though and knew these woods well

120

00:03:46,550 --> 00:03:44,480

a few hours later we'd apparently

121

00:03:48,630 --> 00:03:46,560

reached a destination it was a small

122

00:03:49,910 --> 00:03:48,640

clearing nestled under cops the remains

123

00:03:51,670 --> 00:03:49,920

of the previous campsite

124

00:03:53,429 --> 00:03:51,680

long since put out rested in the center

125

00:03:54,149 --> 00:03:53,439

of the dirt surrounded by a circle of

126
00:03:55,830 --> 00:03:54,159
rocks

127
00:03:57,750 --> 00:03:55,840
i was up here scouting a couple weeks

128
00:03:59,110 --> 00:03:57,760
ago so i know the route i'd take to get

129
00:04:01,589 --> 00:03:59,120
back he said cheekily

130
00:04:02,229 --> 00:04:01,599
be careful son and call me if there's an

131
00:04:04,309 --> 00:04:02,239
emergency

132
00:04:05,750 --> 00:04:04,319
i'm only a few hours away and i should

133
00:04:06,390 --> 00:04:05,760
be able to see the flare if there's

134
00:04:07,990 --> 00:04:06,400
trouble

135
00:04:10,070 --> 00:04:08,000
yeah because i'll be able to get a

136
00:04:11,350 --> 00:04:10,080
signal out here i replied holding up my

137
00:04:13,270 --> 00:04:11,360
now useless phone

138
00:04:14,710 --> 00:04:13,280

well there's always the flare gun but

139

00:04:16,629 --> 00:04:14,720

i'm confident you'll be fine

140

00:04:18,469 --> 00:04:16,639

and besides the flare is really only

141

00:04:20,949 --> 00:04:18,479

there if you decide to give up he said

142

00:04:22,390 --> 00:04:20,959

laughing with a parting wave he departed

143

00:04:23,909 --> 00:04:22,400

rolling back down the mountain and

144

00:04:24,870 --> 00:04:23,919

leaving me stranded in the woods for

145

00:04:26,950 --> 00:04:24,880

three days

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00:04:28,550 --> 00:04:26,960

the first thing i did was take inventory

147

00:04:30,469 --> 00:04:28,560

and catalogue my belongings

148

00:04:32,070 --> 00:04:30,479

i undid the pack and carefully emptied

149

00:04:34,390 --> 00:04:32,080

its contents onto the ground

150

00:04:35,590 --> 00:04:34,400

i had a pair of long johns some extra

151
00:04:37,430 --> 00:04:35,600
socks and underwear

152
00:04:39,670 --> 00:04:37,440
a box of matches a hunting knife and

153
00:04:40,950 --> 00:04:39,680
miniature shovel a ziploc bag filled

154
00:04:43,030 --> 00:04:40,960
with a blend of spices

155
00:04:44,790 --> 00:04:43,040
a canteen of water two days of vacuum

156
00:04:46,950 --> 00:04:44,800
sealed rations and water pouches

157
00:04:47,830 --> 00:04:46,960
and the flare gun along with my hammock

158
00:04:49,670 --> 00:04:47,840
and blanket

159
00:04:51,670 --> 00:04:49,680
i had everything i needed to make camp

160
00:04:52,710 --> 00:04:51,680
and survive if my hunting skills proved

161
00:04:54,550 --> 00:04:52,720
to be lacking

162
00:04:56,390 --> 00:04:54,560
i had over 30 miles of wilderness to

163
00:04:58,070 --> 00:04:56,400

hack through before i hit the main roads

164

00:04:59,030 --> 00:04:58,080

and could circle back to the cabin on

165

00:05:00,790 --> 00:04:59,040

the main road

166

00:05:02,710 --> 00:05:00,800

dad told me it should take me at least

167

00:05:03,670 --> 00:05:02,720

two days three if i didn't get lucky

168

00:05:05,350 --> 00:05:03,680

with my hunts

169

00:05:07,430 --> 00:05:05,360

i had a few hours to kill before

170

00:05:08,870 --> 00:05:07,440

nightfall and i wanted to get some miles

171

00:05:10,790 --> 00:05:08,880

in and find my bearings

172

00:05:12,469 --> 00:05:10,800

the best bet i thought would be to hike

173

00:05:14,310 --> 00:05:12,479

along the stream until it ended

174

00:05:16,230 --> 00:05:14,320

it was somewhat close to the trail but

175

00:05:17,830 --> 00:05:16,240

not on it as that would be cheating but

176
00:05:19,270 --> 00:05:17,840
it would give me an excellent landmark

177
00:05:21,670 --> 00:05:19,280
to keep me oriented

178
00:05:23,029 --> 00:05:21,680
so with mild hesitation i packed up and

179
00:05:24,710 --> 00:05:23,039
set off through the woods

180
00:05:26,230 --> 00:05:24,720
i would have to hunt before it got dark

181
00:05:28,070 --> 00:05:26,240
if i didn't want to go hungry

182
00:05:29,510 --> 00:05:28,080
and i only had an hour or two before the

183
00:05:30,390 --> 00:05:29,520
light fell enough to make hunting

184
00:05:32,070 --> 00:05:30,400
impossible

185
00:05:34,070 --> 00:05:32,080
after searching around for about 10

186
00:05:35,830 --> 00:05:34,080
minutes i found a good spot to set up

187
00:05:37,350 --> 00:05:35,840
camp for the evening and i dropped my

188
00:05:39,110 --> 00:05:37,360

bag and grabbed my rifle

189

00:05:41,430 --> 00:05:39,120

chambered a cartridge and double checked

190

00:05:42,950 --> 00:05:41,440

the safety my game was rabid since i

191

00:05:44,070 --> 00:05:42,960

didn't have the tools needed to string

192

00:05:45,749 --> 00:05:44,080

up and gutted deer

193

00:05:47,830 --> 00:05:45,759

i set off and crept through the brush

194

00:05:49,990 --> 00:05:47,840

looking for signs of a nearby den

195

00:05:51,990 --> 00:05:50,000

rabbits are most active at dawn or dusk

196

00:05:54,070 --> 00:05:52,000

so it was the perfect time to hunt them

197

00:05:55,909 --> 00:05:54,080

less than five minutes later i found

198

00:05:57,830 --> 00:05:55,919

signs of rabbit trails in the underbrush

199

00:05:59,590 --> 00:05:57,840

a few hundred yards from camp i leaned

200

00:06:01,270 --> 00:05:59,600

against the tree just waiting

201
00:06:02,950 --> 00:06:01,280
the rabbit i wanted appeared half an

202
00:06:04,390 --> 00:06:02,960
hour later hopping out of the brush

203
00:06:06,309 --> 00:06:04,400
without a care in the world

204
00:06:08,550 --> 00:06:06,319
it was a plump eastern cottontail it

205
00:06:10,469 --> 00:06:08,560
stopped and sniffed giving me my opening

206
00:06:12,150 --> 00:06:10,479
the crack of my rifle pierced the air

207
00:06:14,230 --> 00:06:12,160
and the cottontail dropped dead

208
00:06:16,070 --> 00:06:14,240
i'd hit my mark taking it in the neck so

209
00:06:18,070 --> 00:06:16,080
as to not spoil any of the meat

210
00:06:19,909 --> 00:06:18,080
it was a decent sized rabbit more than

211
00:06:20,870 --> 00:06:19,919
enough for dinner i bagged it and went

212
00:06:22,390 --> 00:06:20,880
back to camp

213
00:06:24,070 --> 00:06:22,400

light was fading as i reached my

214

00:06:26,550 --> 00:06:24,080

campsite which made fire

215

00:06:28,629 --> 00:06:26,560

priority one when i had light to work by

216

00:06:30,150 --> 00:06:28,639

i cleaned the rabbit making sure to not

217

00:06:31,350 --> 00:06:30,160

perforate the bowels and remove the

218

00:06:33,189 --> 00:06:31,360

organs and skin

219

00:06:34,950 --> 00:06:33,199

i walked away from camp and buried the

220

00:06:35,590 --> 00:06:34,960

offal in height in a small hole next to

221

00:06:37,510 --> 00:06:35,600

a tree

222

00:06:39,189 --> 00:06:37,520

when the meat was cleaned i rubbed some

223

00:06:40,150 --> 00:06:39,199

spices into the meat to remove some of

224

00:06:41,510 --> 00:06:40,160

the taste of game

225

00:06:43,590 --> 00:06:41,520

and skewered it with a stick i'd

226

00:06:44,870 --> 00:06:43,600

sharpened i wasn't the best cook and

227

00:06:45,510 --> 00:06:44,880

didn't have the right tools and

228

00:06:47,430 --> 00:06:45,520

ingredients

229

00:06:48,790 --> 00:06:47,440

so the meat was a little dry and bland

230

00:06:50,629 --> 00:06:48,800

but filled me up nicely

231

00:06:53,029 --> 00:06:50,639

and i washed it down with a swig from my

232

00:06:54,710 --> 00:06:53,039

canteen i even had leftovers

233

00:06:56,469 --> 00:06:54,720

i wrapped them up in cloth and sat them

234

00:06:57,749 --> 00:06:56,479

by the fire ready to be eaten for

235

00:06:59,510 --> 00:06:57,759

breakfast in the morning

236

00:07:01,189 --> 00:06:59,520

with nothing else to do for the evening

237

00:07:01,990 --> 00:07:01,199

and night had fallen an hour ago i

238

00:07:03,430 --> 00:07:02,000

decided to turn

239

00:07:05,670 --> 00:07:03,440

in for the evening and get an early

240

00:07:07,430 --> 00:07:05,680

start in the morning i had many miles to

241

00:07:09,189 --> 00:07:07,440

cover and i would have to hunt again at

242

00:07:11,029 --> 00:07:09,199

some point the next day for dinner

243

00:07:12,629 --> 00:07:11,039

in the morning i woke up refreshed from

244

00:07:14,629 --> 00:07:12,639

one of the best night's sleep i'd ever

245

00:07:16,390 --> 00:07:14,639

had and was eager to take on the day

246

00:07:17,990 --> 00:07:16,400

i was in such a good mood that it took

247

00:07:18,790 --> 00:07:18,000

me a few minutes to realize something

248

00:07:20,469 --> 00:07:18,800

was off

249

00:07:21,830 --> 00:07:20,479

in the middle of packing up my hammock

250

00:07:23,350 --> 00:07:21,840

and gathering my supplies

251
00:07:25,189 --> 00:07:23,360
i couldn't help but notice that the

252
00:07:26,070 --> 00:07:25,199
leftover rabbit was missing from next to

253
00:07:27,749 --> 00:07:26,080
the fire

254
00:07:29,110 --> 00:07:27,759
i searched around for it in vain

255
00:07:30,790 --> 00:07:29,120
thinking the wind might have caught it

256
00:07:32,790 --> 00:07:30,800
and blown it away from the camp

257
00:07:35,029 --> 00:07:32,800
but there was nothing i chalked it up to

258
00:07:36,710 --> 00:07:35,039
a wild animal but that unsettled me

259
00:07:38,230 --> 00:07:36,720
dearest didn't often eat meat and i

260
00:07:39,430 --> 00:07:38,240
didn't think a deer would get anywhere

261
00:07:41,110 --> 00:07:39,440
near my campsite

262
00:07:42,469 --> 00:07:41,120
the smoke from the embers of the fire

263
00:07:43,510 --> 00:07:42,479

would have been enough to keep most

264

00:07:45,189 --> 00:07:43,520

animals away

265

00:07:46,550 --> 00:07:45,199

black bears were common enough in the

266

00:07:48,629 --> 00:07:46,560

forest but they should still be

267

00:07:50,469 --> 00:07:48,639

hibernating during this time of year

268

00:07:52,309 --> 00:07:50,479

right now there wasn't anything larger

269

00:07:54,629 --> 00:07:52,319

than a deer in these woods so unless it

270

00:07:56,309 --> 00:07:54,639

was a coyote it had to have been a deer

271

00:07:59,189 --> 00:07:56,319

but there were no tracks anywhere around

272

00:08:01,110 --> 00:07:59,199

my campsite so no answers came to me

273

00:08:02,710 --> 00:08:01,120

i'd packed up camp and went to relieve

274

00:08:04,390 --> 00:08:02,720

myself when i found something that

275

00:08:04,950 --> 00:08:04,400

confused and terrified the hell out of

276

00:08:06,469 --> 00:08:04,960

me

277

00:08:07,990 --> 00:08:06,479

i went to piss by the tree where i

278

00:08:09,830 --> 00:08:08,000

buried the awful of the rabbit last

279

00:08:10,550 --> 00:08:09,840

night and right where i buried them was

280

00:08:12,629 --> 00:08:10,560

a hole

281

00:08:13,589 --> 00:08:12,639

it was rough with long claw marks gouged

282

00:08:15,029 --> 00:08:13,599

deep into the dirt

283

00:08:17,029 --> 00:08:15,039

as if something had ripped into the

284

00:08:18,469 --> 00:08:17,039

ground to get what i'd buried i buried

285

00:08:20,629 --> 00:08:18,479

them deep enough to not attract the

286

00:08:22,309 --> 00:08:20,639

scent of wild animals and i'd never seen

287

00:08:22,950 --> 00:08:22,319

claw marks like the ones next to the

288

00:08:24,869 --> 00:08:22,960

tree

289

00:08:26,070 --> 00:08:24,879

i didn't know what to make of them wild

290

00:08:28,070 --> 00:08:26,080

animals weren't that smart

291

00:08:29,589 --> 00:08:28,080

and they were skittish by nature no

292

00:08:31,430 --> 00:08:29,599

animal would risk getting close to a

293

00:08:33,670 --> 00:08:31,440

human unless they were starving and no

294

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

human had claws like the ones i'd found

295

00:08:37,269 --> 00:08:35,919

without hesitation i grabbed my rifle

296

00:08:39,509 --> 00:08:37,279

and racked a cartridge

297

00:08:40,790 --> 00:08:39,519

i was petrified i walked a camp in a

298

00:08:42,949 --> 00:08:40,800

circle spreading out

299

00:08:44,630 --> 00:08:42,959

searching for any tracks or signs the

300

00:08:46,389 --> 00:08:44,640

only ones i'd found were some deer

301
00:08:47,829 --> 00:08:46,399
tracks about 100 yards from camp that

302
00:08:49,509 --> 00:08:47,839
were at least a day old

303
00:08:51,269 --> 00:08:49,519
there was nothing else even remotely

304
00:08:53,030 --> 00:08:51,279
resembling the marks i'd found

305
00:08:54,870 --> 00:08:53,040
there was nothing for me to find and

306
00:08:56,790 --> 00:08:54,880
even though i was freaked out i still

307
00:08:58,710 --> 00:08:56,800
had to hike back to civilization

308
00:09:00,150 --> 00:08:58,720
as the miles wore on i began to

309
00:09:01,590 --> 00:09:00,160
rationalize the experience

310
00:09:03,590 --> 00:09:01,600
thinking it to be nothing more than a

311
00:09:05,269 --> 00:09:03,600
hungry animal looking for food and brave

312
00:09:07,030 --> 00:09:05,279
enough to sneak into my camp

313
00:09:08,949 --> 00:09:07,040

i just hadn't buried the awful deep

314

00:09:11,110 --> 00:09:08,959

enough and some critter had smelled it

315

00:09:13,269 --> 00:09:11,120

that's all it was i managed to bag

316

00:09:14,949 --> 00:09:13,279

another rabbit purely on coincidence as

317

00:09:16,870 --> 00:09:14,959

it scampered out of the tree line

318

00:09:18,710 --> 00:09:16,880

after the rabbit was clean i wrapped the

319

00:09:20,550 --> 00:09:18,720

meat in cloth and stowed it away

320

00:09:22,070 --> 00:09:20,560

i was hungry from the hike and the fact

321

00:09:23,829 --> 00:09:22,080

that my breakfast had been stolen

322

00:09:25,750 --> 00:09:23,839

that morning but i still wanted to put

323

00:09:26,550 --> 00:09:25,760

some more miles under my boots before it

324

00:09:28,470 --> 00:09:26,560

got dark

325

00:09:30,230 --> 00:09:28,480

as the sunlight faded from the canopy

326

00:09:32,630 --> 00:09:30,240

and my aching feet demanded a break

327

00:09:33,590 --> 00:09:32,640

i found a spot to set up camp it was a

328

00:09:35,350 --> 00:09:33,600

small campsite

329

00:09:37,110 --> 00:09:35,360

nestled up against a rocky mound that

330

00:09:39,350 --> 00:09:37,120

stretched skyward for a couple dozen

331

00:09:41,269 --> 00:09:39,360

feet with a slanted shelf near the top

332

00:09:43,509 --> 00:09:41,279

i felt comfortable having my back to the

333

00:09:45,590 --> 00:09:43,519

wall and abrasive trees next to the rock

334

00:09:46,710 --> 00:09:45,600

ensured i could set up my hammock i

335

00:09:48,630 --> 00:09:46,720

readied the campsite

336

00:09:50,470 --> 00:09:48,640

built a roaring fire twice as large as

337

00:09:52,630 --> 00:09:50,480

the one last night just to scare away

338

00:09:53,509 --> 00:09:52,640

any nearby animals and cooks a rabbit to

339

00:09:55,350 --> 00:09:53,519

perfection

340

00:09:57,670 --> 00:09:55,360

i was ravenous and scarfed down the meat

341

00:09:59,350 --> 00:09:57,680

with gusto despite my hunger there were

342

00:10:01,430 --> 00:09:59,360

still plenty of leftovers again

343

00:10:03,509 --> 00:10:01,440

but this time i was careful to stow the

344

00:10:04,389 --> 00:10:03,519

meat inside my pack which i kept next to

345

00:10:06,069 --> 00:10:04,399

my hammock

346

00:10:08,069 --> 00:10:06,079

exhaustion had worn me down from the

347

00:10:09,509 --> 00:10:08,079

many miles i'd walk that day and i was

348

00:10:11,430 --> 00:10:09,519

eager to get some sleep

349

00:10:13,509 --> 00:10:11,440

i laid my head on my pillow and was out

350

00:10:15,269 --> 00:10:13,519

like a light the stillness woke me

351

00:10:17,509 --> 00:10:15,279

like a veil of silence had been draped

352

00:10:18,630 --> 00:10:17,519

over the woods not a single sound rose

353

00:10:20,150 --> 00:10:18,640

from the forest floor

354

00:10:22,230 --> 00:10:20,160

other than the rustling of the leaves in

355

00:10:24,069 --> 00:10:22,240

the wind not even crickets

356

00:10:25,670 --> 00:10:24,079

animals instinctively go quiet in the

357

00:10:27,750 --> 00:10:25,680

presence of predators but this was

358

00:10:29,910 --> 00:10:27,760

unlike anything i'd ever felt before

359

00:10:31,509 --> 00:10:29,920

i lay in my hammock straining my ears to

360

00:10:33,750 --> 00:10:31,519

listen to any sound i could

361

00:10:35,509 --> 00:10:33,760

the fire had died out leaving only coals

362

00:10:36,230 --> 00:10:35,519

that sparked every time a stiff breeze

363

00:10:38,150 --> 00:10:36,240

rolled in

364

00:10:39,990 --> 00:10:38,160

the moon was fat in the sky and gave me

365

00:10:40,790 --> 00:10:40,000

ample light to see by as i stared up at

366

00:10:42,870 --> 00:10:40,800

the trees

367

00:10:43,990 --> 00:10:42,880

for some reason i was terrified to get

368

00:10:46,310 --> 00:10:44,000

up and look around

369

00:10:47,670 --> 00:10:46,320

my rifle was next to me resting just by

370

00:10:49,430 --> 00:10:47,680

head against the tree

371

00:10:51,030 --> 00:10:49,440

i could grab it in seconds and there was

372

00:10:51,990 --> 00:10:51,040

a round in the chamber but i couldn't

373

00:10:53,430 --> 00:10:52,000

reach for my gun

374

00:10:55,110 --> 00:10:53,440

couldn't do anything other than stare

375

00:10:55,750 --> 00:10:55,120

straight ahead and try not to move an

376

00:10:57,190 --> 00:10:55,760

inch

377

00:10:59,190 --> 00:10:57,200

because i realized something was

378

00:11:01,269 --> 00:10:59,200

watching me it's a hard to describe

379

00:11:01,670 --> 00:11:01,279

feeling i knew what it was on a primal

380

00:11:03,590 --> 00:11:01,680

level

381

00:11:05,350 --> 00:11:03,600

something instinctual right alongside

382

00:11:07,430 --> 00:11:05,360

the fear of being alone in the dark

383

00:11:09,110 --> 00:11:07,440

i knew that feeling too the presence

384

00:11:09,670 --> 00:11:09,120

persisted for a few minutes and didn't

385

00:11:11,509 --> 00:11:09,680

fade

386

00:11:13,990 --> 00:11:11,519

sweat poured down my neck as i fought to

387

00:11:14,949 --> 00:11:14,000

stay still eventually the silence and

388

00:11:16,870 --> 00:11:14,959

fear got to me

389

00:11:18,230 --> 00:11:16,880

and i had to do something i couldn't

390

00:11:18,710 --> 00:11:18,240

take it anymore and left from the

391

00:11:20,630 --> 00:11:18,720

hammock

392

00:11:22,310 --> 00:11:20,640

hitting the ground hard i ignored the

393

00:11:23,590 --> 00:11:22,320

pain radiating from my arms and

394

00:11:25,590 --> 00:11:23,600

scrambled for my rifle

395

00:11:26,710 --> 00:11:25,600

scanning all around me trying to find

396

00:11:29,030 --> 00:11:26,720

whatever it was

397

00:11:30,150 --> 00:11:29,040

as i spun around i saw it perched on the

398

00:11:32,150 --> 00:11:30,160

rocks above me

399

00:11:34,150 --> 00:11:32,160

for a single split second a flash of

400

00:11:36,230 --> 00:11:34,160

neon blue eyes stared back at me from an

401
00:11:37,110 --> 00:11:36,240
angular two pale body before it slunk

402
00:11:39,190 --> 00:11:37,120
out of sight

403
00:11:40,150 --> 00:11:39,200
my heart pounded in my chest and my head

404
00:11:42,069 --> 00:11:40,160
felt fuzzy

405
00:11:43,509 --> 00:11:42,079
it became hard to breathe and i fought

406
00:11:45,269 --> 00:11:43,519
to keep from passing out

407
00:11:46,550 --> 00:11:45,279
i was scared out of my mind because

408
00:11:48,870 --> 00:11:46,560
whatever that thing had been

409
00:11:49,990 --> 00:11:48,880
wasn't human and it wasn't an animal it

410
00:11:51,910 --> 00:11:50,000
was a monster

411
00:11:53,750 --> 00:11:51,920
i didn't sleep that night i built up the

412
00:11:55,030 --> 00:11:53,760
fire and huddled around it clutching my

413
00:11:57,269 --> 00:11:55,040

rifle till morning

414

00:11:58,949 --> 00:11:57,279

screw tradition and screw these woods i

415

00:12:00,629 --> 00:11:58,959

was heading back to the cabin at first

416

00:12:01,430 --> 00:12:00,639

light and i wasn't stopping till i

417

00:12:02,870 --> 00:12:01,440

reached it

418

00:12:04,790 --> 00:12:02,880

nothing else happened through the night

419

00:12:06,949 --> 00:12:04,800

but as dawn broke over the mountains

420

00:12:08,949 --> 00:12:06,959

my nerves were shot to hell and my eyes

421

00:12:10,710 --> 00:12:08,959

ached with a strain of keeping them open

422

00:12:12,550 --> 00:12:10,720

i stumbled to my feet kicked out the

423

00:12:13,269 --> 00:12:12,560

fire and slung my backpack over my

424

00:12:15,030 --> 00:12:13,279

shoulder

425

00:12:16,470 --> 00:12:15,040

i left the hammock tied where it was and

426

00:12:18,310 --> 00:12:16,480

set off towards the stream

427

00:12:20,150 --> 00:12:18,320

i was going to follow it to the trail

428

00:12:20,949 --> 00:12:20,160

and i'd be back at the cabin well before

429

00:12:22,870 --> 00:12:20,959

nightfall

430

00:12:23,990 --> 00:12:22,880

it took an hour of walking stumbling

431

00:12:25,750 --> 00:12:24,000

over uneven terrain

432

00:12:27,190 --> 00:12:25,760

until i found the stream and from there

433

00:12:29,110 --> 00:12:27,200

i found the worn trail

434

00:12:30,230 --> 00:12:29,120

i followed it for hours as the sun rose

435

00:12:32,310 --> 00:12:30,240

high in the sky

436

00:12:33,829 --> 00:12:32,320

i was so tired but the fear of death and

437

00:12:35,509 --> 00:12:33,839

that monster were the only things that

438

00:12:36,069 --> 00:12:35,519

kept me putting one foot in front of the

439

00:12:37,829 --> 00:12:36,079

other

440

00:12:39,829 --> 00:12:37,839

i was hungry thirsty and beyond

441

00:12:41,990 --> 00:12:39,839

everything else utterly exhausted

442

00:12:43,590 --> 00:12:42,000

but i kept pushing forward no matter how

443

00:12:45,350 --> 00:12:43,600

slow and tired i was

444

00:12:47,190 --> 00:12:45,360

i still had the rabbit tied up in my

445

00:12:49,590 --> 00:12:47,200

pack but i couldn't stop and eat

446

00:12:50,629 --> 00:12:49,600

as the day wore on i began to recognize

447

00:12:52,870 --> 00:12:50,639

parts of the terrain

448

00:12:54,629 --> 00:12:52,880

and i knew i was close to the cabin i

449

00:12:56,389 --> 00:12:54,639

was so late that i didn't pay attention

450

00:12:58,150 --> 00:12:56,399

to where i was walking and rolled my

451
00:12:59,590 --> 00:12:58,160
ankle on a small rock that jutted out

452
00:13:01,590 --> 00:12:59,600
from the side of the trail

453
00:13:03,750 --> 00:13:01,600
i lost my balance and careened off and

454
00:13:06,310 --> 00:13:03,760
hit my head on a nearby tree branch

455
00:13:08,069 --> 00:13:06,320
everything went black i awoke to dusk

456
00:13:09,430 --> 00:13:08,079
i'd been out for a couple of hours

457
00:13:11,110 --> 00:13:09,440
whether from the blow to the head or the

458
00:13:12,870 --> 00:13:11,120
exhaustion whichever it was

459
00:13:14,870 --> 00:13:12,880
i was still in the woods and night was

460
00:13:16,230 --> 00:13:14,880
coming quickly the monsters never

461
00:13:18,230 --> 00:13:16,240
appeared during the daytime

462
00:13:19,990 --> 00:13:18,240
so i thought i was safe in the light but

463
00:13:21,990 --> 00:13:20,000

light was running out and i still had a

464

00:13:23,670 --> 00:13:22,000

miler so till i reached the cabin

465

00:13:26,230 --> 00:13:23,680

i picked myself off the ground and

466

00:13:27,750 --> 00:13:26,240

dusted the dirt off i grabbed my rifle

467

00:13:29,990 --> 00:13:27,760

checked that it was still loaded and i

468

00:13:31,190 --> 00:13:30,000

flicked the safety off my finger stood a

469

00:13:33,110 --> 00:13:31,200

millimeter from the trigger

470

00:13:34,790 --> 00:13:33,120

and i kept my head on a swivel as i

471

00:13:35,430 --> 00:13:34,800

hastily jogged the trail back to the

472

00:13:37,030 --> 00:13:35,440

cabin

473

00:13:38,949 --> 00:13:37,040

relief swept through me when i saw the

474

00:13:41,829 --> 00:13:38,959

wraparound porch come into view

475

00:13:42,949 --> 00:13:41,839

i had made it back dad i yelled as i ran

476

00:13:45,430 --> 00:13:42,959

up on the porch

477

00:13:47,350 --> 00:13:45,440

dad we gotta go i ran around to the

478

00:13:48,470 --> 00:13:47,360

front door and stood stock still as my

479

00:13:50,550 --> 00:13:48,480

blood ran cold

480

00:13:52,710 --> 00:13:50,560

the door to the cabin was open and my

481

00:13:53,590 --> 00:13:52,720

dad was lying halfway inside and halfway

482

00:13:55,670 --> 00:13:53,600

on the porch

483

00:13:57,430 --> 00:13:55,680

he'd been mauled his body was nothing

484

00:13:59,110 --> 00:13:57,440

but ribbons and scraps of flesh that

485

00:13:59,829 --> 00:13:59,120

only half resembled what a human should

486

00:14:01,829 --> 00:13:59,839

look like

487

00:14:03,509 --> 00:14:01,839

i stared in silence my mind not

488

00:14:04,710 --> 00:14:03,519

comprehending what i was seeing

489

00:14:06,310 --> 00:14:04,720

he'd been wearing the red and

490

00:14:08,230 --> 00:14:06,320

black-checked flannel shirt i'd gotten

491

00:14:09,829 --> 00:14:08,240

him for his birthday it was the only way

492

00:14:11,670 --> 00:14:09,839

i could tell it was my dad

493

00:14:13,430 --> 00:14:11,680

his face had been ripped from his skull

494

00:14:14,470 --> 00:14:13,440

two white bone peeked out from his empty

495

00:14:16,470 --> 00:14:14,480

eye sockets

496

00:14:18,150 --> 00:14:16,480

the stench was ungodly a mixture of

497

00:14:18,949 --> 00:14:18,160

fresh meat and the iron tang of blood

498

00:14:20,949 --> 00:14:18,959

filled the air

499

00:14:22,150 --> 00:14:20,959

i clutched at my stomach and hurled bile

500

00:14:24,069 --> 00:14:22,160

on the wooden floorboards

501
00:14:25,910 --> 00:14:24,079
sinking to my knees as my throat burned

502
00:14:27,990 --> 00:14:25,920
raw as i heaved my guts out

503
00:14:29,829 --> 00:14:28,000
absolute panic ripped my sanity and took

504
00:14:31,430 --> 00:14:29,839
it for a joyride as i tried and failed

505
00:14:32,389 --> 00:14:31,440
to come to terms with the fact that my

506
00:14:33,990 --> 00:14:32,399
father was dead

507
00:14:36,310 --> 00:14:34,000
had been ripped to pieces by whatever

508
00:14:38,310 --> 00:14:36,320
was outside stalking me in the dark

509
00:14:39,590 --> 00:14:38,320
i had to leave had to get as far away

510
00:14:41,829 --> 00:14:39,600
from that place as i could

511
00:14:43,350 --> 00:14:41,839
or else i'd be next i screamed

512
00:14:44,069 --> 00:14:43,360
wordlessly and backed away from the

513
00:14:46,150 --> 00:14:44,079

porch

514

00:14:48,629 --> 00:14:46,160

i turned and ran to the truck it was my

515

00:14:50,790 --> 00:14:48,639

only avenue of escape and i had to hurry

516

00:14:52,470 --> 00:14:50,800

night had already fallen i scrambled the

517

00:14:54,150 --> 00:14:52,480

driver's side of the pikapin yanked on

518

00:14:55,670 --> 00:14:54,160

the handle hard enough to break it but

519

00:14:56,870 --> 00:14:55,680

it held and opened the door after a

520

00:14:58,550 --> 00:14:56,880

second of sticking

521

00:15:00,790 --> 00:14:58,560

i climbed into the cab and threw down

522

00:15:02,310 --> 00:15:00,800

the visor where my dad usually kept the

523

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

keys but they weren't there

524

00:15:05,910 --> 00:15:04,000

the only other place they could be was

525

00:15:07,829 --> 00:15:05,920

in the pocket of my dad's jeans

526

00:15:09,829 --> 00:15:07,839

and i would have to get them stealing

527

00:15:12,069 --> 00:15:09,839

myself for the inevitable i clutched my

528

00:15:13,350 --> 00:15:12,079

rifle tight and exited the vehicle i

529

00:15:15,110 --> 00:15:13,360

knew i had to be fast

530

00:15:16,629 --> 00:15:15,120

knew i needed to already be far away

531

00:15:17,990 --> 00:15:16,639

from the woods but my feet wouldn't

532

00:15:19,990 --> 00:15:18,000

carry me any further

533

00:15:21,910 --> 00:15:20,000

i stared at the mutilated remains of my

534

00:15:23,430 --> 00:15:21,920

father and tried not to throw up again

535

00:15:25,110 --> 00:15:23,440

or break down in madness

536

00:15:26,710 --> 00:15:25,120

i squinted through my eyelashes and

537

00:15:28,629 --> 00:15:26,720

patted my dad's pants

538

00:15:30,629 --> 00:15:28,639

the keys were in his left pocket so as

539

00:15:31,670 --> 00:15:30,639

quickly as i could i stepped to the side

540

00:15:33,590 --> 00:15:31,680

and dug through them

541

00:15:35,189 --> 00:15:33,600

my hands clutched around the metal key

542

00:15:37,350 --> 00:15:35,199

and i yanked my prize free

543

00:15:38,230 --> 00:15:37,360

nearly stumbling from the force with the

544

00:15:39,829 --> 00:15:38,240

key in my hand

545

00:15:42,069 --> 00:15:39,839

i bolted from the porch back to the

546

00:15:43,590 --> 00:15:42,079

truck as i reached the open cab

547

00:15:45,430 --> 00:15:43,600

something thudded against wooden i

548

00:15:47,509 --> 00:15:45,440

turned searching for the sound

549

00:15:49,110 --> 00:15:47,519

movement from above me drew my gaze and

550

00:15:50,230 --> 00:15:49,120

i finally got a good look at what had

551
00:15:51,590 --> 00:15:50,240
been chasing me through these

552
00:15:53,350 --> 00:15:51,600
godforsaken woods

553
00:15:54,870 --> 00:15:53,360
it was on the roof of the cabin clinging

554
00:15:55,509 --> 00:15:54,880
to the side of the slanted roof with

555
00:15:57,430 --> 00:15:55,519
ease

556
00:15:59,030 --> 00:15:57,440
the monster was humanoid but it crawled

557
00:16:00,870 --> 00:15:59,040
on all fours like an animal

558
00:16:02,710 --> 00:16:00,880
its skin was pale white like paper and

559
00:16:04,230 --> 00:16:02,720
thick and rough leathery almost

560
00:16:06,389 --> 00:16:04,240
but what marked it as being something

561
00:16:07,990 --> 00:16:06,399
inhuman was its head it bore ethereal

562
00:16:09,829 --> 00:16:08,000
blue eyes that lit up the night and a

563
00:16:11,110 --> 00:16:09,839

large angular face that tapered to a

564

00:16:12,790 --> 00:16:11,120

point near its mouth

565

00:16:14,629 --> 00:16:12,800

its mouth which opened revealing

566

00:16:16,230 --> 00:16:14,639

thousands of minuscule of needlepoint

567

00:16:18,310 --> 00:16:16,240

silver teeth and rose stretching down

568

00:16:19,990 --> 00:16:18,320

its throat the creature's eyes never

569

00:16:20,870 --> 00:16:20,000

left mind and blinded with malicious

570

00:16:22,629 --> 00:16:20,880

intelligence

571

00:16:24,550 --> 00:16:22,639

it up turned its too many teeth into a

572

00:16:27,269 --> 00:16:24,560

gruesome smile i didn't think

573

00:16:28,470 --> 00:16:27,279

didn't panic i just reacted i raised my

574

00:16:30,069 --> 00:16:28,480

rifle and fired

575

00:16:31,910 --> 00:16:30,079

the bullet whizzed past its head and

576

00:16:33,350 --> 00:16:31,920

took it in the shoulder bright white

577

00:16:35,189 --> 00:16:33,360

blood spurted from the wound and

578

00:16:36,470 --> 00:16:35,199

splashed across the roof of the cabin to

579

00:16:38,230 --> 00:16:36,480

drip down the shingles

580

00:16:39,509 --> 00:16:38,240

it let out a high-pitched shriek of pain

581

00:16:41,189 --> 00:16:39,519

and recoiled from the shock

582

00:16:42,949 --> 00:16:41,199

it slid down the roof and into the tree

583

00:16:43,829 --> 00:16:42,959

line faster than i could line up a

584

00:16:45,670 --> 00:16:43,839

second shot

585

00:16:47,590 --> 00:16:45,680

when it broke from my line of sight i

586

00:16:49,430 --> 00:16:47,600

sprinted to the truck tossed in my bag

587

00:16:50,069 --> 00:16:49,440

and rifle and slid into the driver's

588

00:16:51,670 --> 00:16:50,079

seat

589

00:16:54,069 --> 00:16:51,680

thankfully the truck started on the

590

00:16:55,829 --> 00:16:54,079

first try and the engine roared to life

591

00:16:57,910 --> 00:16:55,839

i flicked on the high beams through the

592

00:16:58,790 --> 00:16:57,920

truck in reverse and spun around as fast

593

00:17:00,949 --> 00:16:58,800

as i could

594

00:17:02,629 --> 00:17:00,959

i was driving recklessly taking curves

595

00:17:04,789 --> 00:17:02,639

too sharply and doing everything in my

596

00:17:06,470 --> 00:17:04,799

power not to fishtail into a tree when a

597

00:17:08,710 --> 00:17:06,480

thud landed on the roof of the truck

598

00:17:09,990 --> 00:17:08,720

crumpling the aging metal i screeched

599

00:17:12,230 --> 00:17:10,000

panicked and jerked the wheel

600

00:17:13,909 --> 00:17:12,240

trying to throw it off i spun the wheel

601
00:17:14,949 --> 00:17:13,919
too much and clipped an overgrown tree

602
00:17:17,110 --> 00:17:14,959
in the process

603
00:17:18,789 --> 00:17:17,120
i tried to overcorrect myself but only

604
00:17:19,829 --> 00:17:18,799
ended up slamming the side of the truck

605
00:17:21,270 --> 00:17:19,839
into the tree line

606
00:17:23,270 --> 00:17:21,280
the truck crunched to a halt the

607
00:17:24,630 --> 00:17:23,280
passenger side crumpling like a bent in

608
00:17:26,150 --> 00:17:24,640
his tree branches snapped

609
00:17:28,069 --> 00:17:26,160
sounding wooden gunshots through the

610
00:17:29,909 --> 00:17:28,079
forest whatever was on the truck was

611
00:17:31,430 --> 00:17:29,919
flung to the side as we crashed

612
00:17:33,669 --> 00:17:31,440
it flew off the hood and hid a tree

613
00:17:34,870 --> 00:17:33,679

further into the forest bones cracked

614

00:17:36,549 --> 00:17:34,880

and when it fell to the dirt

615

00:17:38,470 --> 00:17:36,559

it left a smear of white blood across

616

00:17:40,230 --> 00:17:38,480

the bark i tried to start the truck

617

00:17:41,029 --> 00:17:40,240

again but it just groaned and wouldn't

618

00:17:42,950 --> 00:17:41,039

turn over

619

00:17:44,630 --> 00:17:42,960

with a half groud half grown the

620

00:17:45,990 --> 00:17:44,640

creature picked its bleeding body off

621

00:17:47,909 --> 00:17:46,000

the ground and glared at me

622

00:17:49,510 --> 00:17:47,919

its neon eyes glowing even brighter as

623

00:17:51,830 --> 00:17:49,520

it shrieked and crawled toward me

624

00:17:53,430 --> 00:17:51,840

i grabbed my rifle and left the truck i

625

00:17:53,909 --> 00:17:53,440

could follow the monster by its eyes

626
00:17:55,590 --> 00:17:53,919
alone

627
00:17:57,669 --> 00:17:55,600
and i perched my rifle on the hood of

628
00:17:59,669 --> 00:17:57,679
the truck and took aim it was slow as it

629
00:18:01,350 --> 00:17:59,679
crept toward me giving me plenty of time

630
00:18:03,029 --> 00:18:01,360
to line up the perfect shot

631
00:18:05,190 --> 00:18:03,039
i had my crosshairs centered right

632
00:18:07,190 --> 00:18:05,200
between its eyes and i rested my finger

633
00:18:07,909 --> 00:18:07,200
on the trigger a split second away from

634
00:18:09,830 --> 00:18:07,919
firing

635
00:18:11,270 --> 00:18:09,840
the creature let out another scream much

636
00:18:13,590 --> 00:18:11,280
higher in pitch than the others

637
00:18:15,830 --> 00:18:13,600
and my body jerked on its own accord my

638
00:18:17,830 --> 00:18:15,840

hand spasmed and i squeezed the trigger

639

00:18:19,669 --> 00:18:17,840

my shot went wide flying off into the

640

00:18:21,909 --> 00:18:19,679

woods and flooding into an old tree

641

00:18:23,669 --> 00:18:21,919

that had been my last bullet my rifle

642

00:18:25,190 --> 00:18:23,679

only held four shots and i hadn't

643

00:18:27,510 --> 00:18:25,200

brought any extra ammo

644

00:18:29,190 --> 00:18:27,520

i squeezed the trigger again and again

645

00:18:29,590 --> 00:18:29,200

terror gripped me as it slunk along the

646

00:18:31,110 --> 00:18:29,600

earth

647

00:18:33,350 --> 00:18:31,120

leaving a milk white trail of blood

648

00:18:35,430 --> 00:18:33,360

behind it i threw the gun at it and ran

649

00:18:37,430 --> 00:18:35,440

for the truck for the knife in my bag

650

00:18:38,710 --> 00:18:37,440

i wasn't going to let it get me i wasn't

651
00:18:41,190 --> 00:18:38,720
going to end up as food

652
00:18:42,710 --> 00:18:41,200
as a mutilated corpse like my dad i was

653
00:18:43,350 --> 00:18:42,720
going to kill it her myself if that

654
00:18:45,270 --> 00:18:43,360
failed

655
00:18:47,029 --> 00:18:45,280
i wouldn't let it eat me the thing was

656
00:18:48,789 --> 00:18:47,039
on me before i reached the cab

657
00:18:50,789 --> 00:18:48,799
it slammed into the side of the door

658
00:18:52,630 --> 00:18:50,799
pinning me as i was halfway in the door

659
00:18:54,310 --> 00:18:52,640
i lunged from my bag as the monster

660
00:18:56,150 --> 00:18:54,320
opened its jaws wide and bit through the

661
00:18:57,750 --> 00:18:56,160
metal door like it was cardboard

662
00:18:59,430 --> 00:18:57,760
it wrapped a chunk free and spat on

663
00:19:00,150 --> 00:18:59,440

the ground as it eyed me with rage and

664

00:19:02,310 --> 00:19:00,160

hunger

665

00:19:03,990 --> 00:19:02,320

my hand closed around my bag and i tore

666

00:19:05,270 --> 00:19:04,000

the strings grabbing the knife that was

667

00:19:06,710 --> 00:19:05,280

at the top of the bag

668

00:19:08,870 --> 00:19:06,720

i slid it from its sheath as the

669

00:19:09,990 --> 00:19:08,880

creature was poised to bite i jammed the

670

00:19:12,070 --> 00:19:10,000

knife to the hilt in the side

671

00:19:13,909 --> 00:19:12,080

of its face just below its glowing blue

672

00:19:15,669 --> 00:19:13,919

eye it reared back in pain

673

00:19:17,110 --> 00:19:15,679

sending a mind-pounding shriek of pain

674

00:19:18,950 --> 00:19:17,120

splitting through my psyche

675

00:19:20,230 --> 00:19:18,960

it stopped my heartbeat for a second as

676

00:19:22,070 --> 00:19:20,240

it jumped away from the truck

677

00:19:24,070 --> 00:19:22,080

and tried to dislodge the knife stuck in

678

00:19:24,870 --> 00:19:24,080

its cult i thought then that i'd landed

679

00:19:26,549 --> 00:19:24,880

a lucky blow

680

00:19:28,230 --> 00:19:26,559

and it was going to leave that i'd be

681

00:19:28,870 --> 00:19:28,240

able to get back in the truck and escape

682

00:19:30,710 --> 00:19:28,880

the forest

683

00:19:32,310 --> 00:19:30,720

but more howls joined the first and two

684

00:19:33,270 --> 00:19:32,320

more of the monsters slunk from out of

685

00:19:35,350 --> 00:19:33,280

the shadows

686

00:19:36,870 --> 00:19:35,360

this is where i'd die it was the only

687

00:19:38,470 --> 00:19:36,880

thought running through my head

688

00:19:40,310 --> 00:19:38,480

i couldn't run from them couldn't fight

689

00:19:41,990 --> 00:19:40,320

them i was going to die

690

00:19:44,310 --> 00:19:42,000

but i wasn't going to make it easy for

691

00:19:46,230 --> 00:19:44,320

them i grabbed my torn bag and i ran

692

00:19:48,230 --> 00:19:46,240

into the woods as fast as i could

693

00:19:49,909 --> 00:19:48,240

i was desperate to escape but the howls

694

00:19:51,430 --> 00:19:49,919

and thuds of too many legs padding

695

00:19:52,470 --> 00:19:51,440

through the dirt behind me told me i

696

00:19:54,470 --> 00:19:52,480

wouldn't escape

697

00:19:56,150 --> 00:19:54,480

they were close at my heels and the only

698

00:19:58,070 --> 00:19:56,160

thing that saved my life that night was

699

00:19:59,750 --> 00:19:58,080

gravity and my own clumsiness

700

00:20:01,590 --> 00:19:59,760

i tripped on a branch and tumbled to the

701
00:20:03,190 --> 00:20:01,600
ground as one of them sailed over me

702
00:20:04,710 --> 00:20:03,200
mouth-wide as the thousand needles

703
00:20:06,390 --> 00:20:04,720
closed around empty air

704
00:20:08,549 --> 00:20:06,400
it hit the ground a few feet away and

705
00:20:10,710 --> 00:20:08,559
turned hanging me up i backpedaled but

706
00:20:12,710 --> 00:20:10,720
hit a tree as it lunged a second time

707
00:20:14,310 --> 00:20:12,720
with nothing else in my hands i brought

708
00:20:16,310 --> 00:20:14,320
my bag up as it clamped down

709
00:20:17,830 --> 00:20:16,320
throwing me to the forest floor its

710
00:20:19,990 --> 00:20:17,840
teeth closed around my bag

711
00:20:21,830 --> 00:20:20,000
ripping the nylon to shreds but my mini

712
00:20:23,750 --> 00:20:21,840
shovel got lodged in its throat and it

713
00:20:25,750 --> 00:20:23,760

couldn't close its mouth all the way

714

00:20:27,669 --> 00:20:25,760

clothing and food poured out of its jaws

715

00:20:29,430 --> 00:20:27,679

and i scrambled out from under it

716

00:20:31,270 --> 00:20:29,440

my hand hit something plastic as i

717

00:20:32,390 --> 00:20:31,280

crawled away from the creature and even

718

00:20:33,990 --> 00:20:32,400

in the dark of the woods

719

00:20:35,669 --> 00:20:34,000

i couldn't fail to make out the bright

720

00:20:37,590 --> 00:20:35,679

orange handle of the flare gun

721

00:20:39,510 --> 00:20:37,600

it was a long shot but it was the last

722

00:20:40,870 --> 00:20:39,520

weapon i had and i clung to it as i

723

00:20:42,549 --> 00:20:40,880

stood up and ran away

724

00:20:43,990 --> 00:20:42,559

i didn't get far as the monster chomped

725

00:20:45,909 --> 00:20:44,000

through the metal shovel like it was a

726
00:20:46,710 --> 00:20:45,919
toothpick and spat out the remains of my

727
00:20:49,190 --> 00:20:46,720
backpack

728
00:20:51,110 --> 00:20:49,200
it held in rage and ran for me knowing i

729
00:20:53,270 --> 00:20:51,120
only had one shot i stopped running

730
00:20:54,950 --> 00:20:53,280
dropped to my knees and fired daylight

731
00:20:56,789 --> 00:20:54,960
split the night as my eyesight was

732
00:20:58,149 --> 00:20:56,799
obliterated by the burning red flare

733
00:21:00,310 --> 00:20:58,159
as it streaked through the air and hit

734
00:21:01,990 --> 00:21:00,320
the monster in the face like it had been

735
00:21:04,149 --> 00:21:02,000
doused in kerosene the creature

736
00:21:05,590 --> 00:21:04,159
went up in a gulf of flames its flesh

737
00:21:07,110 --> 00:21:05,600
sizzled and popped like grease in the

738
00:21:07,830 --> 00:21:07,120

pan as it cracked and blackened in

739

00:21:09,750 --> 00:21:07,840

seconds

740

00:21:11,430 --> 00:21:09,760

it howled in agony screaming such a

741

00:21:12,950 --> 00:21:11,440

high-pitched sound that my ears bled

742

00:21:15,190 --> 00:21:12,960

and i fell to my knees as my

743

00:21:16,870 --> 00:21:15,200

consciousness waned by the time i rose

744

00:21:18,230 --> 00:21:16,880

to my feet and wiped the blood from my

745

00:21:20,070 --> 00:21:18,240

ears it was dead

746

00:21:21,909 --> 00:21:20,080

it was now nothing but a charred carcass

747

00:21:23,830 --> 00:21:21,919

burning under the crackling fire

748

00:21:25,669 --> 00:21:23,840

the flare still burned illuminating the

749

00:21:27,510 --> 00:21:25,679

night and showing me the other two

750

00:21:29,270 --> 00:21:27,520

creatures that had crept upon us

751
00:21:31,430 --> 00:21:29,280
i was out of weapons and out of hope but

752
00:21:33,110 --> 00:21:31,440
they stayed back just at the tree line

753
00:21:35,190 --> 00:21:33,120
watching me and the flaming carcass of

754
00:21:36,950 --> 00:21:35,200
their friend fire was their weakness it

755
00:21:37,510 --> 00:21:36,960
seemed and even though i had no more

756
00:21:39,510 --> 00:21:37,520
flares

757
00:21:41,190 --> 00:21:39,520
i've left them it was the most reckless

758
00:21:42,390 --> 00:21:41,200
thing i could have done but i had no

759
00:21:44,310 --> 00:21:42,400
other options left

760
00:21:46,230 --> 00:21:44,320
i raised the empty flare gun and they

761
00:21:47,430 --> 00:21:46,240
flinched they took a step back and

762
00:21:49,350 --> 00:21:47,440
stayed low to the ground

763
00:21:51,190 --> 00:21:49,360

like they were ready to bolt i pressed

764

00:21:52,870 --> 00:21:51,200

my luck and took a step forward

765

00:21:54,390 --> 00:21:52,880

they turned and ran as fast as they

766

00:21:56,470 --> 00:21:54,400

could deeper into the forest

767

00:21:58,470 --> 00:21:56,480

howling as they did so as soon as they

768

00:22:00,950 --> 00:21:58,480

were out of sight i ran myself

769

00:22:02,390 --> 00:22:00,960

i ran as fast as my legs would carry me

770

00:22:03,990 --> 00:22:02,400

not caring about the scrapes and

771

00:22:04,950 --> 00:22:04,000

scratches from the branches whipping at

772

00:22:07,430 --> 00:22:04,960

my face

773

00:22:09,029 --> 00:22:07,440

i only cared about my own survival i hit

774

00:22:09,909 --> 00:22:09,039

the road leading to the highway and ran

775

00:22:11,669 --> 00:22:09,919

for hours

776

00:22:13,430 --> 00:22:11,679

there were too many miles between me and

777

00:22:15,669 --> 00:22:13,440

the highway but i didn't care

778

00:22:17,590 --> 00:22:15,679

i just kept running by the time i hit

779

00:22:19,750 --> 00:22:17,600

the pavement it was daybreak and i knew

780

00:22:21,830 --> 00:22:19,760

i could stop running but i kept on

781

00:22:23,669 --> 00:22:21,840

because i had nothing else but the run

782

00:22:24,549 --> 00:22:23,679

if i stopped it would mean accepting

783

00:22:26,789 --> 00:22:24,559

what just happened

784

00:22:28,870 --> 00:22:26,799

and i didn't think my mind would survive

785

00:22:30,470 --> 00:22:28,880

i ran until i hit the gas station we'd

786

00:22:32,630 --> 00:22:30,480

stopped at only three days ago

787

00:22:34,470 --> 00:22:32,640

what felt like a lifetime ago the gas

788

00:22:36,470 --> 00:22:34,480

station attendant took one look at me

789

00:22:37,909 --> 00:22:36,480

out of breath with bloody torn clothing

790

00:22:39,590 --> 00:22:37,919

and called the police

791

00:22:41,350 --> 00:22:39,600

he was kind enough to give me all the

792

00:22:42,149 --> 00:22:41,360

water i wanted while we waited for the

793

00:22:43,909 --> 00:22:42,159

police

794

00:22:45,909 --> 00:22:43,919

i drank it in silence while i sat

795

00:22:47,590 --> 00:22:45,919

huddled in on myself trying to calm my

796

00:22:49,350 --> 00:22:47,600

racing heart and not to think

797

00:22:50,710 --> 00:22:49,360

it took the cops nearly an hour to

798

00:22:52,710 --> 00:22:50,720

arrive from the nearest town

799

00:22:54,789 --> 00:22:52,720

and when they did i finally had to tell

800

00:22:56,549 --> 00:22:54,799

them my story they didn't believe me

801
00:22:58,710 --> 00:22:56,559
because of course they wouldn't i

802
00:23:00,390 --> 00:22:58,720
sounded insane raving about monsters

803
00:23:01,430 --> 00:23:00,400
with glowing blue eyes and white blood

804
00:23:03,830 --> 00:23:01,440
like a madman

805
00:23:05,750 --> 00:23:03,840
however the officer was patient and kind

806
00:23:08,149 --> 00:23:05,760
taking down my statement word for word

807
00:23:09,830 --> 00:23:08,159
despite the skepticism on his face i

808
00:23:10,310 --> 00:23:09,840
told them where to find the cabin the

809
00:23:12,230 --> 00:23:10,320
truck

810
00:23:13,350 --> 00:23:12,240
everything they found it all right where

811
00:23:14,950 --> 00:23:13,360
i told them it would be

812
00:23:16,870 --> 00:23:14,960
but there was no sign of the creature

813
00:23:19,350 --> 00:23:16,880

i'd killed not even ashes

814

00:23:20,710 --> 00:23:19,360

my dad's body was also gone the only

815

00:23:21,590 --> 00:23:20,720

sign that had been there at all were the

816

00:23:23,270 --> 00:23:21,600

bloodstains

817

00:23:25,430 --> 00:23:23,280

the police chalked it up to a wild

818

00:23:26,070 --> 00:23:25,440

animal attack attributing my story to be

819

00:23:27,750 --> 00:23:26,080

just that

820

00:23:29,750 --> 00:23:27,760

a story by a scared teenager who

821

00:23:31,990 --> 00:23:29,760

witnessed an animal kill his father

822

00:23:34,149 --> 00:23:32,000

the reporters the kids at school hell

823

00:23:36,630 --> 00:23:34,159

even my mother they didn't believe me

824

00:23:38,470 --> 00:23:36,640

but i know the truth i'm not crazy

825

00:23:40,630 --> 00:23:38,480

there's something evil in that forest

826

00:23:42,390 --> 00:23:40,640

whatever it was there's more than one of

827

00:23:44,230 --> 00:23:42,400

them and they burn just fine

828

00:23:46,710 --> 00:23:44,240

if you camp out in the tennessee forest

829

00:23:48,710 --> 00:23:46,720

at night be careful learn from my story

830

00:23:55,269 --> 00:23:48,720

and for the love of god carry a fire

831

00:23:58,710 --> 00:23:57,830

this is lon strickler if you like this

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00:24:00,470 --> 00:23:58,720

program

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00:24:01,830 --> 00:24:00,480

it would help us if you would give it a

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00:24:04,710 --> 00:24:01,840

thumbs up

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00:24:05,190 --> 00:24:04,720

then subscribe and click the bell icon

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00:24:07,510 --> 00:24:05,200

so you

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00:24:09,669 --> 00:24:07,520

get notification when we upload new

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00:24:12,789 --> 00:24:09,679

first person encounters

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00:24:15,269 --> 00:24:12,799

we have many more to come very soon and

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00:24:17,590 --> 00:24:15,279

by the way if you have a suggestion