

ARCANE RADIO 
Exploring the Unexplained 

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@ 9PM Eastern



With Guest
David Weatherly



David Weatherly, Cryptid & Paranormal Researcher, Author - March 5

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00:00:06,710 --> 00:00:04,070

[Music]

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00:00:07,030 --> 00:00:06,720

the oldest and strongest human emotion

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00:00:10,310 --> 00:00:07,040

is

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00:00:10,549 --> 00:00:10,320

fear and the oldest and strongest type

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00:00:17,109 --> 00:00:10,559

of

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00:00:20,550 --> 00:00:17,119

when we were children our parents told

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00:00:23,029 --> 00:00:20,560

us that monsters didn't exist

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00:00:26,230 --> 00:00:23,039

but we were sure that something was

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00:00:30,790 --> 00:00:26,240

lurking under the bed or in the closet

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00:00:33,830 --> 00:00:30,800

fear sees even if our eyes are closed

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00:00:37,030 --> 00:00:33,840

welcome to the realm of the arcane

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00:00:37,670 --> 00:00:37,040

my name is lon strickler join me as i

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00:00:40,150 --> 00:00:37,680

examine

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00:00:44,549 --> 00:00:40,160

unexplained creatures strange

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00:00:47,510 --> 00:00:44,559

manifestations and remarkable realities

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00:00:50,150 --> 00:00:47,520

imagine this next hour as a voyage of

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00:00:53,189 --> 00:00:50,160

discovery to strange lands

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00:00:55,750 --> 00:00:53,199

seeking not for new territory but for

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00:00:58,549 --> 00:00:55,760

new knowledge of the supernatural

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00:00:59,940 --> 00:00:58,559

come on board as we begin this adventure

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00:01:04,630 --> 00:00:59,950

together

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00:01:09,030 --> 00:01:06,950

hey folks good evening and welcome to

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00:01:10,230 --> 00:01:09,040

another episode of rocking radio where

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00:01:12,469 --> 00:01:10,240

we explore

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00:01:13,830 --> 00:01:12,479

the unexplained live on beyond

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00:01:15,990 --> 00:01:13,840

explanation

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00:01:17,749 --> 00:01:16,000

i'm your host lon strickler coming to

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00:01:20,710 --> 00:01:17,759

you within a cannon shot

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00:01:21,749 --> 00:01:20,720

of gettysburg pennsylvania i hope you

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00:01:24,230 --> 00:01:21,759

enjoy the show

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00:01:26,230 --> 00:01:24,240

now before we get started again i'm

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00:01:28,390 --> 00:01:26,240

going to ask you for a favor

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00:01:30,149 --> 00:01:28,400

working radio and beyond beyond

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00:01:32,550 --> 00:01:30,159

explanation channel

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00:01:35,910 --> 00:01:32,560

is made possible by you liking

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00:01:38,469 --> 00:01:35,920

subscribing and sharing of programming

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00:01:39,109 --> 00:01:38,479

advertising budgets and increased use of

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00:01:41,990 --> 00:01:39,119

limited

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00:01:42,789 --> 00:01:42,000

limiting technology especially now

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00:01:45,590 --> 00:01:42,799

during this

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00:01:47,429 --> 00:01:45,600

covert crisis uh it's made it more and

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00:01:51,270 --> 00:01:47,439

more difficult to finance

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00:01:54,310 --> 00:01:51,280

this venture so as a result super chat

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00:01:56,230 --> 00:01:54,320

donations are essential for us to

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00:01:58,789 --> 00:01:56,240

continue offering you this unique

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00:01:59,830 --> 00:01:58,799

content your consideration is very much

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00:02:03,350 --> 00:01:59,840

needed

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00:02:04,950 --> 00:02:03,360

and appreciated and again also starting

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00:02:07,350 --> 00:02:04,960

april 9th

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00:02:09,029 --> 00:02:07,360

when every second friday of each month

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00:02:12,229 --> 00:02:09,039
i'll be presenting 14

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00:02:14,790 --> 00:02:12,239
friday here on arcane radio

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00:02:16,630 --> 00:02:14,800
instead of phantoms matches 14 research

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00:02:19,750 --> 00:02:16,640
team and affiliate members

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00:02:21,510 --> 00:02:19,760
appearing every three months or so 14th

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00:02:24,390 --> 00:02:21,520
friday will be a monthly

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00:02:25,990 --> 00:02:24,400
roundtable discussion that references

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00:02:29,350 --> 00:02:26,000
current investigations

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00:02:31,030 --> 00:02:29,360
trends in the paranormal and the ability

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00:02:34,710 --> 00:02:31,040
for the audience to ask

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00:02:36,390 --> 00:02:34,720
our team members questions in the chat

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00:02:38,309 --> 00:02:36,400
so that should be interesting i hope

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00:02:41,350 --> 00:02:38,319

you'll watch it

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00:02:43,589 --> 00:02:41,360

so tonight i welcome cryptid

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and paranormal research and author david

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00:02:46,790 --> 00:02:44,720

weatherly

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00:02:48,830 --> 00:02:46,800

to arcane radio now david has traveled

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00:02:50,470 --> 00:02:48,840

the world in pursuit of ghost cryptids

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00:02:53,830 --> 00:02:50,480

ufos magic

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00:02:56,550 --> 00:02:53,840

and more from the specters of dusty

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00:02:59,589 --> 00:02:56,560

castles to remote haunted islands

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00:03:02,070 --> 00:02:59,599

from ancient sites to modern mysteries

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00:03:04,869 --> 00:03:02,080

he has journeyed to most unusual places

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00:03:07,110 --> 00:03:04,879

on the globe seeking the unknown

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00:03:08,790 --> 00:03:07,120

david became fascinated with paranormal

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at a young age ghost stories and

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accounts of weird creatures and ufos led

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him to discover

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many of these early influences writers

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such as john keel

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jacques villa hans holzer and and

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others set him on the course spending

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his life exploring and investigating the

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undone

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and the unexplained his shamanic and

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magical background

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has given him a unique perspective

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in his explanation explorations into the

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unknown and he continues the right

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travel explorer

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leaving no stone unturned in his quest

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for the screens and unusual

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david has investigated and written

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about a diverse range of topics

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including

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hauntings cryptozoology

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ufology ancient mysteries

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shamanism magic and psychic phenomena

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in 2012 david founded independent media

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and publishing company leprechaun

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productions

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david's newest books are monsters at the

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crossroads cryptids and legends of

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00:04:18,390 --> 00:04:15,599
indiana

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and more recently monsters of the tar

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heel state

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00:04:26,870 --> 00:04:23,680
cryptids and legends of north carolina

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for more information david david

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00:04:32,070 --> 00:04:30,479
his website is at erielights.com so

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00:04:33,749 --> 00:04:32,080
david my friend thanks for coming on

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00:04:36,150 --> 00:04:33,759
this evening

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00:04:37,749 --> 00:04:36,160
ron how you doing buddy hanging in there

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00:04:40,469 --> 00:04:37,759

man

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00:04:41,909 --> 00:04:40,479

glad to see you yeah we we've survived

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00:04:43,749 --> 00:04:41,919

so far haven't we

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00:04:44,950 --> 00:04:43,759

so far that's right it's been a while

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00:04:47,590 --> 00:04:44,960

since we talked

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yeah it has been uh i think you've

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probably written three books since

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then so uh more than that i think but

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okay

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00:04:57,430 --> 00:04:55,360

you know i i was joking with you in the

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beginning about you and

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redfern fighting each other to see how

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many books you all can

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get out in a certain amount of time i

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think you're catching up with him

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00:05:12,790 --> 00:05:10,479

that's kind of the joke right now so

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i love what i do so you know oh i know

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00:05:17,110 --> 00:05:13,919

you do and

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00:05:18,790 --> 00:05:17,120

you you write some interesting books um

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and you always i tell you and i always

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have to compliment it on the covers of

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the books they're always so fantastic

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00:05:26,790 --> 00:05:25,680

uh they're always well done and it's

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00:05:29,830 --> 00:05:26,800

always well written

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00:05:30,310 --> 00:05:29,840

so i i know i much appreciate that well

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00:05:35,909 --> 00:05:30,320

thank you

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00:05:38,629 --> 00:05:35,919

uh indiana the crossroads of america

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what is not what is about indiana you

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know

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it's interesting because it's not that

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large estate is it just because of the

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terrain the history and it's got like

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a very diverse native american history

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there's a lot of different things that

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have happened there

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but the range of cryptid activity and

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paranormal supernatural activity

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just really is huge

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it is it absolutely is it's funny too

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because

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oh i'd say maybe five or six years ago

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i just ended up getting a lot of cases

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in indiana

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mainly paranormal cases initially but it

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seemed like every time i'd go there on a

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paranormal case

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people were telling me about cryptids uh

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of course there's a lot of ufo sightings

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00:06:30,790 --> 00:06:27,680

there

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and you know the fact that uh it's

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in the sort of the center of the country

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almost

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certainly in the center of the midwest

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and if you look at it historically

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it was an interesting crossroads just

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because

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when that was the frontier there were a

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lot of

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different european influences that came

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00:06:50,790 --> 00:06:49,360

in you know that was

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00:06:52,629 --> 00:06:50,800

people don't think about that as the

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00:06:53,270 --> 00:06:52,639

frontier right because you say frontier

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00:06:57,189 --> 00:06:53,280

they think

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00:06:58,550 --> 00:06:57,199

oh the wild west you know uh but

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really if you get a little bit further

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back in history it was a

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very critical

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piece of land historically because the

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french and indian war

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period a lot took place there into the

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civil war a lot of people don't realize

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that

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indiana was kind of divided in a sense

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during the civil war even though it was

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a union state

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there were a lot of confederate

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sympathizers there

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and because of uh you know

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its southern portion a lot of people

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left indiana and joined the confederate

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forces

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so you've got all those things which of

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course also brought a lot of trade

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during the period you know the fur trade

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was big there

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and if you if you look at all these

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different cultural influences and then

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of course the various native american

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tribes uh you look at all these cultural

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influences and

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and blend those together over a period

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of time

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with some other factors i think because

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00:07:57,670 --> 00:07:56,000
it is in sort of a central location

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it really does seem to be a crossroads

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not just for

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commerce and things like that but also

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for strange activity because i tell you

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00:08:09,909 --> 00:08:06,400
it it runs through that entire state and

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00:08:11,749 --> 00:08:09,919
it really is it's almost

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00:08:14,550 --> 00:08:11,759

overwhelming when you start looking at

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the cases it's funny you know chad lewis

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a good friend of mine wrote the forward

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for this and

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chad has spent a lot of time in indiana

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probably more than i have

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he doesn't live too far from there he

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lives in wisconsin so

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when we were first talking when i sent

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him the manuscript

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00:08:34,230 --> 00:08:32,479

uh and i was talking to him on the phone

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00:08:35,269 --> 00:08:34,240

about a couple of the cases in there and

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00:08:42,709 --> 00:08:35,279

he

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00:08:44,230 --> 00:08:42,719

indiana uh

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00:08:46,470 --> 00:08:44,240

you know all over the state i i don't

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00:08:48,310 --> 00:08:46,480

know about this case so

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he was impressed by the fact that there

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00:08:51,509 --> 00:08:50,240

are still so many things undiscovered

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there so to speak

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00:08:57,509 --> 00:08:54,720

and you know the cryptid uh

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00:08:58,790 --> 00:08:57,519

cases there they just they range so far

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from

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of course tons of sasquatch sightings uh

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but also

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a whole range of other weird creatures

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and i know you showed the cover a few

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minutes ago but that's

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the state's arguably the most famous

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cryptid that is the beast of busco

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uh oscar the giant turtle who uh it's

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quite a story and quite a legend

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in the state and has a festival named

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after it uh that

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actually predates the mothman festival

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00:09:27,750 --> 00:09:26,000

so you know it's it's one of those few

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00:09:29,750 --> 00:09:27,760

cryptid themed festivals that's been

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around for a very long time

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00:09:34,310 --> 00:09:32,000

uh all in honor of a giant turtle which

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00:09:36,630 --> 00:09:34,320
is you can't beat that right

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00:09:37,430 --> 00:09:36,640
no i that you know and as far as

253
00:09:39,750 --> 00:09:37,440
cryptids go

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00:09:41,269 --> 00:09:39,760
that's an unusual one why don't you kind

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00:09:44,470 --> 00:09:41,279
of give us a thumbnail

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00:09:46,550 --> 00:09:44,480
of what what this beast bus go really is

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00:09:47,509 --> 00:09:46,560
sure it's it's a fantastic story it

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00:09:50,949 --> 00:09:47,519
really

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starts in the late 1800s when

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a gentleman named oscar fult

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00:10:00,550 --> 00:09:58,160
uh who's a farmer spots a giant turtle

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00:10:01,509 --> 00:10:00,560
living in a pond on his property now

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00:10:03,430 --> 00:10:01,519

folk

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he doesn't really make too big a deal of

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it he he tells some locals and

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the story sort of sticks around uh but

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but nothing much comes of it

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until 1947

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which seems like a long time but it's

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interesting that there's that connection

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there so in 1947 the folk property

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is purchased by a gentleman named gail

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harris who's also a farmer

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and he intends to just live a simple

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farmer's life on the property you know

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starts to

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what happens is his wife's

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his wife's brother and a friend they go

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out on this pond

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and they come back with the story of

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00:10:54,310 --> 00:10:49,760

seeing this giant turtle

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now gail harris that you know he kind of

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00:10:57,430 --> 00:10:55,839

he sort of shakes his head you can

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imagine him kind of rolling his eyes

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because

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00:11:02,630 --> 00:11:01,120

apparently this brother-in-law of his is

287

00:11:07,110 --> 00:11:02,640

a little bit of a

288

00:11:09,590 --> 00:11:07,120

trickster an exaggerator you know so

289

00:11:10,949 --> 00:11:09,600

gayle is thinking now you know this is

290

00:11:14,430 --> 00:11:10,959

there's nothing to this

291

00:11:17,430 --> 00:11:14,440

but the following fall

292

00:11:20,630 --> 00:11:17,440

1948 harris and a

293

00:11:23,990 --> 00:11:20,640

friend of his are repairing a roof on

294

00:11:26,069 --> 00:11:24,000

a barn on the property and

295

00:11:27,269 --> 00:11:26,079

they spot something in the water that's

296

00:11:28,949 --> 00:11:27,279

very large

297

00:11:31,670 --> 00:11:28,959

it's moving about on the surface of the

298

00:11:33,269 --> 00:11:31,680

pond and

299

00:11:34,710 --> 00:11:33,279

this is kind of the first sighting that

300

00:11:36,790 --> 00:11:34,720

harris has

301
00:11:38,870 --> 00:11:36,800
another one quickly happens and he

302
00:11:41,110 --> 00:11:38,880
decides to check this out for himself so

303
00:11:43,350 --> 00:11:41,120
he goes to the pawn

304
00:11:45,030 --> 00:11:43,360
and he he does sort of an investigation

305
00:11:48,710 --> 00:11:45,040
well sure enough he spots this

306
00:11:52,550 --> 00:11:50,470
there's there aren't a whole lot of

307
00:11:54,310 --> 00:11:52,560
clear descriptions on how big this thing

308
00:11:54,870 --> 00:11:54,320
is of course the media exaggerates it

309
00:11:56,629 --> 00:11:54,880
some

310
00:11:58,230 --> 00:11:56,639
uh harris if you listen to his initial

311
00:12:01,910 --> 00:11:58,240
reports he's saying that

312
00:12:05,190 --> 00:12:01,920
the the turtle's head just the head

313
00:12:07,030 --> 00:12:05,200

was bigger than a baby and that's a

314

00:12:10,470 --> 00:12:07,040

pretty sizable animal

315

00:12:13,750 --> 00:12:10,480

so harris who initially calls this thing

316

00:12:15,509 --> 00:12:13,760

mr turtle and uh refers to it by that

317

00:12:18,389 --> 00:12:15,519

name for quite some time

318

00:12:19,590 --> 00:12:18,399

uh decides that he's going to catch this

319

00:12:22,069 --> 00:12:19,600

creature

320

00:12:25,670 --> 00:12:22,079

and he sets out makes some attempts to

321

00:12:28,790 --> 00:12:25,680

do so you know with nets and so forth

322

00:12:31,110 --> 00:12:28,800

and it's one of those divine things i

323

00:12:32,870 --> 00:12:31,120

guess it was a slow news week but uh

324

00:12:34,710 --> 00:12:32,880

somewhere along the way

325

00:12:36,230 --> 00:12:34,720

uh two things couple things happen the

326

00:12:39,350 --> 00:12:36,240

locals get wind

327

00:12:42,790 --> 00:12:39,360

of this turtle story because you know

328

00:12:44,550 --> 00:12:42,800

small town this is 19 late 1940s

329

00:12:44,949 --> 00:12:44,560

everybody knows everybody you know it's

330

00:12:50,629 --> 00:12:44,959

a

331

00:12:53,030 --> 00:12:50,639

course remember

332

00:12:54,470 --> 00:12:53,040

the oscar folk story you know well this

333

00:12:56,710 --> 00:12:54,480

you know the old man folk who

334

00:12:58,150 --> 00:12:56,720

owned that property and you know the

335

00:13:00,310 --> 00:12:58,160

turn of the century knew about this

336

00:13:03,269 --> 00:13:00,320

turtle so

337

00:13:04,389 --> 00:13:03,279

along the way the turtle gets dubbed

338

00:13:07,030 --> 00:13:04,399

oscar

339

00:13:08,470 --> 00:13:07,040

in honor of the original property owner

340

00:13:11,910 --> 00:13:08,480

oscar fultz

341

00:13:15,350 --> 00:13:11,920

so oscar the giant turtle uh

342

00:13:18,790 --> 00:13:15,360

hits the ap wire the the news stories

343

00:13:19,990 --> 00:13:18,800

start to circulate and suddenly there's

344

00:13:23,350 --> 00:13:20,000

a growing interest

345

00:13:25,430 --> 00:13:23,360

in the idea that there is this massive

346

00:13:25,750 --> 00:13:25,440

turtle in this pond in this little town

347

00:13:36,069 --> 00:13:25,760

in

348

00:13:39,590 --> 00:13:36,079

place

349

00:13:42,150 --> 00:13:39,600

the story is is crazy because

350

00:13:44,790 --> 00:13:42,160

gail harris really if you if you look at

351
00:13:48,629 --> 00:13:44,800
the entire

352
00:13:53,350 --> 00:13:48,639
thing that unfolded and it lasted uh

353
00:13:57,829 --> 00:13:53,360
from 1948 until really about 1950

354
00:14:00,629 --> 00:13:57,839
uh during the course of this you see

355
00:14:01,430 --> 00:14:00,639
this guy gail harris just kind of become

356
00:14:03,670 --> 00:14:01,440
obsessed

357
00:14:05,189 --> 00:14:03,680
with catching this turtle it dominates

358
00:14:07,350 --> 00:14:05,199
his life and

359
00:14:09,030 --> 00:14:07,360
so much so that he spends all of his

360
00:14:11,750 --> 00:14:09,040
time and energy and money

361
00:14:13,829 --> 00:14:11,760
trying to catch this turtle he contrives

362
00:14:17,269 --> 00:14:13,839
so many strange ways

363
00:14:20,790 --> 00:14:17,279

to catch this creature he he tries

364

00:14:23,509 --> 00:14:20,800

nets he tries uh he hires a diver

365

00:14:24,949 --> 00:14:23,519

at one point bear in mind this is you

366

00:14:26,629 --> 00:14:24,959

know we're not talking about modern

367

00:14:27,189 --> 00:14:26,639

divers we're talking about those old you

368

00:14:30,310 --> 00:14:27,199

know

369

00:14:32,150 --> 00:14:30,320

giant helmets and a line that has to be

370

00:14:34,069 --> 00:14:32,160

attached and all this stuff so

371

00:14:35,829 --> 00:14:34,079

hires a professional diver to go down

372

00:14:37,030 --> 00:14:35,839

who's convinced that he can go down and

373

00:14:40,069 --> 00:14:37,040

catch the turtle

374

00:14:43,110 --> 00:14:40,079

uh and even that's a fiasco every

375

00:14:43,910 --> 00:14:43,120

every plan it just kind of goes sort of

376

00:14:45,509 --> 00:14:43,920

haywire

377

00:14:47,590 --> 00:14:45,519

and things happen so when the diver

378

00:14:48,949 --> 00:14:47,600

comes in they

379

00:14:50,069 --> 00:14:48,959

first they don't have gloves they have

380

00:14:52,069 --> 00:14:50,079

to order those and they have to

381

00:14:53,829 --> 00:14:52,079

reschedule the dive and then they have

382

00:14:55,350 --> 00:14:53,839

a problem with the suit leaking and then

383

00:14:56,389 --> 00:14:55,360

there's something else and there's one

384

00:14:59,030 --> 00:14:56,399

thing after another

385

00:14:59,750 --> 00:14:59,040

so the dive the diving scheme doesn't

386

00:15:03,670 --> 00:14:59,760

work

387

00:15:06,470 --> 00:15:03,680

he calls in hunters who are uh

388

00:15:07,910 --> 00:15:06,480

different purported experts on catching

389

00:15:10,790 --> 00:15:07,920

turtles and so forth

390

00:15:11,430 --> 00:15:10,800

and they come in with these various uh

391

00:15:13,430 --> 00:15:11,440

you know

392

00:15:14,870 --> 00:15:13,440

secret traps and so forth that they're

393

00:15:18,069 --> 00:15:14,880

gonna use and

394

00:15:20,870 --> 00:15:18,079

they have no success harris

395

00:15:22,389 --> 00:15:20,880

finally decides well he's going to drain

396

00:15:25,030 --> 00:15:22,399

the pond

397

00:15:25,750 --> 00:15:25,040

and he hooks up this contraption that's

398

00:15:28,629 --> 00:15:25,760

run

399

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

from the engine of this tractor all

400

00:15:33,189 --> 00:15:30,639

these

401
00:15:35,509 --> 00:15:33,199
tubes that come out of the pond he's

402
00:15:38,230 --> 00:15:35,519
pumping the water around the clock

403
00:15:39,590 --> 00:15:38,240
now again bear in mind the time period

404
00:15:41,189 --> 00:15:39,600
this is costing this guy a fortune

405
00:15:43,269 --> 00:15:41,199
because he's running that engine

406
00:15:44,790 --> 00:15:43,279
pumping this water out around the clock

407
00:15:45,430 --> 00:15:44,800
and of course at one point one of the

408
00:15:48,470 --> 00:15:45,440
lines

409
00:15:51,990 --> 00:15:48,480
breaks and sends water back in you know

410
00:15:54,870 --> 00:15:52,000
uh he only gets it down so far and

411
00:15:55,749 --> 00:15:54,880
it's you know kind of silt and mud on

412
00:15:58,949 --> 00:15:55,759
the bottom

413
00:15:59,990 --> 00:15:58,959

uh he he has all these problems rain

414

00:16:01,509 --> 00:16:00,000

comes in

415

00:16:03,030 --> 00:16:01,519

you know he's never able to get the pond

416

00:16:05,430 --> 00:16:03,040

completely drained he ends up

417

00:16:06,790 --> 00:16:05,440

going in the hospital at one point and

418

00:16:08,389 --> 00:16:06,800

when he comes back out of course the

419

00:16:12,470 --> 00:16:08,399

pond is refilled

420

00:16:13,430 --> 00:16:12,480

and then then he comes up with a scheme

421

00:16:16,550 --> 00:16:13,440

in collusion

422

00:16:19,749 --> 00:16:16,560

with the electric company

423

00:16:25,509 --> 00:16:22,150

they're going to send high voltage into

424

00:16:29,030 --> 00:16:25,519

the water to try to shock oscar out

425

00:16:29,749 --> 00:16:29,040

so they run this whole scheme run wires

426

00:16:31,269 --> 00:16:29,759

in and

427

00:16:34,150 --> 00:16:31,279

you know of course fish are jumping out

428

00:16:37,110 --> 00:16:34,160

of the water and and harris decides that

429

00:16:39,509 --> 00:16:37,120

all the turtle did was go down and bury

430

00:16:40,870 --> 00:16:39,519

itself in the silt so that it wasn't uh

431

00:16:43,670 --> 00:16:40,880

you know in the mud at the bottom so it

432

00:16:45,509 --> 00:16:43,680

wasn't affected by the electricity

433

00:16:47,110 --> 00:16:45,519

the media loves this stuff you know the

434

00:16:49,030 --> 00:16:47,120

news stories are carried all over the

435

00:16:50,550 --> 00:16:49,040

country and there's all this excitement

436

00:16:53,509 --> 00:16:50,560

about the giant turtle and

437

00:16:54,470 --> 00:16:53,519

and rumors of rewards from different

438

00:16:57,670 --> 00:16:54,480

zoos

439

00:17:00,790 --> 00:16:57,680

uh different stories and of course

440

00:17:02,710 --> 00:17:00,800

as with any story like this there are

441

00:17:04,150 --> 00:17:02,720

other crazy things that come about one

442

00:17:06,069 --> 00:17:04,160

of the neighbors uh

443

00:17:08,150 --> 00:17:06,079

pipes in probably to get immediate

444

00:17:10,949 --> 00:17:08,160

attention and says that

445

00:17:12,870 --> 00:17:10,959

the oscar the giant turtle came out and

446

00:17:16,789 --> 00:17:12,880

ate one of his cows

447

00:17:17,990 --> 00:17:16,799

so there there are all these crazy

448

00:17:21,189 --> 00:17:18,000

things that happened during

449

00:17:21,829 --> 00:17:21,199

the course of this and the long and

450

00:17:24,949 --> 00:17:21,839

short is

451
00:17:28,870 --> 00:17:28,069
harris can't do any farming because well

452
00:17:31,190 --> 00:17:28,880
two reasons

453
00:17:31,990 --> 00:17:31,200
one he's spending all of his time and

454
00:17:34,950 --> 00:17:32,000
money trying

455
00:17:35,430 --> 00:17:34,960
to catch the turtle two the story has

456
00:17:38,710 --> 00:17:35,440
become

457
00:17:41,350 --> 00:17:38,720
so widespread

458
00:17:43,750 --> 00:17:41,360
that people are coming from miles around

459
00:17:47,110 --> 00:17:43,760
hoping to catch a glimpse

460
00:17:50,870 --> 00:17:47,120
of oscar at one point they had to

461
00:17:53,350 --> 00:17:50,880
have police officers on the road leading

462
00:17:55,590 --> 00:17:53,360
to harris's property

463
00:17:57,350 --> 00:17:55,600

to manage traffic they're parking

464

00:17:59,430 --> 00:17:57,360
everywhere this is an active well

465

00:18:01,590 --> 00:17:59,440
supposed to be an active farm

466

00:18:03,510 --> 00:18:01,600
now it's covered with vehicles you know

467

00:18:06,310 --> 00:18:03,520
just ruining the fields

468

00:18:08,150 --> 00:18:06,320
it's so bad that many days harris's son

469

00:18:12,950 --> 00:18:08,160
can't even get out to get to

470

00:18:16,150 --> 00:18:12,960
school and the result is is that

471

00:18:17,110 --> 00:18:16,160
harris goes broke uh the story starts to

472

00:18:20,549 --> 00:18:17,120
die off

473

00:18:24,070 --> 00:18:20,559
in uh 49

474

00:18:25,669 --> 00:18:24,080
and there's not uh you know the media

475

00:18:25,990 --> 00:18:25,679
kind of loses interest because nothing

476

00:18:29,470 --> 00:18:26,000

new

477

00:18:33,029 --> 00:18:29,480

is really happening and by

478

00:18:37,190 --> 00:18:33,039

1950 there's sort of a

479

00:18:38,870 --> 00:18:37,200

final story uh about oscar and the final

480

00:18:41,430 --> 00:18:38,880

story is that

481

00:18:44,710 --> 00:18:41,440

the gail harris farm is on the auction

482

00:18:48,950 --> 00:18:47,990

the description of the property being

483

00:18:52,310 --> 00:18:48,960

auctioned off

484

00:18:54,070 --> 00:18:52,320

describes the farmland buildings

485

00:18:56,230 --> 00:18:54,080

the equipment that's left there for

486

00:18:59,590 --> 00:18:56,240

farming the tractors and so forth

487

00:19:02,789 --> 00:18:59,600

and an assortment of other nets

488

00:19:05,909 --> 00:19:02,799

and turtle catching devices

489

00:19:08,390 --> 00:19:05,919

that harris is also leaving behind so

490

00:19:09,430 --> 00:19:08,400

the property sold the new property

491

00:19:11,909 --> 00:19:09,440

owners

492

00:19:13,510 --> 00:19:11,919

made a statement that they were buying

493

00:19:16,070 --> 00:19:13,520

it so that they could farm

494

00:19:17,990 --> 00:19:16,080

and that as far as they were concerned

495

00:19:18,390 --> 00:19:18,000

oscar the giant turtle could live in

496

00:19:19,909 --> 00:19:18,400

peace

497

00:19:21,990 --> 00:19:19,919

in that pond because they had no

498

00:19:24,710 --> 00:19:22,000

interest in trying to catch him

499

00:19:25,909 --> 00:19:24,720

so you know it's it's kind of the end of

500

00:19:28,950 --> 00:19:25,919

the story there are a lot of

501
00:19:32,310 --> 00:19:28,960
interesting side notes to it

502
00:19:35,510 --> 00:19:32,320
there were or people who

503
00:19:38,150 --> 00:19:35,520
strongly believed that oscar

504
00:19:39,669 --> 00:19:38,160
at some point during all this fiasco had

505
00:19:43,510 --> 00:19:39,679
had left

506
00:19:45,110 --> 00:19:43,520
and had gone you know overnight had just

507
00:19:48,230 --> 00:19:45,120
left the pond and traveled somewhere

508
00:19:51,430 --> 00:19:48,240
else there are some other sightings of

509
00:19:53,430 --> 00:19:51,440
extremely large turtles in indiana that

510
00:19:56,789 --> 00:19:53,440
follow in the wake of that

511
00:19:57,750 --> 00:19:56,799
and uh of course the the turtle as you

512
00:20:01,190 --> 00:19:57,760
and i were

513
00:20:02,390 --> 00:20:01,200

talking about uh the turtle ends up

514

00:20:05,669 --> 00:20:02,400

being

515

00:20:06,070 --> 00:20:05,679

the center point of a festival called

516

00:20:09,110 --> 00:20:06,080

turtle

517

00:20:11,669 --> 00:20:09,120

days that's uh run in uh churrobusco

518

00:20:13,430 --> 00:20:11,679

which is what the turtle's name for the

519

00:20:14,149 --> 00:20:13,440

beast of busco has these came to be

520

00:20:16,310 --> 00:20:14,159

known

521

00:20:17,909 --> 00:20:16,320

and uh the festival i believe it started

522

00:20:20,710 --> 00:20:17,919

in

523

00:20:21,350 --> 00:20:20,720

the 1950s it's run for a long time and

524

00:20:23,750 --> 00:20:21,360

it's a

525

00:20:24,390 --> 00:20:23,760

community street festival type of thing

526

00:20:27,430 --> 00:20:24,400

but

527

00:20:30,470 --> 00:20:27,440

when you go to this town you see

528

00:20:33,909 --> 00:20:30,480

the uh image

529

00:20:35,430 --> 00:20:33,919

of oscar just everywhere the in the book

530

00:20:38,310 --> 00:20:35,440

there's a picture of the

531

00:20:39,110 --> 00:20:38,320

a patch i was given that is the fire

532

00:20:41,029 --> 00:20:39,120

department

533

00:20:42,310 --> 00:20:41,039

and it's it's a really cool artistic

534

00:20:45,270 --> 00:20:42,320

depiction of this

535

00:20:45,909 --> 00:20:45,280

this kind of a tough looking turtle

536

00:20:48,230 --> 00:20:45,919

holding a

537

00:20:50,230 --> 00:20:48,240

fireman's axe and a helmet and it's a

538

00:20:53,430 --> 00:20:50,240

logo for the fire department

539

00:20:55,510 --> 00:20:53,440

in town and you see images of large

540

00:20:56,470 --> 00:20:55,520

turtles everywhere they really celebrate

541

00:20:59,830 --> 00:20:56,480

this whole

542

00:21:02,950 --> 00:20:59,840

uh legend of this creature that

543

00:21:04,630 --> 00:21:02,960

really put the town on the map did

544

00:21:05,270 --> 00:21:04,640

anybody ever get a photograph of this

545

00:21:08,549 --> 00:21:05,280

thing

546

00:21:10,390 --> 00:21:08,559

no photographs no really no photographs

547

00:21:11,909 --> 00:21:10,400

sightings sightings here and there but

548

00:21:13,669 --> 00:21:11,919

um and of course

549

00:21:16,230 --> 00:21:13,679

it's it's one of those things you're not

550

00:21:20,310 --> 00:21:16,240

sure how many of the sightings were

551
00:21:21,669 --> 00:21:20,320
really uh people seeing the turtle there

552
00:21:24,230 --> 00:21:21,679
clearly there were some

553
00:21:25,270 --> 00:21:24,240
some initially that were very intriguing

554
00:21:26,870 --> 00:21:25,280
it's clear that

555
00:21:28,710 --> 00:21:26,880
harris's brother-in-law and his friend

556
00:21:31,590 --> 00:21:28,720
did indeed see oscar

557
00:21:32,950 --> 00:21:31,600
uh harrison cell saw oscar and the

558
00:21:36,950 --> 00:21:32,960
gentleman who was on the

559
00:21:40,070 --> 00:21:36,960
the roof repair job with him was

560
00:21:41,990 --> 00:21:40,080
also a minister in town so you know his

561
00:21:42,950 --> 00:21:42,000
testimony is pretty valid he saw the

562
00:21:44,950 --> 00:21:42,960
giant turtle

563
00:21:46,310 --> 00:21:44,960

and other other people spotted it during

564

00:21:49,430 --> 00:21:46,320

that time uh

565

00:21:51,029 --> 00:21:49,440

but it's kind of interesting to look at

566

00:21:52,549 --> 00:21:51,039

all the legends and the folklore and

567

00:21:54,149 --> 00:21:52,559

stuff that have been added to this and

568

00:21:56,070 --> 00:21:54,159

really at its core

569

00:21:57,990 --> 00:21:56,080

the story is fascinating because as much

570

00:22:01,190 --> 00:21:58,000

as it's about

571

00:22:01,750 --> 00:22:01,200

a an unusual animal a cryptid if you

572

00:22:04,630 --> 00:22:01,760

will

573

00:22:05,430 --> 00:22:04,640

it's also a real story of human nature

574

00:22:07,510 --> 00:22:05,440

and

575

00:22:08,870 --> 00:22:07,520

you know how someone can be driven to

576
00:22:10,149 --> 00:22:08,880
try to

577
00:22:11,830 --> 00:22:10,159
find something you know the kind of

578
00:22:12,470 --> 00:22:11,840
things that we look for all the time

579
00:22:14,870 --> 00:22:12,480
right

580
00:22:16,470 --> 00:22:14,880
but this guy was so driven to find this

581
00:22:18,549 --> 00:22:16,480
one particular creature that

582
00:22:20,390 --> 00:22:18,559
uh you know proved to be to the

583
00:22:21,110 --> 00:22:20,400
detriment of everything else in his life

584
00:22:23,190 --> 00:22:21,120
so it's

585
00:22:25,669 --> 00:22:23,200
it's kind of sad and tragic in a sense

586
00:22:28,230 --> 00:22:25,679
and ironically harris ends up

587
00:22:29,430 --> 00:22:28,240
eating after the farmer's auction he

588
00:22:32,230 --> 00:22:29,440

moves out of town and

589

00:22:33,750 --> 00:22:32,240

he moves into the city and he gets a job

590

00:22:34,870 --> 00:22:33,760

for the electric company who had tried

591

00:22:37,909 --> 00:22:34,880

to help him

592

00:22:41,270 --> 00:22:37,919

who had helped him try to electrocute

593

00:22:44,070 --> 00:22:41,280

oscar out of the water so you know just

594

00:22:45,990 --> 00:22:44,080

very very strange connections there and

595

00:22:49,350 --> 00:22:46,000

and there's a whole legend too of

596

00:22:51,350 --> 00:22:49,360

a native american

597

00:22:54,149 --> 00:22:51,360

chief who purportedly lived in the area

598

00:22:56,549 --> 00:22:54,159

who was called little turtle of all time

599

00:22:57,190 --> 00:22:56,559

and uh purportedly had a pet turtle at

600

00:23:00,630 --> 00:22:57,200

some point

601
00:23:03,350 --> 00:23:00,640
but yeah i was gonna ask is

602
00:23:05,830 --> 00:23:03,360
if uh you know these large turtles are

603
00:23:08,630 --> 00:23:05,840
indigenous to that part of indiana or

604
00:23:08,950 --> 00:23:08,640
you know is it could have been actually

605
00:23:11,350 --> 00:23:08,960
uh

606
00:23:12,149 --> 00:23:11,360
and i just overgroomed species of some

607
00:23:14,710 --> 00:23:12,159
type

608
00:23:17,110 --> 00:23:14,720
there's a lot of speculation what what i

609
00:23:18,470 --> 00:23:17,120
think it was was a snapping turtle which

610
00:23:20,789 --> 00:23:18,480
can get pretty large

611
00:23:22,390 --> 00:23:20,799
they primarily live in the south but you

612
00:23:24,710 --> 00:23:22,400
know i uncovered some interesting things

613
00:23:26,390 --> 00:23:24,720

there was a report that i came across

614

00:23:28,789 --> 00:23:26,400

uh involving a gentleman who had worked

615

00:23:32,390 --> 00:23:28,799

on one of the rail lines and

616

00:23:36,230 --> 00:23:32,400

had talked to a fellow whose his family

617

00:23:39,909 --> 00:23:36,240

tried to start a turtle farm in indiana

618

00:23:42,710 --> 00:23:39,919

and they were bringing these uh southern

619

00:23:43,750 --> 00:23:42,720

snapping turtles up into indiana to see

620

00:23:45,669 --> 00:23:43,760

if they could

621

00:23:47,430 --> 00:23:45,679

you know live through the winter

622

00:23:49,430 --> 00:23:47,440

primarily

623

00:23:50,470 --> 00:23:49,440

and there seemed to be some indications

624

00:23:52,310 --> 00:23:50,480

that they were

625

00:23:53,909 --> 00:23:52,320

were that adaptable we know animals are

626

00:23:57,350 --> 00:23:53,919

extremely adaptable

627

00:24:00,149 --> 00:23:57,360

uh you know so you see that the ranges

628

00:24:02,310 --> 00:24:00,159

change all the time and most likely

629

00:24:04,310 --> 00:24:02,320

that's probably what oscar was it's

630

00:24:07,190 --> 00:24:04,320

probably a giant snapping turtle

631

00:24:09,029 --> 00:24:07,200

wow that's a cool story you know i i

632

00:24:12,390 --> 00:24:09,039

knew bits and pieces of it but i

633

00:24:15,430 --> 00:24:12,400

didn't know the full story behind it um

634

00:24:17,830 --> 00:24:15,440

yeah but yeah that that that cover is

635

00:24:19,029 --> 00:24:17,840

fantastic on the book because it looks

636

00:24:20,549 --> 00:24:19,039

like an alligator

637

00:24:22,310 --> 00:24:20,559

snapping turtle i mean if that's what

638

00:24:24,710 --> 00:24:22,320

the thing looked like

639

00:24:25,830 --> 00:24:24,720

you know it's pretty good sized turtle

640

00:24:27,990 --> 00:24:25,840

yeah

641

00:24:28,950 --> 00:24:28,000

you know when i started getting involved

642

00:24:31,590 --> 00:24:28,960

with this uh

643

00:24:33,029 --> 00:24:31,600

wing humanoid phenomena around lake

644

00:24:35,430 --> 00:24:33,039

michigan

645

00:24:36,870 --> 00:24:35,440

we were getting a lot of sightings in

646

00:24:44,549 --> 00:24:36,880

indiana

647

00:24:47,430 --> 00:24:44,559

but we you know they were there and when

648

00:24:50,789 --> 00:24:47,440

i started looking into it

649

00:24:53,350 --> 00:24:50,799

you know i was kind of surprised that

650

00:24:54,950 --> 00:24:53,360

all the flying not only humanoid flying

651
00:24:58,149 --> 00:24:54,960
creatures

652
00:24:59,350 --> 00:24:58,159
sightings in indiana especially

653
00:25:00,789 --> 00:24:59,360
pterosaurs i mean

654
00:25:02,470 --> 00:25:00,799
and i've been getting a bunch of

655
00:25:06,070 --> 00:25:02,480
pterosaur like

656
00:25:07,830 --> 00:25:06,080
uh sightings over the years from there

657
00:25:09,350 --> 00:25:07,840
but you know it just kind of adds to

658
00:25:13,430 --> 00:25:09,360
everything else you know even these

659
00:25:16,310 --> 00:25:13,440
even these uh cryptid uh

660
00:25:18,870 --> 00:25:16,320
uh flying manta rays white manta rays or

661
00:25:21,190 --> 00:25:18,880
grey manta rays people have been seeing

662
00:25:22,710 --> 00:25:21,200
i've been trying to document you know we

663
00:25:25,909 --> 00:25:22,720

had one of those in the game

664

00:25:29,190 --> 00:25:25,919

as well and uh it was fayette

665

00:25:31,590 --> 00:25:29,200

fan indiana so

666

00:25:33,350 --> 00:25:31,600

i don't know it is a weird state you

667

00:25:40,630 --> 00:25:33,360

know

668

00:25:44,390 --> 00:25:40,640

talk about

669

00:25:48,149 --> 00:25:44,400

the snapping turtle but uh

670

00:25:50,390 --> 00:25:48,159

like mermaids

671

00:25:51,190 --> 00:25:50,400

uh other type of large fish that are

672

00:25:53,750 --> 00:25:51,200

seen up on the

673

00:25:55,110 --> 00:25:53,760

because the ohio river runs in the south

674

00:25:57,750 --> 00:25:55,120

south of the state

675

00:25:58,230 --> 00:25:57,760

oh yeah a lot of different stuff even up

676

00:26:03,110 --> 00:25:58,240

into

677

00:26:05,029 --> 00:26:03,120

up in the state you know there's an area

678

00:26:07,029 --> 00:26:05,039

called um

679

00:26:08,390 --> 00:26:07,039

prairie and i forget the name of because

680

00:26:11,750 --> 00:26:08,400

we've got uh

681

00:26:16,310 --> 00:26:11,760

it's it's actually east of uh

682

00:26:19,029 --> 00:26:16,320

of uh indianapolis up towards stoke yet

683

00:26:19,909 --> 00:26:19,039

i don't know but anyway it's it's it's a

684

00:26:22,390 --> 00:26:19,919

park

685

00:26:24,470 --> 00:26:22,400

and it's got a huge lake in it and we

686

00:26:26,630 --> 00:26:24,480

had three or four settings of these wing

687

00:26:30,310 --> 00:26:26,640

humanoids there

688

00:26:30,710 --> 00:26:30,320

so um you know i don't know what the

689

00:26:32,789 --> 00:26:30,720

deal

690

00:26:35,269 --> 00:26:32,799

is and uh you know but you're right you

691

00:26:36,630 --> 00:26:35,279

know indiana is just crazy it has a lot

692

00:26:39,029 --> 00:26:36,640

of different stuff

693

00:26:40,950 --> 00:26:39,039

let alone the bigfoot sightings i mean

694

00:26:42,710 --> 00:26:40,960

yeah that part of southern indiana is

695

00:26:44,390 --> 00:26:42,720

just loaded with bigfoot sightings

696

00:26:45,990 --> 00:26:44,400

oh it is well you know you got the

697

00:26:47,269 --> 00:26:46,000

hoosier national forest

698

00:26:49,350 --> 00:26:47,279

which is pretty big and that's where

699

00:26:51,110 --> 00:26:49,360

most of them i've heard of yeah

700

00:26:52,870 --> 00:26:51,120

and uh you know there's a lot of other

701
00:26:54,950 --> 00:26:52,880
areas in the state i mean

702
00:26:56,070 --> 00:26:54,960
it's pretty rich in terms of farmland

703
00:26:59,110 --> 00:26:56,080
and forests and

704
00:27:00,870 --> 00:26:59,120
and diversity and of course uh you know

705
00:27:02,149 --> 00:27:00,880
for animals like that that can survive

706
00:27:04,230 --> 00:27:02,159
the four seasons

707
00:27:06,710 --> 00:27:04,240
uh there's there's plenty of resources

708
00:27:10,149 --> 00:27:06,720
actually a lot of resources in indiana

709
00:27:12,070 --> 00:27:10,159
and plenty of fresh water

710
00:27:13,350 --> 00:27:12,080
plenty for them you know there's not

711
00:27:14,390 --> 00:27:13,360
going to be any problem for them to

712
00:27:17,669 --> 00:27:14,400
thrive

713
00:27:20,630 --> 00:27:17,679

and like a lot of states you know the

714

00:27:22,470 --> 00:27:20,640

the clusters of the population tend

715

00:27:23,269 --> 00:27:22,480

towards the large cities or the smaller

716

00:27:25,110 --> 00:27:23,279

towns

717

00:27:27,110 --> 00:27:25,120

uh but you talk about water monsters i

718

00:27:30,310 --> 00:27:27,120

mean there's a another

719

00:27:31,909 --> 00:27:30,320

really well-known one in in 40 and lower

720

00:27:32,830 --> 00:27:31,919

that comes out of indiana and that's the

721

00:27:36,310 --> 00:27:32,840

green claw

722

00:27:38,070 --> 00:27:36,320

beast that uh you know it's

723

00:27:40,070 --> 00:27:38,080

it's a really strange story there's

724

00:27:41,350 --> 00:27:40,080

there's several stories in indiana that

725

00:27:44,070 --> 00:27:41,360

were so

726

00:27:45,909 --> 00:27:44,080

odd you know when uh when i delved into

727

00:27:47,830 --> 00:27:45,919

them i i mean i knew about that tales

728

00:27:50,070 --> 00:27:47,840

from 1955

729

00:27:51,350 --> 00:27:50,080

there's a couple of others there's one i

730

00:27:55,190 --> 00:27:51,360

uncovered about these

731

00:27:57,990 --> 00:27:55,200

uh what i call the oil pit squids

732

00:27:59,510 --> 00:27:58,000

and that's a really strange tale but the

733

00:28:01,430 --> 00:27:59,520

before i jump ahead to that the green

734

00:28:04,909 --> 00:28:01,440

called beast

735

00:28:06,230 --> 00:28:04,919

this is an account that takes place in

736

00:28:10,310 --> 00:28:06,240

1955

737

00:28:13,430 --> 00:28:10,320

near evansville and it's a woman named

738

00:28:16,310 --> 00:28:13,440

johnson miss dart ms darwin johnson

739

00:28:18,710 --> 00:28:16,320

who's out on the ohio river and spending

740

00:28:19,830 --> 00:28:18,720

just kind of a lazy day with a friend of

741

00:28:23,909 --> 00:28:19,840

hers

742

00:28:27,430 --> 00:28:23,919

and she's on a uh

743

00:28:30,549 --> 00:28:27,440

sauna floating on a tube in the river

744

00:28:32,470 --> 00:28:30,559

when something grabs her from

745

00:28:34,149 --> 00:28:32,480

up out of the water she says that it was

746

00:28:36,789 --> 00:28:34,159

a a green called

747

00:28:38,870 --> 00:28:36,799

hand that grabbed her leg and tried to

748

00:28:40,710 --> 00:28:38,880

pull her under now her friend is

749

00:28:42,630 --> 00:28:40,720

not in the water at the time she's up on

750

00:28:44,070 --> 00:28:42,640

the riverbank and she sees this

751
00:28:45,590 --> 00:28:44,080
happening and she's

752
00:28:48,950 --> 00:28:45,600
kind of in a panic but she's not sure

753
00:28:50,630 --> 00:28:48,960
what to do miss johnson surfaces

754
00:28:52,789 --> 00:28:50,640
she gets yanked down again she

755
00:28:55,990 --> 00:28:52,799
eventually gets free of this thing

756
00:28:58,070 --> 00:28:56,000
and she gets up on to the riverbank they

757
00:29:01,750 --> 00:28:58,080
end up calling the paramedics

758
00:29:03,510 --> 00:29:01,760
and investigates the situation

759
00:29:05,190 --> 00:29:03,520
she's claiming that it's something with

760
00:29:15,830 --> 00:29:05,200
a

761
00:29:18,470 --> 00:29:15,840
[Music]

762
00:29:20,070 --> 00:29:18,480
skeptics of course jump in later on and

763
00:29:22,149 --> 00:29:20,080

say oh this was um

764

00:29:23,269 --> 00:29:22,159

this was a turtle you know this was this

765

00:29:26,230 --> 00:29:23,279

was nothing

766

00:29:28,149 --> 00:29:26,240

but a mossback turtle and she just

767

00:29:28,950 --> 00:29:28,159

scraped against it and she's mistaken

768

00:29:32,070 --> 00:29:28,960

well

769

00:29:35,029 --> 00:29:32,080

here's what's interesting one there is

770

00:29:38,830 --> 00:29:35,039

an impression on this woman's leg

771

00:29:42,950 --> 00:29:38,840

of a hand and it's a green it's a green

772

00:29:45,350 --> 00:29:42,960

stain that won't come off it lingers for

773

00:29:48,950 --> 00:29:45,360

some time on her leg

774

00:29:50,630 --> 00:29:48,960

so you know here we have this

775

00:29:52,310 --> 00:29:50,640

curious thing that's thrown in there but

776
00:29:53,269 --> 00:29:52,320
the case gets a little bit weirder

777
00:29:56,470 --> 00:29:53,279
because

778
00:29:59,350 --> 00:29:56,480
what happens is that uh it

779
00:30:01,269 --> 00:29:59,360
it gets posted in the news and you know

780
00:30:03,750 --> 00:30:01,279
people think oh this is

781
00:30:05,750 --> 00:30:03,760
no no this is you know some other

782
00:30:08,149 --> 00:30:05,760
nonsense is going on here it's it's not

783
00:30:10,870 --> 00:30:08,159
really what she says but ms

784
00:30:11,269 --> 00:30:10,880
johnson and her husband are paid a visit

785
00:30:13,190 --> 00:30:11,279
by

786
00:30:15,269 --> 00:30:13,200
a gentleman who says he's with the air

787
00:30:18,549 --> 00:30:15,279
force

788
00:30:21,669 --> 00:30:18,559

and he asked them all these questions

789

00:30:22,230 --> 00:30:21,679

about the incident and we have to wonder

790

00:30:29,110 --> 00:30:22,240

why

791

00:30:31,190 --> 00:30:29,120

purportedly interested in you know

792

00:30:32,470 --> 00:30:31,200

this weird encounter this woman had on

793

00:30:35,029 --> 00:30:32,480

the river well

794

00:30:35,750 --> 00:30:35,039

at the end of the conversation he

795

00:30:38,230 --> 00:30:35,760

strongly

796

00:30:39,269 --> 00:30:38,240

advises them to not talk about this

797

00:30:41,590 --> 00:30:39,279

anymore

798

00:30:42,470 --> 00:30:41,600

well who's that sound like right so it's

799

00:30:43,990 --> 00:30:42,480

it's very

800

00:30:45,909 --> 00:30:44,000

you know sort of the men in black

801
00:30:47,750 --> 00:30:45,919
element that comes in here

802
00:30:49,350 --> 00:30:47,760
uh you know you dig a little bit deeper

803
00:30:53,269 --> 00:30:49,360
you find that there were some

804
00:30:55,990 --> 00:30:53,279
ufo sightings around the same time uh

805
00:30:57,990 --> 00:30:56,000
in the area you know along the river and

806
00:31:01,590 --> 00:30:58,000
you just kind of have to wonder you know

807
00:31:03,590 --> 00:31:01,600
what exactly was you know why

808
00:31:05,909 --> 00:31:03,600
why were they so worried about this

809
00:31:07,590 --> 00:31:05,919
woman having this encounter

810
00:31:08,950 --> 00:31:07,600
with this weird beast that a lot of

811
00:31:11,029 --> 00:31:08,960
people didn't believe

812
00:31:13,110 --> 00:31:11,039
because they all thought she was just

813
00:31:16,149 --> 00:31:13,120

kind of hyped up because

814

00:31:18,020 --> 00:31:16,159

oh well you know it's because uh the

815

00:31:19,590 --> 00:31:18,030

creature from the black lagoon was out

816

00:31:22,950 --> 00:31:19,600

[Laughter]

817

00:31:23,269 --> 00:31:22,960

and you know so forth but the the thing

818

00:31:25,830 --> 00:31:23,279

that

819

00:31:27,269 --> 00:31:25,840

really grabbed me about this case was

820

00:31:33,750 --> 00:31:27,279

that it takes place on

821

00:31:35,190 --> 00:31:33,760

august 21st uh it's 1955 so

822

00:31:37,029 --> 00:31:35,200

if you probe your memory you might

823

00:31:39,430 --> 00:31:37,039

recall there's another case that took

824

00:31:40,870 --> 00:31:39,440

place on that same date

825

00:31:44,789 --> 00:31:40,880

in a little place called kelly

826

00:31:49,590 --> 00:31:48,149

yeah so what are the odds of two such

827

00:31:51,350 --> 00:31:49,600

bizarre cases

828

00:31:53,830 --> 00:31:51,360

occurring at the same time of course the

829

00:31:56,950 --> 00:31:53,840

kelly hopkins real case for those who

830

00:31:58,710 --> 00:31:56,960

who don't know about it is uh one of my

831

00:32:00,470 --> 00:31:58,720

favorite cases is a bizarre encounter

832

00:32:03,830 --> 00:32:00,480

that a family had

833

00:32:06,070 --> 00:32:03,840

with a group of goblins who

834

00:32:07,830 --> 00:32:06,080

seemed to be bulletproof and their

835

00:32:09,430 --> 00:32:07,840

implications they came out of ufos there

836

00:32:11,110 --> 00:32:09,440

were ufo sightings around the time in

837

00:32:14,230 --> 00:32:11,120

that area

838

00:32:17,029 --> 00:32:14,240

so a very strange

839

00:32:17,750 --> 00:32:17,039

sort of ufo slash humanoid encounter

840

00:32:19,830 --> 00:32:17,760

that occurred

841

00:32:21,350 --> 00:32:19,840

at the same time this woman claims that

842

00:32:27,029 --> 00:32:21,360

this green fall beast

843

00:32:30,389 --> 00:32:28,789

what river was this where was that at

844

00:32:32,470 --> 00:32:30,399

again the ohio river

845

00:32:34,470 --> 00:32:32,480

oh it was in the ohio river yeah she was

846

00:32:37,669 --> 00:32:34,480

on the entire river

847

00:32:41,590 --> 00:32:37,679

yeah she was she was near uh evansville

848

00:32:42,230 --> 00:32:41,600

okay yeah you know i've heard a lot of

849

00:32:45,509 --> 00:32:42,240

stories

850

00:32:46,710 --> 00:32:45,519

of uh sharks coming up that far into the

851
00:32:48,710 --> 00:32:46,720
ohio river

852
00:32:50,549 --> 00:32:48,720
up through the mississippi and there's

853
00:32:53,430 --> 00:32:50,559
people seeing it up there

854
00:32:54,389 --> 00:32:53,440
uh maybe that's what it was but jesus

855
00:32:56,710 --> 00:32:54,399
you know that you know

856
00:32:58,630 --> 00:32:56,720
that is strange it's the same date but

857
00:33:02,149 --> 00:32:58,640
you know this men in black

858
00:33:04,149 --> 00:33:02,159
type of uh uh phenomena

859
00:33:06,230 --> 00:33:04,159
is pretty well known especially around

860
00:33:09,029 --> 00:33:06,240
indianapolis there seems to be

861
00:33:10,310 --> 00:33:09,039
and i've had a few stories from around

862
00:33:13,909 --> 00:33:10,320
indianapolis

863
00:33:15,750 --> 00:33:13,919

of ufo activity that would show up at

864

00:33:17,430 --> 00:33:15,760

night a lot of these security guards at

865

00:33:18,630 --> 00:33:17,440

a lot of these facilities around the

866

00:33:21,029 --> 00:33:18,640

city a lot of these

867

00:33:22,070 --> 00:33:21,039

factories and such we're seeing these

868

00:33:24,230 --> 00:33:22,080

things

869

00:33:26,389 --> 00:33:24,240

and for whatever reason these men in

870

00:33:28,710 --> 00:33:26,399

black what people were describing men in

871

00:33:31,509 --> 00:33:28,720

black start shelling up

872

00:33:32,950 --> 00:33:31,519

uh i know i had at least three three of

873

00:33:34,870 --> 00:33:32,960

those reports

874

00:33:36,389 --> 00:33:34,880

about three or four years ago and i know

875

00:33:40,230 --> 00:33:36,399

two or three of others

876

00:33:42,230 --> 00:33:40,240

ended up on mufon's cms so

877

00:33:43,909 --> 00:33:42,240

i don't know what that was all about but

878

00:33:45,830 --> 00:33:43,919

you know

879

00:33:47,430 --> 00:33:45,840

another another case is something weird

880

00:33:49,669 --> 00:33:47,440

happening in indiana

881

00:33:50,950 --> 00:33:49,679

it is and you know if you expand the

882

00:33:54,389 --> 00:33:50,960

parameters a little bit

883

00:33:55,830 --> 00:33:54,399

and and go outside of that basic model

884

00:33:57,110 --> 00:33:55,840

of the mib of course there are a lot of

885

00:33:59,590 --> 00:33:57,120

variations in those

886

00:34:01,350 --> 00:33:59,600

mid counters anyway but even when you

887

00:34:03,269 --> 00:34:01,360

branch out a little bit and you look at

888

00:34:05,190 --> 00:34:03,279

a case like this

889

00:34:07,350 --> 00:34:05,200

there's nothing else necessarily that

890

00:34:09,030 --> 00:34:07,360

fits the typical men in black thing you

891

00:34:10,470 --> 00:34:09,040

know he's not uh there wasn't any other

892

00:34:12,149 --> 00:34:10,480

weird behavior

893

00:34:13,589 --> 00:34:12,159

uh you know he didn't seem like he was

894

00:34:14,629 --> 00:34:13,599

alien or anything i mean they just

895

00:34:16,710 --> 00:34:14,639

talked about him being

896

00:34:17,750 --> 00:34:16,720

what they assumed was really an air

897

00:34:20,869 --> 00:34:17,760

force major

898

00:34:23,030 --> 00:34:20,879

uh but then you get the the curious

899

00:34:23,990 --> 00:34:23,040

aspects you know why is he interested in

900

00:34:25,990 --> 00:34:24,000

this

901
00:34:27,829 --> 00:34:26,000
bizarre encounter weren't any x-files

902
00:34:31,669 --> 00:34:27,839
back then you know

903
00:34:33,990 --> 00:34:31,679
and you know why why is he pursuing

904
00:34:37,829 --> 00:34:34,000
her encounter and why tell them

905
00:34:39,510 --> 00:34:37,839
basically you know don't talk about this

906
00:34:40,869 --> 00:34:39,520
well it does sound like men in black you

907
00:34:43,990 --> 00:34:40,879
know i

908
00:34:46,069 --> 00:34:44,000
the more these men in black tales i hear

909
00:34:47,190 --> 00:34:46,079
the less i'm inclined to believe there's

910
00:34:49,349 --> 00:34:47,200
anything to do with the government

911
00:34:50,869 --> 00:34:49,359
anymore i'm starting to believe it

912
00:34:52,550 --> 00:34:50,879
you know and especially since they end

913
00:34:55,669 --> 00:34:52,560

up coming so quickly after

914

00:34:57,190 --> 00:34:55,679

sighting uh i mean i've had people tell

915

00:34:58,870 --> 00:34:57,200

me they had a sighting

916

00:35:01,430 --> 00:34:58,880

and within an hour they've got these

917

00:35:05,270 --> 00:35:01,440

guys in black knocking on the door

918

00:35:07,270 --> 00:35:05,280

uh you know yeah that sounds

919

00:35:08,710 --> 00:35:07,280

non-terrestrial to me that you know for

920

00:35:09,990 --> 00:35:08,720

some reason they're just trying to cover

921

00:35:12,230 --> 00:35:10,000

up their tracks

922

00:35:13,109 --> 00:35:12,240

yeah i've heard those kind of things i i

923

00:35:15,750 --> 00:35:13,119

talked to a guy

924

00:35:17,430 --> 00:35:15,760

this was also in indiana not in the book

925

00:35:20,710 --> 00:35:17,440

it was a ufo sighting but

926

00:35:23,829 --> 00:35:20,720

you know he had a strange sighting

927

00:35:24,230 --> 00:35:23,839

hoosier national forest area and when he

928

00:35:26,470 --> 00:35:24,240

got

929

00:35:28,150 --> 00:35:26,480

home they were waiting for him in his

930

00:35:31,349 --> 00:35:28,160

yard

931

00:35:31,990 --> 00:35:31,359

now you know tell me how that happens

932

00:35:36,230 --> 00:35:32,000

now

933

00:35:39,270 --> 00:35:36,240

phone call and he was talking to someone

934

00:35:43,030 --> 00:35:39,280

about what he had seen but that just you

935

00:35:47,030 --> 00:35:45,270

um well you talk about that use your

936

00:35:48,710 --> 00:35:47,040

national forest i've had all kinds of

937

00:35:51,670 --> 00:35:48,720

crazy sightings out of there

938

00:35:52,870 --> 00:35:51,680

especially last couple years um not only

939

00:35:56,069 --> 00:35:52,880

bigfoot but these

940

00:35:58,710 --> 00:35:56,079

these white humanoid settings uh i

941

00:35:59,190 --> 00:35:58,720

i mean i had one where two hunters were

942

00:36:02,310 --> 00:35:59,200

out

943

00:36:04,390 --> 00:36:02,320

hunt there

944

00:36:05,349 --> 00:36:04,400

whatever this this white humanoid

945

00:36:08,550 --> 00:36:05,359

literally

946

00:36:11,670 --> 00:36:08,560

scaled down the tree when it came

947

00:36:13,670 --> 00:36:11,680

after them you know so

948

00:36:15,750 --> 00:36:13,680

that kind of stuff but that is that area

949

00:36:17,829 --> 00:36:15,760

does have a lot of different sightings

950

00:36:19,030 --> 00:36:17,839

well again you know it's a dense forest

951
00:36:22,390 --> 00:36:19,040
region uh

952
00:36:25,270 --> 00:36:22,400
not you know not explored extensively

953
00:36:28,310 --> 00:36:25,280
there's there's not people in there

954
00:36:30,150 --> 00:36:28,320
covering the entire area every day so uh

955
00:36:31,589 --> 00:36:30,160
plenty of plenty of space for things

956
00:36:35,109 --> 00:36:31,599
like that to be

957
00:36:36,630 --> 00:36:35,119
lurking i've got to ask you about this

958
00:36:39,430 --> 00:36:36,640
confederate soldier

959
00:36:40,710 --> 00:36:39,440
that supposedly turned into a werewolf i

960
00:36:42,470 --> 00:36:40,720
knew you were going to want to talk

961
00:36:45,510 --> 00:36:42,480
about that

962
00:36:47,910 --> 00:36:45,520
yeah you knew me yeah

963
00:36:49,590 --> 00:36:47,920

so you know indiana has some curious

964

00:36:50,630 --> 00:36:49,600

werewolf folklore

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00:36:52,390 --> 00:36:50,640

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00:36:55,109 --> 00:36:52,400

going all the way back to the french

967

00:36:57,190 --> 00:36:55,119

influence of course

968

00:36:58,630 --> 00:36:57,200

uh they brought their werewolf legends

969

00:37:01,510 --> 00:36:58,640

over from france and

970

00:37:02,310 --> 00:37:01,520

the early french trappers and and

971

00:37:04,230 --> 00:37:02,320

traders

972

00:37:06,069 --> 00:37:04,240

you know they would talk about different

973

00:37:07,430 --> 00:37:06,079

werewolf legends and claim that

974

00:37:09,430 --> 00:37:07,440

werewolves

975

00:37:10,550 --> 00:37:09,440

were in indiana and it kind of blended

976
00:37:13,589 --> 00:37:10,560
seems to blend it in

977
00:37:15,750 --> 00:37:13,599
some with a bit of the native american

978
00:37:16,950 --> 00:37:15,760
lore that was already there so

979
00:37:18,870 --> 00:37:16,960
you know this is one of these things

980
00:37:19,510 --> 00:37:18,880
that i find i know we've talked about

981
00:37:21,510 --> 00:37:19,520
this before

982
00:37:22,550 --> 00:37:21,520
before i i've looked at a lot of these

983
00:37:25,030 --> 00:37:22,560
modern

984
00:37:26,710 --> 00:37:25,040
dogman accounts and for me i always go

985
00:37:29,990 --> 00:37:26,720
back to the traditional lore

986
00:37:33,430 --> 00:37:30,000
the early stories because i kind of what

987
00:37:36,550 --> 00:37:33,440
what really pieced my curiosity about it

988
00:37:37,750 --> 00:37:36,560

is that gap that exists because we have

989

00:37:40,069 --> 00:37:37,760

some early stories

990

00:37:42,069 --> 00:37:40,079

from european settlement we have very

991

00:37:43,510 --> 00:37:42,079

scant stuff from native americans

992

00:37:45,670 --> 00:37:43,520

and then we have this long period where

993

00:37:47,910 --> 00:37:45,680

there's really not much

994

00:37:50,069 --> 00:37:47,920

like that occasional stories crop up

995

00:37:51,030 --> 00:37:50,079

like the defiance werewolf and things

996

00:37:52,390 --> 00:37:51,040

like that

997

00:37:55,030 --> 00:37:52,400

but for the most part you don't hear a

998

00:37:58,790 --> 00:37:55,040

lot of these stories until modern times

999

00:38:03,109 --> 00:38:00,950

so you know when i explored the werewolf

1000

00:38:04,870 --> 00:38:03,119

legends that were in indiana i found

1001
00:38:05,190 --> 00:38:04,880
them pretty intriguing again most of

1002
00:38:08,230 --> 00:38:05,200
them

1003
00:38:09,670 --> 00:38:08,240
are pretty early encounters and then

1004
00:38:11,510 --> 00:38:09,680
this one

1005
00:38:14,150 --> 00:38:11,520
that you're referring to jumps up to the

1006
00:38:17,670 --> 00:38:14,160
civil war period now

1007
00:38:21,109 --> 00:38:17,680
as the tale goes there was a gentleman

1008
00:38:23,270 --> 00:38:21,119
who joined the confederate forces

1009
00:38:25,349 --> 00:38:23,280
during the civil war uh he lived in

1010
00:38:28,790 --> 00:38:25,359
southern indiana and he was

1011
00:38:30,310 --> 00:38:28,800
um you know his family were southern

1012
00:38:32,550 --> 00:38:30,320
sympathizers so he went off with the

1013
00:38:36,550 --> 00:38:32,560

confederates he ends up serving under

1014

00:38:38,790 --> 00:38:36,560

uh john hunt morgan and

1015

00:38:40,069 --> 00:38:38,800

the story is that this gentleman his

1016

00:38:43,109 --> 00:38:40,079

name was was

1017

00:38:46,790 --> 00:38:43,119

silas shimmerhorn

1018

00:38:47,829 --> 00:38:46,800

old silas uh he he wasn't much of a

1019

00:38:51,030 --> 00:38:47,839

soldier he

1020

00:38:52,470 --> 00:38:51,040

really didn't like uh fighting you know

1021

00:38:54,790 --> 00:38:52,480

he didn't like uh

1022

00:38:56,230 --> 00:38:54,800

serving uh you know whatever reasons ran

1023

00:39:00,710 --> 00:38:56,240

through his head

1024

00:39:03,270 --> 00:39:00,720

he took an opportunity when

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00:39:05,030 --> 00:39:03,280

he was with morgan's battalion and they

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00:39:09,109 --> 00:39:05,040

came into indiana

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00:39:16,390 --> 00:39:13,030

basically bolt and you know he went awol

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00:39:17,750 --> 00:39:16,400

went off into the wild and was basically

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00:39:20,470 --> 00:39:17,760

hoping that he could just

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00:39:22,790 --> 00:39:20,480

you know hide out until the war was over

1031

00:39:25,990 --> 00:39:22,800

or whatever

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00:39:29,829 --> 00:39:26,000

well what happens is that uh

1033

00:39:33,589 --> 00:39:29,839

he he appears to turn truly wild now

1034

00:39:36,870 --> 00:39:33,599

the story is that silas he went into the

1035

00:39:38,710 --> 00:39:36,880

the forest of indiana he found a cave

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00:39:41,750 --> 00:39:38,720

that he started living in

1037

00:39:42,069 --> 00:39:41,760

and eventually of course the civil war

1038

00:39:46,310 --> 00:39:42,079

did

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00:39:48,230 --> 00:39:46,320

end and people had talked about this

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00:39:50,790 --> 00:39:48,240

kind of wild man that lived in this

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00:39:52,790 --> 00:39:50,800

region a lot of people knew who it was

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00:39:53,910 --> 00:39:52,800

and the story is that some of silas's

1043

00:39:55,910 --> 00:39:53,920

friends

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00:39:57,990 --> 00:39:55,920

that he had served with came and tried

1045

00:39:59,750 --> 00:39:58,000

to find him thinking that

1046

00:40:01,190 --> 00:39:59,760

you know he was still hiding out for

1047

00:40:04,550 --> 00:40:01,200

fear of being

1048

00:40:07,109 --> 00:40:04,560

thrown in jail for you know for uh

1049

00:40:08,710 --> 00:40:07,119

uh taking off in the midst of the war

1050

00:40:10,550 --> 00:40:08,720

and uh they wanted to let him know look

1051

00:40:11,670 --> 00:40:10,560

you know it's over

1052

00:40:13,750 --> 00:40:11,680

confederates laws you don't have

1053

00:40:15,270 --> 00:40:13,760

anything to worry about but uh

1054

00:40:17,589 --> 00:40:15,280

they couldn't really communicate with it

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00:40:21,510 --> 00:40:17,599

they tried and

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00:40:25,910 --> 00:40:21,520

uh the story is that he had turned

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00:40:28,069 --> 00:40:25,920

feral so i became a wild man he

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00:40:29,510 --> 00:40:28,079

clearly at one point run out of

1059

00:40:32,550 --> 00:40:29,520

ammunition

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00:40:32,870 --> 00:40:32,560

and had taken to hunting with a knife or

1061

00:40:36,230 --> 00:40:32,880

with

1062

00:40:39,510 --> 00:40:36,240

whatever he could use and

1063

00:40:42,950 --> 00:40:39,520

he had somehow fallen in

1064

00:40:45,589 --> 00:40:42,960

with a pack of wolves now

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00:40:46,470 --> 00:40:45,599

the story is that these wolves lived in

1066

00:40:50,829 --> 00:40:46,480

the cave

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00:40:53,990 --> 00:40:50,839

with him so people in the region

1068

00:40:56,390 --> 00:40:54,000

started losing farm animals

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00:40:57,589 --> 00:40:56,400

and they were losing them to this pack

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00:41:01,829 --> 00:40:57,599

of wolves

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00:41:05,589 --> 00:41:01,839

among which they saw at this point a

1072

00:41:07,510 --> 00:41:05,599

naked man that ran with the wolves

1073

00:41:09,270 --> 00:41:07,520

so you know the story as it evolves it

1074

00:41:11,190 --> 00:41:09,280

is you know they see him at first and

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00:41:12,150 --> 00:41:11,200

his his clothes are tattered he's got

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00:41:14,710 --> 00:41:12,160

just the

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00:41:15,750 --> 00:41:14,720

the uh confederate grape you know

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00:41:17,349 --> 00:41:15,760

trousers on

1079

00:41:19,990 --> 00:41:17,359

his everything else is gone and

1080

00:41:22,950 --> 00:41:20,000

eventually it's just nothing it's just a

1081

00:41:23,670 --> 00:41:22,960

wild and you can imagine the you know

1082

00:41:25,829 --> 00:41:23,680

the visual

1083

00:41:27,589 --> 00:41:25,839

of this man who's completely naked at

1084

00:41:29,270 --> 00:41:27,599

this point his hair has grown out his

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00:41:32,150 --> 00:41:29,280

beard and everything else

1086

00:41:33,510 --> 00:41:32,160

and farmers in the region get so

1087

00:41:36,790 --> 00:41:33,520

disgusted with

1088

00:41:37,270 --> 00:41:36,800

the loss of farm animals that they

1089

00:41:39,030 --> 00:41:37,280

decide

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00:41:40,550 --> 00:41:39,040

they need something needs to be done so

1091

00:41:41,589 --> 00:41:40,560

they send some hunters out to look for

1092

00:41:43,750 --> 00:41:41,599

these wolves

1093

00:41:45,270 --> 00:41:43,760

and uh they kill a few of them and sort

1094

00:41:48,309 --> 00:41:45,280

of run the pack off but

1095

00:41:49,589 --> 00:41:48,319

silas kind of disappears and some of the

1096

00:41:51,270 --> 00:41:49,599

other wolves so the

1097

00:41:52,790 --> 00:41:51,280

there's really this lingering question

1098

00:41:53,510 --> 00:41:52,800

you know what exactly happened to him

1099

00:41:56,790 --> 00:41:53,520

now

1100

00:41:59,990 --> 00:41:56,800

there's a legend that someone found

1101
00:42:01,270 --> 00:42:00,000
in a cave the remnants of a confederate

1102
00:42:05,030 --> 00:42:01,280
rifle

1103
00:42:07,750 --> 00:42:05,040
with the initials ss scrawled into the

1104
00:42:08,309 --> 00:42:07,760
stock and some other items that they

1105
00:42:12,390 --> 00:42:08,319
believe

1106
00:42:14,150 --> 00:42:12,400
belongs to silas you know it's a

1107
00:42:15,990 --> 00:42:14,160
it's one of those stories that is a

1108
00:42:19,589 --> 00:42:16,000
curious blend of

1109
00:42:22,309 --> 00:42:19,599
folklore and some cryptic information

1110
00:42:24,150 --> 00:42:22,319
and obviously some real accounts of

1111
00:42:25,990 --> 00:42:24,160
some type of wild man or something being

1112
00:42:29,030 --> 00:42:26,000
in the region

1113
00:42:31,430 --> 00:42:29,040

but no one really seems able to

1114

00:42:33,510 --> 00:42:31,440
completely track down and verify

1115

00:42:34,550 --> 00:42:33,520
yes this is you know this really

1116

00:42:38,230 --> 00:42:34,560
happened now

1117

00:42:40,309 --> 00:42:38,240
you know you know as well as i do that

1118

00:42:42,069 --> 00:42:40,319
people can turn feral and under those

1119

00:42:44,630 --> 00:42:42,079
conditions it's certainly

1120

00:42:45,589 --> 00:42:44,640
possible and and you know my take on it

1121

00:42:49,589 --> 00:42:45,599
is that

1122

00:42:51,190 --> 00:42:49,599
if he felt the need to to run

1123

00:42:52,710 --> 00:42:51,200
you know he could have been traumatized

1124

00:42:54,230 --> 00:42:52,720
he could have had what we would identify

1125

00:42:55,270 --> 00:42:54,240
now as ptsd

1126

00:42:57,430 --> 00:42:55,280

there are any number of things that

1127

00:42:59,109 --> 00:42:57,440

could have happened to this man during

1128

00:43:02,230 --> 00:42:59,119

the time that he was serving with the

1129

00:43:03,910 --> 00:43:02,240

with the army so uh he left for his own

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00:43:05,510 --> 00:43:03,920

reasons but there may be some other

1131

00:43:08,630 --> 00:43:05,520

factors there that

1132

00:43:11,030 --> 00:43:08,640

drove him into a wild state if the story

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00:43:14,470 --> 00:43:11,040

is completely true

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00:43:17,270 --> 00:43:14,480

you know i had a i had family that was

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00:43:19,030 --> 00:43:17,280

raised in mitchell county north carolina

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00:43:22,550 --> 00:43:19,040

just in the foothills

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00:43:24,710 --> 00:43:22,560

uh the smoky mountains and

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00:43:26,710 --> 00:43:24,720

they had this you know this is kind of

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00:43:28,470 --> 00:43:26,720

the fir really the first time i

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00:43:29,750 --> 00:43:28,480

ever heard anything you simmered to

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00:43:31,670 --> 00:43:29,760

bigfoot

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00:43:34,870 --> 00:43:31,680

but i was young i mean and we went down

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00:43:38,550 --> 00:43:34,880

there in 67 when i was a kid

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00:43:40,950 --> 00:43:38,560

and uh my great uncle

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00:43:42,309 --> 00:43:40,960

and he he used to run a still up in the

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00:43:45,430 --> 00:43:42,319

hills

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00:43:48,470 --> 00:43:45,440

and he kept complaining that this

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00:43:49,349 --> 00:43:48,480

wild man kept busting up be still yeah

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00:43:52,829 --> 00:43:49,359

you know and when he

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00:43:54,230 --> 00:43:52,839

is when he was uh describing it to my

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00:43:56,870 --> 00:43:54,240

grandfather

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00:43:57,430 --> 00:43:56,880

uh i actually heard it and it sounded

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00:43:59,670 --> 00:43:57,440

like

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00:44:00,870 --> 00:43:59,680

you know and there have been stories for

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00:44:04,390 --> 00:44:00,880

years

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00:44:05,270 --> 00:44:04,400

about a wall confederate and union

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00:44:07,030 --> 00:44:05,280

soldiers

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00:44:09,190 --> 00:44:07,040

hiding out in the smokies and the

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00:44:11,270 --> 00:44:09,200

appalachias that did turn

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00:44:13,510 --> 00:44:11,280

feral turn into wild men but this

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00:44:15,829 --> 00:44:13,520

sounded more like a bigfoot

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00:44:17,670 --> 00:44:15,839

you know what this guy with my own great

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00:44:19,190 --> 00:44:17,680

uncle was talking about so

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00:44:21,109 --> 00:44:19,200

you know that's kind of funny it's kind

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00:44:21,510 --> 00:44:21,119

of a segway into the north carolina

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00:44:24,390 --> 00:44:21,520

stuff

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00:44:26,390 --> 00:44:24,400

but uh yeah i mean i heard that's i

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00:44:28,630 --> 00:44:26,400

heard that story before

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00:44:30,550 --> 00:44:28,640

you know and being back then i was what

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00:44:32,870 --> 00:44:30,560

nine years old i didn't believe in any

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00:44:36,470 --> 00:44:32,880

of that but you know right

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00:44:38,790 --> 00:44:36,480

but he was pretty serious about it yeah

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00:44:40,230 --> 00:44:38,800

so you know speaking of north carolina

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00:44:43,349 --> 00:44:40,240

your your other book

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00:44:44,790 --> 00:44:43,359

um and you know north carolina has got

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00:44:46,390 --> 00:44:44,800

it you know especially in the western

1177

00:44:47,910 --> 00:44:46,400

part of the state they're the bigfoot

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00:44:51,030 --> 00:44:47,920

stories are just crazy

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00:44:51,990 --> 00:44:51,040

i mean it's a lot of stories and and of

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00:44:55,910 --> 00:44:52,000

course you've got

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00:44:57,990 --> 00:44:55,920

the canines as well as the big cats and

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00:45:00,470 --> 00:44:58,000

of course the big cat

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00:45:03,510 --> 00:45:00,480

that you know you always hear about is

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00:45:05,190 --> 00:45:03,520

the uh the wampus cat

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00:45:06,710 --> 00:45:05,200

you know i have heard people described

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00:45:09,349 --> 00:45:06,720

as wampus cat

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00:45:11,190 --> 00:45:09,359

for years and it seems like everybody's

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00:45:12,390 --> 00:45:11,200

got a different description of it what

1189

00:45:15,910 --> 00:45:12,400

what do you think this

1190

00:45:18,630 --> 00:45:15,920

is what do you think people are seeing

1191

00:45:19,990 --> 00:45:18,640

you know it's uh well the cover that you

1192

00:45:21,190 --> 00:45:20,000

i think you've got up on the screen

1193

00:45:24,870 --> 00:45:21,200

there

1194

00:45:28,230 --> 00:45:24,880

that is that's an artistic depiction of

1195

00:45:31,190 --> 00:45:28,240

the beast of bladenboro right with this

1196

00:45:34,630 --> 00:45:31,200

series i tried to

1197

00:45:38,790 --> 00:45:34,640

highlight on the front cover of each one

1198

00:45:40,390 --> 00:45:38,800

a cryptid that is distinctly associated

1199

00:45:41,270 --> 00:45:40,400

with the state for you know whatever

1200

00:45:43,829 --> 00:45:41,280

reason

1201

00:45:44,550 --> 00:45:43,839

um most of them have been very unique so

1202

00:45:46,470 --> 00:45:44,560

far

1203

00:45:47,670 --> 00:45:46,480

uh rather than having a sasquatch on the

1204

00:45:49,829 --> 00:45:47,680

front of every cover because there's

1205

00:45:51,270 --> 00:45:49,839

bigfoot sightings everywhere

1206

00:45:53,750 --> 00:45:51,280

but it was it was easy with north

1207

00:45:55,670 --> 00:45:53,760

carolina to decide on this one because

1208

00:45:58,550 --> 00:45:55,680

the beast of bladenboro is such a

1209

00:46:00,150 --> 00:45:58,560

fascinating case and it really

1210

00:46:01,589 --> 00:46:00,160

it really sort of ties in what you're

1211

00:46:04,710 --> 00:46:01,599

talking about because

1212

00:46:06,309 --> 00:46:04,720

these legends of uh wampus and

1213

00:46:09,510 --> 00:46:06,319

in north carolina there's also another

1214

00:46:12,710 --> 00:46:09,520

name there's a santa

1215

00:46:15,270 --> 00:46:12,720

you get these general terms that

1216

00:46:16,390 --> 00:46:15,280

really are a bit elusive to define

1217

00:46:19,190 --> 00:46:16,400

because

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00:46:21,829 --> 00:46:19,200

over time people understand them to mean

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00:46:24,950 --> 00:46:21,839

different things now wampus typically is

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00:46:28,150 --> 00:46:24,960

uh often as is wampus cat

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00:46:29,190 --> 00:46:28,160

but you frequently hear just wampus and

1222

00:46:31,270 --> 00:46:29,200

when you look at some of the

1223

00:46:33,510 --> 00:46:31,280

descriptions it sounds like well

1224

00:46:35,910 --> 00:46:33,520

they're talking about a cougar you know

1225

00:46:39,750 --> 00:46:35,920

mountain lion eastern cougar which is

1226

00:46:42,790 --> 00:46:39,760

uh oh officially is extinct

1227

00:46:45,510 --> 00:46:42,800

in all these states yeah but you know

1228

00:46:47,030 --> 00:46:45,520

there are all these sightings of

1229

00:46:47,829 --> 00:46:47,040

panthers cougars whatever you want to

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00:46:49,430 --> 00:46:47,839

call them of course

1231

00:46:52,069 --> 00:46:49,440

the ones that really drive the officials

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00:46:53,750 --> 00:46:52,079

nuts the the sightings of black panthers

1233

00:46:55,589 --> 00:46:53,760

you know that hundreds upon hundreds of

1234

00:46:59,670 --> 00:46:55,599

people see

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00:47:01,589 --> 00:46:59,680

the the wampus that's a term that really

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00:47:03,190 --> 00:47:01,599

has spread out i mean you hear this term

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00:47:13,030 --> 00:47:03,200

in

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00:47:16,230 --> 00:47:13,040

too

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00:47:18,550 --> 00:47:16,240

the descriptions typically sound like

1240

00:47:20,309 --> 00:47:18,560

a mountain lion but frequently they also

1241

00:47:21,430 --> 00:47:20,319

sound like some kind of distortion of

1242

00:47:22,790 --> 00:47:21,440

these things

1243

00:47:24,150 --> 00:47:22,800

if you look at the depiction there the

1244

00:47:25,430 --> 00:47:24,160

beast of bladenboro it's a bit

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00:47:27,030 --> 00:47:25,440

exaggerated

1246

00:47:28,630 --> 00:47:27,040

and a lot of people will describe the

1247

00:47:30,230 --> 00:47:28,640

wampus like that they'll say that it's

1248

00:47:33,109 --> 00:47:30,240

oversized and it's

1249

00:47:34,790 --> 00:47:33,119

uh sometimes it's larger than a a

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00:47:37,430 --> 00:47:34,800

typical cougar

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00:47:38,950 --> 00:47:37,440

the coloring sometimes is different this

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00:47:40,870 --> 00:47:38,960

is the thing with these sightings is

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00:47:43,109 --> 00:47:40,880

that there's so many variations even

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00:47:45,589 --> 00:47:43,119

even with the beast of bladenboro which

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00:47:47,349 --> 00:47:45,599

again is a very fascinating case but

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00:47:48,630 --> 00:47:47,359

nobody could decide exactly what this

1257

00:47:50,069 --> 00:47:48,640

thing looked like some people said it

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00:47:51,349 --> 00:47:50,079

looked like a lion

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00:47:53,030 --> 00:47:51,359

some people said it looked like a

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00:47:53,990 --> 00:47:53,040

panther some people said it looked like

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00:47:55,670 --> 00:47:54,000

something different

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00:47:57,670 --> 00:47:55,680

you know you get all these variations

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00:47:59,589 --> 00:47:57,680

you know it might have been it was uh

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00:48:00,630 --> 00:47:59,599

it was dark brown or or maybe it was

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00:48:01,670 --> 00:48:00,640

black or wait a minute it might have

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00:48:05,349 --> 00:48:01,680

been gray

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00:48:08,549 --> 00:48:05,359

uh and it just kind of goes on and on

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00:48:10,150 --> 00:48:08,559

but the consistency is in the behavior

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00:48:12,230 --> 00:48:10,160

now with the beast of bladenboro is

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00:48:14,630 --> 00:48:12,240

preying on

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00:48:15,990 --> 00:48:14,640

people's animals specifically dogs and

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00:48:19,190 --> 00:48:16,000

that sounds like a

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00:48:20,630 --> 00:48:19,200

feline for sure and you know you hear

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00:48:23,910 --> 00:48:20,640

some of the other elements too

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00:48:25,430 --> 00:48:23,920

such as a this kind of piercing scream

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00:48:29,190 --> 00:48:25,440

that people will describe

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00:48:32,390 --> 00:48:29,200

as something between a

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00:48:34,390 --> 00:48:32,400

you know a child or a woman screaming or

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00:48:35,990 --> 00:48:34,400

or someone screaming in pain kind of

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00:48:38,069 --> 00:48:36,000

echoes out in the night it's that

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00:48:39,510 --> 00:48:38,079

it's that feline type of screech if

1282

00:48:42,549 --> 00:48:39,520

you've ever heard

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00:48:44,150 --> 00:48:42,559

for instance a bobcat scream that's it's

1284

00:48:45,109 --> 00:48:44,160

kind of a chilling sound i grew up in

1285

00:48:47,190 --> 00:48:45,119

north carolina

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00:48:48,390 --> 00:48:47,200

and i can remember did you i didn't hear

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00:48:50,870 --> 00:48:48,400

that yeah and i

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00:48:53,109 --> 00:48:50,880

i can remember being a kid and the first

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00:48:55,589 --> 00:48:53,119

time i heard a bobcat scream

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00:48:56,470 --> 00:48:55,599

i was outside in the backyard at night

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00:48:58,790 --> 00:48:56,480

and

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00:49:00,150 --> 00:48:58,800

i heard the sound i had the same

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00:49:02,390 --> 00:49:00,160

experience

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00:49:04,069 --> 00:49:02,400

i mean it was hair raising and i you

1295

00:49:06,630 --> 00:49:04,079

know

1296

00:49:08,230 --> 00:49:06,640

though what in god's name is this you

1297

00:49:10,069 --> 00:49:08,240

know and of course uh

1298

00:49:12,790 --> 00:49:10,079

darden inside because i just wasn't sure

1299

00:49:15,990 --> 00:49:12,800

exactly what it was but

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00:49:17,750 --> 00:49:16,000

uh you know you it's really hard to

1301
00:49:19,750 --> 00:49:17,760
describe if you haven't heard this sound

1302
00:49:21,670 --> 00:49:19,760
it's it's very eerie and it can

1303
00:49:23,349 --> 00:49:21,680
echo and carry out in the night you know

1304
00:49:24,950 --> 00:49:23,359
through the forest or

1305
00:49:27,190 --> 00:49:24,960
through the swamps of course the dismal

1306
00:49:29,990 --> 00:49:27,200
swamp is in north carolina

1307
00:49:31,750 --> 00:49:30,000
and you know that region has a lot of

1308
00:49:34,950 --> 00:49:31,760
sightings of these creatures

1309
00:49:36,309 --> 00:49:34,960
so these these cats these mystery

1310
00:49:38,630 --> 00:49:36,319
felines they show up

1311
00:49:39,510 --> 00:49:38,640
all over the state from one into uh to

1312
00:49:42,710 --> 00:49:39,520
another

1313
00:49:43,990 --> 00:49:42,720

and the thing that i find really

1314

00:49:47,349 --> 00:49:44,000

interesting is that

1315

00:49:50,790 --> 00:49:47,359

i i've talked to so many people who are

1316

00:49:54,150 --> 00:49:50,800

you know veteran hunters or outdoorsmen

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00:49:54,870 --> 00:49:54,160

or uh you know know every animal in the

1318

00:49:57,030 --> 00:49:54,880

region

1319

00:49:58,790 --> 00:49:57,040

and when this guy you know he's sitting

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00:50:00,230 --> 00:49:58,800

you sit down and talk to a guy who's

1321

00:50:02,470 --> 00:50:00,240

hunted for 40 years

1322

00:50:03,270 --> 00:50:02,480

and knows everything that's in the woods

1323

00:50:06,710 --> 00:50:03,280

until

1324

00:50:10,390 --> 00:50:06,720

you know one day he sees a what he says

1325

00:50:12,470 --> 00:50:10,400

is a black panther and you know

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00:50:13,430 --> 00:50:12,480

he's very close to it you're gonna

1327

00:50:16,790 --> 00:50:13,440

believe him

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00:50:17,430 --> 00:50:16,800

yeah so well yeah you're right i mean

1329

00:50:20,470 --> 00:50:17,440

these uh

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00:50:22,630 --> 00:50:20,480

these big cat settings down in uh

1331

00:50:24,710 --> 00:50:22,640

the south even down in south carolina

1332

00:50:26,390 --> 00:50:24,720

when you further south i mean of course

1333

00:50:27,910 --> 00:50:26,400

you've got the the florida panther

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00:50:29,109 --> 00:50:27,920

sightings and such and those are

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00:50:31,270 --> 00:50:29,119

indigenous

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00:50:33,109 --> 00:50:31,280

but like santee river there's been you

1337

00:50:33,910 --> 00:50:33,119

know down to north i mean south carolina

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00:50:37,030 --> 00:50:33,920

has been

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00:50:39,430 --> 00:50:37,040

these panther stories down there and

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00:50:41,430 --> 00:50:39,440

you know the eastern puma you're right i

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00:50:43,829 --> 00:50:41,440

don't care what the states say

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00:50:44,870 --> 00:50:43,839

or the game commissions these things are

1343

00:50:46,790 --> 00:50:44,880

around

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00:50:48,470 --> 00:50:46,800

and up here in pennsylvania we've got

1345

00:50:49,990 --> 00:50:48,480

them too and you know they can deny it

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

all they want

1347

00:50:53,349 --> 00:50:52,000

but uh you know and that's interesting

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00:50:55,270 --> 00:50:53,359

because this

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00:50:56,630 --> 00:50:55,280

upright canine dog man phenomena that

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00:50:57,670 --> 00:50:56,640

butch and i have been looking into in

1351
00:50:59,190 --> 00:50:57,680
pennsylvania

1352
00:51:01,750 --> 00:50:59,200
for the last couple years we got some

1353
00:51:04,150 --> 00:51:01,760
game people working with us on this

1354
00:51:05,430 --> 00:51:04,160
uh so they acknowledge it to a degree

1355
00:51:08,230 --> 00:51:05,440
because they know there's some weird

1356
00:51:11,670 --> 00:51:08,240
stuff out there in central pennsylvania

1357
00:51:13,910 --> 00:51:11,680
so uh yeah i mean you know that you know

1358
00:51:15,510 --> 00:51:13,920
it it it is it's just a lot out there

1359
00:51:17,750 --> 00:51:15,520
and of course in north carolina

1360
00:51:19,190 --> 00:51:17,760
there's there has always been you talk

1361
00:51:20,309 --> 00:51:19,200
about the beast of bladen but there's

1362
00:51:24,790 --> 00:51:20,319
always been

1363
00:51:28,069 --> 00:51:24,800

a werewolf canine

1364

00:51:30,630 --> 00:51:28,079

you know folklore anyway you know

1365

00:51:31,750 --> 00:51:30,640

um the people who live out in western

1366

00:51:35,190 --> 00:51:31,760

north carolina

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00:51:37,829 --> 00:51:35,200

and i've heard this as well or

1368

00:51:38,710 --> 00:51:37,839

talking about these these large canines

1369

00:51:42,069 --> 00:51:38,720

hanging around

1370

00:51:43,430 --> 00:51:42,079

graveyards and cemeteries right yeah

1371

00:51:45,270 --> 00:51:43,440

yeah and you hear that with some

1372

00:51:46,790 --> 00:51:45,280

sasquatch accounts too oh yeah oh

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00:51:51,109 --> 00:51:46,800

absolutely very hot

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00:51:53,990 --> 00:51:51,119

yeah so yeah you just uh

1375

00:51:54,309 --> 00:51:54,000

you know you you just have to listen and

1376

00:51:57,670 --> 00:51:54,319

uh

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00:51:58,470 --> 00:51:57,680

look at all the data i think but you get

1378

00:52:00,470 --> 00:51:58,480

cases

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00:52:02,710 --> 00:52:00,480

again like the the bladenboro case i

1380

00:52:05,750 --> 00:52:02,720

mean this this account went on for

1381

00:52:06,309 --> 00:52:05,760

for some time and you know what happened

1382

00:52:09,349 --> 00:52:06,319

with that

1383

00:52:09,829 --> 00:52:09,359

is that uh once again it was a case that

1384

00:52:13,670 --> 00:52:09,839

so

1385

00:52:15,589 --> 00:52:13,680

town

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00:52:17,510 --> 00:52:15,599

there's there's still not a whole lot in

1387

00:52:20,630 --> 00:52:17,520

bladenburg it's a very small town

1388

00:52:23,829 --> 00:52:20,640

great little community but back then

1389

00:52:27,109 --> 00:52:23,839

you know the uh the place really wasn't

1390

00:52:28,230 --> 00:52:27,119

known for much it was 1950s and they

1391

00:52:31,589 --> 00:52:28,240

were kind of

1392

00:52:34,870 --> 00:52:31,599

trudging along but the mayor

1393

00:52:36,069 --> 00:52:34,880

is the one who helped draw attention to

1394

00:52:39,270 --> 00:52:36,079

these attacks

1395

00:52:39,910 --> 00:52:39,280

and uh he did so by contacting media

1396

00:52:42,230 --> 00:52:39,920

sources

1397

00:52:44,230 --> 00:52:42,240

and just like with the the case of the

1398

00:52:45,990 --> 00:52:44,240

beast of busco

1399

00:52:47,430 --> 00:52:46,000

once the press wires got a hold of it

1400

00:52:50,710 --> 00:52:47,440

started talking about it

1401

00:52:53,910 --> 00:52:50,720

everyone was interested and in fact

1402

00:52:56,549 --> 00:52:53,920

at one point there were more hunters

1403

00:52:57,109 --> 00:52:56,559

in bladenboro looking for the beast than

1404

00:53:00,870 --> 00:52:57,119

there were

1405

00:53:02,230 --> 00:53:00,880

residents so you know the people the

1406

00:53:04,790 --> 00:53:02,240

people actually

1407

00:53:05,910 --> 00:53:04,800

uh became frightened because uh there

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00:53:07,990 --> 00:53:05,920

were so many

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00:53:09,670 --> 00:53:08,000

men every night with guns roaming the

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00:53:12,390 --> 00:53:09,680

woods and the

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00:53:13,430 --> 00:53:12,400

big swamp you know around town and they

1412

00:53:15,270 --> 00:53:13,440

didn't want to go outside because they

1413

00:53:18,150 --> 00:53:15,280

don't want to get shot by mistake

1414

00:53:20,309 --> 00:53:18,160

so what happens what you see happen with

1415

00:53:23,750 --> 00:53:20,319

this case is that

1416

00:53:27,190 --> 00:53:23,760

the mayor of fussell

1417

00:53:28,390 --> 00:53:27,200

is brought a bobcat one day by a local

1418

00:53:31,030 --> 00:53:28,400

hunter who who

1419

00:53:32,230 --> 00:53:31,040

shot it in the swamp and they bring this

1420

00:53:35,270 --> 00:53:32,240

bobcat in and

1421

00:53:36,870 --> 00:53:35,280

and fussel when the local sheriff had

1422

00:53:38,710 --> 00:53:36,880

decided look you know we got to do

1423

00:53:39,910 --> 00:53:38,720

something to shut this down or it's

1424

00:53:42,069 --> 00:53:39,920

going to get out of hand

1425

00:53:43,109 --> 00:53:42,079

so fossil takes the opportunity of this

1426

00:53:45,829 --> 00:53:43,119

bobcat being brought

1427

00:53:47,109 --> 00:53:45,839

in and says we've captured the beast

1428

00:53:49,430 --> 00:53:47,119

here it is

1429

00:53:51,510 --> 00:53:49,440

and uh they display this this dead

1430

00:53:53,430 --> 00:53:51,520

bobcat in the center of town

1431

00:53:55,589 --> 00:53:53,440

and put a sign on it this is a beast of

1432

00:53:56,950 --> 00:53:55,599

bladenboro and they tell everybody the

1433

00:53:58,870 --> 00:53:56,960

case is over

1434

00:54:00,069 --> 00:53:58,880

uh hunters all need to go home work

1435

00:54:03,510 --> 00:54:00,079

we're done

1436

00:54:07,109 --> 00:54:03,520

and it's uh

1437

00:54:09,510 --> 00:54:07,119

you know it it leads to a little bit of

1438

00:54:12,309 --> 00:54:09,520

confusion at least to people saying well

1439

00:54:14,309 --> 00:54:12,319

you know everybody else wants it to be

1440

00:54:14,870 --> 00:54:14,319

over too right so they say well okay you

1441

00:54:16,950 --> 00:54:14,880

know this is

1442

00:54:19,270 --> 00:54:16,960

it there are some other attacks that

1443

00:54:22,630 --> 00:54:19,280

happen after the bobcat is brought in

1444

00:54:25,109 --> 00:54:22,640

and it doesn't get much

1445

00:54:26,230 --> 00:54:25,119

press because people are tired and

1446

00:54:29,030 --> 00:54:26,240

people are scared

1447

00:54:30,630 --> 00:54:29,040

so the story gets kind of shut down and

1448

00:54:31,349 --> 00:54:30,640

eventually all the hunters trickle out

1449

00:54:33,270 --> 00:54:31,359

of town

1450

00:54:34,390 --> 00:54:33,280

but it's very clear from all the

1451

00:54:36,069 --> 00:54:34,400

accounts that

1452

00:54:37,430 --> 00:54:36,079

uh this was not a bobcat that people

1453

00:54:39,030 --> 00:54:37,440

were seeing

1454

00:54:40,870 --> 00:54:39,040

it wasn't a bomb cat that was attacking

1455

00:54:42,230 --> 00:54:40,880

these animals and and you read what the

1456

00:54:45,030 --> 00:54:42,240

attacks were like

1457

00:54:46,870 --> 00:54:45,040

no this was not a bobcat so there's a

1458

00:54:49,829 --> 00:54:46,880

lot of evidence that the beast of

1459

00:54:51,270 --> 00:54:49,839

bladenboro escaped the clutches of both

1460

00:54:53,510 --> 00:54:51,280

the media and the hunters

1461

00:54:55,270 --> 00:54:53,520

in that case and of course there's

1462

00:54:56,710 --> 00:54:55,280

legends in the region that

1463

00:54:58,549 --> 00:54:56,720

the beast occasionally makes

1464

00:55:00,950 --> 00:54:58,559

reappearances and there are still

1465

00:55:02,950 --> 00:55:00,960

strange uh attacks that crop up

1466

00:55:04,950 --> 00:55:02,960

occasionally that was the 1950s when the

1467

00:55:07,030 --> 00:55:04,960

beast was around so

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00:55:08,069 --> 00:55:07,040

it's it's possible that again it's one

1469

00:55:11,430 --> 00:55:08,079

of these

1470

00:55:13,670 --> 00:55:11,440

uh you know quote extinct uh

1471

00:55:14,470 --> 00:55:13,680

wildcats that you know don't exist

1472

00:55:18,470 --> 00:55:14,480

anymore

1473

00:55:22,870 --> 00:55:20,950

yeah you know when i really started

1474

00:55:24,950 --> 00:55:22,880

getting involved with these uh

1475

00:55:26,150 --> 00:55:24,960

these canines these cryptic canine

1476

00:55:27,589 --> 00:55:26,160

sightings

1477

00:55:29,270 --> 00:55:27,599

you know and some of the stuff i was

1478

00:55:30,950 --> 00:55:29,280

reading from people stuff that butch was

1479

00:55:33,109 --> 00:55:30,960

getting i was getting

1480

00:55:35,190 --> 00:55:33,119

it it was kind of hard to believe at

1481

00:55:38,470 --> 00:55:35,200

first but then again you then you start

1482

00:55:39,270 --> 00:55:38,480

listening to these people and telling

1483

00:55:42,870 --> 00:55:39,280

you what they

1484

00:55:45,589 --> 00:55:42,880

saw i mean they saw something that

1485

00:55:49,109 --> 00:55:45,599

really stuck with them and the fact that

1486

00:55:50,630 --> 00:55:49,119

you know their descriptions uh

1487

00:55:52,309 --> 00:55:50,640

the one i tell you the ones that really

1488

00:55:55,589 --> 00:55:52,319

stuck out with me were like the

1489

00:55:59,589 --> 00:55:55,599

the ones that were like described as uh

1490

00:56:03,270 --> 00:55:59,599

hyenas you know wolf-headed hyenas

1491

00:56:05,670 --> 00:56:03,280

right you know um

1492

00:56:07,430 --> 00:56:05,680

that would just sit in the field got it

1493

00:56:11,109 --> 00:56:07,440

had a hunter up in uh

1494

00:56:14,390 --> 00:56:11,119

center county pennsylvania that was um

1495

00:56:16,069 --> 00:56:14,400

up his tree stand i saw these deer

1496

00:56:18,309 --> 00:56:16,079

running something chasing

1497

00:56:19,910 --> 00:56:18,319

and it said it looked like two wolves

1498

00:56:21,589 --> 00:56:19,920

jason not pennsylvania doesn't have

1499

00:56:24,710 --> 00:56:21,599

wolves anymore apparently

1500

00:56:27,829 --> 00:56:24,720

right supposedly but anyway

1501

00:56:31,349 --> 00:56:27,839

he's sitting up there in this this

1502

00:56:34,069 --> 00:56:31,359

hyena looking wolf

1503

00:56:35,430 --> 00:56:34,079

saunters up to him and he's looking out

1504

00:56:36,789 --> 00:56:35,440

over a field

1505

00:56:38,470 --> 00:56:36,799

because he's on the edge of the woods

1506

00:56:39,750 --> 00:56:38,480

and this thing sits there and looking up

1507

00:56:41,349 --> 00:56:39,760

at him

1508

00:56:43,510 --> 00:56:41,359

just sitting there looking at his head i

1509

00:56:46,630 --> 00:56:43,520

swore thing was smiling at me

1510

00:56:48,549 --> 00:56:46,640

and you know he just sat there

1511

00:56:49,990 --> 00:56:48,559

watching for like 15 minutes got up and

1512

00:56:51,510 --> 00:56:50,000

started walking off

1513

00:56:54,549 --> 00:56:51,520

he wouldn't come down that tree stand

1514

00:56:58,069 --> 00:56:56,069

and he wouldn't shoot it either because

1515

00:57:00,789 --> 00:56:58,079

it was that big and he was scared

1516

00:57:02,390 --> 00:57:00,799

that this thing would come after it so

1517

00:57:06,390 --> 00:57:02,400

you know you hear all these

1518

00:57:08,870 --> 00:57:06,400

weird strange tales you know

1519

00:57:10,870 --> 00:57:08,880

this canine you know these canine side

1520

00:57:12,789 --> 00:57:10,880

werewolf settings

1521

00:57:14,950 --> 00:57:12,799

uh you know this stuff really picked up

1522

00:57:17,030 --> 00:57:14,960

you know of course there were sightings

1523

00:57:19,349 --> 00:57:17,040

with the indigenous you know with the

1524

00:57:22,230 --> 00:57:19,359

native americans but

1525

00:57:23,990 --> 00:57:22,240

when the germans started moving over

1526
00:57:24,789 --> 00:57:24,000
these german farmers started moving into

1527
00:57:27,589 --> 00:57:24,799
pennsylvania

1528
00:57:28,390 --> 00:57:27,599
and maryland especially they were seeing

1529
00:57:30,630 --> 00:57:28,400
these things

1530
00:57:31,990 --> 00:57:30,640
and they they were acquainted with them

1531
00:57:34,470 --> 00:57:32,000
from what they had heard

1532
00:57:35,349 --> 00:57:34,480
when they were living over in germany

1533
00:57:37,270 --> 00:57:35,359
and uh

1534
00:57:38,710 --> 00:57:37,280
they swore to god that's what they saw

1535
00:57:40,950 --> 00:57:38,720
they were calling it the whale you've

1536
00:57:44,150 --> 00:57:40,960
heard that before

1537
00:57:46,870 --> 00:57:44,160
and uh you know and

1538
00:57:47,670 --> 00:57:46,880

up until mostly the 60s and 70s we were

1539

00:57:53,990 --> 00:57:47,680

getting

1540

00:57:57,589 --> 00:57:54,000

monitor sightings in pennsylvania now

1541

00:57:59,109 --> 00:57:57,599

so who knows what people are seeing

1542

00:58:00,870 --> 00:57:59,119

yeah it's hard to say i mean there's

1543

00:58:02,230 --> 00:58:00,880

some there's some fascinating

1544

00:58:04,549 --> 00:58:02,240

werewolf folklore that came out of

1545

00:58:06,870 --> 00:58:04,559

pennsylvania because of the unique

1546

00:58:08,309 --> 00:58:06,880

uh combination of settlers again that

1547

00:58:11,270 --> 00:58:08,319

came in there of course the

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00:58:11,829 --> 00:58:11,280

the germans brought their uh the germans

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00:58:13,750 --> 00:58:11,839

and dutch

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00:58:15,910 --> 00:58:13,760

brought their werewolf traditions and

1551

00:58:20,150 --> 00:58:15,920

you know the other influences so

1552

00:58:22,950 --> 00:58:20,160

yeah it's it's it's pretty strange stuff

1553

00:58:23,589 --> 00:58:22,960

well david thanks again for coming on

1554

00:58:25,349 --> 00:58:23,599

what's uh

1555

00:58:26,710 --> 00:58:25,359

what's the next book our books going to

1556

00:58:28,789 --> 00:58:26,720

be about

1557

00:58:30,950 --> 00:58:28,799

uh actually i'll have one out in

1558

00:58:34,829 --> 00:58:30,960

probably about uh

1559

00:58:36,789 --> 00:58:34,839

a week to two weeks that is haunted

1560

00:58:37,910 --> 00:58:36,799

prisons

1561

00:58:41,829 --> 00:58:37,920

and there'll be another one coming

1562

00:58:43,750 --> 00:58:41,839

pretty soon after that so very good

1563

00:58:46,230 --> 00:58:43,760

well i you know have you been able to

1564

00:58:48,470 --> 00:58:46,240

get out some with this covered stuff or

1565

00:58:50,549 --> 00:58:48,480

oh yeah i have i've been investigating

1566

00:58:52,710 --> 00:58:50,559

cases yeah yeah

1567

00:58:54,309 --> 00:58:52,720

it's kind of easy in a sense you know uh

1568

00:58:56,470 --> 00:58:54,319

with a lot of what i do

1569

00:58:58,390 --> 00:58:56,480

because you know if i'm out in the back

1570

00:58:59,910 --> 00:58:58,400

woods or at home in locations and things

1571

00:59:01,270 --> 00:58:59,920

like that it doesn't yeah

1572

00:59:03,349 --> 00:59:01,280

you don't necessarily have to worry

1573

00:59:05,910 --> 00:59:03,359

about well that's right

1574

00:59:06,710 --> 00:59:05,920

so you know i had dave i had dave

1575

00:59:08,150 --> 00:59:06,720

spencer in

1576
00:59:09,910 --> 00:59:08,160
a couple weeks ago and he was talking

1577
00:59:11,910 --> 00:59:09,920
about that haunted house he

1578
00:59:14,950 --> 00:59:11,920
he bought and investigating out there in

1579
00:59:18,069 --> 00:59:14,960
indiana and indiana yeah

1580
00:59:20,630 --> 00:59:18,079
that is one crazy story yeah

1581
00:59:21,750 --> 00:59:20,640
so and i know you and dave are closed so

1582
00:59:24,150 --> 00:59:21,760
um

1583
00:59:25,270 --> 00:59:24,160
well again thanks for coming on dave i

1584
00:59:27,750 --> 00:59:25,280
really appreciate it

1585
00:59:28,789 --> 00:59:27,760
and uh you take care and anything comes

1586
00:59:30,710 --> 00:59:28,799
up give me a call

1587
00:59:32,470 --> 00:59:30,720
hey thanks a lot always a pleasure you

1588
00:59:35,589 --> 00:59:32,480

take care now have a good one

1589

00:59:39,670 --> 00:59:37,990

now if you have an unexplained encounter

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00:59:42,230 --> 00:59:39,680

or sighting feel free to contact me

1591

00:59:44,150 --> 00:59:42,240

through the fans of monster blog site

1592

00:59:46,470 --> 00:59:44,160

i want to again thank david weatherly

1593

00:59:50,230 --> 00:59:46,480

for joining me this evening

1594

00:59:52,470 --> 00:59:50,240

and thanks to each and all of you

1595

00:59:55,270 --> 00:59:52,480

for watching and chatting if you made a

1596

00:59:57,910 --> 00:59:55,280

super chat donation tonight

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01:00:00,470 --> 00:59:57,920

very much appreciated your support is

1598

01:00:03,670 --> 01:00:00,480

what makes this possible

1599

01:00:06,309 --> 01:00:03,680

again please like subscribe and share

1600

01:00:08,390 --> 01:00:06,319

with with your friends and family so

1601
01:00:12,829 --> 01:00:08,400
until next week stay healthy

1602
01:00:12,839 --> 01:00:20,030
night

1603
01:00:20,040 --> 01:00:32,680
[Music]

1604
01:00:32,690 --> 01:00:40,829
[Applause]

1605
01:00:40,839 --> 01:00:57,740
so

1606
01:01:11,630 --> 01:01:08,829
[Music]

1607
01:01:37,829 --> 01:01:11,640
so