

# PHANTOMS & MONSTERS

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**GUEST:**

**TOBIAS  
WAYLAND**  
THE SINGULAR  
FORTEAN SOCIETY

*A Paranormal Life*

*with*

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**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH - 11PM ET / 8PM PT**

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00:01:06,350 --> 00:00:01,309

[Music]

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00:01:12,590 --> 00:01:09,530

hi everyone and welcome I want to remind

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00:01:14,090 --> 00:01:12,600

you to like share and subscribe and I

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00:01:16,429 --> 00:01:14,100

want to remind you that the Super Chat

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00:01:18,410 --> 00:01:16,439

is open and tonight we're talking to

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00:01:21,109 --> 00:01:18,420

Tobias Whalen

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00:01:24,230 --> 00:01:21,119

hi Jess how are you

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00:01:26,690 --> 00:01:24,240

hey good sorry I have uh another visitor

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00:01:30,830 --> 00:01:26,700

here here's my dog dezia who decided to

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00:01:32,330 --> 00:01:30,840

climb up on the chair and uh and lick my

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00:01:35,569 --> 00:01:32,340

feet I'm gonna see if I can get her to

12  
00:01:38,030 --> 00:01:35,579

just lie down and uh and be good and uh

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00:01:39,950 --> 00:01:38,040

and we can continue okay here she goes

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00:01:45,109 --> 00:01:39,960

okay

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00:01:45,119 --> 00:01:49,149

to me so she is definitely welcome

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00:01:55,270 --> 00:01:53,630

oh my goodness so so tonight we're going

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00:01:58,010 --> 00:01:55,280

to be talking about

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00:01:59,630 --> 00:01:58,020

she seems like it we're going to be

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00:02:02,929 --> 00:01:59,640

talking about

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00:02:04,910 --> 00:02:02,939

um Santa Claus and holiday stories and

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00:02:07,249 --> 00:02:04,920

everything in between

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00:02:09,169 --> 00:02:07,259

so do you want to start off by telling

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00:02:11,150 --> 00:02:09,179

everyone who you are first of all for

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00:02:14,030 --> 00:02:11,160

anyone who doesn't know you

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00:02:17,750 --> 00:02:14,040

yeah definitely so uh my name is Tobias

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00:02:20,390 --> 00:02:17,760

Weyland and I am the uh head writer and

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00:02:22,490 --> 00:02:20,400

Lead investigator for the singular 40 in

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00:02:25,610 --> 00:02:22,500

society and so what the singular 40 in

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00:02:28,190 --> 00:02:25,620

society is is a journalistic and

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00:02:32,150 --> 00:02:28,200

investigative organization uh that was

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00:02:35,510 --> 00:02:32,160

uh begun by myself and my wife Emily

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00:02:37,850 --> 00:02:35,520

back in 2016 and what we do is you know

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00:02:39,770 --> 00:02:37,860

we investigate the Paranormal of course

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00:02:41,990 --> 00:02:39,780

um without specializing in in any

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00:02:44,930 --> 00:02:42,000

particular area but we also you know

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00:02:46,670 --> 00:02:44,940

cover like Paranormal news and uh and

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00:02:48,710 --> 00:02:46,680

and of course we we try to stay active

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00:02:50,750 --> 00:02:48,720

in in the community and provide people

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00:02:53,089 --> 00:02:50,760

with sort of a safe place to to talk

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00:02:54,710 --> 00:02:53,099

about all of their their weird ideas and

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00:02:57,050 --> 00:02:54,720

So for anybody not familiar with the

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00:02:59,390 --> 00:02:57,060

word fordian uh that comes from Charles

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00:03:01,910 --> 00:02:59,400

Fort who was in early 20th century

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00:03:03,470 --> 00:03:01,920

collector of weird news stories uh so

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00:03:04,850 --> 00:03:03,480

what uh Fort would do is he would

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00:03:06,770 --> 00:03:04,860

collect all these weird news stories

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00:03:08,750 --> 00:03:06,780

from all over the world and uh he would

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00:03:10,729 --> 00:03:08,760

compile them in these you know uh

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00:03:13,970 --> 00:03:10,739

comprehensive volumes and he would

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00:03:16,910 --> 00:03:13,980

expect calculate about the connections

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00:03:18,770 --> 00:03:16,920  
uh between these these phenomena and uh

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00:03:20,509 --> 00:03:18,780  
and also sort of speculate about what

53  
00:03:21,710 --> 00:03:20,519  
might be behind them

54  
00:03:24,170 --> 00:03:21,720  
and often that was pretty

55  
00:03:27,350 --> 00:03:24,180  
tongue-in-cheek uh you know he gave us

56  
00:03:29,809 --> 00:03:27,360  
the the uh idea of the the cosmic Joker

57  
00:03:31,970 --> 00:03:29,819  
to sort of explain why so little of this

58  
00:03:34,309 --> 00:03:31,980  
ends up making any any sense

59  
00:03:36,410 --> 00:03:34,319  
um you know uh one of his most famous

60  
00:03:38,149 --> 00:03:36,420  
quotes of course is uh one measures a

61  
00:03:39,710 --> 00:03:38,159  
circle beginning anywhere which is also

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00:03:41,149 --> 00:03:39,720  
one of my favorites

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00:03:44,270 --> 00:03:41,159

um because you know I've always sort of

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00:03:46,610 --> 00:03:44,280

taken that to mean that uh by studying

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any aspect of the the Paranormal you

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00:03:50,089 --> 00:03:48,060

know you can understand something about

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00:03:52,369 --> 00:03:50,099

all of it because there are all of these

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00:03:55,369 --> 00:03:52,379

these sort of weird connections and and

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00:03:57,530 --> 00:03:55,379

uh commonalities between phenomena and

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00:03:59,270 --> 00:03:57,540

so that's sort of the the uh approach

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00:04:01,910 --> 00:03:59,280

that we take at the singular 40 in

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00:04:02,869 --> 00:04:01,920

society you know is is that uh that 40

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00:04:06,289 --> 00:04:02,879

in

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um you know uh holistic sort of approach

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to paranormal investigation and research

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and so the other word that sometimes

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00:04:18,289 --> 00:04:14,340

people get caught up on is uh singular

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00:04:20,990 --> 00:04:18,299

which I I I I do get that um yes it can

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mean one but no we don't think we're the

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00:04:25,370 --> 00:04:23,040

only 40 in society out there because of

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00:04:28,249 --> 00:04:25,380

course we all know that that isn't true

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00:04:31,909 --> 00:04:28,259

um but singular can also mean unique or

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00:04:36,230 --> 00:04:31,919

remarkable and uh and so really what

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00:04:38,390 --> 00:04:36,240

we're going for is a society of unique

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or remarkable Floridians you know that

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00:04:44,270 --> 00:04:41,759

is to say that uh we want a place where

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00:04:46,550 --> 00:04:44,280

everybody's perspective is welcome and

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00:04:50,210 --> 00:04:46,560

appreciated because we really think that

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00:04:52,430 --> 00:04:50,220

only by uh allowing all points of view

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00:04:55,129 --> 00:04:52,440

are we really ever going to be able to

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00:04:57,890 --> 00:04:55,139

move forward uh in any appreciable way

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00:05:00,290 --> 00:04:57,900

in in this field

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00:05:01,790 --> 00:05:00,300

right and I totally agree with that

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00:05:03,290 --> 00:05:01,800

because

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00:05:05,570 --> 00:05:03,300

if you're just going to sit there and

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00:05:07,490 --> 00:05:05,580

say well my way is the right way or my

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00:05:10,010 --> 00:05:07,500

way or the highway you can't be like

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00:05:12,590 --> 00:05:10,020

that because what works for one can't

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00:05:15,650 --> 00:05:12,600

work for the other you know that's I I

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00:05:18,409 --> 00:05:15,660

totally agree with that so what brought

101  
00:05:20,510 --> 00:05:18,419  
me for the show idea today was I think

102  
00:05:22,790 --> 00:05:20,520  
it was last year around this time you

103  
00:05:25,129 --> 00:05:22,800  
were looking for stories

104  
00:05:26,810 --> 00:05:25,139  
for like holiday stories or anything

105  
00:05:28,730 --> 00:05:26,820  
spooky that happened around the holiday

106  
00:05:32,629 --> 00:05:28,740  
and I thought that'd be a great show

107  
00:05:34,490 --> 00:05:32,639  
idea who better task than you so do you

108  
00:05:36,469 --> 00:05:34,500  
want to tell us what you've collected or

109  
00:05:39,170 --> 00:05:36,479  
just anything in general relating to

110  
00:05:41,150 --> 00:05:39,180  
like Santa Claus or around the holidays

111  
00:05:43,189 --> 00:05:41,160  
sure I mean we can definitely start with

112  
00:05:45,110 --> 00:05:43,199  
Santa and I I think that is a really

113  
00:05:47,930 --> 00:05:45,120

good place to to start

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00:05:50,870 --> 00:05:47,940

um you know I think a lot of people

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00:05:53,090 --> 00:05:50,880

probably sort of take Santa Claus for

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00:05:54,710 --> 00:05:53,100

for granted today you know and see him

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00:05:58,490 --> 00:05:54,720

as this sort of like

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00:06:00,770 --> 00:05:58,500

uh secular uh commercialized figure uh

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00:06:03,529 --> 00:06:00,780

without really understanding or even

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00:06:06,770 --> 00:06:03,539

trying or wanting to understand his his

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00:06:11,810 --> 00:06:06,780

uh his origins in in culture um now

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00:06:14,270 --> 00:06:11,820

there's no denying that uh much of uh of

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00:06:17,210 --> 00:06:14,280

of what we see in Santa Claus today

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00:06:19,490 --> 00:06:17,220

comes from uh Saint Nicholas who of

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00:06:21,770 --> 00:06:19,500

course was the the third Century uh

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00:06:24,590 --> 00:06:21,780

Christian Saint uh known for his

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00:06:26,150 --> 00:06:24,600

generosity and and and gift giving and

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00:06:29,689 --> 00:06:26,160

that's actually where we get the the

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00:06:33,590 --> 00:06:29,699

name Santa Claus um because it's uh the

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00:06:35,749 --> 00:06:33,600

the Dutch nickname for uh Saint uh Saint

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00:06:38,090 --> 00:06:35,759

Nicholas actually so they they actually

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00:06:40,730 --> 00:06:38,100

shortened it to uh something like

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00:06:42,350 --> 00:06:40,740

um I think it was uh Santa Claus or

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00:06:45,230 --> 00:06:42,360

something and so when when that was

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00:06:47,029 --> 00:06:45,240

brought over to uh this country yeah

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00:06:50,270 --> 00:06:47,039

like we it was it was of course

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00:06:52,730 --> 00:06:50,280

anglicized into Santa Claus and uh and

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00:06:53,390 --> 00:06:52,740

and that's what we call them still today

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00:06:56,510 --> 00:06:53,400

um

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00:07:00,529 --> 00:06:56,520

but interestingly if you look at a lot

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00:07:03,830 --> 00:07:00,539

of the uh different aspects of of this

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00:07:07,070 --> 00:07:03,840

character uh you'll begin to see some

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00:07:10,430 --> 00:07:07,080

very strong connections to a

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00:07:13,550 --> 00:07:10,440

pre-christian figures most notably Odin

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00:07:16,249 --> 00:07:13,560

so for instance uh you know prior to

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00:07:19,969 --> 00:07:16,259

celebrating Christmas on on December

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00:07:23,450 --> 00:07:19,979

25th uh Scandinavians and and other uh

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00:07:25,550 --> 00:07:23,460

Germanic uh peoples would celebrate uh

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00:07:27,710 --> 00:07:25,560

this holiday called Yule and this was

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00:07:29,689 --> 00:07:27,720

their sort of like winter solstice uh

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00:07:30,830 --> 00:07:29,699

celebration and it was a very popular

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00:07:35,029 --> 00:07:30,840

holiday

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00:07:37,969 --> 00:07:35,039

and during this time of of year

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00:07:41,029 --> 00:07:37,979

they uh had what they referred to as the

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00:07:43,430 --> 00:07:41,039

the wild Hunt and so the wild Hunt uh

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00:07:44,870 --> 00:07:43,440

was traditionally led by by Odin where

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00:07:47,629 --> 00:07:44,880

he would sort of gather his Valkyries

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00:07:49,490 --> 00:07:47,639

and all this The Souls of the the

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00:07:50,930 --> 00:07:49,500

honored Dead who dwelled with him in

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00:07:54,409 --> 00:07:50,940

Valhalla

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00:07:57,050 --> 00:07:54,419

and uh and he would lead this hunt you

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00:07:59,330 --> 00:07:57,060

know and it was a particularly uh

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00:08:01,189 --> 00:07:59,340

dangerous time of year because while

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00:08:04,430 --> 00:08:01,199

Odin was out and

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00:08:06,469 --> 00:08:04,440

about leading this this hunt um you know

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00:08:08,330 --> 00:08:06,479

he would he would judge people uh you

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00:08:10,490 --> 00:08:08,340

know because Odin of course is known for

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00:08:13,490 --> 00:08:10,500

wisdom and perception you know he has

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00:08:15,529 --> 00:08:13,500

his his two Ravens thought and uh memory

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00:08:17,570 --> 00:08:15,539

that they could go out and collect all

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00:08:20,210 --> 00:08:17,580

of this this information for him and so

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00:08:24,529 --> 00:08:20,220

you know he he knew if you were naughty

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00:08:26,749 --> 00:08:24,539

or or nice frankly and uh and you know

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00:08:31,189 --> 00:08:26,759

while he was out

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00:08:34,190 --> 00:08:31,199

right if uh if if you stumbled uh uh

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00:08:35,870 --> 00:08:34,200

upon this or or interrupted it

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00:08:38,089 --> 00:08:35,880

um you know you might be judged very

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00:08:40,490 --> 00:08:38,099

severely now

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00:08:42,949 --> 00:08:40,500

uh something else interesting about that

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00:08:44,389 --> 00:08:42,959

time is uh you know when Odin would lead

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00:08:47,690 --> 00:08:44,399

this wild Hunt of course he would be

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00:08:51,530 --> 00:08:47,700

riding his his eight-legged horse uh uh

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00:08:54,050 --> 00:08:51,540

sleeper and so uh what children would do

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00:08:56,329 --> 00:08:54,060

is they would take their shoes and fill

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00:08:58,910 --> 00:08:56,339

them with uh with hay and leave them out

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00:09:01,370 --> 00:08:58,920

for for slate there uh assuming that

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00:09:04,070 --> 00:09:01,380

this poor horse would get hungry at some

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00:09:06,110 --> 00:09:04,080

point uh being ridden around so much and

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00:09:07,850 --> 00:09:06,120

uh and and in return hopefully you know

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00:09:10,370 --> 00:09:07,860

Odin would would leave them some some

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00:09:11,570 --> 00:09:10,380

small gifts maybe candy or sweets or

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00:09:14,090 --> 00:09:11,580

something

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00:09:16,850 --> 00:09:14,100

um and so you know you can see these you

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00:09:17,990 --> 00:09:16,860

know these obvious parallels of of this

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00:09:20,930 --> 00:09:18,000

figure

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00:09:22,910 --> 00:09:20,940

who uh rides around during during Yule

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00:09:24,530 --> 00:09:22,920

which we now basically call crit like

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00:09:27,230 --> 00:09:24,540

the the Christmas season

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00:09:31,009 --> 00:09:27,240

and uh and you know he judges people now

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00:09:33,470 --> 00:09:31,019

he might uh Grant favor on you you know

201  
00:09:36,170 --> 00:09:33,480  
he was he was known to be a A Gift Giver

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00:09:38,269 --> 00:09:36,180  
himself and that he would uh present

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00:09:40,130 --> 00:09:38,279  
gifts to to people that that he liked

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00:09:43,490 --> 00:09:40,140  
and so you know if if during this time

205  
00:09:44,630 --> 00:09:43,500  
of year uh Odin judged you favorably you

206  
00:09:47,449 --> 00:09:44,640  
know he might gift you with with

207  
00:09:49,910 --> 00:09:47,459  
something whether that be something uh

208  
00:09:51,590 --> 00:09:49,920  
material or just good fortune

209  
00:09:54,710 --> 00:09:51,600  
um you know and if he judged you poorly

210  
00:09:56,810 --> 00:09:54,720  
then you know you would you would be uh

211  
00:10:00,829 --> 00:09:56,820  
out of luck you know he would he would

212  
00:10:02,870 --> 00:10:00,839  
uh he would do something bad and um

213  
00:10:04,250 --> 00:10:02,880

you know I and and of course like I I

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00:10:07,130 --> 00:10:04,260

think there are some things that we can

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00:10:09,170 --> 00:10:07,140

look at there too that seem

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00:10:10,910 --> 00:10:09,180

to be very coincidental but also very

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00:10:12,769 --> 00:10:10,920

interesting so like you look at uh uh

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00:10:14,210 --> 00:10:12,779

sleep here for instance

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00:10:17,750 --> 00:10:14,220

um you've got this eight-legged horse

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00:10:19,970 --> 00:10:17,760

and you know now we have uh eight tiny

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00:10:23,090 --> 00:10:19,980

reindeer right and so like that that

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00:10:26,389 --> 00:10:23,100

that number obviously uh correlates and

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00:10:29,389 --> 00:10:26,399

you know kids still leave uh vegetables

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00:10:31,670 --> 00:10:29,399

and things out for for those reindeer uh

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00:10:35,329 --> 00:10:31,680

in addition to to leaving you know milk

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00:10:39,050 --> 00:10:35,339

and cookies out for for Santa so there

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00:10:41,389 --> 00:10:39,060

are uh a lot of uh of parallels between

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00:10:43,370 --> 00:10:41,399

you know Odin and this wild Hunt and uh

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00:10:45,410 --> 00:10:43,380

in Santa Claus today and I I don't think

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00:10:49,069 --> 00:10:45,420

that it is any kind of coincidence

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00:10:52,310 --> 00:10:49,079

because again Yule was a very very

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00:10:54,290 --> 00:10:52,320

popular holiday in in these Germanic

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00:10:55,670 --> 00:10:54,300

countries you know is it most people's

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00:10:58,130 --> 00:10:55,680

favorite holiday you know it was during

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00:11:00,470 --> 00:10:58,140

the the darkest time of the the year and

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00:11:04,910 --> 00:11:00,480

it was a it was a a days long

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00:11:07,610 --> 00:11:04,920

celebration of feasting and drinking and

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00:11:10,610 --> 00:11:07,620

games and everybody loved it in in and

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00:11:12,949 --> 00:11:10,620

when these cultures were being converted

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00:11:14,630 --> 00:11:12,959

to Christianity I I think that that was

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00:11:17,090 --> 00:11:14,640

very much recognized and nobody wanted

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00:11:18,530 --> 00:11:17,100

to take Yule away from anybody because

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00:11:20,030 --> 00:11:18,540

that would have been tremendously

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00:11:22,550 --> 00:11:20,040

unpopular and you're not going to talk

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00:11:25,009 --> 00:11:22,560

anybody into to converting to anything

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00:11:27,889 --> 00:11:25,019

that way and so

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00:11:31,389 --> 00:11:27,899

you know they they sort of folded these

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00:11:33,949 --> 00:11:31,399

Traditions into uh the the Christian

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00:11:35,630 --> 00:11:33,959

uh celebration

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00:11:38,750 --> 00:11:35,640

um and so you know people got to keep

251  
00:11:40,250 --> 00:11:38,760  
their uh Traditions they got to to keep

252  
00:11:42,590 --> 00:11:40,260  
their stories and they were sort of

253  
00:11:45,730 --> 00:11:42,600  
modified over time

254  
00:11:48,769 --> 00:11:45,740  
um to be more accommodating to the new

255  
00:11:50,750 --> 00:11:48,779  
religion but uh but still you know a lot

256  
00:11:53,090 --> 00:11:50,760  
of those remnants remain and you see

257  
00:11:54,650 --> 00:11:53,100  
them all like all over the the place

258  
00:11:56,569 --> 00:11:54,660  
this time of year

259  
00:11:58,670 --> 00:11:56,579  
um you know everything from uh from

260  
00:12:00,050 --> 00:11:58,680  
Christmas trees you know decorating

261  
00:12:03,530 --> 00:12:00,060  
trees

262  
00:12:05,329 --> 00:12:03,540  
um it goes back you know far before uh

263  
00:12:07,550 --> 00:12:05,339

## Christianity

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00:12:10,069 --> 00:12:07,560

um although interestingly the the lights

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00:12:12,650 --> 00:12:10,079

on trees actually is something that uh

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00:12:14,990 --> 00:12:12,660

that that really wasn't well that we

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00:12:19,370 --> 00:12:15,000

have no real historical record of

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00:12:21,470 --> 00:12:19,380

prior to to Christian conversion but you

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00:12:24,170 --> 00:12:21,480

know the actual just decorating as far

270

00:12:26,569 --> 00:12:24,180

as like you know ornaments or

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00:12:27,650 --> 00:12:26,579

um you know food or something similar

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00:12:29,690 --> 00:12:27,660

like that

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00:12:31,850 --> 00:12:29,700

that goes back you know much further

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00:12:32,990 --> 00:12:31,860

than Christianity of course there are

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00:12:36,170 --> 00:12:33,000

things like

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00:12:39,889 --> 00:12:36,180

uh Reeves for instance you know uh uh

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00:12:41,810 --> 00:12:39,899

putting uh uh Evergreen uh uh branches

278

00:12:44,030 --> 00:12:41,820

and things in your home to sort of

279

00:12:47,810 --> 00:12:44,040

represent

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00:12:51,110 --> 00:12:47,820

um eternal life or or the uh Persistence

281

00:12:52,970 --> 00:12:51,120

of life in this this period of darkness

282

00:12:55,550 --> 00:12:52,980

and death you know

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00:12:57,530 --> 00:12:55,560

um that's much older than Christianity

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00:12:58,850 --> 00:12:57,540

uh you know of course like mistletoe

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00:13:00,889 --> 00:12:58,860

even

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00:13:04,490 --> 00:13:00,899

um you know like all of these things

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00:13:07,069 --> 00:13:04,500

were Incorporated uh into the the

288

00:13:09,530 --> 00:13:07,079

Christian celebration I think because of

289

00:13:11,990 --> 00:13:09,540

their their their uh origin and this

290

00:13:13,610 --> 00:13:12,000

very popular pagan holiday

291

00:13:16,069 --> 00:13:13,620

um and it it's something that we still

292

00:13:18,410 --> 00:13:16,079

do today I've got a a Christmas tree

293

00:13:19,430 --> 00:13:18,420

downstairs we've got a wreath on our our

294

00:13:22,430 --> 00:13:19,440

front door

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00:13:25,250 --> 00:13:22,440

um and it just seems like something that

296

00:13:26,449 --> 00:13:25,260

uh that a lot of people don't

297

00:13:29,449 --> 00:13:26,459

um really don't spend a lot of time

298

00:13:31,310 --> 00:13:29,459

thinking about it and I I'm by no means

299

00:13:33,769 --> 00:13:31,320

saying if you celebrate Christmas you

300

00:13:37,850 --> 00:13:33,779

are celebrating a pagan holiday because

301

00:13:40,310 --> 00:13:37,860

obviously the connection to the the

302

00:13:43,790 --> 00:13:40,320

birth of Christ at this point is very

303

00:13:46,430 --> 00:13:43,800

very strong and uh you know that that of

304

00:13:48,290 --> 00:13:46,440

course happened on purpose and so you

305

00:13:50,569 --> 00:13:48,300

know um I don't want anybody to be

306

00:13:53,269 --> 00:13:50,579

offended you know by me saying that like

307

00:13:55,069 --> 00:13:53,279

their uh Christian celebration is this

308

00:13:56,870 --> 00:13:55,079

Pagan thing if if that's something that

309

00:13:59,629 --> 00:13:56,880

they would find offensive because you

310

00:14:02,329 --> 00:13:59,639

know there are there is obviously a

311

00:14:03,949 --> 00:14:02,339

strong uh connection to Christianity at

312

00:14:05,810 --> 00:14:03,959

this point too

313

00:14:09,610 --> 00:14:05,820

um I just find it very interesting from

314

00:14:12,230 --> 00:14:09,620

a uh both like historical and folkloric

315

00:14:15,290 --> 00:14:12,240

perspective you know how many of these

316

00:14:16,430 --> 00:14:15,300

Traditions have have uh survived I mean

317

00:14:19,490 --> 00:14:16,440

for instance

318

00:14:21,410 --> 00:14:19,500

you can see behind me uh I've got like a

319

00:14:22,490 --> 00:14:21,420

couple of gnomes up there on top of that

320

00:14:25,370 --> 00:14:22,500

bookshelf

321

00:14:26,449 --> 00:14:25,380

and uh and and those are called uh

322

00:14:30,410 --> 00:14:26,459

nisser

323

00:14:35,449 --> 00:14:30,420

and uh and what a Anissa is is basically

324

00:14:39,470 --> 00:14:35,459

uh this again ancient uh patriarchal uh

325

00:14:42,410 --> 00:14:39,480

spirit this this uh this this uh sort of

326

00:14:44,569 --> 00:14:42,420

fairy really that uh that would dwell in

327

00:14:46,370 --> 00:14:44,579

somebody's Homestead and they were

328

00:14:48,230 --> 00:14:46,380

generally thought to be very helpful if

329

00:14:49,610 --> 00:14:48,240

a little capricious you wanted to stay

330

00:14:52,910 --> 00:14:49,620

on their good side that's like all

331

00:14:55,670 --> 00:14:52,920

fairies right and uh and they were

332

00:14:57,889 --> 00:14:55,680

especially connected to uh Ewell and the

333

00:14:59,810 --> 00:14:57,899

the Yuletide season and you know it was

334

00:15:02,689 --> 00:14:59,820

traditional to leave like buttered

335

00:15:05,870 --> 00:15:02,699

porridge out for them uh

336

00:15:07,730 --> 00:15:05,880

around you will um and uh and I guess

337

00:15:09,949 --> 00:15:07,740

where I'm going with this is I bought

338

00:15:11,990 --> 00:15:09,959

both of those or I should say Emily and

339

00:15:14,930 --> 00:15:12,000

I bought bought both of those

340

00:15:17,629 --> 00:15:14,940

at a Christmas Market very very recently

341

00:15:20,269 --> 00:15:17,639

you know and they're sort of uh marketed

342

00:15:22,129 --> 00:15:20,279

as like Christmas gnomes or people might

343

00:15:24,710 --> 00:15:22,139

refer to them even as like you know

344

00:15:27,530 --> 00:15:24,720

elves or something similar

345

00:15:30,250 --> 00:15:27,540

um but the reality of of the the

346

00:15:33,710 --> 00:15:30,260

situation is is that they are surviving

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00:15:37,069 --> 00:15:33,720

uh characters from this this

348

00:15:39,290 --> 00:15:37,079

pre-christian uh Yule tradition

349

00:15:40,790 --> 00:15:39,300

um and you still see them everywhere at

350

00:15:43,310 --> 00:15:40,800

least here you know we have a pretty big

351

00:15:44,870 --> 00:15:43,320

Scandinavian population and uh

352

00:15:46,790 --> 00:15:44,880

Wisconsin

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00:15:49,370 --> 00:15:46,800

um and so that probably has something to

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00:15:50,870 --> 00:15:49,380

do with it but um but yeah it's it's

355

00:15:53,329 --> 00:15:50,880

it's something that a lot of people I

356

00:15:56,269 --> 00:15:53,339

don't think uh probably spent a lot of

357

00:15:57,949 --> 00:15:56,279

time uh thinking about you know but the

358

00:15:59,810 --> 00:15:57,959

the the stuff is still everywhere

359

00:16:00,470 --> 00:15:59,820

interestingly enough

360

00:16:03,230 --> 00:16:00,480

um

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00:16:06,170 --> 00:16:03,240

uh nissar were actually the inspiration

362

00:16:09,470 --> 00:16:06,180

for uh Santa's elves uh Santa's elves

363

00:16:11,629 --> 00:16:09,480

were invented in the the 19th century by

364

00:16:15,290 --> 00:16:11,639

some uh Scandinavian uh children's

365

00:16:19,610 --> 00:16:15,300

authors and uh and largely based off of

366

00:16:21,949 --> 00:16:19,620

of Mr because the the thing about uh the

367

00:16:24,530 --> 00:16:21,959

the uh misser is that

368

00:16:28,069 --> 00:16:24,540

they have that sort of distinctive

369

00:16:29,509 --> 00:16:28,079

uh uh look that that we often associate

370

00:16:31,430 --> 00:16:29,519

or were traditionally associated with

371

00:16:34,069 --> 00:16:31,440

Santa's elves you know like the the red

372

00:16:35,389 --> 00:16:34,079

hat the Browner green clothing

373

00:16:38,030 --> 00:16:35,399

um you know they were wise and old men

374

00:16:41,449 --> 00:16:38,040

so yeah you would often see you know

375

00:16:44,449 --> 00:16:41,459

like big bushy beards and and similar

376

00:16:48,230 --> 00:16:44,459

um and so yeah it's just just uh another

377

00:16:50,090 --> 00:16:48,240

interesting uh surviving tradition

378

00:16:52,790 --> 00:16:50,100

um and that actually reminds me of

379

00:16:55,550 --> 00:16:52,800

another one that I that is also from

380

00:16:58,910 --> 00:16:55,560

Wisconsin although by way of of

381

00:17:01,370 --> 00:16:58,920

Scandinavia and I I found this while

382

00:17:03,590 --> 00:17:01,380

researching uh the the book that I'm

383

00:17:05,030 --> 00:17:03,600

working on now the singular 40 in

384

00:17:06,770 --> 00:17:05,040

society is Yuletide guide to high

385

00:17:09,789 --> 00:17:06,780

strangeness um

386

00:17:13,429 --> 00:17:09,799

and that is the tradition of uh

387

00:17:16,189 --> 00:17:13,439

Asgard zarea now I I apologize if I

388

00:17:17,929 --> 00:17:16,199

mispronounced that but it's a uh I

389

00:17:20,150 --> 00:17:17,939

believe Norwegian word and it's not the

390

00:17:25,789 --> 00:17:20,160

easiest thing for me to pronounce but uh

391

00:17:27,770 --> 00:17:25,799

what that is basically is um is this uh

392

00:17:33,289 --> 00:17:27,780

fairy

393

00:17:38,990 --> 00:17:36,289

session that's supposed to take place on

394

00:17:40,909 --> 00:17:39,000

uh Christmas recession of uh underground

395

00:17:43,250 --> 00:17:40,919

people basically is what they were

396

00:17:46,250 --> 00:17:43,260

referred to as of who would you know

397

00:17:49,070 --> 00:17:46,260

come uh you know would would come up and

398

00:17:50,930 --> 00:17:49,080

uh and would kind of have a little wild

399

00:17:52,310 --> 00:17:50,940

Hunt of their own you know it wasn't a

400

00:17:54,409 --> 00:17:52,320

hunt specifically but they would roam

401  
00:17:56,330 --> 00:17:54,419  
the countryside and and you generally

402  
00:17:59,150 --> 00:17:56,340  
didn't want to to run into them because

403  
00:18:02,390 --> 00:17:59,160  
very little good could come of it and uh

404  
00:18:05,450 --> 00:18:02,400  
I found that uh in

405  
00:18:07,970 --> 00:18:05,460  
uh some historical records at the uh

406  
00:18:10,549 --> 00:18:07,980  
Wisconsin Historical Society so if

407  
00:18:13,730 --> 00:18:10,559  
anybody isn't familiar back in the 1930s

408  
00:18:15,470 --> 00:18:13,740  
during the Great Depression uh the

409  
00:18:17,450 --> 00:18:15,480  
federal government sponsored this

410  
00:18:19,970 --> 00:18:17,460  
writer's project called the uh Federal

411  
00:18:21,409 --> 00:18:19,980  
uh writers project and basically what

412  
00:18:24,950 --> 00:18:21,419  
these writers would do is they would go

413  
00:18:28,430 --> 00:18:24,960

like just all over and they would uh

414

00:18:31,850 --> 00:18:28,440

collect uh bits of folklore you know

415

00:18:34,370 --> 00:18:31,860

personal histories like just uh Word of

416

00:18:37,250 --> 00:18:34,380

Mouth uh kind of kind of stuff in in an

417

00:18:38,930 --> 00:18:37,260

attempt to uh well one keep writers

418

00:18:40,610 --> 00:18:38,940

working because it was the greatest

419

00:18:43,669 --> 00:18:40,620

economic disaster in our nation's

420

00:18:46,430 --> 00:18:43,679

history but two to help preserve the the

421

00:18:47,870 --> 00:18:46,440

culture of of all of these uh you know

422

00:18:50,630 --> 00:18:47,880

disparate

423

00:18:53,090 --> 00:18:50,640

uh peoples who had uh

424

00:18:54,710 --> 00:18:53,100

immigrated to this this country and so

425

00:18:57,770 --> 00:18:54,720

you know like I said before in Wisconsin

426

00:19:00,470 --> 00:18:57,780

we had a pretty sizable still do have a

427

00:19:02,810 --> 00:19:00,480

pretty sizable uh Scandinavian and

428

00:19:05,570 --> 00:19:02,820

really just Germanic in general uh

429

00:19:07,970 --> 00:19:05,580

population and so that was something

430

00:19:10,730 --> 00:19:07,980

that made it into this this Federal

431

00:19:14,930 --> 00:19:10,740

writers project and and unfortunately

432

00:19:16,970 --> 00:19:14,940

the person uh uh who actually gave that

433

00:19:19,909 --> 00:19:16,980

account like their name has been lost to

434

00:19:23,270 --> 00:19:19,919

history but in the actual entry for it

435

00:19:25,970 --> 00:19:23,280

uh it's labeled uh asgard's Raya and

436

00:19:30,049 --> 00:19:25,980

then uh nudistad

437

00:19:33,710 --> 00:19:30,059

and so uh utistad actually refers to

438

00:19:36,110 --> 00:19:33,720

this Farm now after explaining what uh

439

00:19:38,810 --> 00:19:36,120

this very present like uh procession is

440

00:19:44,090 --> 00:19:38,820

they actually go into this

441

00:19:47,270 --> 00:19:44,100

um uh sort of uh folkloric tale uh that

442

00:19:49,549 --> 00:19:47,280

recounts somebody's experience you know

443

00:19:52,430 --> 00:19:49,559

with uh with this this very procession

444

00:19:57,070 --> 00:19:52,440

and having to deal with it and

445

00:19:59,330 --> 00:19:57,080

the name of the farm in that story is

446

00:20:02,510 --> 00:19:59,340

and so I thought well you know it's not

447

00:20:04,549 --> 00:20:02,520

uncommon uh uh especially back then for

448

00:20:07,250 --> 00:20:04,559

somebody to associate a place with the

449

00:20:09,289 --> 00:20:07,260

name of the the family you know that

450

00:20:11,750 --> 00:20:09,299

that lives there if it's this this sort

451  
00:20:13,010 --> 00:20:11,760  
of like uh generational property or

452  
00:20:16,909 --> 00:20:13,020  
something

453  
00:20:19,190 --> 00:20:16,919  
and so I looked in the uh Wisconsin

454  
00:20:21,289 --> 00:20:19,200  
census which of course goes way back you

455  
00:20:23,930 --> 00:20:21,299  
know all the way back to before the the

456  
00:20:27,350 --> 00:20:23,940  
1930s to see if there was anybody with

457  
00:20:30,289 --> 00:20:27,360  
that last name uh who lives uh who or

458  
00:20:32,750 --> 00:20:30,299  
who lived in in Wisconsin that you know

459  
00:20:36,110 --> 00:20:32,760  
would be on the the census and sure

460  
00:20:39,590 --> 00:20:36,120  
enough there uh were several people with

461  
00:20:43,430 --> 00:20:39,600  
that last name of utestad and they all

462  
00:20:45,409 --> 00:20:43,440  
lived near the the town of Barron

463  
00:20:47,029 --> 00:20:45,419

and what's really and I swear this is

464

00:20:51,289 --> 00:20:47,039

going somewhere what's really

465

00:20:56,330 --> 00:20:51,299

interesting about the the town of Barron

466

00:21:00,169 --> 00:20:56,340

is that it itself is known for having uh

467

00:21:03,650 --> 00:21:00,179

its own fairy procession so uh this was

468

00:21:07,130 --> 00:21:03,660

all the way back in 1916. uh there was a

469

00:21:11,870 --> 00:21:07,140

there was a man at the time a a teenager

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00:21:14,510 --> 00:21:11,880

who reportedly saw this group of of tiny

471

00:21:17,570 --> 00:21:14,520

men so as the The Story Goes actually as

472

00:21:20,150 --> 00:21:17,580

it was related to uh Jerome Clark who

473

00:21:23,750 --> 00:21:20,160

wrote about it uh uh for the first time

474

00:21:26,270 --> 00:21:23,760

in a 1970-something issue of of Fate I I

475

00:21:28,430 --> 00:21:26,280

have like an original copy of it right

476

00:21:30,409 --> 00:21:28,440

over there and I could give you the the

477

00:21:32,990 --> 00:21:30,419

exact date that it came out but I don't

478

00:21:34,250 --> 00:21:33,000

want to have to get up and risk you know

479

00:21:37,250 --> 00:21:34,260

knocking over my computer or something

480

00:21:40,310 --> 00:21:37,260

but uh but anyway

481

00:21:43,370 --> 00:21:40,320

um you know he uh he talked to this

482

00:21:45,590 --> 00:21:43,380

guy's wife who swears up and down that

483

00:21:47,570 --> 00:21:45,600

that this really happened to this guy or

484

00:21:50,110 --> 00:21:47,580

at least something really happened to

485

00:21:53,510 --> 00:21:50,120

him he had some kind of a very powerful

486

00:21:56,330 --> 00:21:53,520

impactful experience and so anyway as

487

00:21:59,450 --> 00:21:56,340

the The Story Goes um this teenager he

488

00:22:01,669 --> 00:21:59,460

was uh riding along near Barron

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00:22:04,850 --> 00:22:01,679

Wisconsin with uh his friends and their

490

00:22:07,070 --> 00:22:04,860

dad and uh their car ran uh ran out of

491

00:22:10,430 --> 00:22:07,080

oil however

492

00:22:12,770 --> 00:22:10,440

luckily for them uh there was a farmer

493

00:22:15,590 --> 00:22:12,780

walking past who had just gotten done

494

00:22:17,270 --> 00:22:15,600

fishing and uh and they asked him if he

495

00:22:19,010 --> 00:22:17,280

could help and he said yes but you know

496

00:22:21,169 --> 00:22:19,020

somebody has to come with me to my farm

497

00:22:22,669 --> 00:22:21,179

and get this oil because he didn't want

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00:22:25,970 --> 00:22:22,679

to go all the way to his farm and back

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00:22:29,630 --> 00:22:25,980

again and so uh this this teenager whose

500

00:22:31,610 --> 00:22:29,640

first name was uh Harry uh said yeah you

501  
00:22:34,850 --> 00:22:31,620  
know hey I will go with you uh he

502  
00:22:37,310 --> 00:22:34,860  
volunteered and uh and so off off he

503  
00:22:39,470 --> 00:22:37,320  
goes and he gets the oil and that all is

504  
00:22:42,409 --> 00:22:39,480  
is great and then he's walking back and

505  
00:22:43,250 --> 00:22:42,419  
it's dark out by then uh the the sun is

506  
00:22:45,470 --> 00:22:43,260  
that

507  
00:22:48,169 --> 00:22:45,480  
and there's this full moon so he can see

508  
00:22:51,649 --> 00:22:48,179  
pretty well and as he's passing by this

509  
00:22:55,070 --> 00:22:51,659  
field he sees this procession of little

510  
00:22:59,930 --> 00:22:55,080  
men and uh you know they were wearing uh

511  
00:23:02,149 --> 00:22:59,940  
overalls I I believe and they were

512  
00:23:05,029 --> 00:23:02,159  
making a weird noise it was like they

513  
00:23:06,409 --> 00:23:05,039

were mumbling to themselves like they

514

00:23:08,990 --> 00:23:06,419

like they're all sort of mumbling but

515

00:23:11,630 --> 00:23:09,000

not too you know each each other

516

00:23:15,230 --> 00:23:11,640

um and so you know he sees this and he's

517

00:23:17,690 --> 00:23:15,240

terrified and so he takes off and uh he

518

00:23:19,310 --> 00:23:17,700

gets back to the car and he tells his

519

00:23:20,210 --> 00:23:19,320

friends and their dad about it and of

520

00:23:22,310 --> 00:23:20,220

course

521

00:23:24,950 --> 00:23:22,320

he gets laughed at which is a very

522

00:23:27,529 --> 00:23:24,960

common experience and I think as we all

523

00:23:30,529 --> 00:23:27,539

know unfortunately

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00:23:32,750 --> 00:23:30,539

and uh anyway long story short after he

525

00:23:35,570 --> 00:23:32,760

gets laughed at there the only people he

526

00:23:39,110 --> 00:23:35,580

ever tells about it are his mom and his

527

00:23:41,090 --> 00:23:39,120

wife both of whom swore that this was

528

00:23:42,669 --> 00:23:41,100

something that

529

00:23:45,590 --> 00:23:42,679

um deeply

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00:23:48,230 --> 00:23:45,600

affected him and so you know it's it's

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00:23:52,010 --> 00:23:48,240

fascinating and so

532

00:23:55,070 --> 00:23:52,020

finding this weird uh folkloric story of

533

00:23:57,350 --> 00:23:55,080

fairy processions you know led me to uh

534

00:23:59,870 --> 00:23:57,360

this weird synchronicity of finding you

535

00:24:03,190 --> 00:23:59,880

know a fairy procession in the state in

536

00:24:07,070 --> 00:24:03,200

which I live in the same area uh likely

537

00:24:09,770 --> 00:24:07,080

where uh this this uh original uh

538

00:24:13,310 --> 00:24:09,780

folkloric like tale came from which

539

00:24:16,730 --> 00:24:13,320

I mean if that's not Christmas magic I

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00:24:19,730 --> 00:24:16,740

don't I don't know what is honestly

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00:24:20,690 --> 00:24:19,740

yeah I know I agree with you that's

542

00:24:26,450 --> 00:24:20,700

amazing

543

00:24:29,750 --> 00:24:26,460

and to have because Santa Santa himself

544

00:24:32,630 --> 00:24:29,760

is supposed to be an elf or like a form

545

00:24:35,570 --> 00:24:32,640

of an elf or so they say

546

00:24:37,250 --> 00:24:35,580

like not Saint Nicholas but the the

547

00:24:38,870 --> 00:24:37,260

Santa Claus the commercialized Santa

548

00:24:41,390 --> 00:24:38,880

Claus

549

00:24:43,669 --> 00:24:41,400

oh sure so like you'll see him referred

550

00:24:45,110 --> 00:24:43,679

to as you know a jolly old old Elf or

551  
00:24:46,789 --> 00:24:45,120  
something

552  
00:24:48,590 --> 00:24:46,799  
um and that's really you know that is

553  
00:24:51,289 --> 00:24:48,600  
really interesting and I guess I haven't

554  
00:24:52,549 --> 00:24:51,299  
really spent enough time thinking about

555  
00:24:56,630 --> 00:24:52,559  
that

556  
00:25:00,529 --> 00:24:56,640  
I would you know I would I would guess

557  
00:25:03,350 --> 00:25:00,539  
maybe if that's come out of

558  
00:25:06,169 --> 00:25:03,360  
um his association with you know with

559  
00:25:10,610 --> 00:25:06,179  
having these these Elven helpers uh now

560  
00:25:11,690 --> 00:25:10,620  
certainly um Odin was connected to elves

561  
00:25:14,990 --> 00:25:11,700  
um

562  
00:25:20,450 --> 00:25:15,000  
now he wasn't uh the uh the actual Lord

563  
00:25:22,130 --> 00:25:20,460

of of uh alfheim was uh freyr so uh it

564

00:25:24,169 --> 00:25:22,140

wasn't Odin or anything but Odin

565

00:25:27,529 --> 00:25:24,179

certainly had plenty of of dealings with

566

00:25:29,930 --> 00:25:27,539

elves you know if if if you read the uh

567

00:25:33,049 --> 00:25:29,940

the Etta's or anything uh

568

00:25:35,690 --> 00:25:33,059

there's no shortage of a vote you know

569

00:25:37,789 --> 00:25:35,700

having dealings with elves or or dwarves

570

00:25:41,149 --> 00:25:37,799

or any other you know

571

00:25:42,649 --> 00:25:41,159

logical uh creatures sort of native to

572

00:25:43,370 --> 00:25:42,659

to that culture

573

00:25:46,070 --> 00:25:43,380

um

574

00:25:48,289 --> 00:25:46,080

and so yeah I mean there is a strong

575

00:25:50,930 --> 00:25:48,299

connection to fairies I mean like I was

576  
00:25:52,250 --> 00:25:50,940  
talking about with the the uh nisser you

577  
00:25:54,470 --> 00:25:52,260  
know certainly

578  
00:25:59,990 --> 00:25:56,810  
and you know there are a lot of other

579  
00:26:01,610 --> 00:26:00,000  
sort of interesting folklore characters

580  
00:26:02,990 --> 00:26:01,620  
who have come out of that time who are

581  
00:26:07,490 --> 00:26:03,000  
who are very similar you know you can

582  
00:26:08,630 --> 00:26:07,500  
look at like uh uh Frau perkta for for

583  
00:26:09,350 --> 00:26:08,640  
instance

584  
00:26:11,750 --> 00:26:09,360  
um

585  
00:26:14,510 --> 00:26:11,760  
and uh and she's like this Christmas

586  
00:26:19,250 --> 00:26:14,520  
witch basically who is supposed to lead

587  
00:26:22,130 --> 00:26:19,260  
a very similar sort of A procession uh

588  
00:26:24,470 --> 00:26:22,140

this time of of year although much

589

00:26:26,930 --> 00:26:24,480

sadder and Grimmer like instead of

590

00:26:29,210 --> 00:26:26,940

leading like a fairy procession or the

591

00:26:31,669 --> 00:26:29,220

honored dead or or something similar uh

592

00:26:34,430 --> 00:26:31,679

her uh her procession is said to be like

593

00:26:37,669 --> 00:26:34,440

the ghosts of of dead children and

594

00:26:39,409 --> 00:26:37,679

because there are a lot of like uh myths

595

00:26:41,570 --> 00:26:39,419

and and stories that are associated with

596

00:26:45,769 --> 00:26:41,580

this time of year that are very very

597

00:26:50,690 --> 00:26:45,779

dark and so uh Frau practice thing is

598

00:26:53,029 --> 00:26:50,700

um he will uh judge you if uh you

599

00:26:53,810 --> 00:26:53,039

haven't like uh got all of your weaving

600

00:26:56,210 --> 00:26:53,820

done

601  
00:26:58,370 --> 00:26:56,220  
uh this is specifically women too I

602  
00:27:00,110 --> 00:26:58,380  
think uh if you haven't got all of your

603  
00:27:03,529 --> 00:27:00,120  
your weaving done or your house isn't

604  
00:27:06,529 --> 00:27:03,539  
like clean enough then she might

605  
00:27:08,510 --> 00:27:06,539  
disembowel you and like stuff your guts

606  
00:27:13,549 --> 00:27:08,520  
with rocks and straw and then sew it

607  
00:27:16,010 --> 00:27:13,559  
back up which does not make

608  
00:27:19,990 --> 00:27:16,020  
no

609  
00:27:26,210 --> 00:27:22,310  
I don't like her I'm just gonna say it

610  
00:27:28,070 --> 00:27:26,220  
now I don't like her yeah it is so let's

611  
00:27:31,130 --> 00:27:28,080  
moving from that moving from the lore

612  
00:27:34,430 --> 00:27:31,140  
into people actually seeing Santa Claus

613  
00:27:37,010 --> 00:27:34,440

or what they perceive as Santa Claus and

614

00:27:39,950 --> 00:27:37,020

his reindeer I've I've had two

615

00:27:43,250 --> 00:27:39,960

experiences myself one hearing it and

616

00:27:45,830 --> 00:27:43,260

one seeing I can't be 100 if they're a

617

00:27:48,409 --> 00:27:45,840

reindeer but there's no way these could

618

00:27:50,090 --> 00:27:48,419

be elk what I saw because there's no elk

619

00:27:52,549 --> 00:27:50,100

out this way

620

00:27:56,570 --> 00:27:52,559

so I don't know if they escape from a

621

00:28:00,110 --> 00:27:56,580

preserve what happened I lived on top of

622

00:28:02,990 --> 00:28:00,120

the floor and we were coming back and it

623

00:28:05,269 --> 00:28:03,000

was snowy and I was with my mom and we

624

00:28:07,610 --> 00:28:05,279

turned in before we got to where we

625

00:28:09,649 --> 00:28:07,620

lived and she was driving and she was

626  
00:28:11,149 --> 00:28:09,659  
talking and I said stop and it was

627  
00:28:12,830 --> 00:28:11,159  
snowing and she got that you know she

628  
00:28:14,630 --> 00:28:12,840  
got agitated because she stopped on the

629  
00:28:17,269 --> 00:28:14,640  
slippery Road she's like what I'm like

630  
00:28:18,950 --> 00:28:17,279  
there's reindeer there there is reindeer

631  
00:28:22,370 --> 00:28:18,960  
and she's like no and she turned and

632  
00:28:24,890 --> 00:28:22,380  
there were three or four reindeer just

633  
00:28:25,610 --> 00:28:24,900  
standing off to the side and looking at

634  
00:28:29,930 --> 00:28:25,620  
us

635  
00:28:32,269 --> 00:28:29,940  
she looked at me and then looked back

636  
00:28:34,070 --> 00:28:32,279  
and then just put her hands on them and

637  
00:28:35,690 --> 00:28:34,080  
just drove she didn't say a word and I

638  
00:28:36,890 --> 00:28:35,700

said did you see that she's like I

639

00:28:38,630 --> 00:28:36,900

didn't see a thing

640

00:28:41,390 --> 00:28:38,640

I didn't say a thing you didn't see a

641

00:28:43,430 --> 00:28:41,400

thing I didn't see a thing I'm like but

642

00:28:44,930 --> 00:28:43,440

those are reindeer those are I was

643

00:28:46,190 --> 00:28:44,940

little enough like those were Santa's

644

00:28:48,169 --> 00:28:46,200

reindeer she's like I don't know what

645

00:28:50,750 --> 00:28:48,179

they were but we didn't see it because

646

00:28:53,510 --> 00:28:50,760

it was it was dark you know but it was

647

00:28:56,330 --> 00:28:53,520

slight enough for because of the houses

648

00:28:58,010 --> 00:28:56,340

you could see them and we never come

649

00:29:00,169 --> 00:28:58,020

again

650

00:29:03,110 --> 00:29:00,179

and then the second thing was we found

651  
00:29:04,570 --> 00:29:03,120  
out that Santa wasn't real

652  
00:29:07,310 --> 00:29:04,580  
right

653  
00:29:09,230 --> 00:29:07,320  
being older I don't know if they escaped

654  
00:29:11,630 --> 00:29:09,240  
from there's a preserve over the

655  
00:29:14,149 --> 00:29:11,640  
mountain so could they could they have

656  
00:29:16,370 --> 00:29:14,159  
been ELP or actual reindeer that escaped

657  
00:29:17,330 --> 00:29:16,380  
from that preserve and made their way up

658  
00:29:19,310 --> 00:29:17,340  
there

659  
00:29:21,289 --> 00:29:19,320  
but it's a small town it's a small

660  
00:29:24,549 --> 00:29:21,299  
Mountain you would have heard

661  
00:29:27,409 --> 00:29:24,559  
nobody ever say anything

662  
00:29:29,990 --> 00:29:27,419  
and up there's there's light there so

663  
00:29:32,389 --> 00:29:30,000

that it's just very weird and then

664

00:29:34,730 --> 00:29:32,399

second thing was I found out when I

665

00:29:37,549 --> 00:29:34,740

found out Santa wasn't real okay

666

00:29:39,590 --> 00:29:37,559

so I I was very adamant like you're kind

667

00:29:42,409 --> 00:29:39,600

of lying to me you know I I believe

668

00:29:45,769 --> 00:29:42,419

Israel and she's like not this year that

669

00:29:48,470 --> 00:29:45,779

this is the truth like okay so I'm in

670

00:29:50,930 --> 00:29:48,480

bed it's it's late and I hear very

671

00:29:52,310 --> 00:29:50,940

distantly sleigh bells

672

00:29:54,529 --> 00:29:52,320

and I'm like

673

00:29:56,149 --> 00:29:54,539

I said I keep listening listening and I

674

00:29:58,310 --> 00:29:56,159

hear them they're getting louder and

675

00:30:00,710 --> 00:29:58,320

closer and you could hear them just

676

00:30:02,950 --> 00:30:00,720

going over the house well I run out of

677

00:30:06,169 --> 00:30:02,960

my room and into my mom's room I'm like

678

00:30:09,110 --> 00:30:06,179

do you hear that do you

679

00:30:10,310 --> 00:30:09,120

the TV lowered the TV like that was her

680

00:30:12,529 --> 00:30:10,320

religion

681

00:30:14,510 --> 00:30:12,539

she covers the TV she's just like

682

00:30:16,010 --> 00:30:14,520

listening I'm like oh Santa I'm like I

683

00:30:17,389 --> 00:30:16,020

told you he's real let's go outside and

684

00:30:18,289 --> 00:30:17,399

look she's like no we're not going I

685

00:30:20,210 --> 00:30:18,299

mean she

686

00:30:22,669 --> 00:30:20,220

she was white

687

00:30:24,409 --> 00:30:22,679

she and she was like you could tell she

688

00:30:26,630 --> 00:30:24,419

was terrified

689

00:30:28,970 --> 00:30:26,640

I'm like but do you hear it she's like I

690

00:30:31,190 --> 00:30:28,980

hear it and they were there was no me

691

00:30:32,690 --> 00:30:31,200

and it just it passed overhead and you

692

00:30:36,169 --> 00:30:32,700

could hear it just going the other way

693

00:30:38,750 --> 00:30:36,179

so when I got with my boyfriend I I

694

00:30:40,669 --> 00:30:38,760

randomly told him I'm like you know this

695

00:30:42,769 --> 00:30:40,679

one time I heard Santa's sleigh bells

696

00:30:45,830 --> 00:30:42,779

I'm like he's gonna think I'm crazy

697

00:30:48,590 --> 00:30:45,840

he's like I heard them too

698

00:30:51,110 --> 00:30:48,600

because he lived down from the mountain

699

00:30:52,549 --> 00:30:51,120

so if they would have been coming from

700

00:30:55,190 --> 00:30:52,559

this way

701  
00:30:56,269 --> 00:30:55,200  
over towards mountain and he said I had

702  
00:30:58,250 --> 00:30:56,279  
heard them too

703  
00:30:59,750 --> 00:30:58,260  
he's like I don't remember when but I

704  
00:31:02,210 --> 00:30:59,760  
heard them too

705  
00:31:03,649 --> 00:31:02,220  
and I just stared at him he's like I

706  
00:31:05,269 --> 00:31:03,659  
I've heard them

707  
00:31:07,250 --> 00:31:05,279  
I never heard them again but I heard

708  
00:31:09,409 --> 00:31:07,260  
them that one time

709  
00:31:11,330 --> 00:31:09,419  
and I'm like so I'm not crazy he's like

710  
00:31:14,990 --> 00:31:11,340  
no because I hurt them

711  
00:31:17,330 --> 00:31:15,000  
so it makes you wonder what was that I

712  
00:31:20,570 --> 00:31:17,340  
I've never heard it since

713  
00:31:22,789 --> 00:31:20,580

right you know no I think I can still

714

00:31:24,049 --> 00:31:22,799

clearly hear it yeah

715

00:31:28,070 --> 00:31:24,059

yeah

716

00:31:31,549 --> 00:31:28,080

fascinating because

717

00:31:33,289 --> 00:31:31,559

on the one hand you know like you've got

718

00:31:37,669 --> 00:31:33,299

this

719

00:31:41,389 --> 00:31:37,679

bizarre phenomenon uh that is

720

00:31:44,930 --> 00:31:41,399

clearly at least like associated with

721

00:31:49,210 --> 00:31:44,940

this this uh uh holiday you know really

722

00:31:53,570 --> 00:31:49,220

like a A fictionalized or supposedly

723

00:31:55,490 --> 00:31:53,580

fictionalized part of of this holiday

724

00:31:56,990 --> 00:31:55,500

um you know and then on on the other

725

00:31:58,909 --> 00:31:57,000

hand

726

00:32:02,090 --> 00:31:58,919

um it

727

00:32:06,529 --> 00:32:02,100

in order for it to I guess work as a

728

00:32:10,250 --> 00:32:06,539

sort of proof you know uh of of some

729

00:32:12,710 --> 00:32:10,260

sort of reality like behind the the uh

730

00:32:16,430 --> 00:32:12,720

myths themselves you know like you would

731

00:32:18,649 --> 00:32:16,440

you would expect to be able to see

732

00:32:21,830 --> 00:32:18,659

the phenomena the the phenomenon

733

00:32:23,630 --> 00:32:21,840

behaving in a way that is consistent

734

00:32:26,510 --> 00:32:23,640

with

735

00:32:29,029 --> 00:32:26,520

um what you would expect you know like

736

00:32:32,690 --> 00:32:29,039

if say for instance Santa is real so

737

00:32:35,029 --> 00:32:32,700

like if Santa is real and was uh you

738

00:32:37,190 --> 00:32:35,039

know driving a team of eight tiny

739

00:32:39,889 --> 00:32:37,200

reindeer pulling his sleigh through the

740

00:32:41,690 --> 00:32:39,899

sky and um you know and people were

741

00:32:43,370 --> 00:32:41,700

hearing his bells and stuff like I would

742

00:32:47,930 --> 00:32:43,380

expect

743

00:32:50,510 --> 00:32:47,940

for there to be uh Santa sightings which

744

00:32:52,310 --> 00:32:50,520

there are interestingly enough but I

745

00:32:55,970 --> 00:32:52,320

would also expect

746

00:32:58,430 --> 00:32:55,980

um you know something like uh anomalous

747

00:33:01,610 --> 00:32:58,440

presence showing up you know people

748

00:33:03,529 --> 00:33:01,620

reporting strange gifts

749

00:33:07,730 --> 00:33:03,539

um although interestingly enough I I

750

00:33:08,810 --> 00:33:07,740

have had one report of of that well kind

751  
00:33:11,510 --> 00:33:08,820  
of

752  
00:33:13,430 --> 00:33:11,520  
um and so I think what what we would

753  
00:33:15,769 --> 00:33:13,440  
want to look for here

754  
00:33:19,430 --> 00:33:15,779  
is

755  
00:33:21,830 --> 00:33:19,440  
um some kind of of evidence that that

756  
00:33:24,289 --> 00:33:21,840  
could act as as any kind of confirmation

757  
00:33:28,070 --> 00:33:24,299  
you know interestingly enough like I I

758  
00:33:31,669 --> 00:33:28,080  
just mentioned I do have one report that

759  
00:33:34,970 --> 00:33:31,679  
I received from a a young woman who said

760  
00:33:36,830 --> 00:33:34,980  
that she had seen Santa's sleigh when

761  
00:33:41,029 --> 00:33:36,840  
she was younger so this actually comes

762  
00:33:42,889 --> 00:33:41,039  
from uh Haley Pierce uh who was 24 at

763  
00:33:45,710 --> 00:33:42,899

the time she actually reported this to

764

00:33:47,389 --> 00:33:45,720

me which would have been last year but

765

00:33:49,070 --> 00:33:47,399

at the time of her sighting you know she

766

00:33:50,110 --> 00:33:49,080

was she was much younger right around

767

00:33:54,289 --> 00:33:50,120

eight

768

00:33:57,649 --> 00:33:54,299

and so uh this took place in Lancaster

769

00:33:59,210 --> 00:33:57,659

Ohio on Christmas Eve and you know what

770

00:34:02,389 --> 00:33:59,220

I'd like to do is I'll just read her

771

00:34:06,190 --> 00:34:02,399

report as as she uh gave it to me

772

00:34:08,810 --> 00:34:06,200

um so what she said was when I was

773

00:34:11,450 --> 00:34:08,820

uh when I was a kid I absolutely

774

00:34:14,750 --> 00:34:11,460

believed in Santa Claus as much as a kid

775

00:34:17,149 --> 00:34:14,760

possibly could so much so in fact that I

776

00:34:18,950 --> 00:34:17,159

wanted to be Santa when I grew up I

777

00:34:20,810 --> 00:34:18,960

believed in Santa a lot later than I

778

00:34:23,329 --> 00:34:20,820

probably should have I was in sixth

779

00:34:24,829 --> 00:34:23,339

grade before I finally lost the spirit I

780

00:34:26,629 --> 00:34:24,839

think a lot of that has to do with my

781

00:34:28,970 --> 00:34:26,639

experience

782

00:34:31,010 --> 00:34:28,980

I was probably eight years old we were

783

00:34:33,649 --> 00:34:31,020

leaving the 11 pm Christmas Eve service

784

00:34:35,389 --> 00:34:33,659

at our church in Lancaster Ohio I had

785

00:34:37,550 --> 00:34:35,399

been obsessively tracking Santa on the

786

00:34:38,869 --> 00:34:37,560

NORAD website all day and was looking

787

00:34:40,310 --> 00:34:38,879

forward to getting home so I'd be

788

00:34:42,349 --> 00:34:40,320

crawling to bed and stay up as late as

789

00:34:44,089 --> 00:34:42,359

possible listening for sleigh bells or

790

00:34:46,310 --> 00:34:44,099

hooks on our roof like I did every year

791

00:34:48,530 --> 00:34:46,320

I was the first person out of the church

792

00:34:50,089 --> 00:34:48,540

when the service was over because what

793

00:34:52,550 --> 00:34:50,099

little kid wants to stay in church on

794

00:34:54,829 --> 00:34:52,560

Christmas Eve which is a fair point it

795

00:34:56,810 --> 00:34:54,839

was a clear cold night and the stars

796

00:34:58,370 --> 00:34:56,820

were gorgeous so I was admiring the

797

00:35:00,170 --> 00:34:58,380

Stars when I saw a kind of shimmering

798

00:35:02,089 --> 00:35:00,180

out of the corner of my eye I looked and

799

00:35:04,190 --> 00:35:02,099

saw what I can only describe as Santa's

800

00:35:05,150 --> 00:35:04,200

sleigh it looked just like it does in

801  
00:35:07,910 --> 00:35:05,160  
every movie

802  
00:35:09,589 --> 00:35:07,920  
it was pulled by reindeer and it left a

803  
00:35:11,630 --> 00:35:09,599  
trail of glowing glitter behind it that

804  
00:35:13,550 --> 00:35:11,640  
faded quickly I don't remember if I

805  
00:35:16,010 --> 00:35:13,560  
heard sleigh bells or not

806  
00:35:18,650 --> 00:35:16,020  
it happened so fast but I was absolutely

807  
00:35:20,750 --> 00:35:18,660  
sure of what I saw I kind of stood there

808  
00:35:22,130 --> 00:35:20,760  
in shock until my parents came out I

809  
00:35:24,290 --> 00:35:22,140  
told them what I had seen and they

810  
00:35:26,030 --> 00:35:24,300  
basically said Well we'd better get home

811  
00:35:28,550 --> 00:35:26,040  
and get to bed so he doesn't skip our

812  
00:35:30,410 --> 00:35:28,560  
house over the years

813  
00:35:31,910 --> 00:35:30,420

I kind of began to doubt my sighting

814

00:35:33,770 --> 00:35:31,920

chalked it up to a shooting star and

815

00:35:35,329 --> 00:35:33,780

wishful thinking but as I've gotten

816

00:35:36,530 --> 00:35:35,339

older and become more open-minded about

817

00:35:39,109 --> 00:35:36,540

the nature of the universe and the

818

00:35:40,970 --> 00:35:39,119

Paranormal I've exp I've accepted my

819

00:35:42,410 --> 00:35:40,980

experience for what it was it was

820

00:35:43,790 --> 00:35:42,420

Santa's sleigh

821

00:35:45,710 --> 00:35:43,800

and so

822

00:35:48,109 --> 00:35:45,720

there's a lot that's interesting about

823

00:35:50,030 --> 00:35:48,119

that obviously um you know I I did ask

824

00:35:53,630 --> 00:35:50,040

her some follow-up questions uh she said

825

00:35:58,790 --> 00:35:55,069

um and couldn't make out you know any

826

00:36:02,150 --> 00:35:58,800

details of them but you know it was far

827

00:36:04,490 --> 00:36:02,160

away and it it happened pretty fast

828

00:36:08,530 --> 00:36:04,500

um and she hadn't experienced any other

829

00:36:11,690 --> 00:36:08,540

unusual phenomena of uh around that time

830

00:36:13,270 --> 00:36:11,700

and so it's something of a mystery

831

00:36:16,190 --> 00:36:13,280

frankly you know it's

832

00:36:19,670 --> 00:36:16,200

it's so bizarre because again on the one

833

00:36:22,849 --> 00:36:19,680

hand you know you have this um uh citing

834

00:36:25,609 --> 00:36:22,859

report from a reliable credible uh

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00:36:28,430 --> 00:36:25,619

person who has seen something that is

836

00:36:29,569 --> 00:36:28,440

seemingly uh impossible

837

00:36:32,270 --> 00:36:29,579

uh you know

838

00:36:33,470 --> 00:36:32,280

um but uh but on the other hand

839

00:36:34,849 --> 00:36:33,480

um it's

840

00:36:36,310 --> 00:36:34,859

not

841

00:36:39,829 --> 00:36:36,320

completely

842

00:36:44,089 --> 00:36:39,839

behaving in a way that you know you

843

00:36:45,890 --> 00:36:44,099

would uh expect uh something like like

844

00:36:48,950 --> 00:36:45,900

that hey if if it really was

845

00:36:51,470 --> 00:36:48,960

representative of this this uh myth sort

846

00:36:54,530 --> 00:36:51,480

of come to life you know there are lots

847

00:36:56,870 --> 00:36:54,540

of people well right I should say there

848

00:36:59,690 --> 00:36:56,880

are some people within the Paranormal

849

00:37:02,329 --> 00:36:59,700

Community which is probably a very tiny

850

00:37:05,170 --> 00:37:02,339

fraction of the overall population of

851

00:37:08,089 --> 00:37:05,180

the the actual world so some people

852

00:37:11,089 --> 00:37:08,099

believe that uh you know sightings of

853

00:37:12,770 --> 00:37:11,099

Santa or uh the Easter Bunny which I

854

00:37:15,829 --> 00:37:12,780

have at least two Easter Bunny sightings

855

00:37:18,310 --> 00:37:15,839

that people have sent to

856

00:37:21,230 --> 00:37:18,320

um are representative of

857

00:37:25,910 --> 00:37:21,240

a a thought form you know something

858

00:37:27,170 --> 00:37:25,920

created out of a human belief you know

859

00:37:28,849 --> 00:37:27,180

and I think that's a very interesting

860

00:37:32,270 --> 00:37:28,859

idea

861

00:37:34,730 --> 00:37:32,280

um and uh and you know it it sort of

862

00:37:38,210 --> 00:37:34,740

explains some things but but you know

863

00:37:41,270 --> 00:37:38,220

doesn't really even as a thought

864

00:37:44,089 --> 00:37:41,280

exercise doesn't really work as a a

865

00:37:47,089 --> 00:37:44,099

perfect explanation you know so

866

00:37:49,310 --> 00:37:47,099

if you've got something that has been

867

00:37:51,770 --> 00:37:49,320

created out of human belief you know

868

00:37:54,109 --> 00:37:51,780

like one you would expect that thing uh

869

00:37:57,069 --> 00:37:54,119

let's say that we were able to conjure

870

00:38:01,190 --> 00:37:57,079

Santa out of you know the the human

871

00:38:03,410 --> 00:38:01,200

subconscious and power of belief right

872

00:38:06,050 --> 00:38:03,420

now you would expect that this thought

873

00:38:07,910 --> 00:38:06,060

form wouldn't know that it's it's a

874

00:38:10,430 --> 00:38:07,920

thought form it wouldn't go oh man I

875

00:38:13,310 --> 00:38:10,440

came out of human belief no it would it

876

00:38:15,710 --> 00:38:13,320

would have to think that what it was was

877

00:38:17,810 --> 00:38:15,720

really Santa Claus right because

878

00:38:19,790 --> 00:38:17,820

otherwise it just it just doesn't work

879

00:38:21,589 --> 00:38:19,800

you know just logically just just

880

00:38:23,870 --> 00:38:21,599

doesn't make sense like it would it

881

00:38:24,829 --> 00:38:23,880

would have to believe that it it really

882

00:38:27,890 --> 00:38:24,839

is

883

00:38:30,829 --> 00:38:27,900

the Santa Claus and then you would

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00:38:35,089 --> 00:38:30,839

expect it to do more Santa Claus things

885

00:38:37,490 --> 00:38:35,099

right for lack of a better uh phrasing

886

00:38:39,230 --> 00:38:37,500

you know you would expect

887

00:38:41,810 --> 00:38:39,240

um to see

888

00:38:45,290 --> 00:38:41,820

I don't know something like anomalous

889

00:38:47,930 --> 00:38:45,300

gifts or or even like something some

890

00:38:51,290 --> 00:38:47,940

sort of like interaction even like from

891

00:38:54,230 --> 00:38:51,300

out of popular media you know like uh

892

00:38:56,030 --> 00:38:54,240

Santa Claus coming down the chimney and

893

00:38:58,370 --> 00:38:56,040

you know talking to children and telling

894

00:39:00,950 --> 00:38:58,380

them to go back to sleep and then you

895

00:39:03,829 --> 00:39:00,960

know disappearing in a twinkle of fairy

896

00:39:05,390 --> 00:39:03,839

Duster or something similar but we don't

897

00:39:09,170 --> 00:39:05,400

really get that you know like you don't

898

00:39:11,810 --> 00:39:09,180

get a lot of reports like that you get

899

00:39:12,950 --> 00:39:11,820

um you know stuff like like yours uh

900

00:39:15,829 --> 00:39:12,960

where

901  
00:39:18,290 --> 00:39:15,839  
um it's sort of phantom sleigh bells

902  
00:39:19,730 --> 00:39:18,300  
and you get stuff like daily citing

903  
00:39:21,970 --> 00:39:19,740  
where

904  
00:39:25,069 --> 00:39:21,980  
um you know it's this this sort of slay

905  
00:39:27,950 --> 00:39:25,079  
uh just riding by and I don't know I

906  
00:39:30,530 --> 00:39:27,960  
think some people might explain that by

907  
00:39:32,630 --> 00:39:30,540  
saying well if it is a thought form

908  
00:39:34,190 --> 00:39:32,640  
um you know even if it does believe that

909  
00:39:37,849 --> 00:39:34,200  
it's the real Santa which it probably

910  
00:39:40,310 --> 00:39:37,859  
should uh is sort of limited in what it

911  
00:39:44,030 --> 00:39:40,320  
can do and so you only get you know

912  
00:39:46,609 --> 00:39:44,040  
these uh these these sort of uh minor

913  
00:39:49,550 --> 00:39:46,619

phenomena out of this larger phenomenon

914

00:39:53,030 --> 00:39:49,560

so you know the the power of belief was

915

00:39:55,430 --> 00:39:53,040

only strong enough to to summon Phantom

916

00:39:58,670 --> 00:39:55,440

sleigh bells in your case or a slave

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00:40:01,430 --> 00:39:58,680

flying by and in Haley's case

918

00:40:03,710 --> 00:40:01,440

and then alternatively

919

00:40:06,589 --> 00:40:03,720

um you know I I think the other uh

920

00:40:10,730 --> 00:40:06,599

competing paranormal explanation for

921

00:40:13,310 --> 00:40:10,740

this would be uh something like in uh

922

00:40:15,770 --> 00:40:13,320

induced hallucination I don't mean like

923

00:40:19,430 --> 00:40:15,780

you know oh people are just imagining it

924

00:40:22,970 --> 00:40:19,440

or hallucinating I mean something wanted

925

00:40:24,230 --> 00:40:22,980

her to see that slave specifically you

926

00:40:27,950 --> 00:40:24,240

know what I mean

927

00:40:32,270 --> 00:40:27,960

um you know if if you're into uh

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00:40:34,430 --> 00:40:32,280

UFOs and uh Alien Abduction uh you're

929

00:40:37,849 --> 00:40:34,440

you know you're certainly familiar with

930

00:40:39,650 --> 00:40:37,859

the idea of stream memories um

931

00:40:41,990 --> 00:40:39,660

and so you know like that's something

932

00:40:45,470 --> 00:40:42,000

that we should consider you know there

933

00:40:46,849 --> 00:40:45,480

are stories of uh of kids of waking up

934

00:40:49,130 --> 00:40:46,859

you know Christmas Eve or early

935

00:40:50,630 --> 00:40:49,140

Christmas morning to see a figure like

936

00:40:53,510 --> 00:40:50,640

Santa

937

00:40:55,849 --> 00:40:53,520

um and uh but there's not a lot of you

938

00:40:57,770 --> 00:40:55,859

know like uh interaction in in the sort

939

00:41:00,290 --> 00:40:57,780

of way that I would expect

940

00:41:03,170 --> 00:41:00,300

um uh especially if it's out uh you know

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00:41:04,810 --> 00:41:03,180

coming out of human belief it like that

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00:41:07,790 --> 00:41:04,820

belief would be

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00:41:10,490 --> 00:41:07,800

strongly influenced by by popular media

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00:41:13,430 --> 00:41:10,500

you know and so you would expect this

945

00:41:17,930 --> 00:41:13,440

figure to act more like the cinema like

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00:41:21,069 --> 00:41:17,940

the the uh uh uh cinematographic version

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00:41:22,849 --> 00:41:21,079

right or yeah

948

00:41:24,589 --> 00:41:22,859

cinemagraphic there we go that's the

949

00:41:29,450 --> 00:41:24,599

word I want

950

00:41:32,030 --> 00:41:29,460

the the central graphic version of of

951  
00:41:34,190 --> 00:41:32,040  
Santa and you don't get much of that

952  
00:41:35,930 --> 00:41:34,200  
what did you get as like kids waking up

953  
00:41:38,150 --> 00:41:35,940  
and seeing this strange man in their

954  
00:41:39,890 --> 00:41:38,160  
house or sometimes you know like I

955  
00:41:43,190 --> 00:41:39,900  
mentioned before you'll have kids seeing

956  
00:41:44,930 --> 00:41:43,200  
a giant bunny you know hopping around

957  
00:41:48,589 --> 00:41:44,940  
um and uh and and that's and that's

958  
00:41:51,890 --> 00:41:48,599  
about it you know that's disturbing

959  
00:41:57,670 --> 00:41:55,190  
it's good if uh if perhaps

960  
00:42:02,030 --> 00:41:57,680  
um this isn't some other phenomenon

961  
00:42:07,450 --> 00:42:02,040  
taking our our own cultural you know

962  
00:42:11,390 --> 00:42:07,460  
icons and uh superimposing them over

963  
00:42:14,810 --> 00:42:11,400

whatever is actually happening as a way

964

00:42:16,490 --> 00:42:14,820

to sort of mask that event

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00:42:19,310 --> 00:42:16,500

um no I don't I don't know that that

966

00:42:21,890 --> 00:42:19,320

that's true but given what we have right

967

00:42:25,550 --> 00:42:21,900

now I I need more evidence

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00:42:27,670 --> 00:42:25,560

before you know I I would support the

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00:42:31,550 --> 00:42:27,680

the thought form

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00:42:34,970 --> 00:42:31,560

hypothesis versus something like uh in

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00:42:37,370 --> 00:42:34,980

in induced hallucination uh to try to

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00:42:40,390 --> 00:42:37,380

mask something else you know given like

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00:42:47,950 --> 00:42:40,400

I said just this this overall lack of of

974

00:42:53,510 --> 00:42:51,230

well see like in my case that you have

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00:42:55,490 --> 00:42:53,520

to wonder what was going on in in like

976  
00:42:57,650 --> 00:42:55,500  
that that girl's case you saw the sleigh

977  
00:42:59,329 --> 00:42:57,660  
and everything like in my case I was I

978  
00:43:01,130 --> 00:42:59,339  
was just finding out that he wasn't real

979  
00:43:03,950 --> 00:43:01,140  
I was losing that magic

980  
00:43:05,870 --> 00:43:03,960  
and my mom she she was obviously older

981  
00:43:08,030 --> 00:43:05,880  
she didn't believe she knew he wasn't

982  
00:43:10,370 --> 00:43:08,040  
real and then you had somebody like four

983  
00:43:12,589 --> 00:43:10,380  
miles away who heard it

984  
00:43:14,510 --> 00:43:12,599  
so it just it makes you wonder what's

985  
00:43:18,109 --> 00:43:14,520  
happening in everyone's life at that

986  
00:43:20,329 --> 00:43:18,119  
point to cause them to see it or what's

987  
00:43:23,270 --> 00:43:20,339  
maybe waiting in the wings kind of like

988  
00:43:24,710 --> 00:43:23,280

this is the moment and if I do this if I

989

00:43:26,750 --> 00:43:24,720

mimic something they're all thinking

990

00:43:29,510 --> 00:43:26,760

about maybe there's some type of energy

991

00:43:31,609 --> 00:43:29,520

I can feed off of I mean if it's not the

992

00:43:33,710 --> 00:43:31,619

real thing you know because it just

993

00:43:36,349 --> 00:43:33,720

doesn't make sense makes sense to me I

994

00:43:39,890 --> 00:43:36,359

don't know whatever

995

00:43:41,990 --> 00:43:39,900

today it still disturbs me because it

996

00:43:43,490 --> 00:43:42,000

was just here

997

00:43:46,210 --> 00:43:43,500

you know

998

00:43:50,390 --> 00:43:46,220

yeah definitely well I think that

999

00:43:52,490 --> 00:43:50,400

regardless of human belief plays a very

1000

00:43:56,329 --> 00:43:52,500

crucial role in this you know so if it

1001  
00:43:58,010 --> 00:43:56,339  
is some sort of uh phenomenon powered by

1002  
00:43:59,329 --> 00:43:58,020  
human consciousness

1003  
00:44:01,970 --> 00:43:59,339  
um then

1004  
00:44:05,569 --> 00:44:01,980  
yeah I mean obviously you know a belief

1005  
00:44:09,530 --> 00:44:05,579  
is a a very Central component to that

1006  
00:44:10,910 --> 00:44:09,540  
but also if it's it's it's something

1007  
00:44:14,089 --> 00:44:10,920  
um you know trying to

1008  
00:44:15,109 --> 00:44:14,099  
to manipulate our our perception in some

1009  
00:44:17,329 --> 00:44:15,119  
way

1010  
00:44:20,030 --> 00:44:17,339  
um well then you know again human belief

1011  
00:44:23,750 --> 00:44:20,040  
plays a a very strong role in that as

1012  
00:44:26,809 --> 00:44:23,760  
well because it's it's taking things uh

1013  
00:44:29,809 --> 00:44:26,819

out of our our minds frankly out of our

1014

00:44:32,329 --> 00:44:29,819

out of our cultures that uh we either

1015

00:44:33,890 --> 00:44:32,339

you know already believe in or at least

1016

00:44:39,109 --> 00:44:33,900

want to believe in

1017

00:44:41,569 --> 00:44:39,119

and uh and using that as a a way to uh

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00:44:43,309 --> 00:44:41,579

manipulate Us in some way now I saw

1019

00:44:46,510 --> 00:44:43,319

something flash up on on the screen here

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00:44:48,050 --> 00:44:46,520

about a group of Ghost Hunters

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00:44:49,730 --> 00:44:48,060

who

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00:44:50,750 --> 00:44:49,740

um you know what was it invented a

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00:44:52,550 --> 00:44:50,760

personal history for a ghost in a

1024

00:44:53,930 --> 00:44:52,560

haunted house and in a few days other

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00:44:55,250 --> 00:44:53,940

Ghost Hunters were reporting a new ghost

1026  
00:44:58,010 --> 00:44:55,260  
here that fit the description they had

1027  
00:44:59,990 --> 00:44:58,020  
created and and that's fascinating stuff

1028  
00:45:02,870 --> 00:45:00,000  
and and I'm certainly not

1029  
00:45:05,150 --> 00:45:02,880  
going to say that I think the idea of

1030  
00:45:07,970 --> 00:45:05,160  
thought forms in general are impossible

1031  
00:45:10,609 --> 00:45:07,980  
because I definitely don't think that

1032  
00:45:12,069 --> 00:45:10,619  
um I I think that there is some some

1033  
00:45:16,849 --> 00:45:12,079  
interesting

1034  
00:45:19,130 --> 00:45:16,859  
uh uh uh reports out there of of things

1035  
00:45:20,990 --> 00:45:19,140  
like exactly what uh what Nancy here is

1036  
00:45:23,329 --> 00:45:21,000  
talking about where

1037  
00:45:27,050 --> 00:45:23,339  
um you know you've got spirits and and

1038  
00:45:29,530 --> 00:45:27,060

and entities that are seemingly conjured

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00:45:32,329 --> 00:45:29,540

out of our own

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00:45:35,930 --> 00:45:32,339

imaginations you know I think um John

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00:45:39,170 --> 00:45:35,940

Keel sort of famously wrote about the uh

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00:45:42,490 --> 00:45:39,180

inventor of the the popular Polk uh geez

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00:45:45,829 --> 00:45:42,500

I can't talk pulp comic book it's okay

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00:45:49,490 --> 00:45:45,839

the the uh shadow

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00:45:53,030 --> 00:45:49,500

uh actually uh after his passing having

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00:45:55,790 --> 00:45:53,040

his house haunted by this this pulp you

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00:45:58,670 --> 00:45:55,800

know action uh radio and and comic

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00:46:00,530 --> 00:45:58,680

character that that he had created which

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00:46:02,390 --> 00:46:00,540

is is very very interesting you know and

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00:46:04,430 --> 00:46:02,400

so something like that

1051  
00:46:07,010 --> 00:46:04,440  
um yeah I think it's it's very easy to

1052  
00:46:09,170 --> 00:46:07,020  
to believe that there is a very

1053  
00:46:13,430 --> 00:46:09,180  
necessary component of of human

1054  
00:46:16,370 --> 00:46:13,440  
consciousness and and uh uh belief

1055  
00:46:19,910 --> 00:46:16,380  
um involved in in that particular uh

1056  
00:46:24,829 --> 00:46:19,920  
phenomenon I just think that um

1057  
00:46:27,589 --> 00:46:24,839  
it's very easy for us to to fall into in

1058  
00:46:30,950 --> 00:46:27,599  
an explanation like thought forms that

1059  
00:46:33,170 --> 00:46:30,960  
are very difficult if not impossible to

1060  
00:46:35,390 --> 00:46:33,180  
prove you know given our our current

1061  
00:46:37,190 --> 00:46:35,400  
level of scientific understanding and

1062  
00:46:38,870 --> 00:46:37,200  
and Technology

1063  
00:46:41,450 --> 00:46:38,880

and so

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00:46:44,329 --> 00:46:41,460

um I think we have to be open to uh

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00:46:47,510 --> 00:46:44,339

alternative explanations when it comes

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00:46:50,930 --> 00:46:47,520

to things like sightings of of uh

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00:46:53,569 --> 00:46:50,940

mythical holiday entities you know I I

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00:46:56,750 --> 00:46:53,579

think it's one thing to entertain uh

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00:46:59,450 --> 00:46:56,760

thought forms as a a thought exercise or

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00:47:02,750 --> 00:46:59,460

even a hypothesis

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00:47:04,609 --> 00:47:02,760

um but uh you know we we really have to

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00:47:06,950 --> 00:47:04,619

be open to other possibilities because

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00:47:08,329 --> 00:47:06,960

at the end of the day we we just frankly

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00:47:11,329 --> 00:47:08,339

don't know

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00:47:14,210 --> 00:47:11,339

um and so what I would be interested in

1076

00:47:16,849 --> 00:47:14,220

finding out from you know from anybody

1077

00:47:20,690 --> 00:47:16,859

who has had you know one of one of these

1078

00:47:23,390 --> 00:47:20,700

uh a holiday encounters is you know have

1079

00:47:26,390 --> 00:47:23,400

you had any other paranormal experiences

1080

00:47:28,130 --> 00:47:26,400

in your life if you have of of what

1081

00:47:29,750 --> 00:47:28,140

nature you know like interestingly

1082

00:47:31,790 --> 00:47:29,760

enough

1083

00:47:34,970 --> 00:47:31,800

um you know when I when I asked Haley

1084

00:47:37,490 --> 00:47:34,980

that uh she talked about now she didn't

1085

00:47:39,589 --> 00:47:37,500

have anything around that time but

1086

00:47:43,190 --> 00:47:39,599

throughout her life

1087

00:47:46,430 --> 00:47:43,200

uh she has had three different UFO

1088

00:47:48,710 --> 00:47:46,440

encounters including one where her and

1089

00:47:50,210 --> 00:47:48,720

everyone in her family saw a black

1090

00:47:53,750 --> 00:47:50,220

triangle

1091

00:47:57,829 --> 00:47:53,760

um you know and so it's interesting to

1092

00:48:01,910 --> 00:47:57,839

me that at the age of of eight years old

1093

00:48:04,970 --> 00:48:01,920

you know uh she sees Santa's sleigh but

1094

00:48:07,790 --> 00:48:04,980

then goes on to have three more uh

1095

00:48:10,250 --> 00:48:07,800

traditional UFO sightings uh throughout

1096

00:48:11,030 --> 00:48:10,260

her her life so far and she's not very

1097

00:48:13,250 --> 00:48:11,040

old

1098

00:48:15,589 --> 00:48:13,260

uh you know she's she's opening her her

1099

00:48:17,470 --> 00:48:15,599

mid-20s and so

1100

00:48:20,329 --> 00:48:17,480

when you look at that

1101  
00:48:24,230 --> 00:48:20,339  
holistically you know you you you look

1102  
00:48:28,630 --> 00:48:24,240  
at all of it together what I see is a a

1103  
00:48:33,230 --> 00:48:28,640  
pattern of of UFO

1104  
00:48:35,450 --> 00:48:33,240  
encounters rather than one magical

1105  
00:48:38,630 --> 00:48:35,460  
thought form encounter and then three

1106  
00:48:41,990 --> 00:48:38,640  
UFO sightings you know

1107  
00:48:45,410 --> 00:48:42,000  
um and so what makes more sense to me in

1108  
00:48:46,609 --> 00:48:45,420  
this like this specific instance would

1109  
00:48:50,329 --> 00:48:46,619  
be

1110  
00:48:52,250 --> 00:48:50,339  
um you know uh if UFOs uh or the the

1111  
00:48:54,589 --> 00:48:52,260  
entities behind them have a particular

1112  
00:48:56,390 --> 00:48:54,599  
interest in this individual for some

1113  
00:49:02,690 --> 00:48:56,400

reason

1114

00:49:05,150 --> 00:49:02,700

that uh her first sighting very easily

1115

00:49:09,470 --> 00:49:05,160

could have been masked as as something

1116

00:49:12,290 --> 00:49:09,480

else uh for you know what whatever uh uh

1117

00:49:14,870 --> 00:49:12,300

otherworldly motivations that that we

1118

00:49:18,309 --> 00:49:14,880

can only guess at you know

1119

00:49:22,309 --> 00:49:18,319

and and that's the kind of of

1120

00:49:26,450 --> 00:49:22,319

uh uh rationality I I would like to see

1121

00:49:31,690 --> 00:49:26,460

uh you know uh uh used when examining

1122

00:49:37,910 --> 00:49:34,849

right and see what what gets me to is

1123

00:49:39,589 --> 00:49:37,920

like so that that happened to her the

1124

00:49:41,569 --> 00:49:39,599

age eight and that was about eight or

1125

00:49:43,730 --> 00:49:41,579

nine when it happened to me and it just

1126  
00:49:45,710 --> 00:49:43,740  
those one times but you had all these

1127  
00:49:48,890 --> 00:49:45,720  
years leading up to it believing in this

1128  
00:49:50,390 --> 00:49:48,900  
you know this figure and nothing

1129  
00:49:52,430 --> 00:49:50,400  
you know there was never any other

1130  
00:49:55,250 --> 00:49:52,440  
sightings any other sounds and it's just

1131  
00:49:56,870 --> 00:49:55,260  
those one moments that you have and you

1132  
00:49:58,670 --> 00:49:56,880  
hear it it just

1133  
00:50:01,309 --> 00:49:58,680  
like you said maybe it is a screen

1134  
00:50:03,290 --> 00:50:01,319  
memory because then afterwards like

1135  
00:50:04,550 --> 00:50:03,300  
which is weird that you say that when I

1136  
00:50:07,370 --> 00:50:04,560  
was a teenager

1137  
00:50:09,890 --> 00:50:07,380  
we were we lived in a different town and

1138  
00:50:12,109 --> 00:50:09,900

we were going into the local Kmart

1139

00:50:16,010 --> 00:50:12,119

when we're going into the Kmart there

1140

00:50:17,750 --> 00:50:16,020

was a cigar shaped something I I don't

1141

00:50:20,510 --> 00:50:17,760

know what it was to be honest it was

1142

00:50:25,069 --> 00:50:22,370

and I had said to my mom was like look

1143

00:50:28,130 --> 00:50:25,079

and there was a man and a woman off to

1144

00:50:31,069 --> 00:50:28,140

what would be my left and they were like

1145

00:50:32,569 --> 00:50:31,079

but everyone's talking they didn't you

1146

00:50:34,370 --> 00:50:32,579

know they just like were looking at it

1147

00:50:36,890 --> 00:50:34,380

and just kept talking and then that was

1148

00:50:38,510 --> 00:50:36,900

my mom like look and she looked at it

1149

00:50:40,309 --> 00:50:38,520

and she stopped and she looked and she's

1150

00:50:41,690 --> 00:50:40,319

like let's go and she grabbed me by my

1151  
00:50:43,130 --> 00:50:41,700  
arm and just dragged me into the store

1152  
00:50:44,990 --> 00:50:43,140  
it's like we're not going out we're

1153  
00:50:47,690 --> 00:50:45,000  
gonna do our shopping we're not talking

1154  
00:50:50,329 --> 00:50:47,700  
about it like but didn't you see that

1155  
00:50:51,589 --> 00:50:50,339  
and she's like I saw it you saw it

1156  
00:50:52,970 --> 00:50:51,599  
that's it we're not talking about

1157  
00:50:55,849 --> 00:50:52,980  
anymore

1158  
00:50:58,790 --> 00:50:55,859  
okay and that was it

1159  
00:51:00,950 --> 00:50:58,800  
right a few years later that was in my

1160  
00:51:06,109 --> 00:51:00,960  
late 20s she had told me

1161  
00:51:11,030 --> 00:51:06,119  
that when she was little she was chased

1162  
00:51:13,069 --> 00:51:11,040  
and she said God with her sister out ran

1163  
00:51:16,130 --> 00:51:13,079

into the house they told you know her

1164

00:51:17,450 --> 00:51:16,140

father her mother his parents

1165

00:51:19,370 --> 00:51:17,460

they went outside there's like nothing

1166

00:51:20,990 --> 00:51:19,380

you kids are crazy and she's like I know

1167

00:51:23,150 --> 00:51:21,000

what we saw and I'm like it was like the

1168

00:51:25,990 --> 00:51:23,160

one above the Kmart she looked at me and

1169

00:51:28,370 --> 00:51:26,000

she's like what one above the gay part

1170

00:51:31,069 --> 00:51:28,380

like I know I'm not crazy you don't

1171

00:51:33,290 --> 00:51:31,079

remember that she's like no

1172

00:51:35,870 --> 00:51:33,300

she's like I remember going in that day

1173

00:51:38,450 --> 00:51:35,880

but I don't remember seeing anything

1174

00:51:40,790 --> 00:51:38,460

it was just it was the weirdest thing so

1175

00:51:43,790 --> 00:51:40,800

you that you saying that just makes me

1176

00:51:48,710 --> 00:51:46,309

yeah I mean

1177

00:51:50,450 --> 00:51:48,720

sorry uh

1178

00:51:53,270 --> 00:51:50,460

it's okay no well I know we're on the

1179

00:51:55,670 --> 00:51:53,280

delay so it's okay

1180

00:51:58,730 --> 00:51:55,680

no I was I was just gonna say

1181

00:52:01,069 --> 00:51:58,740

um yeah I mean I I just like I said I

1182

00:52:04,370 --> 00:52:01,079

think it's really important to uh

1183

00:52:06,549 --> 00:52:04,380

examine the entire breadth of of a a

1184

00:52:11,410 --> 00:52:06,559

witness or or

1185

00:52:13,690 --> 00:52:11,420

experiencers uh uh sightings or uh

1186

00:52:17,510 --> 00:52:13,700

encounters before

1187

00:52:19,609 --> 00:52:17,520

really trying to decide exactly you know

1188

00:52:22,549 --> 00:52:19,619

what what is is going on with them you

1189

00:52:26,089 --> 00:52:22,559

know so like in your case you've got

1190

00:52:27,349 --> 00:52:26,099

um this this uh history then of of UFO

1191

00:52:30,470 --> 00:52:27,359

sightings

1192

00:52:33,950 --> 00:52:30,480

and then you know one one sleigh bell

1193

00:52:36,109 --> 00:52:33,960

you know uh uh in encounter you know and

1194

00:52:38,450 --> 00:52:36,119

and I guess at that point what what

1195

00:52:39,170 --> 00:52:38,460

makes more sense you know

1196

00:52:40,849 --> 00:52:39,180

um

1197

00:52:44,390 --> 00:52:40,859

yeah that

1198

00:52:47,150 --> 00:52:44,400

um you know there was uh uh for whatever

1199

00:52:49,130 --> 00:52:47,160

reason some other sound being masked uh

1200

00:52:51,770 --> 00:52:49,140

by by uh sleigh bells and you know

1201

00:52:55,309 --> 00:52:51,780

certainly like there is no shortage of

1202

00:52:57,349 --> 00:52:55,319

of weird sounds uh associated with the

1203

00:53:01,490 --> 00:52:57,359

UFO phenomenon

1204

00:53:04,010 --> 00:53:01,500

um and so you know uh I I I I can't say

1205

00:53:06,770 --> 00:53:04,020

you know for certain of of course I have

1206

00:53:10,490 --> 00:53:06,780

to remain open-minded no matter what but

1207

00:53:12,609 --> 00:53:10,500

it just seems odd to me to you know

1208

00:53:16,130 --> 00:53:12,619

isolate those particular

1209

00:53:19,190 --> 00:53:16,140

experiences especially since they don't

1210

00:53:21,710 --> 00:53:19,200

really seem to

1211

00:53:24,770 --> 00:53:21,720

um belong to I guess their their their

1212

00:53:26,630 --> 00:53:24,780

own phenomenon in the sense that they

1213

00:53:28,490 --> 00:53:26,640

don't repeat

1214

00:53:31,970 --> 00:53:28,500

um you know like like well like you you

1215

00:53:35,030 --> 00:53:31,980

said you had this one-off you know uh uh

1216

00:53:37,430 --> 00:53:35,040

uh instance of hearing sleigh bells

1217

00:53:40,609 --> 00:53:37,440

which never heard them again and uh you

1218

00:53:42,530 --> 00:53:40,619

didn't you know ever see Santa or hear

1219

00:53:45,049 --> 00:53:42,540

reindeer on on your roof or anything

1220

00:53:47,510 --> 00:53:45,059

else and interestingly enough you know

1221

00:53:50,809 --> 00:53:47,520

your uh your boyfriend had heard the the

1222

00:53:54,190 --> 00:53:50,819

same thing so who's to say that

1223

00:53:57,849 --> 00:53:54,200

um you know there wasn't some sort of uh

1224

00:54:00,589 --> 00:53:57,859

anomalous craft or or or something some

1225

00:54:02,870 --> 00:54:00,599

phenomenon that that just happened to

1226

00:54:05,450 --> 00:54:02,880

travel over that that area in that day

1227

00:54:06,950 --> 00:54:05,460

and decided that it was going to

1228

00:54:09,410 --> 00:54:06,960

manipulate our uh the the

1229

00:54:12,230 --> 00:54:09,420

consciousnesses of of everybody in that

1230

00:54:14,329 --> 00:54:12,240

area or at least the the people who who

1231

00:54:16,370 --> 00:54:14,339

could perceive it into hearing sleigh

1232

00:54:18,890 --> 00:54:16,380

bells and instead of whatever noise it

1233

00:54:23,630 --> 00:54:18,900

was actually making

1234

00:54:28,609 --> 00:54:25,910

yeah it's never had like a real

1235

00:54:30,410 --> 00:54:28,619

experience other than maybe a few

1236

00:54:32,630 --> 00:54:30,420

one-offs where he still sits there and

1237

00:54:34,430 --> 00:54:32,640

tries to explain it out and he's he's

1238

00:54:37,069 --> 00:54:34,440

very skeptical like he's like there's

1239

00:54:38,690 --> 00:54:37,079

always a logical answer until he can't

1240

00:54:40,849 --> 00:54:38,700

figure out the logical answer and then

1241

00:54:43,010 --> 00:54:40,859

he's like well I I know but

1242

00:54:45,170 --> 00:54:43,020

he even sits there and goes I heard the

1243

00:54:48,410 --> 00:54:45,180

sleigh bells I don't know what they are

1244

00:54:52,010 --> 00:54:48,420

and it just it also like going back to

1245

00:54:54,770 --> 00:54:52,020

the UFO thing I had seen what I like

1246

00:54:56,630 --> 00:54:54,780

there's another one about I would say I

1247

00:54:58,730 --> 00:54:56,640

think last year because I I have

1248

00:55:01,609 --> 00:54:58,740

pictures because I was outside with my

1249

00:55:03,770 --> 00:55:01,619

son and there was it looked like a blimp

1250

00:55:05,270 --> 00:55:03,780

it looked like a silver blip going past

1251  
00:55:07,010 --> 00:55:05,280  
and I had been talking to him and I said

1252  
00:55:08,390 --> 00:55:07,020  
why didn't you tell me like the blip

1253  
00:55:10,490 --> 00:55:08,400  
there because every now and then the

1254  
00:55:11,809 --> 00:55:10,500  
blimp does fly around like why didn't

1255  
00:55:13,370 --> 00:55:11,819  
you tell me if blimp was flying around

1256  
00:55:14,270 --> 00:55:13,380  
because I would have made sure we were

1257  
00:55:16,910 --> 00:55:14,280  
watching

1258  
00:55:18,170 --> 00:55:16,920  
he's like there's no blimp he's like

1259  
00:55:20,870 --> 00:55:18,180  
there's nothing taking off from the

1260  
00:55:22,910 --> 00:55:20,880  
airport I'm like I saw it I'm like I'm

1261  
00:55:25,430 --> 00:55:22,920  
looking I'm looking right at the picture

1262  
00:55:28,010 --> 00:55:25,440  
but it just went past and he's like oh

1263  
00:55:29,390 --> 00:55:28,020

okay I look up again for some reason and

1264

00:55:31,190 --> 00:55:29,400

it's just like it's coming back the

1265

00:55:32,510 --> 00:55:31,200

other way really slow kind of like here

1266

00:55:34,790 --> 00:55:32,520

I am

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00:55:36,290 --> 00:55:34,800

and then I'm like I have to let you go

1268

00:55:38,089 --> 00:55:36,300

and he's like why I'm like I'm gonna

1269

00:55:39,950 --> 00:55:38,099

take pictures there's just something out

1270

00:55:42,109 --> 00:55:39,960

right so as soon as I hung up and I went

1271

00:55:44,569 --> 00:55:42,119

to take pictures it went

1272

00:55:47,089 --> 00:55:44,579

back the other way it came and it just

1273

00:55:49,010 --> 00:55:47,099

started circling and going up and it was

1274

00:55:50,870 --> 00:55:49,020

it was just the weirdest thing and I I

1275

00:55:52,130 --> 00:55:50,880

screamed for my kid to come up out of

1276

00:55:55,309 --> 00:55:52,140

the yard because I got the worst

1277

00:55:57,230 --> 00:55:55,319

feelings so it's like a gut a gut

1278

00:55:59,329 --> 00:55:57,240

feeling like something bad that's gonna

1279

00:56:01,309 --> 00:55:59,339

happen but I've never seen that since

1280

00:56:03,170 --> 00:56:01,319

and I I have I could send them to you if

1281

00:56:05,150 --> 00:56:03,180

you want they're very they're very

1282

00:56:06,710 --> 00:56:05,160

strange pictures and it's just it's not

1283

00:56:08,270 --> 00:56:06,720

a normal airplane we get airplanes

1284

00:56:09,349 --> 00:56:08,280

around here all the time it's not an

1285

00:56:11,870 --> 00:56:09,359

airplane

1286

00:56:13,670 --> 00:56:11,880

it's it's very awesome so I don't know

1287

00:56:15,770 --> 00:56:13,680

if that would be yeah I don't know if

1288

00:56:17,089 --> 00:56:15,780

that would be related to it but I I

1289

00:56:19,370 --> 00:56:17,099

can't say

1290

00:56:20,809 --> 00:56:19,380

but that was that freaked me out very

1291

00:56:23,390 --> 00:56:20,819

bad too

1292

00:56:26,809 --> 00:56:23,400

sure I mean generally speaking

1293

00:56:28,670 --> 00:56:26,819

um just uh in my experience of working

1294

00:56:32,270 --> 00:56:28,680

with with Witnesses and of course like

1295

00:56:36,109 --> 00:56:32,280

the the weird things I have uh just uh

1296

00:56:40,849 --> 00:56:36,119

experienced on my my own

1297

00:56:42,349 --> 00:56:40,859

um it's unusual for me to speak to a a

1298

00:56:47,030 --> 00:56:42,359

witness

1299

00:56:49,069 --> 00:56:47,040

who has had multiple instances of you

1300

00:56:52,430 --> 00:56:49,079

know some kind of of paranormal

1301  
00:56:57,470 --> 00:56:52,440  
phenomena in in their life and not have

1302  
00:56:58,250 --> 00:56:57,480  
those phenomena be related in in some

1303  
00:56:59,450 --> 00:56:58,260  
way

1304  
00:57:02,870 --> 00:56:59,460  
you know

1305  
00:57:05,510 --> 00:57:02,880  
um and so like like I I I said before

1306  
00:57:09,230 --> 00:57:05,520  
you know like you you look at uh at

1307  
00:57:12,109 --> 00:57:09,240  
Haley's uh experiences and you know I

1308  
00:57:15,890 --> 00:57:12,119  
think it would be remiss of us to say

1309  
00:57:18,290 --> 00:57:15,900  
that she had uh one Santa's sleigh

1310  
00:57:20,510 --> 00:57:18,300  
sighting and three UFO sightings when

1311  
00:57:22,790 --> 00:57:20,520  
really the most accurately like the the

1312  
00:57:26,809 --> 00:57:22,800  
most accurate way you can explain that

1313  
00:57:29,390 --> 00:57:26,819

is she had four UFO sightings frankly

1314

00:57:33,109 --> 00:57:29,400

um going by the the strictest definition

1315

00:57:35,690 --> 00:57:33,119

of UFO which is the only one I like uh

1316

00:57:37,609 --> 00:57:35,700

of being in unidentified flying object

1317

00:57:39,650 --> 00:57:37,619

you know so yes you didn't see Santa's

1318

00:57:41,930 --> 00:57:39,660

sleigh and then three UFOs she's seen

1319

00:57:43,190 --> 00:57:41,940

four UFOs

1320

00:57:46,730 --> 00:57:43,200

um

1321

00:57:48,349 --> 00:57:46,740

and so uh you know I I I find that to be

1322

00:57:51,950 --> 00:57:48,359

you know like I said pretty pretty

1323

00:57:53,569 --> 00:57:51,960

similar uh uh across the board even you

1324

00:57:56,150 --> 00:57:53,579

know uh with people who have said that

1325

00:57:58,430 --> 00:57:56,160

they have lived in a haunted house and

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00:58:01,130 --> 00:57:58,440

then you know gone on to experience

1327

00:58:05,030 --> 00:58:01,140

something else you know be that uh

1328

00:58:07,910 --> 00:58:05,040

something in the the UFO uh field or or

1329

00:58:11,089 --> 00:58:07,920

you know something else uh uh in the the

1330

00:58:13,730 --> 00:58:11,099

Cryptid world or or similar you know

1331

00:58:17,210 --> 00:58:13,740

um so much of the the phenomena between

1332

00:58:20,630 --> 00:58:17,220

those uh aspects of the the larger

1333

00:58:23,030 --> 00:58:20,640

paranormal picture are so similar that

1334

00:58:25,670 --> 00:58:23,040

um you know the at least the way people

1335

00:58:28,010 --> 00:58:25,680

tend to experience them you know have

1336

00:58:30,349 --> 00:58:28,020

have uh connections throughout

1337

00:58:32,390 --> 00:58:30,359

throughout their their life and so you

1338

00:58:35,510 --> 00:58:32,400

know I I think that we have to be

1339

00:58:39,230 --> 00:58:35,520

willing to

1340

00:58:40,849 --> 00:58:39,240

um look at them holistically and uh and

1341

00:58:43,069 --> 00:58:40,859

and not try to

1342

00:58:46,250 --> 00:58:43,079

separate them out you know and put them

1343

00:58:48,049 --> 00:58:46,260

in these these little categories

1344

00:58:49,910 --> 00:58:48,059

um you know because I I think that

1345

00:58:51,950 --> 00:58:49,920

that's not getting us any closer to

1346

00:58:54,829 --> 00:58:51,960

really understanding it you know I can

1347

00:58:56,809 --> 00:58:54,839

try to give you an uh example here so

1348

00:58:58,970 --> 00:58:56,819

you know I talked to and this isn't very

1349

00:59:00,710 --> 00:58:58,980

Christmassy but it does kind of speak to

1350

00:59:02,750 --> 00:59:00,720

what I'm talking about

1351

00:59:04,490 --> 00:59:02,760

um there was a woman up in Rogers

1352

00:59:07,910 --> 00:59:04,500

Minnesota I talked to a couple of years

1353

00:59:09,650 --> 00:59:07,920

ago uh named Olga and she wanted to get

1354

00:59:11,990 --> 00:59:09,660

a hold of me because of some shadow

1355

00:59:13,910 --> 00:59:12,000

person sightings that she had had in her

1356

00:59:16,309 --> 00:59:13,920

house and so I talked to her about the

1357

00:59:19,250 --> 00:59:16,319

the shadow people sightings

1358

00:59:23,750 --> 00:59:19,260

and they were pretty weird and uh well

1359

00:59:26,569 --> 00:59:23,760

as they are want to be right and um and

1360

00:59:28,670 --> 00:59:26,579

so you know as it turned out uh at least

1361

00:59:29,930 --> 00:59:28,680

one of these these entities seemed to be

1362

00:59:33,410 --> 00:59:29,940

watching

1363

00:59:35,630 --> 00:59:33,420

uh her grandson Toby while he he slept

1364

00:59:37,730 --> 00:59:35,640

which was weird

1365

00:59:39,650 --> 00:59:37,740

um and then I asked her about other you

1366

00:59:41,450 --> 00:59:39,660

know phenomena that that might be

1367

00:59:43,190 --> 00:59:41,460

happening in their home or it might have

1368

00:59:46,150 --> 00:59:43,200

happened to other family members and she

1369

00:59:48,230 --> 00:59:46,160

tells me about you know some

1370

00:59:49,490 --> 00:59:48,240

anomalous lights

1371

00:59:53,270 --> 00:59:49,500

um

1372

00:59:56,630 --> 00:59:53,280

and you know she tells me about how her

1373

00:59:58,730 --> 00:59:56,640

son had also experienced uh some weird

1374

01:00:00,890 --> 00:59:58,740

stuff well like while he was in bed like

1375

01:00:02,690 --> 01:00:00,900

it felt like somebody was sitting on his

1376

01:00:04,849 --> 01:00:02,700

bed with him

1377

01:00:07,069 --> 01:00:04,859

and uh and she had actually experienced

1378

01:00:07,970 --> 01:00:07,079

something uh seeing a weird light in bed

1379

01:00:10,190 --> 01:00:07,980

too

1380

01:00:11,930 --> 01:00:10,200

and so what was interesting to me about

1381

01:00:16,970 --> 01:00:11,940

that

1382

01:00:18,770 --> 01:00:16,980

was regardless of what they were

1383

01:00:21,710 --> 01:00:18,780

experiencing

1384

01:00:25,130 --> 01:00:21,720

um there was at least this one

1385

01:00:26,809 --> 01:00:25,140

commonality of of being in bed now not

1386

01:00:29,569 --> 01:00:26,819

everything happened while they were in

1387

01:00:33,049 --> 01:00:29,579

bed but enough of it it did where I

1388

01:00:35,150 --> 01:00:33,059

couldn't ignore it you know and so it's

1389

01:00:37,549 --> 01:00:35,160

commonalities like that that I I

1390

01:00:39,049 --> 01:00:37,559

normally look for now some people might

1391

01:00:42,770 --> 01:00:39,059

have tried to put those in separate

1392

01:00:46,670 --> 01:00:42,780

boxes and been like okay well you've got

1393

01:00:49,789 --> 01:00:46,680

um you know some some shadow people uh

1394

01:00:52,069 --> 01:00:49,799

uh phenomenon you've got this this uh

1395

01:00:54,710 --> 01:00:52,079

ghost phenomenon in the sitting on on

1396

01:00:58,250 --> 01:00:54,720

the bed and uh you've got this UFO

1397

01:01:00,230 --> 01:00:58,260

phenomenon in the anomalous lights but

1398

01:01:02,450 --> 01:01:00,240

you know that kind of Senseless

1399

01:01:05,210 --> 01:01:02,460

categorization doesn't really get us any

1400

01:01:07,430 --> 01:01:05,220

any closer well you know really

1401

01:01:09,829 --> 01:01:07,440

examining the the commonalities I I

1402

01:01:11,690 --> 01:01:09,839

think might you know so if if you look

1403

01:01:14,089 --> 01:01:11,700

at for instance

1404

01:01:16,849 --> 01:01:14,099

you know the uh the experiences like

1405

01:01:20,870 --> 01:01:16,859

they've they've had while in in bed you

1406

01:01:24,609 --> 01:01:20,880

know like you can start to look at

1407

01:01:27,410 --> 01:01:24,619

um the similarities right like so uh

1408

01:01:29,270 --> 01:01:27,420

Altered States Of Consciousness for

1409

01:01:30,890 --> 01:01:29,280

instance you know even if you're like

1410

01:01:33,289 --> 01:01:30,900

being asleep of course is an altered

1411

01:01:37,190 --> 01:01:33,299

state of consciousness but so is falling

1412

01:01:40,670 --> 01:01:37,200

asleep so is waking up you know um

1413

01:01:44,630 --> 01:01:40,680

uh so so was highway hypnosis you know

1414

01:01:46,010 --> 01:01:44,640

uh meditation like there are are lots of

1415

01:01:48,710 --> 01:01:46,020

different Altered States of of

1416

01:01:51,950 --> 01:01:48,720

Consciousness that that we we enter into

1417

01:01:54,109 --> 01:01:51,960

uh sometimes without knowing it and uh

1418

01:01:56,770 --> 01:01:54,119

and there seems to be a definite link

1419

01:02:01,309 --> 01:01:56,780

between that and people having

1420

01:02:03,230 --> 01:02:01,319

paranormal experiences you know and so

1421

01:02:06,109 --> 01:02:03,240

you know I I think it's it's that kind

1422

01:02:08,410 --> 01:02:06,119

of stuff that that you miss out on if

1423

01:02:11,870 --> 01:02:08,420

you you try to take you know everything

1424

01:02:14,569 --> 01:02:11,880

that has some kind of of of uh

1425

01:02:16,430 --> 01:02:14,579

superficial difference and uh separate

1426

01:02:18,289 --> 01:02:16,440

it completely from everything else and

1427

01:02:21,049 --> 01:02:18,299

and not try to look for commonalities

1428

01:02:23,270 --> 01:02:21,059

you know between these these seemingly

1429

01:02:25,010 --> 01:02:23,280

disparate phenomena which you know again

1430

01:02:26,750 --> 01:02:25,020

is why

1431

01:02:29,870 --> 01:02:26,760

um if somebody comes to me with a

1432

01:02:31,250 --> 01:02:29,880

holiday story as you know cool as it

1433

01:02:34,190 --> 01:02:31,260

would be and as much as I want to

1434

01:02:36,410 --> 01:02:34,200

believe in some kind of of objective

1435

01:02:38,630 --> 01:02:36,420

truth to to Santa Claus as well even if

1436

01:02:42,530 --> 01:02:38,640

it's just as a thought form I have to

1437

01:02:47,329 --> 01:02:44,390

the entirety of their experience

1438

01:02:49,609 --> 01:02:47,339

encounter in the totality of their

1439

01:02:52,309 --> 01:02:49,619

experiences just like I would you know

1440

01:03:04,910 --> 01:02:52,319

any other uh uh case that that ever

1441

01:03:09,530 --> 01:03:07,250

oh oh Bernadette I can't hear you for

1442

01:03:12,109 --> 01:03:09,540

for some reason I'm I'm not sure okay

1443

01:03:14,990 --> 01:03:12,119

can you hear me now yes yeah okay

1444

01:03:17,210 --> 01:03:15,000

perfect sorry about that I think anyone

1445

01:03:18,829 --> 01:03:17,220

who who would bring their story to you

1446

01:03:20,210 --> 01:03:18,839

or any other investigator like that

1447

01:03:22,670 --> 01:03:20,220

they're just they're looking for the

1448

01:03:25,430 --> 01:03:22,680

truth and you know they want you to dig

1449

01:03:27,770 --> 01:03:25,440

into it they want you to you know be

1450

01:03:29,990 --> 01:03:27,780

that way and and try to help them not

1451

01:03:32,390 --> 01:03:30,000

just be like oh yeah you saw Santa it's

1452

01:03:34,549 --> 01:03:32,400

a thought form you're okay you know they

1453

01:03:37,130 --> 01:03:34,559

they want you to dig for it so I I

1454

01:03:38,510 --> 01:03:37,140

totally agree for with you so I have a

1455

01:03:41,690 --> 01:03:38,520

couple questions for you do you mind

1456

01:03:43,910 --> 01:03:41,700

taking questions okay no no

1457

01:03:46,370 --> 01:03:43,920

okay Vincent wants to know what about

1458

01:03:48,589 --> 01:03:46,380

Elf on the Shelf is that a new take on

1459

01:03:51,710 --> 01:03:48,599

an old tradition

1460

01:03:54,950 --> 01:03:51,720

go for the Shelf um you know it's I

1461

01:03:57,589 --> 01:03:54,960

think it's it's largely just uh more

1462

01:04:01,190 --> 01:03:57,599

commercialization of uh of you know

1463

01:04:05,329 --> 01:04:01,200

beloved Christmas tropes but um you know

1464

01:04:08,270 --> 01:04:05,339

it it it does at least speak to this uh

1465

01:04:10,970 --> 01:04:08,280

uh persistent uh Association of this

1466

01:04:12,890 --> 01:04:10,980

time of year with being judged I mean

1467

01:04:16,069 --> 01:04:12,900

that's been happening forever

1468

01:04:19,250 --> 01:04:16,079

um even Santa today still has that

1469

01:04:20,630 --> 01:04:19,260

aspect to him where you know he knows

1470

01:04:22,370 --> 01:04:20,640

who has been naughty he knows who has

1471

01:04:24,049 --> 01:04:22,380

been nice if you've been nice you get

1472

01:04:26,329 --> 01:04:24,059

presents if you've been naughty you get

1473

01:04:28,270 --> 01:04:26,339

a lump of coal and that goes you know

1474

01:04:31,849 --> 01:04:28,280

all the way back to Odin you know

1475

01:04:32,569 --> 01:04:31,859

judging people you know during Ewell

1476

01:04:40,549 --> 01:04:32,579

um

1477

01:04:43,670 --> 01:04:40,559

uh might be reminiscent of uh you know a

1478

01:04:45,289 --> 01:04:43,680

friendly household Spirit like the

1479

01:04:46,010 --> 01:04:45,299

nisser for instance

1480

01:04:51,589 --> 01:04:46,020

um

1481

01:04:55,010 --> 01:04:51,599

uh it doesn't really speak to a specific

1482

01:04:58,010 --> 01:04:55,020

you know uh uh tradition

1483

01:05:00,650 --> 01:04:58,020

um in that you know I I don't think who

1484

01:05:03,109 --> 01:05:00,660

like whoever invented it was saying okay

1485

01:05:04,730 --> 01:05:03,119

well I'm gonna update this this sort of

1486

01:05:06,710 --> 01:05:04,740

traditional belief you know for the the

1487

01:05:09,109 --> 01:05:06,720

21st century

1488

01:05:12,650 --> 01:05:09,119

um I think it was just a a way to start

1489

01:05:15,410 --> 01:05:12,660

a new tradition and make some money uh

1490

01:05:16,849 --> 01:05:15,420

while uh sort of playing on and

1491

01:05:19,309 --> 01:05:16,859

reinforcing

1492

01:05:22,250 --> 01:05:19,319

uh some some beliefs that are already

1493

01:05:24,470 --> 01:05:22,260

associated with with this time of year

1494

01:05:28,250 --> 01:05:24,480

like some being is watching you the view

1495

01:05:30,770 --> 01:05:28,260

the entire the entire season

1496

01:05:33,289 --> 01:05:30,780

's entire season so yeah I mean people

1497

01:05:36,190 --> 01:05:33,299

are already used to like being judged

1498

01:05:39,770 --> 01:05:36,200

like uh on Christmas or around Christmas

1499

01:05:42,530 --> 01:05:39,780

and so you know instead of uh you know

1500

01:05:44,030 --> 01:05:42,540

it being Santa you Market it as this elf

1501

01:05:47,450 --> 01:05:44,040

and say oh he's gonna watch you for

1502

01:05:49,130 --> 01:05:47,460

Santa you know so but yeah I I don't I

1503

01:05:51,230 --> 01:05:49,140

don't think it has anything more to be

1504

01:05:53,530 --> 01:05:51,240

with that certainly there isn't some uh

1505

01:05:56,210 --> 01:05:53,540

ancient belief of which I am aware of

1506

01:05:59,210 --> 01:05:56,220

you know an elf that hangs around your

1507

01:06:03,289 --> 01:05:59,220

house and and judges you on behalf of of

1508

01:06:06,650 --> 01:06:03,299

Odin or Santa or or anybody else

1509

01:06:10,490 --> 01:06:06,660

that's good to know was Santa considered

1510

01:06:13,309 --> 01:06:10,500

an elf king Nancy Malcolm wants to know

1511

01:06:17,690 --> 01:06:13,319

okay so very very interesting

1512

01:06:22,430 --> 01:06:17,700

um now as I I touched on before

1513

01:06:26,809 --> 01:06:22,440

um now there is some Association of uh

1514

01:06:29,690 --> 01:06:26,819

between Odin and and elves but uh the

1515

01:06:33,410 --> 01:06:29,700

actual lord of the the elves in the the

1516

01:06:38,450 --> 01:06:33,420

Germanic uh tradition was freyr and uh

1517

01:06:40,970 --> 01:06:38,460

he was a a Vander God of uh uh fertility

1518

01:06:42,589 --> 01:06:40,980

and he's not really associated with with

1519

01:06:43,490 --> 01:06:42,599

Yule at all

1520

01:06:47,650 --> 01:06:43,500

um

1521

01:06:51,770 --> 01:06:47,660

and so I think that there has been some

1522

01:06:54,589 --> 01:06:51,780

uh uh conflation perhaps you know

1523

01:06:58,789 --> 01:06:54,599

between Odin and freyr

1524

01:07:01,849 --> 01:06:58,799

um because of the association of you

1525

01:07:05,210 --> 01:07:01,859

know uh uh uh nisser and then later you

1526

01:07:06,890 --> 01:07:05,220

know uh Santa's elves with with this

1527

01:07:09,170 --> 01:07:06,900

time of year

1528

01:07:11,930 --> 01:07:09,180

um and so you know I mean when when you

1529

01:07:14,750 --> 01:07:11,940

look at say like for instance Odin in

1530

01:07:17,450 --> 01:07:14,760

the the Norse tradition

1531

01:07:20,150 --> 01:07:17,460

um you know he was the king of the Gods

1532

01:07:22,250 --> 01:07:20,160

certainly uh he was known as the the the

1533

01:07:24,410 --> 01:07:22,260

all father

1534

01:07:26,750 --> 01:07:24,420

um you know you could make the argument

1535

01:07:28,849 --> 01:07:26,760

that there really wasn't much uh that

1536

01:07:30,529 --> 01:07:28,859

you know he wasn't you know Lord over in

1537

01:07:32,569 --> 01:07:30,539

in his way

1538

01:07:35,089 --> 01:07:32,579

um but no he wasn't specifically you

1539

01:07:37,309 --> 01:07:35,099

know in in elf king or or anything like

1540

01:07:38,870 --> 01:07:37,319

that um I I think that like I said

1541

01:07:40,370 --> 01:07:38,880

that's that's something that's just been

1542

01:07:42,829 --> 01:07:40,380

conflated between those two characters

1543

01:07:43,670 --> 01:07:42,839

because of the the later

1544

01:07:47,870 --> 01:07:43,680

um

1545

01:07:54,890 --> 01:07:47,880

uh uh edition of of elves into the the

1546

01:07:54,900 --> 01:07:58,789

Gary Krampus

1547

01:08:01,910 --> 01:07:59,990

I can't believe I didn't talk about

1548

01:08:03,470 --> 01:08:01,920

Krampus everybody loves Krampus he is

1549

01:08:04,150 --> 01:08:03,480

super hot

1550

01:08:07,010 --> 01:08:04,160

um

1551

01:08:08,870 --> 01:08:07,020

I've seen some of those parades they are

1552

01:08:10,490 --> 01:08:08,880

scary like I don't think I would want to

1553

01:08:12,049 --> 01:08:10,500

go to one of those breaks they're scary

1554

01:08:14,150 --> 01:08:12,059

right

1555

01:08:16,430 --> 01:08:14,160

um no uh well yeah I mean he's a very

1556

01:08:18,530 --> 01:08:16,440

popular character these these days which

1557

01:08:20,269 --> 01:08:18,540

is surprising to me because he's the

1558

01:08:23,650 --> 01:08:20,279

last person you'd ever want to have show

1559

01:08:28,849 --> 01:08:23,660

up you know at your house because yeah

1560

01:08:30,829 --> 01:08:28,859

but bad news um so uh krampus's Origins

1561

01:08:32,689 --> 01:08:30,839

are a little murky which is something we

1562

01:08:35,450 --> 01:08:32,699

run into with this all the time because

1563

01:08:36,470 --> 01:08:35,460

the fact is there weren't good written

1564

01:08:37,070 --> 01:08:36,480

records

1565

01:08:39,530 --> 01:08:37,080

um

1566

01:08:42,650 --> 01:08:39,540

you know prior to uh Christian

1567

01:08:47,209 --> 01:08:42,660

conversion in any of these cultures you

1568

01:08:49,849 --> 01:08:47,219

know um like I I my ancestors are are uh

1569

01:08:51,709 --> 01:08:49,859

like Norse and uh Anglo-Saxon and Celtic

1570

01:08:55,010 --> 01:08:51,719

and we didn't keep any written records

1571

01:08:57,470 --> 01:08:55,020

until you know post-conversion like and

1572

01:09:00,530 --> 01:08:57,480

monks started writing things down

1573

01:09:03,050 --> 01:09:00,540

um and so uh the the origins of Krampus

1574

01:09:05,269 --> 01:09:03,060

are kind of difficult to parse out but

1575

01:09:07,910 --> 01:09:05,279

there are a lot of Scholars who believe

1576

01:09:11,150 --> 01:09:07,920

that uh he might have some some

1577

01:09:13,789 --> 01:09:11,160

pre-christian Origins uh near like

1578

01:09:16,849 --> 01:09:13,799

Austria in the the uh

1579

01:09:19,309 --> 01:09:16,859

Alpine uh region

1580

01:09:21,530 --> 01:09:19,319

and so basically what he is as a a

1581

01:09:25,309 --> 01:09:21,540

character well what he's developed into

1582

01:09:27,530 --> 01:09:25,319

as a character is the uh the opposite of

1583

01:09:30,470 --> 01:09:27,540

Saint Nick you know so Saint Nick is

1584

01:09:33,530 --> 01:09:30,480

said to come around on the the evening

1585

01:09:35,269 --> 01:09:33,540

of uh December 5th and uh and he'll

1586

01:09:37,789 --> 01:09:35,279

leave presents for kids and stuff and

1587

01:09:41,510 --> 01:09:37,799

then on on December 6th you have the

1588

01:09:44,689 --> 01:09:41,520

Feast of of Saint Nicholas uh however on

1589

01:09:47,090 --> 01:09:44,699

December 4th if you have been bad uh

1590

01:09:49,729 --> 01:09:47,100

around comes Krampus and so Krampus is

1591

01:09:53,269 --> 01:09:49,739

this devilish looking figure you know uh

1592

01:09:55,130 --> 01:09:53,279

he is her suit he's got uh big horns and

1593

01:09:57,290 --> 01:09:55,140

shark teeth and a long devilish tongue

1594

01:10:01,130 --> 01:09:57,300

and goats hooves

1595

01:10:04,310 --> 01:10:01,140

and he carries a basket on his back and

1596

01:10:06,770 --> 01:10:04,320

a bunch of uh Birch switches and if you

1597

01:10:08,750 --> 01:10:06,780

have been a bad kid he is going to beat

1598

01:10:10,689 --> 01:10:08,760

you with those switches

1599

01:10:15,650 --> 01:10:10,699

um and if you've been bad enough

1600

01:10:17,750 --> 01:10:15,660

I know right yeah no he will not only

1601

01:10:19,970 --> 01:10:17,760

beat you with those switches he will

1602

01:10:23,510 --> 01:10:19,980

throw you in his basket and take you

1603

01:10:25,970 --> 01:10:23,520

with him back to the uh underworld which

1604

01:10:30,229 --> 01:10:25,980

I assume it does not make for a very

1605

01:10:36,410 --> 01:10:30,239

Merry Christmas uh what what whatsoever

1606

01:10:36,420 --> 01:10:41,750

no I don't need any of that

1607

01:10:46,610 --> 01:10:45,110

serving so when he take what because I

1608

01:10:48,229 --> 01:10:46,620

don't know much about the legend when he

1609

01:10:50,270 --> 01:10:48,239

does he just take you to the underworld

1610

01:10:51,950 --> 01:10:50,280

and that's it or does anything else

1611

01:10:54,709 --> 01:10:51,960

happen to you once you get to the

1612

01:10:57,470 --> 01:10:54,719

underworld uh presumably he would take

1613

01:11:00,290 --> 01:10:57,480

you there and and keep you and maybe

1614

01:11:02,689 --> 01:11:00,300

like I I assume you'd be enslaved or

1615

01:11:06,590 --> 01:11:02,699

continuously beaten with with you know

1616

01:11:09,470 --> 01:11:06,600

uh Birch switches or something I mean I

1617

01:11:11,090 --> 01:11:09,480

this is not a thing that has ever been

1618

01:11:15,370 --> 01:11:11,100

documented to really happen to someone

1619

01:11:18,410 --> 01:11:15,380

so I mean we can only guess yeah right

1620

01:11:20,990 --> 01:11:18,420

it's interesting you know there are a

1621

01:11:22,610 --> 01:11:21,000

lot of reasons for you know stories like

1622

01:11:25,910 --> 01:11:22,620

this to

1623

01:11:29,390 --> 01:11:25,920

exist you know and and one of them

1624

01:11:33,110 --> 01:11:29,400

is to uh teach you know valuable moral

1625

01:11:35,050 --> 01:11:33,120

lessons uh or uh you know to to get

1626

01:11:36,590 --> 01:11:35,060

children to

1627

01:11:39,070 --> 01:11:36,600

behave

1628

01:11:42,950 --> 01:11:39,080

um but you know uh uh

1629

01:11:44,510 --> 01:11:42,960

another reason might be to

1630

01:11:47,689 --> 01:11:44,520

um explain things that we can't

1631

01:11:50,810 --> 01:11:47,699

otherwise explain you know and so yeah

1632

01:11:53,390 --> 01:11:50,820

Krampus is useful for you know saying

1633

01:11:55,729 --> 01:11:53,400

well you know hey you better go to bed

1634

01:11:57,470 --> 01:11:55,739

and behave or you know Krampus is is

1635

01:11:59,090 --> 01:11:57,480

going to come get you or you better be

1636

01:12:00,470 --> 01:11:59,100

good this year or Krampus is going to

1637

01:12:01,850 --> 01:12:00,480

come get you

1638

01:12:06,410 --> 01:12:01,860

um but

1639

01:12:09,169 --> 01:12:06,420

in the the case of say uh a child that

1640

01:12:11,330 --> 01:12:09,179

has gone missing which you know wouldn't

1641

01:12:14,510 --> 01:12:11,340

be unheard of especially this time of

1642

01:12:16,250 --> 01:12:14,520

year if you think back centuries

1643

01:12:19,010 --> 01:12:16,260

um you know this was a very dark very

1644

01:12:20,149 --> 01:12:19,020

dangerous very deadly time of of of year

1645

01:12:25,669 --> 01:12:20,159

you know

1646

01:12:28,189 --> 01:12:25,679

blizzard or something who knows uh you

1647

01:12:32,450 --> 01:12:28,199

might never see him again

1648

01:12:35,510 --> 01:12:32,460

um and so you know there are stories of

1649

01:12:38,149 --> 01:12:35,520

you know children being abducted by by

1650

01:12:39,649 --> 01:12:38,159

various uh entities and you know I have

1651

01:12:42,290 --> 01:12:39,659

to wonder

1652

01:12:46,850 --> 01:12:42,300

if uh if some of these these stories

1653

01:12:50,090 --> 01:12:46,860

don't also uh serve the the role of some

1654

01:12:52,790 --> 01:12:50,100

kind of explanation when uh otherwise

1655

01:12:54,830 --> 01:12:52,800

they're they're just isn't one you know

1656

01:12:58,130 --> 01:12:54,840

I mean as human beings we long for

1657

01:13:02,149 --> 01:12:58,140

closure we long for rationality we need

1658

01:13:05,870 --> 01:13:02,159

things to make sense in some way and so

1659

01:13:08,810 --> 01:13:05,880

you know uh we will uh in in the absence

1660

01:13:10,729 --> 01:13:08,820

of any sort of of explanation or sense

1661

01:13:13,189 --> 01:13:10,739

to be had out of a situation we'll just

1662

01:13:16,910 --> 01:13:13,199

invent something because that's how much

1663

01:13:19,550 --> 01:13:16,920

we need things to to make sense

1664

01:13:22,070 --> 01:13:19,560

do you I think we're wired that way that

1665

01:13:24,110 --> 01:13:22,080

we need that closure that you know some

1666

01:13:26,030 --> 01:13:24,120

of us even strive to get that closure no

1667

01:13:28,610 --> 01:13:26,040

matter what what the costs on certain

1668

01:13:30,649 --> 01:13:28,620

things so I totally agree have you had

1669

01:13:32,689 --> 01:13:30,659

any reports of modern like people

1670

01:13:35,149 --> 01:13:32,699

actually seeing Krampus just like they

1671

01:13:37,370 --> 01:13:35,159

see Santa or hear Santa

1672

01:13:40,669 --> 01:13:37,380

have you had any reports of that

1673

01:13:42,950 --> 01:13:40,679

no I I haven't you know um every once in

1674

01:13:45,709 --> 01:13:42,960

a while we'll get a sort of like

1675

01:13:46,850 --> 01:13:45,719

traditional like Devil or or demon

1676

01:13:50,030 --> 01:13:46,860

sighting

1677

01:13:52,850 --> 01:13:50,040

um those are pretty rare frankly

1678

01:13:55,370 --> 01:13:52,860

um but uh you know nothing specifically

1679

01:13:58,550 --> 01:13:55,380

you know to to do with Krampus

1680

01:14:00,470 --> 01:13:58,560

um I would think that adherence to the

1681

01:14:02,030 --> 01:14:00,480

thought form hypothesis would probably

1682

01:14:04,250 --> 01:14:02,040

explain that away

1683

01:14:07,130 --> 01:14:04,260

as saying that like Krampus hasn't

1684

01:14:07,850 --> 01:14:07,140

achieved that level of popularity

1685

01:14:11,570 --> 01:14:07,860

um

1686

01:14:14,390 --> 01:14:11,580

although you know if if you were to

1687

01:14:16,189 --> 01:14:14,400

um uh support the the induced

1688

01:14:18,709 --> 01:14:16,199

hallucination or screen memory

1689

01:14:20,630 --> 01:14:18,719

hypothesis you know you could make the

1690

01:14:22,189 --> 01:14:20,640

exact same same argument basically

1691

01:14:26,590 --> 01:14:22,199

saying that like he's not a popular

1692

01:14:30,950 --> 01:14:26,600

enough character for uh you know uh a a

1693

01:14:34,970 --> 01:14:30,960

phenomenon to want to use him as uh as

1694

01:14:37,189 --> 01:14:34,980

as a mask for for something else

1695

01:14:38,750 --> 01:14:37,199

okay and that that would be interesting

1696

01:14:41,689 --> 01:14:38,760

to see in the years to come with like

1697

01:14:43,189 --> 01:14:41,699

the popularity of the parades and and

1698

01:14:44,870 --> 01:14:43,199

just the random stuff that I've seen

1699

01:14:46,910 --> 01:14:44,880

with Krampus to see if it grows and

1700

01:14:49,250 --> 01:14:46,920

there are you know maybe thought forms

1701

01:14:52,189 --> 01:14:49,260

or the like you said the hallucinations

1702

01:14:54,110 --> 01:14:52,199

or whatever that he pops up somewhere

1703

01:14:55,070 --> 01:14:54,120

that that's going to be interesting to

1704

01:14:59,870 --> 01:14:55,080

see

1705

01:15:04,130 --> 01:15:02,209

yeah right I look forward to hearing

1706

01:15:06,229 --> 01:15:04,140

them so if you have any other stories

1707

01:15:08,870 --> 01:15:06,239

you want to tell us because we've come

1708

01:15:11,510 --> 01:15:08,880

to the end of our hour so I appreciate

1709

01:15:14,630 --> 01:15:11,520

it but if you have anything else

1710

01:15:17,390 --> 01:15:14,640

yeah you know honestly um anything

1711

01:15:19,490 --> 01:15:17,400

else that I have would probably take way

1712

01:15:21,830 --> 01:15:19,500

too long so why don't we save it for

1713

01:15:23,930 --> 01:15:21,840

okay uh next time I'm always happy to

1714

01:15:24,830 --> 01:15:23,940

come on and talk about this stuff so I

1715

01:15:26,750 --> 01:15:24,840

would love for you to come back

1716

01:15:28,430 --> 01:15:26,760

especially when you're about your new

1717

01:15:30,410 --> 01:15:28,440

books out so if you want to plug that

1718

01:15:33,110 --> 01:15:30,420

and your website or anything else you're

1719

01:15:35,990 --> 01:15:33,120

doing feel free to do so

1720

01:15:37,490 --> 01:15:36,000

oh sure so uh for now uh why don't I

1721

01:15:39,110 --> 01:15:37,500

just tell people where where they can

1722

01:15:41,510 --> 01:15:39,120

find us uh if you're interested in the

1723

01:15:43,010 --> 01:15:41,520

singular 40 in society of course uh

1724

01:15:45,590 --> 01:15:43,020

we're all over social media so you can

1725

01:15:48,290 --> 01:15:45,600

find us on Facebook and Twitter Tumblr

1726

01:15:51,350 --> 01:15:48,300

Instagram Tick Tock uh or if you want to

1727

01:15:55,010 --> 01:15:51,360

go directly to our website uh the URL is

1728

01:15:59,750 --> 01:15:58,070

um you know uh you can find uh links to

1729

01:16:01,550 --> 01:15:59,760

purchase my books on there I've got the

1730

01:16:04,430 --> 01:16:01,560

Lake Michigan Mothman High strangers in

1731

01:16:06,110 --> 01:16:04,440

the Midwest and uh Strange Tales of the

1732

01:16:06,770 --> 01:16:06,120

impossible

1733

01:16:08,750 --> 01:16:06,780

um

1734

01:16:10,910 --> 01:16:08,760

and then the uh the book I'm working on

1735

01:16:13,910 --> 01:16:10,920

now is uh the singular 40 in society's

1736

01:16:18,290 --> 01:16:13,920

Yuletide guide to high strangeness uh

1737

01:16:22,070 --> 01:16:20,810

excited Marla actually said when you

1738

01:16:24,550 --> 01:16:22,080

come back she wants you to bring your

1739

01:16:27,410 --> 01:16:24,560

dog with you too I agree

1740

01:16:29,630 --> 01:16:27,420

she's literally right here she fell

1741

01:16:31,669 --> 01:16:29,640

asleep like halfway through and she's

1742

01:16:33,229 --> 01:16:31,679

just yeah she's just been conked out I

1743

01:16:34,870 --> 01:16:33,239

can hear her snoring

1744

01:16:37,310 --> 01:16:34,880

oh

1745

01:16:39,410 --> 01:16:37,320

I can hear her sorry so yeah definitely

1746

01:16:41,570 --> 01:16:39,420

she's always welcome any of your animals

1747

01:16:44,030 --> 01:16:41,580

are always welcome on the show trust me

1748

01:16:46,130 --> 01:16:44,040

we loved it but I appreciate you coming

1749

01:16:47,930 --> 01:16:46,140

on thank you so much and I look forward

1750

01:16:50,209 --> 01:16:47,940

to having you back Tobias thank you

1751

01:16:56,450 --> 01:16:50,219

thank you so much thanks for having me

1752

01:17:02,390 --> 01:16:59,209

what a great show so I want to thank you

1753

01:17:04,910 --> 01:17:02,400

all for joining me and sticking around I

1754

01:17:08,149 --> 01:17:04,920

also want to remind you next week at 11

1755

01:17:10,850 --> 01:17:08,159

PM Vincent will have his show fee and

1756

01:17:13,790 --> 01:17:10,860

then this Friday I will not be having a

1757

01:17:16,189 --> 01:17:13,800

show but it'll be a combined show with

1758

01:17:18,470 --> 01:17:16,199

Lon and Vincent and some other guests we

1759

01:17:20,030 --> 01:17:18,480

will be doing our Christmas episode so

1760

01:17:22,850 --> 01:17:20,040

that is going to be really great and I'm

1761

01:17:25,370 --> 01:17:22,860

looking forward to it so for now have a

1762

01:17:26,450 --> 01:17:25,380

good night and happy holidays bye