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00:00:23,509 --> 00:00:08,109

[Music]

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00:00:28,150 --> 00:00:25,109

the asparagus creatures

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00:00:30,710 --> 00:00:28,160

of the ufo by charles lear in the world

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00:00:33,030 --> 00:00:30,720

of ufology some stories continue on even

5
00:00:34,790 --> 00:00:33,040

after they've been convincingly debunked

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00:00:36,310 --> 00:00:34,800

this is often due to a particular

7
00:00:38,709 --> 00:00:36,320

story's entertainment value

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00:00:41,030 --> 00:00:38,719

and it should be remembered many ufo

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00:00:42,069 --> 00:00:41,040

stories exist in an area between fiction

10
00:00:44,310 --> 00:00:42,079

and fact

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00:00:45,350 --> 00:00:44,320

if we were to assign this area a genre

12
00:00:47,110 --> 00:00:45,360

name perhaps

13
00:00:49,510 --> 00:00:47,120

true science fiction might be

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00:00:50,630 --> 00:00:49,520

appropriate the idea that a fantastic

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00:00:52,069 --> 00:00:50,640

story could be true

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00:00:54,389 --> 00:00:52,079

makes the story that much more

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00:00:56,229 --> 00:00:54,399

interesting and suspension of disbelief

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00:00:57,670 --> 00:00:56,239

is something everyone engages in when

19

00:01:00,310 --> 00:00:57,680

they want to be entertained

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00:01:02,069 --> 00:01:00,320

one such story a biographical tale under

21

00:01:04,549 --> 00:01:02,079

the byline fred reagan

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00:01:05,830 --> 00:01:04,559

appeared in the main 1953 issue of

23

00:01:07,670 --> 00:01:05,840

action magazine

24

00:01:10,149 --> 00:01:07,680

it could be held up as an example of

25

00:01:12,630 --> 00:01:10,159

what many paranormal enthusiasts call

26
00:01:14,070 --> 00:01:12,640
high strangeness however it seems to be

27
00:01:16,630 --> 00:01:14,080
what folklorists call

28
00:01:18,710 --> 00:01:16,640
a tall tale according to the article

29
00:01:19,350 --> 00:01:18,720
reagan was flying his piper cub over

30
00:01:21,670 --> 00:01:19,360
georgia

31
00:01:23,590 --> 00:01:21,680
a pulsating lozenge-shaped object came

32
00:01:24,070 --> 00:01:23,600
into his airspace and he collided with

33
00:01:25,910 --> 00:01:24,080
it

34
00:01:27,590 --> 00:01:25,920
reagan was thrown from his plane and

35
00:01:30,469 --> 00:01:27,600
started falling through the air

36
00:01:32,469 --> 00:01:30,479
then a sticky clinging force grabbed him

37
00:01:34,789 --> 00:01:32,479
and pulled him up toward the ufo

38
00:01:36,550 --> 00:01:34,799

he found himself inside a dimly lit room

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00:01:38,310 --> 00:01:36,560

surrounded by strange beings

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00:01:40,710 --> 00:01:38,320

they were around three feet tall and

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00:01:41,830 --> 00:01:40,720

resembled huge stalks of metallic

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00:01:44,469 --> 00:01:41,840

asparagus

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00:01:46,310 --> 00:01:44,479

he lost consciousness when he came to a

44

00:01:47,030 --> 00:01:46,320

metallic voice spoke to him through a

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00:01:48,710 --> 00:01:47,040

speaker

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00:01:50,230 --> 00:01:48,720

using broken english the voice

47

00:01:52,069 --> 00:01:50,240

apologized for the collision

48

00:01:53,910 --> 00:01:52,079

saying it had been an accident it

49

00:01:55,429 --> 00:01:53,920

explained they were here to observe our

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00:01:57,590 --> 00:01:55,439

primitive civilization

51
00:01:58,870 --> 00:01:57,600
and that their mission was peaceful the

52
00:02:00,550 --> 00:01:58,880
voice further told him

53
00:02:02,389 --> 00:02:00,560
that they'd examined him and found a

54
00:02:05,030 --> 00:02:02,399
cancerous tumor which they

55
00:02:06,069 --> 00:02:05,040
adjusted he was instructed not to talk

56
00:02:08,309 --> 00:02:06,079
about the incident

57
00:02:09,350 --> 00:02:08,319
as no one would believe him he then woke

58
00:02:10,790 --> 00:02:09,360
up in a hospital

59
00:02:12,790 --> 00:02:10,800
he was told he'd been found in a

60
00:02:14,630 --> 00:02:12,800
farmer's field the wreckage of his plane

61
00:02:15,110 --> 00:02:14,640
was nearby and had struck with such

62
00:02:17,270 --> 00:02:15,120
force

63
00:02:19,990 --> 00:02:17,280

that the engine was buried six feet into

64

00:02:21,510 --> 00:02:20,000

the ground reagan wasn't even scratched

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00:02:24,150 --> 00:02:21,520

the article carried the following

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00:02:26,229 --> 00:02:24,160

postscript atlanta may 16th

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00:02:27,670 --> 00:02:26,239

fred reagan who made headlines last year

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00:02:29,190 --> 00:02:27,680

when he claimed to have been a visitor

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00:02:31,190 --> 00:02:29,200

aboard a flying saucer

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00:02:33,750 --> 00:02:31,200

died today in the state asylum for the

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00:02:36,070 --> 00:02:33,760

insane cause of death was determined to

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00:02:38,869 --> 00:02:36,080

be degeneration of brain tissue due to

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00:02:41,110 --> 00:02:38,879

extreme atomic radiation authorities are

74

00:02:42,750 --> 00:02:41,120

unable to offer an explanation

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00:02:45,830 --> 00:02:42,760

the story turned up later in the

76
00:02:47,110 --> 00:02:45,840
september-october 1969 issue of flying

77
00:02:50,070 --> 00:02:47,120
saucer review

78
00:02:51,589 --> 00:02:50,080
in his article healing from ufos gordon

79
00:02:53,589 --> 00:02:51,599
creighton tells the reader that the

80
00:02:56,150 --> 00:02:53,599
account came to the attention of derrick

81
00:02:59,830 --> 00:02:56,160
dempster who was the editor of fsr from

82
00:03:01,670 --> 00:02:59,840
january 1955 to june 1956.

83
00:03:02,949 --> 00:03:01,680
according to creighton dempster and

84
00:03:05,270 --> 00:03:02,959
subsequent editors

85
00:03:06,470 --> 00:03:05,280
failed to publish the account no doubt

86
00:03:08,790 --> 00:03:06,480
because in those days

87
00:03:09,910 --> 00:03:08,800
it seemed altogether too preposterous

88
00:03:12,070 --> 00:03:09,920

and fantastic

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00:03:14,229 --> 00:03:12,080

to be true creighton suggests that the

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00:03:16,470 --> 00:03:14,239

story deserves further scrutiny

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00:03:18,869 --> 00:03:16,480

the story was taken up by patrick hugh

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00:03:21,110 --> 00:03:18,879

and appears in his 1996 book

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00:03:23,030 --> 00:03:21,120

the field guide to extraterrestrials

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00:03:24,550 --> 00:03:23,040

despite its having been debunked over

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00:03:26,550 --> 00:03:24,560

two decades earlier

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00:03:27,910 --> 00:03:26,560

jerome clark includes the story in his

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00:03:30,949 --> 00:03:27,920

2003 book

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00:03:33,509 --> 00:03:30,959

strange skies pilot encounters with ufos

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00:03:35,910 --> 00:03:33,519

and describes its debunking according to

100

00:03:37,990 --> 00:03:35,920

clark canadian researcher kirk klemtzer

101
00:03:39,830 --> 00:03:38,000
made a search of georgia's vital records

102
00:03:41,509 --> 00:03:39,840
unit in 1972.

103
00:03:43,509 --> 00:03:41,519
he found no clipping that matched the

104
00:03:45,430 --> 00:03:43,519
one carried in the postscript he also

105
00:03:46,070 --> 00:03:45,440
found no record of a fred reagan who'd

106
00:03:48,630 --> 00:03:46,080
been involved

107
00:03:50,949 --> 00:03:48,640
in an aerial collision with the ufo t

108
00:03:53,030 --> 00:03:50,959
scott crane also did extensive research

109
00:03:55,350 --> 00:03:53,040
and found nothing to support the story

110
00:03:57,110 --> 00:03:55,360
he concluded that the story appears to

111
00:03:58,789 --> 00:03:57,120
be the rambling of a ghost writer's

112
00:04:01,270 --> 00:03:58,799
vivid imagination

113
00:04:02,949 --> 00:04:01,280

the old maxim considered the source

114

00:04:05,030 --> 00:04:02,959

certainly applies here

115

00:04:06,710 --> 00:04:05,040

in this case the source was a pope

116

00:04:07,509 --> 00:04:06,720

magazine directed towards a male

117

00:04:09,910 --> 00:04:07,519

audience

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00:04:11,670 --> 00:04:09,920

in the 1950s there were many of these on

119

00:04:12,309 --> 00:04:11,680

the newsstands filled with tales of

120

00:04:14,470 --> 00:04:12,319

adventure

121

00:04:16,069 --> 00:04:14,480

the stories had titles such as cannibal

122

00:04:19,110 --> 00:04:16,079

crabs crawl to kill

123

00:04:21,030 --> 00:04:19,120

and mad monkeys man the lifeboats along

124

00:04:22,870 --> 00:04:21,040

with lord artwork on the cover

125

00:04:24,550 --> 00:04:22,880

with no other record of the incident in

126

00:04:26,870 --> 00:04:24,560

question it can be assumed with

127

00:04:29,189 --> 00:04:26,880

confidence that the story was made up

128

00:04:31,350 --> 00:04:29,199

despite its debunking this tale didn't

129

00:04:32,870 --> 00:04:31,360

completely disappear into obscurity

130

00:04:35,590 --> 00:04:32,880

it lives on and the creatures have

131

00:04:37,590 --> 00:04:35,600

become known as the george's stalks

132

00:04:39,909 --> 00:04:37,600

the stalks show up on the web in forum

133

00:04:42,710 --> 00:04:39,919

posts and is part of a list of bizarre

134

00:04:44,710 --> 00:04:42,720

non-gray aliens reported over the years

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00:04:46,390 --> 00:04:44,720

in addition to the written descriptions

136

00:04:48,469 --> 00:04:46,400

there's an informative video for all

137

00:04:50,550 --> 00:04:48,479

those youtube researchers out there

138

00:04:52,870 --> 00:04:50,560

it's an example of the type of story

139

00:04:54,950 --> 00:04:52,880

that can confuse students of ufology

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00:04:55,990 --> 00:04:54,960

that are new to the subject one could

141

00:04:58,550 --> 00:04:56,000

think of it as a test

142

00:04:59,909 --> 00:04:58,560

challenge to develop research skills one

143

00:05:01,189 --> 00:04:59,919

could also think of it as an

144

00:05:11,610 --> 00:05:01,199

entertaining example

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00:05:26,870 --> 00:05:11,620

of modern folklore