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00:00:41,750 --> 00:00:16,100  
[Music]

2  
00:00:44,950 --> 00:00:44,150  
a wyoming elk hunter takes a ride in a

3  
00:00:47,750 --> 00:00:44,960  
ufo

4  
00:00:49,270 --> 00:00:47,760  
by charles lear back in the days before

5  
00:00:50,869 --> 00:00:49,280  
aliens took on the form of the

6  
00:00:53,029 --> 00:00:50,879  
standardized gray model

7  
00:00:55,270 --> 00:00:53,039  
they came in all shapes and sizes

8  
00:00:56,869 --> 00:00:55,280  
ufologists called them humanoids and

9  
00:00:58,229 --> 00:00:56,879  
there was a wave of them in france in

10  
00:01:00,950 --> 00:00:58,239  
1954.

11  
00:01:02,950 --> 00:01:00,960  
in 1955 they started popping up in the

12  
00:01:04,710 --> 00:01:02,960  
united states and worldwide

13  
00:01:06,550 --> 00:01:04,720

many ufologists who were trying to

14

00:01:08,550 --> 00:01:06,560

convince the scientific community

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00:01:10,950 --> 00:01:08,560

that the mystery was worth studying

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00:01:13,109 --> 00:01:10,960

tended to reject humanoid reports

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00:01:14,550 --> 00:01:13,119

some such as coral and jim lorenzen of

18

00:01:15,510 --> 00:01:14,560

the aerial phenomena research

19

00:01:17,270 --> 00:01:15,520

organization

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00:01:18,870 --> 00:01:17,280

kept an open mind as long as the

21

00:01:20,789 --> 00:01:18,880

humanoids didn't talk

22

00:01:22,630 --> 00:01:20,799

if a witness reported they had had a

23

00:01:23,350 --> 00:01:22,640

conversation and were taken to another

24

00:01:25,749 --> 00:01:23,360

planet

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00:01:26,390 --> 00:01:25,759

that case was tossed into the contact d

26

00:01:28,630 --> 00:01:26,400

pile

27

00:01:30,390 --> 00:01:28,640

however there was a case in the 70s that

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00:01:31,109 --> 00:01:30,400

made the lorenzens and a lot of other

29

00:01:34,190 --> 00:01:31,119

researchers

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00:01:37,190 --> 00:01:34,200

rethink their position on october 25th

31

00:01:37,830 --> 00:01:37,200

1974 rollins wyoming resident carl

32

00:01:39,990 --> 00:01:37,840

higdon

33

00:01:42,149 --> 00:01:40,000

decided to take the day off from his job

34

00:01:44,069 --> 00:01:42,159

as foreman for an oil drilling crew

35

00:01:45,429 --> 00:01:44,079

one of his key men was sick with the flu

36

00:01:46,710 --> 00:01:45,439

and he didn't think anything would be

37

00:01:48,630 --> 00:01:46,720

accomplished that day

38

00:01:49,910 --> 00:01:48,640

it was the peak of elk hunting season

39

00:01:51,990 --> 00:01:49,920

and he had just bought a seven

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00:01:53,830 --> 00:01:52,000

millimeter remington magnum rifle

41

00:01:56,069 --> 00:01:53,840

so he probably didn't have to think for

42

00:01:56,789 --> 00:01:56,079

too long about how he would be spending

43

00:01:58,709 --> 00:01:56,799

the day

44

00:01:59,910 --> 00:01:58,719

he loaded up his company's two-wheel

45

00:02:02,310 --> 00:01:59,920

drive pickup truck

46

00:02:03,109 --> 00:02:02,320

and headed for mccarty canyon in carbon

47

00:02:05,190 --> 00:02:03,119

county

48

00:02:06,870 --> 00:02:05,200

according to him he came to a fork in

49

00:02:08,550 --> 00:02:06,880

the road leading into the canyon

50

00:02:10,229 --> 00:02:08,560

and saw some fellow hunters having

51

00:02:11,750 --> 00:02:10,239

battery trouble with their truck

52

00:02:14,309 --> 00:02:11,760

he stopped to give them a charge and

53

00:02:15,750 --> 00:02:14,319

they started talking higdon told them he

54

00:02:17,510 --> 00:02:15,760

was headed into the canyon

55

00:02:19,430 --> 00:02:17,520

and they told him that the hunting was

56

00:02:20,949 --> 00:02:19,440

better in a remote section of medicine

57

00:02:23,510 --> 00:02:20,959

bow national forest

58

00:02:25,030 --> 00:02:23,520

he changed his plans and headed east the

59

00:02:27,270 --> 00:02:25,040

area they told him about was in the

60

00:02:28,309 --> 00:02:27,280

northern section of the forest 40 miles

61

00:02:30,229 --> 00:02:28,319

south of rollins

62

00:02:31,830 --> 00:02:30,239

he got there around 4 pm and was

63

00:02:34,550 --> 00:02:31,840

surprised to see a friend there

64

00:02:36,630 --> 00:02:34,560

gary eaton eaton told higdon that he was

65

00:02:38,710 --> 00:02:36,640

headed to higher ground and joked that

66

00:02:40,869 --> 00:02:38,720

he might scare some elk down for him

67

00:02:41,830 --> 00:02:40,879

they separated and after walking deep

68

00:02:44,229 --> 00:02:41,840

into the forest

69

00:02:46,630 --> 00:02:44,239

higdon spotted a small herd of elk he

70

00:02:47,990 --> 00:02:46,640

took aim at a three-point bull and fired

71

00:02:49,990 --> 00:02:48,000

he was braced for the gun's

72

00:02:51,910 --> 00:02:50,000

characteristically strong kickback but

73

00:02:53,430 --> 00:02:51,920

there was none there was no sound of

74

00:02:55,350 --> 00:02:53,440

firing and he recalled

75

00:02:57,509 --> 00:02:55,360

that it was as if the entire world had

76  
00:02:57,990 --> 00:02:57,519  
gone silent he watched the bullet leave

77  
00:03:00,229 --> 00:02:58,000  
his gun

78  
00:03:01,030 --> 00:03:00,239  
in slow motion travel for approximately

79  
00:03:03,030 --> 00:03:01,040  
50 feet

80  
00:03:04,949 --> 00:03:03,040  
and then fall to the ground he noted

81  
00:03:06,470 --> 00:03:04,959  
that the air felt like it was charged

82  
00:03:08,070 --> 00:03:06,480  
with static electricity

83  
00:03:09,910 --> 00:03:08,080  
he went and picked up the bullet which

84  
00:03:11,670 --> 00:03:09,920  
was mangled and missing its lead

85  
00:03:13,589 --> 00:03:11,680  
as he put the bullet in his canteen

86  
00:03:15,910 --> 00:03:13,599  
pouch he heard a branch snap

87  
00:03:18,149 --> 00:03:15,920  
he turned and saw what looked like a man

88  
00:03:20,869 --> 00:03:18,159

but he quickly realized it was unlike

89

00:03:22,869 --> 00:03:20,879

any man he'd ever seen or heard of the

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00:03:23,589 --> 00:03:22,879

creature was about six feet tall and

91

00:03:25,350 --> 00:03:23,599

bowlegged

92

00:03:27,509 --> 00:03:25,360

it had straw-like hair that stood

93

00:03:29,030 --> 00:03:27,519

straight out with two strands in front

94

00:03:31,110 --> 00:03:29,040

that looked like antennas

95

00:03:33,509 --> 00:03:31,120

it had no ears that he could see or

96

00:03:35,509 --> 00:03:33,519

eyebrows its face was yellow and went

97

00:03:37,430 --> 00:03:35,519

straight into its neck with no chin

98

00:03:40,229 --> 00:03:37,440

and it had a lipless mouth with three

99

00:03:41,830 --> 00:03:40,239

big teeth in the upper and lower jaw

100

00:03:44,390 --> 00:03:41,840

it was dressed in what looked like a

101  
00:03:45,030 --> 00:03:44,400  
black diving suit with cross straps over

102  
00:03:46,789 --> 00:03:45,040  
the chest

103  
00:03:49,270 --> 00:03:46,799  
and a belt with a yellow six-pointed

104  
00:03:51,509 --> 00:03:49,280  
star its right arm ended in a point

105  
00:03:52,710 --> 00:03:51,519  
and its left arm ended bluntly with no

106  
00:03:55,110 --> 00:03:52,720  
sort of appendage

107  
00:03:57,110 --> 00:03:55,120  
the creature asked how you doing in

108  
00:03:58,470 --> 00:03:57,120  
spite of his fear higidon managed to

109  
00:04:00,710 --> 00:03:58,480  
respond and said

110  
00:04:02,309 --> 00:04:00,720  
pretty good the creature asked if he was

111  
00:04:04,309 --> 00:04:02,319  
hungry higidon said

112  
00:04:06,390 --> 00:04:04,319  
yeah a little and the creature sent a

113  
00:04:08,390 --> 00:04:06,400

package of cellophane-like material

114

00:04:09,589 --> 00:04:08,400

containing four pills floating through

115

00:04:11,670 --> 00:04:09,599

the air towards him

116

00:04:13,350 --> 00:04:11,680

the creature told him to swallow one and

117

00:04:14,390 --> 00:04:13,360

that it would satisfy his hunger for

118

00:04:16,390 --> 00:04:14,400

four days

119

00:04:18,150 --> 00:04:16,400

higdon did so without thinking he

120

00:04:18,949 --> 00:04:18,160

normally didn't take pills not even

121

00:04:21,349 --> 00:04:18,959

aspirin

122

00:04:23,350 --> 00:04:21,359

the creature introduced itself as also

123

00:04:25,350 --> 00:04:23,360

one and higdon caught sight of a

124

00:04:27,990 --> 00:04:25,360

transparent rectangular object

125

00:04:29,749 --> 00:04:28,000

about five feet tall seven feet long and

126

00:04:32,310 --> 00:04:29,759

four and a half feet wide

127

00:04:33,189 --> 00:04:32,320

also one asked do you want to come along

128

00:04:35,990 --> 00:04:33,199

higdon said

129

00:04:37,030 --> 00:04:36,000

yeah i guess and in an instant he found

130

00:04:39,430 --> 00:04:37,040

himself inside

131

00:04:40,790 --> 00:04:39,440

strapped to a chair the inside seemed

132

00:04:43,189 --> 00:04:40,800

impossibly spacious

133

00:04:45,189 --> 00:04:43,199

and he saw five elk in there with them

134

00:04:46,790 --> 00:04:45,199

that appeared to be paralyzed

135

00:04:48,870 --> 00:04:46,800

another being appeared in the two

136

00:04:50,550 --> 00:04:48,880

creatures put a helmet on higdon's head

137

00:04:53,350 --> 00:04:50,560

that had wires sticking out in all

138

00:04:55,189 --> 00:04:53,360

directions soon he saw a sphere below

139

00:04:57,270 --> 00:04:55,199

they landed on what he assumed was their

140

00:05:00,469 --> 00:04:57,280

planet and also one told him

141

00:05:03,110 --> 00:05:00,479

they were 163 000 light

142

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

miles from earth higdon saw a structure

143

00:05:05,749 --> 00:05:05,039

that reminded him of the space needle in

144

00:05:07,670 --> 00:05:05,759

seattle

145

00:05:08,870 --> 00:05:07,680

there were revolving multi-colored

146

00:05:11,270 --> 00:05:08,880

lights all around it

147

00:05:13,270 --> 00:05:11,280

that were so bright they burned his eyes

148

00:05:15,189 --> 00:05:13,280

he shouted at them to shut them off

149

00:05:16,950 --> 00:05:15,199

and one of the creatures told him your

150

00:05:19,029 --> 00:05:16,960

son burns us too

151  
00:05:20,870 --> 00:05:19,039  
he was taken inside the structure and a

152  
00:05:23,110 --> 00:05:20,880  
clear screen was put in front of him

153  
00:05:24,710 --> 00:05:23,120  
also one was behind the screen as if he

154  
00:05:26,390 --> 00:05:24,720  
was using it to examine him

155  
00:05:27,990 --> 00:05:26,400  
he then told higdon that they were going

156  
00:05:30,150 --> 00:05:28,000  
to take him back because he

157  
00:05:31,590 --> 00:05:30,160  
didn't suit their purpose he was

158  
00:05:34,230 --> 00:05:31,600  
suddenly back in the ship

159  
00:05:35,749 --> 00:05:34,240  
with no idea how he got there also one

160  
00:05:37,830 --> 00:05:35,759  
was admiring his rifle

161  
00:05:39,670 --> 00:05:37,840  
and handed it back wistfully saying he

162  
00:05:40,310 --> 00:05:39,680  
was not allowed to keep his primitive

163  
00:05:42,469 --> 00:05:40,320

weapon

164

00:05:44,310 --> 00:05:42,479

he took back the pills telling higdon he

165

00:05:46,310 --> 00:05:44,320

would no longer need them and that was

166

00:05:47,830 --> 00:05:46,320

higdon's last memory before finding

167

00:05:49,670 --> 00:05:47,840

himself back on earth

168

00:05:51,270 --> 00:05:49,680

he saw his truck which was now about

169

00:05:53,110 --> 00:05:51,280

three miles away from where he had

170

00:05:54,390 --> 00:05:53,120

parked it higdon realized he was

171

00:05:56,790 --> 00:05:54,400

floating over the ground

172

00:05:58,790 --> 00:05:56,800

and also one said we'll see you the

173

00:05:59,270 --> 00:05:58,800

object left and higdon dropped onto a

174

00:06:01,270 --> 00:05:59,280

ledge

175

00:06:03,670 --> 00:06:01,280

slipped on a loose rock and fell about

176

00:06:05,990 --> 00:06:03,680

10 feet hurting his head and shoulder

177

00:06:07,830 --> 00:06:06,000

totally disoriented he struggled along a

178

00:06:10,230 --> 00:06:07,840

dirt road and then returned to the truck

179

00:06:12,629 --> 00:06:10,240

for shelter without realizing it was his

180

00:06:13,990 --> 00:06:12,639

he had no idea who he was or where he

181

00:06:17,189 --> 00:06:14,000

was at around 6

182

00:06:18,950 --> 00:06:17,199

30 pm he heard a voice over the cb radio

183

00:06:20,950 --> 00:06:18,960

it was a woman from the company office

184

00:06:23,270 --> 00:06:20,960

in riverton talking to someone else

185

00:06:24,469 --> 00:06:23,280

and he cut in and asked for help roy

186

00:06:26,629 --> 00:06:24,479

fleming was put on

187

00:06:28,710 --> 00:06:26,639

he asked higdon where he was and higdon

188

00:06:31,270 --> 00:06:28,720

told him that he saw a sign that said

189

00:06:33,110 --> 00:06:31,280

north boundary lincoln forest a search

190

00:06:35,510 --> 00:06:33,120

party was organized that consisted of

191

00:06:37,670 --> 00:06:35,520

carbon county sheriff charles augburn

192

00:06:39,029 --> 00:06:37,680

deputy sheriff ed tierney and some

193

00:06:40,950 --> 00:06:39,039

experienced hunters

194

00:06:42,870 --> 00:06:40,960

in several four-wheel drive vehicles

195

00:06:43,990 --> 00:06:42,880

they struggled on primitive muddy roads

196

00:06:45,590 --> 00:06:44,000

to get to higdon

197

00:06:47,110 --> 00:06:45,600

when they finally found the truck at

198

00:06:48,950 --> 00:06:47,120

around 11 30 pm

199

00:06:50,870 --> 00:06:48,960

they had no idea how he could have

200

00:06:52,870 --> 00:06:50,880

gotten there the truck was fender deep

201  
00:06:53,350 --> 00:06:52,880  
in mud and there were no tracks leading

202  
00:06:55,909 --> 00:06:53,360  
to it

203  
00:06:58,150 --> 00:06:55,919  
it had to be towed out higdon was taken

204  
00:07:01,029 --> 00:06:58,160  
to carbon county hospital in rollins

205  
00:07:02,070 --> 00:07:01,039  
and was examined by dr russ tonko higdon

206  
00:07:04,390 --> 00:07:02,080  
had amnesia

207  
00:07:05,830 --> 00:07:04,400  
and red constantly watering eyes he

208  
00:07:06,870 --> 00:07:05,840  
complained about the lights and they

209  
00:07:08,710 --> 00:07:06,880  
were turned off

210  
00:07:10,629 --> 00:07:08,720  
he was kept in the hospital until he

211  
00:07:12,710 --> 00:07:10,639  
eventually recovered his memories

212  
00:07:15,110 --> 00:07:12,720  
strangely the scars on his lungs from a

213  
00:07:16,870 --> 00:07:15,120

bout of tuberculosis had disappeared

214

00:07:19,430 --> 00:07:16,880

his kidney stones were gone and his

215

00:07:21,510 --> 00:07:19,440

blood was especially nutrient rich

216

00:07:23,670 --> 00:07:21,520

once he was home higdon got a call from

217

00:07:24,710 --> 00:07:23,680

sue taylor a reporter at the rollins

218

00:07:26,390 --> 00:07:24,720

daily times

219

00:07:28,790 --> 00:07:26,400

he told her his story with a full

220

00:07:32,070 --> 00:07:28,800

awareness of how bizarre it sounded

221

00:07:33,510 --> 00:07:32,080

it was published in the october 29 1974

222

00:07:35,830 --> 00:07:33,520

edition of the paper

223

00:07:36,550 --> 00:07:35,840

rick kenyon a rollins public school art

224

00:07:38,390 --> 00:07:36,560

teacher

225

00:07:40,710 --> 00:07:38,400

interviewed higdon and made drawings

226

00:07:42,790 --> 00:07:40,720

based on his description of also one

227

00:07:45,189 --> 00:07:42,800

kenyan put him in touch with dr leo

228

00:07:45,909 --> 00:07:45,199

sprinkle a psychologist and a consultant

229

00:07:47,510 --> 00:07:45,919

for apro

230

00:07:50,230 --> 00:07:47,520

who would later work on the travis

231

00:07:51,749 --> 00:07:50,240

walton case sprinkle hypnotized higdon

232

00:07:53,510 --> 00:07:51,759

and more details came out

233

00:07:55,029 --> 00:07:53,520

including seeing other humans in the

234

00:07:56,950 --> 00:07:55,039

building he was taken into

235

00:07:58,869 --> 00:07:56,960

the important thing to note is that all

236

00:08:00,869 --> 00:07:58,879

of higdon's recollections above

237

00:08:01,990 --> 00:08:00,879

other than the examination and his

238

00:08:03,749 --> 00:08:02,000

falling off the ledge

239

00:08:05,189 --> 00:08:03,759

were conscious memories while in a

240

00:08:07,029 --> 00:08:05,199

non-hypnotic state

241

00:08:09,189 --> 00:08:07,039

higdon's wife marjorie had found the

242

00:08:10,950 --> 00:08:09,199

bullet and for reasons she was unsure of

243

00:08:13,029 --> 00:08:10,960

had a professional photographer take

244

00:08:15,589 --> 00:08:13,039

pictures of it it was later examined by

245

00:08:17,350 --> 00:08:15,599

an apro consultant dr walter walker

246

00:08:19,350 --> 00:08:17,360

it was turned inside out which would

247

00:08:21,350 --> 00:08:19,360

have taken tremendous force as a seven

248

00:08:23,270 --> 00:08:21,360

millimeter bullet can normally penetrate

249

00:08:25,510 --> 00:08:23,280

a telephone pole with ease

250

00:08:27,430 --> 00:08:25,520

higdon's story has been told worldwide

251  
00:08:29,589 --> 00:08:27,440  
and was featured in an episode of

252  
00:08:31,350 --> 00:08:29,599  
in search of the lorenzens thought

253  
00:08:33,589 --> 00:08:31,360  
enough of it to make it the front page

254  
00:08:35,829 --> 00:08:33,599  
story in the march 1975

255  
00:08:37,990 --> 00:08:35,839  
apro bulletin sprinkles submitted a

256  
00:08:39,750 --> 00:08:38,000  
report to the national investigations

257  
00:08:41,589 --> 00:08:39,760  
committee on aerial phenomena

258  
00:08:43,509 --> 00:08:41,599  
it was addressed to linda kiefer the

259  
00:08:46,389 --> 00:08:43,519  
editor of nycap's publication

260  
00:08:48,470 --> 00:08:46,399  
the ufo investigator kiefer chose not to

261  
00:08:50,470 --> 00:08:48,480  
print the story and nycap had a long

262  
00:08:52,470 --> 00:08:50,480  
history of rejecting such cases

263  
00:08:54,150 --> 00:08:52,480

there is an editor's response in the

264

00:08:56,230 --> 00:08:54,160

november 1974

265

00:08:57,750 --> 00:08:56,240

edition addressing complaints that the

266

00:09:00,470 --> 00:08:57,760

ufo investigator

267

00:09:01,670 --> 00:09:00,480

does not print enough contact d cases

268

00:09:04,230 --> 00:09:01,680

and is not printing

269

00:09:06,389 --> 00:09:04,240

sensational reports she explained that

270

00:09:08,470 --> 00:09:06,399

researchers had struggled over the years

271

00:09:09,590 --> 00:09:08,480

to remove the image of little green men

272

00:09:11,269 --> 00:09:09,600

with antennae

273

00:09:13,509 --> 00:09:11,279

apparently it didn't matter that

274

00:09:14,310 --> 00:09:13,519

higdon's men were six feet tall and

275

00:09:16,389 --> 00:09:14,320

yellow

276

00:09:18,470 --> 00:09:16,399

special thanks to david marler for

277

00:09:31,200 --> 00:09:18,480

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