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00:00:38,229 --> 00:00:24,790

[Music]

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00:00:42,150 --> 00:00:38,950

ufo

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00:00:44,549 --> 00:00:42,160

april fool's day jokes by charles lear

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00:00:46,310 --> 00:00:44,559

happy april while april fool's day will

5  
00:00:46,950 --> 00:00:46,320

have passed by the time this blog is

6  
00:00:48,549 --> 00:00:46,960

posted

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00:00:51,270 --> 00:00:48,559

the writer thought it would be fun to

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

look at ufo-related april fool's jokes

9  
00:00:54,470 --> 00:00:53,120

while hoaxes have long been obeying to

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00:00:56,310 --> 00:00:54,480

ufo researchers

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00:00:58,229 --> 00:00:56,320

hopefully researchers can put aside

12  
00:01:00,549 --> 00:00:58,239

their disdain for such activity

13  
00:01:02,389 --> 00:01:00,559

at least one day out of the year and get

14

00:01:04,710 --> 00:01:02,399

in touch with their sense of humor

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00:01:05,910 --> 00:01:04,720

in fact some have argued that a sense of

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00:01:07,990 --> 00:01:05,920

humor is essential

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00:01:09,990 --> 00:01:08,000

when looking into the paranormal an

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00:01:11,350 --> 00:01:10,000

april fool's joke that ended up embedded

19

00:01:13,670 --> 00:01:11,360

in the ufo mythos

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00:01:15,429 --> 00:01:13,680

as evidence for existence of aliens

21

00:01:17,350 --> 00:01:15,439

involved a photo depicting what has

22

00:01:19,749 --> 00:01:17,360

become known as the silver man

23

00:01:21,429 --> 00:01:19,759

isaac coy real name withheld to protect

24

00:01:23,510 --> 00:01:21,439

his profession as a barrister

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00:01:25,590 --> 00:01:23,520

discusses this photo at length on his

26

00:01:27,510 --> 00:01:25,600

website according to his

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00:01:29,350 --> 00:01:27,520

male possessive pronoun used due to

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00:01:31,510 --> 00:01:29,360

antecedent male seeming name

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00:01:32,870 --> 00:01:31,520

research the photo first appeared in the

30

00:01:37,030 --> 00:01:32,880

german publication

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00:01:39,350 --> 00:01:37,040

no illustrate on or about april 1 1950

32

00:01:41,510 --> 00:01:39,360

with the title der mars mensch it was

33

00:01:43,350 --> 00:01:41,520

admitted to be a joke a short time later

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00:01:45,670 --> 00:01:43,360

but that didn't prevent the photo from

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00:01:47,429 --> 00:01:45,680

showing up in literature and on websites

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00:01:48,149 --> 00:01:47,439

with the claim that it depicts a real

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00:01:50,389 --> 00:01:48,159

alien

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00:01:52,870 --> 00:01:50,399

for instance this description appeared

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00:01:56,389 --> 00:01:52,880  
in brazilian ufo mag number 18

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00:01:58,389 --> 00:01:56,399  
page 18 december 1991 a buff

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00:02:00,550 --> 00:01:58,399  
one of the most impressive photos of an

42

00:02:03,109 --> 00:02:00,560  
alleged extraterrestrial creature

43

00:02:04,709 --> 00:02:03,119  
recovered from crashed ufos for many

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00:02:07,030 --> 00:02:04,719  
years it was thought the photo

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00:02:08,710 --> 00:02:07,040  
originated from a crash in the usa

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00:02:10,949 --> 00:02:08,720  
but recently it was found it was

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00:02:12,229 --> 00:02:10,959  
captured in germany shortly before the

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00:02:14,070 --> 00:02:12,239  
second world war

49

00:02:16,309 --> 00:02:14,080  
the officers who hold the being are

50

00:02:19,589 --> 00:02:16,319  
high-ranking members of the ss

51  
00:02:20,229 --> 00:02:19,599  
the fbi got involved in 1967 when a

52  
00:02:22,790 --> 00:02:20,239  
resident

53  
00:02:24,229 --> 00:02:22,800  
name redacted sent a copy of the photo

54  
00:02:26,470 --> 00:02:24,239  
and asked for a comment

55  
00:02:27,350 --> 00:02:26,480  
a response with j edgar hoover's name

56  
00:02:29,510 --> 00:02:27,360  
stamped on it

57  
00:02:31,030 --> 00:02:29,520  
was sent with the assurance that the

58  
00:02:33,110 --> 00:02:31,040  
photograph you mentioned

59  
00:02:35,509 --> 00:02:33,120  
does not represent employees of this

60  
00:02:36,229 --> 00:02:35,519  
bureau virgin group founder richard

61  
00:02:38,630 --> 00:02:36,239  
branson

62  
00:02:40,630 --> 00:02:38,640  
is a big fan of april fools day and

63  
00:02:41,430 --> 00:02:40,640

likes to pull a prank around that day

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00:02:44,710 --> 00:02:41,440

every year

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00:02:47,030 --> 00:02:44,720

these include announcing in 2015 that

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00:02:48,309 --> 00:02:47,040

virgin usa would be relocating to

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00:02:51,190 --> 00:02:48,319

branson missouri

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00:02:53,589 --> 00:02:51,200

saying in 2011 that trained ferrets were

69

00:02:55,509 --> 00:02:53,599

used by virgin media to lay cable that

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00:02:58,070 --> 00:02:55,519

would expand its rural service

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00:02:59,990 --> 00:02:58,080

and claiming in 2010 to have bought

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00:03:02,070 --> 00:03:00,000

pluto in order to restore it to its

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00:03:05,430 --> 00:03:02,080

status as a full-fledged planet

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00:03:06,790 --> 00:03:05,440

way back in 1989 at around 4 a.m on

75

00:03:08,710 --> 00:03:06,800

march 31st

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00:03:11,110 --> 00:03:08,720

branson took off from a location in

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00:03:12,550 --> 00:03:11,120

london in a hot air balloon made to look

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00:03:14,869 --> 00:03:12,560

like a flying saucer

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00:03:16,070 --> 00:03:14,879

with lights flashing it floated over the

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00:03:18,070 --> 00:03:16,080

m25

81

00:03:20,390 --> 00:03:18,080

drivers on the road pulled over and got

82

00:03:21,830 --> 00:03:20,400

out of their cars to gawk at the craft

83

00:03:23,750 --> 00:03:21,840

police and media were shortly

84

00:03:25,910 --> 00:03:23,760

overwhelmed by ufo reports

85

00:03:27,830 --> 00:03:25,920

and the army was alerted the original

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00:03:29,910 --> 00:03:27,840

plan was to land in hyde park

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00:03:32,229 --> 00:03:29,920

but the wind blew the balloon off course

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00:03:33,589 --> 00:03:32,239

and branson was forced to land in surrey

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00:03:35,750 --> 00:03:33,599

field a football pitch

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00:03:36,949 --> 00:03:35,760

instead as the balloon came down the

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00:03:39,190 --> 00:03:36,959

police moved in

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00:03:41,630 --> 00:03:39,200

according to branson in a blog he posted

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00:03:44,869 --> 00:03:41,640

on world ufo day july 2nd

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00:03:46,149 --> 00:03:44,879

2013 a single officer was sent to

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00:03:48,309 --> 00:03:46,159

approach the craft

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00:03:49,430 --> 00:03:48,319

as the officer closed in a door in the

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00:03:51,589 --> 00:03:49,440

craft opened

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00:03:52,470 --> 00:03:51,599

fog billowed out and a little person

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00:03:55,270 --> 00:03:52,480

wearing an e.t

100

00:03:57,190 --> 00:03:55,280

mask emerged the officer turned around

101  
00:03:58,949 --> 00:03:57,200  
and ran in the opposite direction

102  
00:04:00,789 --> 00:03:58,959  
when the officers realized that the

103  
00:04:01,509 --> 00:04:00,799  
whole thing was a prank staged by

104  
00:04:02,949 --> 00:04:01,519  
branson

105  
00:04:05,190 --> 00:04:02,959  
they threatened to arrest him for

106  
00:04:06,710 --> 00:04:05,200  
wasting their time but then relaxed when

107  
00:04:08,630 --> 00:04:06,720  
they saw the humor of it

108  
00:04:10,789 --> 00:04:08,640  
the mayor of the jordanian town of

109  
00:04:12,710 --> 00:04:10,799  
jaffer failed to see the humor of a

110  
00:04:14,390 --> 00:04:12,720  
prank perpetrated by the jordanian

111  
00:04:17,830 --> 00:04:14,400  
newspaper al ghahad

112  
00:04:19,909 --> 00:04:17,840  
on april 1st 2010 the front page of the

113  
00:04:22,790 --> 00:04:19,919

paper that day contained an article

114

00:04:24,310 --> 00:04:22,800

informing citizens that ufos piloted by

115

00:04:26,870 --> 00:04:24,320

creatures 3 meters

116

00:04:27,990 --> 00:04:26,880

10 feet tall had landed in the desert

117

00:04:30,390 --> 00:04:28,000

near jaffa

118

00:04:31,830 --> 00:04:30,400

according to the article the ufos caused

119

00:04:33,510 --> 00:04:31,840

communications failure

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00:04:35,510 --> 00:04:33,520

as they lit up the town and caused

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00:04:36,310 --> 00:04:35,520

townspeople to run scared into the

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00:04:39,270 --> 00:04:36,320

streets

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00:04:41,270 --> 00:04:39,280

the mayor of jaffa mohamed malayan spoke

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00:04:42,870 --> 00:04:41,280

to the associated press about his

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00:04:44,710 --> 00:04:42,880

reaction and the reactions of his

126  
00:04:46,710 --> 00:04:44,720  
constituents to the story

127  
00:04:48,390 --> 00:04:46,720  
according to him parents were frightened

128  
00:04:48,950 --> 00:04:48,400  
enough to keep their children home from

129  
00:04:51,510 --> 00:04:48,960  
school

130  
00:04:53,270 --> 00:04:51,520  
and he came close to evacuating jaffer's

131  
00:04:55,350 --> 00:04:53,280  
thirteen thousand residents

132  
00:04:56,629 --> 00:04:55,360  
he said he notified local security

133  
00:04:59,030 --> 00:04:56,639  
authorities who then

134  
00:05:00,070 --> 00:04:59,040  
dutifully searched for the aliens none

135  
00:05:02,550 --> 00:05:00,080  
were found

136  
00:05:04,390 --> 00:05:02,560  
bbc news reported that malayan was

137  
00:05:05,270 --> 00:05:04,400  
considering bringing a lawsuit against

138  
00:05:08,150 --> 00:05:05,280

the paper

139

00:05:09,670 --> 00:05:08,160

alcohol managing editor musa bachume

140

00:05:12,310 --> 00:05:09,680

apologized for the story

141

00:05:12,870 --> 00:05:12,320

saying we meant to entertain not scare

142

00:05:15,029 --> 00:05:12,880

people

143

00:05:17,189 --> 00:05:15,039

the bbc article notes that while

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00:05:17,670 --> 00:05:17,199

egyptians are known in the arab world as

145

00:05:20,310 --> 00:05:17,680

being

146

00:05:21,270 --> 00:05:20,320

big jokers able to easily laugh at just

147

00:05:23,270 --> 00:05:21,280

about anything

148

00:05:25,990 --> 00:05:23,280

the jordanians are considered more

149

00:05:28,070 --> 00:05:26,000

serious the u.s army corps of engineers

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00:05:31,430 --> 00:05:28,080

got into the april fools spirit with an

151  
00:05:32,710 --> 00:05:31,440  
april 1 2018 posting on their baltimore

152  
00:05:35,270 --> 00:05:32,720  
district website

153  
00:05:37,430 --> 00:05:35,280  
the post is headlined corps of engineers

154  
00:05:39,909 --> 00:05:37,440  
pulls ufo out of dc waters

155  
00:05:41,510 --> 00:05:39,919  
near reagan national airport and shows a

156  
00:05:43,909 --> 00:05:41,520  
picture of a salvage vessel

157  
00:05:44,790 --> 00:05:43,919  
carrying a flying saucer the alien

158  
00:05:46,469 --> 00:05:44,800  
spacecraft

159  
00:05:48,070 --> 00:05:46,479  
was reported to have been recovered

160  
00:05:50,390 --> 00:05:48,080  
while clearing debris from the

161  
00:05:50,950 --> 00:05:50,400  
confluence of the anacostia and potomac

162  
00:05:53,430 --> 00:05:50,960  
rivers

163  
00:05:55,749 --> 00:05:53,440

during a routine mission and was taken

164

00:05:57,110 --> 00:05:55,759

by air force personnel to joint base

165

00:05:59,270 --> 00:05:57,120

andrews in maryland

166

00:06:00,950 --> 00:05:59,280

at the very bottom of the post is this

167

00:06:03,670 --> 00:06:00,960

caution please note

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00:06:05,350 --> 00:06:03,680

this is an april fool's day joke it was

169

00:06:07,510 --> 00:06:05,360

a good thing that this was added

170

00:06:08,710 --> 00:06:07,520

because in the united states while those

171

00:06:11,270 --> 00:06:08,720

in washington dc

172

00:06:13,029 --> 00:06:11,280

are known to be big jokers virginians

173

00:06:13,749 --> 00:06:13,039

living just across the potomac are

174

00:06:26,230 --> 00:06:13,759

considered

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00:06:49,680 --> 00:06:31,400

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