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'Monster' From Outer Space Arrives Here Via 'Saucer'

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"Bashful Billy," the monster from outer space and southern West Virginia, arrived in Wheeling by flying saucer yesterday, and promptly set tongues wagging and telephones burning. Even the Wheeling police prepared to call out all Space Cadets.

was found at Vineyard Hill, and that a city policeman was burned mysteriously about the arm.

Police Lt. John P. Murphy reported similar calls pertaining to an injured policeman, and in one instance was asked to send a patrolman to Vineyard Hill for guard duty.

Since no members of the department are equipped with Buck

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00:00:38,229 --> 00:00:16,100

[Music]

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00:00:40,630 --> 00:00:38,239

a ufo and occupant in wheeling west

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00:00:43,990 --> 00:00:40,640

virginia by charles lear

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00:00:46,229 --> 00:00:44,000

on september 12 1952 a woman and six

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00:00:48,229 --> 00:00:46,239

boys in the town of flatwoods in braxton

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00:00:49,990 --> 00:00:48,239

county west virginia reported that

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00:00:52,869 --> 00:00:50,000

they'd had an encounter with a landed

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00:00:55,029 --> 00:00:52,879

ufo and a strange creature the woman mrs

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00:00:57,830 --> 00:00:55,039

kathleen may describe the creature to a

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00:00:59,990 --> 00:00:57,840

reporter as a fire breathing monster 10

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00:01:02,229 --> 00:01:00,000

feet tall with a bright green body and a

12
00:01:04,390 --> 00:01:02,239

blood-red face she said the creature

13
00:01:06,550 --> 00:01:04,400

emitted an odor like metal that caused

14

00:01:09,190 --> 00:01:06,560

everyone to vomit for hours after the

15

00:01:11,750 --> 00:01:09,200

encounter she added it looked worse than

16

00:01:13,670 --> 00:01:11,760

frankenstein the witnesses all agreed

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00:01:15,910 --> 00:01:13,680

that the figure had a red face and two

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00:01:17,429 --> 00:01:15,920

openings like eyes that projected beams

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00:01:19,429 --> 00:01:17,439

of greenish orange light over their

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00:01:21,590 --> 00:01:19,439

heads and that around the face there was

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00:01:23,590 --> 00:01:21,600

a dark hood-like shape that came to a

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00:01:25,749 --> 00:01:23,600

point like the ace of spades the

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00:01:28,469 --> 00:01:25,759

creatures become known as the flatwoods

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00:01:30,310 --> 00:01:28,479

monster by september 15th the case was

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00:01:32,550 --> 00:01:30,320

reported in newspapers all over the

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00:01:34,789 --> 00:01:32,560

country it is likely that most readers

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00:01:37,030 --> 00:01:34,799

are aware of this case but many may not

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00:01:39,030 --> 00:01:37,040

be aware of reports from nearby wheeling

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00:01:42,950 --> 00:01:39,040

west virginia just a couple of days

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00:01:44,870 --> 00:01:42,960

later on september 16 1952 the wheeling

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00:01:47,670 --> 00:01:44,880

intelligencer carried an article with

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00:01:50,230 --> 00:01:47,680

the headline monster from outer space

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00:01:52,630 --> 00:01:50,240

arrives here via saucer according to the

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00:01:55,429 --> 00:01:52,640

article the phones of the willing police

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00:01:58,149 --> 00:01:55,439

and the intelligencer were kept humming

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00:02:00,870 --> 00:01:58,159

as anxious citizens called asking about

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00:02:02,870 --> 00:02:00,880

a reported saucer crash and monster in

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00:02:05,670 --> 00:02:02,880

an area near the vineyard hills housing

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00:02:07,830 --> 00:02:05,680

project callers also asked if it was

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00:02:09,990 --> 00:02:07,840

true that a policeman had had his arm

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00:02:12,390 --> 00:02:10,000

badly burned and that the burned body of

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00:02:14,390 --> 00:02:12,400

a woman had been found the only mention

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00:02:17,110 --> 00:02:14,400

in the article of an actual report from

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00:02:19,589 --> 00:02:17,120

the callers is that an unpleasant odor

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00:02:22,070 --> 00:02:19,599

was produced by the monster the writer

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00:02:23,990 --> 00:02:22,080

of the article dent williams chose to

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00:02:26,470 --> 00:02:24,000

report the news with an emphasis on

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00:02:29,190 --> 00:02:26,480

humor the monster is referred to as

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00:02:31,110 --> 00:02:29,200

bashful billy because according to den

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00:02:33,509 --> 00:02:31,120

none of the callers had actually seen

51
00:02:35,990 --> 00:02:33,519
the creature from fairyland but were

52
00:02:37,670 --> 00:02:36,000
passing on reports from people who had

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00:02:39,589 --> 00:02:37,680
talked to people who would talk to

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00:02:42,070 --> 00:02:39,599
people who had heard about the vineyard

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00:02:43,830 --> 00:02:42,080
hill frankenstein dent reports that

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00:02:46,550 --> 00:02:43,840
lieutenant murphy didn't send a

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00:02:48,550 --> 00:02:46,560
patrolman to the area because no members

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00:02:51,030 --> 00:02:48,560
of the department are equipped with buck

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00:02:52,550 --> 00:02:51,040
rogers rocket guns what may be of

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00:02:55,190 --> 00:02:52,560
interest to those familiar with the

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00:02:57,270 --> 00:02:55,200
flatwoods case is a report from two men

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00:02:59,509 --> 00:02:57,280
and one woman according to them they

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00:03:00,949 --> 00:02:59,519

were near independence pennsylvania and

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

were watching an airplane from

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00:03:05,589 --> 00:03:03,200

independence airfield when a ball of

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00:03:08,229 --> 00:03:05,599

fire zoomed over the horizon they

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00:03:10,070 --> 00:03:08,239

described it as being very small and

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00:03:12,390 --> 00:03:10,080

said that it had no sparks trailing

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00:03:14,790 --> 00:03:12,400

behind it wheeling resident william

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00:03:16,790 --> 00:03:14,800

downey is quoted as saying i've been

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00:03:18,949 --> 00:03:16,800

watching every night since i first heard

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00:03:21,110 --> 00:03:18,959

of flying saucers and i've never seen

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00:03:22,630 --> 00:03:21,120

one until tonight that is

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00:03:24,949 --> 00:03:22,640

around the time of the flatwoods

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00:03:26,470 --> 00:03:24,959

incident there were reports of fireballs

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00:03:28,550 --> 00:03:26,480
coming into police stations and

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00:03:31,110 --> 00:03:28,560
newspaper offices all over the

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00:03:33,830 --> 00:03:31,120
southeastern united states flatwoods

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00:03:35,910 --> 00:03:33,840
investigator ivan t sanderson determined

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00:03:38,149 --> 00:03:35,920
that there were six fireballs in total

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00:03:39,910 --> 00:03:38,159
and speculated that they were spaceships

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00:03:41,990 --> 00:03:39,920
that had started the malfunction over

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00:03:43,110 --> 00:03:42,000
west virginia due to its polluted

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00:03:44,949 --> 00:03:43,120
atmosphere

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00:03:46,390 --> 00:03:44,959
the rumored crash and creature of

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00:03:48,149 --> 00:03:46,400
wheeling west virginia

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00:03:50,630 --> 00:03:48,159
might have been completely forgotten if

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00:03:52,710 --> 00:03:50,640

not for frank fischino jr who published

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00:03:55,910 --> 00:03:52,720

a book about the braxton county incident

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00:03:58,550 --> 00:03:55,920

in 2012 titled the braxton county

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00:04:00,789 --> 00:03:58,560

monster fascino includes the entire

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00:04:03,030 --> 00:04:00,799

intelligencer article in his book along

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00:04:06,229 --> 00:04:03,040

with an article from the september 16

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00:04:08,789 --> 00:04:06,239

1952 fairmount times headlined

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00:04:10,710 --> 00:04:08,799

green-eyed monster again reported loose

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00:04:12,710 --> 00:04:10,720

in state this article is a more

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00:04:15,350 --> 00:04:12,720

straightforward account and includes the

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00:04:17,990 --> 00:04:15,360

police explanation that the rumors came

99

00:04:19,830 --> 00:04:18,000

from the active imaginations of citizens

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00:04:22,550 --> 00:04:19,840

who'd read the newspaper articles about

101

00:04:24,230 --> 00:04:22,560

the incident in braxton county fischino

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00:04:26,150 --> 00:04:24,240

speculates frequently throughout his

103

00:04:27,990 --> 00:04:26,160

book and states as fact that the

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

wheeling police had actually discovered

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00:04:32,629 --> 00:04:29,759

the burnt remains of the reported

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00:04:40,940 --> 00:04:32,639

creature whatever the case bashful billy