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The SciFi Channel Original Series, SciFi Investigates.

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Throughout history there have been inexplicable phenomena,

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paranormal experiences, mythical creatures, events that defy logic.

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Now, SciFi Channel has assembled a team of investigators,

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four individuals with different expertise,

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you're suggesting it.

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and very different perspectives.

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Not at all.

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He doesn't believe anything.

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It's not that I don't believe anything.

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Together they will search for the truth behind mysteries old and new.

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Archaeologist Bill Doleman

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But how come there's no tangible evidence?

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Crime scene investigator Deborah DeBritney

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And paranormal investigator Rich Doleman

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I think that there is secret technology.

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And skeptic Rob Mariano

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Kids finding errors already.

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The team behind SciFi Investigates

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Tonight, the SciFi Investigates team goes to West Virginia

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to travel the mystery of Mothman, a fearsome red-eyed creature

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made famous by Richard Gere in the 2002 film The Mothman Prophecies.

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40 years ago, Mothman terrorized the tiny town of Point Pleasant.

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More than 100 witnesses reported seeing the soaring 6-foot creature.

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That thing jumped on the hood of the car.

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At the same time, unidentified flying objects appeared in the sky.

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While on the ground, mysterious men in black warned residents

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not to report what they'd seen.

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We thought they were aliens actually, disguised as humans.

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Now, with new reports of Mothman sightings reviving interest in the case,

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the team heads to Point Pleasant in search of answers.

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It's kind of gloid.

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With tireless research, they'll untangle a bizarre web

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of overlapping paranormal events that some say culminated

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in the largest bridge disaster in U.S. history.

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46 people perished in the bridge collapse.

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Was it all connected? A harbinger of impending doom?

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It became a big thing once locals started seeing it.

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Tonight, the SciFi Investigates team uncovers the truth behind the mystery of Mothman.

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So guys, here we are in West Virginia.

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We're here to investigate the Mothman story

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and also look at the strange happenings of Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

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So how do we feel? I'm psyched. I'm pumped.

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I'm the team leader for this Mothman investigation.

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So I want to make sure we get a really wide array of evidence,

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including witness testimony and any physical evidence

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that may be out there incorporated into our investigation.

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We've got a strange creature, men in black.

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That's right, they're real ones.

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And UFOs? What else? Is there anything else?

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Well, and then there's the collapse of the Silver Bridge.

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Yeah, but I do have to point out that Mothman is not only associated with Point Pleasant,

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there's been many disasters throughout the world.

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Mexico City, Earthquake, the Chernobyl disaster,

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it was associated with Chernobyl, and also with 9-11.

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There was supposed to be a sighting of Mothman before 9-11.

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Do you think the people make up that they saw the Mothman after the disaster?

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That's one way of doing it.

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You know, because I mean, it's not like they reported before.

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How much credence are we giving to these stories before we talk to the witnesses?

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Based on our research that we've done.

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How convinced are you right now?

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I can tell you as a UFO researcher, Mothman is one topic that almost 90-plus percent of the researchers

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would say like, no, keep away. It's kind of weird.

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As a scientist, I am looking for information, physical evidence,

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convincing eyewitnesses that will help me identify what I think must be the kernel of truth

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that lies at the heart of the Mothman mystery.

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Step on it, will you? I want to get there today.

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Approaching Main Street of Point Pleasant, West Virginia was like entering a time warp.

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Hey guys, wow. Take a look at this town, huh?

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Oh, wow. Look at this.

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Oh my God.

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Would you take a look at this? It looks like they're stuck in the 60s here.

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It really looks like a dead.

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Wow, we are in retro-nil, guys.

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Oh, here's the statue.

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The Mothman statue?

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Oh my gosh.

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Come on, the statue.

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I'm speechless. I mean, come on, guys.

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This is what we're looking for?

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Yes.

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Why don't we go check in?

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You guys want to check in the hotel?

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Yeah, let's do it.

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We checked into the hotel, took our bags up to the room,

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and then decided to take a tour of the town.

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And that took us to the Mothman Museum, which was in itself quite an interesting experience.

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The Mothman Museum was like a playground for Rob because it is so kitschy.

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Do not trust your eyes.

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I mean, it just set Rob up perfectly for, you know, getting his opinion in that he can debunk this Mothman legacy.

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It was really funny to watch him.

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My initial take is, I don't really believe in Mothman,

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but this hotel that was staying at is haunted, and I don't like it.

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Not one bit.

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Hey, how you doing? I'm Jeff Wamsley.

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We met Jeff Wamsley, the guy who created the museum.

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It's a big part of the town's history, and I grew up here.

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There were over 100 reported sightings with the three-month period in 66-67.

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One thing Jeff made very clear was that there was a very strong concentration of UFO sightings.

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At the same time that there were Mothman sightings here in West Virginia.

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The headlines from the period where these Mothman sightings were occurring are kind of fantastic.

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They're really in your face Mothman seen by a couple on a bridge.

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I'm just wondering, where do you stand on all of this?

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I think it actually happened. I mean, there was too many people that saw it.

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I found these police reports here if you want to check these out.

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At one point Jeff mentioned that he actually had the original handwritten statements of the first eye witnesses,

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Linda Scarberry, her husband, and one other person.

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And I asked if we could see them.

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These were all written at the Sheriff's Department.

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How do you know they came from the police department?

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Because they're not on official form.

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These came from Linda Scarberry's collection.

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They all look pretty old.

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Well, I will say this, I am an amateur graphologist for the record.

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Here we go.

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Handwriting analysis.

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What don't you do?

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Out of nowhere. He's an amateur handwriting specialist expert.

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Like, are you kidding me dude? Get a hobby. Something that's normal.

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This is Linda. We were riding through the TNT area on a side road by the old powerhouse building

around 12 o'clock on Tuesday night.

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I looked up and saw it go around the corner at the old powerhouse.

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It didn't run, but wobbled like it couldn't keep its balance.

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They saw this creature, gun the car to over 100 miles per hour, and basically panicked.

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And she gave a pretty thorough description of what happened step by step.

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Myself as an investigator, I'm not really buying what's in them.

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I've seen a lot of statements coming from witnesses of a crime or those who had been victims of a crime.

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And they're not that well planned out and they're not that coherent.

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Unless I meet with Linda and I decide that I don't feel she's a trustworthy person,

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I'm working on the assumption that these statements are what Jeffrey said that they were.

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That they were statements made at the time early on on what these people saw.

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Hey guys, why don't we go and check out the rest of Main Street.

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Let's go.

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Tom's good.

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Thanks man.

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I thought it was really cool that he brought those statements out.

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Because the reason I asked is I wanted to know whether they could be produced.

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And he'd be produced them.

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But you don't think they're legitimate.

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The statements they're fake.

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To me, not fake, but the statements to me, there's no indication that they came from the police department whatsoever.

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And there's no signed statement that a police officer took the statement, which is protocol when you take a statement.

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Well, it's protocol for your police department in 2006.

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Go back 40 years in rural West Virginia.

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I mean, really.

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The discussion got pretty animated because we had a variety of different opinions about it.

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I'm with Debbie here and because I think we share the same thing.

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It's the whole distance from the evidence question.

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And for me as an archaeologist, it's what we call provenance or provenance.

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I think this is silly.

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Hang on, hang on.

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No, you're being silly.

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No I'm not.

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Now you're interrupting me, Rich.

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I ain't going to put up with it.

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Bill kind of laid down the law a little bit with Rich because Bill knows as a, you know, a really good scientist that the further you are away from the origin of evidence, the less you can give credence to that piece of evidence.

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I mean, I just think it's silly to doubt at this point that these were actual statements that these people wrote.

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It seems silly to me.

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Look, here's the deal.

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Tomorrow when we talk to Linda, what I'd like to do is ask her, if she remembers writing the statement,

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ask her what the protocol was for writing it.

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Great.

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After we had our discussion, we headed back to the hotel and we walked into the lobby.

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And sort of had a pow-wow to plan out the rest of our investigation.

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But while we were sitting there, this woman comes and approaches our group and she says,

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Hi, sorry to interrupt.

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Hi.

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Are you guys here about Mothman?

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We are.

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I am a witness.

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Wow.

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What's your name?

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Please join us.

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My name is Robin Pye at Bellamy.

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She told us about her Mothman experience, which was when she was about eight or nine years old.

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She was in a car, saw a Mothman standing next to a railroad track while they were driving down the road.

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How close were you to it?

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Oh, probably twice the distance between me and you.

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Can you describe what you saw then?

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My eight or nine-year-old brain registered a man in a wetsuit with wigs.

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Very slippery kind of texture to him.

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Very muscular.

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Definitely no beak.

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The whole bird thing is only from the wings, not from any facial expression of a bird.

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And those red, red eyes.

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And they're startling.

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I think all of the team members took Robin seriously when she was describing her Mothman experiences.

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I think that you'll find, especially with the Mothman witnesses, a lot of things go on around them.

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And this town has been known for years as a bit of a vortex.

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And in fact, she added yet another thread to the real interesting tapestry that is the Mothman story in Point Pleasant West Virginia.

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And that is the haunted hotel we're staying in.

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I've seen apparitions in this hotel on more than one occasion.

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It's a Cory B. Connors hotel. I gotta say.

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It was very interesting sighting for sixteen or couple years ago.

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She took us on a tour of some of the haunted rooms.

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One of the haunted rooms, it happens to be my room, room 311.

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There's apparently this lady that comes and just sort of walks around.

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You're right. I don't like the vibe in there.

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Shilloff. It's cold in here.

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Feel it.

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There's areas that are randomly cold.

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It is cold here.

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Yeah, I agree. It is cold here.

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After speaking with Robin about this hotel, I'm totally creeped out.

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I swear, if I see one more weird thing, I'm gonna be walking back to Boston.

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I thought you were the non-believer.

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I don't believe in the flying Mothman.

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But you're willing to believe in a ghost.

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Oh, yeah. Ghosts are real? Are you kidding me?

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After we came out of Debbie's room, a couple of people were going downstairs.

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And there was all this commotion down at the bottom of the stairs.

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I'm thinking, what's happening?

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I hate being scared. I swear to God.

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Okay, what's going on here? I don't know. I just got scared.

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And as I was able to figure it out, he thought he saw an apparition down the hallway of this very hotel.

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And I'm thinking, come on, man, you'd like pull on my leg or what?

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You know, he's freaking out. And really, for the skeptic to be freaking out, I'm getting kind of like...

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You know? He was pretty scared.

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In fact, he was so freaked out he didn't even want to talk about it or even stay in the hotel.

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Because I hate it. I'm leaving.

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I don't want to go up in this hotel and go to sleep because something weird is going on.

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And that's the best I can do to explain it.

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It's absolutely nothing scientific. It's nothing concrete.

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But it's just a feeling I have.

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Coming up, the team hears chilling accounts from Mothman eyewitnesses.

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I just drove. And I just thought, well, at any time this creature, whatever he is, my life's over.

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And later, a search for evidence in the Mothman's original haunt.

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We were shining flashlights around and you never knew if you were going to come across two red eyes.

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When Sci-Fi Investigates continues.

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Well, after spending a pretty restless night in our haunted hotel,

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the team decided that the best way to start our second day of investigation would be to track down some witnesses who actually experienced Mothman firsthand, up close.

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And we wanted to end the day by camping out where the military used to make bombs.

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The locals called the TNT area.

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It's the area where the Mothman was first sighted.

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So the first thing we did this morning was meet with Linda Scobberry.

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Oh, I am Rob. Good to meet you.

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She was the original first witness to Mothman.

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And I gotta say I was excited to meet her because we had a first-hand account of the lady who started all of this.

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She sat down and talked to us and gave us her full account of what she went through that day and how it's affected her life.

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We were out driving around. It was about 11.30.

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And we decided to go chase parkers.

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So we went up in the TNT area and it was standing in the doorway of the powerhouse.

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What was standing there?

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The Mothman.

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How close were you to this? I mean, did you get a good look at this?

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Yeah, pretty good.

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We never did see a face because the eyes were so bright.

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We were kind of a bright red.

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Linda Scoberry was describing the Mothman to us.

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And the thing that stuck out the most to me was the fact that this creature had big red eyes.

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It was half human, half bird-like. It had wings.

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But she kept reiterating the big red eyes.

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I've never seen it come on red before.

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So you saw it and then what was your reaction immediately?

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We took off and it followed us all the way down into town.

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Flying over your car? Yeah.

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You must have been terrified.

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Oh, it was.

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One thing about Linda's account that didn't make it credible was that the fact that they actually did go to the police headquarters directly after the incident to report it.

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And what happened when you got there to the police station?

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They just, they were just crazy.

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Did they take a statement from you or anything?

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They had us write out a statement.

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Did they give you the paper or did they just have something to say?

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They just had paper there. They didn't believe us though. They didn't want to fool with us. They just laughed it off.

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We went ahead and wrote that out and they sent somebody.

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She told her story really honestly.

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From her demeanor you could tell that she was still scared of the event even though it's happened more than 40 years ago.

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And I don't know, she's pretty credible of a witness I think.

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If they did see something real, what is it that could stand?

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Alright, look about the size of a man, have glowing red eyes and then fly.

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I can't think of anything.

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But the problem is, there's no details in the facts.

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All the facts are vague.

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Remember it did happen a very long time ago.

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It did. It happened 40 years ago.

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But I mean, as far as the police didn't believe them and they didn't give the statement.

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You can create a thousand excellent witnesses in front of Rob and he'll never ever change his mind.

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Rob will never believe in the Mothman, not in a thousand years.

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Not unless he sees the Mothman himself.

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So guys, here's the house of Marcella Bennett.

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Now this is the woman who also had an eyewitness account of the Mothman shortly after Linda Scarberry.

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Marcella, thank you for having us here today.

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I'm glad to have you.

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Did you have a close-up sighting of the Mothman?

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I did.

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A strange thing happened to Marcella one evening leaving her brother's home with her young daughter.

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Her brother asked her to look in the sky.

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There was this bright, ovular light in the sky really close to the ground.

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So she did see the ovular light in the sky.

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But then upon reaching her car, she came upon this creature with legs.

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I could see it was like more like a bird.

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It had wings and a span, but its neck went down in like a bird like that.

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Did you get a look at the face?

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No. I know it wasn't a bird. It was too large for a bird.

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It was six foot tall at least.

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So what did you do?

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I just froze.

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And I just thought, well at any time this creature, whatever he is, my life's over.

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And after being frozen in terror, understandably for a brief period of time, she turned and ran.

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It happened. It's real.

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And then yes, it's hard to believe because you didn't see it and you didn't experience it.

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Marcella went on to tell us that 13 months later, her uncle also saw the creature in broad daylight outside his window.

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And he told me that he had looked out his back glass towards the high river in the bridge.

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And that that same day that bridge fell within three hours that there was a creature like you saw Marcella flying towards that bridge.

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What kind of person was your uncle?

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He was a very respectable person and he would never told me that if he, you know, had not saw what he saw.

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Guys, we should check this out too, the river museum.

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To learn more about the Silver Bridge Collapse and its possible connection to the Mothman sightings, we took our investigation to Point Pleasant's river museum.

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Hi, nice to meet you. I'm Rich with Sci-Fi Investigates.

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Here's the picture of it after it fell.

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Upstairs we spoke to Ruth about why the bridge collapsed and how it affected Point Pleasant as a community.

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Here is our model of the Silver Bridge and this eye bar right here is the one that broke.

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And it only took one of those eye bars to break to cause the whole bridge to fall.

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I was particularly interested in finding out what actually caused the Silver Bridge Collapse because of what Marcella told us.

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And also because the Mothman Prophecies Movie hinted that the Mothman sightings actually foretold the disaster.

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Ruth, was there any indication with what you know about the collapse and all the research that you've done that tie into the Mothman?

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It depends on who you're talking to.

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Some people they think that the Mothman, you know, was an omen of something bad to come and that it wasn't spotted locally after the Silver Bridge fell.

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I kind of keep them separate myself.

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Out of the 46 people who perished in the bridge collapse, the highest percentage of people from one area came from Point Pleasant.

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So that must have been just devastating, especially in light of the Mothmaning Stereo that was going on at the time.

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And here's a picture of it after it fell.

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I can imagine how devastating the impact would have been.

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Traffic bypasses Point Pleasant now as a whole.

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We have lots of empty buildings now due to the fact that, you know, businesses have gone elsewhere.

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This bridge falling down and this sea and this Mothman thing is the most exciting thing that's ever happened here in the history of these people's lives.

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It created, no, it just created some excitement and then they perpetuated it by trying to relate every single thing that happened to it.

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I don't think Rob's opening up to the idea of Mothman in Point Pleasant.

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He may respect a witness for presenting their story in an unbelievable manner, but I don't think he's in any way swayed toward the possibility of Mothman existing.

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Unless he sees it in the woods for himself, he's not going to believe it.

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Next, the team follows a trail of reports linking Mothman to sightings of UFOs and mysterious men in black.

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She thought they were aliens, actually.

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Plus later, Rob goes into the deep looking for lost evidence.

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I found myself 25 feet down on the bottom of this river. I mean, it was a little bit scary.

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What will his search reveal?

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The whole thing.

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Well, we've been in West Virginia for 24 hours now and we haven't come across any physical evidence up to this point.

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So the team's really interested to get out to this area where the Mothman was first sighted.

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The locals call it the TNT area because it's where the military used to make it store bombs.

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But before we do that, we need to speak to two more witnesses who can take us deeper into Point Pleasants' alleged paranormal past.

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So guys, we're heading over to Feta Witt's house now. She had an encounter when she was 14 years old.

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This is one of the weirdest stories of all with the Mothman. She said her brother was a skeptic.

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He said, let's go out into the TNT area and we're going to prove that this is all a big hoax.

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And so we all rode with him out there and we were going to go out there and prove this thing wrong.

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And so after we turned off on that main road, he noticed that first my brother did something by the wind because he kept turning his head looking, you know.

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And then after he did it the second time, I said, well, what is it?

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And he said, well, don't look. He said, but there's something by the wind there. I don't know what it is.

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And when she turned to look, she saw this creature running beside the car on two legs.

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But it was kind of like this, you know, being over a little bit running and looking in with his head turned so it could see in there.

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So were you guys screaming?

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The other kids was crying and hollering, you know.

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And then later on it eventually hopped onto the hood and crouched there and looked at both Faye and her brother.

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And so they got a really good look at the creature.

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Was there a color you noticed to the other?

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Yes, a red like you've never seen red before.

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At some point the creature jumped in front of the car and leaped in one jump, she said, to the top of a tall house or building.

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And just sitting there just like anybody watching somebody.

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And that's when I noticed it had claws on its feet. How many toes or whatever, I don't know.

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Then her brother opens the door like a police officer about to shoot a criminal.

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And from behind this door starts in her words, chucking coal at the mothman.

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And it landed right almost at the bottom of its foot and rolled down.

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When it did that thing stood up.

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I said, now look what you've done, you got it coming after us. Get back in the car.

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And they got back in and he peeled out.

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That's Faye's story.

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I have to say that I do believe that Faye saw something. I mean, she just seemed so convinced of her story.

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And then she started talking to us about her premonitions.

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I just had the awful dread that day.

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Her first premonition was about a year later during the collapse of the Silver Bridge.

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We were supposed to be on that bridge that day.

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And I just felt like something was going to happen if we went over it.

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And then of course the bridge collapsed.

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Since that time, Faye has said that she's had a number of premonitions, which she says have come true.

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She links us to the mothman sighting.

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But since then, oh man, they've been like every time turn around just about.

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What's really interesting about Faye is that while some people think that mothman sightings are a bad omen,

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she actually thinks her mothman experience gave her the power to sense impending doom.

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I can tell when things are going to happen. I've told it and it's happened and it scared me to

death.

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So I got thinking, hey, I'm losing it here, you know.

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She had seen mothman and she had had premonitions.

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And it's just a little too neat a story that detracts from the credibility for me.

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After Faye's interview, I had had it. I was done with doing interviews for the day.

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So you know, that was interesting to say the least, but it is getting late in the day and we need to set up camp.

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Yeah.

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I was thinking about putting the tents together and getting camp set up.

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If you guys want you go talk to Dottie Campbell. I'm kind of interviewed out.

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While Rob went out to the TNT area where Faye, Linda and Marcella had seen the mothman to set up our campsite,

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the rest of us went to meet with Dottie Campbell.

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Hello. Hi, I'm Debbie. I'm with Sci-Fi Investigates.

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Hi, Dottie.

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Dottie told us about some of the other strange things that happened in Point Pleasant

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around the same time as the mothman sightings, the men in black and UFOs.

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She was an extra neighbor to Mary Hire.

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And Mary was the journalist who really got the mothman story out there to the world.

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Mary Hire was a really respectable journalist at the time who wrote about mothman sightings

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and sightings of the men in black and the paranormal.

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And she used to relate these stories to Dottie over this chain link fence.

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She would go out at night and watch the UFOs.

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There was quite a rash of them at that time here.

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And while she was a reporter and would be in her office on 6th Street,

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it was where she was encountered with the men in black.

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And she would tell me as we talked over the fence how frightened she was of the men in black.

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Could you tell us some of the things what would they be talking with her about?

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They did try to get her not to write about these stories any longer.

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She thought they were aliens actually disguised as humans and were from somewhere else.

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Why do you think she thought that?

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Because of their look and their complexion and never blinking their eyes and that type of thing.

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After talking about Mary Hire with Dottie, we walked across the property that used to be her backyard

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toward the spot where she and her family witnessed this huge wine saucer above their house during a summer cookout.

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We encountered this UFO that went over the house right in this area.

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It was a large, long cylinder type craft.

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It was huge. It was probably three house lengths long.

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She's like the grandma that everyone wants to have.

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I have a hard time thinking that this person is making up the shred of anything.

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Was it high in the sky or low?

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It was low. It was treetop high.

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Dottie, did you file a report on this UFO?

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We did call the police. The city policeman came and we were telling him about it.

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He said, what have you folks been drinking?

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This is a teenage party. We've had coaxes. That's about it.

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He left and we didn't even talk about it again.

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My suspicions at Bill and Debbie are they don't really know what to think.

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They recognize that there are credible witnesses, but they don't seem to be willing to take the leap into thinking,

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hey, maybe this mothman represents some kind of strange reality that actually may have existed here at Point Pleasant.

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Coming up, the team retraces mothman's steps in the thick wilderness he once roamed.

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This is creepy.

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And attempts to lure him back out of the darkness.

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When sci-fi investigates continues.

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After a day of interviewing eyewitnesses, we decided to spend the night in the area where the mothman was first sighted.

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It's a wildlife reserve, the locals call the TNT area, since the military used to make and store bombs out here.

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That's where Bill and I went looking for some evidence as to why the mothman might have been here those 40 years ago.

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I was 10 when all this happened. Everybody said there's a huge bird chasing cars in the TNT area.

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We met with Denny, who seems to be a bit of an expert in the history of the TNT location.

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Well, you know, you're in the clinic wildlife area, known locally to the locals here.

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It's the TNT area since that's what they manufactured out here.

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This is huge.

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Well, there's 6,000 acres out here.

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While we were walking around in this jungly place on this path, it was definitely kind of a creepy experience.

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And I was imagining the thing with big red eyes came out of that jungle and I saw it.

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Wow, I would be really impressed.

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The paths are kind of overgrown.

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There's the canals that look like a swamp thing could just crawl right out of it.

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Denny told us that when the explosive plant closed years ago, toxic wastes seeped into the ground and polluted the water.

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In fact, this whole area is a super fun site.

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I'm really interested in this business of toxic material in the ground water.

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Do you know, and especially because certain people I believe have said or hypothesized that mothman might have been a mutant creature that was created by the toxic waste here.

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What do you think about that?

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You know, a lot of people thought it was a mutant sandhill crane, but of course there's a lot of water birds out here.

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But you can't even get near a crane.

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I mean, much less something that would come up to your car and get apious.

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I mean, there's just so many square miles of lush, overgrown forest and you can get lost in a matter of 30 seconds.

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It's easy to believe that people would think there's something living out there.

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Well, we're going to take a look at some igloo, some of the old powder magazines that were out here.

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And then we started going down this trail to find one of these igloo munitions storage locations and actually go in and look at it.

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There's a lot of places to hide out here and a lot of people speculated that these igloos were some of the places where the bird hid.

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I feel like Indiana Jones now.

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Holy moly.

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You can kind of get an idea of what I'm going to do.

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This is creepy.

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It's essentially a half sphere of concrete.

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So the walls are hard concrete, the floor is hard concrete, the echoes are incredible.

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Is this all powder on the ground?

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I mean, like, drop a match and we're dead?

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Well, I don't know.

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And then Bill decided to be a good place to do some mothman calls.

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Eek!

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I'm really interested in the sounds that these creatures make.

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And Robin that we met with last night said it made a certain kind of sound and I asked her to imitate it and we went back and forth until she said, yes, you've got it.

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Eek!

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Well, if the mothman had showed up in the silo, we had nowhere to run.

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I mean, the place was just a big, cavernous thing.

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So he's shining flashlights around and you never knew, you know, if you were going to come across two red eyes.

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And that's what I kept looking for, those two glowing red eyes.

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In your opinion, you personally, do you believe in mothman?

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I think something was out here, definitely.

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So after our tour of the TNT area and it got a little dark, we made sure the fire was good and roaring.

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And our boy Rich whips out his trusty harmonica and stops going to town.

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The next thing I know, the rest of the gang's singing the mothman song to Dixie.

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45 minutes later, it's like we're doing a Broadway musical. I mean, we're really getting into it.

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In a little town in West Virginia, that's where we came to find the creature.

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Fly away, fly away, fly away, mothman.

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Rob was at the top of his game while we were composing this song.

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Everybody got a flap, everybody flap.

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I flaped him.

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Even you fly away, mothman, mothman.

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I wish I saw a mothman.

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It's pretty indicative of the way our team works.

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We're like four completely individual people with different points of views.

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Hey, keep up!

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When we come together, things sound alright.

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That's the way we're going to get it.

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Coming up, Rob strips down and gears up to look for long lost evidence in the Ohio River.

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The first problem came up, the second I jumped in the water.

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Plus, will the team unravel the link between mothman and UFOs?

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I said, people never believe what we're seeing right now.

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Do you think they were aliens?

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When the sun came up on the last day of our investigation, we still had nothing more than other people's memories of mothman to go on.

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Then I remembered something Marcella told us her uncle saw the day the Silver Bridge collapsed.

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And he told me that within three hours, that there was a creature, like you saw Marcella, flying towards that bridge.

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Since Rob is a certified diver, we decided we would take a chance.

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Rich and Rob agreed to go down to the river to look for clues that might have been overlooked in the original investigation.

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While Bill and I took one last look around the TNT area.

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So you're actually gonna wear a wet suit or you're just gonna go close with it?

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Are you kidding me?

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Did you go on that water without a wet suit?

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I mean, it doesn't work.

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I really wanted to see the wreckage of the car as the bridge, what was still down there.

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Just see if they missed anything.

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We are actually on the spot where the Silver Bridge was.

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Is this pretty much where it's been?

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It seems kind of close.

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What I remember in the pictures.

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Yes, this is the exact place where it was.

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That problem came up the second I jumped in the water.

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I had my mask on and I looked in the water and I could see that it was very murky.

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About five minutes later, I found myself 25 feet down on the bottom of this river,

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not able to see my own hand in front of my face.

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I mean, it was a little bit scary.

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They really asked if it was kind of dangerous to go down there and not see.

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You can't see your hand in front of your face.

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There was no chance to find anything down in that river.

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If they missed something, I can't really blame for missing it.

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We wanted to get our hands on some of the evidence from the Silver Bridge collapse.

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Got it.

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Since it is so closely associated with Mothman, and I think Rob was disappointed that he wasn't able to pull through on it.

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Good job.

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The way I see it, if you want to look into the Mothman mystery, you're not going to find physical evidence.

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It's just highly unlikely.

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What you've got are people. You have witnesses.

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To me, the most intriguing paranormal witnesses are the ones who never tell their story for fear of being ridiculed.

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So when Carolyn Harris decided that she and her family would talk to us on the last day of our investigation

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for the very first time about their experiences, we jumped at the chance.

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You have a lot of Mothman stuff back there.

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Come on back and we'll visit a little bit.

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Carolyn's sister actually saw Mothman or saw what she thought was clearly Mothman.

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They were out there, I guess, having a party, and it came out and flew over top of them.

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And she always thought it was great, right big and really tall.

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She didn't know how tall it was because it was flying, and it had big red, bloody-looking eyes.

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Not glaring like an animal, but big red, bloody, looking eyes.

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Wasn't she going to be meeting with us today?

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Yes, she was, but couldn't be here.

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Oh, can we ask you why?

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Yeah, her husband would rather she didn't get on tape and say that because he doesn't believe it.

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He wasn't with her when it happened.

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Are we right in assuming you believe your sister?

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Oh, yeah, yes I do.

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Carolyn's brother, Ed, also had an encounter with a UFO.

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About 2.30 in the morning, his wife woke him up and said, Ed, you've got to see this outside.

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Sure enough, it was a big bright light, and we looked at each other, and no idea what it was.

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We kept talking about it.

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I said, people never believe what we're seeing right now.

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Described a huge, extremely bright, circular object that made us seem almost like daylight around his house.

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And then instantly, in a vanish, it was gone.

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So that day on the news, they had spottings of UFOs up in Canall County, about two counties away.

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I looked at her and I said, that must have been the same thing we've seen, what they also seen up there.

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Carolyn had seen, she said, one of the men in black, and described him pretty comparably to some of the other witnesses we spoke to, as a kind of person who didn't seem quite right.

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I've seen them in town, and I know a few different places that they were, but I didn't realize until I was talking to some people later

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that whenever they went to shake hands, they went, like, what are you doing, you know?

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And they didn't bat their eyes.

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Do you think they were aliens?

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Very possible. We had a lot of UFOs at that time.

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What about a lot of people that say that the Mothman was flying over the Selva Bridge before it fell down?

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We never heard that until another camera crew was in here, and they were coming back to do a movie.

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They said, because Mothman led on the bridge to warn people.

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But all the time we were young growing up, we never heard that, did we?

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Have you heard that story from anyone in town since that time?

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Well, now a lot of people say that, because they heard that.

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Rumors get started that way, where you hear a piece of information, and forgetting where it came from, you might repeat it, and then all of a sudden it becomes part of this story.

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It's almost like, how legends start.

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I mean, that's what I was talking about, the snowball effect.

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We obviously came from a different part of the country to check this out.

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Does it really promote the economy around here?

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I can show you my tourist restaurant.

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I've probably had it from every state and union, and several overseas.

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So there is a significant part of the economy in Point Pleasant that depends on Mothman.

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Sure has been good for us, I'll tell you that.

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The people here are convinced that strange happenings go on, and I think that it's very possible

that strange occurrences such as UFOs,

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maybe something that looks like the Mothman that's been described to us so many times.

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Maybe it's possible that it did happen.

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As far as something bizarre making the legend real.

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When we return, after talking to witnesses, and examining the evidence, the team makes some startling conclusions.

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Paranormal stuff happens here.

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We wrapped up our Mothman investigation with a lot to think about, but little to show for our time in Point Pleasant.

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We didn't see the big red eyes in the woods out in the TNT area.

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We didn't come across any physical evidence in the Ohio River where the Silver Bridge collapsed.

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We couldn't find one person with as much as a feather, a footprint, even a fuzzy photograph of any paranormal event that supposedly occurred here.

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Still, everyone we talked to seemed totally believable when they told us what they had seen.

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The question is, is that enough?

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Well guys, we finished our investigation, we did everything we set out to do.

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What do we think? Is Mothman real?

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I'm more likely to believe now than I was when I was young.

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It doesn't really surprise me.

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My problem is that we spoke to a lot of people that I consider to be very credible, and I can't see that they were lying.

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How does that stand as evidence?

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There's not evidence at all. We have other people's opinions, and we can form our own, but at the end of the day, they're just opinions.

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How many credible, honest people do you need to hear tell you a story before you finally start to believe that it may be true?

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The story is still just a story. It's an eyewitness account, but there's really no proof.

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Exactly. The only thing you can really do with Mothman, as I see it, is interview witnesses and try to analyze a testimony.

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You look for flaws, you look for consistency, you look for whatever.

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What else are you going to do with Mothman?

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We're going to put ourselves in a situation where we were most likely to encounter him.

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And from our diving and our camping, we didn't really come up with anything.

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I think, you know, something scared these people. I don't know what it was, but something did.

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They're convinced that they saw something, but now how do you go from that to Mothman and the question of is there a Mothman?

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Was there a creature that's not known to mankind right now?

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Here's these people, okay, and they're ordinary people and they come from a small town in America and they have nothing to gain by telling us Mothman stories, right?

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Carolyn and her brother Ed made a point that was pretty convincing to me, and that was that the local economy does depend a great deal on this story.

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There's certainly a strong element to that here in this town now. Mothman's a big part of Point Pleasant.

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A lot of the people we spoke to did not seem to be all that thrilled that they'd seen the Mothman.

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I mean, unless they're the best liars around, I just don't think so, and I don't think you do either.

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I'm not prepared to accept the testimony that we heard as fact or evidence. I'm not.

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You'll do anything possible to avoid actually rethinking your reality beliefs here.

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The reality is people can be convincing whether you choose to believe a witness does not mean its truth, does not mean its fact.

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We agree with that.

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And in a scientific investigation, correct me if I'm wrong, but we're in pursuit of the truth and the fact. So am I.

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Whatever it was, whatever started it, what I'm seeing here is historical events, disasters, economic trends, all of these things played in with these other things,

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and I'm at 100% that an awful lot of this is really a cultural phenomenon.

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As we could talk about this all night, I think we did a good job here. We got the information, all the information that we could.

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We did everything that we could, right? We gathered a pretty good case, and I think we learned a lot about it.

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And we have our opinions, and that's how they stand.

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That's how we are.

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Visit New York City, not for the nightlife, but the afterlife.

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Clearly something weird is going on down here.

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He's sort of vaporized through a mirror.

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Oh my God.

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I have no idea how to explain it.

