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I'm Sean Ryder, as a 15-year-old lad in Salford, long before my old raising antics in the

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Abbey Mondays, I saw a ball of light whizzing about in the night sky as I stood at a bus

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stop.

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I knew there and then I'd seen a UFO, ever since I've been obsessed with all things

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extraterrestrial.

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I've always wanted to understand what I saw that day, and in this series I'm going to

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do just that.

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My mission is to seek out those at the forefront of UFO research, and through them try to discover

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how other people deal with this most mysterious phenomenon.

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I'll be meeting the top dogs of ufology, from generals and scientists to the abductees themselves,

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to hear what they have to say, and to separate fact from fiction.

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And that's clear as day like that.

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Well it is, this is one of the strangest, mysterious things I've ever seen.

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Reports of UFO encounters often provoke dramatic headlines.

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In the UK these accounts are usually met with the ills of derision.

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It seems that new stories of the extraterrestrial are not enough to shake Britain's stiff upper

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lip.

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And the public remain largely unconvinced that there's life on other planets.

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The British have always been very tolerant of minority interests, but in a rather sort

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of patronising their very dear fashion, and people who are into UFOs are seen as harmless

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cooks.

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The issue of life in the cosmos is an issue that belongs to science.

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It is not a matter of believing, it is a matter of fact.

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If life developed once, given the number of galaxies and the number of stars, it would

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be remarkable if it only developed on Earth.

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If I saw something that was that obviously technological and landed on my front lawn

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and an alien came out and said, hey how you doing?

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You wouldn't be able to explain it any other way would you?

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Of course I'd have to admit at that point that there is intelligent life in our galaxy

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because I've just witnessed it.

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The UFO episodes can be bewildering and traumatic for those involved, often aggravated by surrounding

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media frenzy.

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But where do you go to seek support when no one believes you?

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I want to learn which of the UK's best known UFO stories stand up to scrutiny and how the

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witnesses have coped to help have enlisted America's most famous abductee Travis Walton.

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Hey Sean, how do you do?

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Really pleased that you could make it over from the stakes.

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I've followed Travis's incredible story for many years, so it's a privilege to have

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him on board for my journey across the UK.

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Travis's extraordinary account provoked a media storm back in 1975.

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On November 5th, while working with a logging crew in a remote corner of Arizona, Walton

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claims to have been abducted by a UFO and event witness by six of his colleagues.

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Five days later, he reappeared a few miles from where he was allegedly taken and described

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coming face to face with alien beings aboard some kind of craft.

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Over the years, he has passed numerous polygraph tests, making his without doubt the most believable

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incident I've ever come across.

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Travis has spent his life sharing his idea with others who claim to have had similar

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experiences.

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He only very rarely comes to the UK and I feel his wealth of knowledge on this trip

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is going to prove invaluable.

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Armishing starts in High Bentham in rural Lancashire.

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It's hardly Roswell, but this unassuming place was the setting of an intriguing UFO case

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in 2007.

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So many sightings are reported by individuals, but what makes this case unusual is that a

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whole family claimed to have had a shared UFO encounter.

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Other witnesses from all over the country corroborated the family's sighting, which led to a brief

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flurry of media interest.

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Seven years on, Rachel lives there with her mother and now teenage sons Alex and Benjamin.

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Travis and I are eager to find out how their experience continues to affect them.

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Hi Rachel.

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Hi.

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Nice to meet you.

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Nice to meet you.

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Hi Travis, nice to meet you.

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You do come in.

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00:04:36,640 --> 00:04:37,640

Hi.

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What's freezing?

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I know, I know, I'm going to shut the door.

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It's cold out.

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That's a lovely cup of coffee.

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It's freezing outside.

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Just does a job.

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Well, thanks for seeing us.

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We're investigating lots of different UFO sightings.

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So can you tell me about your UFO encounter?

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Well, it was on January 2005.

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It was Sunday evening, I remember.

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We'd all been out for a meal and we were driving back along the road and I just looked up and

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saw this amazing bright white light directly ahead of me.

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The purest, brightest light you could ever imagine seeing.

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And we all kind of said, wow, what's that?

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You know, and it seemed as time stopped as I was looking at it.

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It seemed for a long time.

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We were all saying, what is that?

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Because it was just like nothing you could ever imagine.

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At that point, was it above or below the horizon?

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Above.

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Above.

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Above.

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Yeah.

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All I remember after that is that it just shot away at the most amazing speed.

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It just left you completely bewildered.

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I think I was about eight or nine at the time and all I remember is catching it out

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of the corner of my eye how fast it went.

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It's unbelievable.

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And we were waiting for a bang.

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You know, we thought it was like a meteor or something and there wasn't any bang.

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So it didn't fit anything that I've ever seen before.

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The only thing that has ever looked similar to the original UFO we saw is a video on YouTube

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where a light is hovering above the Temple Mount in Jerusalem and then it shoots up into

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the sky.

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That's the only thing that's matched the speed and the acceleration that the original object

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had.

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Yeah, it's a feeling it gave you as well.

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I kept my head, don't be frightened, we're not going to hurt you.

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And you got this feeling of overwhelming love from it.

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I think we all felt that, you did as well.

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Which was very strange phenomena when you think about it.

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Was the desperate feeling to see it again, you know?

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Oh yes.

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It was the weirdest thing.

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You just had this longing to actually just, you know, for even a few seconds.

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You want more and it fits like a dick to it.

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And to get that feeling back again.

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Sort of desperate for that.

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There are a lot of apparitions that have appeared in the sky over the years.

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There have been satanic or other magical hunts.

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There have been armies battling in the sky.

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There have been angels, demons, all kinds of things.

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When you set those alongside a lot of UFO narratives, they're not the same.

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But they're not so strikingly different.

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There are people seeing things in the sky.

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So you might almost want to see the sky as a great big projector screen.

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Upon which cultures project some of their imaginings, some of their fears, some of their

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hopes.

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The manifestation has made differ between cultures.

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But one factor reported in many UFO experiences is a phenomena of missing time.

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A gap in the conscious memory of the people at the centre of these events.

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One well respected case also involved a group driving home from dinner together.

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But took place in Kentucky in January 1976.

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Mona Stafford and two friends reported seeing a glowing red UFO that took control of the

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car, causing them to black out.

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They later came to driving in the same direction, but realised they couldn't account for well

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over an hour of time.

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It's an obvious question, but did you lose any time?

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Well, this is what we discovered when we redrew the route.

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We nearly collapsed because it had taken us well over an hour to drive home.

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And when we did reel the route, Brecht said, it's only taken us under 15 minutes.

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I had to stop the car and I literally opened the door.

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And I just felt so dizzy and disorientated because I just thought that can't be.

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I just, I know that I saw it.

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I know, you know, so sure of what was around me.

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I said you've driven too fast or missed it.

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Do you remember?

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Yeah, it goes against everything that you've grown up to know as reality and to be able

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to explain away.

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And when you've confronted with something like that, it just makes you question everything.

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And we spent a lot of time trying to figure it out.

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The family's account is beginning to sound plausible to me, but I know from the experience

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of telling people about my own UFO story, that doesn't count for much.

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When you tell people your story, they tend to believe you.

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No.

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Well, the thing is at school, I tried telling everyone, but I got left that and ridiculed

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for everything.

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As you can imagine, it's so crazy.

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People don't want to believe that kind of thing that's happened.

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I think people are quick to reject things, but it's very close-minded to deny something

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happened.

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Even though it's difficult, I can't fit it with anything that's happened to me before.

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I still don't refuse it happened to me.

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I know that it happened.

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And that's frustrating.

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00:09:43,400 --> 00:09:46,320

You don't just dismiss things like before, perhaps.

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We'd have just dismissed something like that.

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I don't think you can truly believe anyone about anything like that until you've seen

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it something for yourself.

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00:09:55,880 --> 00:10:01,720

I suspect that a lot of people, if they meet derision or skepticism, they shout out about

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it.

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And that could, I suppose, lead to increased suffering and trauma if the experience has

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been inherently frightening.

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And they're not able to discuss it with other people for fear of being thought of as a little.

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And particularly if it was experienced by alone, without validation from other witnesses,

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it might be a rather unfortunate situation for them.

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Does it help you to talk to other people yourself?

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I think it does.

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But back when this happened to me, there was hardly anything in the way of support groups.

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And I went to a few conferences where I was pretty taken aback by some of the strangeness

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that I encountered there.

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00:10:38,720 --> 00:10:42,160

I kind of avoided that too.

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But it's improved.

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And the good, solid cases, they're less reluctant to talk about it.

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They're coming forward.

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So, in that sense, I'm not alone.

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It's less traumatic now than it was.

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Yes, yes.

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I'm Sean Ryder.

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I've joined forces with Travis Walton, the legendary American alien abductee, to get

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to the bottom of the UK's most curious UFO incident.

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Like Travis, I've had a brush with the extraterrestrial.

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I saw a UFO darting across the night sky back in the 1970s.

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We're in Lancashire with a family who, seven years ago, claimed to have had a collective

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UFO experience.

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Travis and I are eager to make sense of what happened that evening, and no way we'd investigate

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a worth their salt would lead without a visit to the scene.

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So, this is kind of the general area.

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This is the road we were driving along in this direction.

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And we were obviously heading that way.

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00:11:51,920 --> 00:11:55,520

I remember the boys actually commenting on the chimney.

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00:11:55,520 --> 00:11:59,280

I remember the boys going, oh, I think there's 12 chimneys.

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00:11:59,280 --> 00:12:01,280

Right, there's 12.

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00:12:01,280 --> 00:12:04,280

You do count them.

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00:12:04,280 --> 00:12:06,520

Well, that's such a unique line, Mark.

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00:12:06,520 --> 00:12:09,720

It'd be hard to find another like that.

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00:12:09,720 --> 00:12:10,720

Yeah.

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00:12:10,720 --> 00:12:15,120

We saw the object in the sky just shortly after we'd seen those.

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And afterwards we all discussed that, you know, so we knew we're roughly on the road.

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We drove this way, and then I don't remember whereabouts it was.

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But as we drove down, suddenly I was aware of this light in the corner by here.

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And then it was in front of us.

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Over the following days, Rachel and Anne returned to the site in an attempt to piece together

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00:12:37,160 --> 00:12:39,280

what had happened to them and the boys.

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00:12:39,280 --> 00:12:44,000

But despite being convinced this was where they saw the light, as hard as they tried,

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00:12:44,000 --> 00:12:48,400

they were unable to find any stretch of road to match their memory of events.

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00:12:48,400 --> 00:12:52,280

So looking for a high point on this road, there's a big, wide road,

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00:12:52,280 --> 00:12:55,240

nothing on each side and a white line down the middle.

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00:12:55,240 --> 00:13:01,320

And if you drive around it, it doesn't exist, but we knew this is the road we're on.

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00:13:01,320 --> 00:13:04,480

So it wasn't much different from how it is now?

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A little bit darker.

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00:13:06,480 --> 00:13:07,480

A bit darker.

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00:13:07,480 --> 00:13:08,480

Mm, mm.

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00:13:08,480 --> 00:13:09,480

Yes.

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00:13:09,480 --> 00:13:10,480

No traffic.

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00:13:10,480 --> 00:13:12,480

I think it was off.

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00:13:12,480 --> 00:13:16,760

Some level of amnesia or reality distortion is not uncommon in those who claim to have

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00:13:16,760 --> 00:13:18,240

seen UFOs.

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But rather than the symptoms of traumatic experience, some ufologists speculate cases

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shared by individuals may be explained by some kind of extraterrestrial mind control.

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I'll let you get back in the car before you freeze to death.

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00:13:32,680 --> 00:13:34,680

Oh, well, nice to meet you.

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00:13:34,680 --> 00:13:35,680

Thank you.

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00:13:35,680 --> 00:13:36,680

Nice to meet you.

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00:13:36,680 --> 00:13:37,680

All right, I will...

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00:13:37,680 --> 00:13:38,680

Fine, Nana.

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00:13:38,680 --> 00:13:39,680

Turn around.

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00:13:39,680 --> 00:13:42,680

Nice to meet you.

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00:13:42,680 --> 00:13:46,960

Me and Travis have a lot to chew over, so we're off to the chip it's a pour over the

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00:13:46,960 --> 00:13:49,080

details of the case.

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00:13:49,080 --> 00:13:51,560

Romantic meal for two.

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00:13:51,560 --> 00:13:55,800

Why, thank you, innkeeper.

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00:13:55,800 --> 00:13:56,800

You're welcome.

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00:13:56,800 --> 00:13:59,760

Hey, for our fresh and chips, squirtilani.

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00:13:59,760 --> 00:14:01,240

The famous English fish and chips.

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00:14:01,240 --> 00:14:04,840

The famous English fish and chips.

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00:14:04,840 --> 00:14:05,840

Oh.

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I'm ready.

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I'm ready, sir.

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That was cold out there.

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I am now going to smother my engraving.

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00:14:19,840 --> 00:14:24,840

So, what did you think of the family's account of their society?

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Well, first of all, I was pleasantly surprised that there was nice, normal people, not graving

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crap pots.

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Yeah.

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It's very credible.

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I mean, I do believe that, you know, they've seen something.

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Yeah.

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They're not from their account that there's a core real incident that happened.

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Well, the cheese in that, the boys had at school, which was typical.

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Yeah.

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I mean, the media as well.

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I mean, the media, I suppose it's a little bit better now, you know, I mean, but certainly,

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you know, even a few years ago, I mean, anything that was in, you know, the dailies or the

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red tops was, you know, it was really poking fun at you.

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Yeah.

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A little bit of tongue-in-cheek and sort of sign off with a little chuckle like, oh, I'm

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above this topic.

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But, you know, in my case, my first reaction to seeing the craft was, I want to see it

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up close.

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I'm curious.

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And then people say, well, if you saw something again, you know, I say, well, if I did see

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something again, I wouldn't tell anybody.

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I didn't really have any choice the first time around because, you know, the crew reported

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it to the law enforcement and, you know, the world knew about it before I was ever returned.

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Knowing what I've seen, and when people tell me their sort of story, you know, I don't

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straight away jump in there, I'm going to believe this, you know.

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I mean, unless it sounds really credible to me, I've just think, you know, I always have

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doubts about it.

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As far as, you know, what they described seeing, you know, I got the impression that they definitely

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saw something.

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Definitely.

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Yeah.

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When we set off on this trip, I thought I knew all there was to know about Travis's story.

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But I'm beginning to realise I hadn't given much thought to how his UFO experience might

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have fundamentally affected him.

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And just like the Devral family, those effects resonate long after the news headlines have

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become tomorrow's fishing chip paper.

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It's a new day and we've headed 50 miles south to Todd Morden in West Yorkshire.

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It's an unlikely place for one of the UK's UFO hotspots, but the town and its surrounding

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hills have become known as UFO Alley due to a wave of sightings that date back as far

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as the 70s.

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We're here to investigate one of the UK's most renowned UFO incidents.

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But before Travis and I meet the man at the centre of the case, we're off to the Towns

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Library to see if the local papers hold any clues.

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So this is a microfilm of a local newspaper report from June 1980.

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A mysterious around the death of a man thought to be of Polish or Ukraine origin.

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His body was discovered on top of a coal heap in a good yard with burns to his body.

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Well I guess he had a jacket on but no shirt under it.

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Like somebody parsley redressed him or something.

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Quite a bit of mystery, you know, suggested by the wording in this article.

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So this day the death of Sigmund Adamski remains unsold.

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He had been missing for five days.

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The same amount of time Travis disappeared for when his body was discovered on top of

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a coal heap during the afternoon of 11th June 1980.

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Although the yard had been used the morning of Damski was found, forensics later revealed

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he died only hours before the discovery of his body, implying he must have been placed

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there post-mortem.

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The circumstances of finding this body is similar to a case that happened in America

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and then a national park.

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They found a body of a man and then UFO sighting was correlated to that time and place.

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They couldn't find any direct cause of death.

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It was suggested that perhaps he'd fallen from the sky.

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Despite Adamski being found perched on top of a five meter coal pile, he had no scuffs

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or traces of coal dust on either his body or clothes.

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Staring up at the sky it was almost as if he too had been dropped from above.

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We are not applying any suspicious circumstances.

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It sounds pretty curious to me.

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And the cop that found the body six months later, he had his own UFO experience.

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I'm going to roll this on now.

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Electronic sunbed.

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Tough to get back to there.

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Oh American jiggle, I've gone with the wind.

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I'm not as old.

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December.

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Oh yeah.

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There we are.

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P.C. Godfrey.

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The amazing encounter in Calder Valley made a force be with you.

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It is undoubtedly true and probably unfortunate that these kinds of stories constitutes, how

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should we put it?

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Yeah, end of news, bullet and silly stories if you like to make people chuckle and move

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on, you know.

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That's the media for you.

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When it's treated by the media in Britain, it's often a filler item with a rise smile.

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A slightly mocking sort of attitude.

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The outlandish headlines seem to have followed P.C. Allen Godfrey.

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The spokesman for the British UFO Society said the sightings had characteristics coming

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to the many hundreds of UFO spottings every year.

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The bottom part was spinning very, very fast.

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And on top there was a glowing roof.

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00:20:37,200 --> 00:20:39,200

Was your craft anything like?

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Yeah, the size of the craft that he's describing and the way parts of it glowed and

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parts of it didn't is similar to what we saw.

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The lights that Travis and his team followed through the trees that night emanated, he

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says, from a craft with the appearance of a classic flying saucer.

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Over in silently, the metallic disc he describes was 20 feet across and had no obvious markings

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of any kind.

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Five years later and on the other side of the Atlantic, it's intriguing that the UFO

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reporting in this case should be so similar to the one Travis saw.

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I had to remember this back in the 80s and police are considered trustworthy observers.

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Yeah, I says they reported it to their superiors.

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When Allen Godfrey at the centre of both the Adamski case and the UFO sighting, the press

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at the time made a connection and ran with it, implying the two incidents were two pieces

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of some kind of extraterrestrial riddle.

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And there's only one way for us to find out if that's true.

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PC Allen Godfrey, the copnet connects, are they?

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See, he actually still lives there in town.

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I think Travis, we should pay him a visit.

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Well, let's see if he'll talk to us.

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OK, let's go.

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I'm Sean Ryder, lead singer of the Happy Mondays.

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I'm travelling the country with American alien abductee Travis Walton, who's flown in from

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the States to cast an expert eye over some of the UK's most renowned UFO cases.

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We're in West Yorkshire investigating the case of Allen Godfrey, an ex-policeman who,

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in 1980, was at the centre of a sequence of truly mysterious events, including an encounter

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with a UFO.

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The UFO began to be seen after the Second World War, things that people believed were spacecraft.

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And that was in the context of the development of nuclear weapons technology.

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It was in the context of the development of rocket technology.

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And it was in the context of a gathering Cold War between the States and the Communist

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Republic. And there is this sense that for some people in America, the state is a secret

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and hostile conspiracy. And that conspiracy theory has been harnessed, coupled with beliefs

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and UFOs. I think that for people in Britain, there is less of a sense that the state's

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up to no good with respect to space technology. And most people most of the time are not actually

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on the lookout for UFOs in Britain.

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Alan.

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00:23:28,680 --> 00:23:29,680

Sean.

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00:23:29,680 --> 00:23:30,680

Sean.

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00:23:30,680 --> 00:23:31,680

Sean, pleased to meet you.

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00:23:31,680 --> 00:23:32,680

Sean.

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00:23:32,680 --> 00:23:33,680

This must be Travis.

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00:23:33,680 --> 00:23:34,680

Travis.

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Alan retired from the police force in 1984. And like Travis, has always been met with

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skepticism in the face of his claims.

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Travis has already admitted he would keep any further UFO experiences a secret. So it's

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perhaps no surprise Alan too has expressed misgivings due to the distress it caused him

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and his family.

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But before we go on to fly saucers, as one of the first officers to attend a damskies

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body, we want to find out some of the details that didn't make the papers.

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We've been missing six days. When you left home, it had thick, wavy air, as we found

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out later. But when he was found, his hair looked like it had been cropped really roughly.

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He had burn marks, individual burn marks, around his head. Like things have been placed

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on there.

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Right.

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00:24:29,880 --> 00:24:35,880

But the interesting one, as you turn the head over, you could see at the nape of the neck

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00:24:36,040 --> 00:24:43,040

here was an open, like a blistered type burn. And on it, there appeared to have been smeared

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00:24:44,040 --> 00:24:50,040

on it, some sort of anointment, you know, like Vaseline or something like that. When

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00:24:50,280 --> 00:24:57,280

we went to the post mortem, the pathologist, straight away, he was taken aback by the look

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00:24:58,960 --> 00:25:03,960

on the guy's face. He suggested that the guy had died from a heart attack.

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00:25:03,960 --> 00:25:04,960

That's what he says.

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But you've heard the saying, it was trying to death. He said, well, this is a typical

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example of it.

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That wasn't the only startling detail the post mortem revealed. The strayed gel-like

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ointment on a damskies burns was sent to the home office lab. Yet remained unidentifiable

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00:25:21,680 --> 00:25:25,440

despite rigorous forensic tests.

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That guy didn't die where he was found.

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No.

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00:25:29,360 --> 00:25:30,360

There's no way.

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Well, you can imagine, oh, yeah, you're about 24 tall, high, or something like that with

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a cally.

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00:25:36,360 --> 00:25:37,360

Right.

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00:25:37,400 --> 00:25:44,400

Imagine a human being carrying someone upside of a cally to place a body like it was placed.

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00:25:45,480 --> 00:25:51,480

So that begs another question and that's what, how did he get there? There's lots of speculation,

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of course, over the years that UFOs were involved.

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It may never be known whether or not there was extraterrestrial involvement in a damskies

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death. However, the coroner stated it was one of the most puzzling cases he's seen in

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25 years.

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Allen, however, has never been convinced and maintains the Adamski case, though mysterious,

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has no eyed evidence of any extraterrestrial connection. The eyed-edged logic of an ex-policeman

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only has credence to the validity of his own UFO encounter.

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It's just past the police station. There was a site in it, but it was six months later.

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And that, again, is a very weird thing. Five o'clock that morning, or thereabouts, I noticed

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something up in front of me about 500 yards up in the road. So I drove towards it and

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I got within about 20 yards of this object. It was just hovering off the ground. It was

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00:26:51,120 --> 00:26:56,680

quite an eerie thing to see. I stopped the police car, obviously, and then you went and

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00:26:56,680 --> 00:27:01,360

asked me, did I get out the car to examine it? I investigated. I said, that is simple.

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00:27:01,360 --> 00:27:08,360

I knew I didn't. I felt very secure in the car. I decided to draw it. When suddenly,

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the old place just went white. And what I thought was a second or two late, you know,

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I'm 20 yards up road driving the police car and this thing had gone. So how much time

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00:27:23,760 --> 00:27:29,760

had you lost? From 10 past five to about 10 to six, something like that, five to six.

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00:27:29,760 --> 00:27:33,320

What did your craft look like? I'll tell you what, it was right for you. It would be much

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easier than described. Brilliant. Yeah, please. Hang on. No, no, no. It was like this sort

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of shape. I never went to art school. It had these, like, and these were darkened.

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00:27:53,320 --> 00:27:58,320

But basically, that's what it was. The original one would have probably been a bit more shaky.

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00:27:58,320 --> 00:28:05,320

Was this anything like your very similar size and divided into panels like that? Only the

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panels were glowing. Yeah. It's very strange, you know what I mean? Yeah, absolutely. Yeah.

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Taking in isolation, Alan's account of such an intimate closing counter could seem preposterous.

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A vent's all folding nearby, or ever, would soon add an all new level of plausibility to

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00:28:23,320 --> 00:28:29,320

his story. 12 miles away, three police officers, they'd gone up on the moor and as they'd

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00:28:29,320 --> 00:28:36,320

come up there, they became aware of this blue pulsating light in the sky on the horizon.

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They'd stood watching this object, and then it, from one horizon to the other in a split

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second, backwards and forwards, up and down, and they then observed it, heading in the

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general direction of Todd Mordin. Two other police officers in the Todd Morden area also

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were never excited, submitting a drawing of a diamond shaped craft, remarking it's similar

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to Alan's in the following days. Well, if you want me to go and show you where the

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00:29:05,320 --> 00:29:10,320

actual encounter took place, you too have more than willing. I'd love to, yeah. Absolutely.

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00:29:10,320 --> 00:29:14,320

I think it was dark outside when we saw it, so it should be very interesting. I'll go and

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00:29:14,320 --> 00:29:17,320

put my coat on. OK. All right. Fantastic.

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With Knight having fallen over England's number one UFO hotspot, me and Travis are eager to

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00:29:25,320 --> 00:29:28,320

see the place Alan and his close encounter for ourselves.

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That's where it was. Now, you can imagine it hovering five foot off the ground. Yeah.

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00:29:35,320 --> 00:29:41,320

Like a tion of the UFO. And as I said, it was nearly as wide as this, about 20 foot wide.

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A huge thing. And the bottom half was rotating very fast, but appeared to be going the other

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00:29:48,320 --> 00:29:54,320

way slow. Because the leaves, all these dead leaves that were around it, were all swirling

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00:29:54,320 --> 00:30:00,320

around it. Despite having a clear recollection of the crafty clues to have seen, over the

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00:30:00,320 --> 00:30:05,320

moves that followed, the 40 minutes of missing time that Alan couldn't account for began

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a troubling. And evidently, is superior to. They asked me if I'd be hypnotised by an

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imminent psychiatrist, you know, not your stage. Police. Police. The police, yeah. They had no idea

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00:30:18,320 --> 00:30:23,320

that you, that you were for incident. Absolutely nothing. They hadn't been told anything other

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00:30:23,320 --> 00:30:29,320

than I was a police officer. I wasn't told anything I said until right at the end I was

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then allowed to see the videotapes. Who's Marble? Who's Marble? There you are. Who's

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00:30:38,320 --> 00:30:47,320

there? I want to talk about it. What are you? I'm a rubber. It's a chair. No. It's not

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00:30:47,320 --> 00:30:57,320

like, it's got tapes like, you know. And when I saw them, I had a shiver on down my back

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00:30:57,320 --> 00:31:04,320

because under hypnosis, I come out with this story, call it what you like. I've been, I

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have been feeling of being carried. Coming around in a room, and in the room there's a

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tall humanoid figure, about six foot tall. I also described, I think it was eight smaller

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00:31:19,320 --> 00:31:27,320

creatures in there, and I described them as having a head like a light bulb. The stereotypical

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00:31:27,320 --> 00:31:33,320

description of aliens, pale humanoid with large heads and eyes, is remarkably consistent

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across UFO abductees, including Travis' account of his own experience. Most of our

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conceptions of what an alien might look like, basically informed by what we've seen on TV

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or in the cinema. And when you actually look at the biology or the kind of principles of

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evolution, there's probably little reason to expect that aliens would look much like us

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at all. We all descended from the same ancestor, which was a fallen fish that crawled out from

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the ocean and onto the land and then colonized the continents. So if we were to find another

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earth-like planet that's got the right kind of conditions for animal life to evolve on

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as well, and another alien fish-like thing clambers out onto the land, there'd be no reason to

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expect that would have two pairs of fins, rather than maybe three. So the land animals on that

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alien earth would be perhaps six-legged pexipods, rather than tetrapods like us. And this is

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why a lot of the aliens we see on sci-fi are just unbelievable, they're too much like us,

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they're not alien enough. So what do you think about Alan's story, Travis? Well, you know,

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there was a lot of it that was really, you know, familiar, Rangabelle. At the range that

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he saw that so close, there's no chance of misidentification. And on top of that, to

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come forward with this kind of report is basically putting his job and reputation on the line.

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So he must, you know, put a lot of stock in his own perceptions to lay it on the line like that.

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Well, he went through a lot of stuff back in the day. I mean, to come forward, I mean, he was

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telling me stories of, you know, other police officers planting things in his locker and all sorts

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to discredit him. Oh, wow. So are we having that one? Yeah, you know, something happened.

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I'm roaming the UK on a mission to uncover the truth behind the country's most compelling UFO cases,

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and I'm not alone. I've been joined from the USA by Travis Walton, one of the world's best known

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alien abductees. Given our respective backgrounds, me and Travis may as well be from different

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planets, never mind different countries, but one thing connects us, the tantalising idea of intelligent

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life elsewhere in the universe. There are approximately 100 billion, some people say 400 billion stars in

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the Milky Way galaxy, and that's a vast number. But there are far greater number of galaxies,

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maybe 1,000 times more. So that even if you had only one intelligent civilization for every 1,000

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galaxies, you would still have hundreds of billions of intelligent civilizations in the universe.

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The issue of life in cosmos is a scientific question, a scientific issue, but it has many

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philosophical dimensions. People want to know if are there anyone out of there, because the idea is to ask

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them something about our life, our origins, our destiny. Because within our horizon,

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earthly science, human knowledge, we are enabled. We are enabled to answer this very ultimate question.

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We need some kind of knowledge from outside. We've come to Suffolk to meet Larry Warren, a man who,

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like Travis and I, had a life-changing UFO encounter, which led to a firm belief in the existence of

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our intelligence. The incident in Rendlesham Forest has been dubbed Britain's own Roswell. So it's

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fitted that it's Travis's last case before he goes home. Oh, here he is. Hey Travis. Hey Larry, good to see you.

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Good to see you my man. Been sitting around. Long time. Sean, it's a pleasure. How are you doing brother?

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Yeah, absolutely. Pleasure. In late December 1980, Larry Warren was a fresh-faced US Air Force recruit,

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stationed at RAF Bentwaters. On the third consecutive night of unexplained lights and activity over the base,

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Larry was pulled off his post and claims he became involved in an astonishing UFO encounter in the

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Larry was honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1983 and went public with his story. He spent the last 30 years

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defying the authorities to tell the world about his experience. Well, I've known about the Rendlesham case for many years,

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so I've always wanted to hear this story from the arse's mouth. So Larry, can you tell the story?

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I'll tell it brother. The ground was frozen. It was a clear night. There was no moon and we went down to, through the back

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rows, they're very narrow. I didn't know the area there. Well, we got to a clearing called Capelgrain. There was a mist on the

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ground. It was about a foot in height. I say a mist or a fog. It was greenish-yellow. You could see the ground through it at times.

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It didn't float. It was just, it had structure to it and it was low, but it was about 50 foot in diameter.

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Was it giving off light itself or was it lit from some other source?

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You know, there was light being given off, but yet that didn't, doesn't seem bright when I think of it.

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The air was charged and movement was slow and there was no sound. There was no, there was nothing. It was, everything was void.

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It was a vacuum. Wow.

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This EDC was interrupted by a red ball of light that appeared suddenly and moved into Ozard clearing over the tree tops,

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an event substantiated by the accounts of other Air Force personnel who were present.

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It came above this red example, above this table and there's the circle. It's at that high. Over the circular mist

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stayed in position. You had that long to look at it and then this flat, this thing, I, there I say explosion.

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That's not right. It was like metal falling in a structured pattern onto this mist. By the time my eyes cleared,

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there was a structured object, probably about 25 to 30 feet at its base and it went up to about 15 feet at a sharp angle,

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like a pyramid thing. It was probably about 20 feet from where I stood. I saw a life form associated with it.

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It split into three and you could see the, there were, I thought, kids, you know, what the hell is this?

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And it was animated and it was alive.

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Larry's account by his own admission is dreamlike, making exact timings and events difficult to define.

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It maintains his altered perception was due to some kind of field emanating from the structure.

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What does seem clear is that after Larry spent some time standing guard as mental radiation readings,

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he and other low ranking personnel were ordered back to the base, leaving the mysterious objects in the field.

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So Larry, after you saw all this, what did the military do to you?

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They didn't tell us it was from outer space, but they definitely said that this phenomena had been visiting this planet

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for longer than any of us in the room would know this had been going on and this is the needs for secrecy

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and we hope we can count on everything. Your cooperation.

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Cooperation, meaning don't talk about it?

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Don't talk about it. They had assigned papers that were all pre-written statements saying we were off duty

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and saw lights amongst the trees.

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We're not far, are we? That if from where?

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Well, we're about ten minutes away driving.

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Can we go there? You sure you want to? Yeah, yeah, yeah.

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Let's go. Come on.

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When it comes to the shadowy world of military UFO cover-ups,

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Rendlesham is just one conspiracy among many and the mothership of them all is the Roswell incident.

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Played against the backdrop of post-war America on July the 8th, 1947,

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a flying disc was reported to have crashed at Roswell in New Mexico,

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only for the US Air Force to release a statement later the same day insisting the object had in fact been a weather balloon.

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Ever since, testimony of those on the ground that day have fuelled the alien cover-up fire

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and the word Roswell has become synonymous with UFOs.

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Rendlesham may not have quite the same cultural clout as Roswell,

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but it's obvious that for Larry it's become an obsession.

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The real twisted part of all this, man, is, I always say, twisted with this guy.

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I wonder why I do that. I don't know.

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There's some song you wrote. Somebody might be melding.

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Yeah, something like that. Someone should write something about it.

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Although I did write that off Steve McQueen.

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Oh, he's dead, he can't see.

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But this is the road on my night we came down.

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This is the end of Woodbridge Field.

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Over to the left here, obviously the trees at that time came right to the road.

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And that's Rendlesham Forest and it goes way back.

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And we flew down on my night, we had a roadblock back that way,

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and we just went right down to the end and we turned left, we went in,

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and then it opens up into a field called Capel Green.

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That is where the majority of the incidents took place.

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Over the years, a number of men have come forward with their versions of what happened that night,

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but it has to be said, some of them vary significantly.

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Yet a radio recording of the night exists, which seems to support those who believe they saw the UFO.

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Understand why there's been a...

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Even though there is material that adds weight to Larry's account,

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it doesn't make returning here any less traumatic.

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I never wanted to come back, you know, when I wanted to get away from this place.

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I thought it was pretty evil, you know, and not in a satanic way, but just it was...

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My world was totally different at night.

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Well, some of the people that you've actually took it that way, didn't they?

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But the first thing a lot of people do when they don't understand something,

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is that, you know, screaming the devil and satanic.

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Rather than, and I'm not anywhere near this,

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but rather than thinking of a good thing, oh God, oh God, it's always satanic.

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Satanic? The devil.

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The idea was just that the world I thought I knew at that young age was absolutely...

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Yeah, I mean, that will throw your world into absolute b****.

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Oh, it's spun out, man. It was...it was it.

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I mean, what I'd like to hear, Larry, is what's your own personal take on the whole thing?

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Yeah. Well, I'd happily tell you.

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Yeah, please.

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Because I never get asked.

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Yeah, I mean, I really want to hear your personal take on it.

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My personal take after 32 years, from what I believe,

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is that they had equipment out here preset up,

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and it was designed to bring in phenomena and other intelligence.

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They contained this phenomena, and they could observe it under close quarters

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with special forces units throughout this forest that were already embedded,

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days leading up to this.

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So, do you think it was like a pre-arranged meeting?

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You know, a meet?

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No. I do think they have have technology, and even then, the feds, the government,

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whoever, to bring in through electronics,

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and there's all kinds of things beyond me to open up doorways to this phenomena,

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to come in where they can contain it, maybe grab it, maybe study it up close.

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But this thing got out of hand, and maybe it was perhaps supposed to be one night,

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but it turned into three, and I think they pissed this phenomena off,

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and that's why it got out of hand and got too big,

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and beams are coming down into our nukes,

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and I will state this my life, is that the nuclear weapons we had,

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and some witnesses won't even admit we had them,

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and that's up to people to think what they are free to say,

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were adversely affected by these beams coming to the ground.

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It was that big a thing.

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This containment operation on what happened here,

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what the real truth is, is still ongoing.

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No whistleblower in the military has ever done what I was able to do,

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and frankly, I'm amazed I didn't get wet.

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Clearly something truly extraordinary happened in Rendlesham on that night in 1980,

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but with Larry, I admit I find it hard to separate fact from fiction,

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and to decide just where the line between the two has been blurred.

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For all the people we've met on this trip,

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their UFO experience was a deeply personal one.

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They've all been profoundly affected.

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Nevertheless, as Travis and I know from personal experience,

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while the world at large remains skeptical,

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these witnesses will likely remain outsiders,

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and their accounts just as stuff with sadonic tabloid headlines.

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I think some people are prepared to accept a little bit of unusualness,

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high strangeness, a little one-off episode,

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but if you start talking about it in larger chunks,

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or occurring more often, the skeptical hackles rise

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as if they can't take that on board.

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I think if we ever are going to accept that there are intelligent life forms out there

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and they travel between stars, it's going to have to be a substantial number of people

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that all see the same thing for the world to kind of change its mind,

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because until then, there won't be any convincing evidence of aliens or flying saucers.

