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On this edition of Sightings, in 1908, witnesses said it looked like the end of the world.

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Now, Russian scientists believe an extraterrestrial craft exploded over the Siberian countryside.

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Then, did a grisly supernatural force cause these bizarre deaths?

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Within an inch or two of the body, there is virtually no fire damage at all.

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You can't see it.

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You can't touch it.

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But a mysterious, ghostly energy has been captured on tape in an exclusive Sightings

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investigation.

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We would probably have to classify this location as a classic hunt.

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And best-selling authors offer a wondrous vision of the afterlife.

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The bottom line of what people can learn is to not fear death.

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Welcome to Sightings.

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I'm Tim White.

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One summer day in 1908, in a remote region of Siberia called Tunguska, 800 square miles

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of virgin forest were flattened in an instant.

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The explosion had the power of 2,000 nuclear bombs and sent pressure waves around the planet

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twice.

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Few people outside Russia have been allowed to investigate Tunguska, but now our Sightings

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team has been granted unprecedented access.

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What they've found is evidence of an otherworldly power that could strike again.

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Imagine a 10-megaton bomb with 2,000 times the power that destroyed Hiroshima.

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Imagine feeling the shock waves from that explosion, halfway across the globe, and then

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the next day feeling them again.

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Imagine devastation so widespread it would have consumed all of New York City in less

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than a minute.

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Now know that it all happened in 1908.

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Tsar Nicholas II ruled imperial Russia.

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World War I was still to be fought, and nuclear weapons weren't even a dream.

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And yet the explosion that decimated the remote Tunguska region of Siberia resembled

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a nuclear blast in a number of uncanny ways.

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Some scientists insist the nightmare of destruction was the result of a comet that exploded above

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Earth.

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But other experts believe that an extraterrestrial craft from an advanced civilization is somehow

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responsible.

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For 86 years the debate has continued, but there is still no consensus.

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The theorists need a crater.

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Upholigists need just one shred of physical evidence.

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But whether the Tunguska blast was a comet, meteor, or an alien craft, scientists are

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worried.

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Will it happen again somewhere else?

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How do we prepare for a cataclysmic event like this when we don't understand its origins?

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Professor Nikolai Vasilyev is a renowned Russian scientist who has made more than 30

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trips to the epicenter.

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This isn't Russia's problem.

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Tunguska affects the whole world and all of the mankind.

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It doesn't pose a great danger only to Russia, but rather for a mankind as a whole.

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This isn't a fictional tale nor a flight of fancy.

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I base my opinions and facts obtained from my work on Tunguska problems.

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I don't want to scare our viewing audience.

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The situation is to a great extent ambiguous and highly serious.

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Recently, the Shoemaker-Leaving Line comet made a crater on Jupiter the size of Earth.

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50,000 years ago, a meteorite did this in Arizona.

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In Tunguska, whatever happened in 1908 only did this.

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No crater has ever been found.

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Moscow was the first stop for our sightings investigative team.

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There, we met the scientists who support the party line.

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Although they cannot explain why there is no crater at the blast site, they still insist

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it was a comet that hit Tunguska.

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I am a staunch supporter of the comet hypothesis, and I think that there is no serious proof

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to refute it.

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It does have several problems.

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As a geochemist, Professor Kalysnikov is trying to solve these problems using existing theories.

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He admits he isn't getting any closer to a definitive answer.

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Instead, there are just more unanswered questions.

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There was mutation.

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We are researching this.

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It is possible that all objects in the epicenter were exposed to a small dose of X-ray radiation.

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X-ray radiation is one of the known byproducts of a nuclear explosion.

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Did Russia have atomic bomb technology at the turn of the century?

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Highly unlikely.

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Who then had the technology to create this kind of devastation?

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From Moscow, we flew 1,900 miles into the heart of the mystery, into Tunguska itself.

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A journey no American television crew has ever attempted.

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After a six-kilometer hike, our team reached what is believed to be ground zero.

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This rock was placed here by one of the early Tunguska expeditions in 1928.

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Our guide in Tunguska was Vitaly Voronov, a Siberian native whose ties to the areas

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date back three centuries.

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He has collected an oral history of the Tunguska explosion.

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Voronov is a vital link to those who actually witnessed the cataclysm that must have seemed

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like the end of the world.

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One eyewitness told me he was riding a stallion.

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When he heard what sounded like cannon shots, when he looked up, he saw a body glowing like

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the sun.

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It began declining towards the horizon for maybe 15 or 20 seconds.

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There were many small explosions on the object.

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It ended with one heavy explosion.

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The force of the explosion was so strong the man and the horse were knocked to the ground

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15 miles away.

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Sightings also heard the retelling of a first-hand account of the explosion.

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A local spiritual leader, a shaman, said, as a young boy, he was running away from the

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blast when he saw something fly out of the epicenter.

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A cylinder with sparks shooting out of it.

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The cylinder flew over the shaman's hand and into outer space.

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This cylinder had caused the blast.

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Yuri Lovebin believes he has found evidence to support the theory that Tungusya was the

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site of an alien encounter going awry.

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He has unearthed masses of anomalous matter.

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In the beginning, we found small fragments buried deep in the earth.

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But there was nothing on the surface, no fragments at all.

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All trees collapsed and over many years everything went underground.

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Chemical analysis reveals that these rock-like fragments have a silicon coating, the same

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kind of material used as heat shielding on our space shuttles.

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Lovebin believes these large masses are actually exploded fragments from the exterior of a

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UFO.

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It is possible that this could be a ship from another planet, an intergalactical ship which

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was riveted with silicon.

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And we found its thick wall casing used to protect the craft from the high temperatures

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of the stars.

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Lovebin's most intriguing piece of evidence, however, was not found at the crash site.

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It was discovered months later, embedded in one of the fragments.

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I took pincers and extracted this object.

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Here it is.

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It was surrounded by crystallite, transparent and non-transparent particles.

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Lovebin found the first physical evidence of an extraterrestrial spacecraft.

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He has compared his sample with metals commonly found on earth and in meteorites.

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So far, there is no match.

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The fragment continues to undergo rigorous metallurgical testing.

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When analysis is complete, sightings will report the findings to you.

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There are so many theories because the Tunguska event has no precedent.

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No-no natural phenomenon can adequately explain this event, so even mainstream scientists

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admit they're looking in a new direction.

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Can we hope to obtain an explanation of Tunguska using classical conceptions?

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Ten years ago, I would have definitely answered yes, now, and doubtful, that it can be explained

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without resorting to non-classical conceptions.

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Next, should these people profit from the wondrous visions they say they've had on the other side?

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People making money off the near-death experience are wrong.

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In 1961, a controversial little book by Jessica Mitford called *The American Way of Death* sent

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shockwaves across America.

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It was the first popular book about death.

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Today, nearly 35 years later, books about death are one of the fastest growing categories

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in publishing.

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My name is Daniel Brinkley.

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I have a book on the New York Times bestseller list called Save by the Light.

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And for people who don't know about it, it's about me going through two near-death experiences.

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Author Daniel Brinkley believes he's been to heaven and back, and he's not alone.

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According to a recent Gallup poll, 30% of us claim to have had, or know someone who

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has had, a near-death experience.

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More than 100 books have been written about NDE, and some of them are making it onto the

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bestseller list.

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I believe that it's important to get the message out about the near-death experience, because

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there's just too many people afraid of death.

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The near-death experience teaches us to not fear death.

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And if we're not afraid to die, we're not afraid to live.

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The classic pattern of a near-death experience is well documented.

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First, an out-of-body experience leads you through a tunnel towards a bright light.

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Once there, you meet your God.

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I wasn't breathing.

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I had no pulse or known cardiac activity for between 20 minutes and an hour and a half.

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You're helpless.

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You feel helpless.

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For the first time in your life, you're totally helpless.

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Then I felt a tremendous sinking sensation, and then I came out of my chest and rose up

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to the ceiling, and I could look down and see my body lying there on the bed.

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And rapidly, I pulled out of my body and right into a dark, totally dark tunnel with a sensation

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of speed, rapid speed.

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I saw a pinpoint of light in this blackness, and I was attracted to it.

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So I turned and I began to travel very rapidly towards that bright light.

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I was part of the light, and the light was part of me.

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It was not painful.

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It was absolutely wonderful.

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And I was able to ask thousands of questions, millions of questions, and have every one

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of my questions answered.

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Then to my right came a being, a being of light.

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And this being was there to witness or be with me.

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I had a panoramic review of my life.

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I felt every emotion, everything I'd ever done, every word I'd ever said, and every

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experience I'd ever had with anyone I'd ever come in contact with.

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00:11:33,680 --> 00:11:40,840

After I went through my life review, I was told that I had not completed my time on earth,

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00:11:40,840 --> 00:11:44,560

that it was really necessary for me to return in to do that.

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When I re-entered my body, it was like I'd been in a car crash.

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I crashed back in.

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It was a jolt that I felt right down to the fiber of my spine.

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13 million Americans have had some type of near-death experience.

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I'm just one of them.

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Brinkley's cashing in on his near-death experience.

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But no one approaches the success enjoyed by author Betty Eadie, whose book, Embraced

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by the Light, has been the nation's number one bestseller for more than a year.

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There is absolutely no way to fully describe the beauty that is there.

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They said a good analogy would be that heaven is like the print, and earth would be much

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like the negative.

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All of the flowers and the trees with their movement, with their mere existence, was glorifying

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God and praising Him.

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The unprecedented success of *Embraced by the Light* speaks to our nation's hunger for reassurance

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about life's ultimate mystery.

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But Betty Eadie is drawn fire from other experiencers who believe she should not profit from her

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NDE.

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Look, I've experienced near-death, and I know the values that you're given in that experience.

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People making money off the near-death experience like Betty Eadie and others are wrong.

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They're not authentic, and they're hurting the near-death experience movement.

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I can't speak for all the authors out making a mint right now, but I can speak for some

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of them because I've known them for such a long time that I know that they wrote books

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to truly try to help people.

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Studies and medical researchers believe the near-death experience can be explained scientifically.

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To them, NDE is simply a hallucination caused by a brain cut off from oxygen.

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There's nothing magical about a near-death experience.

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The basic themes of the near-death experience are remarkably similar across cultures, the

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reason being that the five billion brains that make up this planet are remarkably similar

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in their structure.

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To prove his point, Dr. Persinger believes he can duplicate a near-death experience in

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the laboratory using a perfectly healthy subject.

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What we attempt to do is to apply safe levels of complex magnetic fields through the brain.

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The frequencies we use and where we place the field induce the experiences that are

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associated with that part of the brain.

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If you stimulate the brain with a different kind of pattern, you make the person feel

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pleasurable, leaving their body.

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In fact, the most common experiences in the chamber are feeling detached, feeling floating,

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feeling as if there's a sense of a presence.

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I believe, along with skeptics, that our brain is related to this experience.

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But there are things that happen in a near-death experience that have yet to be explained by

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the brain.

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Even though you might get a doctor to explain to me my body, they cannot explain to me my

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spirit.

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Their explanations for what happened to a near-death experience are simply weak.

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The fact that we now understand the part of the brain that mediates the experience does

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not demean the experience and does not make it less useful or less important from the

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point of view of our species or the individual.

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Whether near-death experience is physical or metaphysical may be beside the point.

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People who claim to have seen what's behind death's door are finding an audience.

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They tell us there is light at the end of a dark journey we must all take one day.

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We are buying these books because these are the substitutes, powerful substitutes for traditional

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religious beliefs that no longer work.

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Death is the last great mystery.

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And as we start to look at the near-death experience, we have at least a basis by which to view

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the way we leave this earth.

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For one thing that most of us come back with is we're not afraid to die.

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And more importantly, we're not afraid to live.

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The author of Embracing the Light, Betty Eadie, has not been forthcoming about the

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medical details of her near-death experience.

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Her secrecy frustrates researchers who are looking for cases of near-death experience

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that can be scientifically substantiated.

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Next, a bizarre phenomenon defies explanation, yet people continue to die.

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Skin, muscle and bone had been turned into a fine white ash.

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For more than 300 years, there have been strange reports of people who were found dead.

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Reduced ash, while everything around them remains unburned.

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It's called spontaneous human combustion, but that popular term is kind of a misnomer.

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In this phenomenon, people don't suddenly burst into flame.

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Instead, they appear to have been slowly devoured by intense heat from the inside out.

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Some researchers and fire officials believe that these are the victims of the strange,

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misunderstood phenomenon known as spontaneous human combustion, or SHC.

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No one knows how or even if SHC occurs, but mysterious deaths by fire like these have

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been reported throughout history.

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Authors Jenny Randalls and Peter Huff have documented over 70 possible cases of SHC in

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the 20th century alone.

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We're talking about a situation where the fire is so localized that within an inch

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or two of the body, which has turned to ash, apart from a few extremities perhaps, there

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is virtually no fire damage at all.

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So this is a self-contained fire.

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And the implication from that, although of course it's not proven, is that the fire begins

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internally and spreads outward from the body and therefore never goes very far beyond the

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extremities of the body, consequently does defect the room itself.

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Basically speaking, there is no way the human body, which is largely water, can spontaneously

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00:17:43,300 --> 00:17:44,300

combust.

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There is no mechanism by which it can happen.

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But there are fire experts who disagree.

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They maintain that the same kind of spontaneous combustion that occurs in nature can also

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occur in humans if conditions are right.

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If you take the human being as just a bulk substance made up of a whole range of materials,

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from water to highly combustible chemicals.

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Heat it sufficiently, give it sufficient oxygen and use the fuel that's within the

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body, then it will burst into flame.

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The same as any other bulk material.

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In this working class district of Chorley in Lancashire, England, Peter Huff has been

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investigating a grisly case of suspected SHC.

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The incident happened on the night of the 4th of March, 1980, in this house here.

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An elderly lady lived in the house at the time alone, and it was the previous evening

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that neighbours last saw her alive.

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Later that night, at around 9.30, they noticed black smoke coming from the chimney but thought

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no more of it.

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And the following morning, when two men called at the house, they got no reply.

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Neighbours forced the way into the house, and what they discovered was grisly to say the

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least.

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From the waist upwards, everything including skin, muscle and bone had been turned into

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a fine white ash.

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SHC investigators point out that turning a body to ash is beyond the scientific possibility

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of even the most sophisticated crematorium.

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In my time working here as a cremationist, I've never seen a body that has been cremated

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to nothing.

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There has always been skeletal remains left over.

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Even at 1100 degrees Fahrenheit, human bones cannot be reduced to ash.

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They have to be pulverized with heavy grinding stones before they can be placed inside and

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urn.

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00:19:42,620 --> 00:19:50,300

So if a body was reduced to ash in a fire, it would be a mystery to me in how that occurred.

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Comparisons to crematorium are false comparisons.

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It's like comparing a piece of wood that you've set on fire with a match to a piece of wood

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00:19:58,100 --> 00:20:00,060

that you put in the oven and baked.

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00:20:00,060 --> 00:20:04,100

You may have to bake it at a very high temperature to have any effect on that wood.

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But baking and actual fire burning are very different phenomena, and so there is no comparison.

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Another baffling element common to most cases is the fact that highly flammable objects like

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furnishings, pillows and carpets near the body don't burn.

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This is really remarkable.

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One would think that a fire, a normal fire of the order which would be necessary to burn

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a human body at all would have also set the rumor blaze.

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Anyone who's had any experience, I think, with a simple thing like a campfire knows

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00:20:37,140 --> 00:20:42,940

that you can get quite close and put things quite close to a fire, laterally, but place

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00:20:42,940 --> 00:20:45,540

them over the fire and they burn readily.

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So again, these are not mysteries.

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These while unusual that the body burns that way without the house burning down, while

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these may be relatively unusual deaths, they're not unexplainable.

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To date, no coroner has ever written spontaneous human combustion on a death certificate.

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They prefer cause unknown or simply by fire.

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Despite skepticism from the medical establishment, Jenny Randalls and Peter Huff continue to

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document mysterious fire related deaths that they believe may be the result of spontaneous

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human combustion.

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Does that warrant a real scientific investigation?

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I think it does.

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If we had a hundred deaths of a particular unknown disease, I'm sure the medical profession

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would like to find out why.

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Next is an alien intelligence trying to communicate through these newly discovered crop circles.

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There seems to be in some of the better cases a definite UFO connection.

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A super natural phenomenon is captured on tape during an exclusive sightings investigation.

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Crop circles are generally associated with the fields and grasslands of Great Britain.

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The formations discovered outside the British Isles have almost all been ruled out as hoaxes.

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But in the past year, an intriguing new series of crop circles has been studied along the

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U.S.-Canadian border.

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Well, the first day I saw it and the blood pressure went up.

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00:22:13,340 --> 00:22:16,100

It's very difficult to describe.

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00:22:16,100 --> 00:22:18,340

The air is full of electricity.

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There was something out there that was watching me that I didn't know about.

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00:22:25,020 --> 00:22:27,220

They appear at first light.

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An American icon, amber waves of grain, crushed by an unseen force.

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Is it a hoax?

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Sometimes.

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But here there are no footprints, no tire tracks, no obvious sign of a human hand at work.

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00:22:40,580 --> 00:22:45,020

I believe it's an alien intelligence of some sort.

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It was just a very eerie, eerie force around me.

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Nobody has actually seen a transmission of the formation.

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The scientific term is agri-glyph, literally crop picture.

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Once a predominantly European phenomenon, three new North American agri-glyphs are being

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studied.

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This one appeared near Portland, Oregon in June 1994.

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Then in July, two separate designs appeared in the same wheat field in Chahalus, Washington.

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Two weeks later and 2,000 miles away, this classic pattern was discovered in Windsor,

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Ontario, Canada.

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Farmer John Parks was on a routine inspection when he discovered the formation in his neighbor's

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wheat field.

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The straw was just bent, just laid over right from the ground.

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The stalk was still one big long piece of straw, but it was just tipped and laying right

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00:23:36,860 --> 00:23:38,220

flat on the ground.

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I find it hard to believe that a human being actually could really go in there and do that

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without disturbing any straw.

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If you went in and pushed it with your foot, the straw would kink, would bend somewhere

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in the middle and be broken.

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00:23:51,940 --> 00:23:53,820

And this straw wasn't broken.

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The evening before the crop circle appeared, animals in a kennel less than one mile away

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were acting strangely.

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The guard dog was barking incessantly.

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The owner of the boarding kennel was puzzled by his dog's erratic behavior.

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I don't met night on Sunday night.

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She started to make a racket, barking, whining.

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And we told her to be quiet and she just wouldn't respond.

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An animal sends a lot of things, which we don't.

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You know, so what turned it on like that?

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I don't know.

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Did the same force that affected the wheat affect local animals as well?

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He was actually putting up quite a fuss.

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He didn't want to go past the circle whatsoever.

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And so I just, I, you know, settled him down.

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He was his eyes were this big.

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00:24:37,460 --> 00:24:39,220

He had the white was showing around his eyes.

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00:24:39,220 --> 00:24:41,220

He was really nervous.

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Is there a connection between the nervous energy exhibited by animals and the anomalous

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energy that flattened this wheat?

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That's a possibility being explored by the United States Center for Crop Circle Studies.

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There are certain features that you can, you develop an eye for.

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And if you keep an open, open mind and not coming in with an expectation of finding this

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00:25:02,500 --> 00:25:05,820

or not finding, if you stay open, you'll see all kinds of things.

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00:25:05,820 --> 00:25:07,260

The clues are all over.

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The obvious first thing to do is try to see if there's any entry or exit marks, possible

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signs of maybe something mechanical being brought in there.

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Then I use my eyes and my camera.

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Before I touch things or lift things or move things or before things get another couple

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of seconds older, I photograph it.

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Then grain samples from the affected areas are isolated and undergo microscopic evaluation.

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Among those studying the samples, biophysicist Dr. W.C. Levin could and research associate

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John Burke, they hypothesize that the crop circles are caused by unusual but natural

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atmospheric forces.

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John and I came up with a concept based on very unusual natural phenomenon in the atmosphere.

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At his laboratory in Grasslake, Michigan, Dr. Levin Goode is currently conducting a

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comprehensive biomolecular study of crop circles.

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He has discovered that wheat from certain formations have actually become magnetized.

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They go through biochemical changes.

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00:26:14,500 --> 00:26:17,420

They go through cellular changes.

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This is a control node here showing you the normal node, very symmetrical.

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What we find here is that there are very drastic changes in the formation samples, which cannot

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00:26:34,700 --> 00:26:40,220

be explained by ordinary trampling or hoaxing or any of that.

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00:26:40,220 --> 00:26:46,020

In the formation, what we find is that this energy is so intense and so rapid.

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The heat is so high that it literally blows expulsion cavities.

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We have an enormous amount of evidence that indicates that the causes of crop circle formations

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are quite likely ion plasma vortices.

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And while this may sound exotic, you could picture a slow speed electrified tornado,

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if you will, because plasma is nothing more than electrified air particles.

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00:27:11,900 --> 00:27:14,580

It's very similar to trying to deal with the weather.

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It's on a bigger scale and so complex and chaotic.

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With all the resources at the command of our weather bureaus, we can't do an accurate

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00:27:23,180 --> 00:27:24,540

five-day forecast.

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That doesn't mean we don't understand the principles of meteorology.

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And the same thing is true of crop circles.

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Theoretically, a spiraling ion plasma vortex could create circles in standing crop, but

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could a force of nature create these intricate patterns?

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I believe that the circle makers are non-terrestrial entities and probably non-physical, non-terrestrial

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entities who don't need UFOs.

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I don't believe that these are craft landings or pod marks.

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The National Director of MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network Canada, is investigating the suspicious

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origin of the Ontario Crop Circle.

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There seems to be in some of the better cases a definite UFO connection.

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There's also evidence of paranormal activity like psychic effects, physical effects.

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Straynick's theory is bolstered by reports of UFOs cited the night before a crop circle

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discovery.

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00:28:17,660 --> 00:28:21,780

They are amber lights that are seen coming to the ground and extinguished when they

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00:28:21,780 --> 00:28:22,780

touch the ground.

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If an alien force is creating these circles, is it random, a cosmic prank, or are they

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00:28:27,900 --> 00:28:29,660

trying to tell us something?

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00:28:29,660 --> 00:28:36,500

This could be the message as well, that we are in trouble here on planet Earth.

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Things have to be changed and we are slowly being told and shown through crop circles

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00:28:44,500 --> 00:28:52,860

and various other phenomena that we are not alone and we may need some outside help.

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00:28:52,860 --> 00:28:57,020

All scientists, I think, have a love of the unknown, of the mystery of the unknown, and

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00:28:57,020 --> 00:29:05,340

there's a beauty in crop formations as well that is rather compelling.

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Crop circle investigations are becoming more and more scientific.

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Advanced technology is helping researchers gather extensive amounts of data.

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Unfortunately, all this new data still hasn't solved the mystery of how and why crop circles

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00:29:19,740 --> 00:29:24,260

are being created, or by whom.

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Coming up next, haunting sounds captured on tape have experts baffled at San Diego's

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Whaley House.

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00:29:29,300 --> 00:29:30,300

I'm not skeptical.

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00:29:30,300 --> 00:29:36,980

It's kind of eerie to me.

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00:29:36,980 --> 00:29:42,940

There is an invisible energy that exists between magnet and metal.

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00:29:42,940 --> 00:29:47,700

You can't see it or touch it, but you know that it's there.

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Some paranormal investigators believe that people generate a similar kind of energy,

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which remains in the environment even after death.

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They call it residue.

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These investigators suggest that what many people experience as a haunting may actually

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be their ability to feel, hear, or even see the existence of this spiritual residue.

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California, 1850, a stagecoach stopped with good food and clean beds.

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Today, it's an historic landmark with a different kind of reputation.

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The Whaley House is considered one of the most haunted places in the West.

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Sandy Stokes was a reporter for the San Diego Press Enterprise when she investigated the

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Whaley House for a special Halloween story.

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So to do a little bit of research to make sure that it was really haunted, I called up some

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ghost hunters, and one of the people I called was Richard Sennett.

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00:30:39,500 --> 00:30:40,980

So I sort of challenged her.

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I said, well, go ahead.

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Go down to the Whaley House.

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00:30:44,980 --> 00:30:46,300

Use a tape recorder.

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00:30:46,300 --> 00:30:48,780

Use brand new music quality tape.

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00:30:48,780 --> 00:30:50,220

Go from room to room.

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00:30:50,220 --> 00:30:55,540

And when you're done, play it back and see if there isn't something that shouldn't be

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00:30:55,540 --> 00:30:56,620

there.

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00:30:56,620 --> 00:31:03,060

So I took his advice, and I came down here, and June Redding gave me a tour.

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In her 34 years as director of the Whaley House, June Redding has experienced all kinds

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00:31:08,340 --> 00:31:10,020

of haunting phenomena.

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She's convinced that Mrs. Whaley, a professional musician at the turn of the century, is still

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00:31:14,820 --> 00:31:17,020

demonstrating her talents.

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And we think perhaps she, her spirit isn't strong enough to return, but we have music

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00:31:22,660 --> 00:31:27,500

coming from the music room, piano and violin music at times.

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00:31:27,500 --> 00:31:30,340

We have the sound of a music box.

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00:31:30,340 --> 00:31:33,620

A strain of a music box is not one of ours here.

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00:31:33,620 --> 00:31:36,860

Would Sandy's tape recorder pick up this anomalous music?

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When I got back and played the tape, it was very interesting.

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00:31:42,020 --> 00:31:45,620

I heard some sounds on it that hadn't, we hadn't heard while we were walking through

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00:31:45,620 --> 00:31:47,660

the house, and I was interviewing her.

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00:31:47,660 --> 00:31:50,900

EVP's electronic voice phenomenon.

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And this first began in the 1970s, when people using tape recorders began to get extra sounds

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00:31:58,100 --> 00:31:59,820

that shouldn't be there.

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The tape was digitally analyzed by EVP expert Brian Black.

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He discovered background sounds like clacking billiard balls, while June was giving Sandy

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a tour.

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So was that, was that on there when it was a court one?

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00:32:14,340 --> 00:32:15,340

Yeah.

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00:32:15,340 --> 00:32:16,340

Oh.

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00:32:16,340 --> 00:32:17,340

These are ghosts?

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00:32:17,340 --> 00:32:18,340

Or are they the ghosts?

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00:32:18,340 --> 00:32:19,340

This is an interesting one.

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00:32:19,340 --> 00:32:20,340

The fifth one's ghost.

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00:32:20,340 --> 00:32:21,340

Do you feel ghosts?

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00:32:21,340 --> 00:32:22,340

Oh yeah.

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00:32:22,340 --> 00:32:23,340

What is it doing?

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00:32:23,340 --> 00:32:24,340

Hi.

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00:32:24,340 --> 00:32:32,380

Brian recorded billiard sounds and compared them to the sounds on the tape, but it wasn't

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00:32:32,380 --> 00:32:33,380

a match.

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00:32:33,380 --> 00:32:39,940

I did some research on the history of billiards and discovered that what they used for billiard

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00:32:40,380 --> 00:32:42,300

balls has changed considerably.

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00:32:42,300 --> 00:32:46,180

Brian consulted with Terry Muldenau, an expert on antique billiards.

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00:32:46,180 --> 00:32:53,660

The ivory balls were used from the early 1800s on up until about the 1930s, 40s, just recently

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00:32:53,660 --> 00:32:55,620

when we went into the plastics.

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00:32:55,620 --> 00:33:00,100

When Brian repeated the test with ivory balls, the results were remarkable.

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00:33:00,100 --> 00:33:06,820

If you put the anomaly as a 10, something that would compare to it, I'd say an ivory

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00:33:06,820 --> 00:33:09,620

comes in about the seven or an eight.

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00:33:09,620 --> 00:33:13,620

Phenolic resin, the plastic that they use today, is too sharp and crisp.

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00:33:13,620 --> 00:33:22,140

When Brian told me that he had proved that it was the actual sound of a billiard game

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00:33:22,140 --> 00:33:27,900

with balls that had not been in use since the turn of the century, I was really surprised.

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00:33:27,900 --> 00:33:29,700

I was shocked.

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00:33:29,700 --> 00:33:33,820

Why were billiard sounds recorded in a part of the house that was once a county court

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00:33:33,820 --> 00:33:34,820

room?

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00:33:34,820 --> 00:33:38,660

Soon, Reddiem's historical research turned up a startling answer.

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00:33:38,660 --> 00:33:42,820

Frank Whaley, who was the oldest boy in the family, organized what he called the Clavel

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00:33:42,820 --> 00:33:43,900

Social Club.

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00:33:43,900 --> 00:33:44,900

We have all the records.

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00:33:44,900 --> 00:33:49,380

As a matter of fact, I think I still have some invitation somewhere.

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00:33:49,380 --> 00:34:01,220

My ultimate conclusion is that somehow, Sandy picked up a sound of someone practicing billiards

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00:34:01,220 --> 00:34:03,220

apparently from 1905.

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00:34:03,220 --> 00:34:10,740

Recital hunting is sort of like a shadow imprinted on the fabric of time.

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00:34:10,740 --> 00:34:16,740

Somehow leaves an impression, a photograph, if you will, in an environment that replays

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00:34:16,740 --> 00:34:20,260

and replays over and over again.

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00:34:20,260 --> 00:34:26,340

And this is perhaps one of the best examples we have of retrocognitive sounds.

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00:34:26,340 --> 00:34:33,260

It's from the past somehow impressed on the environment to be recorded a century later.

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00:34:33,260 --> 00:34:41,820

With his results of Brian's study that I'm not skeptical, and it's kind of eerie to

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00:34:41,820 --> 00:34:43,820

me.

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00:34:43,820 --> 00:34:50,860

Next, a Florida investigation uncovers a spirited phenomenon known as residue haunting.

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00:34:50,860 --> 00:34:57,540

The spirit of St. Petersburg High is definitely living here among us.

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00:34:57,540 --> 00:35:03,300

EVP, electronic voice phenomenon, is believed to be audio residue from the past.

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00:35:03,300 --> 00:35:08,340

Researchers are also finding evidence of visual residue in the form of ghost-like apparitions

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00:35:08,340 --> 00:35:10,460

and moving objects.

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00:35:10,460 --> 00:35:15,260

This kind of residue haunting seems to occur most often in a place of high energy, an emotion,

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00:35:15,260 --> 00:35:22,500

a hospital, a church, or even a school.

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Schools in session at St. Petersburg High, kids still run in the halls.

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00:35:26,740 --> 00:35:29,780

The principal still rules with an iron fist.

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00:35:29,780 --> 00:35:35,860

Only trouble is St. Petersburg High has been closed since 1926.

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00:35:35,860 --> 00:35:40,420

The spirit of St. Petersburg High is definitely living here among us.

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00:35:41,180 --> 00:35:46,220

Today, St. Petersburg High School has been converted into luxury condominiums.

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00:35:46,220 --> 00:35:51,260

The old school rooms and hallways where teenagers of a distant past once dreamed of the future

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00:35:51,260 --> 00:35:52,260

are gone.

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00:35:52,260 --> 00:35:57,020

The people who live here now still see, hear, and feel echoes from the past.

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00:35:57,020 --> 00:36:02,140

A lot of people here giggling and laughing in the hallways.

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00:36:02,140 --> 00:36:07,940

People here kids running down the hallways.

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00:36:07,940 --> 00:36:14,900

I witnessed probably the most spectacular, brightest white light I have ever seen in

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00:36:14,900 --> 00:36:16,420

my entire life.

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00:36:16,420 --> 00:36:20,260

We've had lights go on and off in the middle of the night for no reason.

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00:36:20,260 --> 00:36:24,180

We've had a couple nights where we're here in a big band music.

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00:36:24,180 --> 00:36:29,020

Have the students and teachers of yesteryear left an indelible metaphysical imprint on

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00:36:29,020 --> 00:36:31,140

this historic building.

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Sightings called in Christopher Chacon and a team from the Office of Scientific Investigation

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and Research to interview the witnesses and stake out the interior with an array of state

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00:36:40,220 --> 00:36:41,940

of the art technology.

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00:36:41,940 --> 00:36:45,940

The goal was to determine if old St. Pete High is the site of what ghost experts refer

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00:36:45,940 --> 00:36:48,940

to as residue haunting.

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It would be possible that the children who went to school here may have in fact left

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some type of impression behind.

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00:36:55,820 --> 00:37:00,800

Among their instruments, this heat sensitive imaging system called thermo vision.

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00:37:00,800 --> 00:37:05,560

It was this equipment that Chacon believes enabled his team to capture ghostly footprints

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00:37:05,560 --> 00:37:08,080

on an earlier expedition.

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00:37:08,080 --> 00:37:12,760

Certainly the possibility is there that the experiences people are having are in connection

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00:37:12,760 --> 00:37:17,760

to the students in class that were taking place back in the 1920s.

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In 1920, St. Petersburg, Florida dedicated a new high school.

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The first yearbook had a prophetic dedication.

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That the soul and spirit of the whole school could perhaps stay on for years to come.

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00:37:32,120 --> 00:37:34,520

And which is in fact what could have happened here.

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00:37:34,520 --> 00:37:38,040

St. Petersburg High was a jewel in the city's crown.

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In 1920, St. Pete's first class president was A.B. Fogarty.

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Today he's one of the school's oldest living graduates.

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When I picture the school, well I see a large, airy, well-lit building with wide halls, a

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00:37:54,560 --> 00:37:57,560

nice auditorium.

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00:37:57,560 --> 00:38:02,760

People busy going to and fro to their different duties.

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00:38:02,760 --> 00:38:08,360

And they had time to talk and talk to each other in those days.

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00:38:08,360 --> 00:38:14,080

St. Petersburg boomed so quickly that by 1926 the charming Brick High School was too small.

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A larger school was built and old St. Pete was abandoned.

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It had a variety of tenants over the next 60 years until it was converted into condos.

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When the new residents moved in, they felt an eerie sense that they were not alone.

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You feel like you're living in someone else's space and you have the feeling that you should

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00:38:31,760 --> 00:38:34,160

respect it.

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00:38:34,160 --> 00:38:38,240

Bobby Brown had just moved into her apartment in the former science wing.

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00:38:38,240 --> 00:38:44,520

She was watching television when she had her first paranormal encounter.

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00:38:44,520 --> 00:38:52,680

All of a sudden this huge shining disc that was gigantic, probably six feet across, came

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00:38:52,680 --> 00:38:55,960

rolling through these windows.

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00:38:55,960 --> 00:39:00,880

And when it hit the wall, it exploded into this millions of fragments of light and the

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00:39:00,880 --> 00:39:03,880

light was so bright it nearly blinded me.

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00:39:03,880 --> 00:39:06,240

I believe there are spirits.

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00:39:06,240 --> 00:39:13,640

I believe that there's an energy source that comes from an unexplained place and that probably

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00:39:13,640 --> 00:39:15,880

that energy is here in this building.

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00:39:15,880 --> 00:39:23,120

The individuals are very credible witnesses and the situations are very simple situations

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00:39:23,120 --> 00:39:30,000

that suddenly become very extraordinary because of phenomena which cannot be classified.

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00:39:30,000 --> 00:39:34,840

More than 15 different people who live here have experienced strange haunting phenomena

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00:39:34,840 --> 00:39:36,280

that they simply can't explain.

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00:39:36,280 --> 00:39:41,800

At first they just heard voices, laughing, giggling, childish shouts and murmurs.

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00:39:41,800 --> 00:39:48,120

And Rick Caesar, who lives in what was once the science lab, insists he saw a ghost.

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00:39:48,120 --> 00:39:55,840

I was in the bedroom one morning getting dressed and I saw a tall man with a white shirt and

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00:39:55,840 --> 00:39:57,640

a thin tie.

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00:39:57,640 --> 00:40:01,520

He was kind of looking off into the conservatory just kind of like he was looking.

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00:40:01,520 --> 00:40:07,440

And then I said, whoa, and I backed up to look again and he wasn't there.

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00:40:07,440 --> 00:40:13,160

They may not in fact be individuals who are dead or are passed away coming back to Haunthus

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00:40:13,160 --> 00:40:14,160

location.

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00:40:14,160 --> 00:40:18,040

They could in fact be nothing more than impressions that have been left behind in the environment

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00:40:18,040 --> 00:40:23,960

that certain people are perceiving and sensing under certain extraordinary circumstances.

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That sound you hear right now?

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00:40:24,960 --> 00:40:25,960

Those are your brain.

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Shaccon's investigation here begins with physical and psychological testing of the eyewitnesses.

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00:40:31,360 --> 00:40:36,120

He monitors their sleep to determine if what they are experiencing could be a dream.

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00:40:36,120 --> 00:40:41,040

Then he uses highly sensitive equipment to monitor the entire building over a 24 hour

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00:40:41,040 --> 00:40:44,680

period.

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00:40:44,680 --> 00:40:49,960

Thermal vision allows us to visually record and document an environment in temperature

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00:40:49,960 --> 00:40:51,120

variations.

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00:40:51,120 --> 00:40:56,320

The night vision technology allows us to move around under complete darkness.

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00:40:56,320 --> 00:41:03,000

All of these instruments work together and then we're able to look at any types of abnormal

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00:41:03,000 --> 00:41:06,480

phenomena or artifacts that we can correlate if something should take place.

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00:41:06,480 --> 00:41:13,360

While OSIR conducted its scientific investigation, Sightings walked the halls with A.B. Fogarty.

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00:41:13,360 --> 00:41:17,640

It had been more than 70 years since the former class president had been here.

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00:41:17,640 --> 00:41:22,640

We hoped he could help us understand why his long departed classmates might still roam

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00:41:22,640 --> 00:41:23,640

the building.

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00:41:23,640 --> 00:41:28,960

It's lost its area and its architectural creation.

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00:41:29,600 --> 00:41:30,600

It's changed.

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00:41:30,600 --> 00:41:33,480

It's a totally different thing.

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00:41:33,480 --> 00:41:34,480

Totally different.

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00:41:34,480 --> 00:41:39,640

There's no reason why if in fact someone had demolished or changed the structure that

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00:41:39,640 --> 00:41:42,720

they wouldn't have come back and actually become more active because of the fact that

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00:41:42,720 --> 00:41:43,720

someone altered it.

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00:41:43,720 --> 00:41:49,040

The spirit can roam anywhere but anybody's can.

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00:41:49,040 --> 00:41:54,880

The spirit is the thing who we really are.

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00:41:54,880 --> 00:42:00,960

The OSIR investigation turned up some unusual electromagnetic activity and cold spots in

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

the walls.

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00:42:01,960 --> 00:42:05,480

Sightings consistent with other reported residue hauntings.

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00:42:05,480 --> 00:42:10,920

We would probably have to classify this location as a classic haunt and as all the characteristics

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00:42:10,920 --> 00:42:18,960

as far as its past history and also in regards to the experiences people continue to have.

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00:42:18,960 --> 00:42:23,760

The current residents of Old St. Petersburg High School take pride in their building's

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00:42:23,760 --> 00:42:28,040

historic stature and live in peace with the building's past.

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00:42:28,040 --> 00:42:32,760

Not everyone has experienced the voices and visions but those who have believe that no

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00:42:32,760 --> 00:42:37,280

matter what happens to this building in the future it will always be filled with school

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00:42:37,280 --> 00:42:41,920

spirit.

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00:42:41,920 --> 00:42:45,960

During our investigation in St. Petersburg we had access to some of the most sophisticated

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00:42:45,960 --> 00:42:51,880

technology currently available but this equipment is still in its infancy.

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00:42:51,880 --> 00:42:56,840

Sightings have yet to devise some sort of machine to objectively measure a subjective

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00:42:56,840 --> 00:43:03,960

experience like feeling the presence of a ghost.

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00:43:03,960 --> 00:43:09,440

If you've had a paranormal experience call the sightings hotline at 190933 site that's

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00:43:09,440 --> 00:43:12,760

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00:43:12,760 --> 00:43:16,560

Each call 65 cents a minute, average call last three minutes.

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00:43:16,560 --> 00:43:17,920

Sightings is also online.

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00:43:17,920 --> 00:43:23,600

Our email addresses sightings at aol.com.

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00:43:23,600 --> 00:43:25,160

Next week on Sightings.

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00:43:25,160 --> 00:43:28,440

We had 200 rescuers, we had dive teams, dog teams.

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00:43:28,440 --> 00:43:30,880

But the dead man called out to her.

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00:43:30,880 --> 00:43:33,600

Come get me, the yellow boy, come get me.

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00:43:33,600 --> 00:43:39,920

Then what if this man's prediction for the year 2000 comes true and new evidence in this

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00:43:39,920 --> 00:43:42,760

UFO sighting is it real?

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00:43:42,760 --> 00:43:47,080

And this boy's remarkable story of a miracle in medicine.

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00:43:47,200 --> 00:43:52,760

Until next time remember no mystery is closed to an open mind.

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00:43:52,760 --> 00:43:54,760

For Sightings I'm Tim White.

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00:44:17,080 --> 00:44:22,280

Stephen King's The Stand continues tonight at Nine Eastern and Pacific on Sci-Fi.