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On this edition of Sightings, he's buried Pomeroy Castle, the most haunted place in England.

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You can see directly through her, it sounded like this.

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An exclusive sightings investigation.

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There, can the moon drive us mad?

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Simpson happened three days after the New Moon.

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The Bobbit incident happened three days after the New Moon.

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Both at night, both years at night.

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Also, practitioners give us a rare look inside the world of Santoria and Palo Meombe.

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When you're dealing with us, elemental force is very dangerous.

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Plus, is this the true face of aliens or a vision shaped by Hollywood?

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I think it's very possible that these beings are able to control how we perceive them.

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Later, these people have a special psychic connection that leads them to water.

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I don't know of many well-drillers nowadays that don't use a witcher.

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And what would you do if you encountered a ghost?

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Be ready to get evidence.

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You don't get tangible evidence of your haunting.

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Welcome to Sightings.

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I'm Tim White.

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With Halloween Fest approaching, there are ghosts and goblins in the air.

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Well, at least the paper mache variety.

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But in England, there's one ancient site where spirits and apparitions from the past seem

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to hang around all year long.

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It's Barry Pomeroy Castle, and it's earned the title of Great Britain's most haunted

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landmark.

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The whole thing really about this place is amazing, the ghosts that occur here.

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We had a strange feeling there was something wrong.

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It just started getting pretty weird.

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It's always been very still, as though you're waiting for something to happen.

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You learn to control your imagination, because at Barry Pomeroy, if you let your imagination

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run away with you, you could be a raven lunatic.

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In its heyday, Barry Pomeroy Castle hosted princes, kings and crusaders.

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But since 1688, no one has wanted to live within these walls.

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Visitors say there's something evil inside.

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It sounded like this.

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Waaaaaah!

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Ghostly shrieks are heard, ghoulissh apparitions are seen, and photographs have captured the

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dark side of the castle.

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The crumbling walls of this once great fortress are perched above the desolate moors that

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blanket southern England.

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It is the land of ancient superstitions, defiled tombs and long abandoned graveyards.

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It's just brooding and evil.

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The evil is there in the atmosphere.

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But is it only atmosphere?

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Sightings has teamed up with Tony Cornell, Great Britain's premier paranormal investigator

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for the first in-depth study ever conducted at Barry Pomeroy Castle.

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In my view, it's one of the most interesting cases I think I've come across, basically

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because so many people have seen things and felt things.

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You don't get that in all hauntings, you waste a lot of time.

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There's enough evidence that I've heard that we've got to examine this.

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Cornell's first step was to gather historical and anecdotal data.

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He sought out historian Derek Seymour, who has studied the ghostly presences here for

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more than 70 years.

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Every day I thought of this castle.

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If it was a lovely sunny day, I used to think, I wonder what it's looking like at the castle

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today.

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If there was a thunderstorm and the wind was howling, I used to think, oh, I wouldn't like

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to be at the castle today.

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Oh no.

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The best-known ghost here is the white lady.

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And the white lady is, of course, the unfortunate Lady Margaret, who is seen to walk at the

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top of the stairs in that tower down in the dungeon.

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She is really quite frequently seen.

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folklore tells of two sisters in love with the same man.

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Lady Margaret, the younger and more beautiful of the two, was imprisoned in the castle's

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dungeon by her jealous sister.

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There she starved to death.

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Modern-day visitor Anne Benny recalls her encounter with the white lady.

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When we first went down the stairs into the chamber, it was dark.

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It was damp.

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And it wasn't a nice place to be.

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But then this evil presence, you could sense it was evil.

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I don't know how to describe it any other way, really.

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00:04:53,800 --> 00:04:58,440

And then I heard the footsteps very quick, very light.

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And the closer she got, the more panic-stricken I felt.

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00:05:02,720 --> 00:05:08,360

I just wanted to get out of the place and not come back.

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Tony Cornell walked the castle grounds with Jack Hazard, the former master stone-mason

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of Barry Pomeroy.

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It was while working here in 1986 that Hazard captured what many consider the most authentic

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photographic evidence of a ghostly presence here.

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It started to rain and the wind started to blow.

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And I thought there was something happening unusual.

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So I got the disc camera out and I took five or six shots.

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And under five of the prints, white shapes came out.

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Whatever they were, I have no idea.

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But it was a most unusual Sunday morning.

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Sightings also heard stories of a haunting blue lady.

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She is thought to be the spirit of a 14th century Pomeroy who was raped by her father

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and then bore his child.

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Legend has it that she murdered the child in a fit of shame and rage.

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And this unfortunate child was strangled by the mother who did not want it of course.

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Now she's quite frequently seen.

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She's very evil and people don't like the sight of her at all.

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Visitors Simon Day and Tim King believed the apparition they saw on a trip to the castle

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was the blue lady.

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What we saw was a figure of an elderly woman.

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She had a blue dress on but you could see directly through her and she was just staring

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at us and this noise started.

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00:06:35,960 --> 00:06:39,040

But when you look in the direction where it actually happened, you can't see a thing.

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00:06:39,040 --> 00:06:40,680

There was nothing there.

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It screeched and stopped and within a second it was in the bush next to us.

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There was this frilly, amazing screech.

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It scared the hell out of us.

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And they felt there that there was a power far stronger than themselves and became absolutely

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terrified and went.

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Terror also enveloped psychic investigator Bob Dolby and it would not go away.

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I was conducting an investigation expecting nothing at all.

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I was about to leave when just by the vampire walls and the stairs leading down I saw this

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huge black cloud and to me it seemed probably the hugest and blackest deepest thing I'd

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ever seen.

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Dolby claims the black cloud, what he terms the evil entity, trail him through the castle

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00:07:26,720 --> 00:07:29,560

and followed him back to his house nearby.

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That same night he tried to use a Ouija board to make contact with the terrifying presence.

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Is there anybody there?

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Hi.

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00:07:38,880 --> 00:07:39,880

Yes.

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The glass moved erratically around the board which was very unusual at the time and then

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she made herself known.

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She popped up.

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Isabelle.

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She struck us as a very evil little girl.

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Through the Ouija board they met a little girl named Isabelle who revealed that she

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was the bastard child of a disinherited pomeroiy from the 17th century.

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The Dolby's believed she spoke through the board and then actually appeared hours later

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in the Dolby bedroom.

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I actually went to bed early and left the group downstairs experimenting with the Ouija

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board and actually had the experience of somebody sitting on the back of my legs while I was

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lying on the bed thinking it was Bob messing about.

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I told him to get off, turned around and it was actually a little girl with just a manic

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grin in the face.

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Well they both came to see me the next afternoon.

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They were so terrified and I can tell you that they were frozen with shock.

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There are hundreds of stories like these all pointing to a bizarre force that permeates

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these ancient limestone walls.

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For Tony Cornell these subjective accounts demand an objective investigation.

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For me this is probably, I go far as I say it is the most haunted castle in England.

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I'm glad you brought me here.

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You're opening my eyes and I think that I should go back and suggest that we get in

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touch with British heritage and that we do a serious investigation over a period of time.

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There is something pretty potent here.

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There's a very evil force and if ever you encounter it I'm going to bed a pomeroy.

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This is out quick.

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Based on the preliminary findings of our investigation Tony Cornell believes that Barry Pomeroy Castle

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deserves a full scale long term study.

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The problem is access.

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British heritage, the trustees of Barry Pomeroy Castle are not believers and so far have denied

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all requests for an intensive investigation.

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Coming up next are they eyewitnesses to a historic phenomenon or have their memories

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been shaped by Hollywood?

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We just have to trust our hearts and kind of sift through all this and find out who's

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telling the truth.

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If creatures from an alien civilization are here on earth, what do they look like?

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How do they get here?

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These questions are now being answered by two distinct groups.

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First, the artists and writers who create the pop culture version of our cosmic cousins.

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And the people who believe that they have actual first hand knowledge.

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They are eyewitnesses and abductees.

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Strangely, both groups have similar visions.

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So who's influencing whom?

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The thing you'll never forget when you look into the face of these things is the eyes.

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Very large, intimidating black eyes.

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Very small opening for a mouth, no ears.

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Tremendous head, very thin body, long arms.

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They're called greys.

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Greys insist these are the real aliens and that they're a far cry from what Hollywood

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depicts.

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And for the most part, they're right.

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The creatures created by generations of sci-fi writers and illustrators are far more fantastically

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slender, featureless humanoids reported by abductees.

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But it is this dark eyed face that has come to dominate the public's conception of what

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a real extraterrestrial looks like.

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The more people know about what they are expected to look like, the more they're

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likely to describe an alien as looking like that preconceived idea.

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It's a self-feeding kind of a thing.

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In ten years, there won't be any kind of alien except a gray.

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Are supposed eyewitnesses seeing the true face of aliens?

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Or is their vision influenced by popular culture?

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I think it's both.

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I think it's definitely both.

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00:11:30,360 --> 00:11:33,440

And that we just have to trust our hearts and kind of sift through all this and find

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out who's telling the truth and who isn't.

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The rise of this alien archetype coincides with the increasing number of supposed abductees.

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But is there evidence that depictions of grays predate the abduction phenomenon?

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The grays, I think, are not a modern idea.

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Science fiction illustrator and historian Ron Miller has traced the depiction of grays

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in popular culture.

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He's unearthed suggestive artwork from the 19th century.

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He comes from fairy tales, science fiction, film, a lot of sources.

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They go back decades, even a century or more.

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From the earliest sort of realistic depictions of an alien, I have from a book that was published

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in 1884, which shows the mummified body of a Martian.

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And in fact, there's a startling resemblance to the modern picture of an alien.

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But those early drawings are just a needle in the science fiction haystack.

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Thousands of creatures, from the sublime to the utterly ridiculous, have been created

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by artists who use a little science and a lot of imagination.

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Science fiction reached a creative peak in the 1950s, when an atmosphere of anything

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goes produced hundreds about landish movies that seemed laughable.

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But that all changed in 1964, when a New Hampshire couple, Betty and Barney Hill, were the first

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to claim publicly that they had been abducted by aliens.

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This is a composite of what they look like.

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Lodge your eyes, smaller nose, no lips, no protruding part of the ear, no hair, and a

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gray tone to the skin.

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Uphologists embrace the Hill case as a significant turning point, but author James Oberg believes

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it was TV, not a real ET, that influenced the Hills.

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A lot of Betty's memories are directly traceable back to a movie called Invaders from Mars.

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Many of the themes, many of the imageries from that film appear in almost recognizable

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form in Betty's story.

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In the account there was kidnapping, being taken on board and flying saucer, there were

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needles being inserted into people's brains or other parts of their bodies.

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Barney Hill's recollections of the abduction differed from Betty's in one significant detail.

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Barney claimed the aliens had huge eyes.

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The same kind of eyes depicted in this episode of The Outer Limits.

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The unique feature here is these wrap-around eyes, the eyeballs that move off to this forehead,

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off to the side of the head.

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It was very original, and yet less than two weeks after this face first appeared on television,

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Barney Hill, under hypnosis, suddenly remembered that his aliens had eyes like that, had eyes

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that wrapped around.

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Was it cause and effect?

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Did he see the show?

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This is memory polluted by this Hollywood version?

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Can't prove it.

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But the sequence is highly suggestive.

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I think it's very possible that these beings are able to control how we perceive them and

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perceive the experience that we're sharing with them, that they're very much able to

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manipulate it.

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Artist Steve Neal also believes that he's been abducted and that his art is drawn from

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first-hand experience.

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It's difficult to say why the gray look, the black-eyed, bubble-headed look has become

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so dominant for any other reason that these are the beings that are visiting here.

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The one event that catapulted the cult of the grays into mass acceptance can be summed

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up in two words, Steven Spielberg.

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His landmark 1977 blockbuster, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, has been seen by more than

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100 million Americans.

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How Close Encounters, for good or evil, had enormous effect on what people expected aliens

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to look like.

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And if anything really focused all these disparate threads into one sort of standard alien, it

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was Close Encounters.

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Spielberg himself was picking up all these loose threads in the descriptions he based

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them on that Heineck provided him with.

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Or, of course, based on, once again, a long tradition of ideas and images.

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He would still be having maybe more variety in aliens now, the headman for that movie.

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Joe Alves was the production designer for Close Encounters.

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His original drawings were based on the early abductee accounts collected by Professor J.

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Allen Heineck.

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I think what was unique about Close Encounters is it was science fiction and yet in a sense

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it wasn't because we weren't manufacturing something that was convenient.

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We took these things from all the encounters that we could record and sort of put it into

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the funnel and it came out with these kind of images.

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An alien that does not look like a human being is quite likely to scare the Bejesus out of

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us.

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There has been a very definite evolution from the bug-eyed monster of the 30s.

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Gradually you came into less monstrous looking aliens, but still aliens.

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And I think the biggest shock was around the late 50s when we began to get these reports

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of direct alien contacts.

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Kelly Freese, known as the Dean of Science Fiction Illustrators, is disturbed by today's

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dominance of the Greys.

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In a career spanning more than five decades, Freese has created a rich palette of creatures

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he believes may be out there somewhere.

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I hate to think that the universe is so dull that that's the best it can come up with.

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Are we supposed to assume that only one race managed to accomplish spaceflight and come

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to the Earth?

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Or are there more races out there?

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If so, what do the other races look like?

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Admittedly, there are similarities between abductee accounts and old television shows.

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But considering the vast number of creatures created in this century, perhaps the similarities

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are coincidence, not deliberate deception.

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Science fiction tries to create believable characters, and abductees believe that in

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a few instances they've gotten it right.

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Abductees believe that they have seen the face of an alien civilization, and this is

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it.

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But Dr. Alvin Lawson, who has studied the abduction phenomenon for more than ten years,

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suggests another possibility.

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These abductees are actually remembering their own birth experiences.

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With a surgical mask covering the nose and the mouth and bright operating room lights

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behind, could a human face look like this to a newborn?

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Next on Sightings, experts offer a guide to a ghostly encounter.

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First thing that they'll say is, you're going to think I'm crazy, but I don't think you're

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crazy.

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I've heard it all before.

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This week leading up to All Hallows Eve, Halloween, legend has it that the spirits of the dead

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are allowed to roam freely on the earth.

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What would you do if you were suddenly confronted by what seemed to be a ghost?

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We're often asked by viewers how to document a haunting.

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So we went to our experts on this most haunted of holidays, and here's what they advise.

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The first thing that they'll say is, you're going to think I'm crazy, but this is going

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on, and I tell them, no, I don't think you're crazy.

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I've heard it all before.

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Al Rober is a psychical researcher with over 25 years of experience investigating the paranormal.

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Rober's studies of haunting phenomena have taken him around the world in pursuit of hard

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evidence.

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Rober's interest in ghosts and spirits stems from his personal belief that every living

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being contains energy that does not die when the physical body dies.

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Every one of us is made up of energy.

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Now when we die, what happens?

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Do we go into a box six feet in the ground and that energy stays there?

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I don't think so.

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The energy has to go someplace, okay?

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I think in cases of hauntings, somehow this energy stays behind.

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After years of investigation, Rober has developed a checklist for anyone who believes they have

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seen or felt a ghost.

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The first thing to do is to start keeping a log.

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Put down what happened, the length of time that had happened.

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Put down who was there in the room at the time of the experience.

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If there's four people present, could all four people experience it?

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If the activity seems to happen more often around one certain individual, that should

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be noted.

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Or in certain areas of the house, the person should drop a floor plan of the house and

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mark each area where activity is taking place and what activity took place there.

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Have a camera ready, preferably a Polaroid camera or a tape recorder ready.

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Be ready to get evidence and get tangible evidence of your haunting.

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In addition to recording every aspect of your experience, Rober suggests doing some outside

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research.

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Find out everything you can about the history of your house, the land it sits on, and other

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ghost phenomena that have been reported nearby.

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If the haunting continues and is frightening to you, Rober suggests contacting a psychic.

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There are those psychics that claim that they can actually absorb the spirit into their

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own person and then release it at a later time through meditation.

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Although psychics can help, Rober believes that the best way to deal with the haunting

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is to embrace it as a once in a lifetime experience.

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I would tell them to attempt to learn to coexist with it for the time being.

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If they can coexist with it, if they can somehow reduce their own tensions, then I think what

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they'll find is the activity will decrease.

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One more important step is to look for any natural occurrences that could explain away

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the haunting, in particular the sight's proximity to high tension wires.

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The physical effects of EMF, electromagnetic fields, are hotly debated, but it does seem

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to have an influence in many haunting cases.

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When sightings continues.

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We don't go and put a gun to your head.

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00:21:46,880 --> 00:21:51,520

We take your name, we put it in the pot, and then you will drop dead somewhere in the street.

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Inside the world of Santoria and Paulo, then deadly effects of the moon and the water which

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00:21:56,840 --> 00:22:02,280

is gift.

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The day after the invasion of Panama in 1989, US forces discovered a strange house in the

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Panamanian jungle owned by then general Manuel Noriega.

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Inside rooms had been turned into occult shrines.

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There were remains from animal sacrifices, jars filled with blood, bone in herbs, and

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cryptic curses defaming Noriega's enemies, including then President George Bush.

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It was a rare glimpse at the international power of a little known and much misunderstood

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religion called Santoria.

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It started as a small sect of wildly devout worshipers in one African tribe has spread

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significantly across the Atlantic to Cuba, then Miami, and now the power of Santoria

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is felt from New York to Los Angeles, from Caracas to Tierra del Fuego, fostered by slave

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trading in the last century, and exposure to Catholicism in this century.

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The religion was originally practiced by the Yoruba in what is today southwestern Nigeria,

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when the Yoruba came to Cuba as slaves, they had to make certain adaptations to the environment

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and the resulting religion is Santoria.

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But when East met West, some Santeros split from the largely benign practices of Santorio

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to form Palo, a religion that turned spirits into demons and corpses into objects of worship.

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We have to have an actual spirit that will do our bidding.

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So there are ceremonies where they go into the cemetery and they disenter a body and

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they ask if they can use that spirit of that corpse.

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And if the spirit of that corpse says yes that it will do what the palo asked, then yes,

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we take different pieces of bone from it, whether it's the skull, fingertip bones or shin bones,

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and we incorporate those into the pot.

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The dark rituals of Palo are often confused with Santoria because to satisfy the spirits,

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both religions practice animal sacrifice.

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We don't kill cats and dogs, okay?

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No pets.

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We use goats, we use lambs and chickens, and we do eat these animals.

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We don't torture the animal.

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The person who does the animal sacrifice is trained so that the animal is killed instantly.

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Santoria and Palo also share a belief in the power of spirit possession.

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In Santoria, spirits, called orishas, are summoned through music and prayer and are

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believed to enter the bodies of the worshippers.

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They shave your head, they cut a small cut in your scalp and implant actually the essence

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of the orisha, the power of the orisha inside your head.

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You become known as Iyawo.

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Iyawo means the wife of the orisha.

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Even if you are male, you still the wife of the orisha.

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Once you go into the room of the initiation, you feel the vibes, you feel energies, that's

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something different.

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During these initiation ceremonies, believers enter an altered state where their mind and

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body are given over to the orisha.

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Santeros believe that in this altered state, miracles can happen.

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Jackie Rodriguez, a Cuban-American baptized in the Catholic Church, was initiated into

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Santoria at 22.

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She was looking for hope and healing after a series of difficult miscarriages.

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The doctors said that I should stop trying to have babies because it was going to be

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worse for me or I was going to cause some kind of complication.

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Jackie believes it was the power of her orisha that helped her sustain a new life within

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00:25:52,200 --> 00:25:53,200

her.

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Well, when I went to the doctor, I was scared when he said I was pregnant.

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I said, oh no, you know, because I was already scared of losing them.

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And he said, well, this one looks like it's pretty good and it looks okay.

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00:26:03,040 --> 00:26:05,280

Your pregnancy looks well.

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00:26:05,280 --> 00:26:06,600

And I was shocked.

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00:26:06,600 --> 00:26:08,440

The doctor was shocked as well.

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Jackie's son is now eight years old and a Santoria initiate.

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Jackie herself has become a priestess and is dedicated to helping others use Santoria

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for good.

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Anybody can be initiated.

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The religion has people from all kinds of social backgrounds.

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It is a family religion.

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With more than five million members in the U.S., Santoria tries to distance itself from

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polo, where the power of the orishas is used for evil.

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The same rituals that create life for Santeros are used to curse and even kill through polo.

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We don't go and put a gun to your head.

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00:26:42,360 --> 00:26:46,840

What we do, we take your name, we put it in the pot and we do our ceremonies.

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00:26:46,840 --> 00:26:49,280

And then you will drop dead somewhere in the street.

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But I want to stress to you that the majority of the paletos do not do evil.

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Usually, most of the spells they do is to cure and heal people.

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The only time you actually see them doing evils in self-defense is when somebody else

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is trying to hurt them.

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The centerpiece for polo ceremonies is the enganga, an iron cauldron filled with ritual

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items like herbs, nails, and sometimes human remains.

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This ceremonial soup is thought to attract the orishas who are thought to spring from

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the enganga.

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When you're dealing with this elemental force, it's very dangerous.

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If you don't know what you're doing, you can hurt yourself, you see.

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So when I go and do a spell on somebody, I go in front of my pot and I ask my pot,

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00:27:29,200 --> 00:27:33,360

am I justified in doing this spell for this person?

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00:27:33,360 --> 00:27:37,480

If the pot tells me no, no matter how much money, no matter how much they try to persuade

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00:27:37,480 --> 00:27:39,560

me, I will not do it.

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Engangas have led to the popular but erroneous belief that human sacrifices are part of Santa

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Maria and polo.

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Poleros insist the innocent have nothing to fear from their practices.

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Jim Dibble was the US Army's leading occult expert when he came face to face with the

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dark side of polo during a raid on the so-called Witch House of Manuel Noriega.

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When entering this house located in Fort Amador, it became apparent to me that in fact

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what we were looking at was not drugs, but what it was were manifestations of a more

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deviant practicing of Santa Maria.

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The house was devoted to polo and black magic.

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Among the items, a split cow's tongue, nailed shut and buried in rice inside the names of

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Noriega's enemies.

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When I first was able to discover that these items were linked directly to Noriega, I was

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00:28:36,400 --> 00:28:37,480

astounded.

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00:28:37,480 --> 00:28:45,200

Not only because a world leader was bound by these beliefs, guided by these beliefs,

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but this is the first time I'd been able to see these types of examples, these manifestations

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in reality.

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Hundreds of politicians and world leaders were named in curses called workings.

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I encountered a number of workings that involved George Bush.

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Typically George Bush's name would be written on a piece of paper and then this piece of

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paper would be placed either in gelatin or in cornmeal and then wrapped in the case of

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cornmeal would be wrapped in a banana leaf, tied securely and placed in the freezer.

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It's not hard to see that Noriega was trying to influence the way George Bush thought about

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00:29:27,360 --> 00:29:29,960

him and the way he acted against him.

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Noriega believed these workings empowered him and that he could control his enemies

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through the spells he cast.

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They could use a spell to sweeten you, they could use a spell to make your life a bit

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00:29:40,800 --> 00:29:48,880

of misery, they could use the spell to bring you good fortune and judging from what was

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00:29:48,880 --> 00:29:54,720

done there, I would say that these were spells used to control, to put these people under

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00:29:54,720 --> 00:29:58,440

his control so they would do his bidding.

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While Polo continues to operate in the shadows, Santaria has an open door policy and is accessible

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through neighborhood botanicas.

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You find all kinds of really interesting paraphernalia here which is really the basis for the religion.

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Cady here is the owner of this botanica.

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She has an increasing number of Americans becoming involved and interested in Santaria

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and Polo.

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Santaria has no aspect that needs to be feared by people that live in the United States.

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But certainly it has an aspect that could be manipulated for destructive purposes.

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They say man is only afraid of what he doesn't know.

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Once you know what Polo is you really shouldn't be afraid of it because all Polo is is a religion

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of natural elements.

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That's all we work with is with nature.

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00:30:57,040 --> 00:31:01,560

I think the most important thing is that we're not here to hurt anybody, we're just here

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to help those who we can help and who the Erechias let us help.

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As the American military's leading authority on the occult, James Dibble would seem to

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be a prime target for the wrath of Santeros.

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Dibble has experienced some unusual occurrences, mostly mechanical and electrical malfunctions

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while he's lecturing about the occult.

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But so far he has escaped the deadly curse of Polo Mayan Bay.

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Coming up next on sighting this.

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Some night you'll get people talking to street lights, you know barking like dogs.

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Things go a little crazy at the time of Full Moon.

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For millennia, humankind has looked to the moon with wonder and awe.

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Our nearest neighbor in space has inspired lovers, scientists and madmen.

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In fact the word lunatic has at its root the Latin word for moon.

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The moon's effect on our planet can be measured with the tides.

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But what about its effect on human beings?

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If the Simpson crime had happened 400 years ago, people finding two badly mutilated bodies

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with animal footprints because a dog was present in the scene, they might have said, you know,

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werewolves.

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The LA riots was I think three days before the new moon.

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O.J. Simpson happened three days after the new moon.

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The bobbitt incident happened three days after the new moon, both at night, both using a

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knife.

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It is a beautiful sight.

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The Full Moon rising high in the night sky.

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While the moon casts its heavenly glow, it seems all hell breaks loose on earth.

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During the Full Moon, reports of murder, violence and admissions to psychiatric hospitals all

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rise.

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Many scientists say moon madness is myth, but at the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles,

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calls come in daily insisting there is a link.

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If you ask emergency personnel, police, fire, doctors, what influence does the moon have,

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they'll all tell you for certain things go a little crazy at the time of Full Moon.

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Tonight, yeah, we had a guy that apparently was trying to kill himself and stuck himself

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in the stomach with a steak knife all the way up to the handle and was running around the

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house.

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And when the officers got there, they were trying to calm him down and his main concern

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was that he wanted a cigarette.

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Sightings rode along with police in Pomona, California during one recent Full Moon.

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This city is pretty weird as it is.

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I never really consciously thought about it.

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I'm sure there's probably been one or two nights where the city was jumping and if I

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would have looked up, it probably would have been full.

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Some nights you'll get five or six, what we call, 5150s, people walking in traffic, talking

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to street lights, barking like dogs.

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People who supposedly transform into animals are nothing new.

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They're just the modern chapter in an age-old belief in the moon's ability to bring out

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the beast within humankind.

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More than 1,000 years ago, moon rituals would transform participants into what we now call

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werewolves.

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They would do this by either drinking a concoction of herbs.

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They would very often bind their waist with a pelt of wolf skin.

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They would light a fire and urinate in a circle around it.

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And there was a chant where they actually asked the wolf spirit to enter into their

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body and take over their soul.

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Preferably this was done at the full of the moon when the moon was at its zenith.

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But did the moon cause their transformation or simply illuminated?

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The connection of the werewolf to the full moon probably begins with just the notion

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that wolves and coyotes howl at the moon.

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That linked up with the idea that the moon is always changing and it seems like a supernatural

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transformation to traditional people.

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And so that can create the notion that something like a wolf could change into a man or vice

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versa.

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Forensic scientist and crime historian E.J. Wagner documents the link between the moon

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and its reported gruesome effects on people.

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There was a 14-year-old boy named Jean Grenet who confessed to being a werewolf and said

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he had attacked and killed several children and incarcerated him in a monastery for the

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rest of his life.

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And he spent the rest of his life groveling on off of the wall for us.

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Would he dally raw meat?

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Would he tore apart?

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There's no close correlation between the phase of the moon and human behavior.

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People often think that there must be because the moon makes the tides.

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That's water and of course human beings are 80% water.

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But tidal forces on human beings are much less than on the earth.

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In fact, a book I have in my hand would exert more tidal force than the moon ever would.

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But consider these unsettling acts conducted during a full moon.

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An AP Wire Story on April 11, 1982 reports 12 murders in 12 hours.

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A man in England insists that the full moon drove him to commit gruesome crimes.

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And the list goes on.

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There has yet to be a single comprehensive scientific study on the lunar effect on human

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beings.

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But anecdotal evidence is pervasive pointing to a rise in suicide, crime, arson, earthquakes

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and other earth changes.

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In Miami, Florida, Jeff Warren Hyman studies lunar cycles and charts their effects.

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His newsletter uses this data to predict high and low points for each month.

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If you're looking for that explosive period, it's one day after the full moon, the eve

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of the full moon to one day after and about five days before new moon through one day

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after new moon.

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This is where you really see the, this is where they go to town.

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There are only anecdotes and theories for now.

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But as Nobel Prize winner Robert Millican has said, if man is not affected in some way

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by the planet's sun and moon, he is the only thing on earth that isn't.

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Next on Sightings, a mysterious ability succeeds where science fails.

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I don't know of many well-drillers nowadays that don't use a witcher.

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Before I did, now I don't.

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When astronomers look for the shape of the universe, they use radio telescopes.

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When geneticists look deep inside DNA, they use supercomputers.

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And when drilling engineers look for water, they also call in someone special.

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Someone who uses something like this.

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There's no way in the world that you can explain it, except that it's something mysterious

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and it's wonderful and it works.

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The search for water is the search for life.

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And dousing, our most ancient method of finding water, is still in constant use today.

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Scientists have yet to invent an instrument that can locate water more accurately than

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the forked stick depicted in this 16th century woodcut.

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There's no earthly reason to believe that dousing doesn't go way back to maybe the stone age,

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because it's so practical.

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Many dousers, also called water witches, believe that the divining rod itself is not powerful,

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but that it acts as an indicator of the psychic power within each individual douser.

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I think of all the psychic abilities, like clairvoyance or telepathy, there is that

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dousing is the most accessible.

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But the source of their ability is as individual as each water witch.

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In Northern Georgia, Bob Slack has doused successfully for over 17 years.

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Most dousters believe they have guardian angels or guides that help them get this information.

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And I figured that the guides get this message to my subconscious, and the subconscious takes

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over so that the pendulum or the rods react as they do.

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Bob uses L-shaped rods made of bronze and copper that he believes will turn and twist

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in his hands in the presence of water.

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When the rods cross, like so, that's a yes answer.

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And if they don't cross and you ask a question, the answer is no.

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There's one vein that's flowing off to my right.

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Right there we are.

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After locating what he believes is a water source, Bob uses a pendulum to divine how

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deep the engineer should drill.

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More than 100 feet, no, 90, 80, 70, 60.

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Our sightings crew watched as Bob placed a marker on the spot where his divining rods

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and indicated water would be found.

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Then we drilled.

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I don't believe 100% in them, but I don't disbelieve in them.

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But Jack Byers became a believer when he hit water, exactly where the water witch said

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he would.

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Skeptics argue that if you drill deep enough, you can find water anywhere, with or without

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dousing.

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But drillers here in the Great Western Desert haven't found that to be true.

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Dry holes mean empty pockets.

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Water witching is very practical, especially in this country.

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If you drill a dry hole, you know, you're looking at five to ten thousand plus dollars.

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I didn't know what a water witch was, and yet I knew it worked for me.

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And people would ask me and I say, I have no idea how it works.

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I just know that it works.

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When they drill well, there's water there.

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In 40 years of dousing, Eldon Schmoots claims he's only missed three times.

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A simple willow branch in his hand succeeds where geology maps fail.

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Even the state of Utah has come to trust his stunning dousing powers.

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If I'm holding that stick really tight, it'll go in my hand as it goes down, the bark of

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the willow against the flesh of my hand.

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When Schmoots chooses a drilling site, he uses a coil of bailing wire to determine the

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depth at which water can be found.

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286 is the next strata to write down.

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I started writing down these depths, and it really amazed me.

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He's only a foot or two off, and he tells me before I drill.

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Schmoots believes his is a physical power rather than a psychic gift.

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Everybody has an aura or an electrical field or magnetic field about them, and there's

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no two that are alike, just like there's no two fingerprints are alike.

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And those persons who have a strong, strong aura are the one that water witching works

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for.

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You hold it as tight as you can, you're a water witch.

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I don't know of many well drillers nowadays that don't use a witcher.

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It's just a natural thing now.

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I don't even question it anymore.

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Before I did, now I don't.

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Even us old guys get our education.

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Here it goes, I think we found her.

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That's good.

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We're deep enough.

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Yeah, that's great.

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Just like that.

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The American Society of Dowsers has 3,500 members in all 50 states.

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The roster of clients includes some of the biggest names in drilling and construction,

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including many large oil companies.

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But when we queried these companies about their use of dowsing, they refused to comment

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publicly.

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If you've had a paranormal experience, call the Sightings Hotline at 190933 site.

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That's 1909337444.

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Each call 65 cents a minute, average call last 3 minutes.

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Sightings is also online.

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Our email addresses sightings at aol.com.

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

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For Sightings, I'm Tim White.

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Gary Sinise.

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What did you people do?

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And Laura Sanjiakomo.

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We are dead.

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And this is Hell.

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