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I want to go away!

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Sightings returns to Colorado's Black Forest

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to help a terrified family resolve a frightening haunting.

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Whoa! You see it?

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They're coming through right right here.

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When three-year-old Sarah Skidmore disappeared

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for three days in the Arizona desert,

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her parents and police knew the only thing that could save her

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would be a miracle.

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I believe my sister, um, I was hurt in drugs.

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We have a strong target return.

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Later, a Sightings investigation continues in Canada

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with an expedition that searches for debris from a crashed UFO.

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The man at the base had told me that it was probably

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the most intense thing next to the Cuban missile crisis.

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And has medical science gone too far

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in its attempt to farm body parts?

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Welcome to Sightings. I'm Tim White.

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During a recent Sightings ghost investigation

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in Black Forest, Colorado,

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our team recorded bizarre noises, images, and thermal imaging

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that pointed to the presence of an ethereal form.

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Now, that form is making its presence known in more concrete

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and threatening ways.

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Sightings correspondent Carla Wall traveled to Black Forest

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and found a family in fear.

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The sweet smell of pine, a gentle breeze,

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a beautiful log cabin in the woods.

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From the outside, there's no hint of the terror

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that's been experienced inside the Lee Home in Black Forest, Colorado.

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What is it?

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I want to go away!

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Okay, it's okay. It's okay.

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I'm going to go away.

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I'm going to go away.

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I'm going to go away.

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I'm going to go away.

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Go away!

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Now, Steve Lee reports a bizarre physical manifestation of the haunting.

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One morning, my head just started swelling up.

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That's when they took me to the hospital and they did the cascades.

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And the doctor said there was no bruise there, no cut or nothing.

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So far, Steve and Beth Lee's search for an explanation

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has cost them their life savings and their peace of mind.

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Our initial Sightings investigation confirmed

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that the haunting is real.

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There were the anomalous sounds from Steve's police scanner.

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A camera fell over without explanation.

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It just took a header right off the tripod and landed.

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And there were a number of unusual equipment failures.

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It's fall now, a little more than six months since that first visit,

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and there's a change in the wind.

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But inside, I found there's been no change in the disturbing haunting activity.

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How often are things happening in this house?

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Every single night.

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Every night?

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Every single night.

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And Steve and Beth can no longer shelter their boys from the paranormal phenomena.

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Steve, what kinds of strange stuff have you seen around your house?

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Lights, shadows in my room.

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When I was watching TV, TV kept going on and off and just strange things.

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Why do you stay here with your kids and with these types of things happening?

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Because we want it solved and we want to keep our house.

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Until you sit in our shoes, you want to understand.

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That's the best way to explain it.

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I've been through so much, I'm not going to move.

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Steve believes that if the family moves, the entity, as captured in these photos, wins.

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He and Beth have spent more than \$30,000 on surveillance equipment and other high-tech devices,

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searching for an explanation.

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But when sighting suggested an in-depth psychic investigation,

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the family who said they would try anything wanted to sleep on it.

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The next morning, they agreed.

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Peter James is coming here.

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What are you hoping he can do or tell you?

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I'm a little bit more open-minded than he is as far as believing some things from the spiritual world.

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But I hope that what he can do is explain some things that are happening.

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Peter James has been given no information about what's transpired in the Lee home.

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But as soon as he steps out of the car, Peter senses why we've brought him here.

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There's a lot of death around here. There is a lot of activity here.

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Inside, Steve keeps his distance as Peter begins his survey.

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Who's here? Identify yourself.

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Peter is immediately drawn upstairs to the master bedroom.

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During our previous sightings investigation, paranormal researchers identified this bedroom

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as one of three significant areas of haunting activity.

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Right here. Feel it? Something just touched me there.

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Feel it?

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I feel cold. I also feel it right here.

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He's at cold spot.

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When Peter begins to feel the pull of an energy vortex, the Lees begin to listen.

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But it feels like someone has their arms around my legs right now.

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And I'm chilled to the bone right now.

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Then Peter begins to feel an overpowering presence of something chemical or medicinal in the air.

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He believes this has a connection to the haunting.

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It's a psychic impression that catches Steve completely by surprise.

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There's a chemical smell. I smell something old like...

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You get goosebumps? I get chills.

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When Peter feels he's connected with the entity responsible for the haunting, he proposes a name.

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How's the name of Howard?

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The old, you know, the Howard one, there's no... I mean, that's so personal between us and Sunreal.

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There's no possible way on God's earth you couldn't know anyone.

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Do you ever feel that Howard is trying to protect you?

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Yes. Very much so.

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Because that's what I'm saying.

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Does that make sense to you?

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Yeah.

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That's what I said. That's a good thing.

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That's a good thing.

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Very much so.

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But Peter can't seem to take a break from the psychic impressions flooding his mind.

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Is there anyone around here that was a pharmacist?

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That's too much, isn't it?

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Yes or no? Yes or no? Tell me.

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Howard was very involved in that kind of stuff.

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Beth, who is Howard?

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I have a little adopted granddaddy here in town that I have guardianship of that we've taken care of for like 10 years now or more.

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And his name is Howard.

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And he had a son that we did not know, but that he died in the 60s of a drug overdose.

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And his best friend's dad was a doctor and into pharmacist work.

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And they would steal prescriptions.

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The son's name is Howard Jr., the Howard that Peter has felt so strongly in the Lee home.

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Peter returns to the bedroom to try to make contact.

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There's that chemical smell again.

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And you know what? I believe that Howard is with me right now.

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He's very protective of them.

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And, but I...

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Actually, no, wait, I smell it this time.

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Smell it?

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Yes, I do smell something.

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A burning kind of chemical?

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Howard is here.

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Peter says that Howard has entered through the energy vortex.

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Right in here.

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Right there?

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Yeah.

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Peter believes it's a rip in the fabric of time that allows spirits to move from their plane into ours.

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They're coming through like right here.

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Peter feels that Howard Jr. wants to make contact with the Lee's because of their connection to his father.

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Howard has unfinished business on earth and feels that the Lee's can help him communicate that he did not die of a drug overdose.

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We're talking murder.

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Yeah.

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And this is what I really feel, why he's here and why he's trying to convey this message to me now.

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To make the haunting stop, Peter says the Lee's must appease Howard.

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And in fact, they are finding many suspicious circumstances surrounding Howard's death.

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Well, I guess I'm a little bit more open minded about it now.

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I mean, there's things that there's no way he could have known.

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I mean, there's just no way a guy could have known.

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I guess I have to believe now.

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Before he left, Peter reassured the Lee's that Howard is not a vindictive entity and that he may actually be protecting the family from other spirits who have squeezed through the vortex.

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The Lee's hope that if they can put one spirit to rest, the others may soon follow.

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The Lee family believes that Peter James has gotten closer to the source of the haunting activity than any other paranormal investigator.

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But both Peter and the Lee's feel that his work there is not complete.

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We hope to bring you more from the house on a future broadcast.

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According to a Time Magazine survey, more than two out of three Americans believe in angels.

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Among them, the Skidmore family of Mesa, Arizona.

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But simple statistics can't begin to measure the power that the Skidmore's belief in angels has had on their lives.

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It was a belief that was sorely tested on the day three-year-old Sarah disappeared.

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In the fall of 1986, the desert quiet and tranquility of Mesa, Arizona seemed like nothing more than a barrage.

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The family town was rocked by the kidnapping of one of its own, three-year-old Sarah Skidmore.

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She was kind of a bouncy little kid, always in the trouble, always jumping on, always wanting hugs and kisses and jumping on you and mollying you.

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She was always fun.

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The day that Sarah was kidnapped, everything changed, everything was different.

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It was just unimaginable.

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On Tuesday, October 7th, 1986, Rhonda Skidmore received an urgent call from her five-year-old son Robert's school.

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I had to go to the school to help Robert.

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And so I took some things into the school and I left my little kids in the car.

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When I came back, the little boy in the car that had been babysitting, I said, a man took Sarah out of the car and he was serious.

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And I looked around and she was nowhere.

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For the first 48 hours, state police conducted an exhaustive search for Sarah and her kidnapper.

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He was described by an eyewitness as a heavy-set bearded man wearing a baseball cap.

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After Sarah disappeared, our other children were questioning, wondering where she was, asking if she was going to get some dinner.

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What is Sarah having for dinner tonight?

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Is Sarah hungry?

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Where is Sarah going to sleep?

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She doesn't have her pajamas.

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Robert went to the front door and just screamed, Sarah, Sarah, trying to call her home.

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And he did that until his voice was totally spent.

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After two days, the authorities narrowed their search.

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There were indications that Sarah's kidnapper may have retreated into the harsh desert backcountry, where there was no water and no shelter from the elements.

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This incident occurred in the fall time, which in Arizona we see our greatest extremes, the extreme heat, the extreme cold.

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Children lose heat and become dehydrated very quickly.

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And it can even progress to a point of unconsciousness, what we call heat stroke, and a large percent of those patients could die.

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On day three, there was an unusually violent thunderstorm.

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We actually had one news reporter say, how will you feel when they find her dead body?

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The next morning dawned clear and calm.

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The skid mowers were praying for a miracle.

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Zane Bingham did not hear the prayers, but he answered them.

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I was hunting quail, I hit one.

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Upon retrieving it, walking up to where it was laying, I picked it up, looked across the wash to the left.

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Where the rest of the cubby had flown to.

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And upon doing so, I saw her in the wash looking at me.

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The closer I got to her, I noticed that she had been out there apparently for a while because she had lots of scratches all over her legs, her arms and everything.

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She wasn't walking very good because she was barefooted.

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Her feet were tore up.

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And I asked her if she wanted me to carry her, and she replied yes.

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It amazed me that she wasn't crying or whining about nothing, not at all.

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Bingham rushed Sarah to the nearest Sheriff's Station.

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She was immediately airlifted to Lutheran Hospital in Mesa.

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Sarah had been abandoned in the desert by her kidnapper, and had spent three days and nights in the desert without food or water.

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They were very amazed that she survived that Thursday night because it was so cold and it was so windy.

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And they said that the exposure should have put her in a coma.

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Because of her weakened condition, she should not have been able to survive it.

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Doctors pronounced Sarah's recovery a miracle.

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A few days later, Sarah herself offered a mysterious clue to her miraculous survival.

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She didn't really react to it. She recognized this and just kind of stared at it.

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And finally she said, I saw Heather playing.

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And Heather's her two-year-old younger sister.

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And that's all she said really so far.

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She said, what?

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She hasn't said anything other than, I saw Heather playing.

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Do you know what she's been playing?

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We don't know.

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Heather was two years old at the time and could not have been playing in the desert alone.

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The meaning of Sarah's mysterious vision became clear when she began revealing more details of her abduction

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and the ordeal that began when Sarah's kidnapper abandoned her in the desert.

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She mentioned that she was really, really hungry, really, really thirsty.

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And her feet hurt because of all the cactus thorns.

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And then she started talking about the little girl that she saw in the desert.

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She had blonde hair and blueish eyes.

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And she was in white clothes and her hair was about shoulder length a little longer.

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And she hadn't grown around her.

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And she wasn't standing on the ground.

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She was kind of up in the air.

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I felt like she was telling me it'd be all right and that I'd be okay.

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Sarah was more than a mile from the nearest road.

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But somehow she found her way to safety by following the angelic vision.

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She was walking and she saw the little spirit standing there.

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And it caused her to turn and walk a different direction.

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And when she walked the other direction, then that's when she found the hunter.

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And she felt like that that helped her go the right way.

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A year later, Rhonda Skidmore gave birth to her fifth child, a baby girl named Jessica.

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When Jessica was three years old, Sarah looked at her baby sister

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and suddenly realized that it was Jessica, not Heather, who had been her angel.

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Sarah just was watching Jessica.

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And she said, I feel like Jessica was the one that was in the desert when I needed the help.

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I think it was me.

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I believe my sister, I was her angel.

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The Skidmore's religious belief in pre-born spirits is gaining a lot of attention among paranormal researchers.

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After her own encounter with what she believed was a pre-born spirit,

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Sarah Hines, educator, author, and mother of nine, began compiling similar case studies in her book, *Coming from the Light*.

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I found this belief in a pre-more like existence prevalent in a variety of cultures.

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When these unborn spirits or unborn souls make their appearance known,

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they're generally there to deliver a message.

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And the most prevalent message is that it's time for them to come to Earth.

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During her research, Hines contacted Paul Perry, a best-selling author and journalist

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who is an acknowledged expert in near-death experience.

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Hines and Perry compared case studies and found an astonishing link.

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Many survivors of the near-death experience report seeing not only their past,

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but also spirit beings waiting to be born.

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Many people who see pre-born spirits in the course of a near-death experience,

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when they come back, they describe these as being very comforting to see.

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Sarah truly feels that her unborn sister, Jessica, was the guardian angel that protected her when she was in danger.

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With the loving support of her family, 12-year-old Sarah Skidmore has healed well from her ordeal in the desert.

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But she still carries with her clear memories of her miraculous helper.

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I still think Jessica is my angel because I think that she must love me

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and I think I love her more just because of what has happened.

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Sarah Skidmore's recovery in the Arizona desert is a reminder that miracles do occur.

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It's also a reminder that it only takes a moment for a child to disappear.

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Next, the latest word on farming body parts, how food was making neighborhoods safer,

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and later getting beneath the surface of the Shag Harbor mystery.

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Here are some of the stories Sightings is following in the news.

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The latest crime figures just out from the Federal Bureau of Investigation are encouraging.

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The rate and actual number of violent crimes are down.

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Factors contributing to the decrease include neighborhood watch programs, better policing,

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and if you talk to one group in New Orleans, voodoo.

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In New Orleans, Louisiana, residents in Bywater, a neighborhood perched at the edge of the French Quarter,

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saw that their historic community was caught in a downward spiral of crime and drug abuse.

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But people here have not stood idly by. Instead, they have turned to an old New Orleans tradition.

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They turned to voodoo.

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It just seemed to me that we needed to go to a higher authority.

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It was not going to do us any good to just get angry and feel helpless.

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Sally Ann Glassman has been a student and practitioner of the voodoo religion for more than 20 years.

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She suggested to her neighbors that they hold a public ceremony.

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Call forth what is known in voodoo as Ogoun, the God of War.

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It was an effort to rid the neighborhood of evil forces, and more than 150 people attended the evening ceremony.

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At first, a lot of people, especially the criminals out, were very, you know,

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stay away from me, get away from me. I don't want you near me with that.

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They're scared of the police. They respect the Loas.

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They've grown up around it as part of the culture here.

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All their lives, their grandmothers have talked about it, their moms and dads have talked about it.

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There's a healthy respect for it.

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Since the first ceremony on August 17, 1995, Glassman has continued to lead weekly rituals

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to honor Ogoun and other spirits called Loas.

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Recent crime statistics seem to add credence to her claims that crime is down.

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The crime rate has dropped remarkably from about 50 robberies a month of her to 6 to 8 robberies a month.

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It's a big difference.

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While the New Orleans Police Department will not comment on Finewater's unique approach to neighborhood watch,

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they can't argue with its apparent success.

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At least, at the very least, everyone knows that everyone else was willing to hang on to hope

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and to take this sort of action or any sort of action and to work together.

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That's a bonding experience. That's what community is supposed to be about.

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In Boston, Massachusetts, researchers are debating the medical merits and ethical consequences

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of the world's first bioengineered human body part grown on the back of a laboratory mouse.

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When I first saw this, I was amazed because here we are, we're growing human tissue on a mouse

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and it's got the shape of an organ. I've never seen anything like this before.

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The ear was constructed from biodegradable fibers and human cartilage cells donated by the intended recipient.

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It was then implanted under the skin of a hairless mouse where it took shape.

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The ear will be ready for human transplantation in two years.

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We're going to start with simple things first. Replacing the skin of somebody who's been severely burned,

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fixing worn out knees, and after that we're going to move on to more complex organs and start replacing those.

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We've got a long way to go before we can farm a body.

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For doctors and others concerned with medical ethics, the dilemma is not when will mass body part farming begin,

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but should it?

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What are the limits to which we are going to go to fix people?

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Do we want to put our resources into replacing organs, replacing pieces of people,

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or do we want to put our resources into keeping people healthy in the first place?

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You could say that tiny Rachel Nevada is the town that aliens built.

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Rachel has become the unofficial watering hole for amateur ufologists eager for a close encounter of any kind.

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And in September 1995, the Nevada State Assembly passed a bill to officially redesign Rachel's main drag,

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State Highway 375, as Nevada's extraterrestrial alien highway.

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It's an apt name, legislators argued, for a town that borders Area 51,

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the reputed site for many top secret government spacecraft projects,

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and the site of frequent UFO sightings.

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After a push from legislators and the state tourism office,

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the Nevada State Transportation Board has agreed to put up new extraterrestrial highway signs beginning in the spring of 1996.

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Governor Bob Miller has suggested that the signs be placed flat on the ground,

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so that aliens can see them and know where to land.

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We'll have more stories from the news next time.

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Now, here's what's coming up on sightings.

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Will Shag Harbor give up the secret of what crashed here nearly 30 years ago?

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Later, he's the father of the theory that revolutionized our view of a world he calls Gaia.

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The Earth has properties like those of the living organs.

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We'll be right back.

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Recently, we brought you a report on the mysterious crash of a suspected UFO in Shag Harbor, Nova Scotia.

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Working with Canadian researcher Chris Stiles, sightings has uncovered startling new government reports,

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and has interviewed key eyewitnesses.

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There's enough evidence here to warrant a new kind of sightings investigation,

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our first UFO salvage operation.

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Whatever crashed into Shag Harbor nearly 30 years ago was seen by many eyewitnesses,

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who have all come forward with strikingly similar descriptions of the incident.

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An unusual object described as being 60 feet in diameter with four bright white lights

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was seen to hover in the sky over the Shag Harbor area, tilted at a 45-degree angle,

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and then dropped into the sky at the surface of the water.

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Eventually, the Coast Guard, Rescue Coordination Center, Navy and RCAF

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were brought into the search effort for the object responsible.

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Chris Stiles has conducted an exhaustive search for documentation regarding the historic

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and mysterious crash of October 4, 1967.

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He has found a significant government paper trail.

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The Navy did have a strong expectation of finding artifacts.

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In the document, it actually names a scientific consultant who was on standby

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to receive debris.

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The search conducted by the Navy concentrated in this area.

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In October 1995, sightings launched its first ever salvage operation under the direction of Chris Stiles.

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Our goal was to locate and retrieve any pieces of UFO wreckage large enough

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to have resisted the forceful tides and currents in Shag Harbor.

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By all accounts, the odds were stacked against us.

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But this operation would offer a unique opportunity to apply scientific methods

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to an incident rife with rumor and conjecture.

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If debris could be found, our team would fight.

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We hope to take the searched areas beyond the former military search

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and perhaps check out some of these target detections

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and the impact site which was actually outside of the search already conducted by the Navy.

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28 years have passed since the crash at Shag Harbor.

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Time was not on our side.

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But state of the art detection equipment unimagined in 1967 would improve our chances.

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Prepare for tracking sequence at heading 159. Over.

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There is 500 kilohertz digital side scan sonar for seabed profiling and target detection.

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Aerial trajectory plotting.

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Roger survey one, commencing sequence over.

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A towed array GEM magnetometer for underwater metal detection

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and a GPS satellite tracking system to pinpoint potential targets.

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Our intention was to scan and search three main areas of the ocean floor in the waters off Shag Harbor.

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These areas corresponded to eyewitness recollections

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and coordinates taken from a document reporting where the initial government search took place

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in 1967.

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Sonar buoy drops out of nearby Canadian forces base Greenwood

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and the magnetic anomaly detection grid at the nearby Shelburne base

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which was the coordination center for submarine detection in the Atlantic

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led the authorities to believe that perhaps the largely intact object was still moving under the water.

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But where it came to rest remains a mystery.

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Reports that wreckage was recovered from Shag Harbor on the night of the crash

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dictate that we begin our operation there.

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Man at the base had told me that it was probably the most intense thing

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next to the Cuban missile crisis which left the base on alert for 34 days.

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The sightings investigation heads out to sea after months of on shore planning.

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The three targeted areas are scanned for potential pieces of wreckage called targets

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and each target is given a priority designation.

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We were able to lay down an extensive grid pattern and pick up numerous target detections

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which we gave an assessment value for high strangeness.

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Very simple system one two or three.

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The initial search shows no high priority targets in area one

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the section of ocean shore closest to the Nova Scotia mainland.

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Rather than send divers down to investigate lower priority targets

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the team agrees to move further out and begin a grid pattern search of area two.

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Attention bridge this is control we have a strong target return.

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Target detection is one thing going down and confirming what the target is is much harder to indeed.

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We were actually getting returns of some of the very large kelp beds

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that produced shadows and images that were misleading.

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The environment presents perhaps the main challenge in doing a thorough search.

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Extreme current conditions are almost constant.

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What was the current like down there?

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The current is going to get worse.

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Conditions are deteriorating it's my feeling that we should move on and perhaps check other targets.

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But the divers press on eliminating all of the potential targets in area two.

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The search then moves on to the deeper waters of area three.

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In area three there are a number of high priority targets worthy of investigation.

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The divers begin a systematic search working into the night

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when a particularly promising spike hits on radar.

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In the control room the team watches the divers progress.

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Individual propulsion systems and high powered underwater lights

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assist the divers who are fighting increasing tidal currents

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and a backwash of silt from the ocean floor.

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As the divers close in on their bearing

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they realize that the ocean currents are distorting sonar readings

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giving a high priority signal to nothing more than an unusual rock formation.

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The team is disappointed but Chris Stiles is undaunted.

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He has eliminated three crash sites

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and can now move forward to another area where some government eyewitnesses have told him

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UFO debris may still be found.

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I've spoken with several of the divers in the past

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and other support naval personnel that were involved in this

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and early on they told me the story of the Shelburne connection

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and it just keeps resurfacing resurfacing.

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It's a story that won't go away.

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That story when sightings continues.

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Next more from our Shag Harbor investigation

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and later the future of planet Earth.

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There's no possibility of fighting back.

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There's only consequences.

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Admittedly sightings is searching for an extraterrestrial needle in a haystack

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by diving beneath the waters of Shag Harbor, Nova Scotia.

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Even if the APRO document is a roadmap to a submerged UFO

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we don't know what the craft is made out of.

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Would UFO debris rust, melt

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or could it be that someone has simply beaten us to it?

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When the sighting search and salvage operation failed to turn up UFO wreckage or debris

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in three significant areas off the coast of Shag Harbor

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Chris Stiles did not give up his investigation.

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He feels there is simply too much information about the mysterious UFO crash

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of October 4th 1967 to abandon his search for the truth.

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First there was consistent testimony from credible eyewitnesses.

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We see lights moving through the sky that we stopped to be in airplane at first

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and there was four in sequence.

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One would come on and two and three and four.

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There was reddish-orange in color and they seemed to be on about a 45 degree incline

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and the lights seemed to be going in the downward motion.

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The thing headed down, crashed on the water

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and at that time all the lights went off

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and one other light came on a few minutes later

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and that's the light that was there when I arrived on the scene.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officer Ron Pond

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not only saw the Shag Harbor UFO

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he also interviewed eyewitnesses at the scene.

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There were witnesses coming from a variety of directions and in different locations

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so there was no way that it was a conspiracy

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or any kind of an attempt to mislead anybody.

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It was definitely something that came down in the water.

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In addition to credible eyewitnesses

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Chris Stiles has uncovered a trail of documentation

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leading him to conclude that the US and Canadian governments

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knew about and monitored the Shag Harbor UFO.

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The more we find the more there is.

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I mean sources of even the paper trail of Harley dried up.

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And there was this exclusive interview with a member of the Canadian military

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who had been debriefed as part of a Shag Harbor Naval Recovery operation.

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I was told that it had hit the water, crash landed in trouble

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and had actually moved under water

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and I think that was one of the more interesting points that I found of the whole story

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because this thing was not only aerodynamic but hydro.

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Dynamic also has had the capacity to travel in two mediums.

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According to this source, the UFO continued traveling under water

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and finally came to rest several miles from the impact site.

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Near where the UFO had moved there was a high top secret

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listening post for submarine detection.

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This claim of a second location of an unidentified flying object

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resting on the bottom somewhere off government point in the water

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is very interesting because this location was the spot

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where Canadian forces stationed Shelburne was located.

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It is quite possible that there is something laying down there

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somewhere between the crash site and the site that had moved.

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It's hard to move that amount of physical energy around

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and not leave some sort of a trace.

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Because sightings initial scientific search of Shag Harbor

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failed to turn up any debris,

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Stiles is now exploring the possibility that the crash site was 25 miles to the north near Shelburne.

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It was here that a second Navy dive reportedly took place on the night of the crash.

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When I spoke to the divers and support personnel early on,

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they told me that at the Shelburne into the operation

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where they sat over this craft for a week that it was on the bottom

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and that there was still activity in it.

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Furthermore, there was a second craft there which was landing assistance.

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They believed that this was a vehicle of extraterrestrial origin.

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These men had plenty of experience.

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Their commanding officer would debrief them and tell them not to open the mouth.

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The story would not be discussed again.

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I can only imagine that he would assign some people to ensure that those people do keep quiet.

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Although he has uncovered a mountain of documentation confirming

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civilian sightings of the Shag Harbor UFO,

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Stiles has found almost nothing on paper to confirm military operations in Shelburne or Government Point.

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I've looked at some unique strategies and tried to be creative.

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For example, off Government Point there's an area called the Nut Island which has a manned lighthouse.

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I attempted to obtain the lighthouse logs thinking that perhaps any naval operation that kept ships in the area for seven days

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would show in the light keepers records.

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These were not forthcoming.

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Attempts with the Coast Guard to get these seem to indicate that these records were lost.

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It seems that I could get earlier records and those after by October's were missing.

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It is Stiles' belief that considerable work remains to be done in the Shag Harbor UFO investigation.

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Raw data needs to be analyzed further and uncharted target sites offshore must be scanned.

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The elimination of three potential impact sites during the first sighting salvage operation

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is only the first step to what may be a very long road.

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Shag Harbor is still a mystery.

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However, I feel that this case will reveal a lot about the nature of the UFO phenomena

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and may have some answers that even challenge our established belief systems.

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It's only been since late 1994 that the Canadian military has allowed civilian operations in the waters off Government Point.

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Chris Stiles now plans to focus future operations in the area near Shelbourne, Nova Scotia.

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Next, what can we learn from James Lovelock's Gaia theory?

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The man and woman in the street understand Gaia far better than my colleagues do.

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On past programs, we've introduced you to a number of people who support the Gaia theory,

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that the Earth is an organism with its own intelligence.

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Now, sighting correspondent Carla Wall interviews the father of the Gaia theory, James Lovelock.

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It's been more than 20 years since he first introduced his groundbreaking Gaia hypothesis.

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Today, inventor scientist James Lovelock and his wife Sandy live and work on a 35-acre estate in the Cornish Highlands,

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which he's preserving as a wildlife habitat.

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How did you come up with the Gaia theory?

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Well, I was very fortunate in 1961.

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I got a letter from the Director of Space Flight Operations of NASA.

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They wanted to use my gadgets, these sensitive devices, for analyzing the lunar soil

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to see if it would be safe for astronauts to go there.

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But it wasn't long before I became interested in the next big step, which was to go to Mars.

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And the question, how do you find if there's life there?

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Lovelock determined that Mars was almost certainly lifeless,

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because its atmospheric composition was static, in contrast to Earth's composite parts, which are highly volatile.

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So I then thought, well, if it's an atmosphere like that, highly unstable,

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something must be keeping it constant, because it couldn't stay constant on its own.

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And that set me thinking about a regulating system at the Earth's surface, which presumably was life itself.

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And then this idea of Gaia was born in my mind.

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Since then, Lovelock's Gaia theory has been embraced and embellished on

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by scientists, environmentalists, and new age philosophers

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who believe Gaia is a sentient being with the capacity for intelligence, emotion, even vengeance.

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I don't really now regard the Earth as a living organism.

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I think in the early days of Gaia, we used the term the Earth is Alive metaphorically.

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What we meant was that the Earth has properties like those of a living organism.

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It's able to regulate its temperature, and it's able to regulate its chemistry.

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And that was what we meant by it.

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Do you think of the theories that are now coming out?

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People call it Gaia's revenge, that the Earth is fighting back with diseases like AIDS and Ebola,

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and getting rid of the human parasite?

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Oh, I don't like it one bit.

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Gaia is in no way sentient.

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Not at all. There's no possibility of fighting back. There's only consequences.

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While he does not regard the Earth as an angry, vengeful planet,

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the father of the Gaia theory is deeply concerned by humankind's apparent disregard

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for the delicate balance between our planet and her life-sustaining atmosphere.

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What is the greatest danger to us right now?

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If you're talking about human dangers, we're now talking in terms of hundreds of years,

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not billions or billions of years.

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There's a distinct possibility that a large chunk of ice,

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which is supported above the water by a ridge in Antarctica,

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and it's called the West Antarctic Ice Sheet, may slip off into the ocean.

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It did so 120,000 years ago during another interglace.

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And if we go on warming the Earth, adding CO2 and things, it may well slip off again.

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When it does, it's estimated there will be a maximum rise of sea level of about 15 feet.

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But even if only a part of it drops, there's only a rise of five feet of sea level,

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this would be enough to take out many of the major cities around the world.

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London would certainly go, New York would be gravely under threat,

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Houston would probably go, Miami, all sorts of cities.

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Is there anything that we can do to slow that process, or is it inevitable?

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I honestly don't think as much we can do to slow it.

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I think it would be too difficult to get all of the nations of the world together

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to say we're going to stop burning fossil fuels.

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And we'll just have to hope that the cooling off towards the next ice age

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offsets the global warming due to the CO2 increase.

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But it's not a very hopeful sort.

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But Lovelock does find hope in the fact that the average person's environmental awareness

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is much greater now than it was when he first proposed the Gaia Theory nearly 25 years ago.

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The rules are quite simple.

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If you live well with the environment and improve it, you improve the chances for your progeny.

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And that means, according to Darwin, your species will survive and flourish.

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If you do things that are bad for the environment, your species is doomed.

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The overriding message in Lovelock's work is that Gaia is tough, but not indestructible.

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Gaia can heal if we can just stop making her sicker.

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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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