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many thought the mystery of the English crop circles was a hoax,

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but our ongoing investigation has uncovered startling evidence

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that may prove extraterrestrial contact.

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This intelligence is almost certain that not human.

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Then, what sinister spell has cursed the British royalty for 600 years?

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We uncover the royal curse tonight.

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Welcome to Sightings. I'm Tim White.

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Since the early 1980s,

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over 2,000 crop circle formations have been discovered in 30 countries,

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and new ones are being reported every month.

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Theories about where they come from range from weather anomalies,

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to extraterrestrials, to crazed hedgehogs doing a mating dance.

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Well, obviously some theories are more credible than others,

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but the fact remains that something is happening in fields around the world

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that no one can fully explain.

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The stories of unexplained designs appearing mostly in the farm fields of England

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hit an all-time high in 1990.

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News media from around the world were quick to hail these enigmatic circles and lines

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as the strangest scientific discovery of the 20th century,

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for a brief period, crop circles became the darling of popular culture.

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But then, two hoaxes stepped forward to claim that they had created the crop circles,

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and just as quickly as the phenomenon began, the media dropped the crop circle story.

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The hoax theory stuck, and soon the only people still interested were hardcore theorists and scientists.

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Initially, these were simple single circles, but in 1990,

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the patterns became much more complex, dramatically so,

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and blew right out of the water some of the early theories.

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The early formations were the size of a domestic room.

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Now you have formation which are almost the size of Central Park,

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so that we have enormous growth, both in complexity and in size and in numbers.

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Michael Green is an archaeologist and architecture historian,

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who is also one of the founding members of the Center for Crop Circle Studies.

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We're not a religious cult, we're not a strange, wacky branch of the UFO movement.

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We are trying to use rational means to establish what's going on.

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And the first thing we learnt, and this year in particular, is that there are a few hoaxes.

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I'm Dave Chorley, this is Doug Burr, and we are the two people that have created the crop circles

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The most impressive thing to me, and the reason why I actually stopped and listened to what they had to say,

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was not really what they told me, but what they did in the field,

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because when they did the demonstration out in Sussex at Chilgrove,

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the formation itself was quite messy, but it was amazing how quickly it happened.

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In 45, 40, 45 minutes, this huge formation was laid down,

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and that's even accounting for the fact that half the world's press were trumping around it as well,

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with them asking them for interviews at the same time.

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But Doug and Dave had only done a few of the hundreds of cycles that had been done,

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and from the evidence, their public demonstrations in broad daylight, they weren't very good at it.

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But no one really knew what hoaxes could do and what they couldn't do.

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And so I thought, well, here's an ideal opportunity for a scientific experiment,

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and the best way to do it is through a competition.

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Biologist and author Rupert Sheldrake did organize a competition held earlier this year.

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The challenge was to see if anyone could create crop circles that could not be identified as hoaxes.

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The circles were made at night, and the next day, the contest winners demonstrated their techniques.

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What we found was that the standard of artificial circle making was much higher than most people had expected.

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These people could do very well.

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The standard was very high indeed, and the most surprising thing was that people could do all this in complete darkness,

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making very little noise.

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I flew the site the next day, and the aerial pictures that we took show some of the centers of these formations

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displaying exactly the characteristics that the genuine circles have displayed,

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and exactly the characteristics that many of the experts have said couldn't be done by people.

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Things like making rings without having a hole in the center where somebody stands,

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things like producing a radial effect where the crop splays out from a central point,

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and the team that won and the team that came second and third produced really marvelous formations which the judges were very impressed by.

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So what they show is that many of the features of crop circles could be hoaxes,

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but they don't show that they are hoaxes, and I mean the analogy that I find most helpful is the fact

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the fact you can forge a \$20 bill doesn't prove that all \$20 bills of forger is.

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The first and primary feature which is evident in the genuine phenomenon and not in the hoaxes is the spiraling fingerprint.

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Colin Andrews heads up the Circles Phenomenon Research Group in Bramford, Connecticut.

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He has co-authored two books on crop circles and is believed to have visited more actual crop circle sites than any other researcher.

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This particular screen shows clearly the difference between the fingerprint, this is the print at the top here,

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the genuine phenomenon, the real phenomenon, and all of those hoaxes which we are hearing so much about these days.

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Andrews believes that the most important patterns to be studied are those where the flow of the crops

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changes direction within a single circle. A pattern no human has yet been able to duplicate in public.

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I think the single most convincing argument for a real phenomenon and against the hoax are the effects that the phenomenon

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are having upon the plants themselves. Dr. Levingood, a well-known physicist in the United States, has discovered

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that the changes in the structure of the plants themselves and cell structure of the plants, molecular structure of the plants, on a number of continents.

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When a formation hits, it just knocks the heck out of the embryo. They don't grow. The seeds don't develop.

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Dr. Levingood has discovered that the cell structure of the crops within a formation are distinctly different from undisturbed crops nearby

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and that this new cell structure seriously alters the crops growth.

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Let me get this straight. A plant that is in a formation undergoes an internal change so that seeds taken from that plant grow a different kind of plant or an altered plant.

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Altered in both the growth rate and the germination. In some cases it increases quite significantly.

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Some people maintain that hoaxes created not only some but all of these formations. You buy that?

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Oh God, no. No, this is all ridiculous. No. If they had that kind of energy, they wouldn't be wasting it out in the field making impressions in a crop.

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It would be a new kind of energy distribution, let's say, that I have never heard of.

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Mathematician Gerald Hawkins is another scientist with an intriguing theory.

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Professor Hawkins made his mark in the 1950s when he came up with an explanation for Stonehenge still accepted today.

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Now Hawkins has devised a mathematical formula relating the crop circles to the notes of a musical scale.

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Help us understand that. You're not suggesting that because there's a relationship between the ratios of the crop circles and the ratios of musical tones that you can somehow play the crop circles.

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I'm not saying that the crop circles are musical. I'm saying that they follow the same mathematical law as the major diatonic scale.

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There's no natural physical process that we know will generate the diatonic scale, which is of course the white notes on the piano.

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Therefore the only theory that we can put forward is that it's done by human beings. It's all a hoax.

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But they're clever hoaxes and if it's not a hoax, then we have a major scientific problem on our hands.

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Professor Hawkins has studied the ratios of the sizes of crop circles and found the same ratios between notes and the diatonic scale.

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If the music doesn't seem listenable, then it seems to imply there's something beyond music being communicated here.

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Yes, it could be a copyright insignia of the primary hoaxes or the crop circle makers and perhaps they may use this later for further information transmission.

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But I'm not going to predict what crop circle makers will do next.

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Dr. Hawkins, you're implying that if even one of the crop circles is not the work of the hoax team, that science will have to rethink everything?

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I'm afraid so.

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You only need one in this case and you have a mystery.

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What of course stands out clearly now is that we have the uncomfortable fact that this intelligence is almost certain that not human.

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And this is where people will come extremely nervous. The media becomes very nervous. The press becomes extremely nervous.

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They don't like mysteries like this.

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One of the reasons that some thinkers have thought might be behind this is the position of the earth in terms of the terrible damage that is being done by man.

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Could we be dealing with something which is trying to warn us?

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Either it's very skillful hoaxes with a tremendous sense of humor or it's some non-human intelligence that's completely off the scale of anything that we've contemplated so far.

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But if they are communications of guida or nature or aliens or whatever, if they're communications of some kind from a non-human source, it's not quite clear what they're saying.

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But their main message so far seems to be watch this space.

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Are we any closer today to unraveling the mystery of what or who created the crop circles?

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Joining me now is George Wingfield, director of field research and founding member of the Center for Crop Circle Studies in London, England.

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George, welcome to sightings.

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Hello Tim.

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The crop circles have changed over the years. The shapes have changed, the number have changed.

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Have you learned anything from those directions?

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There's no doubt at all that these are of some sort of intelligent origin and this appears to be non-human.

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What do the circles seem to be leading toward?

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I think they are leading us towards an understanding of some other level of intelligence which is not human.

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Do you believe George that the crop circles are an ancient phenomenon that they've always been there, they just haven't been accounted for by modern means?

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No, I don't think so. I don't think so at all. I think the crop circles started appearing in quite recent times, probably less than 30 years ago.

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There may have been a few before that, but very, very few.

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For you, do the crop circles inspire hope or fear or merely curiosity?

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Well, certainly inspire hope. I believe whatever is causing the circles is something which is benign.

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I don't believe there's anything hostile or evil here, which is what some people would have you believe.

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George Winfield, thank you very much.

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Thank you Tim.

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And we'll be back with more sightings in just a moment.

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Coming up next, what sinister spell has cursed the royal family for 600 years?

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You can't escape it.

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We reveal the secrets of the royal curse. Next.

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Sightings is brought to you by Alka Seltzer Plus Cold Medicine. Relieves your tough cold symptoms. It's tough medicine.

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Here's where Alka Seltzer Plus fights tough colds.

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With tough congested.

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Tough age.

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Tough soft roads.

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This is why you need a tough medicine. Alka Seltzer Plus Cold Medicine.

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The leading cold pill only relieves congestion, but Alka Seltzer Plus relieves congestion, sore throat, headache, body aches.

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That's tough medicine.

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You bet it's tough.

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Alka Seltzer Plus Cold Medicine. It's tough medicine.

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For a cold with a cough, try Alka Seltzer Plus Cold and Cough Medicine.

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Just because you go all out?

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It doesn't mean you got to stink.

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Now if you're wearing this, and here comes your chance to prove it.

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You will, because Old Spice works. Man does it work.

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Price Latinus kills bacteria. To prove?

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Hey, hot shot.

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You're looking at her.

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Old Spice Addie Perspirant for great odor protection.

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New demand proved, not promises.

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I'm going to the beach.

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Experience the terror of a drive-by shooting.

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28 rounds, we're fired in the house.

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Cops in Denver at all new episodes Saturday.

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It's not a night at the opera, but a perfect body slam can be a beautiful fail.

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Saturday night's main event right after Cops Saturday on Fox.

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In the past two years, Britain's royal family has endured an unprecedented amount of scrutiny and negative press.

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And some people are not surprised, because they believe the House of Windsor is suffering under an ancient curse.

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Are the Windsor curse, and the current royal troubles just coincidence?

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Or can a curse really create scandal, hardship, and even death?

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A curse is one of the most ancient forms of ritual still surviving today.

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It can be an elaborate spell, or hasty words.

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King Tut's tomb was believed to be cursed, and some of those who entered it did die under unusual circumstances.

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The Hope Diamond, the largest in the world, is also thought to carry a curse.

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But can people really be harmed by something that many believe is merely superstition?

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A curse is magic, black magic.

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That is a negative wish that can be made by word of mouth.

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By saying something that can harm somebody.

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Anybody can be victimized. Anybody is vulnerable.

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Throughout this century, Britain's royal family has been the object of scandal and tragedy.

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From the abdication of Edward VIII to the bloody terrorist attack that killed Prince Charles' favorite uncle.

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Recent revelations about Princess Diana's unhappy marriage, and Fergie's impending divorce from Prince Andrew,

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are just the latest misfortunes that some believe are caused by a little-known royal curse.

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If such a curse exists, could it explain why, for the first time, the role of the whole British monarchy has been questioned, and some are even calling for its end?

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In 1986, speculation arose that the personal and public misfortunes of the House of Windsor were due to a century's old curse.

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It was believed to have first taken its toll on the Queen Mother's family in the early 19th century, at their ancestral home in Scotland.

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Rumors about the cursed surface after it was revealed that two nieces of the Queen Mother, thought to be dead, had actually been hidden away in a mental hospital for over 40 years.

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The nieces, Narissa and Catherine Bows-Liam, are also first cousins to Queen Elizabeth, who is a direct descendant of the Bows-Liam family.

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The fact is that the Queen has an enormous number of cousins, and if you looked through the list of them all, you would find all sorts of unfortunate characters.

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So too, there were two nieces of the Queen Mother, who it was understood and published that they had died many years ago.

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And what happened was that they were born mentally deficient.

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What actually happened in 1986 was that both these women were alive and well at this stage.

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It is not known whether or not the Queen Mother knew about their existence.

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It was a scandal at the time because it left a tarnished image on the woman that was otherwise known as the nation's favourite granny.

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The origin of the royal curse is believed to date back to the 17th century and Glombs Castle in northeastern Scotland.

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Glombs is the ancestral home of the Bows-Liam family.

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Here in the 1600s, the Lord of Glombs Castle made an error in judgement that many believe the current royal family is still paying for.

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One of these stories is a result of the feud that existed between the Ogilve and the Lindsay family.

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The story says that a group of Ogilves were fleeing from the Lindsays and came to Glombs and asked for shelter.

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The story says that what he did was to give them shelter in a small room in the thickness of the

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But then he closed them in and eventually that room was walled up and of course they died a terrible death.

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The Ogilves were entombed in Glombs Castle for over 100 years.

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When their chamber was finally opened in the 1700s, a grisly discovery was made.

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They had been so desperately hungry before they died that they'd even got to the stage of eating their own limbs.

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At least one of the skeletons had his teeth around his forearm.

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Some believe that when the wall came down, a curse was let loose upon the residents of the castle,

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a curse conjured up by the murdered members of the Ogilve clan.

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The first manifestation of the curse is thought to have occurred in 1821 with the birth of the then Earl's firstborn son,

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Thomas Bowslion, the great great great uncle of Queen Elizabeth.

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He was a, if you like, a hybrid between Cosimodo and Phantom of the Opera.

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His entire body was covered with hair, almost like an ape.

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He had no arms, very small arms and very small legs.

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And when his father, the 11th Earl, saw his son and heir, he was so horrified that he banished him from his sight.

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And the story even goes that he lived to be 100 years old, which would mean that he was still alive in 1921.

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There is a sort of infamous story about the Glombs monster, but frankly, I don't know anything about it.

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I mean, as far as we are concerned here at Glombs, it simply never happened.

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The curse of Glombs Castle has never been openly discussed by the royal family.

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Any discussion about the curse is vigorously denied by anyone employed by the family.

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Family take very strong exceptions to that particular story.

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And again, as far as their concern, it's a little rubbish.

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It is interesting that it's the way to get a very, very frosty royal look,

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as if you mention this monster and any story about it in the presence of the Queen Mother or any of her immediate family.

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They've never actually commented on the story on the record.

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But when the Queen Mother's biographer, James Wentworth Day, went to interview Countess Grandvill, the Queen Mother's sister,

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in 1967, shortly before her death, she simply turned around and said that she was never allowed to discuss this.

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And her father and grandfather had point blank the band them from discussing it.

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If a society is strongly believing that curse can affect you, then it must, by its very nature, affect.

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You can't escape it, you give in.

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Will the curse ever end for the royal family?

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Or are they destined to eternal tragedy because of the murderous act of one of the Queen Mother's misguided ancestors?

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Some historians suggest yet another possible reason for the royal curse.

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At Glom's Castle in 1537, Lady Glom's, the beautiful widow of the 6th Earl, was accused of being a witch.

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She was burned alive, and ever since her death, strange supernatural phenomena have plagued the castle.

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Coming up next, does the cousin of the Loch Ness monster lurk in the depths of Lake Champlain?

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Swings his entire body around and lifts his neck and head out of the water entirely.

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I've got the worst cold a human being ever had. I've got a major presentation tomorrow. I've got a rest and I'm out of Nyquil.

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I could take these, but I'd still be up all night coughing, which means I'd be erect for the presentation,

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which means I could get fired. But what am I going to do? Go next door like an idiot and ask,

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could I borrow a cup of Nyquil?

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Once you know what Nyquil can do, nothing else will do.

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With its V6 engine, smooth, quiet ride, and easy front wheel drive handling,

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the newest Mercury will, quite frankly, remind you of some cars you've driven before.

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That's what makes it so different.

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Introducing Mercury Villager.

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If it was just another mini-bed, it wouldn't be a Mercury.

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All this and the quality of a Mercury.

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I could tell something was wrong the minute I saw him coughing. Poor Timmy. He was coming down with a cold.

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I'll be right out. You can get me a tissue.

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Mom, could you give us some Vapor Rub too?

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So I rub Vix Vapor Rub on his chest and his neck. The penetrating vapors work fast to relieve his cough and nasal congestion.

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So the next morning...

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Hey, hey, hey, hey, look who's out!

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Vix Vapor Rub, breathe the vapors, breathe the relief.

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Tonight, LA Law's Corbin Bernsen is a famous psychic. Make that ex-psychic.

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It's easy to foresee somebody's death if you're the killer.

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You and Lieutenant Marshak are on a case so mystifying.

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This is a clue!

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Only a mind reader could predict the outcome.

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All new likely suspects next.

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On a recent special edition of sightings, we reported on Operation Deep Scan, the latest scientific search for proof of the existence of the Loch Ness Monster.

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Now an update on the findings of Operation Deep Scan and information about a lake monster sighted right here in the United States.

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Operation, the most comprehensive and sophisticated search of Loch Ness to date, did come up with an important new sighting.

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Using sonar, an unexplained creature of large proportions was tracked through the murky lake for more than two miles.

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Sightings of a similar nature have also occurred in Lake Champlain along the New York-Vermont border.

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Recently increased attention has been focused on the lake after three separate eyewitnesses captured video of what they believe is champ, the Loch Ness Monster's American cousin.

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It was huge black matter, just monster. It was scary, it was that big.

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Up came the neck and the head, literally like my hand is doing. It turned and it looked at me and it turned and it went right back down into the water.

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He swings his neck around and lifts his tail up, swings his entire body around and lifts his neck and head out of the water entirely.

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Does a loop and a whole big arch like this and the water and dives back in.

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A sighting's investigative team is currently monitoring Lake Champlain. We'll bring you a full updated report of our findings in the coming weeks.

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Input from viewers is an important part of our sighting's investigations. If you videotape or photograph what you believe to be paranormal activity, our sighting's investigative team wants to know about it.

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To report your sightings, call the sighting's hotline at 1900 740 SITE. That's 1900 740 S-I-T-E. Each call 75 cents a minute, average call less 2 minutes and you must be 18 years or older.

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Again, the sighting's hotline is 1900 740 7483.

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You're just in time. If you hurry to Red Lobster, you can get one of our three new trios. Enjoy it.

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Thank you.

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Like our seafood trio, sweet snow crabs, shrimp, scampi and broiled fish, it's just 9.99. So good!

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We've also got a big new shrimp trio and a new mixed grill. Three trios you'll love for just 9.99. So hurry in for something great. Tonight at Red Lobster.

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Forget about tug of war with your pantyhose.

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Nothing's more fitting than legs, classics.

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Cleaning totes is a lousy job, so I invented 2000 flushes blue to help you.

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It's loaded with detergents, cleans and deodorizes automatically.

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Up to four months, try my 2000 flushes blue. Clean your toilet with every flush.

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Ah Jeff, not feeling good, huh?

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When Jeffery catches a cold, we see the pediatrician.

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I love my pediatrician. He's my dad.

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He recommends dimetap elixir.

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Doctors have recommended the dimetap brand over 200 million times. It relieves sneezing, nasal congestion, runny noses.

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And Jeffery really likes the grape taste.

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Doctors recommend dimetap for their families and yours.

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We have a live-in doctor. He recommends dimetap elixir.

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On the next sightings from the newly accessible Russian Republic startling eyewitness evidence of bizarre extraterrestrial contact.

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And then a special update on the Iceman. What ancient secrets has he revealed on the next

sightings?

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Join us next time for new investigations into the unexplained.

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For Sightings, I'm Tim White.

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The world's top wrestlers battle for championship gold on Saturday night's main event right after cops.

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It's a night of crime and punishment, hosted by Al Bundy tomorrow.

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Coming up, a renowned psychic is murdered. Who did it? And why didn't he see it coming?

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Everything you need for the holidays, all you have to do is add the relatives.

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Save room for Grandma's pie.

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I'll have you with a photo piece, Martha.

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Why, thank you, Rony.

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Okay, everybody sing. Over the river, left through the woods, to Grandma's pie.

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Santa's little helpers are shining up some holiday specials at Hayes Mitsubishi.

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That's right, Santa. How would you like to have this beautiful new 93 clips as an early present this holiday season?

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At Hayes Mitsubishi, we're making it easy. For only 97, 88, and nothing down, it can be your special holiday gift to yourself.

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Hayes Mitsubishi does it right.

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We'll donate \$25 for every new car sold to Tennessee's children in foster care.

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The magic of the season is right here in Nashville. Visit Santa from 10 to 9 Monday through Saturday and from 12.30 to 6 on Sundays starting November 20 at the Mollick Green Hills.