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More than 100 years ago, American explorer, A.R. Wallace, wrote that he had discovered

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tribal sculptures along the banks of the Columbia River.

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Three enormous ape-like heads carved in basalt.

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It was puzzling to Wallace, who knew that no primates had ever been discovered in North

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America.

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How do you know what a giant ape looks like?

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He asked the native artists.

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We know, they told Wallace, because we've seen them.

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This field recording is believed to be the warning call of Bigfoot.

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While investigators have largely concentrated on retrieving physical and photographic proof

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that the legendary creature is alive, audio recordings are now emerging as the best evidence.

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Most recently, this mysterious sound made headlines in Ohio.

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It is quite different from the aggressive shriek recorded more than 20 years ago in

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the state of Washington.

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It's a very high-pitched screaming, blood-curdling, make your hair stand on edge-screen.

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00:01:24,540 --> 00:01:30,140

The sound was recorded by Chottish Ketum Wich-Tellum, former police officer and elder of the Lummi

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00:01:30,140 --> 00:01:33,860

tribe, which has a tradition of Sasquatch encounters.

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For them, the creature lives.

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Our old people like my grandmother tell us stories about Siatko, Samaquist.

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People call him Sasquatch.

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00:01:44,660 --> 00:01:49,900

They tell us if we run across him, not to look into his eyes, because he can steal your

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00:01:49,900 --> 00:01:51,500

spirit.

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These are the legends the old people talk about.

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In the American Indian tradition, all of the tribes of the coastal northwest have a common

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belief about Sasquatch or Bigfoot.

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James Swan is a naturalist and cultural historian who has studied the folklore of many tribes.

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Modern western culture jokes at Bigfoot.

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But in the Indian culture, Bigfoot is serious.

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This is a real being, a real creature with spiritual powers that lives in wild places.

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It's a guardian of sacred places, and it's not a joke at all.

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All these people that seen him, who had an accidental run-in with him, all got affected

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00:02:38,260 --> 00:02:39,260

the same.

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00:02:39,260 --> 00:02:42,260

They went into shock.

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00:02:42,260 --> 00:02:50,020

In 1974, I went to Duccompton in the evening about 6.15, 6.30.

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And I looked up, and this thing got out of the ditch, and I froze.

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00:02:55,860 --> 00:02:59,460

And I got my knees start shaking, and that was Bigfoot.

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After that, I sold my guns, and I never did go out again, you know?

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In the Lummi Nation, the oral tradition of tribal lore is now being written down by elders

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and tribal police.

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This is how we know that 1974 and 75 were banner years for Sasquatch encounters.

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According to records, there were over 1,000 reported sightings during that period, and

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00:03:24,900 --> 00:03:28,260

officer Chaudhish Ketum took down most of them.

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00:03:28,260 --> 00:03:35,500

In 1975, I answered so many calls on him that people were making fun, saying that we

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00:03:35,500 --> 00:03:39,260

were seeing things, and were smoking dope, that we were drinking or something.

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00:03:39,260 --> 00:03:41,260

There was no such thing.

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00:03:41,260 --> 00:03:46,860

And the more they taunted about it, the more I wanted to prove there was such a thing without

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00:03:46,860 --> 00:03:47,860

killing him.

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00:03:47,860 --> 00:03:51,060

I did not want to kill this animal.

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00:03:51,060 --> 00:03:53,540

I wanted to prove that he existed.

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And on a chilly moonlit night in 1975, Chaudhish Ketum had his closest encounter of the beastly

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kind.

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It is an event burned in his memory.

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00:04:04,420 --> 00:04:13,820

November 22, 1975, at 2 a.m., I received a parlor call at Emma Smith's residence on

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Scott Road.

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00:04:14,820 --> 00:04:18,940

I was going north on Chief Martin Road, which is just off from the Scott Road.

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00:04:18,940 --> 00:04:21,220

I could hear this screaming.

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00:04:21,220 --> 00:04:23,460

I could see this thing running right toward my car.

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00:04:23,460 --> 00:04:26,780

As it came into my bright light, I could see it was a sasquatch.

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00:04:26,780 --> 00:04:30,900

He had his mouth wide open showing me all of his teeth.

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He was coming at me in an aggressive manner.

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00:04:33,260 --> 00:04:38,380

His radio was on, and police dispatch recorded the moment the aggressive creature confronted

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00:04:38,380 --> 00:04:45,820

the officer.

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00:04:45,820 --> 00:04:50,580

Sightings asked Michael D., the mammal curator for the Los Angeles Zoo, to render an opinion

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on the alleged Bigfoot recording.

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00:04:58,340 --> 00:05:01,900

I've heard it, and it's like nothing I've ever heard before.

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00:05:01,900 --> 00:05:08,060

It's a noise, but whether or not an actual creature made that noise, that's, I can't

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00:05:08,060 --> 00:05:09,220

determine that.

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00:05:09,220 --> 00:05:13,580

It doesn't sound like anything that I am familiar with, and I certainly am familiar with almost

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00:05:13,580 --> 00:05:24,580

all the mammals that are in North America and their calls.

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The source of this disturbing whale may never be known.

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No additional recordings have been made in the area since 1975, but those who have encountered

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the great primate know he will return.

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00:05:37,340 --> 00:05:40,700

He looks so human.

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00:05:40,700 --> 00:05:46,980

Their facial features are so much like our own.

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00:05:46,980 --> 00:05:50,900

It's almost like you say, where did you come from?

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00:05:50,900 --> 00:05:51,900

What are you?

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00:05:51,900 --> 00:05:53,900

I want to talk to you.

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00:05:53,900 --> 00:05:55,220

I want to communicate.

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There's not a doubt in my mind that sasquatch exists.

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00:06:03,300 --> 00:06:07,900

The Lummys are not the only indigenous people who believe in the reality of Bigfoot.

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In fact, every single tribe in the coastal northwest from Alaska to California has a

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traditional belief in sasquatch.