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Most celebrated and decorated light aircraft carriers is floating in the Mississippi River

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tonight, a rusting old hull slated for the scrap heap.

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But a movement is afoot to keep the Cabot afloat.

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Historians want to preserve her as a national monument.

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And paranormal researchers believe that there are many ghosts aboard the Cabot that must

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be heard before the Cabot is destroyed.

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She was a floating landing strip in the vast Pacific, a beacon for sailors and their tomb.

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She may have won the war, but the great ship that Ernie Pyle dubbed the Iron Woman will

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soon lose the battle for her own survival.

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The USS Cabot is the last World War II aircraft carrier of her kind.

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She was a warhorse and her upper deck was the last thing many sailors saw before they

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died.

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Since the war, strange spectral visions have haunted the Iron Woman.

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Visitors see shadows, unearthly forms, and report a strange sense of being followed.

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And yet, when they turn around, no one's there.

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The haunting is thought to have its roots in the ship's darkest day, November 25th, 1944.

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That particular day was very rough.

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The Hancock had taken a kamikaze.

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We took two, the Intrepid took one.

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The first thing I knew, I was sitting in a fiery furnace due to the fact that a plane

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00:01:28,520 --> 00:01:35,680

had crashed into the deck just on the port side and huge explosions and fire and flames

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00:01:35,680 --> 00:01:37,160

and smoke.

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00:01:37,160 --> 00:01:42,480

Captain Howard Skidmore was next in line on the flight deck when the kamikaze pilot

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00:01:42,480 --> 00:01:43,480

barreled into the Cabot.

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00:01:43,480 --> 00:01:47,480

Skidmore watched many of his shipmates die.

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00:01:47,480 --> 00:01:50,680

Thirty-five were lost, killed.

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00:01:50,680 --> 00:01:53,760

Some were blown overboard, never found.

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00:01:53,760 --> 00:02:04,320

Some died a day or so later, and so there were two or three burials at sea.

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00:02:04,320 --> 00:02:09,480

The men never knew what hit them, and that may be why, some hypothesize, there are souls

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00:02:09,480 --> 00:02:12,840

here set adrift by this historic ship.

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Bill Halsey, the Admiral of the Fleet, recommended the Cabot for a Presidential Unit Citation.

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Eventually, the Iron Woman was decommissioned from the U.S. Navy.

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Renamed the Dodalo, she spent twenty-two years as the flagship of the Spanish Navy, and during

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00:02:30,280 --> 00:02:34,600

that time, the haunting activity aboard the old carrier intensified.

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00:02:34,600 --> 00:02:38,280

The Spanish government, some of the crew members talked about it, and they had their

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own rumors of the ghost being frilly roaming around the various quarters of the ship.

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In 1989, the Cabot came home again.

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Spain donated the ship to a foundation that had ambitious plans to turn the Iron Woman

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00:02:52,600 --> 00:02:54,480

into a floating museum.

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00:02:54,480 --> 00:02:57,600

The USS Cabot has an enormous tradition and history.

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00:02:57,600 --> 00:03:02,160

It should be preserved, even though the foundation raised a lot of money, didn't raise sufficient

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00:03:02,160 --> 00:03:03,320

enough money.

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00:03:03,320 --> 00:03:09,480

So what has happened is now that the foundation has gotten into some financial problems, alternatively

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00:03:09,480 --> 00:03:14,280

they have no other choice but then to sell it for scrap.

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As time runs out for the USS Cabot, the strange onboard encounters have increased.

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00:03:19,920 --> 00:03:26,960

As we were going up the stairs, I just had an overwhelming feeling to turn around and

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00:03:26,960 --> 00:03:33,240

I felt like someone was looking at me, and when I turned around, I saw a man and I knew

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00:03:33,240 --> 00:03:35,360

immediately that he was a ghost.

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00:03:35,360 --> 00:03:39,200

There was no color to him, but I knew what I was looking at.

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00:03:39,200 --> 00:03:43,000

I was so amazed.

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Sightings of the shadowy form and uniform are on the rise, leading paranormal investigators

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00:03:48,320 --> 00:03:53,360

to surmise that there is a connection between increased haunting activity and the scrapping

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00:03:53,360 --> 00:03:55,080

of the ship.

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Entities that die suddenly do not know where they are or where they should go, so they

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00:04:00,000 --> 00:04:02,840

remain in that particular site as well.

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Larry Montz has assembled a team of investigators to survey the Cabot.

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We will be taking meter readings and electromagnetic readings, or taking Polaroids to see if we

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00:04:11,960 --> 00:04:16,600

can capture the psychic investigative team will be walking behind us.

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00:04:16,600 --> 00:04:21,000

The three psychics have been given no information about the ship's bloody rendezvous with the

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00:04:21,000 --> 00:04:22,480

kamikaze.

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00:04:22,480 --> 00:04:27,000

The investigative team will operate below decks where there is no electricity and therefore

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00:04:27,000 --> 00:04:29,080

no visual cues.

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00:04:29,080 --> 00:04:33,400

They will not know what part of the ship they are in at any given time.

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00:04:33,400 --> 00:04:37,520

The goal is for the psychics to rely on their intuitive side for information.

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00:04:38,480 --> 00:04:42,200

Yeah, the temperature is going down.

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00:04:42,200 --> 00:04:47,440

Montz is trying to determine if hits on his equipment, indicating physical changes in

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00:04:47,440 --> 00:04:51,440

the ship's environment, will correspond to psychic hits.

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00:04:51,440 --> 00:05:01,440

Almost immediately, Montz records a drop in temperature at the site of the first psychic

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00:05:01,440 --> 00:05:02,440

hit.

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00:05:02,440 --> 00:05:03,440

There's several entities.

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00:05:03,440 --> 00:05:04,840

They're crew members.

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00:05:04,840 --> 00:05:08,440

The cold spot begins to move and the team follows it.

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00:05:08,440 --> 00:05:12,880

It's one of the larger cold spots that I have felt in a long time.

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00:05:12,880 --> 00:05:17,000

The psychics don't know it yet, but they are moving toward the site where the kamikaze

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00:05:17,000 --> 00:05:18,440

impacted the cabin.

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00:05:18,440 --> 00:05:24,120

I strongly feel a sensation of like fire.

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00:05:24,120 --> 00:05:29,720

Now the activity is coming to life on that lower deck and it's blasting out at us.

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00:05:29,720 --> 00:05:32,600

It's coming right directly towards us.

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00:05:32,600 --> 00:05:35,400

This is a very active area in here.

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00:05:35,400 --> 00:05:40,840

As the team moves toward the bow, the psychics again feel a strange agitation.

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00:05:40,840 --> 00:05:43,440

There is a sharp spike on one of the magnetometers.

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00:05:43,440 --> 00:05:50,960

It's like pins, pins, like all of the now needed pin parts.

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00:05:50,960 --> 00:05:52,960

It's painful.

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00:05:52,960 --> 00:05:59,320

Instead of being cold in this room, I feel like it's getting really hot.

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00:05:59,320 --> 00:06:03,240

A ship historian later confirmed that the psychics were correct.

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00:06:03,240 --> 00:06:08,720

This was the exact point of impact and when the team enters this area, the psychic and

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00:06:08,720 --> 00:06:13,720

scientific hits come in a flurry.

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00:06:13,720 --> 00:06:19,520

It's the advantage that can see blood and it's also the removing piece of metal from

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00:06:19,520 --> 00:06:20,520

its arms.

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00:06:20,520 --> 00:06:25,120

Another accurate reading, the team has located the impact point of a bomb that gutted the

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00:06:25,120 --> 00:06:28,200

ship and killed an officer.

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00:06:28,200 --> 00:06:32,760

The psychics feel the officer's presence is permeating several areas of the ship and

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00:06:32,760 --> 00:06:36,440

groping in the darkness, they try to follow his trail.

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00:06:36,440 --> 00:06:39,000

Suddenly they stop dead in their tracks.

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00:06:39,000 --> 00:06:44,840

The entity is strongest here.

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00:06:44,840 --> 00:06:49,920

Unbeknownst to them, this is the same place where Jill Alexander experienced her vision

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00:06:49,920 --> 00:06:50,920

of a phantom sailor.

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00:06:50,920 --> 00:06:51,920

He is here now.

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00:06:51,920 --> 00:06:56,920

I am getting tremendous amounts of tingling through my arms.

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00:06:56,920 --> 00:06:59,920

He is slightly at the top of the stairs.

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00:06:59,920 --> 00:07:00,920

I have serious problems.

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00:07:00,920 --> 00:07:11,680

I have just one of the most powerful entities on this ship.

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00:07:11,680 --> 00:07:17,920

Are the simultaneous instrument spikes and psychic hits merely a coincidence?

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00:07:17,920 --> 00:07:19,680

Investigators just don't know yet.

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00:07:19,680 --> 00:07:25,920

But if the ship were saved, she could become a rich laboratory for further paranormal experimentation.

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00:07:26,920 --> 00:07:31,360

Paranormal investigator Larry Montz believes that the haunting activity felt aboard the

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00:07:31,360 --> 00:07:36,680

USS Cabot is caused by the spirits of the sailors who died suddenly while aboard the

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00:07:36,680 --> 00:07:37,960

Iron Woman.

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00:07:37,960 --> 00:07:42,640

He believes that these spirits may not know where they are or where to go and that before

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00:07:42,640 --> 00:07:47,720

the ship is scrapped, further investigations must be conducted to help the remaining spirits

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00:07:47,720 --> 00:07:48,560

find their way out.