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MUST BE WORN
IN THIS AREA

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00:00:26,400 --> 00:00:24,390
hello from Sydney Australia Richardson

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00:00:29,519 --> 00:00:26,410
is here with you once again for the

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00:00:33,900 --> 00:00:29,529
skeptical zone The Skeptical podcast this

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00:00:36,900 --> 00:00:33,910
is show number 10 for Boxing Day 2008 a

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00:00:39,540 --> 00:00:36,910
special show we have an interview with

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00:00:41,760 --> 00:00:39,550
none other than Derek and swoopy from

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00:00:43,950 --> 00:00:41,770
the great podcast skeptical ality that's

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00:00:46,350 --> 00:00:43,960
coming up in a moment conducted by our

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00:00:48,450 --> 00:00:46,360
very own Kylie Sturgis and after that

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00:00:51,570 --> 00:00:48,460
i'll be reading with the help of tiffany

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00:00:53,910 --> 00:00:51,580
day from the latest issue of the skeptic

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00:00:55,740 --> 00:00:53,920
the journal of Australian skeptics not

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00:00:58,950 --> 00:00:55,750

to be confused with the skeptic magazine

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00:01:01,590 --> 00:00:58,960
from the united states an article

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00:01:04,950 --> 00:01:01,600
entitled murder for entertainment and

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00:01:07,860 --> 00:01:04,960
profit about a psychic task force

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00:01:09,570 --> 00:01:07,870
investigating a very famous set of

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00:01:12,149 --> 00:01:09,580
serial killings but we'll get to that

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00:01:14,280 --> 00:01:12,159
soon a few other quick announcements for

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00:01:16,230 --> 00:01:14,290
you before we get into the show thanks

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00:01:18,210 --> 00:01:16,240
to everybody who's donated a couple of

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00:01:20,160 --> 00:01:18,220
dollars towards the upkeep of the

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00:01:22,170 --> 00:01:20,170
skeptic zone and if you wish to donate

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00:01:26,730 --> 00:01:22,180
two bucks and that's all we asked for

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00:01:30,600 --> 00:01:26,740
visit our homepage ww skeptics on TV and

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00:01:33,540 --> 00:01:30,610

there you can also find the link in last

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00:01:35,520 --> 00:01:33,550

week's show to the video of Tiffany days

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00:01:37,910 --> 00:01:35,530

kittens now we've had a lot of email

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about people wanting to know about

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00:01:44,760 --> 00:01:41,470

Tiffany's kittens well the video link is

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there you can see them for yourself also

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00:01:47,850 --> 00:01:46,210

it might interest you to know that at

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00:01:49,470 --> 00:01:47,860

the bottom of that page you'll find a

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00:01:51,930 --> 00:01:49,480

map of the world with a little dot

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00:01:54,180 --> 00:01:51,940

showing you the locations of all our

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00:01:57,210 --> 00:01:54,190

listeners it's very interesting to see

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00:01:59,190 --> 00:01:57,220

where everybody's listening from and one

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00:02:02,040 --> 00:01:59,200

final announcement I'll make before we

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00:02:03,800 --> 00:02:02,050

get into the show the UK skeptics or

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00:02:06,870 --> 00:02:03,810

some of them at least have started up

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00:02:10,009 --> 00:02:06,880

skeptics in the pub in Birmingham now if

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00:02:17,399 --> 00:02:10,019

you want to check that out just go to ww

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00:02:19,320 --> 00:02:17,409

skeptics in the pub co uk and wow even

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00:02:21,990 --> 00:02:19,330

they are spelling skeptics with a k

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00:02:23,369 --> 00:02:22,000

these days so that's birminghamal you

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00:02:26,520 --> 00:02:23,379

people listening in Birmingham in the

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00:02:28,140 --> 00:02:26,530

surrounding area run quickly with beer

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00:02:31,080 --> 00:02:28,150

glass in hand to skeptics in the pub

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00:02:32,819 --> 00:02:31,090

because they are a lot of fun well

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00:02:33,980 --> 00:02:32,829

enough about that let's get stuck into

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00:02:37,580 --> 00:02:33,990
this episode
- 52
00:02:40,430 --> 00:02:37,590
for Boxing Day 2008 without interview
- 53
00:02:46,510 --> 00:02:40,440
with Derek and swoopy from skepta
- 54
00:02:51,440 --> 00:02:49,160
for this episode I've had the honor of
- 55
00:02:53,720 --> 00:02:51,450
talking to both Derek Holland uno and
- 56
00:02:55,690 --> 00:02:53,730
swoopy the hosts of skeptic ality the
- 57
00:02:58,520 --> 00:02:55,700
official podcast of skeptic magazine
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00:03:00,620 --> 00:02:58,530
from scientists and skeptics such as
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00:03:02,810 --> 00:03:00,630
Michael Shermer Neil deGrasse Tyson and
- 60
00:03:04,430 --> 00:03:02,820
Richard Dawkins to pop culture figures
- 61
00:03:06,980 --> 00:03:04,440
such as musician George hurry up
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00:03:08,810 --> 00:03:06,990
novelist scott sigler and the creators
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00:03:11,470 --> 00:03:08,820

and executive producers of the TV show

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00:03:14,360 --> 00:03:11,480

numbers skeptic allottee has done at all

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00:03:16,340 --> 00:03:14,370

Steve Jobs of Apple computers recognized

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skeptic allottee as one of the top nine

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podcast during his keynote address in

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00:03:24,229 --> 00:03:21,810

2005 and yet that very same day co-host

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00:03:26,870 --> 00:03:24,239

Derek suffered a stroke during the

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hiatus of about six months in 2006

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whilst he recovered skeptic allottee

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continued on and in 2007 for the parsec

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award skeptic allottee was recognized as

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the best speculative fiction podcast and

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00:03:42,020 --> 00:03:39,450

the best science podcast and even one

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00:03:45,470 --> 00:03:42,030

podcast of the week by the UK times in

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00:03:47,180 --> 00:03:45,480

2008 I took this opportunity to learn

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00:03:49,880 --> 00:03:47,190

more about the history of skeptic ality

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00:03:52,610 --> 00:03:49,890

and also their ongoing work as track

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00:03:54,979 --> 00:03:52,620

directors at dragoncon the 30,000 plus

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00:04:00,330 --> 00:03:54,989

member convention where they host the

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00:04:04,990 --> 00:04:03,340

the biggest thing i think that most

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00:04:06,940 --> 00:04:05,000

people saying it's the best advice I

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00:04:09,160 --> 00:04:06,950

ever got is to make sure that when you

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00:04:11,170 --> 00:04:09,170

decide you're going to have a program

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00:04:12,310 --> 00:04:11,180

about something that you really love it

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00:04:14,380 --> 00:04:12,320

yeah and that you're really passionate

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00:04:16,870 --> 00:04:14,390

about it because your listeners will

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00:04:18,670 --> 00:04:16,880

know if you're just talking about

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00:04:20,289 --> 00:04:18,680

something to talk about something versus

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00:04:22,900 --> 00:04:20,299

talking about something that you really

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00:04:24,520 --> 00:04:22,910

love them and that making em so make

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00:04:26,470 --> 00:04:24,530

sure you love it and make sure you do

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00:04:28,030 --> 00:04:26,480

your research yeah that's one of the

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00:04:30,670 --> 00:04:28,040

things I've always noticed about your

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00:04:32,740 --> 00:04:30,680

interviews you are so incredibly well

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00:04:36,730 --> 00:04:32,750

researched I sort of sit back and go

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00:04:38,470 --> 00:04:36,740

damn I don't know half the things about

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00:04:40,300 --> 00:04:38,480

a handful of the interviewees that you

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00:04:42,460 --> 00:04:40,310

have and yet you guys seem to be full

101
00:04:45,220 --> 00:04:42,470
bottle on absolutely everybody and so

102
00:04:47,110 --> 00:04:45,230
passionate about what they do I can't

103
00:04:49,270 --> 00:04:47,120
sit down and talk to somebody unless I

104
00:04:51,220 --> 00:04:49,280
am as well prepared as I possibly can be

105
00:04:52,990 --> 00:04:51,230
it's like it's like giving a speech or

106
00:04:55,330 --> 00:04:53,000
whatever as long as you are as prepared

107
00:04:57,940 --> 00:04:55,340
as you possibly can be then it really

108
00:04:59,590 --> 00:04:57,950
helps play a lot of my nervousness when

109
00:05:01,540 --> 00:04:59,600
I'm talking to somebody because I get

110
00:05:03,160 --> 00:05:01,550
nervous talking to anybody yeah and

111
00:05:05,800 --> 00:05:03,170
especially if I get the chance to talk

112
00:05:07,420 --> 00:05:05,810
to somebody that we really really love

113
00:05:09,700 --> 00:05:07,430

and really really respect which i think

114

00:05:11,290 --> 00:05:09,710

is just about everybody I talked to who

115

00:05:13,420 --> 00:05:11,300

did you ever think it was going to end

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00:05:16,480 --> 00:05:13,430

up this way I mean back when you start

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00:05:18,490 --> 00:05:16,490

and how we started was way back in the

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00:05:21,820 --> 00:05:18,500

beginning of the internet actually right

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00:05:23,920 --> 00:05:21,830

before the webhead even hoping well drew

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00:05:26,800 --> 00:05:23,930

we didn't we didn't spend as much time

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00:05:29,140 --> 00:05:26,810

online back then because people weren't

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00:05:32,020 --> 00:05:29,150

online as much that's only what we met

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00:05:34,330 --> 00:05:32,030

yeah i know i bet i'm saying it wasn't

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00:05:36,520 --> 00:05:34,340

our past time when we hung out we didn't

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00:05:39,040 --> 00:05:36,530

other stuff well okay no but we met we

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00:05:41,080 --> 00:05:39,050

met on IRC if I remember that thing is

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00:05:43,630 --> 00:05:41,090

everybody remembers Isaac not everybody

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00:05:45,430 --> 00:05:43,640

anyway that's how we met was I was in

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00:05:48,250 --> 00:05:45,440

college and I think you were the time

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00:05:50,650 --> 00:05:48,260

too um no I was working at the time but

131

00:05:52,690 --> 00:05:50,660

it was it was just it was mutual nerd

132

00:05:54,219 --> 00:05:52,700

meets there it was I have a technical

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00:05:56,469 --> 00:05:54,229

oblem and a friend of a friend said I

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00:05:58,420 --> 00:05:56,479

know somebody who can help you with your

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00:06:00,670 --> 00:05:58,430

problem and I ended up talking to him on

136

00:06:02,590 --> 00:06:00,680

the phone and we've been friends ever

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00:06:04,750 --> 00:06:02,600

since it's been like since what like

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00:06:07,540 --> 00:06:04,760

nineteen ninety three or four for

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00:06:10,230 --> 00:06:07,550

something like that yeah and uh and then

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00:06:12,809 --> 00:06:10,240

she at the time she lived in Seattle

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00:06:15,480 --> 00:06:12,819

yep and Derek lived in the bright lights

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00:06:17,700 --> 00:06:15,490

and big city of Las Vegas and I decided

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00:06:19,980 --> 00:06:17,710

I would go who doesn't want to live in

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00:06:22,350 --> 00:06:19,990

Las Vegas and that was even before like

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00:06:25,110 --> 00:06:22,360

you know watching CSI and all of that

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00:06:26,999 --> 00:06:25,120

stuff but so you know that's that's kind

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00:06:28,740 --> 00:06:27,009

of what we were doing for a while but as

148

00:06:30,749 --> 00:06:28,750

far as getting the podcast started it

149

00:06:31,980 --> 00:06:30,759

was just simply a matter of Derek saying

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00:06:33,360 --> 00:06:31,990

you know there's just really cool thing

151
00:06:36,839 --> 00:06:33,370
that some people are doing and this was

152
00:06:38,580 --> 00:06:36,849
back at the end of 2004 and he had heard

153
00:06:42,089 --> 00:06:38,590
some tech podcast that he really

154
00:06:43,710 --> 00:06:42,099
respected and we thought you know it's

155
00:06:46,050 --> 00:06:43,720
something interesting to do that not a

156
00:06:47,490 --> 00:06:46,060
lot of people who are doing it sounded

157
00:06:49,200 --> 00:06:47,500
interesting to me but I couldn't imagine

158
00:06:51,029 --> 00:06:49,210
that it would be anything remotely

159
00:06:52,680 --> 00:06:51,039
entertaining to anybody else to listen

160
00:06:54,809 --> 00:06:52,690
to us top of that stuff well it's funny

161
00:06:58,200 --> 00:06:54,819
because I mean like you said about the I

162
00:07:01,320 --> 00:06:58,210
was a DJ well when this will be him down

163
00:07:05,159 --> 00:07:01,330

to vegas i was doing night shifts at the

164

00:07:07,200 --> 00:07:05,169

local alt rock station at night you know

165

00:07:08,790 --> 00:07:07,210

it was kind of fun now and then we get

166

00:07:11,040 --> 00:07:08,800

to like play whatever wanted to at night

167

00:07:13,920 --> 00:07:11,050

so that was kind of fun you know the

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00:07:15,749 --> 00:07:13,930

boss is the boss people they don't stay

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00:07:17,730 --> 00:07:15,759

up all night they go to bed because they

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00:07:19,409 --> 00:07:17,740

have to do you know normal the hours so

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00:07:20,969 --> 00:07:19,419

the duties got to do whatever they

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00:07:23,999 --> 00:07:20,979

wanted and all my friends were actually

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00:07:26,879 --> 00:07:24,009

on the radio too so you know it's like a

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00:07:29,219 --> 00:07:26,889

radio culture at the time that I was

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00:07:32,909 --> 00:07:29,229

involved wishes her BF it was involved

176
00:07:35,129 --> 00:07:32,919
with the two so it once podcasting came

177
00:07:37,350 --> 00:07:35,139
around I showed it to swoopy and like

178
00:07:38,790 --> 00:07:37,360
you remember when we used to play with

179
00:07:40,559 --> 00:07:38,800
up we wanted to play on the radio and

180
00:07:42,420 --> 00:07:40,569
there's things we really liked I mean we

181
00:07:44,279 --> 00:07:42,430
really like they skeptic magazine and

182
00:07:46,830 --> 00:07:44,289
things like that so it's actually sweepy

183
00:07:48,749 --> 00:07:46,840
they came to the name I guess it's a

184
00:07:50,760 --> 00:07:48,759
fabulous nothing I don't remember what

185
00:07:53,670 --> 00:07:50,770
you wanted to call it before and I just

186
00:07:55,740 --> 00:07:53,680
remember saying no not that about this

187
00:07:57,330 --> 00:07:55,750
and I don't I have no idea actually not

188
00:07:59,459 --> 00:07:57,340

that we try to figure out a name and

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00:08:02,490 --> 00:07:59,469

then I came home from a business trip

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00:08:03,990 --> 00:08:02,500

and it was on the whiteboard and I said

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00:08:06,300 --> 00:08:04,000

what's this she gives its name of the

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00:08:08,279 --> 00:08:06,310

show I said that's good with this well

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00:08:10,890 --> 00:08:08,289

thankfully we did a google search and at

194

00:08:12,779 --> 00:08:10,900

that time except for people misspelling

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00:08:15,749 --> 00:08:12,789

the words skeptically a couple of

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00:08:18,420 --> 00:08:15,759

different times it wasn't anywhere so to

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00:08:21,000 --> 00:08:18,430

who yeah results and they were both like

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00:08:23,010 --> 00:08:21,010

just misspelling it was just a word so

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00:08:23,879 --> 00:08:23,020

we were lucky there but and now it's

200

00:08:25,350 --> 00:08:23,889

like you know

201
00:08:27,200 --> 00:08:25,360
it's funny to see everything now to say

202
00:08:30,600 --> 00:08:27,210
the most part that's kind of our fault

203
00:08:33,089 --> 00:08:30,610
that's like almost everything with that

204
00:08:35,819 --> 00:08:33,099
epic ality name even if it's not our

205
00:08:39,269 --> 00:08:35,829
show but that word is our well it's a

206
00:08:41,130 --> 00:08:39,279
fabulous friend than you know so it

207
00:08:44,130 --> 00:08:41,140
looks like that everything seemed to

208
00:08:46,259 --> 00:08:44,140
have really happened around about 2005

209
00:08:50,400 --> 00:08:46,269
you got into podcasting around about

210
00:08:52,829 --> 00:08:50,410
2004 2005 people saying ok let's start

211
00:08:54,600 --> 00:08:52,839
getting more into dragoncon you've got

212
00:08:56,340 --> 00:08:54,610
the keynote address by Steve Jobs

213
00:08:59,280 --> 00:08:56,350

putting you into the top night that was

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00:09:02,579 --> 00:08:59,290

at top 10 podcasts on iTunes at the time

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00:09:05,009 --> 00:09:02,589

yeah and then on that same day Derek

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00:09:07,380 --> 00:09:05,019

suffers an aneurysm and suddenly

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00:09:11,430 --> 00:09:07,390

everything's into question was the

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00:09:13,259 --> 00:09:11,440

podcast ever in question was it that you

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00:09:14,910 --> 00:09:13,269

know at any point because it seemed to

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00:09:19,050 --> 00:09:14,920

me that there was just this overwhelming

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00:09:22,230 --> 00:09:19,060

sense of this will not stop us I think

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00:09:23,699 --> 00:09:22,240

that's true um it was I didn't know what

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00:09:27,360 --> 00:09:23,709

to make it actually I mean the day that

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00:09:29,370 --> 00:09:27,370

that Derek had his his stroke and we

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00:09:31,590 --> 00:09:29,380

were in the hospital waiting and trying

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00:09:33,000 --> 00:09:31,600

to figure out what was going on talking

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00:09:35,009 --> 00:09:33,010

to loved ones and friends and things

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00:09:37,620 --> 00:09:35,019

like that and then we came home after

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00:09:40,319 --> 00:09:37,630

being there what seemed like at a time

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00:09:42,180 --> 00:09:40,329

and I just thought well gosh I need to

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00:09:43,530 --> 00:09:42,190

tell people that this happened and for

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00:09:45,120 --> 00:09:43,540

some reason i sat down at the microphone

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00:09:48,210 --> 00:09:45,130

and I just said you know this is what

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00:09:50,189 --> 00:09:48,220

has happened i don't think i don't know

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00:09:53,490 --> 00:09:50,199

what's going to happen but but this is

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00:09:54,960 --> 00:09:53,500

happening so this select I don't yeah I

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00:09:57,300 --> 00:09:54,970

don't think there's a single person out

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00:10:00,540 --> 00:09:57,310

there who has heard the episode called

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00:10:02,730 --> 00:10:00,550

the message and yeah I still cut I still

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00:10:07,790 --> 00:10:02,740

can't read listen to it it was just that

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00:10:16,679 --> 00:10:11,939

um this is Sophie and this is one of the

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00:10:20,939 --> 00:10:16,689

things that um I really didn't want to

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00:10:24,119 --> 00:10:20,949

do but I unfortunately have to just to

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00:10:26,220 --> 00:10:24,129

let people know that skeptic ality isn't

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00:10:28,829 --> 00:10:26,230

really going anywhere but we are going

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00:10:35,460 --> 00:10:28,839

to be on a little bit of a hiatus for a

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00:10:38,490 --> 00:10:35,470

little while Derek unfortunately he is

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00:10:39,869 --> 00:10:38,500

in the hospital at this time uh he

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00:10:44,280 --> 00:10:39,879

complained of a headache during dinner

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00:10:46,319 --> 00:10:44,290

and then got physically sick and very

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00:10:49,050 --> 00:10:46,329

quickly deteriorated but thankfully by

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00:10:55,170 --> 00:10:49,060

that time he was nearly to the hospital

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00:10:57,689 --> 00:10:55,180

where he was diagnosed with a VMA which

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00:11:00,840 --> 00:10:57,699

loosely translated although not correct

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00:11:04,079 --> 00:11:00,850

is somewhat like a brain aneurysm where

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00:11:06,629 --> 00:11:04,089

he was bleeding into his brain he is in

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00:11:08,610 --> 00:11:06,639

a coma right now but it is drug-induced

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00:11:14,059 --> 00:11:08,620

as he is sedated and he is on a

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00:11:19,499 --> 00:11:17,549

yet people helped pick up the slack as

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00:11:21,780 --> 00:11:19,509

well I noticed uh mean it was in fact

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00:11:23,460 --> 00:11:21,790

the interview it was interview with

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00:11:24,780 --> 00:11:23,470

Fraser Cain and Richard Saunders that

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00:11:27,360 --> 00:11:24,790

introduced me to Richard Saunders

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00:11:30,720 --> 00:11:27,370

funnily enough Ronnie really yeah well I

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00:11:33,900 --> 00:11:30,730

don't ya know all of it was amazing

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00:11:37,139 --> 00:11:33,910

um the number of people who send email

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00:11:40,110 --> 00:11:37,149

and supportive things and basically said

268

00:11:42,240 --> 00:11:40,120

you know anything you need you know we

269

00:11:44,340 --> 00:11:42,250

will do and that's when you know we

270

00:11:48,990 --> 00:11:44,350

started talking more with Daniel Loxton

271

00:11:52,740 --> 00:11:49,000

of skeptic magazine and him and Fraser

272

00:11:55,170 --> 00:11:52,750

Cain of Universe Today and and just all

273

00:11:57,869 --> 00:11:55,180

sorts of folks really stepped it up and

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00:12:00,179 --> 00:11:57,879

they were a big big help to us during

275

00:12:02,910 --> 00:12:00,189

that time and and we just did what we

276

00:12:03,929 --> 00:12:02,920

could to that point and then when I was

277

00:12:07,889 --> 00:12:03,939

in a coma so I didn't have to do

278

00:12:09,780 --> 00:12:07,899

anything you know it so so at the time

279

00:12:11,879 --> 00:12:09,790

you know we had to slow down a little

280

00:12:15,780 --> 00:12:11,889

bit and really focus on his rehab and we

281

00:12:19,769 --> 00:12:15,790

had taken kind of a long hiatus when in

282

00:12:21,749 --> 00:12:19,779

the fall of 2006 Daniel Loxton contacted

283

00:12:23,160 --> 00:12:21,759

us again and I actually wasn't even here

284

00:12:25,199 --> 00:12:23,170

i was i was at my mother's house in

285

00:12:26,610 --> 00:12:25,209

seattle and Derek said skeptic magazine

286

00:12:30,720 --> 00:12:26,620

wants to know if you want to work with

287

00:12:33,449 --> 00:12:30,730

him Wow and I said oh gosh I don't know

288

00:12:40,639 --> 00:12:33,459

I may have to think about me and Daniel

289

00:12:43,710 --> 00:12:40,649

boxin were on msn the MSN chat thing and

290

00:12:47,069 --> 00:12:43,720

went back and forth now at this time I

291

00:12:49,259 --> 00:12:47,079

was still if he was even typing but no

292

00:12:52,259 --> 00:12:49,269

you were pretty well but piping I was ok

293

00:12:54,840 --> 00:12:52,269

with that we had you on msn typique one

294

00:12:56,490 --> 00:12:54,850

finger yeah because that's how I was

295

00:12:58,530 --> 00:12:56,500

being with my wife from the hospital

296

00:13:00,780 --> 00:12:58,540

board at home he would he would Peck and

297

00:13:02,759 --> 00:13:00,790

type in to his parents who were in New

298

00:13:05,549 --> 00:13:02,769

Jersey things like that I have someone I

299

00:13:08,309 --> 00:13:05,559

was old one saved my msn which is kind

300

00:13:10,249 --> 00:13:08,319

of interesting that some of them I came

301
00:13:13,590 --> 00:13:10,259
in understand what I was trying to type

302
00:13:16,710 --> 00:13:13,600
yeah Daniel was was really he was his

303
00:13:18,540 --> 00:13:16,720
whole idea and junior skeptic is just

304
00:13:19,949 --> 00:13:18,550
it's always been and lots of people say

305
00:13:22,259 --> 00:13:19,959
it's their favorite part of skeptic

306
00:13:23,879 --> 00:13:22,269
magazine um not that there's not a lot

307
00:13:26,249 --> 00:13:23,889
of other great content but it's so great

308
00:13:28,110 --> 00:13:26,259
to see how somebody approaches

309
00:13:29,699 --> 00:13:28,120
skepticism and critical thinking for

310
00:13:31,619 --> 00:13:29,709
kids because and as you know as an

311
00:13:35,160 --> 00:13:31,629
educator that's the most important thing

312
00:13:37,710 --> 00:13:35,170
to me yeah at dragoncon I had no less

313
00:13:39,960 --> 00:13:37,720

than like at least 20 or 30 people asked

314

00:13:41,699 --> 00:13:39,970

where Danny was they all thought he

315

00:13:44,220 --> 00:13:41,709

would be there much he'll be there in 20

316

00:13:46,499 --> 00:13:44,230

days yeah here he has his hotel room and

317

00:13:48,509 --> 00:13:46,509

everything is going not sure we give him

318

00:13:50,699 --> 00:13:48,519

all the credit toward hooking us up with

319

00:13:52,860 --> 00:13:50,709

skeptic and all the folks there Pat

320

00:13:54,929 --> 00:13:52,870

Lindsay and and of course dr. michael

321

00:13:58,829 --> 00:13:54,939

shermer have all been you know really

322

00:14:00,689 --> 00:13:58,839

great and supportive and it's gotten our

323

00:14:02,519 --> 00:14:00,699

name out to a lot of people who might

324

00:14:04,019 --> 00:14:02,529

not have even you know hadn't thought

325

00:14:06,419 --> 00:14:04,029

about listening to podcasts for one

326

00:14:09,090 --> 00:14:06,429

thing because their demographic is

327

00:14:12,150 --> 00:14:09,100

generally an older demographic and what

328

00:14:13,980 --> 00:14:12,160

we hope to do is to bring you know the

329

00:14:15,629 --> 00:14:13,990

younger folks that are listening to

330

00:14:17,280 --> 00:14:15,639

podcasts or were at the time I mean I

331

00:14:19,049 --> 00:14:17,290

think everybody's into podcasts now but

332

00:14:21,509 --> 00:14:19,059

and that's really come a long way in the

333

00:14:23,400 --> 00:14:21,519

last day of two to three years but to

334

00:14:26,189 --> 00:14:23,410

get that younger demographic into

335

00:14:28,289 --> 00:14:26,199

breeding skeptic and to maybe you know

336

00:14:29,070 --> 00:14:28,299

show that older demographic that there's

337

00:14:30,720 --> 00:14:29,080

a lot

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00:14:32,190 --> 00:14:30,730

lot of information out there in places

339

00:14:34,020 --> 00:14:32,200

that they might not have been looking

340

00:14:36,000 --> 00:14:34,030

for it and of course there's lots of

341

00:14:37,860 --> 00:14:36,010

other great skeptic podcasts out there

342

00:14:41,970 --> 00:14:37,870

you know skeptics guide to the universe

343

00:14:44,760 --> 00:14:41,980

and there's NeNe and Thomas over at one

344

00:14:47,520 --> 00:14:44,770

point of inquiry and so the fact that

345

00:14:50,400 --> 00:14:47,530

skipped akala T is involved in Dragon

346

00:14:52,170 --> 00:14:50,410

Con at all is just completely an ugly

347

00:14:54,540 --> 00:14:52,180

groundbreaking the idea that someone

348

00:14:56,190 --> 00:14:54,550

could move it out from a skeptic

349

00:14:58,170 --> 00:14:56,200

conference and say right that's it let's

350

00:15:02,430 --> 00:14:58,180

get it out to the people how did this

351

00:15:04,770 --> 00:15:02,440

occur oh dude long story well not it's

352

00:15:06,900 --> 00:15:04,780

not that complicated um Derek had been

353

00:15:08,250 --> 00:15:06,910

attending dragoncon before I moved to

354

00:15:11,430 --> 00:15:08,260

Atlanta because it's an atlanta-based

355

00:15:13,950 --> 00:15:11,440

conference and it's it's a huge sci-fi

356

00:15:16,860 --> 00:15:13,960

con but to another extent it's a culture

357

00:15:21,390 --> 00:15:16,870

con because Greg Khan's been around for

358

00:15:23,190 --> 00:15:21,400

25 years what yeah 24 come this year 20

359

00:15:26,370 --> 00:15:23,200

degree left oh is that what it is and

360

00:15:27,600 --> 00:15:26,380

it's um they have a whole section for

361

00:15:30,360 --> 00:15:27,610

science and they have a whole section

362

00:15:32,460 --> 00:15:30,370

for robotics and count minerals of

363

00:15:34,050 --> 00:15:32,470

people for all sorts of great things

364

00:15:37,050 --> 00:15:34,060

there's a whole space track and they

365

00:15:38,790 --> 00:15:37,060

have our telescopes and I mean there's

366

00:15:40,380 --> 00:15:38,800

everything that I mean if you're if

367

00:15:42,360 --> 00:15:40,390

you're a Dungeons and Dragons loving

368

00:15:43,920 --> 00:15:42,370

geek or if you are a star trek person or

369

00:15:45,750 --> 00:15:43,930

there's plenty of that but there's also

370

00:15:47,970 --> 00:15:45,760

stuff people go there just for the

371

00:15:49,830 --> 00:15:47,980

science and all of those are great

372

00:15:51,510 --> 00:15:49,840

things apart from that and then you can

373

00:15:53,580 --> 00:15:51,520

go have your fun and hang out with Dr

374

00:15:56,100 --> 00:15:53,590

Who people but then you can go to some

375

00:15:59,790 --> 00:15:56,110

really awesome science and so podcasting

376

00:16:03,150 --> 00:15:59,800

as a technology was becoming popular and

377

00:16:05,910 --> 00:16:03,160

I guess it was a Muslim in 2005 yeah the

378

00:16:08,310 --> 00:16:05,920

sci-fi fantasy author tracy hickman is a

379

00:16:11,610 --> 00:16:08,320

good friend of Dragon Con and he

380

00:16:13,530 --> 00:16:11,620

recommended us to start doing a

381

00:16:16,410 --> 00:16:13,540

podcasting programming track the Dragon

382

00:16:18,150 --> 00:16:16,420

Con and we said we'd do it and that was

383

00:16:21,930 --> 00:16:18,160

that was great and the podcasting track

384

00:16:24,420 --> 00:16:21,940

is in it it was its third year ago this

385

00:16:26,400 --> 00:16:24,430

past Dragon Con and that's been going

386

00:16:28,650 --> 00:16:26,410

well but because we had so many great

387

00:16:30,870 --> 00:16:28,660

podcasters and friends who were skeptics

388

00:16:32,610 --> 00:16:30,880

and you know our love is Memphis ism and

389

00:16:35,460 --> 00:16:32,620

science we thought it would be a really

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00:16:37,230 --> 00:16:35,470

good fit for dragon konnen we just

391

00:16:40,130 --> 00:16:37,240

started pushing that

392

00:16:44,340 --> 00:16:40,140

after we had the podcasting track in

393

00:16:46,680 --> 00:16:44,350

2006-2007 I asked schirmer to come and

394

00:16:48,030 --> 00:16:46,690

Ben Radford to come and full plate to

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00:16:49,769 --> 00:16:48,040

come well he'll plated already been

396

00:16:52,050 --> 00:16:49,779

attending dragon on and loving it and so

397

00:16:54,329 --> 00:16:52,060

it made sense you know why not why not

398

00:16:56,970 --> 00:16:54,339

push for it and since I had done well

399

00:16:58,500 --> 00:16:56,980

with the podcast attract go then in 2007

400

00:17:01,139 --> 00:16:58,510

we had like four or five of the big-name

401
00:17:04,319 --> 00:17:01,149
skeptics now the first tunnel of the

402
00:17:07,559 --> 00:17:04,329
entire day was ahead schirmer and

403
00:17:10,890 --> 00:17:07,569
Radford and Jeff lag and hopefully and

404
00:17:14,699 --> 00:17:10,900
yeah and like that one room little tiny

405
00:17:17,730 --> 00:17:14,709
room was so packed that like it was nuts

406
00:17:20,309 --> 00:17:17,740
and then the next year Pat the guy who

407
00:17:22,350 --> 00:17:20,319
runs the entire convention he asked me

408
00:17:25,220 --> 00:17:22,360
do you think we need like a whole

409
00:17:27,540 --> 00:17:25,230
skeptic track it said well well yeah

410
00:17:29,730 --> 00:17:27,550
definitely i said i bet we could fill it

411
00:17:33,210 --> 00:17:29,740
and next thing we know he said yeah okay

412
00:17:34,710 --> 00:17:33,220
and then he put me in charge of that one

413
00:17:36,570 --> 00:17:34,720

and left's will be in charge of the

414

00:17:38,130 --> 00:17:36,580

podcasting is that that's not a big

415

00:17:40,169 --> 00:17:38,140

problem we'll just make sure that space

416

00:17:41,880 --> 00:17:40,179

science podcasting skeptics are right

417

00:17:43,950 --> 00:17:41,890

near each other and we just do it that

418

00:17:46,200 --> 00:17:43,960

way so that's why this year we had

419

00:17:47,760 --> 00:17:46,210

skeptics and I've already been told that

420

00:17:49,980 --> 00:17:47,770

next year we have a bigger room because

421

00:17:52,950 --> 00:17:49,990

our room was not big enough Frank Tom

422

00:17:55,470 --> 00:17:52,960

terms our room for pie for the skeptic

423

00:17:57,660 --> 00:17:55,480

stuff was pretty big Wow yeah we did

424

00:17:58,799 --> 00:17:57,670

really well Derek did an amazing job and

425

00:18:00,270 --> 00:17:58,809

I can't believe that there are crazy

426

00:18:03,810 --> 00:18:00,280

people that came from as far away as

427

00:18:05,760 --> 00:18:03,820

Australia yeah whit we're just not as

428

00:18:08,190 --> 00:18:05,770

it's an Australian thing I mean but you

429

00:18:09,540 --> 00:18:08,200

could go to Antarctica to the Arctic and

430

00:18:11,130 --> 00:18:09,550

there'll be some Australian wandering

431

00:18:13,020 --> 00:18:11,140

around there taking photos we just

432

00:18:16,620 --> 00:18:13,030

notice it the thing is even before you

433

00:18:18,570 --> 00:18:16,630

guys can always seemed like every third

434

00:18:20,220 --> 00:18:18,580

or fourth person I met a drank on most

435

00:18:22,200 --> 00:18:20,230

from Australia so it's kind of weird

436

00:18:24,540 --> 00:18:22,210

that way our good friend philip he lives

437

00:18:26,549 --> 00:18:24,550

in australia and he always sends us all

438

00:18:27,930 --> 00:18:26,559

sorts of evil candies and he's been to

439

00:18:30,030 --> 00:18:27,940

dragoncon a couple of times and this

440

00:18:32,820 --> 00:18:30,040

time couldn't come but he did just a

441

00:18:35,850 --> 00:18:32,830

lion bag a big box of violet crumbs

442

00:18:37,620 --> 00:18:35,860

and macarthur lasers and minties and we

443

00:18:39,660 --> 00:18:37,630

had to I had to get them out of the

444

00:18:42,060 --> 00:18:39,670

house and they're all of our friends the

445

00:18:44,160 --> 00:18:42,070

time for these oh wait to visit Nana pop

446

00:18:46,290 --> 00:18:44,170

because we're like if we have this giant

447

00:18:47,480 --> 00:18:46,300

box of giant Australian candy here we're

448

00:18:49,460 --> 00:18:47,490

going to eat it

449

00:18:51,440 --> 00:18:49,470

we'll have to see if we can manage to

450

00:18:53,810 --> 00:18:51,450

coordinate something then do a trade off

451
00:18:55,130 --> 00:18:53,820
with Australian Molly's and an American

452
00:18:57,200 --> 00:18:55,140
candy or something like that although we

453
00:18:58,940 --> 00:18:57,210
seen him manage to cause a bit of a

454
00:19:00,770 --> 00:18:58,950
scandal last time at dragoncon by

455
00:19:04,130 --> 00:19:00,780
torturing as many people as we could

456
00:19:06,230 --> 00:19:04,140
with them must stick so I recall those

457
00:19:08,240 --> 00:19:06,240
our mentees people love them out omit

458
00:19:10,400 --> 00:19:08,250
the musk sticks though that that Richard

459
00:19:13,730 --> 00:19:10,410
yeah trying to dare people to eat them I

460
00:19:16,130 --> 00:19:13,740
never did try one what we gonna have to

461
00:19:18,950 --> 00:19:16,140
send you something no oh well Cooper I

462
00:19:20,419 --> 00:19:18,960
smelled then they smell very lovely if

463
00:19:22,760 --> 00:19:20,429

they were perfume I would want to wear

464

00:19:24,950 --> 00:19:22,770

them but I'm not sure one of the torture

465

00:19:26,750 --> 00:19:24,960

devices I remember doing the same with

466

00:19:28,520 --> 00:19:26,760

Vegemite Vegemite is one good way to

467

00:19:31,610 --> 00:19:28,530

make Americans completely enough way

468

00:19:32,900 --> 00:19:31,620

freaked out well it's so much fun

469

00:19:35,240 --> 00:19:32,910

because a lot of my friends who are

470

00:19:37,760 --> 00:19:35,250

podcasters like in the sci-fi portion or

471

00:19:39,950 --> 00:19:37,770

who are podcasting authors hung out with

472

00:19:41,419 --> 00:19:39,960

a lot of the skeptics and so now I get

473

00:19:43,700 --> 00:19:41,429

to read about my podcasting friends

474

00:19:46,070 --> 00:19:43,710

having parties with skeptics and things

475

00:19:47,570 --> 00:19:46,080

like that and it is it's really great I

476

00:19:49,760 --> 00:19:47,580

in fact there's some people that I know

477

00:19:51,680 --> 00:19:49,770

we're pretty much into the woo and I

478

00:19:54,530 --> 00:19:51,690

think they've heard around been with the

479

00:19:57,350 --> 00:19:54,540

skeptics now I think we helped change in

480

00:20:00,169 --> 00:19:57,360

people yeah there are five icons

481

00:20:01,940 --> 00:20:00,179

everywhere and if you start as a

482

00:20:03,950 --> 00:20:01,950

volunteer and get involved I mean if you

483

00:20:06,860 --> 00:20:03,960

want to see skepticism you know at your

484

00:20:09,290 --> 00:20:06,870

local nerd con I think you can put it in

485

00:20:10,850 --> 00:20:09,300

there you just you just have to get

486

00:20:12,980 --> 00:20:10,860

yourself in there and and prove that

487

00:20:13,910 --> 00:20:12,990

there's an audience for it which you

488

00:20:15,919 --> 00:20:13,920

know with all of the networking

489

00:20:18,500 --> 00:20:15,929

resources you have you just tell people

490

00:20:20,120 --> 00:20:18,510

hey you know such and such is going to

491

00:20:22,790 --> 00:20:20,130

come and give a talk here at this place

492

00:20:24,770 --> 00:20:22,800

everybody come and support it you know

493

00:20:27,440 --> 00:20:24,780

they will and it will it will prove it

494

00:20:29,450 --> 00:20:27,450

because we had no idea how many people

495

00:20:31,760 --> 00:20:29,460

were going to come to dragoncon to see

496

00:20:33,560 --> 00:20:31,770

the skeptics and it's astounding or we

497

00:20:35,840 --> 00:20:33,570

were shocked people from all walks of

498

00:20:38,570 --> 00:20:35,850

life and it was great when James Randi

499

00:20:40,880 --> 00:20:38,580

he had an interview about I'm one of the

500

00:20:42,560 --> 00:20:40,890

magic podcast and he had just gotten

501
00:20:44,570 --> 00:20:42,570
back from dragoncon and he was talking

502
00:20:47,120 --> 00:20:44,580
about the diversity of people that he

503
00:20:48,620 --> 00:20:47,130
saw was really yeah he loved it that

504
00:20:50,510 --> 00:20:48,630
there were folks in wheelchairs and

505
00:20:52,790 --> 00:20:50,520
there were people of all shapes and

506
00:20:55,790 --> 00:20:52,800
sizes career with disabilities and other

507
00:20:58,610 --> 00:20:55,800
babies are and and nobody all of these

508
00:21:01,010 --> 00:20:58,620
misfit people they all belong

509
00:21:04,280 --> 00:21:01,020
and and that's just the greatest thing

510
00:21:06,860 --> 00:21:04,290
is there's no judgment it's just a great

511
00:21:08,750 --> 00:21:06,870
place for everybody to come and get

512
00:21:11,090 --> 00:21:08,760
together on these topics that they you

513
00:21:13,340 --> 00:21:11,100

know they all agree on and it's very

514

00:21:16,010 --> 00:21:13,350

tactile there it's very tangible you're

515

00:21:18,410 --> 00:21:16,020

able to talk to people on a level that

516

00:21:20,780 --> 00:21:18,420

you can't at a lot of different events

517

00:21:22,670 --> 00:21:20,790

and so you know it's amounts to hang out

518

00:21:25,400 --> 00:21:22,680

with James Randi and watch him do you

519

00:21:28,160 --> 00:21:25,410

know close-up magic I mean it's it's

520

00:21:29,960 --> 00:21:28,170

doable yeah it was so awesome I think

521

00:21:32,840 --> 00:21:29,970

that goes back again to activism to

522

00:21:35,330 --> 00:21:32,850

where it helps to put the human face on

523

00:21:38,240 --> 00:21:35,340

something a lot of people brand is being

524

00:21:40,160 --> 00:21:38,250

quite cynical and you know it goes to

525

00:21:42,350 --> 00:21:40,170

show you know we're not all that

526

00:21:44,600 --> 00:21:42,360

different there are there's commonality

527

00:21:47,030 --> 00:21:44,610

we're all searching for truths and

528

00:21:48,860 --> 00:21:47,040

evidence and so you know putting a more

529

00:21:51,680 --> 00:21:48,870

human face on something that you know

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00:21:54,410 --> 00:21:51,690

people tend to decry is always a great

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00:21:57,770 --> 00:21:54,420

thing to go yeah improve our many peps

532

00:22:01,070 --> 00:21:57,780

alone among the public for sure and this

533

00:22:05,330 --> 00:22:01,080

year we had the Jeff mid-calf memorial

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00:22:07,490 --> 00:22:05,340

panel we did we had opportunities to

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00:22:09,110 --> 00:22:07,500

have people from overseas come and talk

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00:22:10,790 --> 00:22:09,120

which the skeptics I was extremely

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00:22:14,750 --> 00:22:10,800

grateful for we had the opportunity to

538

00:22:16,190 --> 00:22:14,760

relaunch our show what will 2009 hold

539

00:22:18,080 --> 00:22:16,200

for us we will you have more

540

00:22:20,600 --> 00:22:18,090

opportunities for kid friendly shows I

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00:22:22,370 --> 00:22:20,610

know that there was a certain amount of

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00:22:24,430 --> 00:22:22,380

muttering in the audience about let's

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00:22:28,010 --> 00:22:24,440

get more kids in let's have more family

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00:22:30,110 --> 00:22:28,020

opportunities I be exactly that last

545

00:22:32,780 --> 00:22:30,120

comment you said is definitely true

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00:22:34,850 --> 00:22:32,790

because I had a lot of parents come up

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00:22:37,310 --> 00:22:34,860

to me and he said can you have at least

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00:22:40,430 --> 00:22:37,320

one or two things next year for kids or

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00:22:42,080 --> 00:22:40,440

talk about you know educating kids and I

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00:22:45,110 --> 00:22:42,090

want to make sure we have that next year

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00:22:46,880 --> 00:22:45,120

and also I want to continue the Jeff

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00:22:49,640 --> 00:22:46,890

Maggio madcap thing because it's a very

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00:22:51,230 --> 00:22:49,650

important and you know it's so sadly to

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00:22:56,150 --> 00:22:51,240

make it cuz he was really excited to

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00:22:58,970 --> 00:22:56,160

come chill plate is now the head guy at

556

00:23:00,500 --> 00:22:58,980

the JR effing and he's always having

557

00:23:03,710 --> 00:23:00,510

great ideas about new things to do in

558

00:23:05,480 --> 00:23:03,720

education is a big part of his agenda so

559

00:23:07,130 --> 00:23:05,490

between him and Daniel Loxton I'm sure

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00:23:09,919 --> 00:23:07,140

that there will be some more

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00:23:11,480 --> 00:23:09,929

opportunities for junior skeptics and

562

00:23:13,760 --> 00:23:11,490

younger people to get involved

563

00:23:17,060 --> 00:23:13,770

and do things like that so that would be

564

00:23:19,549 --> 00:23:17,070

great too you know I don't know our

565

00:23:21,049 --> 00:23:19,559

first meeting for dragoncon is just

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00:23:24,410 --> 00:23:21,059

after the first of the year with the

567

00:23:27,049 --> 00:23:24,420

first week of drummer yeah yeah and so

568

00:23:30,290 --> 00:23:27,059

that's when it starts rolling and the

569

00:23:33,440 --> 00:23:30,300

thing is to basically whatever anybody

570

00:23:36,650 --> 00:23:33,450

wants to have I mean it can be kind of a

571

00:23:39,560 --> 00:23:36,660

group say I mean you can go and find out

572

00:23:43,250 --> 00:23:39,570

more about things at is it's kept track

573

00:23:44,690 --> 00:23:43,260

dot o RG yeah online and we have forums

574

00:23:46,640 --> 00:23:44,700

and stuff there and people can suggest

575

00:23:48,710 --> 00:23:46,650

things that they like to see and if

576

00:23:51,380 --> 00:23:48,720

there's an overwhelming desire for one

577

00:23:53,419 --> 00:23:51,390

thing or another or one kind of speaker

578

00:23:55,130 --> 00:23:53,429

or another or if somebody really you

579

00:23:57,290 --> 00:23:55,140

know wants to do something that we

580

00:23:59,090 --> 00:23:57,300

haven't done before I think I think

581

00:24:03,830 --> 00:23:59,100

we're up for anything so people should

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00:24:06,560 --> 00:24:03,840

should log on and suggest stuff for 2009

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00:24:08,990 --> 00:24:06,570

because it's not too soon oh no one

584

00:24:11,720 --> 00:24:09,000

skeptic and authors and folks who want

585

00:24:15,380 --> 00:24:11,730

to sign up for the guest application you

586

00:24:17,210 --> 00:24:15,390

can go to dragoncon o RG and the guest

587

00:24:19,970 --> 00:24:17,220

application is already available to fill

588

00:24:22,280 --> 00:24:19,980

out for next year I know at least of two

589

00:24:25,340 --> 00:24:22,290

other conventions now her doing it this

590

00:24:28,400 --> 00:24:25,350

coming year icon which i think is up in

591

00:24:31,040 --> 00:24:28,410

New York are doing like a skeptic not

592

00:24:33,890 --> 00:24:31,050

like a whole track my icons don't have

593

00:24:36,890 --> 00:24:33,900

tracks but they have a vent the complete

594

00:24:39,410 --> 00:24:36,900

skeptic events at icon I know because

595

00:24:41,780 --> 00:24:39,420

they asked brian and done de brian

596

00:24:46,100 --> 00:24:41,790

dunning to go there with a bunch of the

597

00:24:49,220 --> 00:24:46,110

skip skip ecology people stepped on yeah

598

00:24:52,250 --> 00:24:49,230

and then i know it baltistan which is

599

00:24:55,010 --> 00:24:52,260

another sci-fi con vert a smaller con

600

00:24:58,910 --> 00:24:55,020

but they're doing some skeptics up to Oh

601
00:25:00,320 --> 00:24:58,920
awesome yeah no 17 I mean basically and

602
00:25:03,200 --> 00:25:00,330
if anyone wants to find out more about

603
00:25:05,930 --> 00:25:03,210
like how to you know try and pitch it to

604
00:25:08,450 --> 00:25:05,940
your local convention you know shoot us

605
00:25:10,820 --> 00:25:08,460
an email those were working to have

606
00:25:13,400 --> 00:25:10,830
everybody you know infiltrate their

607
00:25:17,120 --> 00:25:13,410
local cons with with science and skeptic

608
00:25:19,100 --> 00:25:17,130
content because I I think it fits so

609
00:25:20,780 --> 00:25:19,110
well that there's you know there's no

610
00:25:22,580 --> 00:25:20,790
science fiction without science in it

611
00:25:24,530 --> 00:25:22,590
and so there's really nothing that

612
00:25:26,150 --> 00:25:24,540
anybody can say that it says it does

613
00:25:29,000 --> 00:25:26,160

along there yeah expect a lot of

614

00:25:32,390 --> 00:25:29,010

conventions have like some spit or some

615

00:25:35,660 --> 00:25:32,400

science or space science type events and

616

00:25:38,120 --> 00:25:35,670

you know epic stuff basis basically fits

617

00:25:40,010 --> 00:25:38,130

into that perfectly so dad Randy had a

618

00:25:42,500 --> 00:25:40,020

blast I saw him but like throwing the

619

00:25:45,020 --> 00:25:42,510

last day out and down in the lobby where

620

00:25:47,990 --> 00:25:45,030

I was getting my breakfast at the little

621

00:25:51,320 --> 00:25:48,000

cafe place and I said hey James are you

622

00:25:53,510 --> 00:25:51,330

doing he's like I have a good time yeah

623

00:25:54,650 --> 00:25:53,520

it's just such a sweet man he's like

624

00:25:56,840 --> 00:25:54,660

this like the best thing ever and then

625

00:25:58,730 --> 00:25:56,850

on the last day for remember that what

626

00:26:01,280 --> 00:25:58,740

he said about is like no I definitely

627

00:26:02,690 --> 00:26:01,290

have to come back yeah like yeah yeah I

628

00:26:05,120 --> 00:26:02,700

think we were we were just really

629

00:26:07,310 --> 00:26:05,130

pleased that he had such a wonderful

630

00:26:09,020 --> 00:26:07,320

time oh he had a blast that I heard it

631

00:26:12,080 --> 00:26:09,030

from independent sources and stuff just

632

00:26:14,270 --> 00:26:12,090

you know I mean and Kylie can relay I've

633

00:26:17,000 --> 00:26:14,280

told will be a couple times like on the

634

00:26:19,610 --> 00:26:17,010

last day jammed Rani was so happy and so

635

00:26:21,770 --> 00:26:19,620

spry I was worried about him cuz he was

636

00:26:26,630 --> 00:26:21,780

like jumping over little gaps and not

637

00:26:28,850 --> 00:26:26,640

like like okay gene slow down don't

638

00:26:30,650 --> 00:26:28,860

don't trip though cuz he was like he

639

00:26:32,720 --> 00:26:30,660

dropped over like things he wouldn't

640

00:26:34,790 --> 00:26:32,730

like he's in a rush they not only rush

641

00:26:36,830 --> 00:26:34,800

but he was just excited he was like this

642

00:26:38,840 --> 00:26:36,840

running around it oh yeah and what other

643

00:26:40,400 --> 00:26:38,850

conference can you have where he's like

644

00:26:42,020 --> 00:26:40,410

sitting in the audience and you walk out

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00:26:43,640 --> 00:26:42,030

to him so you know you should be on this

646

00:26:46,880 --> 00:26:43,650

panel and he gets up and he walks onto

647

00:26:49,580 --> 00:26:46,890

our panel at join z yeah I know oh yeah

648

00:26:52,220 --> 00:26:49,590

my mom oh it's like a pig I do not want

649

00:26:55,220 --> 00:26:52,230

to be the person running the event where

650

00:26:57,950 --> 00:26:55,230

james randi gets excited and then fall I

651

00:27:00,170 --> 00:26:57,960

don't be that kind I was like what my

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00:27:05,660 --> 00:27:00,180

last days okay chief let's be a little

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00:27:09,290 --> 00:27:05,670

easy now I'm fine oh no you could not

654

00:27:10,910 --> 00:27:09,300

you so happy having fun oh I guess

655

00:27:13,060 --> 00:27:10,920

that's a spirit or dragon come you can

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00:27:15,020 --> 00:27:13,070

keep any understanding just going back

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00:27:17,540 --> 00:27:15,030

okay and then you have to go home and

658

00:27:19,760 --> 00:27:17,550

sleep for a week dragoncon to me is what

659

00:27:21,950 --> 00:27:19,770

is the neg Holly I know it's coming on

660

00:27:23,780 --> 00:27:21,960

Christmas I like Christmas but mean

661

00:27:27,920 --> 00:27:23,790

drank on to me is the real curve

662

00:27:30,050 --> 00:27:27,930

dragoncon is Derek's favorite host pick

663

00:27:32,170 --> 00:27:30,060

up the end during the entire time but

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00:27:33,690 --> 00:27:32,180

I'm having a blast happy dragon yeah

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00:27:37,620 --> 00:27:33,700

yeah

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00:27:39,090 --> 00:27:37,630

I'll talk to you soon but definitely and

667

00:27:42,269 --> 00:27:39,100

brilliant holidays to you guys we're

668

00:27:43,980 --> 00:27:42,279

taking it here by pilot bar many thanks

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00:27:46,500 --> 00:27:43,990

to Derek and Scooby for talking to us

670

00:27:48,360 --> 00:27:46,510

during a very busy time of the year you

671

00:27:52,769 --> 00:27:48,370

can find out more about skeptic allottee

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00:27:55,440 --> 00:27:52,779

by heading to their website at wwc kept

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00:27:58,019 --> 00:27:55,450

akala tecom and if you'd like to know

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00:27:59,759 --> 00:27:58,029

more about Dragon Con we're both Derek

675

00:28:02,940 --> 00:27:59,769

and swoopy are responsible for directing

676
00:28:08,419 --> 00:28:02,950
their skeptic and podcasting tracks you

677
00:28:10,440 --> 00:28:08,429
can head to the website at ww.com org

678
00:28:13,169 --> 00:28:10,450
skeptic zone will once again be

679
00:28:29,159 --> 00:28:13,179
appearing as they did in 2008 and we

680
00:28:35,830 --> 00:28:32,770
hi I'm dr. ginger Campbell I started the

681
00:28:38,440 --> 00:28:35,840
brain science podcast in December 2006

682
00:28:40,870 --> 00:28:38,450
with the tagline the show for everyone

683
00:28:44,740 --> 00:28:40,880
who has a brain because you don't need a

684
00:28:48,100 --> 00:28:44,750
PhD to enjoy my podcast all you need is

685
00:28:50,950 --> 00:28:48,110
curiosity about how our brains make us

686
00:28:53,919 --> 00:28:50,960
who we are the brain science podcast is

687
00:28:56,380 --> 00:28:53,929
not a self-help show but understanding

688
00:28:59,470 --> 00:28:56,390

how the brain works will give you useful

689

00:29:02,380 --> 00:28:59,480

insights into your own behavior and the

690

00:29:04,240 --> 00:29:02,390

behavior of others on the show I talk

691

00:29:07,200 --> 00:29:04,250

about the latest books about the brain

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00:29:09,640 --> 00:29:07,210

and I interview leading scientists of

693

00:29:12,460 --> 00:29:09,650

course I would love to be discovered by

694

00:29:15,610 --> 00:29:12,470

NPR but until then you can find the

695

00:29:25,510 --> 00:29:15,620

brain science podcast in iTunes and at

696

00:29:31,930 --> 00:29:29,570

and now we come to our reading from the

697

00:29:37,310 --> 00:29:31,940

latest issue of the skeptic magazine

698

00:29:41,000 --> 00:29:37,320

that's a volume 28 number four page

699

00:29:43,580 --> 00:29:41,010

eight murder for entertainment and

700

00:29:46,430 --> 00:29:43,590

profit and this is a story written by

701
00:29:49,250 --> 00:29:46,440
Bret Christian who is a longtime skeptic

702
00:29:51,560 --> 00:29:49,260
and the publisher and editor of the post

703
00:29:56,000 --> 00:29:51,570
group of suburban newspapers in Perth

704
00:29:59,270 --> 00:29:56,010
Western Australia exposing psychics

705
00:30:05,420 --> 00:29:59,280
scandalous disregard for the feelings of

706
00:30:11,510 --> 00:30:09,500
murder for entertainment and profit few

707
00:30:14,030 --> 00:30:11,520
real-life murder mysteries have captured

708
00:30:16,700 --> 00:30:14,040
the public imagination as have perfs

709
00:30:18,980 --> 00:30:16,710
so-called clermont serial killings a

710
00:30:21,320 --> 00:30:18,990
series of abductions and murders of

711
00:30:24,280 --> 00:30:21,330
three young blonde women last seen

712
00:30:29,210 --> 00:30:24,290
leaving up-market suburban nightspots in

713
00:30:32,510 --> 00:30:29,220

1996 and 1997 the crimes caused untold

714

00:30:35,240 --> 00:30:32,520

grief for those left behind 11 years

715

00:30:37,540 --> 00:30:35,250

later the unsolved cases still inspire

716

00:30:40,190 --> 00:30:37,550

waves of media publicity and

717

00:30:42,200 --> 00:30:40,200

recriminations unscrupulous psychics

718

00:30:45,560 --> 00:30:42,210

have made the crimes their own hunting

719

00:30:49,490 --> 00:30:45,570

ground so much so that on September the

720

00:30:52,130 --> 00:30:49,500

27th 2008 three psychics decided to join

721

00:30:54,980 --> 00:30:52,140

forces to capitalize on public fear and

722

00:30:57,440 --> 00:30:54,990

curiosity for entertainment and profit

723

00:30:59,570 --> 00:30:57,450

for good measure they threw in the names

724

00:31:01,730 --> 00:30:59,580

of a couple of other young women who had

725

00:31:04,700 --> 00:31:01,740

disappeared in Western Australia over

726

00:31:07,670 --> 00:31:04,710

the past 20 years what they evidently

727

00:31:09,800 --> 00:31:07,680

forgot or didn't care about was that

728

00:31:12,380 --> 00:31:09,810

standing behind each young woman whose

729

00:31:14,390 --> 00:31:12,390

name they hyped was a legion of family

730

00:31:16,580 --> 00:31:14,400

and friends who found distressing this

731

00:31:19,250 --> 00:31:16,590

attention at the level of a carnival

732

00:31:21,770 --> 00:31:19,260

sideshow the so-called psychics familiar

733

00:31:25,340 --> 00:31:21,780

to many skeptics melodramatically named

734

00:31:27,920 --> 00:31:25,350

themselves the psychic task force they

735

00:31:29,720 --> 00:31:27,930

were Scott Russell Hill who modestly

736

00:31:32,780 --> 00:31:29,730

bills himself as the world's most

737

00:31:36,350 --> 00:31:32,790

accurate psychic ghost whisperer Anthony

738

00:31:39,170 --> 00:31:36,360

grisel Kerr and spirit medium Deb Malone

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00:31:41,150 --> 00:31:39,180

who is regularly gifted credibility with

740

00:31:43,280 --> 00:31:41,160

invitations to appear on high rating

741

00:31:46,010 --> 00:31:43,290

television programs such as Channel

742

00:31:48,530 --> 00:31:46,020

Seven's sunrise the psychic task force

743

00:31:50,990 --> 00:31:48,540

members promised to use their combined

744

00:31:53,720 --> 00:31:51,000

paranormal powers for a live

745

00:31:55,880 --> 00:31:53,730

investigation into the clermont serial

746

00:31:57,920 --> 00:31:55,890

killings bait that was apparently

747

00:32:01,430 --> 00:31:57,930

irresistible for the mostly young

748

00:32:05,000 --> 00:32:01,440

audience that filled the 2300 capacity

749

00:32:06,440 --> 00:32:05,010

burswood casino theatre twice over at a

750

00:32:09,080 --> 00:32:06,450

ticket price of a hundred and

751
00:32:12,020 --> 00:32:09,090
thirty-five dollars ahead listeners to

752
00:32:14,240 --> 00:32:12,030
pervs local nova radio station could not

753
00:32:16,970 --> 00:32:14,250
swipe their credit cards fast enough

754
00:32:18,109 --> 00:32:16,980
after Scott Russell Hill of sensing

755
00:32:20,209 --> 00:32:18,119
murder Fame

756
00:32:22,219 --> 00:32:20,219
former radio jock went on air to

757
00:32:24,619 --> 00:32:22,229
demonstrate his so-called powers and

758
00:32:28,029 --> 00:32:24,629
sweep this vast audience towards the

759
00:32:31,939 --> 00:32:28,039
burswood on a crest of his psychic wave

760
00:32:34,399 --> 00:32:31,949
email campaign after the state show

761
00:32:36,979 --> 00:32:34,409
along an excitable anonymous email

762
00:32:39,289 --> 00:32:36,989
spread like wildfire through western

763
00:32:41,299 --> 00:32:39,299

australia's vast internet social network

764

00:32:43,309 --> 00:32:41,309

it warned young women to be on the

765

00:32:45,919 --> 00:32:43,319

lookout for a man who's identical

766

00:32:48,439 --> 00:32:45,929

allegedly unfolded on stage from the

767

00:32:50,599 --> 00:32:48,449

visions of the psychic task force his

768

00:32:52,699 --> 00:32:50,609

image projected onto a big screen while

769

00:32:55,069 --> 00:32:52,709

the task force sat beneath the picture

770

00:32:57,049 --> 00:32:55,079

churning out and greyfax that police

771

00:32:58,669 --> 00:32:57,059

running australia's most extensive

772

00:33:01,159 --> 00:32:58,679

murder investigation had failed to

773

00:33:03,289 --> 00:33:01,169

uncover the success with which this

774

00:33:06,109 --> 00:33:03,299

hokey act preyed on the fears and

775

00:33:08,089 --> 00:33:06,119

gullibility of its audience jumps off

776

00:33:09,769 --> 00:33:08,099

the computer screen they depressingly

777

00:33:12,799 --> 00:33:09,779

show that skeptics still have a lot of

778

00:33:16,009 --> 00:33:12,809

work to do among the under 30 s the

779

00:33:18,169 --> 00:33:16,019

target Nova FM audience I've just seen

780

00:33:20,359 --> 00:33:18,179

the most amazing show I've just in the

781

00:33:21,859 --> 00:33:20,369

face of the clermont serial killer if he

782

00:33:24,529 --> 00:33:21,869

crosses my path I'd know him in a

783

00:33:26,959 --> 00:33:24,539

heartbeat the show was by three psychics

784

00:33:29,119 --> 00:33:26,969

have done an amazing investigation into

785

00:33:30,739 --> 00:33:29,129

the clermont killings and information

786

00:33:33,109 --> 00:33:30,749

was just too incredible not to pass on

787

00:33:35,419 --> 00:33:33,119

oh and I by the way he's planning on

788

00:33:37,009 --> 00:33:35,429

striking you again very soon so make

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00:33:40,039 --> 00:33:37,019

sure you let as many females know this

790

00:33:41,869 --> 00:33:40,049

information as soon as you can so the

791

00:33:44,299 --> 00:33:41,879

killer is about 35 years old now

792

00:33:46,219 --> 00:33:44,309

possibly as old as 40 he's been killing

793

00:33:48,949 --> 00:33:46,229

for quite some time the Clermont girls

794

00:33:50,749 --> 00:33:48,959

were not his only victims and in fact if

795

00:33:52,519 --> 00:33:50,759

you remember Julie Cutler and Hayley

796

00:33:55,219 --> 00:33:52,529

Dodd then you already know that he's

797

00:33:57,529 --> 00:33:55,229

been operating well before Clermont the

798

00:33:58,729 --> 00:33:57,539

psychics know where Sarah is located but

799

00:33:59,989 --> 00:33:58,739

it's going to be difficult to get her

800

00:34:02,419 --> 00:33:59,999

remains as they're underneath the

801
00:34:04,309 --> 00:34:02,429
limestone in Henderson this area was

802
00:34:06,109 --> 00:34:04,319
redeveloped very soon after he hid her

803
00:34:08,329 --> 00:34:06,119
body there in fact he knew that would

804
00:34:10,399 --> 00:34:08,339
happen as he worked in the area so

805
00:34:12,799 --> 00:34:10,409
things of interest this man is not a

806
00:34:14,779 --> 00:34:12,809
taxi driver he actually drove a blue

807
00:34:17,180 --> 00:34:14,789
Ford Falcon I can't remember the exact

808
00:34:19,339 --> 00:34:17,190
models and hopeless with car and he

809
00:34:21,739 --> 00:34:19,349
definitely knew Sarah that's why she got

810
00:34:23,149 --> 00:34:21,749
into his car he was a casual friend of

811
00:34:25,039 --> 00:34:23,159
one of sarah's friends and that's why

812
00:34:27,619 --> 00:34:25,049
she trusted him despite not knowing him

813
00:34:29,180 --> 00:34:27,629

very well psychics also had the name of

814

00:34:31,389 --> 00:34:29,190

his friend and they can use is to verify

815

00:34:33,579 --> 00:34:31,399

the information to the police

816

00:34:36,369 --> 00:34:33,589

he's very clever is cold and calculating

817

00:34:37,779 --> 00:34:36,379

everything was well planned and he went

818

00:34:39,789 --> 00:34:37,789

out knowing exactly what he was going to

819

00:34:42,220 --> 00:34:39,799

do and how he would make it happen he

820

00:34:44,500 --> 00:34:42,230

had a plan well she was actually taken

821

00:34:46,899 --> 00:34:44,510

from a car park behind Club bayview as

822

00:34:48,430 --> 00:34:46,909

was the case with Jane and kiara this

823

00:34:50,589 --> 00:34:48,440

guy picked these girls because of their

824

00:34:52,629 --> 00:34:50,599

hair and he's kept the hair as trophies

825

00:34:55,240 --> 00:34:52,639

he interacted with these girls before

826
00:34:57,129 --> 00:34:55,250
taking them and yes he is the man on at

827
00:34:59,289 --> 00:34:57,139
the CCTV vision that has just recently

828
00:35:01,630 --> 00:34:59,299
been released and yes he was talking to

829
00:35:03,309 --> 00:35:01,640
Jane on that footage I had a really good

830
00:35:06,099 --> 00:35:03,319
look and an identical picture of this

831
00:35:08,049 --> 00:35:06,109
man and he's a Mediterranean or Italian

832
00:35:10,870 --> 00:35:08,059
background he has dark hair and dark

833
00:35:12,339 --> 00:35:10,880
eyes i felt absolutely sick when I

834
00:35:14,680 --> 00:35:12,349
looked at him and as I stared at his

835
00:35:16,779 --> 00:35:14,690
picture ever feel the rage and anger and

836
00:35:18,250 --> 00:35:16,789
the hate to the point where I saw his

837
00:35:19,569 --> 00:35:18,260
face change into what it would have

838
00:35:22,839 --> 00:35:19,579

looked like when he committed these

839

00:35:25,630 --> 00:35:22,849

crimes it was really scary he's driven

840

00:35:27,730 --> 00:35:25,640

by compulsion and he will not stop so

841

00:35:30,430 --> 00:35:27,740

you may ask why has he gone so quiet

842

00:35:32,230 --> 00:35:30,440

well he has other victims varied very

843

00:35:34,329 --> 00:35:32,240

close to Sarah they were taken before

844

00:35:36,940 --> 00:35:34,339

Sarah up in the meantime he's got

845

00:35:38,650 --> 00:35:36,950

married and had children also careful

846

00:35:40,900 --> 00:35:38,660

not to describe anything too graphic to

847

00:35:43,029 --> 00:35:40,910

us about what he did to the girls he did

848

00:35:44,769 --> 00:35:43,039

some pretty bad to them and it

849

00:35:47,230 --> 00:35:44,779

involved a ritual that had surgical

850

00:35:49,089 --> 00:35:47,240

aspects this is important to him and he

851
00:35:51,700 --> 00:35:49,099
did it to all the bodies and the

852
00:35:53,319 --> 00:35:51,710
violence escalated with each girl Sarah

853
00:35:55,150 --> 00:35:53,329
was still alive when he took her to

854
00:35:57,460 --> 00:35:55,160
Henderson she actually tried to make a

855
00:35:59,710 --> 00:35:57,470
run for when they got there but to no

856
00:36:01,839 --> 00:35:59,720
avail he's driven by issues with his

857
00:36:04,000 --> 00:36:01,849
mother and whilst she did not physically

858
00:36:06,339 --> 00:36:04,010
harm him she put him down a lot and he

859
00:36:08,500 --> 00:36:06,349
suffered mentally her hands she did this

860
00:36:10,660 --> 00:36:08,510
because of issues with his father he has

861
00:36:12,609 --> 00:36:10,670
an inferiority complex and that's why he

862
00:36:14,019 --> 00:36:12,619
goes after the high class girls when

863
00:36:16,059 --> 00:36:14,029

they reject his office they're signing

864

00:36:17,859 --> 00:36:16,069

their own death certificates personally

865

00:36:19,359 --> 00:36:17,869

I have no doubt the Sarah's talking from

866

00:36:20,859 --> 00:36:19,369

beyond the grave and she's tried to make

867

00:36:22,599 --> 00:36:20,869

her efforts known by linking to

868

00:36:25,480 --> 00:36:22,609

high-profile media personalities like

869

00:36:27,130 --> 00:36:25,490

Scott Russell Hill she's timed it to

870

00:36:28,750 --> 00:36:27,140

coincide with all the latest hype about

871

00:36:30,370 --> 00:36:28,760

Claremont and particularly with the

872

00:36:32,559 --> 00:36:30,380

release of that footage not so long ago

873

00:36:34,450 --> 00:36:32,569

I think these psychics have absolutely

874

00:36:36,490 --> 00:36:34,460

nailed this case they have really

875

00:36:38,049 --> 00:36:36,500

detailed information and it will be easy

876

00:36:41,349 --> 00:36:38,059

for the police to validate if it's real

877

00:36:43,870 --> 00:36:41,359

or not needless to say the killer has

878

00:36:45,400 --> 00:36:43,880

not struck again and nothing the psychic

879

00:36:47,890 --> 00:36:45,410

task force curvy

880

00:36:50,350 --> 00:36:47,900

older has led to any perpetrator being

881

00:36:53,320 --> 00:36:50,360

identified in fact police said it

882

00:36:55,180 --> 00:36:53,330

damaged their investigation they do not

883

00:36:57,430 --> 00:36:55,190

even know for sure that the three

884

00:37:01,270 --> 00:36:57,440

Claremont victims were abducted by the

885

00:37:04,060 --> 00:37:01,280

same person obvious question the obvious

886

00:37:06,160 --> 00:37:04,070

question arises if the psychics know so

887

00:37:08,440 --> 00:37:06,170

much about the murders why not go

888

00:37:11,140 --> 00:37:08,450

straight to the police why did they feel

889

00:37:13,780 --> 00:37:11,150

the need to first expose all this

890

00:37:16,240 --> 00:37:13,790

personal gruesome information before a

891

00:37:18,790 --> 00:37:16,250

paying audience apart from the obvious

892

00:37:21,040 --> 00:37:18,800

advantages to their bank balances they

893

00:37:23,680 --> 00:37:21,050

must surely be aware that no psychic

894

00:37:26,200 --> 00:37:23,690

anywhere in the world has ever provided

895

00:37:28,990 --> 00:37:26,210

vital information that led police to

896

00:37:31,450 --> 00:37:29,000

solve a crime the dismissive attitude of

897

00:37:34,210 --> 00:37:31,460

police is outlined in the authors murder

898

00:37:38,740 --> 00:37:34,220

and clairvoyance published in the

899

00:37:41,080 --> 00:37:38,750

skeptic 2004 volume 24 number one one

900

00:37:43,090 --> 00:37:41,090

can only imagine the feelings of the

901
00:37:45,670 --> 00:37:43,100
relatives when they heard of the psychic

902
00:37:48,370 --> 00:37:45,680
task force babbling about the manner in

903
00:37:50,470 --> 00:37:48,380
which these poor women died briefly the

904
00:37:53,770 --> 00:37:50,480
tripe outlined in the email is a

905
00:37:56,080 --> 00:37:53,780
mishmash of publicly known facts rumor

906
00:37:58,540 --> 00:37:56,090
and speculation about the murders that

907
00:38:02,470 --> 00:37:58,550
have been swirling around Perth for 12

908
00:38:04,390 --> 00:38:02,480
years bad slip-ups but the psychics took

909
00:38:06,700 --> 00:38:04,400
a big risk when they clearly channeled

910
00:38:09,010 --> 00:38:06,710
the outer lunatic limits of Google

911
00:38:11,560 --> 00:38:09,020
rather than the spirits of the deceased

912
00:38:14,650 --> 00:38:11,570
women here is where they badly slipped

913
00:38:16,630 --> 00:38:14,660

up bodies of two of the women thought to

914

00:38:19,660 --> 00:38:16,640

be victims of the clermont serial killer

915

00:38:22,840 --> 00:38:19,670

were discovered and minutely examined by

916

00:38:25,600 --> 00:38:22,850

pathologists in the usual way police

917

00:38:27,460 --> 00:38:25,610

know exactly how the women died and how

918

00:38:29,320 --> 00:38:27,470

they were treated but police

919

00:38:31,450 --> 00:38:29,330

investigating this case through an

920

00:38:34,420 --> 00:38:31,460

unusual blanket of security around the

921

00:38:36,130 --> 00:38:34,430

entire investigation all police involved

922

00:38:39,250 --> 00:38:36,140

in the task force were made to sign

923

00:38:41,500 --> 00:38:39,260

secret oaths very few details of the

924

00:38:44,940 --> 00:38:41,510

crimes were made public when secrecy is

925

00:38:47,650 --> 00:38:44,950

imposed speculation thrives and rumors

926
00:38:49,600 --> 00:38:47,660
dangerously inaccurate were rife in the

927
00:38:51,550 --> 00:38:49,610
community even making their way to

928
00:38:55,090 --> 00:38:51,560
school yards and fringe internet sites

929
00:38:57,760 --> 00:38:55,100
an easy resource for any psychic looking

930
00:38:59,259 --> 00:38:57,770
for sensational material rumor and

931
00:39:03,819 --> 00:38:59,269
speculation

932
00:39:06,729 --> 00:39:03,829
about the state of the bodies became so

933
00:39:09,159 --> 00:39:06,739
bizarre and so persistent that despite

934
00:39:11,469 --> 00:39:09,169
their obsessive secrecy police were

935
00:39:13,329 --> 00:39:11,479
compelled to go public with a statement

936
00:39:15,459 --> 00:39:13,339
about what had not happened to the

937
00:39:17,679 --> 00:39:15,469
bodies of the murdered women the

938
00:39:20,289 --> 00:39:17,689

visiting psychics evidently missed or

939

00:39:24,759 --> 00:39:20,299

ignored this fact as they trolled perfs

940

00:39:27,459 --> 00:39:24,769

folklore outrage and disgust Don Spears

941

00:39:29,949 --> 00:39:27,469

the father of teenager Sarah Spears 18

942

00:39:32,949 --> 00:39:29,959

abducted from Claremont reacted with

943

00:39:35,349 --> 00:39:32,959

outrage and disgust to the show and the

944

00:39:39,099 --> 00:39:35,359

email his daughter's body has not been

945

00:39:41,469 --> 00:39:39,109

found his harrowing tearful experiences

946

00:39:44,259 --> 00:39:41,479

were outlined in the article murder and

947

00:39:46,179 --> 00:39:44,269

clairvoyance he said for years he

948

00:39:48,370 --> 00:39:46,189

listened to psychics because clinging to

949

00:39:50,679 --> 00:39:48,380

every thread of hope he worried that a

950

00:39:54,370 --> 00:39:50,689

person with real information might be

951
00:39:56,979 --> 00:39:54,380
coming forward posing as a psychic he

952
00:39:59,259 --> 00:39:56,989
has since revealed he suffered

953
00:40:02,169 --> 00:39:59,269
depression as a result of his many

954
00:40:04,659 --> 00:40:02,179
fruitless searches some seven hours

955
00:40:07,749 --> 00:40:04,669
drive away while acting on psychics

956
00:40:09,699 --> 00:40:07,759
certainties psychics just want to make

957
00:40:12,129 --> 00:40:09,709
money from other people's grief and

958
00:40:15,279 --> 00:40:12,139
misfortune mr. Spears was quoted as

959
00:40:18,429 --> 00:40:15,289
saying the burswood event was about

960
00:40:21,549 --> 00:40:18,439
profit making not solving the case he

961
00:40:23,439 --> 00:40:21,559
said it upsets me that they are still

962
00:40:25,929 --> 00:40:23,449
trying to gain from the death of my

963
00:40:30,039 --> 00:40:25,939

daughter and the other girls after all

964

00:40:32,349 --> 00:40:30,049

these years another tragic case one of

965

00:40:34,509 --> 00:40:32,359

the extra names the team gratuitously

966

00:40:37,029 --> 00:40:34,519

through into their three and a half hour

967

00:40:39,489 --> 00:40:37,039

stage show supposedly a victim of the

968

00:40:42,069 --> 00:40:39,499

Clairemont killer was that of hailey

969

00:40:43,749 --> 00:40:42,079

Dodd a 17 year old who was far from home

970

00:40:46,689 --> 00:40:43,759

when she disappeared from the farming

971

00:40:51,339 --> 00:40:46,699

community of badging gara north of Perth

972

00:40:53,979 --> 00:40:51,349

in 1999 she too has a mother father

973

00:40:55,959 --> 00:40:53,989

family and friends when Margaret Dodd

974

00:40:57,969 --> 00:40:55,969

heard that the name of her daughter who

975

00:41:00,339 --> 00:40:57,979

is presumed to have been murdered had

976
00:41:02,889 --> 00:41:00,349
been raised during the psychic show she

977
00:41:04,689 --> 00:41:02,899
was more than curious she grimly noted

978
00:41:07,179 --> 00:41:04,699
that the psychics had got wrong the

979
00:41:09,069 --> 00:41:07,189
order of the disappearances of the young

980
00:41:11,499 --> 00:41:09,079
women she recalled that she had

981
00:41:12,750 --> 00:41:11,509
previously emailed Scott Russell Hill

982
00:41:15,570 --> 00:41:12,760
for help after

983
00:41:18,930 --> 00:41:15,580
seeing him on his laughably transparent

984
00:41:21,450 --> 00:41:18,940
television show sensing murder he never

985
00:41:23,850 --> 00:41:21,460
replied that's why I was so angry they

986
00:41:27,120 --> 00:41:23,860
could use Haley in a money-making show

987
00:41:29,250 --> 00:41:27,130
mrs. Dodd said here he was up on stage

988
00:41:31,980 --> 00:41:29,260

making money out of other people's

989

00:41:34,410 --> 00:41:31,990

sufferings it's hurtful now there's this

990

00:41:36,330 --> 00:41:34,420

long email about the show circulating

991

00:41:38,370 --> 00:41:36,340

with Haley's name in it that's how we

992

00:41:41,280 --> 00:41:38,380

found out that they had been using her

993

00:41:43,890 --> 00:41:41,290

name to make a buck I cried it all over

994

00:41:46,260 --> 00:41:43,900

again Margaret Dodd is no stranger to

995

00:41:48,180 --> 00:41:46,270

the extra pain that so-called psychics

996

00:41:50,940 --> 00:41:48,190

inflict on the families of murder

997

00:41:53,700 --> 00:41:50,950

victims from the time Haley disappeared

998

00:41:55,440 --> 00:41:53,710

mrs. Dodd was played with psychics who

999

00:41:58,680 --> 00:41:55,450

claimed to be in contact with her

1000

00:42:01,260 --> 00:41:58,690

daughter one stumbled badly starting her

1001
00:42:04,290 --> 00:42:01,270
cold reading with two spectacular misses

1002
00:42:06,630 --> 00:42:04,300
the psychic said Haley spirit had sat in

1003
00:42:09,810 --> 00:42:06,640
her kitchen and eaten breakfast mrs.

1004
00:42:11,520 --> 00:42:09,820
Dodd said she said Haley loved Vegemite

1005
00:42:13,770 --> 00:42:11,530
toast and really wanted to get her

1006
00:42:16,200 --> 00:42:13,780
driver's license but we're from England

1007
00:42:19,250 --> 00:42:16,210
she hated Vegemite and already had her

1008
00:42:22,020 --> 00:42:19,260
license the psychic was just guessing

1009
00:42:25,230 --> 00:42:22,030
despite living daily with the tragedy of

1010
00:42:28,440 --> 00:42:25,240
the loss of Haley mrs. Dodd has retained

1011
00:42:30,840 --> 00:42:28,450
a sense of humor it's amazing how many

1012
00:42:34,230 --> 00:42:30,850
people are psychic in this world she

1013
00:42:36,960 --> 00:42:34,240

said her voice heavy with irony she now

1014

00:42:39,480 --> 00:42:36,970

has two phone numbers one listed and one

1015

00:42:41,840 --> 00:42:39,490

not when the listed number rings she

1016

00:42:44,760 --> 00:42:41,850

steals herself to tackle another psychic

1017

00:42:47,070 --> 00:42:44,770

when one has nothing one tends to grasp

1018

00:42:50,040 --> 00:42:47,080

at straws no matter how obscure they may

1019

00:42:53,130 --> 00:42:50,050

be she said psychics had sent her on

1020

00:42:56,130 --> 00:42:53,140

tearful searches of bush near more river

1021

00:42:59,070 --> 00:42:56,140

and other far-flung locations half a

1022

00:43:00,900 --> 00:42:59,080

day's drive away all to no avail another

1023

00:43:02,910 --> 00:43:00,910

psychic who charged thirty dollars of

1024

00:43:05,220 --> 00:43:02,920

reading said that Margaret was an

1025

00:43:07,650 --> 00:43:05,230

aristocratic French woman who had been

1026

00:43:09,930 --> 00:43:07,660

beheaded in a previous life she then

1027

00:43:12,030 --> 00:43:09,940

said mrs. Dodd distorted versions of

1028

00:43:13,770 --> 00:43:12,040

information that had been published in

1029

00:43:16,890 --> 00:43:13,780

the press about her daughter's case I

1030

00:43:19,260 --> 00:43:16,900

wanted to believe mrs. Dodd said the

1031

00:43:22,230 --> 00:43:19,270

psychic swore she never watched TV or

1032

00:43:24,360 --> 00:43:22,240

read newspapers as I left the house the

1033

00:43:26,190 --> 00:43:24,370

television was blaring in one corner and

1034

00:43:28,349 --> 00:43:26,200

there were a stack of newspapers

1035

00:43:30,300 --> 00:43:28,359

the table she asked me if there was

1036

00:43:33,390 --> 00:43:30,310

anything I would like to ask the spirits

1037

00:43:35,760 --> 00:43:33,400

so I said yes where is our TV remote

1038

00:43:37,640 --> 00:43:35,770

we've lost it all the spirits could

1039

00:43:40,440 --> 00:43:37,650

offer that it would turn up one day

1040

00:43:43,260 --> 00:43:40,450

let's have a bit of dignity here people

1041

00:43:45,930 --> 00:43:43,270

are hurting despite her cynicism and

1042

00:43:48,089 --> 00:43:45,940

many disappointments Margaret bods next

1043

00:43:50,700 --> 00:43:48,099

move shows the power the cold reader

1044

00:43:53,579 --> 00:43:50,710

holds over desperate relatives who have

1045

00:43:55,349 --> 00:43:53,589

lost a loved one after she complained to

1046

00:43:57,990 --> 00:43:55,359

the three psychics about their

1047

00:44:00,569 --> 00:43:58,000

exploitative Perth show Deb Malone

1048

00:44:03,300 --> 00:44:00,579

contacted her in November the spirit

1049

00:44:06,630 --> 00:44:03,310

medium could not let go she threw poor

1050

00:44:09,020 --> 00:44:06,640

mrs. Dodd another straw to clutch she

1051
00:44:12,150 --> 00:44:09,030
was very apologetic about my feelings

1052
00:44:15,750 --> 00:44:12,160
she asked me to send a piece of Hayley's

1053
00:44:18,630 --> 00:44:15,760
clothing Margaret said so I said to her

1054
00:44:21,089 --> 00:44:18,640
if you can find her find her don't mess

1055
00:44:23,220 --> 00:44:21,099
me around I've done it I've sent the

1056
00:44:25,890 --> 00:44:23,230
clothes I'll see what comes out of it

1057
00:44:27,720 --> 00:44:25,900
she said now I want these Sears to prove

1058
00:44:30,060 --> 00:44:27,730
their credibility if it's a trick like

1059
00:44:32,190 --> 00:44:30,070
Houdini then state it is only for

1060
00:44:34,349 --> 00:44:32,200
entertainment let them stick to the

1061
00:44:36,660 --> 00:44:34,359
winning lotto numbers her turmoil

1062
00:44:39,390 --> 00:44:36,670
matches the addled actions of the

1063
00:44:41,660 --> 00:44:39,400

otherwise sane people who run FM station

1064

00:44:43,950 --> 00:44:41,670

Nova and their on-air presenters

1065

00:44:46,710 --> 00:44:43,960

bubble-headed and unquestioning

1066

00:44:48,930 --> 00:44:46,720

promotions of the psychic show while the

1067

00:44:51,720 --> 00:44:48,940

murder victims relatives are left alone

1068

00:45:10,180 --> 00:44:51,730

with their tears those who exploit them

1069

00:45:15,440 --> 00:45:12,769

well thanks everybody for joining me for

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