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Brian Dunning
and Bigfoot

Australian Skeptics
Newsletter
with Adrienne Hill

TROVE
"Paranormal Spoon"

Nathan Eggins
"The Sound a
Duck Makes"

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welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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from australia for science and reason

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yes it's the skeptic zone podcast

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for the 12th of september 2021

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richard saunders coming to you from

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sydney australia

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and a quick uh

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mention of the recent

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yesterday

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here in australia or today in the united

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states with time zones it's always a bit

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strange of 9 11 of course 20 years ago

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and i will make a passing comment

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in that all the coverage i've seen on tv

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in the last few days a few weeks really

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and even today

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there's been not one mention

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of the trufa movement

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and that's so good to see

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these people have had their time in the

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sun

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and

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as history moves on

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they are being left behind and a good

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place for them to be

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what a sad period in

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history for many reasons

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and especially for the

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victims of 9 11

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but a sad period where

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the

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truth of movement held such sway for

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such a long time well certainly got

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media attention

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but what's coming up on this week's

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episode of the skeptic zone an interview

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with my old friend brian dunning from

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skeptoid.com

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the popular long-running skeptical

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podcast

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brian's going to be telling us

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about bigfoot yes bigfoot has been

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spotted in brian's own front yard

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believe it or not

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what's the truth behind this we will

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find out and also brian updates us

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on his documentary science friction

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which has been in production for some

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time

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and people are wondering

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why it hasn't been released yet

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we'll get the

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inside information

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from brian himself coming up at the top

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of the show

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following that it's the australian

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skeptic's newsletter read very well i

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must say read very well by adrian hill

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in canada sort of makes sense doesn't it

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an australian skeptic's newsletter read

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from canada it's the modern world why

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not

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and after that we dive once more into

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that treasure trove at trove

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and we look for

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references

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to the word psychic

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and the word

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spoon

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and i think this week we go further

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afield than australian newspapers

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but you'll be surprised

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at some of the returns we find when we

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search for psychic and spoon

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then to round off the show it's the new

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hit single from the musician nathan

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eggins the sound

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a duck makes and you can check out

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nate's website at

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but a very groovy way to end this week's

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episode a big shout out to all those

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people having birthdays this week happy

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birthday to you

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look in your

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post box you never know

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somebody

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might have sent you a card

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and stay tuned at the end of the show

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for more announcements from me

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but now it's time for me to run

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downstairs

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and today i think i'll just have a nice

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cup of tea

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why not while i'm doing that i hope you

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00:03:51,020 --> 00:03:40,720

enjoy

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[Applause]

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finally tonight a ben mann is now the

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proud owner of bigfoot or at least a

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bigfoot carving urban legends and

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conspiracy theories have always been

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fascinating to brian dunning he hosts a

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podcast called skeptoid which is aimed

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at debunking popular myths

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bigfoot here is really thematic for me

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and for what i do

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i i host a podcast it's all about

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urban legends and and mysteries and

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conspiracy theories and bigfoot is the

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kind of story that i talk about all the

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time so it was just kind of it was a

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moral imperative for me to have a

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bigfoot

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there you go the fine chainsaw artist

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mosquito bob created the statue from a

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log on dunning's property the gigantic

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sasquatch took several weeks to complete

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and dunning happily received it

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yesterday eight and a half feet tall

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it's believed to be the largest bigfoot

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statue in central oregon but it's

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unknown whether that is true or just

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another

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myth alan what do you think that is the

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real stuff that is a real

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chainsaw wood

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bigfoot right there yeah mosquito bob

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nice work nice work yeah i know i'm

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00:05:13,029 --> 00:05:11,440
telling you

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00:05:16,410 --> 00:05:13,039
i mean facts are facts that looks like

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bigfoot to me serious mccullough

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and joining me now on the line all the

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way from bend oregon the only man i know

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with a big foot in his yard and is it

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real or not we'll find out it's brian

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dunning hello brian hello richard how

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are you sir i'm doing very well er you

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know i'm

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like the rest of uh this state we're in

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lockdown and sydney in particular is not

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doing too well over the last month or so

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with the coronavirus we hope there are

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better days ahead and i certainly look

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forward to the promises being made that

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double vaxxed people will be able to

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travel internationally and my first port

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of call would probably be bend oregon to

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see your bigfoot what the hell brian

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what inspired you to put a giant bigfoot

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in your yard so we had a we had a big

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tree uh i i live on uh

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i can't convert to hectares sorry but uh

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we live on about nine acres

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okay in bend oregon and we had a big

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tree

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near um our entrance

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uh that had um uh the the beetle

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infestation and the tree died it was a

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big douglas fir

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so we had the tree cut down because

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there's no other nothing else you can do

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with it and um i had them leave about 10

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feet of the trunk

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and um because i wanted to

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you know heck chainsaw art i live in the

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pacific northwest that's kind of the

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thing and so i've got this perfect thing

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right there at the entrance

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00:06:48,710 --> 00:06:46,240

and so my plan was to you know what else

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have it carved into a bigfoot but uh the

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00:06:54,070 --> 00:06:52,319
problem was this tree was probably not

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wide enough it wasn't thick enough to

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make a good bigfoot

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00:06:59,589 --> 00:06:57,919
and so i found a chainsaw artist and he

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00:07:00,629 --> 00:06:59,599
was trying to talk me out of it he was

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00:07:03,029 --> 00:07:00,639
trying to say

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look if you make a bigfoot where

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00:07:06,469 --> 00:07:04,960
out of an existing stump that's like

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00:07:08,150 --> 00:07:06,479
attached to the ground with its roots

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00:07:09,510 --> 00:07:08,160
and everything there's too many

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00:07:11,909 --> 00:07:09,520
variables

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it's probably rotten down the center of

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the core

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for one thing

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you can't move it for another thing uh

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if it's got imperfections or

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uh you know a weird limb or an eye or

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something in in the wood you can't

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rotate it around to make the

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the front piece the the better side

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so he was trying to say look if you want

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a bigfoot then let's go to this sawmill

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buy a much bigger log

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that's you know going to give the

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bigfoot the real size that he should

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have and make it out of that and so what

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turned what started from this little

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whim of an idea that was kind of a

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necessity because i had this stump and

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had to do something with it kind of

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00:07:56,230 --> 00:07:53,440
turned into this big major art project

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00:07:58,390 --> 00:07:56,240
it took like months to do

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i know the tv report said weeks but it

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was months

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yeah

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douglas fir that was

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uh killed in these big terrible

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wildfires that we've had over the past

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couple of years here

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i believe it was about a 33 inch trunk

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so

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that's uh i think what 85 centimeters

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something like that so it's it's pretty

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big yeah i can't do these instant

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translations but i'll take your word for

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it it's big all right

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it's in the it's in the ballpark and now

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we have like the the bigfoot

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standing in the ideal place and that

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that trunk of the tree that we had to

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cut down is still there

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just sticking up by itself

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i have no idea what i'm gonna do with it

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so that's a very long-winded answer to a

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short question right in a way i mean

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you've made a dream of every

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kid from the 1970s like us you and i are

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kids from the 1970s who grew up with

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tales of bigfoots and monsters and

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things like that it's impressive it

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really is

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impressive it's just uh

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it's just amazing you must be the only

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guy in bend with a bigfoot in the yard

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well you know they they sell this is the

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pacific northwest and so they sell them

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every garden store has

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uh this this one particular kind of

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pre-molded bigfoot that i'm not even

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sure what it's made of but but this

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one's proper chainsaw art from a proper

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pacific northwest pine tree so i think

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it's i think it's better

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i like it

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i'm envious i wonder if having that in

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your yard will attract real bigfoots

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then uh it it is a decoy that's secretly

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my my plan for having it here yes

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i just like you say though i mean i i

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did grow up reading all the bigfoot

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books that's that's how i got to where i

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am today by being 10 years old and

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reading all the books on the bermuda

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triangle and bigfoot and ghost stories

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and and everything else and um i've

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always always living in california

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driving highway 101 up through the

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middle of the state up through the

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sierras and everything i've always

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wanted one of these bigfoot statues

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because uh they've got them all over the

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place in in in the pacific northwest and

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you know there's some that are very

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famous and

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and this one is is respectable it's a

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respectable addition to the crowd of

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famous bigfoot statues and i'm i'm

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pretty stoked to have it it's very

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thematic for what i do it is it's a

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decent effort it really is it's no

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little

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funny sculpture or anything it's a giant

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00:10:31,590 --> 00:10:30,000

what over eight foot tall they said it's

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00:10:33,670 --> 00:10:31,600

eight and a half feet yeah from uh yeah

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00:10:36,310 --> 00:10:33,680

yeah um from the base to the top it's

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00:10:38,949 --> 00:10:36,320

impressive and you're right again i mean

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00:10:40,790 --> 00:10:38,959

we as i said before you and i grew up at

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00:10:43,430 --> 00:10:40,800

the same time we're the same age so in

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00:10:45,750 --> 00:10:43,440

the night the mid to late 70s we were

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00:10:48,230 --> 00:10:45,760

just inundated with stories of bigfoots

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00:10:51,030 --> 00:10:48,240

and monsters and ufos and esp that was

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00:10:53,110 --> 00:10:51,040

the era wasn't it yeah yeah very much

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00:10:56,310 --> 00:10:53,120

now we haven't caught up for a while and

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00:10:59,110 --> 00:10:56,320

the last time i was uh visiting your

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00:11:00,790 --> 00:10:59,120

place in bend without the bigfoot and i

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00:11:01,990 --> 00:11:00,800

as i say i look forward to visiting it

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00:11:04,550 --> 00:11:02,000

with the bigfoot

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00:11:06,069 --> 00:11:04,560

uh we were chatting about your

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00:11:08,630 --> 00:11:06,079

project which has been going for some

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00:11:10,230 --> 00:11:08,640

time now called science friction and

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00:11:12,870 --> 00:11:10,240

i've seen a rough cut and it's very

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00:11:14,310 --> 00:11:12,880

impressive so far what's an update a

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00:11:16,230 --> 00:11:14,320

possible update you can give us about

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00:11:18,150 --> 00:11:16,240

that project and a quick overview for

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00:11:20,069 --> 00:11:18,160

those who may not know about it so

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00:11:22,150 --> 00:11:20,079

science friction is our first

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00:11:24,550 --> 00:11:22,160

full-length feature documentary movie

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00:11:25,829 --> 00:11:24,560

you know made for a wide mass market

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00:11:27,269 --> 00:11:25,839

distribution

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00:11:29,269 --> 00:11:27,279

so it should be on all the streaming

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00:11:30,310 --> 00:11:29,279

services and everything

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00:11:32,550 --> 00:11:30,320

it's about

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00:11:35,430 --> 00:11:32,560

scientists who are misquoted and edited

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00:11:37,110 --> 00:11:35,440

out of context on these tv channels

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00:11:40,069 --> 00:11:37,120

to make it seem like the scientists are

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00:11:42,389 --> 00:11:40,079

saying yes why science we do think that

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00:11:43,350 --> 00:11:42,399

aliens built the pyramids or whatever it

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00:11:45,190 --> 00:11:43,360

might be

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00:11:47,190 --> 00:11:45,200

uh so we've got an hour and a half or

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00:11:48,630 --> 00:11:47,200

hour and 40 minutes of of interviews

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00:11:51,590 --> 00:11:48,640

with scientists to whom this has

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00:11:53,670 --> 00:11:51,600

happened and i i think it's a fantastic

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00:11:55,750 --> 00:11:53,680

i think it's fantastic movie it's

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00:11:57,110 --> 00:11:55,760

because it's scary you know i think

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00:11:58,710 --> 00:11:57,120

someone watching this movie they're

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00:12:00,790 --> 00:11:58,720

going to come out of the theater being

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00:12:03,269 --> 00:12:00,800

angry at what the tv networks are doing

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00:12:04,069 --> 00:12:03,279

to them and that's the idea

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00:12:05,670 --> 00:12:04,079

so

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00:12:07,430 --> 00:12:05,680

to make a

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00:12:10,230 --> 00:12:07,440

for for the benefit of your listeners

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00:12:13,030 --> 00:12:10,240

who like me have no idea what's involved

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00:12:15,269 --> 00:12:13,040

in getting a feature film distributed

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00:12:16,150 --> 00:12:15,279

what um the first thing you have to have

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00:12:17,190 --> 00:12:16,160

is

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00:12:22,629 --> 00:12:17,200

a

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00:12:25,509 --> 00:12:22,639

your distributor from

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00:12:27,430 --> 00:12:25,519

claims of infringement or defamation now

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00:12:30,230 --> 00:12:27,440

anyone who makes a documentary film they

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00:12:32,389 --> 00:12:30,240

have to do this and you have to get it

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00:12:35,110 --> 00:12:32,399

from one of a limited number of

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00:12:37,190 --> 00:12:35,120

insurance companies that are like you

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00:12:39,030 --> 00:12:37,200

know quote unquote approved by the

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00:12:40,470 --> 00:12:39,040

entertainment industry

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00:12:42,230 --> 00:12:40,480

and the first thing those insurance

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00:12:44,629 --> 00:12:42,240

companies want you to have

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00:12:45,509 --> 00:12:44,639

is a letter from an entertainment law

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00:12:47,110 --> 00:12:45,519

firm

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00:12:48,629 --> 00:12:47,120

again one of a limited number of

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00:12:50,949 --> 00:12:48,639

entertainment law firms that are

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00:12:53,190 --> 00:12:50,959

approved by the entertainment industry

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00:12:55,350 --> 00:12:53,200

that says something like in our opinion

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00:12:56,230 --> 00:12:55,360

uh this this movie doesn't present any

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00:13:01,509 --> 00:12:56,240

risks

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00:13:04,150 --> 00:13:01,519

so we went out we got that letter that

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00:13:06,470 --> 00:13:04,160

took us over a year to get that letter

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00:13:07,670 --> 00:13:06,480

the movie's been done for like three

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00:13:10,389 --> 00:13:07,680

years now

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00:13:11,590 --> 00:13:10,399

um and it's incredibly frustrating not

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00:13:13,910 --> 00:13:11,600

only to me

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00:13:15,829 --> 00:13:13,920

but mainly to the donors who

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00:13:17,750 --> 00:13:15,839

um granted all of the funds that were

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00:13:20,150 --> 00:13:17,760

used to produce the movie

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00:13:22,069 --> 00:13:20,160

um that that it's still not available

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00:13:23,750 --> 00:13:22,079

for anyone to watch the reason it took

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00:13:25,990 --> 00:13:23,760

us so long to get the law firm was

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00:13:27,829 --> 00:13:26,000

because every law firm in town had a

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conflict of interest because we

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00:13:32,949 --> 00:13:30,320

criticized so many studios and tv

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00:13:34,629 --> 00:13:32,959

networks in the movie that everyone had

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00:13:36,230 --> 00:13:34,639

a conflict of interest but we finally

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00:13:38,230 --> 00:13:36,240

found one that didn't

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00:13:39,829 --> 00:13:38,240

they wrote us a great letter we took it

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00:13:42,389 --> 00:13:39,839

out to all the insurance companies and

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00:13:44,870 --> 00:13:42,399

we got denied by all of them wow and not

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00:13:46,710 --> 00:13:44,880

a single one of them would get back to

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00:13:49,670 --> 00:13:46,720

us with here's the scene that we think

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00:13:52,230 --> 00:13:49,680

is risky right and just by talking to

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00:13:53,750 --> 00:13:52,240

them it it it became clear that they're

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00:13:57,110 --> 00:13:53,760

not going to ensure a movie that

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00:13:58,949 --> 00:13:57,120

criticizes all of their other clients

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00:14:00,069 --> 00:13:58,959

which is all the studios and all the

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00:14:01,910 --> 00:14:00,079

networks

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and i'm not i swear i'm not trying to

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sound like a conspiracy theorist that's

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00:14:08,230 --> 00:14:06,079

it's just good business for them they

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00:14:09,910 --> 00:14:08,240

don't yeah they don't um ensure a

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00:14:11,269 --> 00:14:09,920

project that criticizes all their other

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00:14:13,750 --> 00:14:11,279

clients so

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we then went and we hired a

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00:14:17,910 --> 00:14:16,480

this guy who's a media risk consultant

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00:14:20,870 --> 00:14:17,920

which is a thing that i didn't even know

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00:14:22,470 --> 00:14:20,880

existed oh yeah and so this guy he's

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been in the industry for a hundred years

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00:14:26,470 --> 00:14:24,160

he knew everyone

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00:14:28,710 --> 00:14:26,480

and he had personal relationships with

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00:14:30,389 --> 00:14:28,720

the in-house counsel at all nine of

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00:14:32,870 --> 00:14:30,399

these insurance companies

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and so he set up meetings between

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our lawyers and himself and them to talk

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00:14:39,910 --> 00:14:38,079

about the film and say hey what is it

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that you want us to cut out of the film

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00:14:44,150 --> 00:14:42,160

because we'll do it if we can cut a few

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scenes and then you're happy to release

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00:14:48,870 --> 00:14:46,480

it and it was really as a result of

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00:14:50,470 --> 00:14:48,880
those kind of these second-tier meetings

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00:14:52,069 --> 00:14:50,480
that it became clear that nobody's going

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00:14:53,269 --> 00:14:52,079
to insure the film because of its

404
00:14:53,990 --> 00:14:53,279
content

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00:14:55,590 --> 00:14:54,000
so

406
00:14:57,350 --> 00:14:55,600
what have we been doing since then

407
00:14:59,110 --> 00:14:57,360
because we're not just going to be done

408
00:15:00,629 --> 00:14:59,120
and say oh well i guess nobody can ever

409
00:15:02,629 --> 00:15:00,639
see the film

410
00:15:04,870 --> 00:15:02,639
because we have an obligation not only

411
00:15:07,350 --> 00:15:04,880
to the donors but to the general public

412
00:15:08,629 --> 00:15:07,360
for whom we work as a educational

413
00:15:10,230 --> 00:15:08,639

non-profit

414

00:15:12,790 --> 00:15:10,240

we have we have an obligation to get

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00:15:15,189 --> 00:15:12,800

this movie out there so we're kind of in

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00:15:17,189 --> 00:15:15,199

a weird mode now of looking at uh sort

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00:15:19,590 --> 00:15:17,199

of alternative models

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00:15:22,230 --> 00:15:19,600

and one thing we may even do

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00:15:25,350 --> 00:15:22,240

is just kind of go cowboy and release it

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00:15:27,910 --> 00:15:25,360

independently without any insurance

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00:15:29,030 --> 00:15:27,920

leaving ourselves open to liability

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00:15:31,430 --> 00:15:29,040

um

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00:15:32,870 --> 00:15:31,440

that would require consent of

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00:15:35,110 --> 00:15:32,880

of course all of skeptoid's board

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00:15:37,749 --> 00:15:35,120

members but all of the individual uh

426

00:15:40,550 --> 00:15:37,759

donors and granters that funded the film

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00:15:43,189 --> 00:15:40,560

yeah so it's it's a it's a giant mess

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00:15:44,710 --> 00:15:43,199

it's a giant mess and

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00:15:46,389 --> 00:15:44,720

more than once people have said hey you

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00:15:48,550 --> 00:15:46,399

know you should have made a movie about

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00:15:50,710 --> 00:15:48,560

trying to get this movie released

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00:15:52,069 --> 00:15:50,720

because that's even more interesting and

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00:15:53,749 --> 00:15:52,079

it's like well yeah that would have been

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00:15:55,350 --> 00:15:53,759

a good idea unfortunately we didn't do

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00:15:57,110 --> 00:15:55,360

that from the beginning so don't have

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00:15:59,590 --> 00:15:57,120

that for you but um

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00:16:01,990 --> 00:15:59,600

i i mean i am literally working on it

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00:16:04,230 --> 00:16:02,000

almost every day there is

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00:16:07,509 --> 00:16:04,240

some new little thing that we're trying

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00:16:09,350 --> 00:16:07,519

uh it's incredibly frustrating

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00:16:11,110 --> 00:16:09,360

but hey if any of your listeners out

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00:16:13,350 --> 00:16:11,120

there has a suggestion get in touch with

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00:16:14,870 --> 00:16:13,360

me i'm all ears we want to get this

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00:16:17,350 --> 00:16:14,880

thing out there

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00:16:18,949 --> 00:16:17,360

yeah and as i can say i've seen the

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00:16:21,189 --> 00:16:18,959

rough cut and it's

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00:16:23,350 --> 00:16:21,199

it's frightening it's frightening how

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00:16:25,350 --> 00:16:23,360

the big studios and the big tv networks

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00:16:27,509 --> 00:16:25,360

will get a scientist interview them for

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00:16:29,670 --> 00:16:27,519

half an hour then chop out the bits that

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00:16:31,749 --> 00:16:29,680
only fit their narrative and it's so

452
00:16:34,470 --> 00:16:31,759
obvious and it's so bad

453
00:16:36,629 --> 00:16:34,480
that i think this this documentary is

454
00:16:38,470 --> 00:16:36,639
very important and i really hope it gets

455
00:16:39,990 --> 00:16:38,480
out there thank you thank you very much

456
00:16:41,430 --> 00:16:40,000
and how can people get in touch with you

457
00:16:44,230 --> 00:16:41,440
brian how can they listen to your

458
00:16:45,910 --> 00:16:44,240
podcast oh uh well you can listen to uh

459
00:16:47,749 --> 00:16:45,920
skeptoid podcast of course at

460
00:16:50,470 --> 00:16:47,759
skeptoid.com

461
00:16:52,069 --> 00:16:50,480
or wherever you find your podcast uh we

462
00:16:54,389 --> 00:16:52,079
also we also have some interesting news

463
00:16:58,629 --> 00:16:54,399

on the podcast though um

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00:16:59,990 --> 00:16:58,639

skeptoid is joining uh prx prx for those

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who may not know i know many of your

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00:17:06,150 --> 00:17:01,920

listeners are in australia

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00:17:08,789 --> 00:17:06,160

um in um in in the u.s we have the

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00:17:11,750 --> 00:17:08,799

corporation for public broadcasting uh

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00:17:12,949 --> 00:17:11,760

and npr national public radio is a part

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00:17:15,110 --> 00:17:12,959

of that and

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00:17:16,949 --> 00:17:15,120

many of the most popular podcasts are

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00:17:20,069 --> 00:17:16,959

produced by npr

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and or npr radio stations

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um you know radio lab et cetera et

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00:17:24,710 --> 00:17:23,199

cetera et cetera

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00:17:25,510 --> 00:17:24,720
it's a long list

477
00:17:27,750 --> 00:17:25,520
and

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00:17:30,549 --> 00:17:27,760
all of those are produced by

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00:17:32,950 --> 00:17:30,559
radio stations most of them are

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00:17:34,870 --> 00:17:32,960
some of them are not some of them are

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00:17:36,950 --> 00:17:34,880
part of npr but they're not actually

482
00:17:39,669 --> 00:17:36,960
produced by a radio station and those

483
00:17:41,029 --> 00:17:39,679
are all distributed by prx public radio

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00:17:43,909 --> 00:17:41,039
exchange

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00:17:46,549 --> 00:17:43,919
and since skeptoid media our company

486
00:17:49,110 --> 00:17:46,559
does not own any radio airwaves

487
00:17:51,350 --> 00:17:49,120
we would fall under the prx umbrella so

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00:17:53,830 --> 00:17:51,360

once we're once that's all done which

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00:17:55,510 --> 00:17:53,840

currently is scheduled for a crossover

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at the end of the year so

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00:17:59,430 --> 00:17:58,000

january 1st of 2022 you will be finding

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00:18:00,630 --> 00:17:59,440

skeptoid on the

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00:18:03,270 --> 00:18:00,640

one app

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00:18:06,630 --> 00:18:03,280

and uh we should be in the um kind of

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00:18:08,710 --> 00:18:06,640

the next level strata of of podcasts

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which is nice because by then it'll be i

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00:18:14,549 --> 00:18:11,600

think 16 years in business

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00:18:17,110 --> 00:18:14,559

finally after 16 years the podcast takes

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00:18:19,270 --> 00:18:17,120

the next the next level step so that's

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00:18:22,230 --> 00:18:19,280

super exciting news and it's a major

501
00:18:24,070 --> 00:18:22,240
major major major project for us to to

502
00:18:26,390 --> 00:18:24,080
transition the show over

503
00:18:28,230 --> 00:18:26,400
um we've got new hires for the rest of

504
00:18:31,110 --> 00:18:28,240
this year it's it's kind of a big deal

505
00:18:32,710 --> 00:18:31,120
so but it's exciting but yeah skeptoid

506
00:18:33,909 --> 00:18:32,720
the the if you're subscribed to the show

507
00:18:35,669 --> 00:18:33,919
that nothing is going to change you

508
00:18:38,070 --> 00:18:35,679
won't even know what happened

509
00:18:39,990 --> 00:18:38,080
but skeptoid.com now i've said this many

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00:18:41,669 --> 00:18:40,000
times i've written about it that when

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00:18:42,710 --> 00:18:41,679
i'm asked by the media to comment on

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00:18:46,870 --> 00:18:42,720
something

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00:18:50,190 --> 00:18:46,880

first parts of call would be the

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skeptoid archives and folks if you go to

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00:18:53,750 --> 00:18:52,480

skeptoid.com you can check out and

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00:18:56,549 --> 00:18:53,760

search for

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00:18:58,870 --> 00:18:56,559

every skeptical topic you can possibly

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00:19:01,190 --> 00:18:58,880

imagine and maybe brian you should do

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00:19:02,950 --> 00:19:01,200

another bigfoot episode coming up well

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00:19:06,549 --> 00:19:02,960

let's see i did the yowie within the

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00:19:10,630 --> 00:19:08,310

what's a new take on bigfoot that i

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00:19:12,630 --> 00:19:10,640

haven't covered yet surely there's some

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00:19:14,470 --> 00:19:12,640

uh there's some version of it yeah yeah

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00:19:16,630 --> 00:19:14,480

crazy man in oregon claims to have a

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00:19:20,070 --> 00:19:16,640

bigfoot in his yard that urban myth that

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00:19:24,870 --> 00:19:22,789

brian dunning and friend bigfoot friend

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00:19:25,990 --> 00:19:24,880

all the way from bend oregon thank you

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00:19:29,430 --> 00:19:26,000

very much

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00:19:29,440 --> 00:19:40,230

[Music]

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00:19:43,990 --> 00:19:42,390

hello this is maynard did you know that

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00:19:47,430 --> 00:19:44,000

you could listen to the skeptic zone on

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00:19:52,070 --> 00:19:47,440

youtube yes i know sounds crazy but it's

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00:19:56,549 --> 00:19:54,630

also you can hear 40 logical fallacies

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00:19:58,070 --> 00:19:56,559

with michelle bickersma and funny

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00:20:01,669 --> 00:19:58,080

sketches with richard saunders and a

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00:20:12,610 --> 00:20:03,350

just click on the youtube links on the

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[Music]

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hello everyone this is adrian hill from

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00:20:36,630 --> 00:20:34,080

canada once again reading out the

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00:20:38,870 --> 00:20:36,640

australian skeptics newsletter

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00:20:39,630 --> 00:20:38,880

now this newsletter once you subscribe

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at

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skeptics.com.a you will come into your

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this is newsletter number 131 written

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and compiled by tim mendem

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all the stories mentioned in this

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newsletter come with links you can click

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on to get the full story

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00:21:05,270 --> 00:21:02,400

hi all it says

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on that topic however we receive regular

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00:21:09,909 --> 00:21:07,520
updates of covert related news and

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00:21:12,549 --> 00:21:09,919
particularly about the number of noted

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people influencers and shock jocks from

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00:21:15,990 --> 00:21:13,520
radio

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who are rabid anti-vaxxers and covet

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the huge numbers they lead down the path

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of ignorance and prejudice sometimes

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with their own tragic results

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the fact that a lot of examples of this

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phenomena come from the u.s does not

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mean we don't and will not have such

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announcements of some of the speakers

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two awesome people i must say are two

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key speakers for this year's skepticon

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convention to be held on november 20th

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to 21st this year's event will be a

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joint venture between australian and new

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experimental psychologist and is well

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known in skeptical circles he's the

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author of a number of books including

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paranormality a scientific look at the

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the russian academy of sciences and

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author of defense against the dark arts

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a guide to the world of paranormal

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author of the 2021 book why smart women

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spoon bending that craze of the 1970s

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00:33:24,950 --> 00:33:22,480

that convinced a lot of people there

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00:33:26,950 --> 00:33:24,960

were such things as psychic powers

840

00:33:28,789 --> 00:33:26,960

but as i always find when i'm looking in

841

00:33:31,750 --> 00:33:28,799

the trove archives

842

00:33:33,990 --> 00:33:31,760

the results coming back

843

00:33:35,430 --> 00:33:34,000

can be very different

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00:33:37,430 --> 00:33:35,440

but this week to be a little different i

845

00:33:38,950 --> 00:33:37,440

thought we would raid the american

846

00:33:42,149 --> 00:33:38,960

archives let's see

847

00:33:44,240 --> 00:33:42,159

what uncle sam has been digitizing and

848

00:33:46,389 --> 00:33:44,250

archiving

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00:33:48,630 --> 00:33:46,399

[Music]

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00:33:52,389 --> 00:33:48,640

and our first search return brings us to

851
00:33:54,950 --> 00:33:52,399
the big spring herald from texas in 1987

852
00:33:56,630 --> 00:33:54,960
on the 8th of october

853
00:33:58,950 --> 00:33:56,640
psychic occurrence

854
00:34:01,990 --> 00:33:58,960
hard for scientists to explain

855
00:34:03,990 --> 00:34:02,000
edinburgh scotland associated press

856
00:34:06,789 --> 00:34:04,000
scientists who investigate such

857
00:34:08,389 --> 00:34:06,799
mysteries as psychic spoon bending there

858
00:34:10,629 --> 00:34:08,399
you are spoons

859
00:34:11,750 --> 00:34:10,639
mind reading and things that go bump in

860
00:34:13,990 --> 00:34:11,760
the night

861
00:34:15,589 --> 00:34:14,000
wound up at an international conference

862
00:34:18,310 --> 00:34:15,599
saturday saying

863
00:34:21,510 --> 00:34:18,320

there's something out there but they

864

00:34:24,389 --> 00:34:21,520

aren't sure what there is now enough

865

00:34:27,030 --> 00:34:24,399

information from research to suggest

866

00:34:29,909 --> 00:34:27,040

some odd things do happen but there's no

867

00:34:30,790 --> 00:34:29,919

cohesive theory as to why and how they

868

00:34:33,510 --> 00:34:30,800

happen

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00:34:35,430 --> 00:34:33,520

said american professor robert l morris

870

00:34:37,430 --> 00:34:35,440

of edinburgh university

871

00:34:40,030 --> 00:34:37,440

morris 45

872

00:34:42,869 --> 00:34:40,040

britain's first professor of

873

00:34:45,750 --> 00:34:42,879

parapsychology said in an interview that

874

00:34:48,069 --> 00:34:45,760

his science deals with curious things

875

00:34:50,149 --> 00:34:48,079

that aren't explained we don't know what

876

00:34:52,470 --> 00:34:50,159

the outcome of many investigations will

877

00:34:55,030 --> 00:34:52,480

be and if it turns out that psychic

878

00:34:57,910 --> 00:34:55,040

phenomena merely the application of

879

00:35:00,310 --> 00:34:57,920

known physics and biology and can be

880

00:35:03,589 --> 00:35:00,320

explained in ordinary terms

881

00:35:06,630 --> 00:35:03,599

well that's fine he said morris formerly

882

00:35:09,510 --> 00:35:06,640

of syracuse university new york

883

00:35:12,790 --> 00:35:09,520

joined 140 other scientists in the field

884

00:35:16,270 --> 00:35:12,800

to discuss their work in edinburgh at a

885

00:35:18,950 --> 00:35:16,280

five-day 30th annual conference of the

886

00:35:21,190 --> 00:35:18,960

parapsychological association a note of

887

00:35:24,150 --> 00:35:21,200

caution about believing fantastic

888

00:35:25,910 --> 00:35:24,160

stories was sounded by dr john belloff a

889

00:35:28,550 --> 00:35:25,920

retired edinburgh university

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00:35:31,750 --> 00:35:28,560

psychologist who organized the meeting

891

00:35:34,310 --> 00:35:31,760

with morris i consider that excessive

892

00:35:36,550 --> 00:35:34,320

credulity does far more harm than

893

00:35:37,829 --> 00:35:36,560

excessive incredulity

894

00:35:40,150 --> 00:35:37,839

said below

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00:35:42,069 --> 00:35:40,160

in his address on the credibility of

896

00:35:44,230 --> 00:35:42,079

psychic claims

897

00:35:46,550 --> 00:35:44,240

below said there were fewer cases around

898

00:35:47,750 --> 00:35:46,560

of alleged psychic activity than there

899

00:35:49,910 --> 00:35:47,760

used to be

900

00:35:52,310 --> 00:35:49,920

he said that urigella

901
00:35:55,349 --> 00:35:52,320
who gained fame with his claimed ability

902
00:35:58,150 --> 00:35:55,359
to bend spoons by thought alone has

903
00:36:01,349 --> 00:35:58,160
taken a terrible battering and the mini

904
00:36:03,670 --> 00:36:01,359
gellers have become even scarcer

905
00:36:04,790 --> 00:36:03,680
but from time to time there were amazing

906
00:36:06,150 --> 00:36:04,800
claims

907
00:36:08,310 --> 00:36:06,160
belov said

908
00:36:10,790 --> 00:36:08,320
our ancestors called them miracles or

909
00:36:13,910 --> 00:36:10,800
witchcraft but modern researchers should

910
00:36:15,990 --> 00:36:13,920
adopt a neutral term such as

911
00:36:18,069 --> 00:36:16,000
extreme phenomena

912
00:36:20,710 --> 00:36:18,079
he said

913
00:36:22,950 --> 00:36:20,720

if such extreme phenomena exist

914

00:36:26,870 --> 00:36:22,960

it is intellectually dishonest as well

915

00:36:28,470 --> 00:36:26,880

as cowardly to discount them below said

916

00:36:31,030 --> 00:36:28,480

morris said investigators of the

917

00:36:33,069 --> 00:36:31,040

paranormal have a handy short name for

918

00:36:36,470 --> 00:36:33,079

the apparently

919

00:36:38,630 --> 00:36:36,480

inexplicable they call it psy

920

00:36:40,870 --> 00:36:38,640

which rhymes with

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00:36:44,230 --> 00:36:40,880

psy

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00:36:47,829 --> 00:36:44,240

psi which is spelt p s i

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00:36:50,150 --> 00:36:47,839

extraordinary perception or esp

924

00:36:52,710 --> 00:36:50,160

which is knowing things you couldn't

925

00:36:54,470 --> 00:36:52,720

have known by usual means

926
00:36:56,630 --> 00:36:54,480
like sensing the death of a relative at

927
00:36:59,349 --> 00:36:56,640
the moment of death or dreaming of a

928
00:37:01,589 --> 00:36:59,359
plane crash that happens the next day

929
00:37:02,870 --> 00:37:01,599
i know of an edinburgh woman who left

930
00:37:04,630 --> 00:37:02,880
her at work

931
00:37:07,670 --> 00:37:04,640
suddenly because she felt something was

932
00:37:09,589 --> 00:37:07,680
wrong at home and on arriving there she

933
00:37:11,589 --> 00:37:09,599
found one of her children had been sent

934
00:37:15,190 --> 00:37:11,599
home from school ill

935
00:37:17,750 --> 00:37:15,200
morris said the power of mind over mata

936
00:37:20,470 --> 00:37:17,760
like spoon bending or rolling a string

937
00:37:22,790 --> 00:37:20,480
of winning combinations with dice by

938
00:37:26,870 --> 00:37:22,800

apparently willpower is called

939

00:37:29,670 --> 00:37:26,880

psychokinesis in a pk case cited by alok

940

00:37:32,870 --> 00:37:29,680

sekh lani of galwal university in

941

00:37:35,349 --> 00:37:32,880

shringar india a himalayan shaman or

942

00:37:38,870 --> 00:37:35,359

faith healer persuaded one group of

943

00:37:40,870 --> 00:37:38,880

wheat seeds to germinate more abundantly

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00:37:43,670 --> 00:37:40,880

than another group seemingly by

945

00:37:46,550 --> 00:37:43,680

concentrating her thoughts on them

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00:37:48,470 --> 00:37:46,560

and under test conditions robert cornell

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00:37:51,430 --> 00:37:48,480

a retired physicist at pittsburgh

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00:37:54,470 --> 00:37:51,440

university and the association's first

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00:37:56,790 --> 00:37:54,480

president told the associated press

950

00:38:00,390 --> 00:37:56,800

we don't have any idea what we're doing

951
00:38:01,990 --> 00:38:00,400
all we know is that something occurs

952
00:38:04,550 --> 00:38:02,000
and again

953
00:38:07,510 --> 00:38:04,560
that comes to us from the year

954
00:38:10,069 --> 00:38:07,520
1987.

955
00:38:12,310 --> 00:38:10,079
so in the vicinity of

956
00:38:13,910 --> 00:38:12,320
35 years ago

957
00:38:16,150 --> 00:38:13,920
and uh

958
00:38:17,190 --> 00:38:16,160
we comment again how's that working out

959
00:38:19,750 --> 00:38:17,200
for them

960
00:38:21,910 --> 00:38:19,760
something like 35 years later

961
00:38:23,750 --> 00:38:21,920
you'd think they'd have some more

962
00:38:25,589 --> 00:38:23,760
concrete results

963
00:38:28,310 --> 00:38:25,599

and now from more or less the same time

964

00:38:31,430 --> 00:38:28,320

period in 1985

965

00:38:34,470 --> 00:38:31,440

the 24th of july

966

00:38:36,150 --> 00:38:34,480

from the hokima evening telegram

967

00:38:38,470 --> 00:38:36,160

hokum in new york

968

00:38:39,910 --> 00:38:38,480

and if i've got that name

969

00:38:42,710 --> 00:38:39,920

if i've pronounced that slightly and

970

00:38:44,470 --> 00:38:42,720

correctly i'm sorry and a very different

971

00:38:48,710 --> 00:38:44,480

angle here

972

00:38:50,870 --> 00:38:48,720

soviets winning the mind race and this

973

00:38:52,310 --> 00:38:50,880

column seems to be called the washington

974

00:38:55,510 --> 00:38:52,320

merry-go-round

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00:38:57,589 --> 00:38:55,520

by jack anderson and dale van atter

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00:39:00,390 --> 00:38:57,599

there are new developments on the

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00:39:04,470 --> 00:39:00,400

psychic warfare front the soviets are

978

00:39:06,630 --> 00:39:04,480

outspending us by at least 70 to 1

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00:39:08,950 --> 00:39:06,640

in occult research

980

00:39:10,710 --> 00:39:08,960

most responsible scientists take a dim

981

00:39:13,510 --> 00:39:10,720

view of such self-proclaimed

982

00:39:16,390 --> 00:39:13,520

parapsychological practitioners

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00:39:18,950 --> 00:39:16,400

as mind readers voodoo pin stickers and

984

00:39:20,710 --> 00:39:18,960

psychic spoon benders

985

00:39:21,910 --> 00:39:20,720

we've reported in the past on such

986

00:39:24,790 --> 00:39:21,920

obvious

987

00:39:28,950 --> 00:39:24,800

ludicrous concepts as the quote

988

00:39:30,950 --> 00:39:28,960

anti-missile time warp machine end quote

989

00:39:33,430 --> 00:39:30,960

the pentagon once considered developing

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00:39:36,950 --> 00:39:33,440

this contraption to blast incoming

991

00:39:39,750 --> 00:39:36,960

missiles back into a prehistoric era

992

00:39:43,349 --> 00:39:39,760

where they would theoretically harm only

993

00:39:45,829 --> 00:39:43,359

a few dinosaurs or cro-magnons for years

994

00:39:48,630 --> 00:39:45,839

the pentagon psychic warriors were

995

00:39:50,790 --> 00:39:48,640

allowed to pursue any nutty will of the

996

00:39:53,589 --> 00:39:50,800

wisp that flew by

997

00:39:55,349 --> 00:39:53,599

with annual budgets reportedly as high

998

00:39:58,390 --> 00:39:55,359

as 6 million

999

00:40:00,790 --> 00:39:58,400

no weapons were ever developed of course

1000

00:40:03,829 --> 00:40:00,800

and now the budget has dwindled to less

1001
00:40:07,109 --> 00:40:03,839
than 1 million for exploration of

1002
00:40:08,390 --> 00:40:07,119
potential capabilities of the human mind

1003
00:40:10,790 --> 00:40:08,400
meanwhile

1004
00:40:12,790 --> 00:40:10,800
the kremlin has been working overtime to

1005
00:40:16,309 --> 00:40:12,800
open a military

1006
00:40:18,670 --> 00:40:16,319
psycho gap the latest top-secret cia

1007
00:40:20,309 --> 00:40:18,680
review of soviet efforts in

1008
00:40:23,349 --> 00:40:20,319
parapsychology

1009
00:40:24,990 --> 00:40:23,359
estimate that it would take a budget of

1010
00:40:27,589 --> 00:40:25,000
anywhere from

1011
00:40:30,950 --> 00:40:27,599
500 million

1012
00:40:33,750 --> 00:40:30,960
to 1 billion for the united states to

1013
00:40:36,069 --> 00:40:33,760

play catch-up operating at much lower

1014

00:40:37,750 --> 00:40:36,079

labor costs the soviets are probably

1015

00:40:41,109 --> 00:40:37,760

spending 70

1016

00:40:43,710 --> 00:40:41,119

million to 80 million a year

1017

00:40:45,750 --> 00:40:43,720

but possibly as much as

1018

00:40:48,150 --> 00:40:45,760

350 million

1019

00:40:50,950 --> 00:40:48,160

the delightful irony of the soviets

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00:40:53,349 --> 00:40:50,960

parapsychology extravagance

1021

00:40:56,790 --> 00:40:53,359

is that it began as a response to the

1022

00:40:57,750 --> 00:40:56,800

perceived threat of u.s progress in the

1023

00:40:59,510 --> 00:40:57,760

art

1024

00:41:02,550 --> 00:40:59,520

several years ago the french reported

1025

00:41:05,270 --> 00:41:02,560

that u.s psychics had communicated with

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00:41:06,790 --> 00:41:05,280

the nuclear submarine nautilus via

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00:41:08,870 --> 00:41:06,800

mental telepathy

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00:41:10,790 --> 00:41:08,880

this gave soviet scientists the

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00:41:12,309 --> 00:41:10,800

ammunition they needed to lobby for

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00:41:14,790 --> 00:41:12,319

research funds

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00:41:15,910 --> 00:41:14,800

even though the reports were later

1032

00:41:17,589 --> 00:41:15,920

exposed

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00:41:21,190 --> 00:41:17,599

as a hoax

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00:41:23,510 --> 00:41:21,200

western scientists may chuckle

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00:41:27,349 --> 00:41:23,520

the soviets take their psychic warfare

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00:41:29,990 --> 00:41:27,359

experiments seriously in 1977 a los

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00:41:32,390 --> 00:41:30,000

angeles times reporter in moscow was

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00:41:34,710 --> 00:41:32,400

arrested by the kgb and charged with

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00:41:36,950 --> 00:41:34,720

obtaining a secret state document that

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00:41:39,030 --> 00:41:36,960

revealed the existence of

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00:41:41,990 --> 00:41:39,040

parapsychological

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00:41:45,030 --> 00:41:42,000

research at several laboratories in the

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00:41:48,150 --> 00:41:45,040

soviet union the cia currently estimates

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00:41:52,390 --> 00:41:48,160

that research is being conducted in at

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00:41:55,510 --> 00:41:52,400

least two dozen labs in 10 soviet cities

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00:41:56,309 --> 00:41:55,520

14 in moscow alone the experiments range

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00:42:00,150 --> 00:41:56,319

from

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00:42:03,750 --> 00:42:00,160

dowsing for minerals and oil to testing

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00:42:06,309 --> 00:42:03,760

remote psychological monitors that are

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00:42:08,470 --> 00:42:06,319

supposed to measure the heartbeat and

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00:42:10,790 --> 00:42:08,480

breathing rate of persons

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00:42:13,670 --> 00:42:10,800

thousands of miles away

1053

00:42:16,790 --> 00:42:13,680

from there according to intelligence

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00:42:18,710 --> 00:42:16,800

reports soviet scientists hope to be

1055

00:42:20,309 --> 00:42:18,720

able to affect the heartbeat and

1056

00:42:24,230 --> 00:42:20,319

respiration of

1057

00:42:26,390 --> 00:42:24,240

far away victims much in the manner of

1058

00:42:28,630 --> 00:42:26,400

haitian witch doctors

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00:42:31,349 --> 00:42:28,640

the soviets have even claimed

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00:42:34,790 --> 00:42:31,359

secretly that several experiments were

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00:42:38,870 --> 00:42:34,800

successful with targets nearly suffering

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00:42:42,550 --> 00:42:38,880

heart attacks or suffocation in 1977

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00:42:46,069 --> 00:42:42,560

soviet emigre august stern told u.s

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00:42:49,270 --> 00:42:46,079

intelligence agents of his work on quote

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00:42:53,430 --> 00:42:49,280

psychic energy end quote in a laboratory

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00:42:55,990 --> 00:42:53,440

at science city in novosiblisk siberia

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00:42:58,550 --> 00:42:56,000

he said 60 scientists in special

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00:43:01,829 --> 00:42:58,560

department number eight of the institute

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00:43:03,510 --> 00:43:01,839

of automation and electrometry

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00:43:06,390 --> 00:43:03,520

had quote

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00:43:08,550 --> 00:43:06,400

unlimited funds and quote for such

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00:43:10,790 --> 00:43:08,560

experiments as trying to hypnotize

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00:43:13,190 --> 00:43:10,800

people from a distance and giving

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00:43:15,589 --> 00:43:13,200

kittens electric shocks to see if their

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00:43:18,390 --> 00:43:15,599

mothers showed any reaction

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00:43:21,430 --> 00:43:18,400

three floors away

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00:43:25,270 --> 00:43:21,440

oh dear the lab was transferred to a kgb

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00:43:28,150 --> 00:43:25,280

facility in moscow in 1969 he said

1079

00:43:29,109 --> 00:43:28,160

how serious does u.s intelligent take

1080

00:43:32,710 --> 00:43:29,119

all this

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00:43:35,430 --> 00:43:32,720

in 1972 the defense intelligence agency

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00:43:38,150 --> 00:43:35,440

said the soviets might one day be able

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00:43:40,950 --> 00:43:38,160

to learn the contents of secret u.s

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00:43:43,430 --> 00:43:40,960

documents by psychic techniques

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00:43:45,430 --> 00:43:43,440

make us weapons malfunction

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00:43:48,150 --> 00:43:45,440

by negative thinking

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00:43:53,270 --> 00:43:48,160

and even brainwash or disable american

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00:43:57,349 --> 00:43:53,280

leaders by willpower a 1978 cia study

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00:43:59,910 --> 00:43:57,359

which cost 100 000 was more cautious

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00:44:02,630 --> 00:43:59,920

but it still warned that the soviets may

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00:44:04,309 --> 00:44:02,640

have tested and developed second or

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00:44:05,990 --> 00:44:04,319

third generation

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00:44:08,950 --> 00:44:06,000

psychic weapons

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00:44:11,349 --> 00:44:08,960

so the psycho gap widens

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00:44:12,550 --> 00:44:11,359

can we shrink it

1096

00:44:15,430 --> 00:44:12,560

so that was the washington

1097

00:44:16,550 --> 00:44:15,440

merry-go-round and what a merry-go-round

1098

00:44:19,109 --> 00:44:16,560

it was

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00:44:22,390 --> 00:44:19,119

let me see 1985.

1100

00:44:24,710 --> 00:44:22,400

um well let's hope those soviets haven't

1101

00:44:27,589 --> 00:44:24,720

developed their psychic warfare

1102

00:44:30,630 --> 00:44:27,599

any further in all the years since

1103

00:44:32,790 --> 00:44:30,640

now next entry comes from 1987. what was

1104

00:44:35,270 --> 00:44:32,800

it about the 80s

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00:44:36,390 --> 00:44:35,280

syracuse herald journal from new york

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00:44:38,790 --> 00:44:36,400

and published

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00:44:41,750 --> 00:44:38,800

on the 20th of may

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00:44:43,750 --> 00:44:41,760

psychic spoon bender credits

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00:44:46,550 --> 00:44:43,760

vegetarian diet

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00:44:48,790 --> 00:44:46,560

london a psychic who claims to bend

1111

00:44:51,750 --> 00:44:48,800

spoons just by thinking

1112

00:44:54,710 --> 00:44:51,760

bend spoon says giving up meat

1113

00:44:56,069 --> 00:44:54,720

dramatically boosted his cutlery warping

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00:44:58,630 --> 00:44:56,079

abilities

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00:45:00,630 --> 00:44:58,640

urigella told woman's world magazine it

1116

00:45:03,270 --> 00:45:00,640

took him five minutes to bend a spoon

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00:45:05,270 --> 00:45:03,280

ten years ago but after he stopped

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00:45:08,230 --> 00:45:05,280

eating animal products spoon bending

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00:45:10,470 --> 00:45:08,240

became just one minute's work

1120

00:45:12,550 --> 00:45:10,480

he was quoted as saying in the latest

1121

00:45:15,589 --> 00:45:12,560

edition of the weekly magazine published

1122

00:45:19,510 --> 00:45:15,599

today on a good day he can perform the

1123

00:45:21,030 --> 00:45:19,520

feat in quote just seconds and quote he

1124

00:45:23,589 --> 00:45:21,040

was quoted as saying

1125

00:45:25,430 --> 00:45:23,599

i believe that everyone should take care

1126
00:45:27,589 --> 00:45:25,440
of themselves because if you look after

1127
00:45:29,589 --> 00:45:27,599
your body physically you not only cut

1128
00:45:31,990 --> 00:45:29,599
down on the risk of disease but you'll

1129
00:45:33,910 --> 00:45:32,000
be taking care of your mind as well he

1130
00:45:36,630 --> 00:45:33,920
was quoted as saying

1131
00:45:38,630 --> 00:45:36,640
the associated press

1132
00:45:40,550 --> 00:45:38,640
now let's step back in time a decade to

1133
00:45:44,630 --> 00:45:40,560
1976

1134
00:45:47,589 --> 00:45:44,640
the 24th of july which was a saturday

1135
00:45:49,589 --> 00:45:47,599
las vegas sun big shout out to celestia

1136
00:45:51,510 --> 00:45:49,599
ward in las vegas

1137
00:45:53,750 --> 00:45:51,520
unusual movie

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00:45:56,390 --> 00:45:53,760

supernatural studied

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00:46:00,309 --> 00:45:56,400

since the beginning of recorded history

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00:46:01,670 --> 00:46:00,319

there has been continual mention of

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00:46:03,030 --> 00:46:01,680

unusual

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00:46:04,870 --> 00:46:03,040

spiritual

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00:46:07,670 --> 00:46:04,880

psychic and

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00:46:09,270 --> 00:46:07,680

supernatural events in literature

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00:46:12,470 --> 00:46:09,280

stories about

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00:46:14,390 --> 00:46:12,480

the world beyond and the supernatural

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00:46:17,670 --> 00:46:14,400

have abounded

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00:46:20,790 --> 00:46:17,680

in sun classic pictures the amazing

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00:46:23,430 --> 00:46:20,800

world of psychic phenomena coming to fox

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00:46:24,950 --> 00:46:23,440

theater and skyway driving is a

1151

00:46:28,230 --> 00:46:24,960

docudrama

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00:46:30,790 --> 00:46:28,240

hosted and narrated by raymond burr the

1153

00:46:33,990 --> 00:46:30,800

audience is afforded an opportunity to

1154

00:46:35,190 --> 00:46:34,000

view the world of the unknown armed with

1155

00:46:38,790 --> 00:46:35,200

facts

1156

00:46:40,550 --> 00:46:38,800

actual documented events real mediums

1157

00:46:41,430 --> 00:46:40,560

are seen as they

1158

00:46:43,829 --> 00:46:41,440

tap

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00:46:47,190 --> 00:46:43,839

their psychic powers in the presence of

1160

00:46:49,190 --> 00:46:47,200

cameras the feature film boldly explores

1161

00:46:51,670 --> 00:46:49,200

many of the unexplained mysteries of

1162

00:46:54,069 --> 00:46:51,680

life and includes some of the most

1163

00:46:57,270 --> 00:46:54,079

incredible displays of psychic power

1164

00:47:00,950 --> 00:46:57,280

ever filmed host narrator raymond burr

1165

00:47:04,230 --> 00:47:00,960

probes for answers to such questions as

1166

00:47:06,710 --> 00:47:04,240

is it really possible to bend metal just

1167

00:47:09,109 --> 00:47:06,720

by thinking about it can someone put a

1168

00:47:12,230 --> 00:47:09,119

picture on film just by staring at the

1169

00:47:14,870 --> 00:47:12,240

camera are psychics really able to solve

1170

00:47:15,829 --> 00:47:14,880

crimes can we accurately predict the

1171

00:47:18,790 --> 00:47:15,839

future

1172

00:47:20,950 --> 00:47:18,800

is there life after death and if so

1173

00:47:23,030 --> 00:47:20,960

what will it be like major research

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00:47:25,349 --> 00:47:23,040

centers including duke university

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00:47:27,670 --> 00:47:25,359

stanford research center and the

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00:47:29,910 --> 00:47:27,680

university of california participate in

1177

00:47:33,510 --> 00:47:29,920

experiments designed to reveal

1178

00:47:35,750 --> 00:47:33,520

the depth of man's inner powers

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00:47:37,670 --> 00:47:35,760

great care was taken to authenticate all

1180

00:47:40,549 --> 00:47:37,680

footage presented in the film

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00:47:43,670 --> 00:47:40,559

much of what is shown has never before

1182

00:47:47,030 --> 00:47:43,680

been seen in public in the film uri

1183

00:47:50,390 --> 00:47:47,040

geller the well-known israeli psychic

1184

00:47:52,950 --> 00:47:50,400

bends a spoon with only his mental

1185

00:47:55,030 --> 00:47:52,960

powers controlling the kinetic energy

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00:47:57,910 --> 00:47:55,040

edgar cayce's amazing

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00:48:00,309 --> 00:47:57,920

psychic powers are shown healing the ill

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00:48:03,990 --> 00:48:00,319

from thousands of miles away

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00:48:06,790 --> 00:48:04,000

and ted cirrus a former bellhop

1190

00:48:09,109 --> 00:48:06,800

photographs his own thoughts

1191

00:48:11,510 --> 00:48:09,119

on unexposed film

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00:48:14,710 --> 00:48:11,520

these are just a few of the amazing

1193

00:48:16,390 --> 00:48:14,720

discoveries retold recounted researched

1194

00:48:20,470 --> 00:48:16,400

and documented in

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00:48:21,430 --> 00:48:20,480

the amazing world of psychic phenomena

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00:48:24,230 --> 00:48:21,440

with a

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00:48:26,470 --> 00:48:24,240

you are here feeling the audience is

1198

00:48:29,670 --> 00:48:26,480

able to actually become participants

1199

00:48:31,750 --> 00:48:29,680

watching tests taking place

1200

00:48:34,069 --> 00:48:31,760

and i happen to have a copy of that

1201
00:48:35,430 --> 00:48:34,079
movie in the archives my personal

1202
00:48:38,470 --> 00:48:35,440
archives

1203
00:48:40,470 --> 00:48:38,480
and yeah it just doesn't live up to the

1204
00:48:43,109 --> 00:48:40,480
hype you might be able to find a copy of

1205
00:48:47,430 --> 00:48:43,119
that for yourself on youtube i think

1206
00:48:49,190 --> 00:48:47,440
way back there from 1976

1207
00:48:51,270 --> 00:48:49,200
and finally we head back to the 80s one

1208
00:48:54,230 --> 00:48:51,280
more time 1986

1209
00:48:55,430 --> 00:48:54,240
the greenville record argus september

1210
00:48:57,750 --> 00:48:55,440
the 16th

1211
00:49:01,190 --> 00:48:57,760
greenville pennsylvania

1212
00:49:03,990 --> 00:49:01,200
video disproves psychics claim

1213
00:49:07,190 --> 00:49:04,000

pittsburgh associated press

1214

00:49:08,549 --> 00:49:07,200

a psychic who admitted using illusion to

1215

00:49:11,430 --> 00:49:08,559

bend spoons

1216

00:49:13,990 --> 00:49:11,440

still insists he can tell the future and

1217

00:49:17,510 --> 00:49:14,000

predicted a major earthquake will rock

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00:49:20,390 --> 00:49:17,520

california in two years jason michaels

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00:49:23,349 --> 00:49:20,400

who claims to have been a psychic for 15

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00:49:25,549 --> 00:49:23,359

years said the earthquake will hit on

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00:49:28,549 --> 00:49:25,559

may 14

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00:49:30,470 --> 00:49:28,559

1988 and after i read this i'll have a

1223

00:49:32,390 --> 00:49:30,480

quick look to see what happened

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00:49:34,630 --> 00:49:32,400

the prediction came after scholars

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00:49:37,430 --> 00:49:34,640

showed a videotape monday

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00:49:39,510 --> 00:49:37,440

to discredit michael's claims about

1227

00:49:41,990 --> 00:49:39,520

bending spoons

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00:49:44,549 --> 00:49:42,000

i admit at certain times i use trickery

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00:49:46,069 --> 00:49:44,559

in the lab but not all the time

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00:49:47,589 --> 00:49:46,079

michael said

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00:49:49,750 --> 00:49:47,599

they're trying to take a spoon-bending

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00:49:51,589 --> 00:49:49,760

trick and saying this guy's a fake

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00:49:55,349 --> 00:49:51,599

they're ignoring the psychic ability to

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00:49:56,390 --> 00:49:55,359

see the future michael's 32 of grove city

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00:49:58,790 --> 00:49:56,400

pa

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00:50:01,430 --> 00:49:58,800

appeared at a news conference with

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00:50:03,430 --> 00:50:01,440

richard bush and other members of the

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00:50:04,549 --> 00:50:03,440

paranormal investigating committee of

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00:50:06,390 --> 00:50:04,559

pittsburgh

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00:50:09,109 --> 00:50:06,400

we see no evidence of any psychic

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00:50:11,990 --> 00:50:09,119

ability he used trickery and deception

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00:50:14,470 --> 00:50:12,000

said bush a mentalist and magician you

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00:50:17,349 --> 00:50:14,480

are not a real psychic you do not have

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00:50:19,589 --> 00:50:17,359

paranormal occult or supernatural powers

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00:50:21,349 --> 00:50:19,599

the committee comprising professors from

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00:50:24,150 --> 00:50:21,359

the university of pittsburgh and other

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00:50:26,309 --> 00:50:24,160

officials has made a standing ten

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00:50:29,510 --> 00:50:26,319

thousand dollar offer to anyone who can

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00:50:31,750 --> 00:50:29,520

prove psychic power michael's twice

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00:50:35,109 --> 00:50:31,760

appeared before the panel in february

1251
00:50:35,910 --> 00:50:35,119
and he was filmed bending a spoon and a

1252
00:50:38,549 --> 00:50:35,920
key

1253
00:50:40,790 --> 00:50:38,559
using the videotape as evidence bush

1254
00:50:41,990 --> 00:50:40,800
said michael's bent the objects with his

1255
00:50:43,829 --> 00:50:42,000
hands

1256
00:50:46,549 --> 00:50:43,839
instead of his mind

1257
00:50:48,710 --> 00:50:46,559
what we have seen as a trick the spoon

1258
00:50:51,109 --> 00:50:48,720
and the key were already bent

1259
00:50:53,349 --> 00:50:51,119
bush said what he tried to get from us

1260
00:50:55,910 --> 00:50:53,359
is scientific validation he got

1261
00:50:58,150 --> 00:50:55,920
publicity but he doesn't get scientific

1262
00:50:59,990 --> 00:50:58,160
validation michael's has claimed he

1263
00:51:02,870 --> 00:51:00,000

predicted the plane crash that killed

1264

00:51:04,870 --> 00:51:02,880

248 u.s servicemen in gander

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00:51:06,710 --> 00:51:04,880

newfoundland and the explosion of the

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00:51:09,109 --> 00:51:06,720

space shuttle challenger

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00:51:10,470 --> 00:51:09,119

my ability to predict the future is true

1268

00:51:13,109 --> 00:51:10,480

michael said

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00:51:15,430 --> 00:51:13,119

sometimes i admit to being a magician i

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00:51:17,510 --> 00:51:15,440

have mixed illusion and magic with my

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00:51:19,750 --> 00:51:17,520

psychic ability when asked to bend the

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00:51:22,390 --> 00:51:19,760

spoon mentally for reporters michaels

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00:51:25,109 --> 00:51:22,400

declined by saying i'm in a room full of

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00:51:27,430 --> 00:51:25,119

negative vibes he said his manager has

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00:51:30,150 --> 00:51:27,440

been booking him as a magician instead

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00:51:32,790 --> 00:51:30,160

of a psychic because the ability seems

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00:51:35,190 --> 00:51:32,800

to come and go michael's said however

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00:51:37,349 --> 00:51:35,200

that business hasn't dropped off members

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00:51:39,430 --> 00:51:37,359

of the panel say a distinction must be

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00:51:41,349 --> 00:51:39,440

drawn between an entertainer who uses

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00:51:42,950 --> 00:51:41,359

magic and illusion

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00:51:45,349 --> 00:51:42,960

and the person who claims to have

1283

00:51:47,750 --> 00:51:45,359

psychic powers there are many gullible

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00:51:50,470 --> 00:51:47,760

people who are making major lifestyle

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00:51:53,030 --> 00:51:50,480

decisions based on predictions that they

1286

00:51:55,349 --> 00:51:53,040

pay money for said mark king

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00:51:56,630 --> 00:51:55,359

a psychotherapist specializing in

1288

00:51:58,630 --> 00:51:56,640

hypnosis

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00:52:00,950 --> 00:51:58,640

michaels has made a counter offer of

1290

00:52:03,750 --> 00:52:00,960

five thousand dollars to any magician

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00:52:07,270 --> 00:52:03,760

who can match his feats but refused to

1292

00:52:09,910 --> 00:52:07,280

pay bush after he bent a spoon and a key

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00:52:11,670 --> 00:52:09,920

he didn't duplicate everything i do

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00:52:14,390 --> 00:52:11,680

michael said

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00:52:16,470 --> 00:52:14,400

and i wonder whatever happened to

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00:52:18,150 --> 00:52:16,480

this fellow jason michaels but let's

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00:52:20,230 --> 00:52:18,160

have a quick look at his claim that an

1298

00:52:22,710 --> 00:52:20,240

earthquake would hit

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00:52:27,430 --> 00:52:22,720

where is it now an earthquake

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00:52:29,349 --> 00:52:27,440

will hit on may 14 1988 all right and it

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00:52:34,230 --> 00:52:29,359

looks like the only one of

1302

00:52:35,829 --> 00:52:34,240

note happened in indonesia a 6.9

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00:52:37,750 --> 00:52:35,839

undoubtedly there were many other

1304

00:52:39,109 --> 00:52:37,760

smaller ones especially in california

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00:52:46,309 --> 00:52:39,119

which there are

1306

00:52:50,710 --> 00:52:48,790

and there we are some results coming

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00:52:52,390 --> 00:52:50,720

from american newspapers this time when

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00:52:55,270 --> 00:52:52,400

we look up the word psychic and

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00:52:57,670 --> 00:52:55,280

paranormal and the word spoon and as you

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00:53:00,549 --> 00:52:57,680

can see you get a very mixed

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00:53:01,990 --> 00:53:00,559

uh returns very mixed results but spoon

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00:53:05,270 --> 00:53:02,000

bending is a lot of fun

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00:53:07,349 --> 00:53:05,280

i've been doing it now for over 20 years

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00:53:09,829 --> 00:53:07,359

and it's always fun to catch up people

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00:53:12,390 --> 00:53:09,839

and amaze them and bemuse them and

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00:53:15,910 --> 00:53:12,400

bewilder them

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00:53:17,430 --> 00:53:15,920

as with any good magic trick i guess

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00:53:19,750 --> 00:53:17,440

and it's interesting when i do spoon

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00:53:22,470 --> 00:53:19,760

bending for school children's when i do

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00:53:23,910 --> 00:53:22,480

the live mystery investigator show

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00:53:26,710 --> 00:53:23,920

because

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00:53:28,790 --> 00:53:26,720

the kids have no idea what spoon bending

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00:53:31,589 --> 00:53:28,800

is they've never seen it or heard it and

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00:53:36,549 --> 00:53:33,910

their teachers also are clueless as to

1325

00:53:38,790 --> 00:53:36,559

what spoon bending is

1326
00:53:40,309 --> 00:53:38,800
yes yuri gala you've really made a huge

1327
00:53:41,910 --> 00:53:40,319
impact on the world

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00:53:43,510 --> 00:53:41,920
but i really can't knock spoon bending

1329
00:53:45,510 --> 00:53:43,520
it's a great trick and one of the

1330
00:53:47,829 --> 00:53:45,520
happiest memories of my life

1331
00:53:49,910 --> 00:53:47,839
is the time that i spent

1332
00:53:51,829 --> 00:53:49,920
half an hour or so

1333
00:53:53,589 --> 00:53:51,839
with james randy between

1334
00:53:56,950 --> 00:53:53,599
talks at a conference and we both sat

1335
00:53:59,670 --> 00:53:56,960
down and swapped spoon bending stories

1336
00:54:01,829 --> 00:53:59,680
and you too can find many unforgettable

1337
00:54:04,950 --> 00:54:01,839
things if you go to

1338
00:54:06,630 --> 00:54:04,960

the archives of digitized newspapers no

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00:54:10,990 --> 00:54:06,640

matter where you are from around the

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00:54:11,000 --> 00:54:23,690

[Music]

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00:54:27,510 --> 00:54:26,069

[Applause]

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00:54:29,510 --> 00:54:27,520

thank you for listening to the skeptic

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00:54:32,230 --> 00:54:29,520

zone podcast and thank you to those

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00:54:34,230 --> 00:54:32,240

people in the last week who have sent in

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very generous donations to the skeptics

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00:54:38,069 --> 00:54:35,520

and podcast

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00:54:40,870 --> 00:54:38,079

that really helps keep the show going

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00:54:42,470 --> 00:54:40,880

and i will be sending you a thank you

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00:54:43,910 --> 00:54:42,480

as soon as i can

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00:54:45,589 --> 00:54:43,920

and if you want to

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00:54:49,190 --> 00:54:45,599

contribute to the skeptic zone via

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00:54:51,349 --> 00:54:49,200

donations which help a lot or via weekly

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00:54:53,549 --> 00:54:51,359

or should i say monthly subscriptions i

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00:54:56,069 --> 00:54:53,559

think it works both ways just head to

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00:54:57,670 --> 00:54:56,079

skepticzone.tv and click the patreon or

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00:55:00,150 --> 00:54:57,680

paypal link

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00:55:01,990 --> 00:55:00,160

believe it or not the skeptic zone does

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00:55:03,430 --> 00:55:02,000

have bills to pay

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00:55:05,270 --> 00:55:03,440

now here's a message from our friends at

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00:55:07,750 --> 00:55:05,280

the canberra skeptics

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00:55:09,990 --> 00:55:07,760

canberra skeptics proudly presents

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00:55:11,910 --> 00:55:10,000

skepticism in europe

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00:55:14,630 --> 00:55:11,920

and this is tonight

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00:55:16,549 --> 00:55:14,640

here in australia

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00:55:18,950 --> 00:55:16,559

so if you're listening in australia it's

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00:55:22,230 --> 00:55:18,960

tonight it's sunday the 12th of

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00:55:25,349 --> 00:55:22,240

september from 6 p.m so that's canberra

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00:55:27,589 --> 00:55:25,359

sydney melbourne brisbane time

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00:55:31,589 --> 00:55:27,599

and it's a zoom talk by claire

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00:55:33,990 --> 00:55:31,599

klingsberg oh claire i met claire

1371

00:55:35,750 --> 00:55:34,000

once or twice maybe in new york i

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00:55:37,109 --> 00:55:35,760

remember meeting claire what a wonderful

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00:55:38,789 --> 00:55:37,119

person she is

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00:55:41,190 --> 00:55:38,799

with much of the skeptical movement

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00:55:42,950 --> 00:55:41,200

coming from the english-speaking world

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00:55:46,309 --> 00:55:42,960

it is very easy to forget that there are

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00:55:48,069 --> 00:55:46,319

many incredibly passionate skeptics and

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00:55:51,190 --> 00:55:48,079

skeptical groups throughout the world

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00:55:52,630 --> 00:55:51,200

who are making invaluable contributions

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to the movement

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in this presentation claire klingenberg

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00:55:59,109 --> 00:55:57,040

president of the european council of

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00:56:01,670 --> 00:55:59,119

skeptical organizations will be talking

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00:56:03,750 --> 00:56:01,680

about skepticism in europe including

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00:56:06,950 --> 00:56:03,760

what skeptical groups have been doing

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00:56:10,150 --> 00:56:06,960

and what notable successes and failures

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00:56:13,030 --> 00:56:10,160

have been to check out that talk to

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00:56:16,390 --> 00:56:13,040

find out how you can join in just head

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00:56:18,309 --> 00:56:16,400

for canberraskeptics.org

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00:56:21,910 --> 00:56:18,319

and now it's time to hear from nathan

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00:56:25,030 --> 00:56:21,920

eggins who will present his new hit song

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00:56:27,030 --> 00:56:25,040

the sound a duck makes and until next

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00:56:31,109 --> 00:56:27,040

week this is richard saunders signing

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00:56:34,150 --> 00:56:31,119

off from sydney australia

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00:56:36,710 --> 00:56:34,160

greetings this is nathan eggins aka

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00:56:38,549 --> 00:56:36,720

conspiracy of one and i have a brand new

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00:56:41,190 --> 00:56:38,559

song to share with you all

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00:56:43,510 --> 00:56:41,200

the sound a duck makes is a funky bluesy

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00:56:45,270 --> 00:56:43,520

number taking aim at wellness warriors

1400

00:56:47,510 --> 00:56:45,280

and those who present themselves as

1401
00:56:49,190 --> 00:56:47,520
medical professionals when they aren't

1402
00:56:50,870 --> 00:56:49,200
and features the voices of a few

1403
00:56:53,030 --> 00:56:50,880
familiar skeptics

1404
00:56:55,190 --> 00:56:53,040
find more of my music and tell me what

1405
00:56:59,030 --> 00:56:55,200
you think of the new song by visiting

1406
00:57:03,110 --> 00:57:00,390
but enough from me

1407
00:57:16,390 --> 00:57:03,120
take it away me

1408
00:57:18,950 --> 00:57:16,400
[Music]

1409
00:57:21,430 --> 00:57:18,960
people playing doctor

1410
00:57:24,940 --> 00:57:21,440
is a growing trend

1411
00:57:33,980 --> 00:57:24,950
using words like toxins

1412
00:57:42,470 --> 00:57:39,349
[Music]

1413
00:57:45,190 --> 00:57:42,480

caution is the box we put unproven

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00:57:48,549 --> 00:57:45,200

treatments in

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00:57:49,740 --> 00:57:48,559

when tested proved to work we call it

1416

00:57:51,430 --> 00:57:49,750

medicine

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00:57:55,430 --> 00:57:51,440

[Music]

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00:57:57,370 --> 00:57:55,440

but this simple doctorate is not the way

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00:58:02,789 --> 00:57:57,380

they operate

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00:58:05,910 --> 00:58:02,799

[Music]

1421

00:58:09,950 --> 00:58:05,920

behind their sanguine smile is nothing

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00:58:14,370 --> 00:58:13,030

[Music]

1423

00:58:26,230 --> 00:58:14,380

make

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00:58:29,109 --> 00:58:26,240

[Music]

1425

00:58:31,349 --> 00:58:29,119

science is their greatest ally if it

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00:58:34,829 --> 00:58:31,359

supports their claim

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00:58:37,910 --> 00:58:34,839

but a blind or spiteful evil if they

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00:58:40,069 --> 00:58:37,920

cast out in shame

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00:58:44,280 --> 00:58:40,079

and of course they're never the ones to

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00:58:49,349 --> 00:58:44,290

blame it's a conspiracy of the state

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00:58:52,150 --> 00:58:49,359

[Music]

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00:58:54,549 --> 00:58:52,160

and white coats and stethoscopes they

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00:58:56,870 --> 00:58:54,559

camouflage themselves

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00:59:00,190 --> 00:58:56,880

to hunt the vulnerable and gullible

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00:59:01,990 --> 00:59:00,200

gazelle to strip them out there well

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00:59:06,180 --> 00:59:02,000

[Music]

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00:59:13,030 --> 00:59:06,190

and trust them with your help

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00:59:19,430 --> 00:59:16,230

they'll hang you up there by your ankles

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00:59:21,829 --> 00:59:19,440

and they'll shake

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00:59:24,200 --> 00:59:21,839

we have a word for them

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00:59:41,430 --> 00:59:24,210

what sound does a doc make

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00:59:41,440 --> 00:59:53,670

my way

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00:59:53,680 --> 00:59:56,870

anything

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01:00:08,570 --> 00:59:59,570

but after all

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01:00:11,510 --> 01:00:08,580

[Music]

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01:00:12,630 --> 01:00:11,520

[Applause]

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01:00:15,750 --> 01:00:12,640

them

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[Music]

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i think it

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i feel means gonna pray

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[Music]

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and it may be more than just your

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