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"Psychic Surgery"

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and Fairies

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Tim Mendham



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00:00:13,930 --> 00:00:09,049  
welcome to the skeptic Zone the podcast

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00:00:16,840 --> 00:00:13,940  
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:23,570 --> 00:00:16,850  
[Applause]

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00:00:25,370 --> 00:00:23,580  
[Music]

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00:00:29,769 --> 00:00:25,380  
yes it's the skeptic Zone podcast

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00:00:32,450 --> 00:00:29,779  
episode number 760 for the 30th of April

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00:00:35,270 --> 00:00:32,460  
2023 Richard Saunders coming to you this

8  
00:00:39,049 --> 00:00:35,280  
week from Bend Oregon from the

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00:00:42,290 --> 00:00:39,059  
headquarters of the skeptoid podcast I'm

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00:00:44,990 --> 00:00:42,300  
having a few days to get over jet lag

11  
00:00:46,670 --> 00:00:45,000  
with my good buddy Brian Dunning and

12  
00:00:49,869 --> 00:00:46,680  
we've already sampled a few of the

13  
00:00:53,990 --> 00:00:49,879

wonderful local beers here in Bend and

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00:00:55,549 --> 00:00:54,000

he tried to beat me at pool but that's a

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00:00:57,910 --> 00:00:55,559

story for another day

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00:01:00,049 --> 00:00:57,920

what however are the stories for today

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00:01:01,850 --> 00:01:00,059

on this week's episode we're going to

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00:01:04,549 --> 00:01:01,860

kick off with an interview with a good

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00:01:07,070 --> 00:01:04,559

friend of the skeptic Zone chunder from

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00:01:10,370 --> 00:01:07,080

India and this interview is being

21

00:01:12,710 --> 00:01:10,380

conducted by Adrian Hill and I'm looking

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00:01:14,330 --> 00:01:12,720

forward to seeing Adrian Hill next week

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00:01:16,789 --> 00:01:14,340

in Canada

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00:01:18,350 --> 00:01:16,799

Adrian tatsuabijit about many things

25

00:01:20,690 --> 00:01:18,360

including

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00:01:23,090 --> 00:01:20,700

ayurvedic medicine now this is one

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00:01:26,270 --> 00:01:23,100

branch of alternative medicine I know

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00:01:28,969 --> 00:01:26,280

only a little bit about so I found this

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00:01:30,890 --> 00:01:28,979

interview very interesting following

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00:01:33,350 --> 00:01:30,900

that it's the return of the book of Tim

31

00:01:35,810 --> 00:01:33,360

with Tim Mendham recorded at the skeptic

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00:01:39,109 --> 00:01:35,820

Zone Studios and Tim is going to be

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00:01:40,910 --> 00:01:39,119

looking at a very early investigation by

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00:01:44,330 --> 00:01:40,920

the Australian Skeptics into psychic

35

00:01:47,090 --> 00:01:44,340

surgery in fact this is Story one in

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00:01:50,870 --> 00:01:47,100

volume one of the magazine the skeptic

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00:01:53,450 --> 00:01:50,880

published way back in 1981 then to round

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00:01:56,510 --> 00:01:53,460

off the show the Trove archives part two

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00:01:58,969 --> 00:01:56,520

of our series on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

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00:02:00,770 --> 00:01:58,979

the creator of Sherlock Holmes and this

41

00:02:05,810 --> 00:02:00,780

week we're going to look for references

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00:02:07,550 --> 00:02:05,820

to Conan Doyle's belief in in fairies at

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00:02:11,570 --> 00:02:07,560

the bottom of the Garden or fairies in

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00:02:14,150 --> 00:02:11,580

the woods a strange story indeed and

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00:02:15,290 --> 00:02:14,160

next week next week in the Trove segment

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00:02:17,869 --> 00:02:15,300

we're going to be looking at the

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00:02:20,210 --> 00:02:17,879

relationship between Sir Arthur Conan

48

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Doyle a staunch believer in the

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00:02:28,670 --> 00:02:23,099

Paranormal and Harry Houdini

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00:02:30,949 --> 00:02:28,680

a famed debunker of fake psychics

51  
00:02:32,750 --> 00:02:30,959  
now before we start in Australia I

52  
00:02:35,570 --> 00:02:32,760  
noticed that the teachers have gone back

53  
00:02:37,610 --> 00:02:35,580  
to their uh to their lessons in many

54  
00:02:39,350 --> 00:02:37,620  
parts of Australia and to let you know

55  
00:02:42,470 --> 00:02:39,360  
I'm thinking about you because I think

56  
00:02:44,570 --> 00:02:42,480  
what you do is a a terrific job and it

57  
00:02:47,509 --> 00:02:44,580  
can be very difficult and very stressful

58  
00:02:50,330 --> 00:02:47,519  
so you teachers out there up and down

59  
00:02:52,610 --> 00:02:50,340  
the coast hats off to you but now it's

60  
00:02:55,910 --> 00:02:52,620  
time for me to run into Brian dunning's

61  
00:02:59,570 --> 00:02:55,920  
Kitchen open the skeptoid fridge what do

62  
00:03:02,210 --> 00:02:59,580  
I find I find some lovely cheese Oregon

63  
00:03:11,949 --> 00:03:02,220

cheese well I eat that I hope you enjoy

64

00:03:11,959 --> 00:03:17,360

thank you

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00:03:24,229 --> 00:03:21,290

[Music]

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00:03:28,610 --> 00:03:24,239

can count on Adrian

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00:03:33,229 --> 00:03:30,949

hello everyone this is Adrian Hill from

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00:03:36,649 --> 00:03:33,239

Canada here and I have a really special

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00:03:38,990 --> 00:03:36,659

guest and friend with me today babajit

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00:03:41,449 --> 00:03:39,000

Chanda is joining me all the way from

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00:03:43,850 --> 00:03:41,459

New Delhi India and he is the host of

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00:03:46,309 --> 00:03:43,860

the podcast and YouTube channel called

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00:03:50,330 --> 00:03:46,319

rationable

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00:03:56,930 --> 00:03:52,910

so today I'm really happy to connect

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00:04:02,030 --> 00:03:56,940

with Abhijit because we met originally

76  
00:04:04,789 --> 00:04:02,040  
in 2018 at cycon and I believe we were

77  
00:04:07,430 --> 00:04:04,799  
both really at the beginning of our

78  
00:04:10,190 --> 00:04:07,440  
skeptical Adventures is that correct for

79  
00:04:11,509 --> 00:04:10,200  
you oh absolutely absolutely I needed

80  
00:04:13,729 --> 00:04:11,519  
something to kind of give me that little

81  
00:04:15,170 --> 00:04:13,739  
push in the right direction and that's

82  
00:04:18,590 --> 00:04:15,180  
what that's what happened right there

83  
00:04:21,110 --> 00:04:18,600  
yeah we were sitting in the front row of

84  
00:04:24,409 --> 00:04:21,120  
the very first workshop with Susan

85  
00:04:26,210 --> 00:04:24,419  
gerbeck and Mark Edward and the two of

86  
00:04:28,370 --> 00:04:26,220  
us were side by side we introduced each

87  
00:04:30,050 --> 00:04:28,380  
other to ourselves and found out a

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00:04:32,510 --> 00:04:30,060

little bit about each other and I

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00:04:34,610 --> 00:04:32,520

believe I tried to recruit you to be a

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00:04:38,330 --> 00:04:34,620

gsow editor even though I was just in

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00:04:40,550 --> 00:04:38,340

training I was just started you're very

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good at sales I'll give you that because

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00:04:45,350 --> 00:04:43,080

I did sign up eventually yeah you did

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00:04:46,850 --> 00:04:45,360

sign up but then then you decided no

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00:04:50,810 --> 00:04:46,860

this isn't quite what you wanted to do

96

00:04:53,330 --> 00:04:50,820

you wanted to take your own Road and and

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00:04:54,950 --> 00:04:53,340

you have done really well so just

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00:04:57,350 --> 00:04:54,960

describe a little bit about what you've

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00:04:59,030 --> 00:04:57,360

been up to and uh first off I want to

100

00:05:02,629 --> 00:04:59,040

give you my perspective of our first

101  
00:05:04,790 --> 00:05:02,639  
meeting because yes I was in a complete

102  
00:05:07,909 --> 00:05:04,800  
stranger to this world to the skeptical

103  
00:05:10,249 --> 00:05:07,919  
Society the community and I had walked

104  
00:05:12,469 --> 00:05:10,259  
in this was day one I mean I first of

105  
00:05:14,210 --> 00:05:12,479  
all I'm actually an introvert most

106  
00:05:16,370 --> 00:05:14,220  
people won't believe it but I usually am

107  
00:05:18,950 --> 00:05:16,380  
because I I need a lot of energy to kind

108  
00:05:21,290 --> 00:05:18,960  
of okay I'm gonna talk to people and I

109  
00:05:23,570 --> 00:05:21,300  
just sat down and I was like okay here

110  
00:05:26,689 --> 00:05:23,580  
we go and I just I had no expectations

111  
00:05:28,670 --> 00:05:26,699  
at all and you were so welcoming and so

112  
00:05:30,529 --> 00:05:28,680  
warm and you started chatting with me

113  
00:05:32,810 --> 00:05:30,539

immediately and you've made me feel so

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00:05:36,350 --> 00:05:32,820

welcome that it was like okay I can get

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00:05:41,029 --> 00:05:38,629

let's do that yeah

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00:05:46,070 --> 00:05:41,039

awesome

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00:05:48,290 --> 00:05:46,080

Susan will say that because that's the

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00:05:49,850 --> 00:05:48,300

first time I met Susan as well that I

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00:05:52,670 --> 00:05:49,860

kind of disappeared into the woodwork

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00:05:55,430 --> 00:05:52,680

did you know I was out are you kind of

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00:05:57,770 --> 00:05:55,440

towering above the woodwork yeah no I

122

00:06:00,170 --> 00:05:57,780

was really quiet especially around Susan

123

00:06:01,909 --> 00:06:00,180

because she was at that time to me a bit

124

00:06:03,770 --> 00:06:01,919

of an intimidating figure just because

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00:06:05,450 --> 00:06:03,780

you know she was head of this

126

00:06:09,110 --> 00:06:05,460

organization that I just joined I didn't

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00:06:10,909 --> 00:06:09,120

even know who Susan was but I was when I

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00:06:13,490 --> 00:06:10,919

sat next to you that was the very first

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00:06:15,350 --> 00:06:13,500

thing from the from scicon and I was

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00:06:17,689 --> 00:06:15,360

feeling the same way it's funny but I

131

00:06:19,969 --> 00:06:17,699

just turned to you and forced myself to

132

00:06:21,529 --> 00:06:19,979

start talking and it was just very

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00:06:23,510 --> 00:06:21,539

comfortable from the beginning so I

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00:06:25,430 --> 00:06:23,520

think that's pretty cool I'm so glad

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00:06:27,230 --> 00:06:25,440

that is so chill like I thought you were

136

00:06:28,909 --> 00:06:27,240

like you were like a you know total pro

137

00:06:30,950 --> 00:06:28,919

at this like hey I've been here a

138

00:06:31,870 --> 00:06:30,960

million times before I you know I know

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00:06:34,969 --> 00:06:31,880

everybody

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00:06:36,409 --> 00:06:34,979

I knew nobody it was my first psychon I

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00:06:39,409 --> 00:06:36,419

think we just kind of Meant to hit it

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00:06:43,010 --> 00:06:39,419

off so I think so fantastic so it's so

143

00:06:44,749 --> 00:06:43,020

nice to finally interview you and the

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00:06:47,210 --> 00:06:44,759

reason that I've asked you to come on

145

00:06:49,550 --> 00:06:47,220

the show is because I had kind of an

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00:06:51,409 --> 00:06:49,560

interesting experience on my last trip

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00:06:54,170 --> 00:06:51,419

on our cruise I want to tell you a

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00:06:57,050 --> 00:06:54,180

little story that happened we had this

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00:06:59,749 --> 00:06:57,060

lovely waiter from India he was from

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00:07:02,210 --> 00:06:59,759

Mumbai and we like to be interested in

151  
00:07:03,770 --> 00:07:02,220  
people we sit by the people who are

152  
00:07:05,330 --> 00:07:03,780  
working on the cruise ship and we just

153  
00:07:07,070 --> 00:07:05,340  
like to ask questions and so we were

154  
00:07:09,170 --> 00:07:07,080  
just asking him lots of stuff and he was

155  
00:07:11,270 --> 00:07:09,180  
a great Storyteller and so he was

156  
00:07:12,950 --> 00:07:11,280  
telling us all about his family back

157  
00:07:14,510 --> 00:07:12,960  
home and where he lives and where his

158  
00:07:17,029 --> 00:07:14,520  
wife's from and what his kids are like

159  
00:07:20,529 --> 00:07:17,039  
it was awesome and then a few days later

160  
00:07:24,409 --> 00:07:20,539  
we got into his magical cures he was

161  
00:07:27,050 --> 00:07:24,419  
very much into ayurvedic medicine and he

162  
00:07:30,469 --> 00:07:27,060  
was really trying to teach us about it

163  
00:07:33,050 --> 00:07:30,479

which I found quite delightful but also

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00:07:35,150 --> 00:07:33,060

amusing as you would know he had no idea

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00:07:36,710 --> 00:07:35,160

that I'm from a skeptical community and

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00:07:39,969 --> 00:07:36,720

I didn't think it was the time or the

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00:07:43,790 --> 00:07:39,979

place to to set him straight

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00:07:46,550 --> 00:07:43,800

exactly and we love to stories so we

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00:07:48,650 --> 00:07:46,560

were we were interested but the very

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00:07:52,430 --> 00:07:48,660

first thing that he started talking

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00:07:55,730 --> 00:07:52,440

about was something called shilojit and

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00:07:57,830 --> 00:07:55,740

he said it cured his knees he takes it

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00:08:00,010 --> 00:07:57,840

every day it makes him feel much better

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00:08:03,529 --> 00:08:00,020

it gives him energy you know the classic

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00:08:05,629 --> 00:08:03,539

cure-all type of thing but he he he sold

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00:08:07,969 --> 00:08:05,639

it right he really said this is amazing

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00:08:12,110 --> 00:08:07,979

stuff and so the first thing I did after

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00:08:13,550 --> 00:08:12,120

dinner was reach out to you and ask what

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00:08:15,230 --> 00:08:13,560

is this stuff and you had some

180

00:08:17,870 --> 00:08:15,240

interesting things to say so tell us a

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little bit about this this is um it's

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00:08:21,830 --> 00:08:20,039

very it's very interesting it's been in

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00:08:25,010 --> 00:08:21,840

ayurveda for a very long time and it's

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00:08:27,409 --> 00:08:25,020

called the oil of the Himalayas in some

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00:08:29,869 --> 00:08:27,419

ways of the Himalayas it's a black

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00:08:31,909 --> 00:08:29,879

greasy substance I'm not sure where it

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00:08:33,829 --> 00:08:31,919

comes from and it's a it is something

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00:08:37,250 --> 00:08:33,839

that can be found in the mountains but

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00:08:41,630 --> 00:08:37,260

it has recently become even bigger

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00:08:44,570 --> 00:08:41,640

because there has this brand of alcohol

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line water which has come into the

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00:08:49,370 --> 00:08:46,980

Indian market called evocus and it's

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everywhere it's black water it doesn't

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look very appetizing but it's they claim

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that it has a 70 or 80 different

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minerals in it they don't have anything

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written on the ingredients label or the

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nutrition label interesting so they've

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got it written on the front they got

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00:09:07,730 --> 00:09:04,920

nothing to show for it in the back what

201  
00:09:11,210 --> 00:09:07,740  
they say is is this thing called fulvic

202  
00:09:14,329 --> 00:09:11,220  
acid which somehow an acid turns things

203  
00:09:16,190 --> 00:09:14,339  
alkaline I don't understand how they

204  
00:09:19,130 --> 00:09:16,200  
think that works but that was very

205  
00:09:23,630 --> 00:09:19,140  
interesting nonetheless but fulvic acid

206  
00:09:25,430 --> 00:09:23,640  
is what they use in this water to make

207  
00:09:29,389 --> 00:09:25,440  
it black and they say that it's the same

208  
00:09:32,509 --> 00:09:29,399  
kind of stuff that has been that

209  
00:09:35,030 --> 00:09:32,519  
basically shilajit is so reading of the

210  
00:09:37,550 --> 00:09:35,040  
Wikipedia page which I'm sure Susan

211  
00:09:39,530 --> 00:09:37,560  
would appreciate humic substances are

212  
00:09:44,210 --> 00:09:39,540  
organic compounds that are important

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00:09:45,949 --> 00:09:44,220

components of humus not hummus humus the

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00:09:48,710 --> 00:09:45,959

top of the soil the most fertile part of

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00:09:51,949 --> 00:09:48,720

the soil which is and peat and coal and

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00:09:55,310 --> 00:09:51,959

also it's a constituent of many Upland

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00:09:57,350 --> 00:09:55,320

streams dystrophic lakes and ocean water

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00:09:59,630 --> 00:09:57,360

now I am not a geologist so I'm not

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really sure exactly what that means but

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00:10:04,370 --> 00:10:01,800

basically these humic substances like

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fulvic acid you know organic acids and

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00:10:10,610 --> 00:10:06,839

compounds which you know kind of are

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found in such areas and shilajit has

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been one of these things which has been

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00:10:17,269 --> 00:10:15,180

in use in ayurveda for a very long time

226  
00:10:19,430 --> 00:10:17,279  
and it's supposed to have some magical

227  
00:10:21,769 --> 00:10:19,440  
healing properties but as you would

228  
00:10:23,470 --> 00:10:21,779  
rightly guess I don't think there have

229  
00:10:26,509 --> 00:10:23,480  
been any studies

230  
00:10:28,310 --> 00:10:26,519  
reliable randomized control trials done

231  
00:10:30,910 --> 00:10:28,320  
on fulvic acids and their effects on

232  
00:10:34,190 --> 00:10:30,920  
humans at least none that I could find

233  
00:10:35,690 --> 00:10:34,200  
so that's that now of course with

234  
00:10:37,430 --> 00:10:35,700  
ayurveda that's that's pretty much what

235  
00:10:39,170 --> 00:10:37,440  
everybody even with Homeopathy people

236  
00:10:41,150 --> 00:10:39,180  
will swear by it they say it made this

237  
00:10:42,410 --> 00:10:41,160  
rash go away and made this go away and

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00:10:45,190 --> 00:10:42,420

it's done amazing things for this and

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that but of course it's got absolutely

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00:10:53,590 --> 00:10:50,579

no foundation in reality it's all you

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00:10:56,630 --> 00:10:53,600

know confirmation bias placebo effect

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and of course returning what is called

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regression to the mean which is

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basically a lot of diseases or disorders

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tend to go back to a more maintainable

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00:11:08,750 --> 00:11:07,260

stage where basically it disappears and

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00:11:10,970 --> 00:11:08,760

it might come back at a later time but

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00:11:11,990 --> 00:11:10,980

people of course associate this with all

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sorts of things that they're doing at

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the time right same mechanism by by uh

251  
00:11:20,030 --> 00:11:17,220  
full footballers you know where magic

252  
00:11:22,370 --> 00:11:20,040  
undies or soccer necklaces and don't

253  
00:11:24,889 --> 00:11:22,380  
wash their socks anyway but it's the

254  
00:11:27,050 --> 00:11:24,899  
same mechanism basically so that's the

255  
00:11:29,930 --> 00:11:27,060  
that's the science or lack thereof

256  
00:11:32,150 --> 00:11:29,940  
behind shilajit wow interesting stuff

257  
00:11:34,490 --> 00:11:32,160  
I'd never heard of it before of course I

258  
00:11:36,050 --> 00:11:34,500  
had heard of ayurvedic medicine you

259  
00:11:37,610 --> 00:11:36,060  
brought it to my attention and of course

260  
00:11:39,470 --> 00:11:37,620  
the thing is that a lot of people just

261  
00:11:41,990 --> 00:11:39,480  
assume that since this is natural this

262  
00:11:44,509 --> 00:11:42,000  
is again the naturalistic fallacy that

263  
00:11:46,310 --> 00:11:44,519

in because it's natural you can just

264

00:11:48,170 --> 00:11:46,320

sculp it down and there's going to be

265

00:11:52,130 --> 00:11:48,180

absolutely no side effects so of course

266

00:11:53,569 --> 00:11:52,140

that is not usually the case there is

267

00:11:55,910 --> 00:11:53,579

always if there is an effect there will

268

00:11:57,949 --> 00:11:55,920

be a side effect are there any known

269

00:11:59,449 --> 00:11:57,959

side effects like risks if you take too

270

00:12:02,569 --> 00:11:59,459

much Etc

271

00:12:05,050 --> 00:12:02,579

as far as side effects you shouldn't

272

00:12:07,130 --> 00:12:05,060

consume it raw or unprocessed

273

00:12:09,889 --> 00:12:07,140

you're just gonna lick it off the

274

00:12:12,650 --> 00:12:09,899

mountains well that was one of the the

275

00:12:14,990 --> 00:12:12,660

stories he told us was that you know

276

00:12:16,490 --> 00:12:15,000

memory is fickle so I might not get this

277

00:12:19,790 --> 00:12:16,500

right but what he was saying is that

278

00:12:22,730 --> 00:12:19,800

they'd observed monkeys licking the

279

00:12:25,130 --> 00:12:22,740

rocks that this was oozing out of and

280

00:12:28,190 --> 00:12:25,140

they noticed that these monkeys lived

281

00:12:31,250 --> 00:12:28,200

longer and therefore they thought it

282

00:12:33,050 --> 00:12:31,260

might help humans and it does according

283

00:12:35,630 --> 00:12:33,060

to him I thought that was an interesting

284

00:12:36,889 --> 00:12:35,640

story you haven't heard that one I

285

00:12:39,410 --> 00:12:36,899

haven't heard that one but it would be

286

00:12:42,410 --> 00:12:39,420

an interesting test to do

287

00:12:44,269 --> 00:12:42,420

to see how many people live longer the

288

00:12:46,850 --> 00:12:44,279

ones who consumed shilajit it's going to

289

00:12:49,250 --> 00:12:46,860

be difficult because you know mainstream

290

00:12:50,810 --> 00:12:49,260

medicine has already made people live a

291

00:12:52,610 --> 00:12:50,820

hell of a lot longer than they used to

292

00:12:54,350 --> 00:12:52,620

that's right which is why we are

293

00:12:56,810 --> 00:12:54,360

probably we're living in an age where we

294

00:12:58,910 --> 00:12:56,820

die more of lifestyle diseases and

295

00:13:02,329 --> 00:12:58,920

congenital diseases than we do of

296

00:13:04,990 --> 00:13:02,339

infections that's right yeah well it I

297

00:13:08,030 --> 00:13:05,000

just quickly looked up the monkey story

298

00:13:10,670 --> 00:13:08,040

according to one of the sellers this

299

00:13:13,790 --> 00:13:10,680

monkey story is actually ancient Indian

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00:13:15,470 --> 00:13:13,800

folklore so it is a story that's been

301  
00:13:18,170 --> 00:13:15,480  
carried down and passed down it's not a

302  
00:13:19,850 --> 00:13:18,180  
study and it's monkeys in the Himalayas

303  
00:13:21,889 --> 00:13:19,860  
would climb to the highest peaks to

304  
00:13:23,930 --> 00:13:21,899  
collect their sheilajit and they were

305  
00:13:26,870 --> 00:13:23,940  
said to be able to live for hundreds of

306  
00:13:29,690 --> 00:13:26,880  
years and possess extraordinary strength

307  
00:13:31,490 --> 00:13:29,700  
and vitality thanks to the sheilajit

308  
00:13:33,290 --> 00:13:31,500  
they consumed and they call it the

309  
00:13:35,269 --> 00:13:33,300  
monkey secret

310  
00:13:37,370 --> 00:13:35,279  
um as far as humans are concerned I

311  
00:13:40,550 --> 00:13:37,380  
don't think any of us as any Indians

312  
00:13:43,069 --> 00:13:40,560  
have lived to that level of uh you know

313  
00:13:52,870 --> 00:13:43,079

even the most Ardent Shield youth fans I

314

00:13:57,530 --> 00:13:55,730

by learning about the culture it is

315

00:13:59,090 --> 00:13:57,540

interesting it's where does this stuff

316

00:14:01,670 --> 00:13:59,100

come from I mean it's just it's

317

00:14:03,829 --> 00:14:01,680

anecdotal evidence handed down a few

318

00:14:05,569 --> 00:14:03,839

hundred years yeah uh maybe a couple of

319

00:14:08,050 --> 00:14:05,579

thousand and it's also appealing to what

320

00:14:12,490 --> 00:14:08,060

is that the appeal to Antiquity exactly

321

00:14:17,650 --> 00:14:12,500

Antiquity appeal to Nature appeal to

322

00:14:23,569 --> 00:14:20,389

of course in India monkeys are

323

00:14:26,509 --> 00:14:23,579

considered holy in many ways by many

324

00:14:28,190 --> 00:14:26,519

people because uh especially the you

325

00:14:30,590 --> 00:14:28,200

know the regular none of the male

326

00:14:33,350 --> 00:14:30,600

monkeys are supposed to have uh or be

327

00:14:36,050 --> 00:14:33,360

related to Hanuman who is the monkey God

328

00:14:39,410 --> 00:14:36,060

who was basically Ram's best friend from

329

00:14:43,850 --> 00:14:39,420

ramayan right so Ram is again another

330

00:14:47,389 --> 00:14:43,860

God King now considered a god basically

331

00:14:49,790 --> 00:14:47,399

um the monkey god Hanuman came down to

332

00:14:52,610 --> 00:14:49,800

help him and he he carried Mountains for

333

00:14:55,129 --> 00:14:52,620

him he opened his heart he literally

334

00:14:57,470 --> 00:14:55,139

opened his chest up and showed him the

335

00:14:59,210 --> 00:14:57,480

pureness of his heart etc etc and helped

336

00:15:00,350 --> 00:14:59,220

fight off the bad guys yeah so it's it's

337

00:15:03,769 --> 00:15:00,360

there's a lot of Monkey Business

338

00:15:06,350 --> 00:15:03,779

happening in our myths and legends and a

339

00:15:08,569 --> 00:15:06,360

lot of it is taken very seriously so so

340

00:15:11,449 --> 00:15:08,579

not surprising that this was part of his

341

00:15:14,509 --> 00:15:11,459

his story exactly that makes it uh makes

342

00:15:16,550 --> 00:15:14,519

it even more appealing to most Indians I

343

00:15:18,470 --> 00:15:16,560

would imagine oh fair enough so the the

344

00:15:21,470 --> 00:15:18,480

other thing that he brought up was that

345

00:15:24,889 --> 00:15:21,480

when he was 10 years old he went to a

346

00:15:27,829 --> 00:15:24,899

palm reader and I'm wondering how

347

00:15:31,009 --> 00:15:27,839

prevalent is palm reading in India

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00:15:33,230 --> 00:15:31,019

it's incredibly prevalent like every

349

00:15:35,090 --> 00:15:33,240

everyone basically I mean every second

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00:15:37,129 --> 00:15:35,100

person will if you meet at a party

351

00:15:38,629 --> 00:15:37,139

you'll say oh yes I I have done studies

352

00:15:40,009 --> 00:15:38,639

and palm reading and can I read your

353

00:15:42,290 --> 00:15:40,019

poem and they're like oh very

354

00:15:43,910 --> 00:15:42,300

interesting and uh you know they'll go

355

00:15:46,370 --> 00:15:43,920

through with it so I'm you know most of

356

00:15:48,829 --> 00:15:46,380

it is non-serious or people have had

357

00:15:50,810 --> 00:15:48,839

maybe cursory knowledge over read a book

358

00:15:53,509 --> 00:15:50,820

about it or something of that sort some

359

00:15:55,310 --> 00:15:53,519

can be uncannily good at it none that I

360

00:15:57,170 --> 00:15:55,320

have personally met palm reading is

361

00:16:00,230 --> 00:15:57,180

there's a there are institutes in of

362

00:16:02,930 --> 00:16:00,240

palmistry all over the country in fact

363

00:16:06,110 --> 00:16:02,940

um I went on a track once by the time we

364

00:16:09,350 --> 00:16:06,120

reached halfway I was pooped and I sat

365

00:16:10,670 --> 00:16:09,360

down and I noticed a Caucasian man a

366

00:16:12,769 --> 00:16:10,680

young Caucasian man sitting there

367

00:16:15,769 --> 00:16:12,779

peeling peas so I said what are you

368

00:16:18,230 --> 00:16:15,779

doing here if I may ask and he said well

369

00:16:20,870 --> 00:16:18,240

I I study at the palmistry school you

370

00:16:22,370 --> 00:16:20,880

know in the town and I just walk up here

371

00:16:25,550 --> 00:16:22,380

every now and then I help these guys

372

00:16:27,590 --> 00:16:25,560

with their bees or whatever else needs

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00:16:29,990 --> 00:16:27,600

to be done to cook their food and stuff

374

00:16:31,790 --> 00:16:30,000

like so I helped bring up stuff and I

375

00:16:34,610 --> 00:16:31,800

take down stuff I was like oh palmistry

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00:16:36,650 --> 00:16:34,620

is that's very interesting so uh so what

377

00:16:38,569 --> 00:16:36,660

do you uh how do you you know would you

378

00:16:40,009 --> 00:16:38,579

would like to read our palms so there's

379

00:16:42,650 --> 00:16:40,019

a friend of mine who was sitting next to

380

00:16:43,850 --> 00:16:42,660

me and she showed her palm and he read

381

00:16:44,930 --> 00:16:43,860

it and it's like oh you're not from

382

00:16:47,590 --> 00:16:44,940

around here

383

00:16:50,870 --> 00:16:47,600

it's just obvious I mean she's Chinese

384

00:16:52,370 --> 00:16:50,880

and and he he went on and said a lot of

385

00:16:53,870 --> 00:16:52,380

things and there was a full conversation

386

00:16:56,990 --> 00:16:53,880

happening so she was saying some things

387

00:16:58,910 --> 00:16:57,000

and he was responding and I I thought

388

00:17:01,389 --> 00:16:58,920

okay you know what when he comes to me

389

00:17:03,889 --> 00:17:01,399

I'm not going to tell him anything

390

00:17:07,189 --> 00:17:03,899

he's really good at Cold reading it

391

00:17:08,750 --> 00:17:07,199

sounds like exactly yeah so I just

392

00:17:12,169 --> 00:17:08,760

showed him my palm and I said okay go

393

00:17:16,130 --> 00:17:12,179

ahead what do you think he's like hmm

394

00:17:18,169 --> 00:17:16,140

so uh so what is it that a so you're uh

395

00:17:21,590 --> 00:17:18,179

where are you from I was like you tell

396

00:17:24,409 --> 00:17:21,600

me Ben I ain't saying nothing

397

00:17:26,390 --> 00:17:24,419

you look very hard to read I I think I

398

00:17:28,010 --> 00:17:26,400

think I think we're done for today but

399

00:17:29,450 --> 00:17:28,020

it's all right I mean maybe I'm just not

400

00:17:32,330 --> 00:17:29,460

having a good day I might be a little

401  
00:17:35,330 --> 00:17:32,340  
bit tired all right no problem it's cool

402  
00:17:37,669 --> 00:17:35,340  
go back to your peace long story short

403  
00:17:40,909 --> 00:17:37,679  
the anger it's extremely prevalent

404  
00:17:43,430 --> 00:17:40,919  
everybody does it and it's seriously

405  
00:17:45,950 --> 00:17:43,440  
believed it is taken very very seriously

406  
00:17:47,390 --> 00:17:45,960  
by most people so it's it's not

407  
00:17:49,610 --> 00:17:47,400  
something that nobody's mucking about

408  
00:17:52,549 --> 00:17:49,620  
they're very serious about palm reading

409  
00:17:55,010 --> 00:17:52,559  
interesting well average it has been

410  
00:17:57,710 --> 00:17:55,020  
such a pleasure talking to you today and

411  
00:18:00,350 --> 00:17:57,720  
thank you so much and I look forward to

412  
00:18:08,110 --> 00:18:00,360  
talking again soon it's my pleasure and

413  
00:18:13,250 --> 00:18:10,909

has to say check out his YouTube channel

414

00:18:16,490 --> 00:18:13,260  
called rationable or listen to his

415

00:18:18,350 --> 00:18:16,500  
podcast the rationable podcast found

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00:18:21,350 --> 00:18:18,360  
everywhere that podcasts are available

417

00:18:24,169 --> 00:18:21,360  
to get the latest episode soonest the

418

00:18:27,289 --> 00:18:24,179  
rationable podcast is now also on

419

00:18:28,190 --> 00:18:27,299  
YouTube until next time this is Adrian

420

00:18:46,610 --> 00:18:28,200  
Hill

421

00:18:49,010 --> 00:18:46,620  
here for those of you who would love an

422

00:18:52,190 --> 00:18:49,020  
excuse to visit Calgary besides the

423

00:18:54,650 --> 00:18:52,200  
maple syrup and mountains the Western

424

00:18:57,529 --> 00:18:54,660  
Canadian reason or we can reason

425

00:19:00,770 --> 00:18:57,539  
conference is happening May 5th and 6th

426

00:19:04,690 --> 00:19:00,780

we have a great lineup of both local and

427

00:19:09,529 --> 00:19:07,310

we have science communicator and secular

428

00:19:12,470 --> 00:19:09,539

activist Aaron Raw

429

00:19:13,610 --> 00:19:12,480

host of The Cue drops podcast Courtney

430

00:19:16,090 --> 00:19:13,620

heard

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00:19:18,289 --> 00:19:16,100

host of the divorcing religion podcast

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00:19:20,570 --> 00:19:18,299

Janice Selby

433

00:19:23,210 --> 00:19:20,580

co-host of the squaring the strange

434

00:19:24,110 --> 00:19:23,220

podcast and clever caricaturist Celestia

435

00:19:26,029 --> 00:19:24,120

Ward

436

00:19:28,010 --> 00:19:26,039

host of The Thinking Atheist podcast

437

00:19:30,590 --> 00:19:28,020

Seth Andrews

438

00:19:34,070 --> 00:19:30,600

noted pancake eating expert Richard

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00:19:37,250 --> 00:19:34,080

Saunders I'm so excited he's coming and

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00:19:39,710 --> 00:19:37,260

me Adrian Hill

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00:19:41,990 --> 00:19:39,720

and now Richard besides eating pancakes

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00:19:44,090 --> 00:19:42,000

and Real Canadian maple syrup what do

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00:19:47,950 --> 00:19:44,100

you plan to do at the conference

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00:19:51,470 --> 00:19:47,960

well if I'm not too full from pancakes

445

00:19:55,610 --> 00:19:51,480

we might be at the hotel Creek Friday

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00:19:58,490 --> 00:19:55,620

May 5 at 6 PM that's Calgary time for

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00:20:01,549 --> 00:19:58,500

registration and fun Celestia will be

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00:20:03,470 --> 00:20:01,559

drawing all your beautiful faces Lois

449

00:20:07,190 --> 00:20:03,480

Edwards and Adrian will be holding a

450

00:20:10,669 --> 00:20:07,200

trivia competition and I might be

451  
00:20:13,490 --> 00:20:10,679  
bending a spoon or three because good

452  
00:20:18,830 --> 00:20:13,500  
things happen in threes and folding some

453  
00:20:21,610 --> 00:20:18,840  
paper into Pegasus and Magic rabbits

454  
00:20:23,510 --> 00:20:21,620  
check out the website at

455  
00:20:25,850 --> 00:20:23,520  
[www.weekenreason.com](http://www.weekenreason.com) for more

456  
00:20:26,930 --> 00:20:25,860  
information on speakers hotel and

457  
00:20:29,150 --> 00:20:26,940  
activities

458  
00:20:31,810 --> 00:20:29,160  
hope to see you there or you might be

459  
00:20:47,590 --> 00:20:31,820  
you know sorry

460  
00:20:51,510 --> 00:20:47,600  
[Music]

461  
00:20:53,830 --> 00:20:51,520  
and now a reading from the book of Tim

462  
00:20:57,020 --> 00:20:53,840  
[Music]

463  
00:21:02,990 --> 00:20:57,030

with Tim Mendham

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00:21:05,570 --> 00:21:03,000

[Music]

465

00:21:06,950 --> 00:21:05,580

hi my name is Tim Mendham I'm the editor

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00:21:09,529 --> 00:21:06,960

of the Skeptics

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00:21:11,029 --> 00:21:09,539

quarterly magazine the skeptic and I'm

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00:21:13,669 --> 00:21:11,039

executive officer of Australians

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00:21:17,450 --> 00:21:13,679

Skeptics Inc today I'll be reading to

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00:21:20,150 --> 00:21:17,460

you from a very precious document this

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00:21:23,090 --> 00:21:20,160

is the very first issue of our escaping

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00:21:25,190 --> 00:21:23,100

magazine which came out as a four-page

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00:21:27,710 --> 00:21:25,200

tabloid size

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00:21:30,230 --> 00:21:27,720

rather sort of uh interestingly put

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00:21:32,990 --> 00:21:30,240

together but it was it's very rare in

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00:21:35,570 --> 00:21:33,000

fact the copy I have is the only one in

477

00:21:37,370 --> 00:21:35,580

existence uh Tim I've got one okay it's

478

00:21:39,950 --> 00:21:37,380

one of two in existence right there we

479

00:21:42,830 --> 00:21:39,960

have okay now I'm getting our scientific

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00:21:45,110 --> 00:21:42,840

archivist to bring out the copy uh in

481

00:21:47,090 --> 00:21:45,120

the in the box so we'll thank you

482

00:21:48,169 --> 00:21:47,100

Dolores okay we know Dolores is a

483

00:21:50,690 --> 00:21:48,179

scientist because she's wearing a white

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00:21:53,029 --> 00:21:50,700

lab coat okay and here we are getting

485

00:21:54,470 --> 00:21:53,039

the copy in front of us it's a bit

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00:21:57,110 --> 00:21:54,480

fragile so we have to be very careful

487

00:21:58,909 --> 00:21:57,120

with it but here we are this story is on

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00:22:00,950 --> 00:21:58,919

the front page the first story on the

489

00:22:02,390 --> 00:22:00,960

front page of the first issue of

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00:22:05,149 --> 00:22:02,400

Australians Skeptics magazine the

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00:22:08,570 --> 00:22:05,159

skeptic and it represents the first

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00:22:11,330 --> 00:22:08,580

investigation that we ever did so it's

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00:22:14,750 --> 00:22:11,340

pretty uh important historically

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00:22:15,890 --> 00:22:14,760

and it's called Skeptics test psychic

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00:22:17,390 --> 00:22:15,900

surgeon

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00:22:19,490 --> 00:22:17,400

it's written by Mark Plummer who was

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00:22:22,430 --> 00:22:19,500

then at that stage the president of the

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00:22:23,810 --> 00:22:22,440

skeptic and the editor of this glorious

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00:22:25,970 --> 00:22:23,820

magazine

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00:22:27,710 --> 00:22:25,980

now I should point out it's not psychic

501  
00:22:29,810 --> 00:22:27,720  
surgery as we know it it's a different

502  
00:22:31,300 --> 00:22:29,820  
sort of psychic surgery but you'll find

503  
00:22:35,510 --> 00:22:31,310  
that out as we go along

504  
00:22:40,310 --> 00:22:37,970  
and The Story Goes when a small

505  
00:22:43,610 --> 00:22:40,320  
paragraph advertisement in the age in a

506  
00:22:46,850 --> 00:22:43,620  
Melbourne newspaper on January 3rd 1981

507  
00:22:49,070 --> 00:22:46,860  
stated that an English medium psychic

508  
00:22:52,490 --> 00:22:49,080  
had the medium as in the spirit world

509  
00:22:54,350 --> 00:22:52,500  
not half done medium psychic certain

510  
00:22:56,870 --> 00:22:54,360  
would be commencing practice in

511  
00:22:58,130 --> 00:22:56,880  
Melbourne the Australian skeptic swung

512  
00:23:00,649 --> 00:22:58,140  
into action

513  
00:23:03,710 --> 00:23:00,659

the advertised numbers were rung and we

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00:23:05,990 --> 00:23:03,720

were told that Mr Roman di arkov acted

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00:23:08,690 --> 00:23:06,000

as a medium for deceased surgeons to

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00:23:10,490 --> 00:23:08,700

conduct psychic operations

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00:23:13,430 --> 00:23:10,500

an appointment was arranged for an

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00:23:16,250 --> 00:23:13,440

elderly patient and her son both in

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00:23:18,350 --> 00:23:16,260

quotes to attend for surgery

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00:23:21,830 --> 00:23:18,360

the patient was actually 73 year old

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00:23:24,590 --> 00:23:21,840

medical practitioner Dr Miffy bednell

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00:23:25,909 --> 00:23:24,600

and her son was magician Mike Wilton

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00:23:27,289 --> 00:23:25,919

a Committee Member of the Australian

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00:23:29,690 --> 00:23:27,299

Skeptics

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00:23:33,110 --> 00:23:29,700

our team is Dr beatnell and Mike Wilton

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00:23:36,169 --> 00:23:33,120

found that Mr diarkov's clinic located

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00:23:37,490 --> 00:23:36,179

in a new Villa unit at well I won't give

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00:23:39,289 --> 00:23:37,500

the address because in the Melbourne

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00:23:40,909 --> 00:23:39,299

suburb of Q

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00:23:42,710 --> 00:23:40,919

the family room of the Villa was the

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00:23:44,450 --> 00:23:42,720

reception area and the receptionist

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00:23:47,630 --> 00:23:44,460

nurse went to Great Lengths to reassure

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00:23:50,029 --> 00:23:47,640

the seemingly fragile elderly lady that

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00:23:52,190 --> 00:23:50,039

there would be no pain we were informed

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00:23:55,549 --> 00:23:52,200

there would be no blood either as Mr

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00:23:57,289 --> 00:23:55,559

diaco worked only on the psychic body

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00:23:59,750 --> 00:23:57,299

at the time surgery was a bit of a

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00:24:01,669 --> 00:23:59,760

misnomer the nurse assured our team that

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00:24:03,169 --> 00:24:01,679

operations done to date had been very

540

00:24:05,450 --> 00:24:03,179

successful

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00:24:08,750 --> 00:24:05,460

the archive left to prepare himself and

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00:24:10,430 --> 00:24:08,760

under white coat he's a scientist Wilton

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00:24:12,230 --> 00:24:10,440

was assured he would be able to observe

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00:24:13,850 --> 00:24:12,240

the treatment in the bedroom which

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00:24:14,810 --> 00:24:13,860

became the operating theater for the

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00:24:17,090 --> 00:24:14,820

night

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00:24:19,250 --> 00:24:17,100

with dim blue lighting and the strains

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00:24:21,649 --> 00:24:19,260

of Michael Rowe the poker Shore

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00:24:22,730 --> 00:24:21,659

Dr bednell was laid on the bed operating

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00:24:27,409 --> 00:24:22,740

table

551  
00:24:29,930 --> 00:24:27,419  
aircraft slowly stood then walked with a

552  
00:24:32,750 --> 00:24:29,940  
limp he had adopted the plumbing accent

553  
00:24:35,690 --> 00:24:32,760  
of a pommy Dr Roberts

554  
00:24:37,789 --> 00:24:35,700  
Dr Roberts this is the spirit that gets

555  
00:24:40,669 --> 00:24:37,799  
in his body then examined Dr bednil's

556  
00:24:42,049 --> 00:24:40,679  
Cranium with a special invisible psychic

557  
00:24:44,570 --> 00:24:42,059  
microscope

558  
00:24:46,190 --> 00:24:44,580  
Dr Roberts amazed our team with the

559  
00:24:49,250 --> 00:24:46,200  
Revelation that the brain was divided

560  
00:24:51,950 --> 00:24:49,260  
into two halves the left and the right

561  
00:24:53,029 --> 00:24:51,960  
stunning and was composed of millions of

562  
00:24:55,430 --> 00:24:53,039  
cells

563  
00:24:57,470 --> 00:24:55,440

Dr Robert stated that several of these

564

00:24:59,330 --> 00:24:57,480

naughty cells were misbehaving

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00:25:01,909 --> 00:24:59,340

themselves this was explained in

566

00:25:04,430 --> 00:25:01,919

layman's terms as being akin to a car

567

00:25:06,230 --> 00:25:04,440

motor with loose spark plugs

568

00:25:09,590 --> 00:25:06,240

the problem explained the treatment

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00:25:12,169 --> 00:25:09,600

began several special invisible psychic

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00:25:12,950 --> 00:25:12,179

tubes were inserted through Dr bednar's

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00:25:14,990 --> 00:25:12,960

head

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00:25:17,029 --> 00:25:15,000

threaded through the body and came out

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00:25:19,850 --> 00:25:17,039

through the soles of her feet

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00:25:21,950 --> 00:25:19,860

then all the quote bad fluids were

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00:25:24,049 --> 00:25:21,960

psychically drained from her body

576

00:25:25,610 --> 00:25:24,059

in the brain at the feet this was

577

00:25:27,470 --> 00:25:25,620

followed by the passing of hands down

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00:25:29,450 --> 00:25:27,480

the length of the body and the amazing

579

00:25:30,830 --> 00:25:29,460

discovery that one half of the patient's

580

00:25:32,930 --> 00:25:30,840

brain was hot

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00:25:35,210 --> 00:25:32,940

more passing of hands followed but

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00:25:37,190 --> 00:25:35,220

clearly a second opinion was needed so

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00:25:39,830 --> 00:25:37,200

Dr Roberts

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00:25:43,010 --> 00:25:39,840

left and missed the archive's body and

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00:25:45,110 --> 00:25:43,020

Dr Maurice supposedly a deceased French

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00:25:47,870 --> 00:25:45,120

gynecologist took over

587

00:25:50,029 --> 00:25:47,880

Dr Maurice's French accent had clearly

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00:25:52,490 --> 00:25:50,039

deteriorated since his death

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00:25:55,310 --> 00:25:52,500

say nothing of his diagnostic talents

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00:25:57,350 --> 00:25:55,320

for the diagnosis was that the patient's

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00:26:00,230 --> 00:25:57,360

stomach pains were caused by displaced

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00:26:01,730 --> 00:26:00,240

pelvic bones after the birth of her last

593

00:26:04,310 --> 00:26:01,740

child

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00:26:06,529 --> 00:26:04,320

lying on the bed at Dr beanel couldn't

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00:26:08,870 --> 00:26:06,539

remember having had any children not

596

00:26:11,090 --> 00:26:08,880

even a miscarriage nevertheless Dr

597

00:26:12,169 --> 00:26:11,100

Maurice also diagnosed deafness in her

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00:26:13,970 --> 00:26:12,179

left ear

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00:26:16,130 --> 00:26:13,980

a patient could remember deafness having

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00:26:17,570 --> 00:26:16,140

ever been a problem either but clearly

601  
00:26:19,730 --> 00:26:17,580  
this like the birth of her various

602  
00:26:22,310 --> 00:26:19,740  
children must have slipped her memory

603  
00:26:24,110 --> 00:26:22,320  
Dr Roberts returned then to wrap up the

604  
00:26:25,610 --> 00:26:24,120  
post-operative treatment

605  
00:26:27,769 --> 00:26:25,620  
the good lady would have to come back

606  
00:26:29,269 --> 00:26:27,779  
for further treatment naturally she

607  
00:26:31,669 --> 00:26:29,279  
would feel quite tired over the next few

608  
00:26:34,070 --> 00:26:31,679  
days and must drink plenty of water she

609  
00:26:35,810 --> 00:26:34,080  
would also pass more fluid than normal

610  
00:26:37,250 --> 00:26:35,820  
in those night Plummer comments one

611  
00:26:39,169 --> 00:26:37,260  
would hope that anyone drinking more

612  
00:26:40,610 --> 00:26:39,179  
water than normal would also pass more

613  
00:26:42,649 --> 00:26:40,620

water than normal

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00:26:44,690 --> 00:26:42,659

a team posed a few more questions for Dr

615

00:26:46,610 --> 00:26:44,700

Roberts to find out that he was a

616

00:26:49,010 --> 00:26:46,620

practicing brain surgeon at Saint

617

00:26:50,510 --> 00:26:49,020

Bartholomew's hospital before dying in

618

00:26:52,430 --> 00:26:50,520

1948.

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00:26:55,070 --> 00:26:52,440

before more questions could be put Dr

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00:26:58,430 --> 00:26:55,080

Roberts had to depart leaving us with Mr

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00:27:00,110 --> 00:26:58,440

diarkov to show our team out the door

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00:27:02,390 --> 00:27:00,120

the opinion of the Australians Skeptics

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00:27:04,789 --> 00:27:02,400

testing team in case you haven't guessed

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00:27:07,130 --> 00:27:04,799

about the utterances are the doctors who

625

00:27:09,409 --> 00:27:07,140

operated revealed a complete lack of any

626  
00:27:11,149 --> 00:27:09,419  
medical knowledge their diagnosis was

627  
00:27:13,430 --> 00:27:11,159  
wrong and the Hopeless French accent

628  
00:27:16,490 --> 00:27:13,440  
merely added to the conclusion that Mr

629  
00:27:18,350 --> 00:27:16,500  
diakoff was false

630  
00:27:20,870 --> 00:27:18,360  
have finally confirmed that of an

631  
00:27:23,930 --> 00:27:20,880  
American Federal Trade Court commission

632  
00:27:26,810 --> 00:27:23,940  
judgment in 75 that psychic surgery and

633  
00:27:28,310 --> 00:27:26,820  
psychic healing is pure fakery and fraud

634  
00:27:30,049 --> 00:27:28,320  
accomplished by the deception and

635  
00:27:32,630 --> 00:27:30,059  
trickery of the psychic surgeons to

636  
00:27:35,330 --> 00:27:32,640  
deceive trusting persons into the false

637  
00:27:37,070 --> 00:27:35,340  
and mistaken belief that human bodies

638  
00:27:39,649 --> 00:27:37,080

have been opened with the bare hands

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00:27:42,289 --> 00:27:39,659

disease material or disease causing

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00:27:44,690 --> 00:27:42,299

material removed and the incision closed

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00:27:46,669 --> 00:27:44,700

or without pain or suffering

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00:27:48,289 --> 00:27:46,679

can Mr dankov

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00:27:49,850 --> 00:27:48,299

if you can reach him on the advertised

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00:27:51,409 --> 00:27:49,860

phone numbers please tell him the

645

00:27:53,870 --> 00:27:51,419

Australian Skeptics are wondering how to

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00:27:56,090 --> 00:27:53,880

explain the item in their books psychic

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00:27:59,590 --> 00:27:56,100

surgery fee twenty dollars to their

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00:28:06,649 --> 00:28:02,810

and that's the skeptic magazine volume

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00:28:09,409 --> 00:28:06,659

one number one page one and the first

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00:28:11,149 --> 00:28:09,419

test of these Skeptics ever did of a

651  
00:28:13,010 --> 00:28:11,159  
psychic surgeon not the sort of reaches

652  
00:28:16,310 --> 00:28:13,020  
into your body but the one who drains

653  
00:28:19,430 --> 00:28:16,320  
the bad psychic spark plugs out of your

654  
00:28:22,010 --> 00:28:19,440  
body with the help of a badly accented

655  
00:28:24,769 --> 00:28:22,020  
French surgeon

656  
00:28:28,070 --> 00:28:24,779  
and you can read that on the website by

657  
00:28:30,529 --> 00:28:28,080  
looking up volume one number one on the

658  
00:28:32,409 --> 00:28:30,539  
website on the magazine section of

659  
00:28:35,269 --> 00:28:32,419  
skeptics.com

660  
00:28:37,850 --> 00:28:35,279  
you can download it for free and read

661  
00:28:40,130 --> 00:28:37,860  
the exciting story of Mr dunkov we'll

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hit you like

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Hall MD known to thousands as the

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skeptalk was a retired family physician

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and former Air Force flight surgeon who

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00:29:07,570 --> 00:29:05,760

wrote about medicine so-called

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complementary and Alternative Medicine

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Science quackery and critical thinking

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Harriet produced a free online course of

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10 video lectures on science-based

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medicine and alternative medicine

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the videos and an accompanying course

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guide can be found by following the link

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skipdoc.info or by visiting tinyurl.com

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topics covered in the series are

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science-based medicine versus

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evidence-based medicine what is Cam

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Chiropractic acupuncture Homeopathy

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naturopathy and herbal medicine Energy

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Medicine miscellaneous Alternatives

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pitfalls in research and science-based

686

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Medicine in the media and politics

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Harriet covers each Topic in a matter of

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fact no-nonsense way that is sure to

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educate and entertain

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series

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now it's time to dive back into the

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trove.nla.gov.au of course the online

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resource from the Australian government

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and the National Library of Australia

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choco block full of digital archives

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digital Recreations of newspapers and

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magazines and so on now last week we

701  
00:30:57,590 --> 00:30:55,380  
looked at some references to the famous

702  
00:31:00,010 --> 00:30:57,600  
author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle the

703  
00:31:03,409 --> 00:31:00,020  
creator of Sherlock Holmes

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00:31:06,950 --> 00:31:03,419  
and we mentioned the fact that he

705  
00:31:09,169 --> 00:31:06,960  
believed in fairies at the bottom of the

706  
00:31:12,169 --> 00:31:09,179  
garden and this was to do with the

707  
00:31:13,970 --> 00:31:12,179  
cottingley fairies incident and

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00:31:16,430 --> 00:31:13,980  
according to Wikipedia

709  
00:31:18,889 --> 00:31:16,440  
the cottingly fairies appear in a series

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00:31:23,110 --> 00:31:18,899  
of five photographs taken by Elsie

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00:31:26,810 --> 00:31:23,120  
Wright 1901 to 1988 and Francis Griffith

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00:31:29,590 --> 00:31:26,820  
1907 to 1986 two young cousins who lived

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00:31:32,990 --> 00:31:29,600

in cottingley near Bradford in England

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in 1917 when the first two photographs

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were taken Elsie was 16 and Francis was

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nine the pictures came to the attention

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of the writer Sir Arthur Conan Doyle who

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used them to illustrate an article on

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fairies he had been commissioned to

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write for the Christmas 1920 edition of

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The Strand magazine Doyle as a

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spiritualist was enthusiastic about the

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photographs and interpreted them as

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00:32:03,230 --> 00:31:59,820

clear and visible evidence of psychic

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phenomena public reaction was mixed some

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accepted the images as genuine others

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believed that they had been fake it goes

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on to say in the early 1980s Elsie and

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Francis admitted the photograph were

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00:32:20,269 --> 00:32:18,000

faked using cardboard cutouts of fairies

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copied from a popular children's book of

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00:32:25,730 --> 00:32:23,220

the time but Francis maintained that the

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00:32:28,190 --> 00:32:25,740

fifth and final photograph was genuine

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as of 2019 the photographs and the

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cameras used are in the collections of

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00:32:35,289 --> 00:32:33,600

the National Science media Museum in

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Bradford England

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and this page also of course has copies

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of the photographs themselves with the

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two young girls in linear in the garden

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in the woods there surrounded by dancing

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00:32:51,470 --> 00:32:48,980

and flying fairies

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and indeed there's a

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00:32:58,210 --> 00:32:55,620

and exert from a book where the girls

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00:33:00,649 --> 00:32:58,220

got the original illustrations from

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bearing all that in mind let's have a

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look at some of the reports as reported

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here in Australia

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started in the year 1920 on the 4th of

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December in the Maitland weekly Mercury

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fairies photographed Conan Doyle's

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theories the times cable London November

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25 that fairies actually exist and have

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been photographed is seriously asserted

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00:33:42,769 --> 00:33:39,659

the photographs have been reproduced and

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resemble storybook illustrations one is

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shown playing a red pipe another is

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pivoting on a toadstool

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Sir Arthur Conan Doyle suggests that

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fairies are a compound of a butterfly

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and a human being

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and now in the year 1921 the 15th of

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January the Daily Telegraph Sydney

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00:34:08,950 --> 00:34:05,820

the we folk are they fairies so Arthur

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00:34:11,510 --> 00:34:08,960

Conan Doyle's belief a remarkable story

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00:34:14,389 --> 00:34:11,520

some very interesting statements in

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emphasis of the existence of fairies

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were made by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in

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the course of an interview with a

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representative of the Daily Mail

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Brisbane I consider this the famous

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Englishman said and of course Sir Arthur

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Conan Doyle was Scottish not English but

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never mind to be the greatest thing that

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has happened in the way of Discovery

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00:34:36,050 --> 00:34:35,159

since Christopher Columbus discovered

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America

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it should be made clear that there is no

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distinct Affinity between this subject

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and spiritualism proper herein lies the

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reason why Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has

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not previously touched upon the subject

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in Australia I have not ventilated the

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question of fairy life he said because I

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00:34:58,609 --> 00:34:56,159

was afraid it might obscure my main

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issue which is of course the survival of

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the soul and the conditions under which

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00:35:06,950 --> 00:35:04,740

it continues its career it was pointed

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out to Sir Arthur that cable messages

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00:35:12,470 --> 00:35:09,240

had already referred briefly to his

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belief in the matter and that there was

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a possibility of many people confusing

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00:35:19,069 --> 00:35:18,240

fairies with human Spirits whereupon he

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00:35:22,010 --> 00:35:19,079

said

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00:35:24,290 --> 00:35:22,020

well I have no objection to saying a few

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00:35:26,150 --> 00:35:24,300

words now upon this subject especially

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as the Christmas number of the Strand

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magazine is due here any day and it will

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00:35:33,530 --> 00:35:31,859

be found to contain two excellent

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00:35:36,710 --> 00:35:33,540

photographs of these extraordinary

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Little Creatures I look upon it as a

803

00:35:41,890 --> 00:35:39,180

great privilege in my life he continued

804

00:35:45,050 --> 00:35:41,900

that I have been permitted to follow up

805

00:35:47,690 --> 00:35:45,060

the clue which led to this strange

806

00:35:49,849 --> 00:35:47,700

development and which gave actual proof

807

00:35:52,690 --> 00:35:49,859

of the existence of forms of life which

808

00:35:55,730 --> 00:35:52,700

have always been testified

809

00:35:58,370 --> 00:35:55,740

to by certain members of the human race

810

00:36:01,310 --> 00:35:58,380

but which it has hitherto been

811

00:36:02,150 --> 00:36:01,320

impossible to prove the story is briefly

812

00:36:04,310 --> 00:36:02,160

this

813

00:36:06,770 --> 00:36:04,320

two young children living in Yorkshire

814

00:36:08,690 --> 00:36:06,780

were accustomed to play in a wood behind

815

00:36:11,450 --> 00:36:08,700

their house and they continually

816

00:36:14,810 --> 00:36:11,460

described to their father the fairies

817

00:36:18,230 --> 00:36:14,820

which they saw the father an intelligent

818

00:36:20,990 --> 00:36:18,240

working man was quite agnostic and

819

00:36:23,930 --> 00:36:21,000

inclined to be skeptical he was induced

820

00:36:26,329 --> 00:36:23,940

however to allow the children to use his

821

00:36:28,670 --> 00:36:26,339

camera and when they returned in the

822

00:36:31,010 --> 00:36:28,680

evening with actual photographs of the

823

00:36:32,870 --> 00:36:31,020

fairies all doubts were set aside the

824

00:36:36,410 --> 00:36:32,880

family did not attempt to exploit the

825

00:36:38,810 --> 00:36:36,420

fact on the country they rather hushed

826

00:36:41,089 --> 00:36:38,820

it up it was three years after I heard

827

00:36:43,790 --> 00:36:41,099

of the existence of these photographs

828

00:36:46,910 --> 00:36:43,800

and with the help of Mr Gardner a

829

00:36:49,730 --> 00:36:46,920

well-known theosophist I traced them to

830

00:36:52,069 --> 00:36:49,740

their source Mr Gardner got hold of the

831

00:36:54,770 --> 00:36:52,079

negatives and we had them submitted to a

832

00:36:57,890 --> 00:36:54,780

well-known experts who certainly could

833

00:36:59,089 --> 00:36:57,900

not be deceived by Little Village

834

00:37:02,150 --> 00:36:59,099

children

835

00:37:05,870 --> 00:37:02,160

we enlarged the pictures eight foot in

836

00:37:08,690 --> 00:37:05,880

an attempt to find some floor but we

837

00:37:11,089 --> 00:37:08,700

were quite unable to do so

838

00:37:13,069 --> 00:37:11,099

we then interviewed everybody concerned

839

00:37:15,890 --> 00:37:13,079

and found that the family in question

840

00:37:18,950 --> 00:37:15,900

were honest good people quite incapable

841

00:37:20,630 --> 00:37:18,960

of Senseless deception in the meantime

842

00:37:23,450 --> 00:37:20,640

the two children had been separated

843

00:37:26,870 --> 00:37:23,460

apparently it is only when they are

844

00:37:29,270 --> 00:37:26,880

together that their mediumistic power is

845

00:37:32,089 --> 00:37:29,280

such that the fairies can use it we

846

00:37:34,250 --> 00:37:32,099

therefore took some trouble to reunite

847

00:37:37,430 --> 00:37:34,260

the two children after which we put them

848

00:37:39,589 --> 00:37:37,440

once more in the same wood and furnish

849

00:37:41,990 --> 00:37:39,599

them with a new camera I am not at

850

00:37:44,810 --> 00:37:42,000

Liberty to say yet what the results were

851  
00:37:48,050 --> 00:37:44,820  
as I am not in touch with Mr Gardner but

852  
00:37:51,290 --> 00:37:48,060  
I can go as far as to say that they were

853  
00:37:52,910 --> 00:37:51,300  
very astounding and that they surpassed

854  
00:37:55,069 --> 00:37:52,920  
those which we have published in the

855  
00:37:57,109 --> 00:37:55,079  
magazine I consider this to be the

856  
00:37:59,390 --> 00:37:57,119  
greatest thing that has happened in the

857  
00:38:02,510 --> 00:37:59,400  
way of Discovery since Christopher

858  
00:38:05,150 --> 00:38:02,520  
Columbus discovered America in fact it

859  
00:38:07,849 --> 00:38:05,160  
is a larger event than that as it

860  
00:38:11,450 --> 00:38:07,859  
reveals A Whole New World parallel to

861  
00:38:15,950 --> 00:38:11,460  
our own and divided by an exceedingly

862  
00:38:18,349 --> 00:38:15,960  
thin petition which a child's hand has

863  
00:38:21,349 --> 00:38:18,359

broken down there are many psychic

864

00:38:24,230 --> 00:38:21,359

children there are many cameras there

865

00:38:26,030 --> 00:38:24,240

are many woods we shall soon learn a

866

00:38:29,810 --> 00:38:26,040

great deal which will make our country

867

00:38:32,210 --> 00:38:29,820

walks infinitely more interesting in a

868

00:38:34,609 --> 00:38:32,220

reply to a question sir Conan Doyle said

869

00:38:37,730 --> 00:38:34,619

he could say nothing regarding the

870

00:38:39,950 --> 00:38:37,740

speech of fairies from the fact however

871

00:38:42,290 --> 00:38:39,960

that a photograph showed one of the

872

00:38:45,109 --> 00:38:42,300

little creatures to be using a small

873

00:38:47,810 --> 00:38:45,119

musical instrument it was evident that

874

00:38:48,770 --> 00:38:47,820

they had their own polity and domestic

875

00:38:51,290 --> 00:38:48,780

life

876

00:38:55,609 --> 00:38:51,300

now there's a word that I was unfamiliar

877

00:38:58,010 --> 00:38:55,619

with polity a form or process of civil

878

00:38:59,690 --> 00:38:58,020

government or Constitution

879

00:39:02,510 --> 00:38:59,700

polity

880

00:39:05,210 --> 00:39:02,520

the photographing question as shown by

881

00:39:08,569 --> 00:39:05,220

Sir Arthur is certainly a very pretty

882

00:39:12,109 --> 00:39:08,579

picture a fairy figure harmonizing with

883

00:39:15,950 --> 00:39:12,119

the best human conception of the we folk

884

00:39:18,589 --> 00:39:15,960

is distinctly seen with a trumpet-like

885

00:39:21,230 --> 00:39:18,599

musical instrument to his lips beside

886

00:39:24,650 --> 00:39:21,240

the girl in a second photograph there is

887

00:39:28,069 --> 00:39:24,660

quite a troop of the daintly Ethereal

888

00:39:30,230 --> 00:39:28,079

figures surrounding the child and in yet

889

00:39:33,770 --> 00:39:30,240

another print the girl is associating

890

00:39:35,329 --> 00:39:33,780

with a quaint little Goblin

891

00:39:38,870 --> 00:39:35,339

well

892

00:39:42,069 --> 00:39:38,880

try to put yourself back in to the

893

00:39:47,089 --> 00:39:42,079

period of these photographs

894

00:39:49,550 --> 00:39:47,099

1917 and this report is from 1921.

895

00:39:51,109 --> 00:39:49,560

it's all very well with hindsight and

896

00:39:52,250 --> 00:39:51,119

looking at these photographs seeing

897

00:39:54,770 --> 00:39:52,260

clearly that they're just cardboard

898

00:39:56,510 --> 00:39:54,780

cutouts but at the time and if you are

899

00:39:58,730 --> 00:39:56,520

especially inclined to believe in these

900

00:40:01,069 --> 00:39:58,740

sort of things as Arthur Conan Doyle was

901  
00:40:04,250 --> 00:40:01,079  
well

902  
00:40:07,130 --> 00:40:04,260  
we can all be fooled and now from the

903  
00:40:10,490 --> 00:40:07,140  
year 1922 on the 9th of December the

904  
00:40:11,569 --> 00:40:10,500  
daily mail from Brisbane Conan Doyle's

905  
00:40:15,470 --> 00:40:11,579  
fairies

906  
00:40:17,450 --> 00:40:15,480  
sir Conan Doyle is at it again he has

907  
00:40:20,510 --> 00:40:17,460  
just published a book about fairies

908  
00:40:23,930 --> 00:40:20,520  
Illustrated with portraits of them many

909  
00:40:27,230 --> 00:40:23,940  
big literary men make the boast of

910  
00:40:29,450 --> 00:40:27,240  
believing in fairies and such belief is

911  
00:40:33,349 --> 00:40:29,460  
supposed to indicate great superiority

912  
00:40:36,530 --> 00:40:33,359  
of mind so Conan nevertheless does not

913  
00:40:39,349 --> 00:40:36,540

vouch for the authenticity of the facts

914

00:40:41,810 --> 00:40:39,359

he has gathered however it is quite

915

00:40:46,010 --> 00:40:41,820

probable according to those fairy

916

00:40:49,430 --> 00:40:46,020

stories that the kitty of Tomorrow will

917

00:40:53,210 --> 00:40:49,440

reject granddad's story of Once Upon a

918

00:40:56,569 --> 00:40:53,220

Time with scorn by saying

919

00:40:59,990 --> 00:40:56,579

quote Oh but the fairies I was talking

920

00:41:02,810 --> 00:41:00,000

to today said that those Yarns of yours

921

00:41:06,349 --> 00:41:02,820

are all Bosh they have no record of them

922

00:41:08,030 --> 00:41:06,359

in their history books end quote now of

923

00:41:10,069 --> 00:41:08,040

course there are many more references to

924

00:41:14,410 --> 00:41:10,079

us so Arthur Conan Doyle and photographs

925

00:41:18,349 --> 00:41:14,420

but will end in the year 1983

926  
00:41:19,690 --> 00:41:18,359  
1983 on the 21st of March the Canberra

927  
00:41:23,150 --> 00:41:19,700  
times

928  
00:41:26,030 --> 00:41:23,160  
reputations in tatters so Arthur Conan

929  
00:41:30,069 --> 00:41:26,040  
Doyle misses Elementary clue famous

930  
00:41:33,770 --> 00:41:30,079  
fairy photos fakes London Sunday

931  
00:41:35,990 --> 00:41:33,780  
Australian Associated Press times the

932  
00:41:38,270 --> 00:41:36,000  
reputations of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

933  
00:41:40,730 --> 00:41:38,280  
creator of Sherlock Holmes and the

934  
00:41:44,030 --> 00:41:40,740  
world's most famous fairies are in

935  
00:41:45,530 --> 00:41:44,040  
tatters Francis Griffith one of the two

936  
00:41:48,050 --> 00:41:45,540  
girls who created an international

937  
00:41:49,670 --> 00:41:48,060  
sensation more than 60 years ago with

938  
00:41:53,690 --> 00:41:49,680

their photographs of the fairies in

939

00:41:56,569 --> 00:41:53,700

cuttingly Dell near Bingley Yorkshire as

940

00:41:59,630 --> 00:41:56,579

admitted to the times London that the

941

00:42:02,030 --> 00:41:59,640

pictures were fakes and Sir Arthur Conan

942

00:42:06,130 --> 00:42:02,040

Doyle was not simply taken in by two

943

00:42:09,650 --> 00:42:06,140

girls then aged 10 and 16 but actually

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00:42:12,349 --> 00:42:09,660

misinterpreted a vital clue when it was

945

00:42:15,050 --> 00:42:12,359

staring him in the face desperate for

946

00:42:17,510 --> 00:42:15,060

evidence of the Paranormal when he saw

947

00:42:20,089 --> 00:42:17,520

it was actually a hat pin holding down a

948

00:42:24,230 --> 00:42:20,099

cut out illustration of a goblin

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00:42:26,690 --> 00:42:24,240

he described it as evidence of a fairy

950

00:42:28,970 --> 00:42:26,700

Naval proof he told Valor researchers

951  
00:42:31,370 --> 00:42:28,980  
into psychic phenomena that the

952  
00:42:32,569 --> 00:42:31,380  
creatures reproduced in the same manner

953  
00:42:35,870 --> 00:42:32,579  
as humans

954  
00:42:39,530 --> 00:42:35,880  
his findings sparked about a fairy fever

955  
00:42:41,930 --> 00:42:39,540  
in which Mr Edward L Gardner National

956  
00:42:45,050 --> 00:42:41,940  
Secretary of the theosophical society

957  
00:42:48,349 --> 00:42:45,060  
declared that fairies worked inside the

958  
00:42:51,829 --> 00:42:48,359  
stems of flowers tinted petals and gave

959  
00:42:55,609 --> 00:42:51,839  
warm green color to the leaves Mrs

960  
00:42:57,530 --> 00:42:55,619  
Griffis now 76 has been dogged by the

961  
00:43:00,230 --> 00:42:57,540  
story of the cuttingly fairies all her

962  
00:43:02,270 --> 00:43:00,240  
life she has promised to reveal the

963  
00:43:04,910 --> 00:43:02,280

secrets of the fakes in a book she is

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00:43:06,710 --> 00:43:04,920

writing she said last week that most of

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00:43:09,950 --> 00:43:06,720

the photographs were faked using

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00:43:12,589 --> 00:43:09,960

illustrations and hat pins but insisted

967

00:43:15,170 --> 00:43:12,599

that one was genuine the photographs

968

00:43:19,309 --> 00:43:15,180

were taken by Mrs Griffis and her cousin

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00:43:21,910 --> 00:43:19,319

Elsie Wright in 1917. LC right now 82

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00:43:25,430 --> 00:43:21,920

was reluctant to discuss her cousin's

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00:43:29,870 --> 00:43:25,440

confession but said she was proud of the

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00:43:33,290 --> 00:43:29,880

one so-called genuine photograph it was

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00:43:35,750 --> 00:43:33,300

a brilliant idea she said Francis was

974

00:43:38,569 --> 00:43:35,760

not there at the time and I just saw a

975

00:43:41,270 --> 00:43:38,579

way to take it I have never even told my

976  
00:43:43,430 --> 00:43:41,280  
son and husband how I did it and I will

977  
00:43:45,530 --> 00:43:43,440  
swear on the Bible that my father had

978  
00:43:47,569 --> 00:43:45,540  
nothing to do with it but I will not

979  
00:43:50,510 --> 00:43:47,579  
swear on the Bible that they are real

980  
00:43:53,329 --> 00:43:50,520  
fairies like her cousin she is also

981  
00:43:55,970 --> 00:43:53,339  
promising to reveal nearly all in an

982  
00:43:57,710 --> 00:43:55,980  
autobiography the story of the girls in

983  
00:44:00,589 --> 00:43:57,720  
their fairies was made into a BBC

984  
00:44:03,650 --> 00:44:00,599  
television program five years ago they

985  
00:44:05,930 --> 00:44:03,660  
have always until now insisted the

986  
00:44:08,089 --> 00:44:05,940  
pictures were genuine the photographs

987  
00:44:09,950 --> 00:44:08,099  
came to light when the girls after being

988  
00:44:12,170 --> 00:44:09,960

scolded for saying they were late

989

00:44:15,230 --> 00:44:12,180

because they were playing with fairies

990

00:44:17,150 --> 00:44:15,240

borrowed a camera and later produced a

991

00:44:20,089 --> 00:44:17,160

photograph of several dancing figures

992

00:44:22,430 --> 00:44:20,099

they took other similar pictures as

993

00:44:24,770 --> 00:44:22,440

their Fame grew the hunt for the truth

994

00:44:26,809 --> 00:44:24,780

about the fairies created small fortunes

995

00:44:29,990 --> 00:44:26,819

for several people but all the girls

996

00:44:33,349 --> 00:44:30,000

received was the equivalent of 36

997

00:44:35,990 --> 00:44:33,359

Australian dollars each now to round off

998

00:44:40,370 --> 00:44:36,000

this segment I'll play a short clip from

999

00:44:41,690 --> 00:44:40,380

a TV series made in the UK in 1991 James

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00:44:44,030 --> 00:44:41,700

Randy

1001

00:44:46,910 --> 00:44:44,040

psychic investigator

1002

00:44:50,630 --> 00:44:46,920

now you can find this whole series

1003

00:44:52,430 --> 00:44:50,640

on various places on YouTube but this

1004

00:44:54,470 --> 00:44:52,440

particular episode or this part of this

1005

00:44:56,809 --> 00:44:54,480

particular episode dealt with the

1006

00:44:58,730 --> 00:44:56,819

cottingly fairies the claims of

1007

00:45:02,089 --> 00:44:58,740

spiritualism have been with us for years

1008

00:45:04,550 --> 00:45:02,099

a 1917 two young girls in Yorkshire

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00:45:07,010 --> 00:45:04,560

fooled the world with these photos of

1010

00:45:09,470 --> 00:45:07,020

fairies one of their main supporters was

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00:45:12,349 --> 00:45:09,480

the great writer Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

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00:45:14,210 --> 00:45:12,359

who was a fervent spiritualist himself

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00:45:17,150 --> 00:45:14,220

and here we are by the favorite

1014

00:45:19,550 --> 00:45:17,160

waterfall at the back of the right home

1015

00:45:22,250 --> 00:45:19,560

in cottling where photograph number

1016

00:45:25,490 --> 00:45:22,260

one the most important of all five was

1017

00:45:28,250 --> 00:45:25,500

taken while think of branches behind the

1018

00:45:30,589 --> 00:45:28,260

cutouts I'm taking the place of Brampton

1019

00:45:32,390 --> 00:45:30,599

where you see it with a waterfall that

1020

00:45:34,430 --> 00:45:32,400

was a clue to the whole thing that

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00:45:36,290 --> 00:45:34,440

should have tripped everybody off with

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00:45:38,870 --> 00:45:36,300

the secret of the host

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00:45:41,150 --> 00:45:38,880

the waterfall in the original picture is

1024

00:45:43,250 --> 00:45:41,160

heavily blurred because it took at least

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00:45:45,770 --> 00:45:43,260

a 10 second Soldier to break that

1026  
00:45:48,890 --> 00:45:45,780  
photograph while the wings of the ferry

1027  
00:45:51,050 --> 00:45:48,900  
are perfectly sharp and clear and those

1028  
00:45:54,530 --> 00:45:51,060  
wings should have been buttering very

1029  
00:45:56,750 --> 00:45:54,540  
rapidly an obvious flow but no one

1030  
00:45:59,450 --> 00:45:56,760  
spotted it

1031  
00:46:01,430 --> 00:45:59,460  
in later life Elsie explained how she

1032  
00:46:04,030 --> 00:46:01,440  
used these illustrations from a popular

1033  
00:46:07,089 --> 00:46:04,040  
children's book

1034  
00:46:10,430 --> 00:46:07,099  
because the gloves the goals

1035  
00:46:13,490 --> 00:46:10,440  
and the the glass just around the waist

1036  
00:46:14,990 --> 00:46:13,500  
and put the wings on and then we cut

1037  
00:46:16,849 --> 00:46:15,000  
them out

1038  
00:46:19,550 --> 00:46:16,859

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and the

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00:46:22,069 --> 00:46:19,560

cottingley fairies a wonderful chapter

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00:46:24,109 --> 00:46:22,079

in skeptical history

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00:46:26,569 --> 00:46:24,119

and you too can find out lots more

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00:46:29,770 --> 00:46:26,579

wonderful chapters and articles and

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00:46:32,329 --> 00:46:29,780

information when you visit Trove at

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00:46:35,510 --> 00:46:32,339

trove.nla.gov dot a u put in your search

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00:46:38,490 --> 00:46:35,520

and you never know what you might find

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foreign

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thank you for listening to the skeptic

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Zone podcast on next week's show Tim

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00:47:04,870 --> 00:47:01,680

Mendham turns the table on me and

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00:47:07,190 --> 00:47:04,880

interviews me about skeptical

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00:47:09,470 --> 00:47:07,200

investigations will also have the

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Australian Skeptics newsletter and part

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three of our series on Serato Conan

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Doyle where we look at the relationship

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between Conan Doyle and Harry Houdini

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also coming up on next week's show some

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uh hopefully some interviews from Canada

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from the week and reason conference or

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maybe not maybe it might be a bit too

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soon

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because it is on the weekend anyway I'll

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see what I can do

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thank you to all those people who see

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what they can do and contribute to the

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patreon or PayPal your contribution

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means the show keeps going

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but for this week from beautiful bend in

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Oregon this is Richard Saunders signing

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skeptic zone are not necessarily those

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of Australian Skeptics or any other

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skeptical organization

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I'm not used to this sort of at least

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more professional

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Tim is in the skeptic Zone Studios and

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00:49:01,210 --> 00:48:58,380

he is demolishing the studios the

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00:49:03,470 --> 00:49:01,220

paneling's coming down

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00:49:05,150 --> 00:49:03,480

they didn't have the mastics well

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00:49:07,849 --> 00:49:05,160

honestly yeah yeah and we forgot the

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00:49:09,170 --> 00:49:07,859

Black Jelly mate beans I'm leaving I'm

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sorry it's not good enough right the

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beers downstairs

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00:49:17,750 --> 00:49:15,599

book of Tim book of Tim let me um can

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you pass me that notepad up there

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get out and all the delicate stuff on it

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all the delicate stuff on it that's

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right

1101  
00:49:28,670 --> 00:49:25,520  
thank you

1102  
00:49:31,190 --> 00:49:28,680  
so uh

1103  
00:49:34,010 --> 00:49:31,200  
bot in other words known as book of Tim

1104  
00:49:45,890 --> 00:49:34,020  
and this is volume in one and you put in

1105  
00:49:53,329 --> 00:49:48,410  
it's actually called Skeptics test

1106  
00:49:56,510 --> 00:49:53,339  
psychic surgeon by Mark Palama ah

1107  
00:49:58,430 --> 00:49:56,520  
it's only got one okay it is

1108  
00:50:00,710 --> 00:49:58,440  
all right this is the book of Tim and

1109  
00:50:02,050 --> 00:50:00,720  
you'll hear me clearly right you can

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00:50:05,089 --> 00:50:02,060  
hear me clearly yeah

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00:50:06,950 --> 00:50:05,099  
in the recording it's only your

1112  
00:50:08,990 --> 00:50:06,960  
microphone right it's going to be used

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00:50:10,130 --> 00:50:09,000

all right if we can pick up my stomach

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00:50:13,130 --> 00:50:10,140

it's gonna pick up you in the background

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00:50:14,870 --> 00:50:13,140

well I won't make it except for when I

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00:50:17,450 --> 00:50:14,880

say yes this is the only copy in

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00:50:19,550 --> 00:50:17,460

existence right and then you say no it's

1118

00:50:22,790 --> 00:50:19,560

not it's like I've got one I've got one

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00:50:26,390 --> 00:50:22,800

please get the line right here can you

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00:50:27,470 --> 00:50:26,400

can you believe it okay I'll say it as a

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00:50:30,109 --> 00:50:27,480

Greek god

1122

00:50:32,030 --> 00:50:30,119

no no you say there's a rather pathetic

1123

00:50:33,770 --> 00:50:32,040

figure in the background if you want I

1124

00:50:36,170 --> 00:50:33,780

am a rather pathetic figure there we are