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QAnon Conspiracies  
with Adrienne Hill  
and Courtney Heard

Local skepticism with  
Susan Gerbic and Greg Roe

Australian Skeptics News  
with Adrienne Hill

TROVE looks at  
India



**Adrienne Hill**



**Richard Saunders**



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00:00:13,920 --> 00:00:09,049  
welcome to the skeptic Zone the podcast

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00:00:16,900 --> 00:00:13,930  
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:24,050 --> 00:00:16,910  
[Applause]

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00:00:30,429 --> 00:00:25,790  
yes it's the skeptic Zone podcast

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00:00:33,590 --> 00:00:30,439  
episode number 765 for the 4th of June

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00:00:35,510 --> 00:00:33,600  
2023 Richard Saunders coming to you from

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00:00:38,389 --> 00:00:35,520  
near San Francisco

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00:00:41,209 --> 00:00:38,399  
coming up on this week's Show Adrian

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00:00:43,790 --> 00:00:41,219  
Hill speaks to someone who very much

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00:00:44,750 --> 00:00:43,800  
impressed me when I saw her talk in

11  
00:00:46,510 --> 00:00:44,760  
Canada

12  
00:00:48,410 --> 00:00:46,520  
at the week in reason conference

13  
00:00:50,690 --> 00:00:48,420

Courtney heard

14  
00:00:54,590 --> 00:00:50,700  
and Courtney spoke about the dangers the

15  
00:00:57,290 --> 00:00:54,600  
real dangers of Q Anon as they tear

16  
00:00:59,569 --> 00:00:57,300  
families apart with their ridiculous

17  
00:01:01,910 --> 00:00:59,579  
conspiracy theories because Courtney

18  
00:01:04,070 --> 00:01:01,920  
knows this first hand

19  
00:01:06,310 --> 00:01:04,080  
a very important interview coming up at

20  
00:01:08,270 --> 00:01:06,320  
the top of the show with Courtney heard

21  
00:01:10,670 --> 00:01:08,280  
following that another important

22  
00:01:13,310 --> 00:01:10,680  
interview of course Susan Gubick speaks

23  
00:01:15,649 --> 00:01:13,320  
to Greg Grove from the Santa Cruz County

24  
00:01:18,050 --> 00:01:15,659  
Skeptics they're about to do a day trip

25  
00:01:20,390 --> 00:01:18,060  
and if you're in that general area you

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00:01:22,370 --> 00:01:20,400

might want to tag along I wish I could

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00:01:25,490 --> 00:01:22,380

tag along they're going to a Mystery

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00:01:26,929 --> 00:01:25,500

Spot sounds like a lot of fun then it's

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00:01:28,850 --> 00:01:26,939

the Australian Skeptics newsletter

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00:01:31,190 --> 00:01:28,860

written by Tim Mendham and read of

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00:01:34,370 --> 00:01:31,200

course once again from Skookum Studios

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00:01:35,929 --> 00:01:34,380

by Adrian Hill then to round off the

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00:01:39,649 --> 00:01:35,939

show it's back to the Trove archives

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00:01:42,649 --> 00:01:39,659

looking at mysterious India snake

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00:01:45,170 --> 00:01:42,659

charming and healings and more written

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00:01:48,170 --> 00:01:45,180

in the early part of last century and

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00:01:50,050 --> 00:01:48,180

the late part of the century before bear

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00:01:53,690 --> 00:01:50,060

that in mind when you hear some of the

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00:01:56,990 --> 00:01:53,700

terminology used at the time of course

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00:01:59,030 --> 00:01:57,000

they are historical reports in a couple

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00:02:00,889 --> 00:01:59,040

of days I'll be making my way back to

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00:02:03,109 --> 00:02:00,899

the airport to fly home to Sydney

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00:02:04,789 --> 00:02:03,119

Australia and if you've recently

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00:02:07,429 --> 00:02:04,799

received a family member who's come back

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00:02:10,850 --> 00:02:07,439

from a long trip overseas possibly with

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00:02:12,110 --> 00:02:10,860

Tales to tell I'm thinking about you

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00:02:15,589 --> 00:02:12,120

but now it's time for me to run

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00:02:18,410 --> 00:02:15,599

downstairs and have some oh Shredded

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00:02:21,050 --> 00:02:18,420

Wheat and peanuts

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00:02:29,650 --> 00:02:21,060

yes it's delicious while I do that I

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00:02:29,660 --> 00:02:33,630

thank you

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00:02:37,320 --> 00:02:35,930

[Music]

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00:02:43,070 --> 00:02:37,330

foreign

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00:02:43,080 --> 00:02:48,050

with Adrian Hill

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00:02:53,030 --> 00:02:50,630

hello everyone this is Adrian Hill from

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00:02:56,150 --> 00:02:53,040

Canada and today I'm talking to Courtney

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00:02:59,089 --> 00:02:56,160

heard she is the host of The Cue drops

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00:03:00,830 --> 00:02:59,099

podcast and is from Summerlin BC which

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00:03:04,190 --> 00:03:00,840

is located along the shores of Lake

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00:03:06,949 --> 00:03:04,200

Okanagan the home of the infamous Oco

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00:03:09,170 --> 00:03:06,959

Pogo but today we won't be talking about

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00:03:12,050 --> 00:03:09,180

the lake monster we're going to be

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00:03:20,290 --> 00:03:12,060

talking about her personal association

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00:03:25,850 --> 00:03:24,170

I'm here with Courtney heard and we met

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00:03:27,649 --> 00:03:25,860

at the Western Canadian reason

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00:03:30,589 --> 00:03:27,659

conference here in Calgary at the

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00:03:33,410 --> 00:03:30,599

beginning of May and you gave a very

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00:03:36,170 --> 00:03:33,420

compelling talk Courtney in fact while

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00:03:38,270 --> 00:03:36,180

you were talking Richard Saunders passed

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00:03:40,610 --> 00:03:38,280

me a note saying we need to interview

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00:03:42,410 --> 00:03:40,620

you for the skeptic Zone and I'm so

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00:03:44,270 --> 00:03:42,420

thrilled you've agreed to join me here

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00:03:46,369 --> 00:03:44,280

so welcome Courtney thank you so much

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00:03:49,369 --> 00:03:46,379

for having me so can you briefly

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00:03:52,550 --> 00:03:49,379

describe what your talk was about at the

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00:03:54,050 --> 00:03:52,560

conference yeah it was well I titled it

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00:03:56,990 --> 00:03:54,060

it's not just a difference of opinion

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00:03:59,089 --> 00:03:57,000

because I have a podcast called The Cue

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00:04:02,390 --> 00:03:59,099

dropped podcast where we interview

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00:04:06,830 --> 00:04:02,400

people who have lost somebody in some

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00:04:09,770 --> 00:04:06,840

way or another to conspiracy theories so

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00:04:13,190 --> 00:04:09,780

my parents ended up going down this

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00:04:15,350 --> 00:04:13,200

rabbit hole and I have we say lost them

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00:04:16,789 --> 00:04:15,360

they're very much still alive and I

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00:04:19,430 --> 00:04:16,799

still have a relationship with them but

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00:04:21,469 --> 00:04:19,440

they are simply not the same people that

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00:04:24,170 --> 00:04:21,479

they once were and for a lot of people

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00:04:26,689 --> 00:04:24,180

that begins a process of grief and it's

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00:04:29,689 --> 00:04:26,699

very challenging to deal with and in my

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00:04:31,969 --> 00:04:29,699

talk I essentially just explained how

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00:04:34,310 --> 00:04:31,979

you know a lot of people will comment

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00:04:35,749 --> 00:04:34,320

before they understand the details of

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00:04:37,730 --> 00:04:35,759

the situation they'll comment and

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00:04:41,210 --> 00:04:37,740

they'll say I don't understand how

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00:04:43,249 --> 00:04:41,220

people can cannot just coexist with a

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00:04:45,110 --> 00:04:43,259

difference of opinion and and I have to

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00:04:46,670 --> 00:04:45,120

explain often that this isn't just a

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00:04:48,650 --> 00:04:46,680

difference of opinion that it goes much

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00:04:50,930 --> 00:04:48,660

much deeper than that and it has caused

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00:04:53,990 --> 00:04:50,940

in some of our guests on our podcast

101  
00:04:57,050 --> 00:04:54,000  
it's caused physical harm it's caused

102  
00:05:01,129 --> 00:04:57,060  
extensive emotional damage it's ended

103  
00:05:03,170 --> 00:05:01,139  
marriages and it's just it's not just a

104  
00:05:05,030 --> 00:05:03,180  
difference of opinion essentially

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00:05:06,710 --> 00:05:05,040  
well and in your case I believe it

106  
00:05:08,570 --> 00:05:06,720  
interfered with the grandparents being

107  
00:05:10,189 --> 00:05:08,580  
able to see the grandchildren because he

108  
00:05:13,129 --> 00:05:10,199  
didn't want to get vaccinated correct

109  
00:05:14,870 --> 00:05:13,139  
yeah so at the time when we first

110  
00:05:17,150 --> 00:05:14,880  
figured out that my parents kind of went

111  
00:05:19,249 --> 00:05:17,160  
down this Rabbit Hole it was around the

112  
00:05:21,469 --> 00:05:19,259  
time that the vaccines for covid were

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00:05:24,830 --> 00:05:21,479

just coming out and my brother and I

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00:05:26,870 --> 00:05:24,840

both had children who were too young to

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00:05:28,610 --> 00:05:26,880

get vaccinated if you'll recall the the

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00:05:30,650 --> 00:05:28,620

vaccines for kids came out much later

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00:05:33,650 --> 00:05:30,660

and so we wanted to make sure that

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00:05:35,450 --> 00:05:33,660

everybody was safe and we were staying

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00:05:37,730 --> 00:05:35,460

separate from my senior parents because

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we were worried about them too we wanted

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to make sure that everybody was

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vaccinated before or everybody who could

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00:05:45,950 --> 00:05:43,500

be vaccinated was vaccinated before we

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00:05:47,629 --> 00:05:45,960

all got together that's when it kind of

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00:05:49,430 --> 00:05:47,639

came out because my parents kept making

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00:05:51,830 --> 00:05:49,440

excuses for why they wouldn't get

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00:05:54,050 --> 00:05:51,840

vaccinated and eventually it came out

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00:05:56,330 --> 00:05:54,060

that they believed all of these crazy

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00:06:00,170 --> 00:05:56,340

conspiracy theories about the vaccine

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00:06:02,150 --> 00:06:00,180

and that's that's where it started yeah

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00:06:04,550 --> 00:06:02,160

and it's so interesting too my husband

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00:06:06,650 --> 00:06:04,560

Greg had no idea until he heard your

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00:06:08,210 --> 00:06:06,660

talk that this was also a Canadian issue

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00:06:11,090 --> 00:06:08,220

because you live in Canada you're not

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00:06:12,830 --> 00:06:11,100

from the United States and have you

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00:06:15,050 --> 00:06:12,840

found that this is there's a lot of

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00:06:17,150 --> 00:06:15,060

other people in Canada that have the

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00:06:19,610 --> 00:06:17,160

same issue with family or friends

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00:06:23,330 --> 00:06:19,620

yeah actually that's it's huge in Canada

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00:06:25,730 --> 00:06:23,340

it's enormous and sadly very sadly I

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00:06:28,430 --> 00:06:25,740

know we like to separate ourselves from

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00:06:31,129 --> 00:06:28,440

what's going on down south but we it's

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00:06:34,969 --> 00:06:31,139

very much a big thing in Canada one of

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00:06:37,790 --> 00:06:34,979

the wildest Things that I came across in

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00:06:40,790 --> 00:06:37,800

doing my podcast was Ramana dadulo who

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00:06:44,029 --> 00:06:40,800

is this woman in Canada who has claimed

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00:06:46,370 --> 00:06:44,039

that she's the queen of Canada and since

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00:06:49,430 --> 00:06:46,380

recently she she claimed to be the queen

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00:06:52,430 --> 00:06:49,440

of the world oh I didn't know that bit

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00:06:55,129 --> 00:06:52,440

about her yeah and it sounds funny you

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00:06:57,350 --> 00:06:55,139  
know on face value it sounds funny and

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00:07:00,469 --> 00:06:57,360  
and stuff until you realize that there

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00:07:03,650 --> 00:07:00,479  
are tens of thousands of Canadian often

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00:07:05,210 --> 00:07:03,660  
Boomers who are following this woman and

155  
00:07:07,730 --> 00:07:05,220  
who are listening to everything that she

156  
00:07:11,870 --> 00:07:07,740  
says not just that but she's also

157  
00:07:14,990 --> 00:07:11,880  
convincing them that in February of 2022

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00:07:17,150 --> 00:07:15,000  
Canada as a corporation went bankrupt

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00:07:19,790 --> 00:07:17,160  
and so all of these Canadian

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00:07:22,370 --> 00:07:19,800  
institutions don't exist anymore like

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00:07:25,010 --> 00:07:22,380  
the CRA and all this stuff so she's

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00:07:27,110 --> 00:07:25,020  
convinced actively convinced

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00:07:29,029 --> 00:07:27,120

tens of thousands of Canadians to stop

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00:07:31,370 --> 00:07:29,039

paying their mortgages stop paying their

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00:07:33,350 --> 00:07:31,380

utility bills and to stop paying their

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00:07:35,450 --> 00:07:33,360

taxes and these people are facing

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00:07:38,210 --> 00:07:35,460

foreclosures a lot of them have already

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had their homes foreclosed on and have

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00:07:43,490 --> 00:07:40,500

been kicked out they're facing their

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00:07:46,370 --> 00:07:43,500

utilities being turned off and it's just

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00:07:48,409 --> 00:07:46,380

it's very very bad so

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00:07:50,689 --> 00:07:48,419

I wish it I wish it was just something

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00:07:53,089 --> 00:07:50,699

to laugh at but unfortunately a lot of

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00:07:55,370 --> 00:07:53,099

people are suffering yeah very serious

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00:07:57,469 --> 00:07:55,380

and it is a Canadian issue have you

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00:07:59,210 --> 00:07:57,479

found other countries besides us and

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00:08:00,950 --> 00:07:59,220

Canada because we're so close border

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00:08:02,990 --> 00:08:00,960

wise is that why it's more prominent

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here or is it really worldwide this

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00:08:07,610 --> 00:08:05,340

movement do you know it's absolutely

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00:08:09,290 --> 00:08:07,620

worldwide and one of the saddest things

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I think I found out was the fact that

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Germany has the second biggest

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population of Q Anon Believers after the

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us and that made me upset because I was

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thinking you know if things just keep

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getting crazier here we could always

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escape to Europe because you know

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they're so Progressive in Europe but

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nope it's not safe there and and it's

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interesting because we've had a couple

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of people from Germany on our podcast

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and one of the things that both of them

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have brought up was the fact that it was

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the war the the second world war that

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kind of it's like generational trauma

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that's causing causing people

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to distrust Authority that we had one

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whose parents up until he was

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one-year-old his parents lived in East

201  
00:08:59,509 --> 00:08:58,019  
Germany behind the Berlin wall and that

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00:09:03,370 --> 00:08:59,519  
was of course we knew there was a very

203  
00:09:05,930 --> 00:09:03,380  
authoritarian place to live and

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00:09:09,170 --> 00:09:05,940  
inherently they distrusted Authority

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00:09:13,070 --> 00:09:09,180  
because of that and that what has led to

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00:09:15,590 --> 00:09:13,080  
them not trusting you know the the big

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00:09:16,790 --> 00:09:15,600  
Pharma and not that you should trust big

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00:09:18,530 --> 00:09:16,800  
Pharma but you know what I mean like

209  
00:09:20,329 --> 00:09:18,540  
they don't trust the government they

210  
00:09:23,090 --> 00:09:20,339  
don't trust Western medicine they don't

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00:09:25,670 --> 00:09:23,100  
trust anything and so it's LED them down

212  
00:09:28,070 --> 00:09:25,680  
this path of Q Anon so Germany's a very

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00:09:31,310 --> 00:09:28,080

unique situation but we've also there's

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also lots of people from Australia in

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the UK it's big and there's yeah it's

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pretty much Global it's Global that's

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crazy and is there one particular story

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that you would consider to be the most

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unusual to date

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oh there was they're all very I mean

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these conspiracy theories lead to very

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unusual things constantly but one of the

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ones that really stood out to me we

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didn't actually get to interview this

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person but I told their story anyway

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00:10:05,449 --> 00:10:02,940

because I felt it was important it was

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00:10:08,329 --> 00:10:05,459

posted publicly on on the Q Anon

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casualties subreddit it was a boy who

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had survived the Marjory Stoneman

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Douglas shooting and he posted on this

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00:10:19,490 --> 00:10:17,220

subreddit that his dad

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was accusing him of being a crisis actor

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was basically telling him that he was

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lying about this shooting ever taking

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place and

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um and that this trauma that was very

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real for this and and this person was a

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child at the time obviously because he's

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in high school right and and accusing

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him that that this trauma that he's

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going through the greatest trauma of his

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life was not real he witnessed his

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friends die in front of him and his

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00:10:47,990 --> 00:10:44,339

father's telling him you're lying about

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this wow that one was very

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upsetting to read about and very hard to

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to relay that story but we just

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interviewed somebody recently and as of

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this recording it's not live but it

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might be by the time the podcast comes

251  
00:11:06,650 --> 00:11:04,320  
out he was his his father was into

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00:11:08,630 --> 00:11:06,660  
conspiracy theories his whole life he's

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00:11:10,550 --> 00:11:08,640  
very young he was like 20 when we

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00:11:12,350 --> 00:11:10,560  
interviewed him I think and it turned

255  
00:11:16,610 --> 00:11:12,360  
out that like his dad was very

256  
00:11:19,130 --> 00:11:16,620  
distrustful of the medical industry

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00:11:20,389 --> 00:11:19,140  
um Doctors Hospitals where they he

258  
00:11:22,610 --> 00:11:20,399  
wouldn't allow his kids to take

259  
00:11:24,650 --> 00:11:22,620  
medication of any kind even though his

260  
00:11:26,090 --> 00:11:24,660  
daughter had a heart condition she

261  
00:11:29,509 --> 00:11:26,100  
wasn't allowed to take her medication

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00:11:31,910 --> 00:11:29,519  
for it he would call her an addict if he

263  
00:11:34,009 --> 00:11:31,920

she took the medication luckily she

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lived with her mom so

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00:11:41,150 --> 00:11:38,459

she was okay but his son had the one

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that we interviewed had severe scoliosis

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which was not even diagnosed until I

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00:11:49,069 --> 00:11:48,060

believe he was a teenager because his

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father

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refused to take him to hospitals and the

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sad one of the saddest Parts about it

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was that his father forced him to play

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sports which the doctors now believe

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00:12:09,170 --> 00:12:04,440

exacerbated his condition and

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now he's unable to stand and walk and is

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severely disabled so that's that's one

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of the

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00:12:16,910 --> 00:12:15,420

the hardest ones I think I've had to

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listen to for sure

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and there both of those speak so much to

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00:12:23,930 --> 00:12:21,360

the Harms

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00:12:25,370 --> 00:12:23,940

this causes those are those are pretty

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00:12:29,210 --> 00:12:25,380

serious Harms

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and do you have any advice for people

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00:12:33,650 --> 00:12:31,440

who find themselves in this situation

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00:12:35,990 --> 00:12:33,660

with family members or friends who have

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00:12:37,069 --> 00:12:36,000

actually gone down this Q Anon rabbit

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00:12:40,250 --> 00:12:37,079

hole

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yeah my number one advice is to put

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00:12:44,449 --> 00:12:41,940

yourself first because they are not

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00:12:48,410 --> 00:12:44,459

going to when people go down this Rabbit

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00:12:51,170 --> 00:12:48,420

Hole it becomes their world and they

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00:12:53,810 --> 00:12:51,180

will do whatever it takes to hang on to

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00:12:55,730 --> 00:12:53,820

these ideas because they're emotionally

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00:12:57,350 --> 00:12:55,740

it it fills some kind of a void for them

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00:12:59,769 --> 00:12:57,360

and they're emotionally attached to

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00:13:02,750 --> 00:12:59,779

these ideas this is not a rational thing

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00:13:04,970 --> 00:13:02,760

which is why debating with them is

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00:13:08,210 --> 00:13:04,980

useless you have to put your mental

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00:13:10,730 --> 00:13:08,220

health first and you cannot be afraid to

301  
00:13:12,590 --> 00:13:10,740  
cut things off when it's becoming too

302  
00:13:15,769 --> 00:13:12,600  
much for you or even just take a break

303  
00:13:18,430 --> 00:13:15,779  
when it's too much for you because you

304  
00:13:21,650 --> 00:13:18,440  
only get one life you know and you you

305  
00:13:23,449 --> 00:13:21,660  
cannot spend it trying to drag somebody

306  
00:13:26,930 --> 00:13:23,459  
out of something that they don't want to

307  
00:13:28,730 --> 00:13:26,940  
get out of and I I always tell people

308  
00:13:30,889 --> 00:13:28,740  
that

309  
00:13:33,050 --> 00:13:30,899  
when it becomes too much what you need

310  
00:13:35,870 --> 00:13:33,060  
to do is set boundaries with people with

311  
00:13:36,730 --> 00:13:35,880  
your with your cue set the boundary make

312  
00:13:40,069 --> 00:13:36,740  
it

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00:13:43,550 --> 00:13:40,079

excruciatingly clear what that boundary

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00:13:44,990 --> 00:13:43,560

is and what the consequences are if they

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00:13:48,470 --> 00:13:45,000

cross it

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00:13:50,030 --> 00:13:48,480

make sure they understand that both the

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00:13:51,710 --> 00:13:50,040

boundary and the consequences and if

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00:13:54,350 --> 00:13:51,720

they cross that boundary follow through

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00:13:55,550 --> 00:13:54,360

with the consequences do not hesitate to

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00:13:58,430 --> 00:13:55,560

follow through with the consequences

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00:14:00,530 --> 00:13:58,440

because if they've if you set that

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00:14:03,110 --> 00:14:00,540

boundary tell them about the consequence

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00:14:05,509 --> 00:14:03,120

and you don't follow through in their

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00:14:07,550 --> 00:14:05,519

mind they think you can be walked all

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00:14:10,129 --> 00:14:07,560

over and they will take advantage of

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that so put yourself first set

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00:14:14,750 --> 00:14:12,060

boundaries follow through with the

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00:14:17,569 --> 00:14:14,760

consequences it's hard though it's very

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00:14:19,670 --> 00:14:17,579

hard it's so hard especially when you

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00:14:20,449 --> 00:14:19,680

want them to be part of your life you

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00:14:22,670 --> 00:14:20,459

know especially when there's

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00:14:25,310 --> 00:14:22,680

grandchildren involved Etc like what

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00:14:27,949 --> 00:14:25,320

you're talking about it makes yeah it's

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00:14:29,750 --> 00:14:27,959

very difficult what good answers is

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00:14:31,850 --> 00:14:29,760

there something that people can do or

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00:14:33,590 --> 00:14:31,860

what where can they turn to is there a

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00:14:35,690 --> 00:14:33,600

place they can go or is are there

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00:14:37,850 --> 00:14:35,700

communities out there where you can meet

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00:14:40,730 --> 00:14:37,860

and talk about this can you talk to that

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00:14:43,490 --> 00:14:40,740

a little bit yeah there's so far there's

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00:14:46,009 --> 00:14:43,500

not a whole lot out there um as far as

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00:14:49,430 --> 00:14:46,019

resources for for people who are going

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00:14:50,810 --> 00:14:49,440

through this outside of regular mental

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health support and stuff like that but

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there is I mentioned the Q Anon casualty

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subreddit on Reddit and they have a

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resources page there which has a number

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of of different places that you can go

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there's lots of books we got to

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interview Mick West yesterday who wrote

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Escaping The Rabbit Hole which is a very

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00:15:12,350 --> 00:15:09,959

it was a very helpful book for me yeah

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there's lots of books that are listed on

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the the resources section of the Q Anon

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casualties subreddit that are very very

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helpful in places to go

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well I look forward to hearing Mick West

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00:15:26,689 --> 00:15:24,720

because I loved his book as well but it

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probably didn't have the same meaning to

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00:15:31,970 --> 00:15:30,060

me as it did to you yeah yeah I was kind

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00:15:34,329 --> 00:15:31,980

of reading it in a panic like how do I

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00:15:36,889 --> 00:15:34,339

get my parents out of this

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yeah it's a great book I'll look forward

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to that how can people find you and your

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00:15:44,629 --> 00:15:42,360

work and of course Richard Saunders will

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00:15:46,670 --> 00:15:44,639

be including the links in the show notes

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how can people find you uh well you can

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find the podcast on

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porthosmedia.net slash cue dropped so

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that's past tense dropped not cue drop

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that's a very different thing and of

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course I'm also on Twitter as Godless

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underscore mom and the Q dropped podcast

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is on there as well cue dropped pod

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00:16:07,730 --> 00:16:06,779

excellent do you have a Blog as well

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00:16:11,329 --> 00:16:07,740

Courtney

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00:16:15,170 --> 00:16:11,339

yeah godlessmom.com and I write their

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00:16:19,790 --> 00:16:17,870

usually when I have time I'll I'll write

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there I have fun on that one that one's

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00:16:24,110 --> 00:16:22,380

more for fun oh that's awesome well

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00:16:26,389 --> 00:16:24,120

thank you so much for your time Courtney

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00:16:28,670 --> 00:16:26,399

it was a pleasure talking to you and I

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00:16:35,030 --> 00:16:28,680

hope we talk again soon

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00:16:40,189 --> 00:16:38,030

well that's all for now and just a side

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note for listeners outside of Canada

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Courtney mentioned the CRA in the

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interview which stands for the Canadian

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Revenue Service which is the government

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agency that collects taxes until next

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thank you

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hello this is Maynard did you know that

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00:17:16,970 --> 00:17:13,559

you can listen to the skeptic Zone on

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00:17:18,289 --> 00:17:16,980

YouTube yes I know sounds crazy but it's

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true

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foreign

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also you can hear 40 logical fallacies

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00:17:27,590 --> 00:17:26,100

with Michelle bigasma and funniest

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sketches with Richard Saunders and a

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00:17:41,840 --> 00:17:32,870

just click on the YouTube links on the

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I think we need to think

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any skeptic Zone listeners it's Susan

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gerbik over here in Monterey County in

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California California and I'm here with

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a friend of mine who's a local skeptic

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00:18:30,230 --> 00:18:26,580

group starter upper and his name is Greg

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00:18:32,630 --> 00:18:30,240

Rowe hey Greg hello we're here on the

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00:18:35,090 --> 00:18:32,640

skeptic Zone podcast because I know that

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00:18:37,190 --> 00:18:35,100

the Skeptics on podcast has listeners

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00:18:41,029 --> 00:18:37,200

all around the world including the

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00:18:43,010 --> 00:18:41,039

United States not just Australia and I

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00:18:45,470 --> 00:18:43,020

just wanted to mention to everybody that

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00:18:47,990 --> 00:18:45,480

you know Monterey County Skeptics and

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00:18:50,630 --> 00:18:48,000

your group which is called Santa Cruz

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00:18:52,370 --> 00:18:50,640

County Skeptics yeah we're right next to

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00:18:54,830 --> 00:18:52,380

each other um your start we're going to

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00:18:56,690 --> 00:18:54,840

go do one of our first Hangouts together

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00:18:58,909 --> 00:18:56,700

can you tell everybody what we're gonna

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go do and when the first place we're

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00:19:03,890 --> 00:19:01,200

gonna go to is the Mystery Spot which is

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00:19:05,870 --> 00:19:03,900

a tourist place in Santa Cruz that has a

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bunch of optical illusions and supposed

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gravity defying installations that's

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about a 45 minute tour and then we're

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all going to head up to the Bigfoot

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Discovery Museum as Bigfoot is has a lot

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of local Legends around here we're gonna

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00:19:22,430 --> 00:19:19,740

head up there it's a very small Museum

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up in Felton the owner's a definite

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believer but we're going to go there and

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just have fun and ask some questions and

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after that we're gonna go uh head down

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00:19:32,570 --> 00:19:30,000

back down to Santa Cruz downtown hang

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00:19:34,669 --> 00:19:32,580

out and just socialize absolutely I'm

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00:19:36,350 --> 00:19:34,679

looking forward to it and I've seen lots

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00:19:38,690 --> 00:19:36,360

of people tell me that they're dying to

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00:19:39,830 --> 00:19:38,700

go too so it's kind of it's going to be

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a lot of fun this is the first time

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we're gonna try to do something like

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this because Santa Cruz County Skeptics

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have just started right yeah um we only

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00:19:50,450 --> 00:19:48,480

had one meeting so far from now on I

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00:19:54,289 --> 00:19:50,460

think we're gonna do one social meeting

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a month and probably try to also add in

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00:19:58,190 --> 00:19:56,700

maybe some occasional talks yeah see

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00:20:00,190 --> 00:19:58,200

what else comes up probably get together

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00:20:02,810 --> 00:20:00,200

with Monterey Skeptics a bit more too

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00:20:04,669 --> 00:20:02,820

and uh can you tell people where people

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00:20:06,049 --> 00:20:04,679

can learn more information about what's

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00:20:07,789 --> 00:20:06,059

going on with the Santa Cruz County

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Skeptics

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um yeah so we have a Facebook page this

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if you search for Santa Cruz County

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Skeptics you'll find us and also on

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meetup.com you can also find all the

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events we have going on listed there and

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the date for this uh Bigfoot exhibit and

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00:20:26,390 --> 00:20:24,720

of course history spot I don't think we

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told anybody yeah that would be really

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helpful wouldn't it yeah Saturday June

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24th around 1pm we're all going to meet

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a Mystery Spot in Santa Cruz and um you

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can just find all the information on

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either Facebook or meetup.com and I

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believe you just Google Mystery Spot you

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can find out all the information about

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the that place as well yeah I'm really

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looking forward to this and I'm going to

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have bring a Carlo to people with me as

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00:20:51,470 --> 00:20:49,320

well as other people from Monterey

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00:20:53,930 --> 00:20:51,480

County Skeptics so we're about 45

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00:20:56,690 --> 00:20:53,940

minutes apart from each other so you

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know hey people out there if you can't

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come and hang out with us that's sad but

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00:21:05,390 --> 00:21:03,840

find a local group in your area there's

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probably something out there you don't

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have to make a fussy bouncy event pick

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something like this just hang out we're

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00:21:15,890 --> 00:21:13,740

not going to do anything to confront

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00:21:17,570 --> 00:21:15,900

anybody we're not going to do research

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00:21:20,270 --> 00:21:17,580

we're just going to have a good time

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socialize have something to eat and

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drink and and just get to know each

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other and have a good time and if there

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isn't a group nearby you then maybe you

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should think about starting one Greg did

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00:21:39,230 --> 00:21:37,080

like I did yeah he sure did and so if

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you have questions or you want help on

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00:21:44,390 --> 00:21:41,760

starting your group or want to know if

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00:21:48,409 --> 00:21:44,400

there's a group nearby you you can find

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00:21:50,270 --> 00:21:48,419

out by looking at cfi's website because

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they've been Gathering all sorts of

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00:21:54,590 --> 00:21:52,080

names of groups that are affiliated

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together you can also reach out to them

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at Center for inquiry

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.org or you can email them at info at

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00:22:07,130 --> 00:22:04,380

Center for inquiry.org

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00:22:10,430 --> 00:22:07,140

so I'm looking forward to seeing you and

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00:22:13,130 --> 00:22:10,440

all your your peeps over there in Santa

501  
00:22:14,870 --> 00:22:13,140  
Cruz County I hope other people join us

502  
00:22:16,610 --> 00:22:14,880  
or at least reach out for help if

503  
00:22:18,049 --> 00:22:16,620  
they're hoping to join a group or start

504  
00:22:20,050 --> 00:22:18,059  
a group or whatever they need to do

505  
00:22:31,610 --> 00:22:20,060  
thank you guys

506  
00:22:33,590 --> 00:22:31,620  
[Music]

507  
00:22:36,110 --> 00:22:33,600  
should how do I get better at telling if

508  
00:22:37,789 --> 00:22:36,120  
people are lying it's really simple what

509  
00:22:39,289 --> 00:22:37,799  
you need to do it's real well actually

510  
00:22:41,270 --> 00:22:39,299  
funny you should ask that because well I

511  
00:22:42,950 --> 00:22:41,280  
just want to improve my memory I've got

512  
00:22:44,990 --> 00:22:42,960  
this great trip can you make me happier

513  
00:22:46,789 --> 00:22:45,000

okay look for answers to a thousand

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00:22:48,409 --> 00:22:46,799

questions about the Incredible World of

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00:22:50,330 --> 00:22:48,419

human behavior and the psychology of

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00:22:52,250 --> 00:22:50,340

everyday life join me psychologist

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00:22:54,049 --> 00:22:52,260

Richard Wiseman and me science

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00:22:56,630 --> 00:22:54,059

journalist Marnie chasterton on Richard

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00:22:58,730 --> 00:22:56,640

wiseman's on your mind new podcast from

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00:23:02,490 --> 00:22:58,740

Pottermore and Telltale can I win the

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00:23:02,500 --> 00:23:17,350

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00:23:24,890 --> 00:23:19,430

thank you

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00:23:30,470 --> 00:23:27,470

hello everyone this is Adrian Hill from

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00:23:32,690 --> 00:23:30,480

Skookum studios here in Calgary Canada

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00:23:34,810 --> 00:23:32,700

and I'm going to read the highlights

526  
00:23:37,390 --> 00:23:34,820  
from the Australian Skeptics newsletter

527  
00:23:40,070 --> 00:23:37,400  
this is newsletter number

528  
00:23:41,930 --> 00:23:40,080  
174. you can subscribe to this

529  
00:23:44,810 --> 00:23:41,940  
newsletter and get it delivered to your

530  
00:23:47,570 --> 00:23:44,820  
inbox every other week complete with

531  
00:23:53,029 --> 00:23:47,580  
links to all the stories just visit

532  
00:23:57,950 --> 00:23:55,430  
but now let's see what Tim Mendham has

533  
00:23:59,870 --> 00:23:57,960  
for us this week

534  
00:24:01,909 --> 00:23:59,880  
hi all says Tim

535  
00:24:04,669 --> 00:24:01,919  
not a huge amount of news this last

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00:24:07,130 --> 00:24:04,679  
Fortnight not even a Yuri Geller story

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but if you'd like to see a lot of longer

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discussions and articles then go to our

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Facebook page for all the latest read on

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Tim

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psychic scams in Australia

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social issue worth covering the problems

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of vulnerable people being conned by

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psychics offering to lift curses and I

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00:24:37,610 --> 00:24:35,700

say psychics in air quotes however the

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journalists of this piece is known to

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have also given psychics the benefit of

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the doubt see the article in the skeptic

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Vol 41 number three and the suggestion

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that there is no one here in Australia

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00:24:59,450 --> 00:24:56,990  
in childhood immunization rates

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00:25:01,909 --> 00:24:59,460  
vaccine misinformation and reduced

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confidence in doctors has caused a drop

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00:25:06,890 --> 00:25:04,799  
in childhood immunization rates not

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dropping a lot thank goodness but any

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move away from herd immunity levels is a

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00:25:14,149 --> 00:25:11,520  
concern especially after the heights

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00:25:16,430 --> 00:25:14,159  
achieved during the pandemic I'll give

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00:25:18,170 --> 00:25:16,440  
you one guess which part of Australia

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00:25:21,850 --> 00:25:18,180  
has dropped the most

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00:25:29,029 --> 00:25:26,580  
harassing a covid-19 anti-vaxxer

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not the best way to present a rational

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pro-vaccine argument a Tasmanian pair is

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on trial for creating fake social media

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profiles to harass someone for posting

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misinformation on coven 19. and yes we

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are aware that the anti-vaxxers often

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use dodgy strategies but why sync to

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their levels

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sounds like a bit of a kerfuffle

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thank you

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naturopaths Dental reflexology

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this is a fact check on banned

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naturopath Barbara O'Neill's curious

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claims about so-called tooth meridians

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and problems in specific teeth that are

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apparently harming other body parts and

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we are keeping an eye on the flood of

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her bizarre Health claims appearing on

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thank you

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nature Falls for autism pseudoscience

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this is psychologists Stuart vice's

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skeptical Inquirer article on the

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science journal Nature promoting the

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debunked theory of facilitated

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communication the headline almost

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implies that autism is a pseudoscience

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but the article is about the debunked

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technique to help non-speaking autistic

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sufferers to communicate via typing

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messages there's more coverage of this

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in the coming issue of the skeptic the

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skepticon 2023 call for papers the

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Victorian Skeptics organizers of this

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year's Australian Skeptics National

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annual convention or skepticon have put

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out a call for papers skepticon 2023

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will be held at the brain Center

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Melbourne University on December 2nd

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through 3rd full details are gradually

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00:27:20,990 --> 00:27:18,000  
being rolled out on the skepticon

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00:27:25,130 --> 00:27:23,330  
the June issue of the skeptic magazine

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will soon be appearing with a major

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00:27:28,730 --> 00:27:26,760  
report on the legal and financial

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goings-on of the anti-vaccination

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movement it also includes articles on

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00:27:35,630 --> 00:27:33,539  
the growth of global medicine as opposed

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00:27:37,970 --> 00:27:35,640  
to Western and Eastern

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00:27:40,490 --> 00:27:37,980  
the background of Amazon frog treatments

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00:27:43,070 --> 00:27:40,500  
and a look on the Australian Skeptics

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00:27:47,990 --> 00:27:43,080  
investigation of racing driver Peter

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in the meantime the March issue is out

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and about with a feature that responds

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to the regularly raised issue why bother

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it is always important to look for

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relevance not to rest on any Laurels and

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to innovate in delivering the skeptical

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message we also look at ways psychics

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can fool you a classic look at

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confronting Yuri Geller and the

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controversial career of the most famous

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Exorcist of the last 50 years you can

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read an article by European Skeptics

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president Claire klingenberg on the way

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ahead for Skeptics as a sample from the

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March issue

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and if you haven't subscribed yet now is

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the time to do so you can sign up for a

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hard copy or digital Edition or both

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since the digital is offered free to

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those who take up the hard copy version

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contact the editor if you're not sure if

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your existing subscription needs

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renewing

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learn more about our magazine And

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00:28:49,850 --> 00:28:48,110  
Skeptics in action if you have any ideas

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00:28:51,710 --> 00:28:49,860

or stories or want to contribute to

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Skeptics Communications such as the

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magazine or Facebook page or just have

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something you want to get off your chest

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then you're welcome to get in touch news

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leads should be sent to news tips at

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magazine Etc should go to editor at

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skeptics.com.edu

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00:29:16,370 --> 00:29:12,000

comments and suggestions should also go

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items of Interest

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Skinwalker documentaries

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you may have heard of the U.S skin

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paranormal goings-on and Associated TV

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00:29:36,289 --> 00:29:34,380  
country this series of videos takes a

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00:29:39,110 --> 00:29:36,299  
long and amusing skeptical look at those

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00:29:42,470 --> 00:29:39,120  
claims the link in the newsletter is for

657  
00:29:44,870 --> 00:29:42,480  
the fifth and almost final part they are

658  
00:29:47,870 --> 00:29:44,880  
fairly long so you may need to put some

659  
00:29:50,450 --> 00:29:47,880  
time aside for a binge viewing the final

660  
00:29:54,909 --> 00:29:50,460  
final part looks at the ranch owners

661  
00:30:00,950 --> 00:29:58,310  
are Time Slips a thing of the past

662  
00:30:03,710 --> 00:30:00,960  
we assume the headline for this story is

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a touch of ironic humor the question is

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are these experiences a result of

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psychological factors or do they hint at

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a more complex understanding of reality

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this article doesn't say one way or the

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other although it does include five

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spooky examples though there might be

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some pretty prosaic explanations for

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listicle eight obscure paranormal

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documentaries

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these are supposed to quote scare you

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out of your mind end quote some are

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interesting some not but the catch here

676  
00:30:45,370 --> 00:30:42,600  
is you have to pay to view them and that

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00:30:48,370 --> 00:30:45,380  
might be why they're obscure

678  
00:30:52,490 --> 00:30:48,380  
silly story of the week

679  
00:30:53,150 --> 00:30:52,500  
three zodiac signs who can see dead

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00:30:54,850 --> 00:30:53,160  
people

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okay let's see what this is about

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there's a bit of paranormal cross

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Pisces then you've got the gift if

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you're one of the 10 others then you

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have to satisfy yourself with talking

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only with the living

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I guess that's why I never talked to the

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and that wraps up the latest news but

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before I bid you farewell this week's

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Canadian word of the week is kerfuffle

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or kerfuffle

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k-e-r-f-u-f-f-l-e or

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k-a-f-u-f-f-l-e this delightful term is

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believed to have its origin in the

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Scottish word kerfuffle and that's

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spelled c-u-r-f-u-f-f-l-e

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according to edemonline.com kerfuffle

702  
00:32:02,389 --> 00:31:58,919  
has been making waves ever since 1970

703  
00:32:03,470 --> 00:32:02,399  
and the word signifies a commotion or

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00:32:06,710 --> 00:32:03,480  
disturbance

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00:32:08,570 --> 00:32:06,720  
and interestingly kaphaful shares the

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00:32:10,669 --> 00:32:08,580  
same definition and appears to have an

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00:32:12,529 --> 00:32:10,679  
earlier lineage which dates back to

708  
00:32:15,169 --> 00:32:12,539  
1946.

709  
00:32:17,570 --> 00:32:15,179  
interestingly not only is this word used

710  
00:32:19,970 --> 00:32:17,580  
a lot in Canada but there's a game

711  
00:32:23,230 --> 00:32:19,980  
called kerfuffle that Richard Saunders

712  
00:32:25,970 --> 00:32:23,240  
just might enjoy each person gets 25

713  
00:32:27,710 --> 00:32:25,980

six-sided dice to roll and strategically

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00:32:30,230 --> 00:32:27,720

play on a board

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there's also a lot of books available in

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Canada with kerfuffle in the title

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ranging from a Christian romance called

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00:32:40,430 --> 00:32:38,159

Christmas car kerfuffle to my favorite a

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children's book called stink bomb and

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00:32:44,090 --> 00:32:42,360

ketchup face and the great kerfuffle

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Christmas kidnap

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00:32:49,190 --> 00:32:46,740

and of course I turned to my friend chat

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GPT and asked it to use kerfuffle in a

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sentence I typed quote I'm Canadian and

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00:32:56,630 --> 00:32:53,940

want to use kerfuffle in a funny

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00:32:59,990 --> 00:32:56,640

sentence end quote and the skukum

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psychic Seer said quote during the

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annual maple syrup chugging contest

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there was a kerfuffle when two overly

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polite Canadians accidentally bumped

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into each other causing a sticky mess of

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syrup and apologies end quote until next

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.com and get lots of free stuff there as

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now it's time once again to go back to

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those pages at Trove at

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trove.nla.gov.au the online resource

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National Library of Australia

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and in keeping with our

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habit of looking for strange and unusual

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things to do with the Paranormal the the

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unknown I came across this story

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dated the 17th of September

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1938 from the Mercury Hobart Tasmania

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medicine and magic in India

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at it a yogi who lives alone with a

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full-grown lion a hunter who heals a

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jungle animal's broken bones by wrapping

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leaves about them these

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are everyday Marvels are told in this

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story of India where mysticism has

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always put materialism in secondary

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a yogi is buried and after a week is dug

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a widow throws herself on the funeral

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fact or fiction my answer to these

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things do happen everywhere which cannot

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I can tell you for example that I have

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regular festival and that I was bored

806  
00:37:40,849 --> 00:37:36,780  
watching a man who was monotonously

807  
00:37:44,150 --> 00:37:40,859  
swallowing Nails glass and stones and

808  
00:37:47,150 --> 00:37:44,160  
washing it all down with nitric acid

809  
00:37:51,050 --> 00:37:47,160  
but these things wonderful as they may

810  
00:37:54,790 --> 00:37:51,060  
be of no immediate significance to you

811  
00:37:58,430 --> 00:37:54,800  
and me and it is another kind of Miracle

812  
00:38:01,190 --> 00:37:58,440  
drawn so that it may be fully and

813  
00:38:03,109 --> 00:38:01,200

scientifically investigated

814

00:38:06,170 --> 00:38:03,119

during the past summer I was driving

815

00:38:09,130 --> 00:38:06,180

through a village of South India when a

816

00:38:12,170 --> 00:38:09,140

tire was punctured and a small crowd

817

00:38:15,109 --> 00:38:12,180

collected around the car to help and

818

00:38:18,589 --> 00:38:15,119

watch presently a boy came running up

819

00:38:19,670 --> 00:38:18,599

shouting that someone had been bitten by

820

00:38:22,250 --> 00:38:19,680

a snake

821

00:38:24,290 --> 00:38:22,260

one two of the crowd ran to fetch

822

00:38:27,230 --> 00:38:24,300

someone but the others continued

823

00:38:29,930 --> 00:38:27,240

watching my efforts to my comment on

824

00:38:33,470 --> 00:38:29,940

what appeared to be their indifference

825

00:38:35,870 --> 00:38:33,480

they answered oh that is all right sir

826

00:38:39,349 --> 00:38:35,880

the old man in the village will fix it

827

00:38:43,130 --> 00:38:39,359

and sure enough he did with some sort of

828

00:38:46,730 --> 00:38:43,140

white powder which he smeared on the

829

00:38:50,150 --> 00:38:46,740

wound and the lips they told me it has

830

00:38:54,410 --> 00:38:50,160

never been known to fail and that cures

831

00:38:57,770 --> 00:38:54,420

were affected even at the stage where

832

00:39:00,890 --> 00:38:57,780

the victim of the cobra bite turns blue

833

00:39:02,329 --> 00:39:00,900

and is foaming at the mouth and gasping

834

00:39:05,089 --> 00:39:02,339

for breath

835

00:39:07,970 --> 00:39:05,099

the secret of the powder was the

836

00:39:10,609 --> 00:39:07,980

jealously guarded Heritage of the old

837

00:39:14,329 --> 00:39:10,619

man and his family

838

00:39:16,849 --> 00:39:14,339

long distance cures in a significantly

839

00:39:20,270 --> 00:39:16,859

different category but also crying out

840

00:39:22,609 --> 00:39:20,280

for investigation is the case of the

841

00:39:25,609 --> 00:39:22,619

station master who Nots a piece of

842

00:39:28,970 --> 00:39:25,619

thread on a tree when he is told of the

843

00:39:31,849 --> 00:39:28,980

time and the place of a snake bite with

844

00:39:34,609 --> 00:39:31,859

the result that the victim it may be

845

00:39:38,690 --> 00:39:34,619

hundreds of miles away recovers

846

00:39:41,510 --> 00:39:38,700

immediately so great is the faith in and

847

00:39:44,690 --> 00:39:41,520

so many are the reputable Witnesses who

848

00:39:46,849 --> 00:39:44,700

have testified to this miracle cure that

849

00:39:50,089 --> 00:39:46,859

the government has widely notified the

850

00:39:52,910 --> 00:39:50,099

name of the station master and telegrams

851  
00:39:53,690 --> 00:39:52,920  
him giving the time and place of a snake

852  
00:39:57,230 --> 00:39:53,700  
bite

853  
00:40:00,050 --> 00:39:57,240  
are transfree by the Indian post office

854  
00:40:03,770 --> 00:40:00,060  
as wide is the faith in a certain cure

855  
00:40:07,790 --> 00:40:03,780  
for that dangerous malady liver and

856  
00:40:11,030 --> 00:40:07,800  
spleen expansion in children affected by

857  
00:40:14,329 --> 00:40:11,040  
a poorly educated man who has inherited

858  
00:40:18,170 --> 00:40:14,339  
The Secret of a powder which has saved

859  
00:40:21,370 --> 00:40:18,180  
many children including my own and which

860  
00:40:24,710 --> 00:40:21,380  
in Madras British and Indian doctors

861  
00:40:27,470 --> 00:40:24,720  
invariably recommend a little less known

862  
00:40:30,349 --> 00:40:27,480  
but nevertheless authenticated to my

863  
00:40:33,829 --> 00:40:30,359

knowledge by several reputable Witnesses

864

00:40:37,670 --> 00:40:33,839

are cures for a whole host of diseases

865

00:40:40,310 --> 00:40:37,680

by a system of massage and anointing

866

00:40:42,730 --> 00:40:40,320

with oil practiced by certain families

867

00:40:45,589 --> 00:40:42,740

in Malabar

868

00:40:48,410 --> 00:40:45,599

native bone setter

869

00:40:51,890 --> 00:40:48,420

I will conclude this list of examples

870

00:40:54,710 --> 00:40:51,900

which could be lengthened to many pages

871

00:40:57,950 --> 00:40:54,720

with the remarkable one of the bone

872

00:41:01,130 --> 00:40:57,960

Setter of puta I think that's pronounced

873

00:41:04,490 --> 00:41:01,140

about a hundred miles from Madras the

874

00:41:07,970 --> 00:41:04,500

man is illiterate lives in a humble

875

00:41:10,970 --> 00:41:07,980

Cottage and refuses to take any fee for

876

00:41:13,910 --> 00:41:10,980

his services but to him accredited

877

00:41:16,250 --> 00:41:13,920

miracles of healing patients are sent to

878

00:41:18,950 --> 00:41:16,260

him from the government hospitals manned

879

00:41:23,329 --> 00:41:18,960

by eminent surgeons cases of broken

880

00:41:25,910 --> 00:41:23,339

bones so terrible that amputation or the

881

00:41:29,569 --> 00:41:25,920

puta vedia I'm not sure what that is

882

00:41:32,870 --> 00:41:29,579

were the only Alternatives the engineer

883

00:41:36,349 --> 00:41:32,880

for instance who was superintending the

884

00:41:38,510 --> 00:41:36,359

construction of a railway bridge fell to

885

00:41:42,349 --> 00:41:38,520

the rocky bed of a river and smashed his

886

00:41:45,250 --> 00:41:42,359

thigh and arm bones was taken in the

887

00:41:48,890 --> 00:41:45,260

hospital ambulance to this illiterate

888

00:41:53,030 --> 00:41:48,900

ex-barber of puta and within a month

889

00:41:55,430 --> 00:41:53,040

reported himself for executive Duty

890

00:41:58,550 --> 00:41:55,440

the secret of the man is an uncanny gift

891

00:42:01,490 --> 00:41:58,560

for bone setting he has never looked

892

00:42:04,069 --> 00:42:01,500

into a book of anatomy and a vegetable

893

00:42:06,650 --> 00:42:04,079

oil which he keeps pouring on the

894

00:42:09,829 --> 00:42:06,660

bandage his story is that he discovered

895

00:42:12,829 --> 00:42:09,839

the herb from which he extracts the oil

896

00:42:16,250 --> 00:42:12,839

by accident when hunting in the nearby

897

00:42:19,730 --> 00:42:16,260

jungle he wrapped up a deer in the

898

00:42:22,609 --> 00:42:19,740

leaves and found on his return home that

899

00:42:24,829 --> 00:42:22,619

all its broken bones had set again the

900

00:42:28,250 --> 00:42:24,839

ex-barber continues to live in his Hut

901  
00:42:31,490 --> 00:42:28,260  
and has hitherto refused all offers of

902  
00:42:33,890 --> 00:42:31,500  
money for his services but he will not

903  
00:42:37,630 --> 00:42:33,900  
reveal the secret because he believes

904  
00:42:40,010 --> 00:42:37,640  
that the magic will disappear

905  
00:42:42,310 --> 00:42:40,020  
inherited secrets

906  
00:42:45,910 --> 00:42:42,320  
but surely there must be a way of

907  
00:42:49,270 --> 00:42:45,920  
enlightening him some other inducement

908  
00:42:52,130 --> 00:42:49,280  
which may make him yield the secret

909  
00:42:55,310 --> 00:42:52,140  
dozens of Miracles like these still

910  
00:42:58,490 --> 00:42:55,320  
survive in India and every Indian and

911  
00:43:01,250 --> 00:42:58,500  
many britishers who have toured in the

912  
00:43:02,809 --> 00:43:01,260  
districts and Villages can furnish other

913  
00:43:06,230 --> 00:43:02,819

such examples

914

00:43:08,990 --> 00:43:06,240

but these obscure recipes are fast dying

915

00:43:12,349 --> 00:43:09,000

out their formula are usually handed

916

00:43:14,450 --> 00:43:12,359

down in code from father to son but

917

00:43:17,150 --> 00:43:14,460

sometime or rather the secret is lost

918

00:43:19,970 --> 00:43:17,160

and it may be ages before the world

919

00:43:22,250 --> 00:43:19,980

rediscovers it the English educated

920

00:43:25,609 --> 00:43:22,260

children of these men too readily scoff

921

00:43:28,670 --> 00:43:25,619

at such remedies as old-fashioned and

922

00:43:31,550 --> 00:43:28,680

because some of them are just quackeries

923

00:43:32,750 --> 00:43:31,560

will tar the whole lot with the same

924

00:43:36,530 --> 00:43:32,760

brush

925

00:43:39,829 --> 00:43:36,540

it would be well worth the while of the

926  
00:43:43,010 --> 00:43:39,839  
more advanced world to collect and sift

927  
00:43:45,170 --> 00:43:43,020  
all such information from India and to

928  
00:43:47,210 --> 00:43:45,180  
organize scientific investigation of

929  
00:43:49,930 --> 00:43:47,220  
some of these miracles

930  
00:43:53,990 --> 00:43:49,940  
for out of such research May flow

931  
00:43:55,730 --> 00:43:54,000  
incalculable benefit to humanity

932  
00:43:59,030 --> 00:43:55,740  
now I sent that report off to my friend

933  
00:44:02,030 --> 00:43:59,040  
Abhijit Chanda in India

934  
00:44:03,890 --> 00:44:02,040  
and I think in the future episode of the

935  
00:44:07,130 --> 00:44:03,900  
skeptical Zone I might chat to Abhijit

936  
00:44:08,030 --> 00:44:07,140  
about the uh the so-called God men of

937  
00:44:14,089 --> 00:44:08,040  
India

938  
00:44:16,130 --> 00:44:14,099

story about snake charming now there are

939

00:44:19,069 --> 00:44:16,140

two types of snake charming there's the

940

00:44:22,069 --> 00:44:19,079

one that you may be familiar with where

941

00:44:25,849 --> 00:44:22,079

the Snake Charmer plays a tune on a pipe

942

00:44:28,970 --> 00:44:25,859

and the snake appears from a basket and

943

00:44:30,530 --> 00:44:28,980

seems to follow the music or the pipe it

944

00:44:33,829 --> 00:44:30,540

appears the snake is really following

945

00:44:35,630 --> 00:44:33,839

the movement rather than the sound

946

00:44:39,050 --> 00:44:35,640

and another

947

00:44:41,809 --> 00:44:39,060

area of snake charming are people who

948

00:44:44,870 --> 00:44:41,819

find snakes and I think this is what

949

00:44:48,650 --> 00:44:44,880

this report refers to and this is from

950

00:44:52,010 --> 00:44:48,660

the southern Argus from South Australia

951  
00:44:53,710 --> 00:44:52,020  
dated the 6th of September

952  
00:44:55,250 --> 00:44:53,720  
1872.

953  
00:44:58,849 --> 00:44:55,260  
[Music]

954  
00:45:01,430 --> 00:44:58,859  
snake charming The Madras male gives an

955  
00:45:03,470 --> 00:45:01,440  
interesting account of the whole art and

956  
00:45:06,890 --> 00:45:03,480  
mystery of snake charming

957  
00:45:09,770 --> 00:45:06,900  
we have long felt convinced that the

958  
00:45:12,530 --> 00:45:09,780  
whole process of snake catching by

959  
00:45:14,870 --> 00:45:12,540  
professional Chalmers as ordinarily

960  
00:45:17,990 --> 00:45:14,880  
witnessed by English Spectators in India

961  
00:45:22,069 --> 00:45:18,000  
was a clever piece of jugglery

962  
00:45:24,950 --> 00:45:22,079  
we therefore determine not long ago to

963  
00:45:29,089 --> 00:45:24,960

examine the operation impartially but

964

00:45:30,890 --> 00:45:29,099

strictly and with this view we organized

965

00:45:34,190 --> 00:45:30,900

a party of critics

966

00:45:37,250 --> 00:45:34,200

two snake charms were sent for and on

967

00:45:40,130 --> 00:45:37,260

their assuring us that the appearance of

968

00:45:41,450 --> 00:45:40,140

our garden indicated the presence of

969

00:45:44,270 --> 00:45:41,460

snakes

970

00:45:47,150 --> 00:45:44,280

permission was given for them to charm

971

00:45:50,690 --> 00:45:47,160

our reptiles out of their holes

972

00:45:53,569 --> 00:45:50,700

one of the men set to work and in a few

973

00:45:55,670 --> 00:45:53,579

minutes his face lightened up with this

974

00:45:57,829 --> 00:45:55,680

satisfaction of success

975

00:46:00,230 --> 00:45:57,839

he had discovered a snake the party

976  
00:46:04,250 --> 00:46:00,240  
would call around and Shone the snake in

977  
00:46:06,530 --> 00:46:04,260  
the hole as Theodore hook persuaded a

978  
00:46:10,250 --> 00:46:06,540  
London mob that the lions in

979  
00:46:13,730 --> 00:46:10,260  
Northumberland house wagged their tails

980  
00:46:16,849 --> 00:46:13,740  
I wonder what that story is so did this

981  
00:46:20,030 --> 00:46:16,859  
man by determined azervation makes some

982  
00:46:23,510 --> 00:46:20,040  
of us believe that we actually saw the

983  
00:46:26,329 --> 00:46:23,520  
snake in its hole being satisfied that

984  
00:46:30,470 --> 00:46:26,339  
the snake was there the charmer was told

985  
00:46:33,109 --> 00:46:30,480  
to proceed in an instant he seized the

986  
00:46:35,510 --> 00:46:33,119  
snake pulled it out of the hole and

987  
00:46:37,609 --> 00:46:35,520  
threw it on the ground nothing could

988  
00:46:40,790 --> 00:46:37,619

have been more convincing for having

989

00:46:43,250 --> 00:46:40,800

watched the man most closely we were all

990

00:46:46,550 --> 00:46:43,260

confident that the snake had not been

991

00:46:48,890 --> 00:46:46,560

let loose in the first instance the

992

00:46:52,670 --> 00:46:48,900

Charmers were directed to make another

993

00:46:55,609 --> 00:46:52,680

search before commencing the men were

994

00:46:58,790 --> 00:46:55,619

examined their clothes and turbans were

995

00:47:00,829 --> 00:46:58,800

opened and shaken but on requesting to

996

00:47:03,829 --> 00:47:00,839

be allowed to wear them as protection

997

00:47:06,710 --> 00:47:03,839

against the attacks they were permitted

998

00:47:10,130 --> 00:47:06,720

to resume their clothing they smiled at

999

00:47:14,150 --> 00:47:10,140

our incredulity and asserted that to

1000

00:47:16,490 --> 00:47:14,160

prove they were Not Mere jugglers they

1001  
00:47:17,690 --> 00:47:16,500  
would catch more snakes which of course

1002  
00:47:21,430 --> 00:47:17,700  
they did

1003  
00:47:23,329 --> 00:47:21,440  
skepticism however still had its doubts

1004  
00:47:26,510 --> 00:47:23,339  
notwithstanding the clear evidence

1005  
00:47:29,390 --> 00:47:26,520  
presented to the site another trial was

1006  
00:47:32,150 --> 00:47:29,400  
made and when one of the Chalmers was

1007  
00:47:35,089 --> 00:47:32,160  
some little distance from his basket he

1008  
00:47:37,670 --> 00:47:35,099  
was rushed upon and seized by the

1009  
00:47:40,550 --> 00:47:37,680  
Skeptics who wanted to examine his

1010  
00:47:43,550 --> 00:47:40,560  
clothing with their own hands the Rogue

1011  
00:47:45,710 --> 00:47:43,560  
cried for mercy and begged to be spared

1012  
00:47:49,250 --> 00:47:45,720  
the humiliation of being forcibly

1013  
00:47:51,829 --> 00:47:49,260

stripped No Quarter was the reply he was

1014

00:47:54,829 --> 00:47:51,839

met with then he confessed that his

1015

00:47:58,730 --> 00:47:54,839

trade was deception and that he would

1016

00:48:01,370 --> 00:47:58,740

show us before our very eyes how he

1017

00:48:04,430 --> 00:48:01,380

caught snakes a complete circle being

1018

00:48:07,609 --> 00:48:04,440

formed around having just sufficient

1019

00:48:10,490 --> 00:48:07,619

room for him to swing his arm in he

1020

00:48:13,130 --> 00:48:10,500

produced from The Mists of us a huge

1021

00:48:16,010 --> 00:48:13,140

Cobra seven feet long

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00:48:19,490 --> 00:48:16,020

skepticism was triumphant and the much

1023

00:48:21,890 --> 00:48:19,500

injured charmer looked as most Impostors

1024

00:48:24,050 --> 00:48:21,900

do when their tricks are discovered the

1025

00:48:27,109 --> 00:48:24,060

plan of operation was then explained to

1026

00:48:31,370 --> 00:48:27,119

us snakes having had their fangs

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00:48:34,670 --> 00:48:31,380

extracted are put into separate bags and

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00:48:36,770 --> 00:48:34,680

the mouth closed by a slip knot this bag

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00:48:39,410 --> 00:48:36,780

is then fastened to a string which all

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00:48:42,890 --> 00:48:39,420

natives wear around the wrist with the

1031

00:48:46,309 --> 00:48:42,900

mouth downwards the charmer swoops down

1032

00:48:49,550 --> 00:48:46,319

and sweeps up bits of grass and Earth

1033

00:48:52,250 --> 00:48:49,560

with the right hand and simultaneously

1034

00:48:55,010 --> 00:48:52,260

the slip knot is drawn by the left hand

1035

00:48:56,690 --> 00:48:55,020

into the palm of which the snake

1036

00:48:59,450 --> 00:48:56,700

naturally drops

1037

00:49:02,930 --> 00:48:59,460

the right hand is brought up with the

1038

00:49:06,950 --> 00:49:02,940

swoop and meets the left from which the

1039

00:49:09,710 --> 00:49:06,960

snake is passed into the right which

1040

00:49:13,250 --> 00:49:09,720

then flourishes the reptile in the face

1041

00:49:15,470 --> 00:49:13,260

of the terrified but admiring spectators

1042

00:49:17,809 --> 00:49:15,480

that must have been quite a sight

1043

00:49:20,450 --> 00:49:17,819

to make sure that this in itself was not

1044

00:49:24,650 --> 00:49:20,460

an imposter the man's basket was

1045

00:49:27,170 --> 00:49:24,660

examined and between the top and a cloth

1046

00:49:31,730 --> 00:49:27,180

Loosely thrown over it where several

1047

00:49:33,730 --> 00:49:31,740

bags tied up with snakes in them wishing

1048

00:49:36,410 --> 00:49:33,740

to assure ourselves still further

1049

00:49:38,990 --> 00:49:36,420

whether this was the usual plan of

1050

00:49:41,329 --> 00:49:39,000

deception followed by these people some

1051  
00:49:44,270 --> 00:49:41,339  
other snake Charmers were sent for and

1052  
00:49:47,530 --> 00:49:44,280  
their baskets being suddenly seized and

1053  
00:49:50,870 --> 00:49:47,540  
examined were found to have on the top

1054  
00:49:53,570 --> 00:49:50,880  
seven or eight bags with a different

1055  
00:49:57,490 --> 00:49:53,580  
kinds of snakes in them

1056  
00:50:01,790 --> 00:49:57,500  
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1057  
00:50:06,760 --> 00:50:01,800  
not so Charming snake Charmers way back

1058  
00:50:12,250 --> 00:50:09,490  
[Music]

1059  
00:50:15,230 --> 00:50:12,260  
and when you visit Trove at

1060  
00:50:19,760 --> 00:50:15,240  
trove.nla.gov dot a u you never know

1061  
00:50:19,770 --> 00:50:34,910  
[Music]

1062  
00:50:38,690 --> 00:50:36,589  
thank you for listening to the skeptic

1063  
00:50:41,630 --> 00:50:38,700

Zone podcast coming up on next week's

1064

00:50:43,030 --> 00:50:41,640

show we might take a look at this recent

1065

00:50:46,550 --> 00:50:43,040

NASA

1066

00:50:48,410 --> 00:50:46,560

UFO oh don't say UFO anymore UAP

1067

00:50:50,030 --> 00:50:48,420

press conference

1068

00:50:52,309 --> 00:50:50,040

and uh

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00:50:55,370 --> 00:50:52,319

are there aliens visiting Earth

1070

00:50:57,770 --> 00:50:55,380

I don't think even NASA thinks so we'll

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00:50:59,870 --> 00:50:57,780

look into that possibly next week thank

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but for this week

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before I fly back home this is Richard

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Saunders signing off from near San

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00:52:26,210 --> 00:52:23,940

wow I didn't know it was your good buddy

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00:52:29,329 --> 00:52:26,220

and we're about to play the dice game

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00:52:32,390 --> 00:52:29,339

yeah I know this is the highlight of the

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00:52:35,329 --> 00:52:32,400

whole podcast that whole day it's

1100

00:52:36,950 --> 00:52:35,339

Brighton now outside okay

1101  
00:52:44,990 --> 00:52:36,960

you are

1102  
00:52:47,569 --> 00:52:45,000

your psychic powers anybody has I know

1103  
00:52:51,170 --> 00:52:47,579

if anybody has psychic powers it is you

1104  
00:52:52,849 --> 00:52:51,180

that is true that is true so I I have a

1105  
00:52:54,290 --> 00:52:52,859

six-sided dice right here I'm showing it

1106  
00:52:56,809 --> 00:52:54,300

to you see they're all the numbers are

1107  
00:52:58,910 --> 00:52:56,819

different yeah see okay all right so I'm

1108  
00:53:01,010 --> 00:52:58,920

Gonna Roll it I'm Gonna Roll it three

1109  
00:53:02,450 --> 00:53:01,020

times and I'm going to predict the

1110  
00:53:04,430 --> 00:53:02,460

number you're going to predict a number

1111  
00:53:08,450 --> 00:53:04,440

yes you are going to predict a number so

1112  
00:53:10,430 --> 00:53:08,460

from one to six it includes one and six

1113  
00:53:12,410 --> 00:53:10,440

so one two three four five six okay I

1114

00:53:16,270 --> 00:53:12,420

have it you have it yeah well say it out

1115

00:53:19,930 --> 00:53:16,280

loud three okay so here we go first roll

1116

00:53:22,430 --> 00:53:19,940

it's a six it's only a half a half white

1117

00:53:23,650 --> 00:53:22,440

right okay well now do you want to pick

1118

00:53:25,849 --> 00:53:23,660

a different number for this next one

1119

00:53:29,580 --> 00:53:25,859

same number

1120

00:53:31,309 --> 00:53:29,590

here it goes ready second roll

1121

00:53:34,309 --> 00:53:31,319

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1122

00:53:36,349 --> 00:53:34,319

five five that's my number

1123

00:53:37,970 --> 00:53:36,359

well you didn't say anything well

1124

00:53:41,690 --> 00:53:37,980

everybody listening knows I always

1125

00:53:43,430 --> 00:53:41,700

choose five okay but but sorry but

1126  
00:53:45,710 --> 00:53:43,440  
anyway so I have one more you have one

1127  
00:53:49,130 --> 00:53:45,720  
more chance Mark now you are

1128  
00:53:50,870 --> 00:53:49,140  
the person who should be able to do this

1129  
00:53:52,730 --> 00:53:50,880  
do you want to do this I wouldn't be

1130  
00:53:54,290 --> 00:53:52,740  
talking to you right now

1131  
00:53:55,910 --> 00:53:54,300  
what would you be doing right now if you

1132  
00:53:59,510 --> 00:53:55,920  
could predict the roll of a die in Las

1133  
00:54:01,130 --> 00:53:59,520  
Vegas oh of course

1134  
00:54:03,430 --> 00:54:01,140  
here do you want to blow in the dye or

1135  
00:54:06,470 --> 00:54:03,440  
something or do you have some magic

1136  
00:54:08,990 --> 00:54:06,480  
the female does it yes

1137  
00:54:13,790 --> 00:54:09,000  
okay three okay

1138  
00:54:22,010 --> 00:54:17,329

it's a five where you win I had two

1139

00:54:24,230 --> 00:54:22,020

fives oh my gosh I'm so sorry Mark you

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00:54:26,270 --> 00:54:24,240

didn't get your three it just shows you

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00:54:28,809 --> 00:54:26,280

that psychics you can't depend on them

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00:54:31,809 --> 00:54:28,819

isn't that the whole point yeah I know

1143

00:54:36,410 --> 00:54:31,819

all right everybody so the roles were

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00:54:37,490 --> 00:54:36,420

six five five all big numbers let's go