

# SOMEWHERE IN THE SKIES



**AMERICAN MADNESS**

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**THE PHANTOM PATRIOT**

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00:00:04,670 --> 00:00:02,570  
hey guys Ryan Sprague here and before we

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00:00:06,110 --> 00:00:04,680  
get to this week's episode I just wanted

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00:00:08,930 --> 00:00:06,120  
to let you know that we will be

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00:00:11,749 --> 00:00:08,940  
discussing very controversial conspiracy

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00:00:14,330 --> 00:00:11,759  
theories and American politics in this

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00:00:16,609 --> 00:00:14,340  
week's interview the views expressed in

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00:00:19,790 --> 00:00:16,619  
this interview are solely those of my

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00:00:23,750 --> 00:00:19,800  
guests and myself and not the E1 podcast

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00:00:25,790 --> 00:00:23,760  
Network so without further Ado enjoy our

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00:00:28,370 --> 00:00:25,800  
interview with t krulis all about his

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00:00:29,820 --> 00:00:28,380  
new book American Madness and the

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00:00:32,269 --> 00:00:29,830  
Phantom Patriot

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00:00:33,580 --> 00:00:32,279

[Music]

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foreign

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welcome everyone to somewhere in the

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00:01:11,210 --> 00:01:07,799

skies and know that lie on my shirt is

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00:01:14,390 --> 00:01:11,220

not symbolism it's not a conspiracy it's

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00:01:16,310 --> 00:01:14,400

actually my brand new shirt from the uh

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00:01:18,649 --> 00:01:16,320

the guys over at I want to believe

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00:01:20,390 --> 00:01:18,659

podcast I want to believe in humans

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00:01:22,850 --> 00:01:20,400

podcast I should say

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um we're so nice to send this to me but

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00:01:27,710 --> 00:01:26,040

symbolism and conspiracy theory is what

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00:01:30,109 --> 00:01:27,720

we're going to be talking about tonight

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00:01:32,450 --> 00:01:30,119

so buckle up this is going to be an

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00:01:35,870 --> 00:01:32,460

amazing conversation with first-time

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00:01:39,109 --> 00:01:35,880

guest and author T crewlis joining us

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00:01:41,450 --> 00:01:39,119

City welcome for the very first time to

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00:01:43,249 --> 00:01:41,460

summer in the skies my man hey Ryan I'm

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00:01:45,649 --> 00:01:43,259

so glad to be here this is awesome I

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00:01:47,389 --> 00:01:45,659

really love your show thank you thank

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00:01:49,490 --> 00:01:47,399

you and I should say the same for you

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00:01:51,649 --> 00:01:49,500

we'll talk all about your podcast and

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00:01:54,530 --> 00:01:51,659

everything you got going on over at your

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00:01:56,450 --> 00:01:54,540

website later but um today we're going

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00:02:00,350 --> 00:01:56,460

to be talking about your newest book

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American Madness which uh oh man what a

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00:02:04,910 --> 00:02:01,320

journey

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00:02:08,029 --> 00:02:04,920

um I I don't remember the last time that

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00:02:10,309 --> 00:02:08,039

I was so glued to a book that I forgot

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00:02:12,770 --> 00:02:10,319

what time it was which is so easy to do

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00:02:15,949 --> 00:02:12,780

in this pandemic lockdown World we're

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00:02:18,949 --> 00:02:15,959

living in but um this book could not

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00:02:22,130 --> 00:02:18,959

have come at a better time just not just

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00:02:24,290 --> 00:02:22,140

to read but what it covers I mean it's

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startling how everything in this book

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which we will get to uh coincides with

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00:02:31,729 --> 00:02:29,040

what's going on in the world right now

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00:02:32,509 --> 00:02:31,739

so um let's not really waste any time

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00:02:35,630 --> 00:02:32,519

man

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um the book is all about a dude named

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Richard McCaslin so I have to ask how

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did you find this guy we'll talk about

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00:02:47,150 --> 00:02:44,040

his journey in the book and um all that

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00:02:49,610 --> 00:02:47,160

but yeah how did you meet him and um how

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00:02:52,009 --> 00:02:49,620

did you come to uh to understand who

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00:02:54,530 --> 00:02:52,019

Richard was and what he means in in

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00:02:56,869 --> 00:02:54,540

terms of the theme of your book

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00:02:59,149 --> 00:02:56,879

yeah well this is pretty rare because

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00:03:02,570 --> 00:02:59,159

it's kind of a story that fell in my lap

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00:03:05,089 --> 00:03:02,580

and it forever changed my life and took

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00:03:07,309 --> 00:03:05,099

my life into some strange directions

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but what happened was

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00:03:13,550 --> 00:03:10,500

um in 2010 I was working on my first

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00:03:15,170 --> 00:03:13,560

book uh which is titled heroes in the

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night I actually got a copy on my desk

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here

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um and this book is about this kind of

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unusual subculture of people that call

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themselves real life superheroes

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and they actually adopt their own

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superhero personas and some of them try

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to fight crime in the streets and uh

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00:03:38,030 --> 00:03:35,040

others have a more mellow take where

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they do like charitable stuff

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00:03:43,009 --> 00:03:39,900

um so I'm trying to wrap my head around

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this story and one of the good ideas I

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00:03:48,830 --> 00:03:45,599

had at that time was I had started a

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00:03:51,289 --> 00:03:48,840

Blog it was just a blog spot page that

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00:03:53,449 --> 00:03:51,299

was also called heroes in the night and

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00:03:56,509 --> 00:03:53,459

I was just you know talking about some

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of these uh real life superheroes that I

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was meeting and I'd write little blurbs

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about them if I found something

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00:04:06,530 --> 00:04:03,720

interesting in my research I'd share it

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00:04:09,710 --> 00:04:06,540

on the blog and it started to get some

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00:04:12,470 --> 00:04:09,720

pretty good traffic because it got

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00:04:16,969 --> 00:04:12,480

picked up by some media Outlets that

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00:04:17,569 --> 00:04:16,979

were looking for an expert quote unquote

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00:04:22,189 --> 00:04:17,579

um

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00:04:24,530 --> 00:04:22,199

so one day I opened my email and I have

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00:04:25,969 --> 00:04:24,540

a message from a guy named Richard

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McCaslin

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and he said uh I I found your blog and

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00:04:35,090 --> 00:04:32,580

um I'm interested in this book that

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00:04:38,409 --> 00:04:35,100

you're working on and I think that you

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00:04:41,510 --> 00:04:38,419

might be interested in my story because

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uh back in the day I was a real life

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00:04:48,590 --> 00:04:45,060

superhero known as the Phantom Patriot

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00:04:52,730 --> 00:04:48,600  
and Mike claim the fame is that in 2002

102  
00:04:56,050 --> 00:04:52,740  
I snuck into the Bohemian Grove and I

103  
00:04:59,810 --> 00:04:56,060  
lit it on fire and I was like

104  
00:05:02,029 --> 00:04:59,820  
what what is this guy talking about like

105  
00:05:03,770 --> 00:05:02,039  
uh I had never heard of the Bohemian

106  
00:05:07,490 --> 00:05:03,780  
Grove at that point

107  
00:05:11,029 --> 00:05:07,500  
um so I looked it up on Wikipedia and I

108  
00:05:13,249 --> 00:05:11,039  
was like this is really strange like it

109  
00:05:15,830 --> 00:05:13,259  
was you know we'll probably get into

110  
00:05:18,110 --> 00:05:15,840  
some more of the details but I was

111  
00:05:21,650 --> 00:05:18,120  
talking about rich and powerful men

112  
00:05:23,210 --> 00:05:21,660  
doing a a ritual in front of a statue of

113  
00:05:25,850 --> 00:05:23,220

an owl

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00:05:28,010 --> 00:05:25,860

and I was like okay well I don't know

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00:05:31,010 --> 00:05:28,020

what's going on here but I'm interested

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00:05:33,469 --> 00:05:31,020

in the story whatever it is uh so I

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00:05:36,409 --> 00:05:33,479

messed Richard back and I said yeah

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00:05:39,170 --> 00:05:36,419

I'm I'm interested to hear about what

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00:05:42,890 --> 00:05:39,180

your story is and how you got into the

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00:05:47,990 --> 00:05:42,900

Bohemian Grove and that started this

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long almost 10-year process of slowly

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00:05:53,390 --> 00:05:49,919

figuring out what Richard's life story

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00:05:56,510 --> 00:05:53,400

was uh interviewing a lot of people who

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00:05:58,610 --> 00:05:56,520

were involved in his life and uh one

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thing that was very clear pretty early

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00:06:04,189 --> 00:06:01,500

on was that oh this guy is way into

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00:06:06,050 --> 00:06:04,199

conspiracy theory

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00:06:09,170 --> 00:06:06,060

um and so the book sort of evolved to

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00:06:10,909 --> 00:06:09,180

talk about a lot of conspiracies and

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00:06:13,249 --> 00:06:10,919

Richard was sort of my guide into

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00:06:15,110 --> 00:06:13,259

conspiracy land he would tell me about

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00:06:17,029 --> 00:06:15,120

something and I would look it up and and

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00:06:19,610 --> 00:06:17,039

research it

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00:06:21,710 --> 00:06:19,620

um you know and then it was a book that

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I was kind of struggling with the

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direction of where it would go

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00:06:29,150 --> 00:06:26,460

um and in between my first book in this

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00:06:31,129 --> 00:06:29,160

book I wrote two others so I would kind

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00:06:33,409 --> 00:06:31,139

of work on this book and then put on the

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00:06:35,629 --> 00:06:33,419

back burner sometimes for like a year

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00:06:38,029 --> 00:06:35,639

you know and then I'd be like oh yeah

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00:06:40,010 --> 00:06:38,039

that story I really want to tell it so

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00:06:43,490 --> 00:06:40,020

I'd work on some more and interview some

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people and then eventually the book

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started to evolve in the direction of

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00:06:52,670 --> 00:06:49,199

this kind of conspiracy culture that we

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00:06:55,670 --> 00:06:52,680

find ourselves in now I was like wow a

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00:06:57,290 --> 00:06:55,680

lot of the stuff that I'm seeing uh is

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00:06:58,730 --> 00:06:57,300

stuff that Richard talked to me about

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00:07:00,890 --> 00:06:58,740

years ago

151  
00:07:02,809 --> 00:07:00,900  
so that kind of became the goal towards

152  
00:07:04,189 --> 00:07:02,819  
the end of the writing process was to

153  
00:07:07,150 --> 00:07:04,199  
tie it into

154  
00:07:10,990 --> 00:07:07,160  
the bigger problem that's going on here

155  
00:07:14,689 --> 00:07:11,000  
yeah and I mean I'm I'm sure writing

156  
00:07:17,510 --> 00:07:14,699  
writing is never easy but you know the

157  
00:07:19,909 --> 00:07:17,520  
uh real world implication I think of

158  
00:07:22,370 --> 00:07:19,919  
what you were asking in the book kaida

159  
00:07:25,730 --> 00:07:22,380  
just fell in your lap in the last couple

160  
00:07:28,070 --> 00:07:25,740  
maybe four years or so and um I think

161  
00:07:29,749 --> 00:07:28,080  
people understand why that might be but

162  
00:07:31,430 --> 00:07:29,759  
we'll get to that

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00:07:33,650 --> 00:07:31,440

um but yeah you did mention let's let's

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00:07:35,689 --> 00:07:33,660

I guess kind of run through the Bohemian

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00:07:37,909 --> 00:07:35,699

Grove a little bit I mean the first time

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I remember hearing about it was um I did

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00:07:46,249 --> 00:07:42,000

read uh the John Ronson book yes I uh

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00:07:48,650 --> 00:07:46,259

yeah yeah and what was the oh um decoded

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um Brad melts her television show and

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again I was just like whoa I mean I know

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00:07:56,809 --> 00:07:54,000

like we heard heard about skull and

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00:07:58,790 --> 00:07:56,819

bones and um yeah you know kind of stuff

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like that throughout the years but this

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00:08:05,210 --> 00:08:01,379

was an actual place like you said where

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00:08:07,610 --> 00:08:05,220

all these Elites came including like U.S

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00:08:09,529 --> 00:08:07,620

presidents and whatnot I'll I'll shut up

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00:08:11,749 --> 00:08:09,539

now and let you kind of run us through

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what did you learn about the Bohemian

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Grove give us a little crash course yeah

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I mean this was uh really uh one of the

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early hooks that really drew me into the

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story

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um because Richard had told me about

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this place uh and I started to hardcore

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00:08:31,730 --> 00:08:29,039

research the Bohemian Grove

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um and what I found and this is going to

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be true of a lot of conspiracies was a

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00:08:37,610 --> 00:08:35,940

lot of stuff he was telling me about

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00:08:38,930 --> 00:08:37,620

this place was true

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so

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um the Bohemian Club started in the late

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1800s in San Francisco

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and sort of the original idea was that

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the club was going to help promote the

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Arts in San Francisco which was still a

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00:08:58,550 --> 00:08:55,860

pretty new city at that time

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00:09:02,930 --> 00:08:58,560

but uh and so the early members were a

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lot of poets and artists and journalists

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00:09:08,930 --> 00:09:04,980

but they sort of ran into this classic

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dilemma where uh they were poor artists

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00:09:13,790 --> 00:09:11,760  
and they didn't have money to fund their

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00:09:17,509 --> 00:09:13,800  
their Vision or whatever so they began

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00:09:19,310 --> 00:09:17,519  
to invite in bankers and other Titans of

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00:09:22,250 --> 00:09:19,320  
Industry

205  
00:09:24,889 --> 00:09:22,260  
um over the years it evolved and

206  
00:09:27,290 --> 00:09:24,899  
um they bought up this land in Northern

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00:09:28,370 --> 00:09:27,300  
California which they called Bohemian

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00:09:32,509 --> 00:09:28,380  
Grove

209  
00:09:36,110 --> 00:09:32,519  
and it's this huge uh you know two or

210  
00:09:39,110 --> 00:09:36,120  
three Thousand Acre encampment

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00:09:42,710 --> 00:09:39,120  
um and this is sort of their Retreat now

212  
00:09:44,870 --> 00:09:42,720  
the members uh are some of the world's

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00:09:48,769 --> 00:09:44,880

most powerful men it's a men only Club

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they don't allow media into the Bohemian

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Grove

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00:09:53,509 --> 00:09:52,140

and so when Richard was telling me about

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this I was like

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00:09:57,889 --> 00:09:56,040

okay I don't know how how you could know

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00:10:00,590 --> 00:09:57,899

this but

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um I found a lot of reports by

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journalists who have snuck into the

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Grove over the years and a lot of

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historical documents so it sounds crazy

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but

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um you know yes uh Richard Nixon and

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Ronald Reagan were both members of the

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club and they did have a private

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discussion inside the Grove where they

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talked about which one of them would run

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for president first

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uh George W bush uh his father George

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H.W bush and Prescott Bush who is his

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father all members of the club lots of

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famous politicians uh entertainers

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owners of sports

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00:10:44,569 --> 00:10:42,060

um leagues and stuff like that

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00:10:47,930 --> 00:10:44,579

um and so when they pay for this

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00:10:50,509 --> 00:10:47,940

membership which is quite expensive

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um they have access to go to the Grove

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anytime they want as well as the

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00:10:59,509 --> 00:10:56,399

Bohemian Club uh clubhouse which is in

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downtown San Francisco

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um but the big sort of party every year

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happens in mid-july they do this thing

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called the summer encampment and that's

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when most of the members go out there

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together so there's thousands thousands

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00:11:16,910 --> 00:11:14,459

of of guys who go out there

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00:11:20,930 --> 00:11:16,920

um and it's supposed to be this sort of

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00:11:23,329 --> 00:11:20,940

fun relaxing uh two-week vacation where

251  
00:11:26,269 --> 00:11:23,339  
you know they go bird watching they go

252  
00:11:27,829 --> 00:11:26,279  
swimming in the river uh they drink a

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00:11:30,050 --> 00:11:27,839  
lot

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00:11:33,050 --> 00:11:30,060  
um and they sort of kick all this off

255  
00:11:35,449 --> 00:11:33,060  
with a pretty bizarre ritual that's

256  
00:11:37,970 --> 00:11:35,459  
called The Cremation of care

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00:11:41,630 --> 00:11:37,980  
it's this very theatrical performance

258  
00:11:44,690 --> 00:11:41,640  
where inside the Grove they have a

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00:11:48,710 --> 00:11:44,700  
40-foot statue of an owl

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00:11:50,690 --> 00:11:48,720  
um and some of these members are dressed

261  
00:11:53,210 --> 00:11:50,700  
up sort of as Druids and they come out

262  
00:11:56,569 --> 00:11:53,220  
with torches and they say this weird

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00:11:59,210 --> 00:11:56,579

like cryptic nature poetry about how

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great mother earth is

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um and then they burn this Effigy in

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front of the owl and it's called dull

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00:12:09,050 --> 00:12:06,120

care

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00:12:12,410 --> 00:12:09,060

and this Effigy is supposed to represent

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all of their worldly hassles that they

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00:12:16,850 --> 00:12:14,519

can burn and then they're free to party

271

00:12:18,470 --> 00:12:16,860

in the woods you know now that dull care

272

00:12:19,670 --> 00:12:18,480

has been burned

273

00:12:22,670 --> 00:12:19,680

so

274

00:12:27,290 --> 00:12:22,680

um it is a pretty weird ritual uh here's

275

00:12:30,290 --> 00:12:27,300

a fun fact the stone owl speaks to uh

276  
00:12:33,470 --> 00:12:30,300  
the assembled Bohemians and this voice

277  
00:12:36,530 --> 00:12:33,480  
and this is true by the way the voice is

278  
00:12:40,250 --> 00:12:36,540  
a recording of golov news anchor Walter

279  
00:12:51,829 --> 00:12:40,260  
Cronkite was a Bohemian Club member

280  
00:12:57,829 --> 00:12:53,829  
when we learn

281  
00:13:00,829 --> 00:12:57,839  
at me you cannot slay

282  
00:13:02,290 --> 00:13:00,839  
year after year he burned me in this

283  
00:13:05,380 --> 00:13:02,300  
world

284  
00:13:08,269 --> 00:13:05,390  
lifting your beauty shop

285  
00:13:12,470 --> 00:13:08,279  
[Music]

286  
00:13:15,170 --> 00:13:12,480  
our fellowship and me for a space and

287  
00:13:17,810 --> 00:13:15,180  
I'm a limitless which pursue is here has

288  
00:13:19,490 --> 00:13:17,820

lost its power under these friendly

289

00:13:22,490 --> 00:13:19,500

trees

290

00:13:23,870 --> 00:13:22,500

so shall we include me once again this

291

00:13:28,970 --> 00:13:23,880

night

292

00:13:31,129 --> 00:13:28,980

and in the Flames that you find empty

293

00:13:35,569 --> 00:13:31,139

shall read the sign

294

00:13:40,610 --> 00:13:35,579

summer sets across free you shall fire

295

00:13:46,129 --> 00:13:43,550

so um you know it's it's kind of just a

296

00:13:47,269 --> 00:13:46,139

bit of theatrics but that's kind of the

297

00:13:49,189 --> 00:13:47,279

seed

298

00:13:51,410 --> 00:13:49,199

um all conspiracies sort of have this

299

00:13:53,930 --> 00:13:51,420

seed of Truth to them

300

00:13:55,850 --> 00:13:53,940

and the the rumors started to get out

301  
00:13:58,310 --> 00:13:55,860  
and conspiracy theorists were like

302  
00:14:01,009 --> 00:13:58,320  
they're doing this Satanic ritual in

303  
00:14:04,970 --> 00:14:01,019  
there and that owl is supposed to be

304  
00:14:06,829 --> 00:14:04,980  
moloch and uh maybe that's not an effigy

305  
00:14:08,990 --> 00:14:06,839  
maybe it's a real person that they're

306  
00:14:10,790 --> 00:14:09,000  
burning in front of that owl and

307  
00:14:12,769 --> 00:14:10,800  
actually the Effigy looks kind of small

308  
00:14:15,350 --> 00:14:12,779  
so maybe it's a child that they're

309  
00:14:18,889 --> 00:14:15,360  
burning inside of there and this is part

310  
00:14:23,090 --> 00:14:18,899  
of their new world order satanic you

311  
00:14:24,829 --> 00:14:23,100  
know child pedophile ring stuff uh which

312  
00:14:28,490 --> 00:14:24,839  
you know we've seen repeated over and

313  
00:14:31,790 --> 00:14:28,500

over again this sort of mystical cabal

314

00:14:33,470 --> 00:14:31,800

of satanic uh figures who are secretly

315

00:14:36,889 --> 00:14:33,480

controlling the world

316

00:14:39,410 --> 00:14:36,899

right yeah and I mean like you said

317

00:14:41,810 --> 00:14:39,420

these things kind of recycle themselves

318

00:14:44,030 --> 00:14:41,820

into different iterations throughout

319

00:14:45,949 --> 00:14:44,040

conspiracy theory I think throughout the

320

00:14:49,129 --> 00:14:45,959

decades and um oh yeah we'll definitely

321

00:14:52,670 --> 00:14:49,139

get to kind of that seed of the Bohemian

322

00:14:53,449 --> 00:14:52,680

Grove and the elites and how it is kind

323

00:14:57,829 --> 00:14:53,459

of

324

00:14:59,569 --> 00:14:57,839

itself and repackaged itself into

325

00:15:02,329 --> 00:14:59,579

something today

326

00:15:04,670 --> 00:15:02,339

um but yeah yeah the Bohemia Grove has

327

00:15:06,829 --> 00:15:04,680

been very fascinating to me

328

00:15:07,790 --> 00:15:06,839

um I've I've looked a lot into it as

329

00:15:09,829 --> 00:15:07,800

well

330

00:15:12,949 --> 00:15:09,839

um you know and being in the UFO field

331

00:15:16,790 --> 00:15:12,959

we deal with conspiracy theory all the

332

00:15:18,829 --> 00:15:16,800

time and that's that's hard because we

333

00:15:21,170 --> 00:15:18,839

never want to enable things that might

334

00:15:23,150 --> 00:15:21,180

not be true and cause people to do

335

00:15:25,490 --> 00:15:23,160

certain things or not do certain things

336

00:15:27,829 --> 00:15:25,500

which again is the implication to many

337

00:15:29,329 --> 00:15:27,839

of these and those who spout these

338

00:15:30,710 --> 00:15:29,339

conspiracy theories

339

00:15:33,170 --> 00:15:30,720

um I'm getting ahead of myself here

340

00:15:35,870 --> 00:15:33,180

though T I want to go back to um

341

00:15:38,509 --> 00:15:35,880

tell us a little about Richard if you

342

00:15:41,569 --> 00:15:38,519

don't mind I mean this guy was heavily

343

00:15:43,610 --> 00:15:41,579

into comic books he uh he wanted to be a

344

00:15:45,769 --> 00:15:43,620

stunt man out in Hollywood at one point

345

00:15:47,689 --> 00:15:45,779

yeah I what I what I kind of envisioned

346

00:15:50,269 --> 00:15:47,699

when I started reading about him is this

347

00:15:52,490 --> 00:15:50,279

this aimless guy who's just trying to

348

00:15:54,530 --> 00:15:52,500

figure out where he fits in the world

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00:15:57,350 --> 00:15:54,540

and a lot of people can relate to that

350

00:15:59,329 --> 00:15:57,360

all of us can in some way shape or form

351

00:16:01,370 --> 00:15:59,339

but um yeah could you paint us a little

352

00:16:03,769 --> 00:16:01,380

picture of who he is as a human being

353

00:16:06,590 --> 00:16:03,779

before we kind of dive into what he's

354

00:16:08,389 --> 00:16:06,600

best known for in uh conspiracy theory

355

00:16:10,790 --> 00:16:08,399

circles yes

356

00:16:12,350 --> 00:16:10,800

um so that was kind of my second step my

357

00:16:14,509 --> 00:16:12,360

first step was was this place of

358

00:16:16,370 --> 00:16:14,519

Bohemian Grove I'd never heard of it and

359

00:16:19,850 --> 00:16:16,380

I wanted to find out like why someone

360

00:16:21,530 --> 00:16:19,860

would be motivated to you know stage a

361

00:16:22,430 --> 00:16:21,540

raid on this place which is what Richard

362

00:16:25,430 --> 00:16:22,440

did

363

00:16:28,370 --> 00:16:25,440

uh so then you know I was curious to

364

00:16:31,249 --> 00:16:28,380

find out some more about Richard's life

365

00:16:32,689 --> 00:16:31,259

um and I slowly pieced it together over

366

00:16:35,329 --> 00:16:32,699

years really

367

00:16:39,110 --> 00:16:35,339

but uh Richard was born in Zanesville

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00:16:43,249 --> 00:16:39,120

Ohio uh that's where he was raised uh he

369

00:16:47,329 --> 00:16:43,259

was a single child his parents were very

370

00:16:48,829 --> 00:16:47,339

heavy into Evangelical Christianity

371

00:16:52,670 --> 00:16:48,839

and

372

00:16:54,889 --> 00:16:52,680

um they were uh they had a lot they had

373

00:16:56,569 --> 00:16:54,899

some issues his father was abusive to

374

00:16:58,670 --> 00:16:56,579

him

375

00:17:00,889 --> 00:16:58,680

um he had a very bad temper so he was

376

00:17:03,290 --> 00:17:00,899

abusive to him and his mother

377

00:17:05,329 --> 00:17:03,300

so he didn't have a good relationship

378

00:17:07,909 --> 00:17:05,339

with his father he had a great

379

00:17:09,590 --> 00:17:07,919

relationship with his mother

380

00:17:12,770 --> 00:17:09,600

um and towards the end of his father's

381

00:17:14,689 --> 00:17:12,780

life you know they kind of made amends

382

00:17:16,909 --> 00:17:14,699

with each other a little bit

383

00:17:20,390 --> 00:17:16,919

so because there was a lot of fighting

384

00:17:24,110 --> 00:17:20,400

inside of his household I think that he

385

00:17:27,350 --> 00:17:24,120

uh his escapism was comic books he

386

00:17:30,230 --> 00:17:27,360

became just kind of obsessed with with

387

00:17:32,390 --> 00:17:30,240

comic books and and superheroes and of

388

00:17:35,690 --> 00:17:32,400

course at this time that he's growing up

389

00:17:37,370 --> 00:17:35,700

in in the late 60s early 70s there was

390

00:17:39,350 --> 00:17:37,380

no internet

391

00:17:42,470 --> 00:17:39,360

um there wasn't really video games I

392

00:17:44,890 --> 00:17:42,480

mean I guess he could play Pong uh but

393

00:17:48,169 --> 00:17:44,900

so he needed something to escape into

394

00:17:50,029 --> 00:17:48,179

and comic books were kind of a cheap

395

00:17:53,029 --> 00:17:50,039

easy solution for that

396

00:17:55,250 --> 00:17:53,039

but I just think that's where a lot of

397

00:17:58,070 --> 00:17:55,260

these things that would affect him later

398

00:17:59,450 --> 00:17:58,080

in his life started was

399

00:18:02,630 --> 00:17:59,460

um being so

400

00:18:04,370 --> 00:18:02,640

immersed in this comic book world he

401  
00:18:06,830 --> 00:18:04,380  
started reading every comic book he

402  
00:18:10,130 --> 00:18:06,840  
could find and one thing that he kind of

403  
00:18:13,610 --> 00:18:10,140  
bonded with his mother over was she

404  
00:18:16,610 --> 00:18:13,620  
loved to sew so she would make him these

405  
00:18:18,770 --> 00:18:16,620  
really nice costumes for local parades

406  
00:18:22,070 --> 00:18:18,780  
and and costume parties and stuff like

407  
00:18:23,390 --> 00:18:22,080  
that she made him a Batman costume when

408  
00:18:26,450 --> 00:18:23,400  
he was young

409  
00:18:29,210 --> 00:18:26,460  
and he really had this Vision that he

410  
00:18:32,270 --> 00:18:29,220  
wanted to actually be a superhero

411  
00:18:34,250 --> 00:18:32,280  
so when he got out of high school his

412  
00:18:36,169 --> 00:18:34,260  
dad was kind of like you're 18 you need

413  
00:18:38,930 --> 00:18:36,179

to get out of the house right now

414

00:18:41,450 --> 00:18:38,940

so he joined the Marines and he viewed

415

00:18:43,370 --> 00:18:41,460

that as sort of a superhero training

416

00:18:45,710 --> 00:18:43,380

school

417

00:18:48,590 --> 00:18:45,720

um and then when he got out of the

418

00:18:51,350 --> 00:18:48,600

Marines uh this is when as you said he

419

00:18:54,110 --> 00:18:51,360

became very aimless he had these sort of

420

00:18:57,830 --> 00:18:54,120

dreams that he was maybe going to be a

421

00:18:59,510 --> 00:18:57,840

stunt man or a Hollywood action star so

422

00:19:02,090 --> 00:18:59,520

he actually went out to a stuntman

423

00:19:04,070 --> 00:19:02,100

School in California and

424

00:19:06,470 --> 00:19:04,080

um it was a it sounds like a very

425

00:19:08,750 --> 00:19:06,480

colorful stunt man training that he went

426

00:19:11,690 --> 00:19:08,760

through I was by an interesting guy

427

00:19:14,029 --> 00:19:11,700

named Kim Kahana who's kind of a legend

428

00:19:16,310 --> 00:19:14,039

in his own right

429

00:19:18,289 --> 00:19:16,320

um but he had a lot of trouble finding

430

00:19:23,810 --> 00:19:18,299

work he kind of kicked around Hollywood

431

00:19:26,090 --> 00:19:23,820

for a while uh trying to find jobs but

432

00:19:28,370 --> 00:19:26,100

um as his friend Lon who he met in

433

00:19:31,610 --> 00:19:28,380

stuntman School said he didn't really

434

00:19:33,049 --> 00:19:31,620

have the social skills you know like if

435

00:19:34,789 --> 00:19:33,059

you're gonna break into Hollywood you

436

00:19:36,950 --> 00:19:34,799

got to be out there like talking to

437

00:19:40,130 --> 00:19:36,960

people all the time making connections

438

00:19:43,370 --> 00:19:40,140

right exactly and that uh wasn't really

439

00:19:47,210 --> 00:19:43,380

his strong suit at all so he just kind

440

00:19:50,450 --> 00:19:47,220

of drifted and drifted uh working odd

441

00:19:53,090 --> 00:19:50,460

jobs as a delivery driver he attempted

442

00:19:54,529 --> 00:19:53,100

to go to a wrestling school at one point

443

00:19:57,529 --> 00:19:54,539

because he thought maybe he could be

444

00:19:58,190 --> 00:19:57,539

like a pro wrestler

445

00:19:59,570 --> 00:19:58,200

um

446

00:20:03,710 --> 00:19:59,580

and

447

00:20:05,810 --> 00:20:03,720

then his life kind of uh dumped on him

448

00:20:10,010 --> 00:20:05,820

pretty bad he went through a really bad

449

00:20:13,490 --> 00:20:10,020

stretch where in the late 90s uh roughly

450

00:20:16,789 --> 00:20:13,500

from about like 1998 to 2000

451

00:20:18,409 --> 00:20:16,799

uh he just had this long string of bad

452

00:20:19,730 --> 00:20:18,419

things that happened uh both of his

453

00:20:22,430 --> 00:20:19,740

parents died

454

00:20:23,810 --> 00:20:22,440

and that was really hard for him to deal

455

00:20:26,690 --> 00:20:23,820

with

456

00:20:28,130 --> 00:20:26,700

um you know his mom died or his his

457

00:20:30,770 --> 00:20:28,140

father died and then his mom died

458

00:20:34,430 --> 00:20:30,780

shortly after that they left him a

459

00:20:36,110 --> 00:20:34,440

pretty sizable inheritance but uh he

460

00:20:38,390 --> 00:20:36,120

didn't really have anything to do with

461

00:20:41,690 --> 00:20:38,400

the money because he hadn't really

462

00:20:44,390 --> 00:20:41,700

pursued a career seriously he had tried

463

00:20:47,029 --> 00:20:44,400

to do some creative Endeavors and they

464

00:20:49,970 --> 00:20:47,039

kind of fell apart on him uh and I think

465

00:20:52,669 --> 00:20:49,980

that was very frustrating to him

466

00:20:55,669 --> 00:20:52,679

um he had this strange idea about a

467

00:20:58,130 --> 00:20:55,679

relationship that he tried to pursue and

468

00:21:01,669 --> 00:20:58,140

with a country music star right yeah

469

00:21:05,690 --> 00:21:01,679

right not mistaken okay and it just all

470

00:21:09,590 --> 00:21:05,700

like wasn't working out and I I imagine

471

00:21:12,950 --> 00:21:09,600

he was feeling just terrible and and you

472

00:21:14,570 --> 00:21:12,960

know sort of helpless and had nothing to

473

00:21:16,909 --> 00:21:14,580

turn to he didn't have a lot of friends

474

00:21:18,890 --> 00:21:16,919

at that time uh he had met his friend

475

00:21:21,590 --> 00:21:18,900

Lon and stunt school but other than that

476

00:21:24,230 --> 00:21:21,600

he didn't have a lot of good friends so

477

00:21:26,029 --> 00:21:24,240

he had no support network or nothing to

478

00:21:28,730 --> 00:21:26,039

sort of distract him

479

00:21:30,649 --> 00:21:28,740

and he's sitting around uh in his

480

00:21:32,810 --> 00:21:30,659

apartment he had moved to Austin Texas

481

00:21:35,870 --> 00:21:32,820

at by that point

482

00:21:39,169 --> 00:21:35,880

so he's sitting around uh you know

483

00:21:42,710 --> 00:21:39,179

probably stewing on his couch and he

484

00:21:45,710 --> 00:21:42,720

turns on Austin cable access

485

00:21:50,210 --> 00:21:45,720

and that's where he sees a documentary

486

00:21:52,010 --> 00:21:50,220

quotes about the Bohemian Grove uh that

487

00:21:54,409 --> 00:21:52,020

was produced by a guy who's pretty well

488

00:21:57,529 --> 00:21:54,419

known these days but at the time he was

489

00:22:00,350 --> 00:21:57,539

kind of an obscure figure Alex Jones he

490

00:22:03,110 --> 00:22:00,360

sees this documentary and and Alex Jones

491

00:22:05,750 --> 00:22:03,120

in this documentary puts forward that

492

00:22:09,049 --> 00:22:05,760

idea that they are doing Satanic rituals

493

00:22:11,149 --> 00:22:09,059

in the Bohemian Grove and uh who knows

494

00:22:12,529 --> 00:22:11,159

folks they might be sacrificing live

495

00:22:16,130 --> 00:22:12,539

babies

496

00:22:19,250 --> 00:22:16,140

and and stuff like that and it kind of

497

00:22:22,130 --> 00:22:19,260

just snaps into his head that this is

498

00:22:24,529 --> 00:22:22,140

this is wrong and uh you know this

499

00:22:27,049 --> 00:22:24,539

sounds like it's a documentary so it's

500

00:22:30,770 --> 00:22:27,059

true and this is going to be my mission

501  
00:22:33,649 --> 00:22:30,780  
I'm gonna suit up as a superhero get a

502  
00:22:35,750 --> 00:22:33,659  
bunch of weapons and raid this Bohemian

503  
00:22:38,470 --> 00:22:35,760  
Grove place so I can help these people

504  
00:22:42,230 --> 00:22:38,480  
out that are going to be sacrificed

505  
00:22:45,289 --> 00:22:42,240  
uh and and so he eventually decides that

506  
00:22:48,049 --> 00:22:45,299  
he's going to do that and um

507  
00:22:49,070 --> 00:22:48,059  
uh he go he drives up to the Bohemian

508  
00:22:51,610 --> 00:22:49,080  
Grove

509  
00:22:53,750 --> 00:22:51,620  
um he moved from Austin to Carson City

510  
00:22:56,390 --> 00:22:53,760  
uh Nevada

511  
00:22:59,210 --> 00:22:56,400  
and he just kind of sat in an apartment

512  
00:23:00,529 --> 00:22:59,220  
there for about a month planning this

513  
00:23:03,770 --> 00:23:00,539

raid

514

00:23:07,909 --> 00:23:03,780

and yeah and I know like

515

00:23:11,330 --> 00:23:07,919

we're seeing like the birth of this kind

516

00:23:14,149 --> 00:23:11,340

of uh new Richard I guess it was like a

517

00:23:17,570 --> 00:23:14,159

uh a baptism of sorts and it starts with

518

00:23:19,490 --> 00:23:17,580

Alex Jones of course so um yeah I guess

519

00:23:21,169 --> 00:23:19,500

you know I guess without too much detail

520

00:23:23,090 --> 00:23:21,179

I definitely want people to read the

521

00:23:26,090 --> 00:23:23,100

book but yeah tell us about his

522

00:23:27,890 --> 00:23:26,100

Adventure at the Grove finally he uh you

523

00:23:30,230 --> 00:23:27,900

know he suits up in that costume you see

524

00:23:31,789 --> 00:23:30,240

in your uh your background there and

525

00:23:34,250 --> 00:23:31,799

I've got the book right here it's pretty

526

00:23:36,110 --> 00:23:34,260

scary man if I saw that dude out and

527

00:23:37,210 --> 00:23:36,120

about I would not mess with him so yeah

528

00:23:42,830 --> 00:23:37,220

yeah

529

00:23:45,769 --> 00:23:42,840

was a very much a misadventure it did

530

00:23:48,710 --> 00:23:45,779

not go at all how he envisions in his

531

00:23:50,510 --> 00:23:48,720

mind I think in his mind he thought that

532

00:23:52,610 --> 00:23:50,520

he would um

533

00:23:55,990 --> 00:23:52,620

he would sneak into the Grove at night

534

00:23:58,730 --> 00:23:56,000

and he would find a group of uh you know

535

00:24:01,850 --> 00:23:58,740

politicians and and other powerful men

536

00:24:04,909 --> 00:24:01,860

who were literally doing a satanic

537

00:24:08,510 --> 00:24:04,919

sacrifice and that he would uh stop them

538

00:24:11,930 --> 00:24:08,520

from doing this and and save whoever was

539

00:24:14,510 --> 00:24:11,940

you know being sacrificed and and then

540

00:24:16,850 --> 00:24:14,520

you know the media and the police would

541

00:24:19,730 --> 00:24:16,860

roll in and the Bohemian Grove would be

542

00:24:22,070 --> 00:24:19,740

busted wide open and he would be like a

543

00:24:24,710 --> 00:24:22,080

an actual superhero

544

00:24:28,070 --> 00:24:24,720

uh but that's not what happened at all

545

00:24:30,409 --> 00:24:28,080

um he kind of got lost in the Grove uh

546

00:24:33,350 --> 00:24:30,419

he ended up staying overnight in a cabin

547

00:24:36,710 --> 00:24:33,360

that he'd broken into and when the sun

548

00:24:40,490 --> 00:24:36,720

rose he started walking around he came

549

00:24:43,149 --> 00:24:40,500

face to face with the uh the great owl

550

00:24:45,950 --> 00:24:43,159

of bohemia is the name of the statue

551  
00:24:49,190 --> 00:24:45,960  
which is supposedly Malik

552  
00:24:50,690 --> 00:24:49,200  
and he thought that the statue was made

553  
00:24:53,390 --> 00:24:50,700  
out of wood

554  
00:24:56,690 --> 00:24:53,400  
um like carved out of a redwood tree but

555  
00:25:00,350 --> 00:24:56,700  
it was made out of stone so his his goal

556  
00:25:03,590 --> 00:25:00,360  
was to set it on fire uh but he couldn't

557  
00:25:06,590 --> 00:25:03,600  
so he started a nearby mess hall on fire

558  
00:25:09,830 --> 00:25:06,600  
instead because he was like I got I want

559  
00:25:12,590 --> 00:25:09,840  
to do some damage while I'm in here

560  
00:25:15,289 --> 00:25:12,600  
um that tripped a fire alarm

561  
00:25:17,149 --> 00:25:15,299  
and he very soon found himself having an

562  
00:25:19,490 --> 00:25:17,159  
armed standoff with

563  
00:25:22,730 --> 00:25:19,500

um Four sedoma County Sheriff's

564

00:25:25,070 --> 00:25:22,740

Department uh officers and he was very

565

00:25:27,409 --> 00:25:25,080

close to dying

566

00:25:30,070 --> 00:25:27,419

um and in fact he was kind of weighing

567

00:25:32,810 --> 00:25:30,080

it over in his mind whether he wanted to

568

00:25:36,230 --> 00:25:32,820

engage or Surrender

569

00:25:38,330 --> 00:25:36,240

and kind of the last second he decided

570

00:25:41,269 --> 00:25:38,340

that he was he was going to surrender to

571

00:25:44,450 --> 00:25:41,279

the police uh they arrested him

572

00:25:46,070 --> 00:25:44,460

and uh he spent the next roughly six and

573

00:25:47,810 --> 00:25:46,080

a half years

574

00:25:50,690 --> 00:25:47,820

in jail

575

00:25:52,490 --> 00:25:50,700

um and then was out on parole after that

576  
00:25:54,590 --> 00:25:52,500  
for a couple years

577  
00:25:56,810 --> 00:25:54,600  
and then after that you know he was kind

578  
00:26:00,350 --> 00:25:56,820  
of I actually started corresponding him

579  
00:26:04,370 --> 00:26:00,360  
with him while he was still on parole so

580  
00:26:06,490 --> 00:26:04,380  
he you know couldn't leave uh Redwood

581  
00:26:09,230 --> 00:26:06,500  
City is where he was doing his parole

582  
00:26:11,110 --> 00:26:09,240  
also I want to point this out I I

583  
00:26:15,230 --> 00:26:11,120  
haven't done this in interviews before

584  
00:26:17,690 --> 00:26:15,240  
one of the things I love is I got to see

585  
00:26:19,850 --> 00:26:17,700  
um a piece of paperwork that listed his

586  
00:26:22,850 --> 00:26:19,860  
parole stipulations

587  
00:26:26,690 --> 00:26:22,860  
uh and they were he couldn't be within

588  
00:26:28,310 --> 00:26:26,700

like 15 miles of the Bohemian Grove in

589

00:26:30,769 --> 00:26:28,320

in Northern California

590

00:26:33,890 --> 00:26:30,779

he couldn't be within one-fourth of a

591

00:26:35,990 --> 00:26:33,900

mile of the Bohemian Club clubhouse in

592

00:26:39,649 --> 00:26:36,000

downtown San Francisco

593

00:26:42,230 --> 00:26:39,659

and I love this this Clause uh he could

594

00:26:44,470 --> 00:26:42,240

not own costumes was part of his parole

595

00:26:46,970 --> 00:26:44,480

oh no

596

00:26:49,370 --> 00:26:46,980

yeah that's the that's the one they

597

00:26:52,850 --> 00:26:49,380

should be worried about is the owning

598

00:26:54,169 --> 00:26:52,860

costumes and not trying to uh get back

599

00:26:56,690 --> 00:26:54,179

in the Grove

600

00:26:59,269 --> 00:26:56,700

that's pretty funny I like that I've

601  
00:27:01,490 --> 00:26:59,279  
never seen it on on as a parole

602  
00:27:03,289 --> 00:27:01,500  
stipulation before so yeah yeah that's

603  
00:27:05,570 --> 00:27:03,299  
got to be a first for sure

604  
00:27:08,330 --> 00:27:05,580  
um well yeah so he spends this time in

605  
00:27:11,630 --> 00:27:08,340  
jail which again is just crazy and um

606  
00:27:13,909 --> 00:27:11,640  
kind of the reason he didn't uh you know

607  
00:27:15,950 --> 00:27:13,919  
open fire or do anything with these cops

608  
00:27:17,750 --> 00:27:15,960  
is because of this person he was

609  
00:27:20,510 --> 00:27:17,760  
obsessed with again we'll leave that for

610  
00:27:21,950 --> 00:27:20,520  
the reader to follow that Journey that

611  
00:27:24,950 --> 00:27:21,960  
path in the book because it's very

612  
00:27:28,250 --> 00:27:24,960  
fascinating as well but um

613  
00:27:30,710 --> 00:27:28,260

so we have to talk about your uh your

614

00:27:32,389 --> 00:27:30,720

interactions for this guy I mean again

615

00:27:34,789 --> 00:27:32,399

you're not one of these writers who just

616

00:27:37,130 --> 00:27:34,799

you know says all right just gonna

617

00:27:40,130 --> 00:27:37,140

interview this person over email or text

618

00:27:43,070 --> 00:27:40,140

and call it a day like you met up with

619

00:27:45,110 --> 00:27:43,080

him you got to know him and that's what

620

00:27:47,990 --> 00:27:45,120

makes him so human in your book where it

621

00:27:50,269 --> 00:27:48,000

would be easy to see the you know the

622

00:27:53,210 --> 00:27:50,279

guy in the photo of your book and laugh

623

00:27:55,310 --> 00:27:53,220

at this crazy Journey he went on but I

624

00:27:57,049 --> 00:27:55,320

there's a person there and there's a

625

00:27:58,730 --> 00:27:57,059

story and there's a reason that

626

00:28:00,950 --> 00:27:58,740

everything led up to him

627

00:28:02,810 --> 00:28:00,960

following what Alex Jones had to say

628

00:28:05,450 --> 00:28:02,820

trying to light this place on fire

629

00:28:08,330 --> 00:28:05,460

trying to save Humanity

630

00:28:11,330 --> 00:28:08,340

um so what was it like meeting Richard

631

00:28:13,070 --> 00:28:11,340

for the first time I can't imagine if I

632

00:28:15,230 --> 00:28:13,080

were to go to meet someone this deep

633

00:28:17,029 --> 00:28:15,240

into conspiracy theory I'd be a little

634

00:28:20,090 --> 00:28:17,039

nervous I'm not gonna lie so yeah what

635

00:28:23,330 --> 00:28:20,100

was that experience like yeah

636

00:28:25,370 --> 00:28:23,340

um so I was corresponding with him and

637

00:28:28,669 --> 00:28:25,380

one thing that was really great by the

638

00:28:30,889 --> 00:28:28,679

way was uh when he first contacted me it

639

00:28:32,810 --> 00:28:30,899

was uh it was by email

640

00:28:35,750 --> 00:28:32,820

but he was like you know what I don't

641

00:28:37,909 --> 00:28:35,760

like using email at all because uh the

642

00:28:39,350 --> 00:28:37,919

CIA and the FBI and everyone is

643

00:28:41,930 --> 00:28:39,360

monitoring me

644

00:28:44,090 --> 00:28:41,940

and I I'm I'm sure I know that he was on

645

00:28:45,950 --> 00:28:44,100

like some watch lists and stuff so he

646

00:28:49,850 --> 00:28:45,960

might not have been entirely wrong about

647

00:28:52,010 --> 00:28:49,860

that so for probably like the first year

648

00:28:53,930 --> 00:28:52,020

that I knew him we corresponded by

649

00:28:56,149 --> 00:28:53,940

writing each other in letters

650

00:28:56,870 --> 00:28:56,159

which was just so

651  
00:28:59,810 --> 00:28:56,880  
um

652  
00:29:02,210 --> 00:28:59,820  
it was really cool because uh I was like

653  
00:29:04,850 --> 00:29:02,220  
wow I haven't written a letter with a

654  
00:29:08,029 --> 00:29:04,860  
piece of paper and a pen for a long time

655  
00:29:10,850 --> 00:29:08,039  
so um you know I would ask him some

656  
00:29:13,430 --> 00:29:10,860  
questions by letter and a week or two

657  
00:29:15,409 --> 00:29:13,440  
later I would get this uh package that

658  
00:29:16,789 --> 00:29:15,419  
would have like a 16 Page Letter

659  
00:29:18,649 --> 00:29:16,799  
response

660  
00:29:20,029 --> 00:29:18,659  
uh and he answered a lot of my questions

661  
00:29:23,750 --> 00:29:20,039  
that way

662  
00:29:24,649 --> 00:29:23,760  
but then as his parole was uh wrapping

663  
00:29:26,210 --> 00:29:24,659

up

664

00:29:28,789 --> 00:29:26,220

he said

665

00:29:33,769 --> 00:29:28,799

um you know I'm finally free what I want

666

00:29:36,769 --> 00:29:33,779

to do is I want to take a 48 state tour

667

00:29:40,730 --> 00:29:36,779

uh and I'm going to Stage a peaceful

668

00:29:43,490 --> 00:29:40,740

protest in each state

669

00:29:46,250 --> 00:29:43,500

um you know and uh he adopted a new

670

00:29:49,370 --> 00:29:46,260

superhero persona for this tour that was

671

00:29:54,590 --> 00:29:52,430

um and he sent me his itinerary and he's

672

00:29:57,529 --> 00:29:54,600

like yeah you know I'm gonna go to San

673

00:29:59,389 --> 00:29:57,539

Francisco and protest uh by the Bohemian

674

00:30:02,269 --> 00:29:59,399

Club and then I'm gonna go over to the

675

00:30:04,909 --> 00:30:02,279

the Golden Gate Bridge and uh I'm gonna

676  
00:30:06,590 --> 00:30:04,919  
go to Vegas and I'm gonna protest on the

677  
00:30:10,430 --> 00:30:06,600  
Strip you know

678  
00:30:12,110 --> 00:30:10,440  
uh I was like wow this is uh the

679  
00:30:13,490 --> 00:30:12,120  
strangest road trip Adventurer I've

680  
00:30:15,230 --> 00:30:13,500  
heard of

681  
00:30:17,450 --> 00:30:15,240  
um but you said you know I'm coming to

682  
00:30:18,529 --> 00:30:17,460  
Wisconsin uh which I live here in

683  
00:30:20,450 --> 00:30:18,539  
Milwaukee

684  
00:30:23,450 --> 00:30:20,460  
and he was like

685  
00:30:24,769 --> 00:30:23,460  
I'd love to to meet you while I'm in in

686  
00:30:27,529 --> 00:30:24,779  
Milwaukee

687  
00:30:31,730 --> 00:30:27,539  
and I said yeah of course of course so

688  
00:30:34,250 --> 00:30:31,740

this was in July of 2011. uh he showed

689

00:30:36,889 --> 00:30:34,260

up in Milwaukee and I went downtown to

690

00:30:38,210 --> 00:30:36,899

meet him which was a weird experience

691

00:30:40,190 --> 00:30:38,220

it's always kind of weird meeting

692

00:30:42,230 --> 00:30:40,200

someone in person

693

00:30:45,769 --> 00:30:42,240

um especially if they're wearing a a

694

00:30:49,430 --> 00:30:45,779

superhero costume out in public but he

695

00:30:53,049 --> 00:30:49,440

was really nice I really like talking to

696

00:30:56,630 --> 00:30:53,059

him uh he didn't seem like some crazy

697

00:31:00,590 --> 00:30:56,640

kooky guy like muttering to himself and

698

00:31:02,389 --> 00:31:00,600

or whatever he's very well spoken and I

699

00:31:05,870 --> 00:31:02,399

think that's an important part of the

700

00:31:08,630 --> 00:31:05,880

story too like he wasn't stupid uh he

701  
00:31:10,130 --> 00:31:08,640  
had read a lot about American history

702  
00:31:12,470 --> 00:31:10,140  
and

703  
00:31:15,110 --> 00:31:12,480  
um you know he was very creative person

704  
00:31:17,389 --> 00:31:15,120  
that had artistic abilities

705  
00:31:20,029 --> 00:31:17,399  
so I met him I was like I got along with

706  
00:31:23,450 --> 00:31:20,039  
him really well and uh he did a protest

707  
00:31:26,630 --> 00:31:23,460  
March walking around downtown Milwaukee

708  
00:31:29,570 --> 00:31:26,640  
and uh and and this was a clue by the

709  
00:31:32,690 --> 00:31:29,580  
way that Richard wasn't alone we were

710  
00:31:35,389 --> 00:31:32,700  
walking by a hot dog stand vendor

711  
00:31:37,370 --> 00:31:35,399  
and this guy sees him he's like hey man

712  
00:31:40,610 --> 00:31:37,380  
I love this costume he's like hey are

713  
00:31:42,409 --> 00:31:40,620

you into Alex Jones and and Richard was

714

00:31:45,470 --> 00:31:42,419

like well yeah it used to be he's like

715

00:31:47,690 --> 00:31:45,480

are you into uh David Ike and he's like

716

00:31:50,870 --> 00:31:47,700

yeah yeah I love him he's like all right

717

00:31:53,450 --> 00:31:50,880

man free hot dog on the house I was like

718

00:31:55,009 --> 00:31:53,460

wow this this hot dog Bender is a total

719

00:31:58,490 --> 00:31:55,019

conspiracy believer I never would have

720

00:32:00,769 --> 00:31:58,500

guessed that you know yeah yeah and uh

721

00:32:03,950 --> 00:32:00,779

so I I walked around with him there in

722

00:32:05,810 --> 00:32:03,960

Milwaukee and um I met up with him the

723

00:32:07,250 --> 00:32:05,820

next day we went down to Chicago because

724

00:32:10,430 --> 00:32:07,260

he wanted to

725

00:32:12,950 --> 00:32:10,440

stage a sort of uh cringe-worthy protest

726

00:32:14,810 --> 00:32:12,960

in O'Hare Airport

727

00:32:16,549 --> 00:32:14,820

um so I went with him and it was

728

00:32:18,830 --> 00:32:16,559

nerve-wracking because we walked in and

729

00:32:21,230 --> 00:32:18,840

immediately I saw security guards like

730

00:32:23,389 --> 00:32:21,240

in every corner of the room talking on

731

00:32:25,130 --> 00:32:23,399

their walkie-talkies and I was like oh

732

00:32:26,570 --> 00:32:25,140

we're gonna we're gonna get arrested

733

00:32:28,610 --> 00:32:26,580

here for sure

734

00:32:32,450 --> 00:32:28,620

but they didn't they didn't move on him

735

00:32:35,389 --> 00:32:32,460

and um he drove off and continued on to

736

00:32:38,029 --> 00:32:35,399

uh Indiana or wherever he was going to

737

00:32:41,450 --> 00:32:38,039

complete the rest of his his tour

738

00:32:43,070 --> 00:32:41,460

and I was like Wow uh and then I ended

739

00:32:45,830 --> 00:32:43,080

up meeting him two other times after

740

00:32:48,889 --> 00:32:45,840

that and each one was a

741

00:32:51,350 --> 00:32:48,899

an experience right I know

742

00:32:54,049 --> 00:32:51,360

um you know he would go on to

743

00:32:56,570 --> 00:32:54,059

to do these videos with um with his

744

00:32:59,029 --> 00:32:56,580

characters that he kind of created and

745

00:33:01,009 --> 00:32:59,039

the conspiracy theories behind them and

746

00:33:03,649 --> 00:33:01,019

I know you were a part of that I gotta

747

00:33:05,690 --> 00:33:03,659

know how that was but um

748

00:33:07,730 --> 00:33:05,700

and you mentioned the name David Ike we

749

00:33:08,509 --> 00:33:07,740

might as well just touch on that right

750

00:33:12,769 --> 00:33:08,519

now

751  
00:33:14,210 --> 00:33:12,779  
um he became kind of like the the way in

752  
00:33:16,909 --> 00:33:14,220  
which

753  
00:33:19,009 --> 00:33:16,919  
um Richard saw the world at that point

754  
00:33:22,070 --> 00:33:19,019  
he started with what a lot of people do

755  
00:33:24,590 --> 00:33:22,080  
Alex Jones or you know these YouTubers

756  
00:33:27,230 --> 00:33:24,600  
who at this point a lot of them don't

757  
00:33:29,509 --> 00:33:27,240  
even really exist anymore because of

758  
00:33:32,450 --> 00:33:29,519  
de-platforming and and stuff like that

759  
00:33:36,169 --> 00:33:32,460  
which is another issue we'll get to but

760  
00:33:38,450 --> 00:33:36,179  
um the one thing about Ike that really

761  
00:33:40,430 --> 00:33:38,460  
caught my attention was um

762  
00:33:42,889 --> 00:33:40,440  
you know Richard started believing in

763  
00:33:45,649 --> 00:33:42,899

this whole reptilian thing which is huge

764

00:33:47,690 --> 00:33:45,659

in the UFO field so um yeah what do you

765

00:33:50,690 --> 00:33:47,700

think it is that he started gravitating

766

00:33:52,669 --> 00:33:50,700

uh leaving what Alex Jones had to say

767

00:33:55,909 --> 00:33:52,679

and moving to this other you know

768

00:33:58,850 --> 00:33:55,919

conspiracy Guru as we call them and uh

769

00:34:02,330 --> 00:33:58,860

believing this I would say much more

770

00:34:05,330 --> 00:34:02,340

ridiculous kind of reality than what

771

00:34:07,909 --> 00:34:05,340

Alex Jones was saying yeah

772

00:34:10,790 --> 00:34:07,919

so um I think we'll talk a little bit

773

00:34:14,389 --> 00:34:10,800

about this later too but uh Alex Jones

774

00:34:17,329 --> 00:34:14,399

uh after Richard was caught and you know

775

00:34:19,849 --> 00:34:17,339

he's awaiting trial

776

00:34:22,129 --> 00:34:19,859

um Richard had a public defender who

777

00:34:23,930 --> 00:34:22,139

represented him uh and I got to do an

778

00:34:26,930 --> 00:34:23,940

interview with him too his name's Jeff

779

00:34:30,770 --> 00:34:26,940

Mitchell a very interesting guy

780

00:34:33,710 --> 00:34:30,780

um so Jeff attempted to contact Alex

781

00:34:35,810 --> 00:34:33,720

Jones because he was like maybe he can

782

00:34:37,970 --> 00:34:35,820

help me with this case in in some way

783

00:34:40,010 --> 00:34:37,980

like you know he could have Richard's

784

00:34:42,950 --> 00:34:40,020

back in some way try to provide

785

00:34:45,169 --> 00:34:42,960

information as to why uh he would be

786

00:34:47,510 --> 00:34:45,179

motivated there

787

00:34:49,790 --> 00:34:47,520

um and the the story didn't get picked

788

00:34:52,250 --> 00:34:49,800

up by a lot of media but it was covered

789

00:34:53,450 --> 00:34:52,260

in some newspapers in Northern

790

00:34:56,629 --> 00:34:53,460

California

791

00:35:00,589 --> 00:34:56,639

and they also attempted to contact Alex

792

00:35:02,990 --> 00:35:00,599

Jones and to get a comment on the story

793

00:35:04,910 --> 00:35:03,000

and Alex Jones was like this guy sounds

794

00:35:07,010 --> 00:35:04,920

crazy I have no idea why he would do

795

00:35:08,870 --> 00:35:07,020

that don't talk to me I'm not going to

796

00:35:11,810 --> 00:35:08,880

participate in any way

797

00:35:14,750 --> 00:35:11,820

so obviously Richard felt very betrayed

798

00:35:19,730 --> 00:35:14,760

that this person who had inspired him so

799

00:35:22,130 --> 00:35:19,740

much uh offered him zero support at all

800

00:35:24,950 --> 00:35:22,140

and so I think he was looking for

801  
00:35:28,069 --> 00:35:24,960  
someone to replace Alex Jones

802  
00:35:31,910 --> 00:35:28,079  
and he happened upon the work of of

803  
00:35:32,750 --> 00:35:31,920  
David Ike and completely uh dived into

804  
00:35:36,170 --> 00:35:32,760  
it

805  
00:35:38,810 --> 00:35:36,180  
he went to go see one of uh David Ike's

806  
00:35:42,230 --> 00:35:38,820  
lectures which by the way lasts about

807  
00:35:45,970 --> 00:35:42,240  
nine and a half hours long that's one

808  
00:35:50,150 --> 00:35:45,980  
dude I can barely do like 45 minutes

809  
00:35:53,150 --> 00:35:50,160  
I know I know I was like I don't see how

810  
00:35:55,010 --> 00:35:53,160  
it's possible but he went and attended

811  
00:35:57,109 --> 00:35:55,020  
the entire nine and a half hour long

812  
00:36:00,050 --> 00:35:57,119  
lecture

813  
00:36:03,530 --> 00:36:00,060

um and this is what I found to be so

814

00:36:05,450 --> 00:36:03,540

crazy about the story Richard uh when he

815

00:36:09,170 --> 00:36:05,460

went into the Grove

816

00:36:12,710 --> 00:36:09,180

um part of his motivation I would say is

817

00:36:14,930 --> 00:36:12,720

that he was very much into Christianity

818

00:36:18,470 --> 00:36:14,940

um you know he quote a lot of Bible

819

00:36:20,810 --> 00:36:18,480

verses as being his inspiration for you

820

00:36:22,970 --> 00:36:20,820

know the the law of God being Above the

821

00:36:23,870 --> 00:36:22,980

Law of man and that's why he had raided

822

00:36:26,329 --> 00:36:23,880

the place

823

00:36:28,790 --> 00:36:26,339

uh and then while he was in prison he

824

00:36:32,210 --> 00:36:28,800

converted to be a Jehovah's Witness

825

00:36:34,730 --> 00:36:32,220

uh but he gets out he starts reading the

826

00:36:36,890 --> 00:36:34,740

work of David Ike and he completely

827

00:36:39,829 --> 00:36:36,900

abandons religion entirely

828

00:36:43,910 --> 00:36:39,839

because he's so inspired by his work

829

00:36:46,010 --> 00:36:43,920

uh and he um this was I had not really

830

00:36:47,690 --> 00:36:46,020

heard of reptilians I'd kinda I had

831

00:36:50,270 --> 00:36:47,700

heard something about them

832

00:36:53,930 --> 00:36:50,280

but probably in the second or third

833

00:36:57,170 --> 00:36:53,940

letter that he wrote to me he mentioned

834

00:36:59,750 --> 00:36:57,180

something about a reptilian agenda

835

00:37:02,329 --> 00:36:59,760

and I said uh could you tell me more

836

00:37:05,270 --> 00:37:02,339

about that and and boy did he because

837

00:37:09,290 --> 00:37:05,280

the next letter I got was like a 20-page

838

00:37:11,210 --> 00:37:09,300

explanation of reptilians and how the

839

00:37:14,030 --> 00:37:11,220

Earth is hollow and there's a reptilian

840

00:37:16,849 --> 00:37:14,040

base inside of it and the Moon is like a

841

00:37:20,030 --> 00:37:16,859

reptilian spacecraft and they're

842

00:37:20,690 --> 00:37:20,040

disguised as world leaders

843

00:37:22,130 --> 00:37:20,700

um

844

00:37:25,430 --> 00:37:22,140

and

845

00:37:28,790 --> 00:37:25,440

so this was uh such an alarm Bell to me

846

00:37:32,030 --> 00:37:28,800

the Nashville bombing happened on

847

00:37:34,910 --> 00:37:32,040

Christmas uh which was just so shocking

848

00:37:37,609 --> 00:37:34,920

right this RV explodes

849

00:37:39,770 --> 00:37:37,619

and but he was warning people to stay

850

00:37:41,750 --> 00:37:39,780

away and I had a hunch that turned out

851

00:37:44,690 --> 00:37:41,760

to be right on this I was like I bet

852

00:37:46,609 --> 00:37:44,700

this guy is into some conspiracy stuff

853

00:37:49,370 --> 00:37:46,619

because he's not randomly trying to kill

854

00:37:52,790 --> 00:37:49,380

people uh it seemed like he was

855

00:37:55,130 --> 00:37:52,800

targeting that a T Center but he had

856

00:37:57,410 --> 00:37:55,140

this IG thing right yeah yeah and he had

857

00:37:58,550 --> 00:37:57,420

this loudspeaker warning people to to

858

00:38:00,290 --> 00:37:58,560

stay away

859

00:38:02,930 --> 00:38:00,300

so I was like there's gotta be some

860

00:38:06,050 --> 00:38:02,940

conspiracy stuff going on here and sure

861

00:38:09,170 --> 00:38:06,060

enough uh uh before

862

00:38:11,329 --> 00:38:09,180

he died in that suicide bombing he had

863

00:38:13,730 --> 00:38:11,339

mailed out some packages to some

864

00:38:16,609 --> 00:38:13,740

different people he knew and in them was

865

00:38:19,190 --> 00:38:16,619

a lot of stuff about reptilians and and

866

00:38:21,970 --> 00:38:19,200

other aliens and uh

867

00:38:25,910 --> 00:38:21,980

a bunch of other conspiracy theories so

868

00:38:28,310 --> 00:38:25,920

here's a guy who looks like he had some

869

00:38:31,130 --> 00:38:28,320

similarities to Richard

870

00:38:33,410 --> 00:38:31,140

right yeah and I will see that kind of

871

00:38:35,089 --> 00:38:33,420

play through a lot of these things

872

00:38:37,310 --> 00:38:35,099

um I believe you covered in the book and

873

00:38:38,750 --> 00:38:37,320

I remember reading in the news about a

874

00:38:41,750 --> 00:38:38,760

couple who also believed in The

875

00:38:44,030 --> 00:38:41,760

Reptilian thing and ended up murdering

876

00:38:46,069 --> 00:38:44,040

the other one because they were they

877

00:38:48,829 --> 00:38:46,079

were a reptilian um again like these

878

00:38:51,290 --> 00:38:48,839

details in your book are so rich and um

879

00:38:55,069 --> 00:38:51,300

I I don't want to give everything away

880

00:38:59,089 --> 00:38:55,079

but um I guess you know now he's all in

881

00:39:02,089 --> 00:38:59,099

Like Richard has created this new

882

00:39:03,170 --> 00:39:02,099

reality in which kind of everyone's the

883

00:39:05,329 --> 00:39:03,180

enemy

884

00:39:07,970 --> 00:39:05,339

um which is interesting too because this

885

00:39:09,829 --> 00:39:07,980

is a guy just looking for acceptance and

886

00:39:12,770 --> 00:39:09,839

looking for a connection with other

887

00:39:16,430 --> 00:39:12,780

human beings yet everyone is kind of the

888

00:39:19,430 --> 00:39:16,440

enemy it's such a weird perverse way of

889

00:39:21,050 --> 00:39:19,440

um of living your life but uh that's

890

00:39:23,390 --> 00:39:21,060

kind of how it is for people who get

891

00:39:25,910 --> 00:39:23,400

involved in these heavy conspiracy

892

00:39:28,250 --> 00:39:25,920

theories and um I think the other thing

893

00:39:30,770 --> 00:39:28,260

that really hit me was uh when you talk

894

00:39:33,470 --> 00:39:30,780

talked about when you went with him to

895

00:39:35,870 --> 00:39:33,480

the Bohemian Club in San Francisco and

896

00:39:38,870 --> 00:39:35,880

he he finally had his moment to be

897

00:39:42,290 --> 00:39:38,880

outside of the club and give that that

898

00:39:44,990 --> 00:39:42,300

famous you know speech to at least to

899

00:39:48,109 --> 00:39:45,000

him famous right and um he got pretty

900

00:39:49,790 --> 00:39:48,119

choked up and I remember you you you put

901  
00:39:52,370 --> 00:39:49,800  
the speech in your book you can find it

902  
00:39:54,410 --> 00:39:52,380  
on YouTube and uh I really fell for him

903  
00:39:56,329 --> 00:39:54,420  
in that moment because he wasn't alone

904  
00:39:58,010 --> 00:39:56,339  
in that moment you were there he had

905  
00:40:02,510 --> 00:39:58,020  
other people supporting him and I think

906  
00:40:07,069 --> 00:40:05,030  
my name is t Carlos and I'm a journalist

907  
00:40:11,089 --> 00:40:07,079  
I'm here in front of the Bohemian club

908  
00:40:14,210 --> 00:40:11,099  
with Richard McCaslin who has returned

909  
00:40:18,230 --> 00:40:14,220  
once again as a phantom Patriot is going

910  
00:40:25,010 --> 00:40:21,130  
my name is Richard McCaslin

911  
00:40:26,650 --> 00:40:25,020  
10 years ago I was arrested outside the

912  
00:40:30,710 --> 00:40:26,660  
Bohemian Grove

913  
00:40:34,130 --> 00:40:30,720

my goal was to expose the Bohemians

914

00:40:37,849 --> 00:40:34,140

crimes and ahead of

915

00:40:42,230 --> 00:40:37,859

torture murder and phrase it against the

916

00:40:48,349 --> 00:40:46,190

2002 I failed to convince a jury that

917

00:40:52,010 --> 00:40:48,359

these atrocities were occurring because

918

00:41:01,190 --> 00:40:55,190

don't let these cold-blooded reptiles

919

00:41:01,200 --> 00:41:07,270

2002 I was alone we

920

00:41:12,230 --> 00:41:09,109

bastards

921

00:41:15,950 --> 00:41:12,240

today I stand here with the Pacific

922

00:41:19,130 --> 00:41:15,960

protectorate and I Ask America all

923

00:41:22,870 --> 00:41:19,140

Americans to do the same thing

924

00:41:28,550 --> 00:41:25,370

so um what was that experience like at

925

00:41:31,069 --> 00:41:28,560

the Bohemian Club and uh now you are in

926

00:41:33,950 --> 00:41:31,079

man like he put you he made you

927

00:41:35,569 --> 00:41:33,960

introduce him and the speech and

928

00:41:37,430 --> 00:41:35,579

everything so what was that experience

929

00:41:39,410 --> 00:41:37,440

like and what'd you take away from it

930

00:41:41,750 --> 00:41:39,420

when he kind of got pretty emotional

931

00:41:43,370 --> 00:41:41,760

with it all it was a it was a crazy

932

00:41:43,970 --> 00:41:43,380

weekend for sure

933

00:41:47,690 --> 00:41:43,980

um

934

00:41:50,510 --> 00:41:47,700

he uh so in 2012

935

00:41:51,530 --> 00:41:50,520

um he uh had switched back to email by

936

00:41:53,329 --> 00:41:51,540

this point

937

00:41:55,849 --> 00:41:53,339

um when he was on tour

938

00:41:57,890 --> 00:41:55,859

he decided that he was he was okay using

939

00:42:02,990 --> 00:41:57,900

email again so he sent me an email and

940

00:42:05,569 --> 00:42:03,000

he said you know January 20th uh 2012 is

941

00:42:08,870 --> 00:42:05,579

going to be the 10-year anniversary of

942

00:42:11,750 --> 00:42:08,880

the date that I rated the Bohemian Grove

943

00:42:13,550 --> 00:42:11,760

so what I want to do is dress up as a

944

00:42:18,050 --> 00:42:13,560

phantom Patriot again

945

00:42:21,349 --> 00:42:18,060

and I'm going to March to the Bohemian

946

00:42:23,750 --> 00:42:21,359

Club in downtown San Francisco uh and

947

00:42:25,010 --> 00:42:23,760

I'm gonna stand out front and read a

948

00:42:27,170 --> 00:42:25,020

speech

949

00:42:31,490 --> 00:42:27,180

and I want you to be there

950

00:42:34,550 --> 00:42:31,500

uh Al's like okay I'll I'll do it you

951  
00:42:38,150 --> 00:42:34,560  
know I'm gonna fly out to San Francisco

952  
00:42:40,790 --> 00:42:38,160  
uh he had made a connection within the

953  
00:42:43,250 --> 00:42:40,800  
real life superhero Community

954  
00:42:45,650 --> 00:42:43,260  
um I should note that at first the the

955  
00:42:48,050 --> 00:42:45,660  
real life superheroes didn't want to

956  
00:42:49,910 --> 00:42:48,060  
have anything to do with this guy like

957  
00:42:51,829 --> 00:42:49,920  
they were like this guy sounds

958  
00:42:54,890 --> 00:42:51,839  
completely crazy he sounds like he's

959  
00:42:56,809 --> 00:42:54,900  
potentially dangerous like we don't want

960  
00:42:59,150 --> 00:42:56,819  
him part of our

961  
00:43:01,849 --> 00:42:59,160  
uh movement or subculture or whatever

962  
00:43:03,829 --> 00:43:01,859  
you want to call it but he had made a

963  
00:43:05,690 --> 00:43:03,839

connection there was

964

00:43:08,990 --> 00:43:05,700

um a real life superhero from San

965

00:43:11,750 --> 00:43:09,000

Francisco who's known as motor mouth

966

00:43:14,089 --> 00:43:11,760

and that is because this dude cannot

967

00:43:16,910 --> 00:43:14,099

stop talking you know this talks his

968

00:43:19,490 --> 00:43:16,920

entire stream of Consciousness Non-Stop

969

00:43:21,589 --> 00:43:19,500

uh and as it turns out he was sort of a

970

00:43:24,950 --> 00:43:21,599

conspiracy believer himself

971

00:43:27,589 --> 00:43:24,960

so he um he liked Richard he liked this

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00:43:29,870 --> 00:43:27,599

idea of meeting Richard and he was like

973

00:43:32,390 --> 00:43:29,880

well he's not wrong you know I I agree

974

00:43:34,730 --> 00:43:32,400

with some of the stuff that he says and

975

00:43:38,150 --> 00:43:34,740

then he also roped in one of his team

976

00:43:40,670 --> 00:43:38,160

members named mutinous Angel who I don't

977

00:43:43,490 --> 00:43:40,680

think had any idea what was going on

978

00:43:46,609 --> 00:43:43,500

so um the two of them met me and Richard

979

00:43:48,410 --> 00:43:46,619

uh we had a camera person with him who

980

00:43:49,849 --> 00:43:48,420

was a friend of a friend who lives in

981

00:43:52,609 --> 00:43:49,859

San Francisco

982

00:43:55,670 --> 00:43:52,619

uh we walked up to the Bohemian Club and

983

00:43:59,050 --> 00:43:55,680

he read the speech and he he got off his

984

00:44:02,809 --> 00:43:59,060

chest you know he uh accused the

985

00:44:05,690 --> 00:44:02,819

Bohemian Club of doing these rituals in

986

00:44:08,569 --> 00:44:05,700

the Grove he read an excerpt from a book

987

00:44:12,890 --> 00:44:08,579

that was very influential on him called

988

00:44:15,530 --> 00:44:12,900

transformation of America which is this

989

00:44:18,130 --> 00:44:15,540

very strange account

990

00:44:21,530 --> 00:44:18,140

um by a woman named Kathy O'Brien

991

00:44:24,710 --> 00:44:21,540

uh he read that and

992

00:44:25,730 --> 00:44:24,720

he was just so glad that there he wasn't

993

00:44:27,770 --> 00:44:25,740

alone

994

00:44:29,690 --> 00:44:27,780

that there was at least

995

00:44:31,670 --> 00:44:29,700

um you know a few other people with him

996

00:44:33,230 --> 00:44:31,680

and some people stopped they were

997

00:44:35,210 --> 00:44:33,240

walking on the street and they kind of

998

00:44:37,550 --> 00:44:35,220

just stopped and pulled out their their

999

00:44:39,410 --> 00:44:37,560

cameras like people do so he had a

1000

00:44:41,690 --> 00:44:39,420

little a little audience not a big

1001

00:44:44,089 --> 00:44:41,700

audience but he at least had a few

1002

00:44:46,550 --> 00:44:44,099

people who were listening to him

1003

00:44:48,530 --> 00:44:46,560

and when he was done with the speech he

1004

00:44:50,150 --> 00:44:48,540

just kind of broke down a little bit and

1005

00:44:52,370 --> 00:44:50,160

he was like this is all that I wanted

1006

00:44:54,349 --> 00:44:52,380

for the last 10 years

1007

00:44:56,450 --> 00:44:54,359

and he was like don't let these people

1008

00:44:59,150 --> 00:44:56,460

rule your life and

1009

00:45:02,210 --> 00:44:59,160

uh he had a moment and I had really

1010

00:45:05,210 --> 00:45:02,220

hoped honestly I really hoped that this

1011

00:45:08,870 --> 00:45:05,220

was sort of cathartic and that maybe he

1012

00:45:10,730 --> 00:45:08,880

had finally gotten some closure and uh

1013

00:45:14,510 --> 00:45:10,740

he could move in a healthier Direction

1014

00:45:17,089 --> 00:45:14,520

after that but that turned out to not be

1015

00:45:19,250 --> 00:45:17,099

correct right

1016

00:45:21,770 --> 00:45:19,260

um is that something you're willing to

1017

00:45:24,290 --> 00:45:21,780

share with us Tia I know it's a pretty

1018

00:45:26,990 --> 00:45:24,300

impactful part of the book as well

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00:45:29,030 --> 00:45:27,000

um and you you detail it so

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00:45:31,670 --> 00:45:29,040

um respectfully I think because again

1021

00:45:33,650 --> 00:45:31,680

it's so easy to just laugh at what this

1022

00:45:36,290 --> 00:45:33,660

guy has done and the life he led and

1023

00:45:38,690 --> 00:45:36,300

move on with your life but um again

1024

00:45:41,690 --> 00:45:38,700

there's a person here someone who

1025

00:45:44,210 --> 00:45:41,700

there's a reason that things led up to

1026

00:45:45,829 --> 00:45:44,220

this point so yeah would if if you're

1027

00:45:48,950 --> 00:45:45,839

okay sharing with what happened to

1028

00:45:52,550 --> 00:45:48,960

Richard and you know getting to know

1029

00:45:55,670 --> 00:45:52,560

this guy yeah you know uh I of course

1030

00:45:58,750 --> 00:45:55,680

didn't uh believe in almost anything

1031

00:46:01,250 --> 00:45:58,760

that Richard believed in conspiracy wise

1032

00:46:03,589 --> 00:46:01,260

uh but there was there was a lot of

1033

00:46:05,270 --> 00:46:03,599

things that I I liked about him he I

1034

00:46:08,270 --> 00:46:05,280

thought was a very creative individual

1035

00:46:11,150 --> 00:46:08,280

he had made all these superhero costumes

1036

00:46:12,710 --> 00:46:11,160

which looked really cool uh this is sort

1037

00:46:16,309 --> 00:46:12,720

of a hobby he had been doing his whole

1038

00:46:18,410 --> 00:46:16,319

life he was an illustrator he he created

1039

00:46:20,030 --> 00:46:18,420

these very interesting looking comic

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00:46:21,790 --> 00:46:20,040

books

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00:46:25,010 --> 00:46:21,800

um and you know he had made these videos

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00:46:25,530 --> 00:46:25,020

that you know had some fun elements to

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00:46:27,890 --> 00:46:25,540

it

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00:46:47,930 --> 00:46:27,900

[Music]

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00:46:51,829 --> 00:46:49,790

in order for this to be an illegal coup

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00:46:53,750 --> 00:46:51,839

your group would have to be the

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00:46:57,050 --> 00:46:53,760

legitimate government which you have

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00:47:00,349 --> 00:46:57,060

never been preach on it PP none of you

1049

00:47:02,870 --> 00:47:00,359

were fairly elected by the people

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00:47:06,349 --> 00:47:02,880

all of you were secretly chosen from

1051  
00:47:09,410 --> 00:47:06,359  
Illuminati bloodline families testify

1052  
00:47:11,569 --> 00:47:09,420  
you have never represented us

1053  
00:47:13,910 --> 00:47:11,579  
you're the tools of the globalists and

1054  
00:47:16,910 --> 00:47:13,920  
zionists the Rothschilds the

1055  
00:47:18,230 --> 00:47:16,920  
Rockefellers and the Vatican Amen

1056  
00:47:20,990 --> 00:47:18,240  
brother

1057  
00:47:24,670 --> 00:47:21,000  
um so I thought he was creative and

1058  
00:47:27,589 --> 00:47:24,680  
imaginative but that imagination

1059  
00:47:31,790 --> 00:47:27,599  
unfortunately I think was also uh it was

1060  
00:47:35,329 --> 00:47:31,800  
like a double-edged sword because it um

1061  
00:47:38,569 --> 00:47:35,339  
it made him see symbolism and stuff that

1062  
00:47:40,849 --> 00:47:38,579  
wasn't there and it was taking a very

1063  
00:47:48,950 --> 00:47:40,859

heavy toll on him

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00:47:51,890 --> 00:47:48,960

so uh you know in 2000 early early 2019

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00:47:53,329 --> 00:47:51,900

um I was working a part-time gig as a

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00:47:58,190 --> 00:47:53,339

bartender

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00:48:00,829 --> 00:47:58,200

and I got a text from Lon who was

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00:48:03,890 --> 00:48:00,839

um the guy that Richard met in stuntman

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00:48:07,309 --> 00:48:03,900

school and Lon was

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00:48:08,930 --> 00:48:07,319

really his only long-term friend that he

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00:48:13,010 --> 00:48:08,940

had

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00:48:15,109 --> 00:48:13,020

um and you know Lon told me he he felt

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00:48:16,790 --> 00:48:15,119

like Richard didn't have a lot of

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00:48:19,910 --> 00:48:16,800

friends and he needed somebody to kind

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00:48:22,490 --> 00:48:19,920

of look out for him and he kind of uh

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00:48:25,609 --> 00:48:22,500

selflessly filled that role

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00:48:28,069 --> 00:48:25,619

so Lon sent me a text and said

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00:48:29,930 --> 00:48:28,079

I have to talk to you about Richard call

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00:48:32,510 --> 00:48:29,940

me as soon as you can

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00:48:34,549 --> 00:48:32,520

and right then I knew that something

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00:48:37,609 --> 00:48:34,559

terrible had happened to Richard

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00:48:40,430 --> 00:48:37,619

I thought that he had either perhaps uh

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00:48:43,250 --> 00:48:40,440

for some reason snapped and done

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00:48:46,849 --> 00:48:43,260

something like gone back to the Bohemian

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00:48:50,750 --> 00:48:46,859

Grove or who knows or that he uh was

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00:48:52,569 --> 00:48:50,760

dead and as it turns out he died

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00:48:56,990 --> 00:48:52,579

um in in 2018

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00:48:59,450 --> 00:48:57,000

uh he he packed up his stuff he drove

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00:49:02,870 --> 00:48:59,460

out to Washington DC

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00:49:05,990 --> 00:49:02,880

he parked in front of a Freemason Temple

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00:49:08,390 --> 00:49:06,000

uh uh in Washington DC it's about a mile

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00:49:11,329 --> 00:49:08,400

away from the White House

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00:49:13,670 --> 00:49:11,339

um and he died by suicide in his truck

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00:49:15,230 --> 00:49:13,680

which had a bunch of signs on it that

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00:49:17,150 --> 00:49:15,240

we're talking about Freebase and

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00:49:20,809 --> 00:49:17,160

conspiracies and stuff

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00:49:23,930 --> 00:49:20,819

so that was kind of his his last message

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00:49:27,430 --> 00:49:23,940

um and it was very sad to me uh because

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00:49:30,049 --> 00:49:27,440

I had taken the time to get to know him

1100

00:49:32,750 --> 00:49:30,059

and like I said he had this creative

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00:49:34,970 --> 00:49:32,760

ability I just wish I really wish he

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00:49:36,230 --> 00:49:34,980

could have channeled some of that in a

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00:49:38,450 --> 00:49:36,240

different direction

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00:49:41,510 --> 00:49:38,460

but I really feel that the conspiracies

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00:49:45,109 --> 00:49:41,520

just had slowly dragged him down over a

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00:49:46,549 --> 00:49:45,119

long period of time and eventually uh

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00:49:50,390 --> 00:49:46,559

they killed him

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00:49:52,609 --> 00:49:50,400

right it's very tragic and you know I I

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00:49:55,250 --> 00:49:52,619

feel the same way because I mean being

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00:49:58,010 --> 00:49:55,260

in the UFO field and kind of the circles

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00:50:00,589 --> 00:49:58,020

I'm in I get sent messages and emails

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00:50:03,049 --> 00:50:00,599

constantly about have you heard about

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00:50:06,230 --> 00:50:03,059

you know the the thing going on with 5G

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00:50:09,710 --> 00:50:06,240

or the reptilians or or Q Anon and I'm

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00:50:13,670 --> 00:50:09,720

just like you are you're too important

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00:50:16,430 --> 00:50:13,680

in the world to people and to society to

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00:50:18,410 --> 00:50:16,440

to get into this and that's what's most

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00:50:21,589 --> 00:50:18,420

scary to you and we'll talk about that

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00:50:25,430 --> 00:50:21,599

in a little bit is um I feel like early

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00:50:27,410 --> 00:50:25,440

on in conspiracy theory circles you kind

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00:50:30,049 --> 00:50:27,420

of you could laugh about it you know the

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00:50:32,329 --> 00:50:30,059

whole tinfoil hat sort of thing and and

1123

00:50:34,309 --> 00:50:32,339

whatnot and you could have fun and it

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00:50:37,250 --> 00:50:34,319

was like it was cool to question things

1125

00:50:40,430 --> 00:50:37,260

and I will admit for for a little while

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00:50:44,210 --> 00:50:40,440

I was heavy into the truther thing about

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00:50:47,210 --> 00:50:44,220

911 and um and kind of stuff like that

1128

00:50:49,609 --> 00:50:47,220

but uh you know as you evolve both and

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00:50:53,329 --> 00:50:49,619

see the world for what it really is it's

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00:50:55,670 --> 00:50:53,339

it's not easy to create a conspiracy

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00:50:58,730 --> 00:50:55,680

that elaborate um I I'm sure it happens

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00:51:00,410 --> 00:50:58,740

and we can talk about that but um moving

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00:51:02,390 --> 00:51:00,420

away from Richard because again like

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00:51:05,630 --> 00:51:02,400

he's kind of the uh

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00:51:09,170 --> 00:51:05,640

the impetus or not the impetus he's he's

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00:51:12,170 --> 00:51:09,180

kind of the allegory for the overarching

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00:51:13,730 --> 00:51:12,180

issue here of conspiracy theory and um

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00:51:15,829 --> 00:51:13,740

again there's so much we didn't touch on

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00:51:17,990 --> 00:51:15,839

about Richard that people really need to

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00:51:20,030 --> 00:51:18,000

read the book to get into but let's talk

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00:51:22,250 --> 00:51:20,040

about in general

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00:51:25,730 --> 00:51:22,260

um we live in a world now full of

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00:51:28,730 --> 00:51:25,740

conspiracy theory uh unchecked Wild West

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00:51:31,309 --> 00:51:28,740

sort of thing and um it's not like it

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00:51:33,890 --> 00:51:31,319

used to be you know where who shot JFK

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00:51:35,750 --> 00:51:33,900

was the most controversial thing we were

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00:51:38,870 --> 00:51:35,760

talking about and

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00:51:41,390 --> 00:51:38,880

um that's changed a lot but um I know

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00:51:43,549 --> 00:51:41,400

you also what I liked about the book is

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00:51:46,130 --> 00:51:43,559

you intertwine Richard's story with all

1151  
00:51:49,309 --> 00:51:46,140  
these other things that you explored JFK

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00:51:52,250 --> 00:51:49,319  
conventions flat earthers

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00:51:55,609 --> 00:51:52,260  
um uh anti-vaxxers all these different

1154  
00:52:00,589 --> 00:51:55,619  
sort of things and uh where did we take

1155  
00:52:08,630 --> 00:52:04,790  
um the free world leader uh cheering on

1156  
00:52:10,430 --> 00:52:08,640  
people who attacked the capital where

1157  
00:52:12,349 --> 00:52:10,440  
did that happen and for you what do you

1158  
00:52:15,230 --> 00:52:12,359  
think yeah

1159  
00:52:18,710 --> 00:52:15,240  
um so completely like you're saying you

1160  
00:52:20,390 --> 00:52:18,720  
know uh my introduction before I met

1161  
00:52:22,630 --> 00:52:20,400  
Richard I was like oh yeah I know what

1162  
00:52:26,510 --> 00:52:22,640  
conspiracy is and and I kind of like it

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00:52:28,790 --> 00:52:26,520

uh so my introduction was probably uh

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00:52:31,549 --> 00:52:28,800

when I was a teen I read a lot of books

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00:52:33,470 --> 00:52:31,559

about UFO case files and stuff like that

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00:52:35,510 --> 00:52:33,480

and I loved it I was like oh this is so

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00:52:37,730 --> 00:52:35,520

interesting and of course a lot of that

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00:52:40,130 --> 00:52:37,740

intersects with conspiracy because it's

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00:52:42,530 --> 00:52:40,140

it's talking about government conspiracy

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00:52:46,970 --> 00:52:42,540

hiding up UFOs

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00:52:48,710 --> 00:52:46,980

I loved X-Files in the 90s of course and

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00:52:50,450 --> 00:52:48,720

they had these characters on the show

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00:52:52,730 --> 00:52:50,460

The Lone gunmen

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00:52:54,829 --> 00:52:52,740

and I was like I Love These Guys these

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00:52:57,109 --> 00:52:54,839

guys are cool they're like eccentric and

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00:52:59,690 --> 00:52:57,119

they're exploring all this weird stuff

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00:53:02,210 --> 00:52:59,700

so that's really how I viewed conspiracy

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00:53:05,510 --> 00:53:02,220

at that point like you know it's kind of

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00:53:07,849 --> 00:53:05,520

this fun interesting exploration of

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00:53:09,650 --> 00:53:07,859

stuff that may or may not be true and

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00:53:12,109 --> 00:53:09,660

like you said the classics JFK

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00:53:15,890 --> 00:53:12,119

assassination

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00:53:18,530 --> 00:53:15,900

um UFO cases like Area 51 and Roswell

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00:53:21,589 --> 00:53:18,540

and and stuff like that

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00:53:24,710 --> 00:53:21,599

um so I had this like naive kind of

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00:53:26,450 --> 00:53:24,720

charming view of conspiracy going in and

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00:53:28,250 --> 00:53:26,460

and that stuff still I mean I still

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00:53:31,970 --> 00:53:28,260

think is great I'm still interested in

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00:53:34,910 --> 00:53:31,980

UFOs uh I don't particularly subscribe

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00:53:37,250 --> 00:53:34,920

to any one particular JFK Theory but I

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00:53:38,750 --> 00:53:37,260

think it's an interesting mystery

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00:53:41,329 --> 00:53:38,760

there's a lot of weird stuff that

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00:53:43,490 --> 00:53:41,339

happened that day in Dallas

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00:53:47,510 --> 00:53:43,500

um so that's still stuff that I like

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00:53:50,510 --> 00:53:47,520

where I think it begins to take uh an

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00:53:51,530 --> 00:53:50,520

ugly turn I think number one is I think

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00:53:52,910 --> 00:53:51,540

that there's

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00:53:57,410 --> 00:53:52,920

um three things

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00:53:58,910 --> 00:53:57,420

uh number one is uh 911.

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00:54:02,450 --> 00:53:58,920

um you know

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00:54:05,109 --> 00:54:02,460

that is a pretty heavy conspiracy theory

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00:54:08,210 --> 00:54:05,119

because it suggests that our government

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00:54:10,370 --> 00:54:08,220

uh let thousands of our citizens either

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00:54:13,069 --> 00:54:10,380

willingly die or they had some knowledge

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00:54:16,970 --> 00:54:13,079

of it beforehand or they actively

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00:54:19,370 --> 00:54:16,980

applaud it themselves and you know it's

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00:54:21,710 --> 00:54:19,380

still I know there's probably a lot of

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00:54:23,750 --> 00:54:21,720

young people where this is not something

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00:54:27,470 --> 00:54:23,760

they experience but I remember very

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00:54:30,170 --> 00:54:27,480

clearly where I was on on 9 11 and just

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00:54:32,990 --> 00:54:30,180

what a terrible feeling it was uh seeing

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00:54:36,770 --> 00:54:33,000

those images on TV so I think there is

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00:54:39,950 --> 00:54:36,780

sort of this like disbelief and anger

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00:54:42,289 --> 00:54:39,960

and I think that's uh it really started

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00:54:44,329 --> 00:54:42,299

uh Richard for example

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00:54:47,089 --> 00:54:44,339

had been thinking about the Bohemian

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00:54:49,490 --> 00:54:47,099

Grove and the quote that he gave me was

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00:54:52,970 --> 00:54:49,500

that he hadn't really committed to the

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00:54:55,970 --> 00:54:52,980

idea of raiding the Bohemian Grove or

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00:54:58,130 --> 00:54:55,980

whatever he was going to do uh until 9

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00:55:00,829 --> 00:54:58,140

11 happened and then he was like that

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00:55:03,609 --> 00:55:00,839

changed things for me okay now I was

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00:55:06,829 --> 00:55:03,619

ready to go in there and possibly die

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00:55:10,069 --> 00:55:06,839

because of these conspiracies so I think

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00:55:12,770 --> 00:55:10,079

that's an important Milestone number two

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00:55:15,349 --> 00:55:12,780

um I'll tell you when I really started

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00:55:17,870 --> 00:55:15,359

to fall out of love with conspiracy

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00:55:21,770 --> 00:55:17,880

theory or I realized that it could have

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00:55:24,470 --> 00:55:21,780

a really really dark side and that was

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00:55:27,829 --> 00:55:24,480

um the suggestion that this the Sandy

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00:55:30,770 --> 00:55:27,839

Hook shooting it was a hoax

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00:55:33,530 --> 00:55:30,780

um which was something that was promoted

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00:55:36,109 --> 00:55:33,540

in a lot of conspiracy sites in these

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00:55:38,569 --> 00:55:36,119

poor families it like this turns my

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00:55:41,510 --> 00:55:38,579

stomach to think of it they not only had

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00:55:44,089 --> 00:55:41,520

to deal with their young children being

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00:55:46,309 --> 00:55:44,099

massacred in the school shooting but

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00:55:48,710 --> 00:55:46,319

they then were being harassed by

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00:55:50,870 --> 00:55:48,720

conspiracy theorists who would call them

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00:55:53,210 --> 00:55:50,880

email them sometimes stop them on the

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00:55:55,490 --> 00:55:53,220

streets and say hey why are you

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00:55:57,289 --> 00:55:55,500

pretending that you had a kid that died

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00:56:00,130 --> 00:55:57,299

in the school shooting

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00:56:04,549 --> 00:56:00,140

that was when I was like wow this can be

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00:56:06,170 --> 00:56:04,559

just the most ugly side of humanity can

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00:56:09,530 --> 00:56:06,180

be wrapped up in some of these

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00:56:11,089 --> 00:56:09,540

conspiracies so it was really it was a

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00:56:13,549 --> 00:56:11,099

really turning point for me personally

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00:56:16,069 --> 00:56:13,559

and for a lot of people I think this is

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00:56:18,890 --> 00:56:16,079

when you know Alex Jones had kind of

1251  
00:56:21,109 --> 00:56:18,900  
been ignored before that as being some

1252  
00:56:24,650 --> 00:56:21,119  
sort of crackpot that was off wherever

1253  
00:56:28,010 --> 00:56:24,660  
just ignore him but after that you know

1254  
00:56:31,250 --> 00:56:28,020  
is when people began to uh take them to

1255  
00:56:33,950 --> 00:56:31,260  
court as they should have and the last

1256  
00:56:37,010 --> 00:56:33,960  
major Milestone I will say is

1257  
00:56:38,030 --> 00:56:37,020  
um The Campaign and election of Donald

1258  
00:56:40,990 --> 00:56:38,040  
Trump

1259  
00:56:43,789 --> 00:56:41,000  
uh he more than anyone

1260  
00:56:46,250 --> 00:56:43,799  
normalized conspiracy theory he's

1261  
00:56:49,309 --> 00:56:46,260  
constantly uh talking about them

1262  
00:56:51,650 --> 00:56:49,319  
tweeting them out using them as sort of

1263  
00:56:52,789 --> 00:56:51,660

a weapon against anyone that he doesn't

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00:56:55,789 --> 00:56:52,799

like really

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00:56:58,190 --> 00:56:55,799

uh and that had severe consequences I

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00:56:59,750 --> 00:56:58,200

think because he was spreading these

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00:57:03,109 --> 00:56:59,760

conspiracy theories and he had a very

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00:57:06,470 --> 00:57:03,119

powerful platform to do that you know he

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00:57:09,530 --> 00:57:06,480

wasn't some guy uh broadcasting of his

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00:57:11,329 --> 00:57:09,540

basement out in the desert somewhere or

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00:57:14,150 --> 00:57:11,339

whatever this is a guy who's the

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00:57:16,010 --> 00:57:14,160

president of the United States and so he

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00:57:19,250 --> 00:57:16,020

had a very powerful voice and he used

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00:57:23,270 --> 00:57:19,260

that to spread a lot of conspiracies a

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00:57:26,809 --> 00:57:23,280

wide range birtherism Q Anon stuff you

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00:57:29,510 --> 00:57:26,819

know whatever fit into his agenda

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00:57:31,789 --> 00:57:29,520

so I think those were three at least not

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00:57:35,030 --> 00:57:31,799

all of them but three major points that

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00:57:37,010 --> 00:57:35,040

that I can think of yeah

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00:57:38,510 --> 00:57:37,020

um well I mean let's touch on the Trump

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00:57:40,370 --> 00:57:38,520

thing because there's no getting around

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00:57:42,349 --> 00:57:40,380

it and I know there'll be people

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00:57:45,589 --> 00:57:42,359

watching and listening that are either

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00:57:48,230 --> 00:57:45,599

offended by what we say or or annoyed or

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00:57:50,870 --> 00:57:48,240

what have you I don't care because

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00:57:53,510 --> 00:57:50,880

um you're right I mean facts are facts

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00:57:58,069 --> 00:57:53,520

the president of the United States did

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00:58:00,530 --> 00:57:58,079

not uh denounce these crazy theories he

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00:58:03,049 --> 00:58:00,540

did not uh you know

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00:58:05,150 --> 00:58:03,059

there was no punishment for those who

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00:58:06,650 --> 00:58:05,160

sought out violence against these sort

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00:58:09,470 --> 00:58:06,660

of things

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00:58:13,069 --> 00:58:09,480

um there are members of Congress or or

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00:58:15,170 --> 00:58:13,079

the Senate who have gone up to people

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00:58:17,630 --> 00:58:15,180

from Sandy Hook and told them you're

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00:58:19,670 --> 00:58:17,640

lying which is just one of the most

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00:58:21,349 --> 00:58:19,680

despicable things I could I could even

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00:58:23,569 --> 00:58:21,359

think of like you said the whole crisis

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00:58:24,470 --> 00:58:23,579

actor thing another big part of your

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00:58:27,549 --> 00:58:24,480

book

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00:58:29,750 --> 00:58:27,559

um and yeah when you have the president

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00:58:32,329 --> 00:58:29,760

empowering and embolding these people

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00:58:33,829 --> 00:58:32,339

that's that's an issue and there's

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00:58:36,049 --> 00:58:33,839

really no getting around that no matter

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00:58:39,230 --> 00:58:36,059

what your politics are I'm not saying

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00:58:41,690 --> 00:58:39,240

Democrats are any better or Libertarians

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00:58:44,270 --> 00:58:41,700

or socialists or what have you the fact

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00:58:46,250 --> 00:58:44,280

of the matter is the previous president

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00:58:49,069 --> 00:58:46,260

uh

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00:58:51,670 --> 00:58:49,079

whatever got him votes so let's talk

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00:58:54,530 --> 00:58:51,680

about that I mean we have YouTube

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00:58:56,450 --> 00:58:54,540

YouTubers who um spout all these

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00:59:00,349 --> 00:58:56,460

theories as well and have just made

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00:59:03,950 --> 00:59:00,359

cueing on this huge monolithic thing now

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00:59:05,569 --> 00:59:03,960

and um I seriously doubt that a lot of

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00:59:07,789 --> 00:59:05,579

them actually believe what they're

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00:59:10,730 --> 00:59:07,799

saying but whatever gets them up to a

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00:59:12,470 --> 00:59:10,740

million views Whatever Gets You votes or

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00:59:16,609 --> 00:59:12,480

um gets you in the newspaper and the

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00:59:19,309 --> 00:59:16,619

headlines uh so let's let's let's talk

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00:59:20,450 --> 00:59:19,319

about it Q Anon the biggest one right

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00:59:22,609 --> 00:59:20,460

now

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00:59:26,930 --> 00:59:22,619

um what do you think of this whole thing

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00:59:28,609 --> 00:59:26,940

man I mean it's just it's insane that

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00:59:32,210 --> 00:59:28,619

we've gotten to this point where it's

1326  
00:59:34,190 --> 00:59:32,220  
gone mainstream again the president of

1327  
00:59:36,710 --> 00:59:34,200  
the United States had to actually talk

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00:59:39,109 --> 00:59:36,720  
about it um didn't have to but chose to

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00:59:41,990 --> 00:59:39,119  
and uh yeah what do you got for me in

1330  
00:59:43,670 --> 00:59:42,000  
terms of Q and on yeah he was he was

1331  
00:59:46,549 --> 00:59:43,680  
finally called out about this and he had

1332  
00:59:48,770 --> 00:59:46,559  
a good opportunity to say hey

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00:59:50,150 --> 00:59:48,780  
um he he's like I don't know what Q Anon

1334  
00:59:52,609 --> 00:59:50,160  
is okay

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00:59:55,250 --> 00:59:52,619  
I'm pretty sure that you know a cunan is

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00:59:57,109 --> 00:59:55,260  
by this point if you don't have one of

1337  
00:59:58,430 --> 00:59:57,119  
your aides go over to Google and find

1338  
01:00:00,710 --> 00:59:58,440

out what it is because everyone's

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01:00:02,870 --> 01:00:00,720

talking about it but he was just kind of

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01:00:04,730 --> 01:00:02,880

uh weaseling his way out of talking

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01:00:06,670 --> 01:00:04,740

about it when he had a really good

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01:00:09,410 --> 01:00:06,680

opportunity to be like

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01:00:13,069 --> 01:00:09,420

this uh thing that's being spread around

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01:00:13,789 --> 01:00:13,079

is not true obviously you know

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01:00:17,230 --> 01:00:13,799

um

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01:00:20,390 --> 01:00:17,240

these uh theories about like uh satanic

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01:00:23,329 --> 01:00:20,400

uh ring of Democrats and Hollywood and

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01:00:25,190 --> 01:00:23,339

stuff like that uh is not something that

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01:00:28,250 --> 01:00:25,200

I endorse that's all he had to say but

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01:00:29,750 --> 01:00:28,260

of course you know he completely said oh

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01:00:31,730 --> 01:00:29,760

I don't know who they are I hear that

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01:00:34,069 --> 01:00:31,740

they're good people though and they they

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01:00:34,970 --> 01:00:34,079

very much don't like pedophiles which is

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01:00:39,650 --> 01:00:34,980

great

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01:00:43,190 --> 01:00:39,660

but cunan I really feel is a cult it's

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01:00:46,549 --> 01:00:43,200

not it's no longer like a fringe idea or

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01:00:49,069 --> 01:00:46,559

a movement it's a cult and

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01:00:51,950 --> 01:00:49,079

um Donald Trump essentially is a cult

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01:00:55,370 --> 01:00:51,960

leader like like Jim Jones or someone

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01:00:58,609 --> 01:00:55,380

uh along with this mysterious idea that

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01:01:01,430 --> 01:00:58,619

there's someone named Q out there

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01:01:04,309 --> 01:01:01,440

um when this is someone who's probably

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01:01:07,670 --> 01:01:04,319

just trolling or more likely uh

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01:01:10,970 --> 01:01:07,680

benefiting from spreading these ideas

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01:01:12,170 --> 01:01:10,980

and uh it's very cult like in a number

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01:01:15,589 --> 01:01:12,180

of ways

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01:01:18,730 --> 01:01:15,599

one is they are completely willing to

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01:01:21,770 --> 01:01:18,740

sever uh their relationships with family

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01:01:24,109 --> 01:01:21,780

and loved ones and this is really sad

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01:01:28,010 --> 01:01:24,119

and tragic I actually have a very good

1371

01:01:31,010 --> 01:01:28,020

friend and he lost his mom down the Q

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01:01:34,130 --> 01:01:31,020

rabbit hole uh and it's very difficult

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01:01:35,750 --> 01:01:34,140

for him like he can't communicate with

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01:01:38,390 --> 01:01:35,760

her anymore because she's always like

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01:01:40,549 --> 01:01:38,400

trying to convince him about this this Q

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01:01:43,370 --> 01:01:40,559

Anon stuff and this is a story that's

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01:01:46,069 --> 01:01:43,380

being repeated all all over so they kind

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01:01:48,770 --> 01:01:46,079

of uh they'll sever the ties to their

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01:01:51,289 --> 01:01:48,780

loved ones and their new family is their

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01:01:53,870 --> 01:01:51,299

fellow Q Anon people that's very

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01:01:55,730 --> 01:01:53,880

cult-like you know

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01:01:58,309 --> 01:01:55,740

um and then

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01:01:59,990 --> 01:01:58,319

uh the other thing is as we saw on

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01:02:02,150 --> 01:02:00,000

January 6th there was a lot of Q

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01:02:04,789 --> 01:02:02,160

non-believers who are part of that mob

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01:02:07,069 --> 01:02:04,799

in the the Insurrection uh or as I

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01:02:13,130 --> 01:02:07,079

jokingly call it sometimes the the Q

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01:02:15,410 --> 01:02:13,140

data uh but um those people uh they were

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01:02:17,630 --> 01:02:15,420

willing to die for this cause and some

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01:02:20,390 --> 01:02:17,640

of them did die for the cause

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01:02:24,109 --> 01:02:20,400

so again I think this is very cult-like

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01:02:26,390 --> 01:02:24,119

and the the strategy for approaching it

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01:02:28,970 --> 01:02:26,400

is um perhaps the same way that you

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01:02:31,069 --> 01:02:28,980

would try to deprogram occult

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01:02:33,890 --> 01:02:31,079

because I think that's how far they are

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01:02:36,349 --> 01:02:33,900

and another major thing uh and this is I

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01:02:37,309 --> 01:02:36,359

mean it's funny but it isn't

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01:02:41,150 --> 01:02:37,319

um

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01:02:44,329 --> 01:02:41,160

uh Cults a lot of times will Envision A

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01:02:48,410 --> 01:02:44,339

Day of Reckoning of some sort you know a

1401

01:02:50,990 --> 01:02:48,420

Biblical apocalypse or a UFO is going to

1402

01:02:54,130 --> 01:02:51,000

land and they're all going to uh climb

1403

01:02:58,309 --> 01:02:54,140

on board and escape the Earth you know

1404

01:03:01,430 --> 01:02:58,319

uh for Q Anon it's this idea of the

1405

01:03:04,370 --> 01:03:01,440

storm is going to happen and Trump is

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01:03:06,770 --> 01:03:04,380

going to be Victorious and all of these

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01:03:09,410 --> 01:03:06,780

uh Sinister enemies are all going to be

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01:03:12,349 --> 01:03:09,420

rounded up and exposed for being

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01:03:14,690 --> 01:03:12,359

pedophiles and cannibals and they're all

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01:03:17,569 --> 01:03:14,700

going to be put away

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01:03:19,910 --> 01:03:17,579

um so what happens with Cults is that

1412

01:03:21,950 --> 01:03:19,920

day won't happen and some of them will

1413

01:03:23,809 --> 01:03:21,960

kind of wake up and they'll be like oh I

1414

01:03:27,109 --> 01:03:23,819

believe this this thing that isn't true

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01:03:29,510 --> 01:03:27,119

at all and I'm moving on with my life

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01:03:32,329 --> 01:03:29,520

but then you have the hardcore people

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01:03:34,130 --> 01:03:32,339

and they will keep it going and they're

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01:03:37,849 --> 01:03:34,140

they're you know they'll have this high

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01:03:39,770 --> 01:03:37,859

level of cognitive dissonance where they

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01:03:42,170 --> 01:03:39,780

try to think their way around this

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01:03:45,170 --> 01:03:42,180

obstacle so for example

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01:03:47,990 --> 01:03:45,180

um some Q non-believers now believe that

1423

01:03:50,930 --> 01:03:48,000

Trump actually is going to be sworn in

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01:03:53,809 --> 01:03:50,940

as president on March 4th

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01:03:56,390 --> 01:03:53,819

because March 4th was the date for a

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01:03:58,490 --> 01:03:56,400

long time when presidents uh were sworn

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01:04:00,890 --> 01:03:58,500

into office but at some point they're

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01:04:03,589 --> 01:04:00,900

like you know from the uh November

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01:04:05,870 --> 01:04:03,599

election to March is kind of a long time

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01:04:08,029 --> 01:04:05,880

to do this transition why don't we

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01:04:10,549 --> 01:04:08,039

shorten it up to January

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01:04:14,089 --> 01:04:10,559

right uh but they believe that you know

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01:04:15,710 --> 01:04:14,099

surprise like uh Biden wasn't a

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01:04:18,049 --> 01:04:15,720

legitimate president because he wasn't

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01:04:18,829 --> 01:04:18,059

sworn in on March 4th and Trump is going

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01:04:21,890 --> 01:04:18,839

to

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01:04:24,950 --> 01:04:21,900

it's really amazing that your mind can

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01:04:27,589 --> 01:04:24,960

make that stretch but uh that's really

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01:04:30,170 --> 01:04:27,599

the nature of a cult yeah

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01:04:32,930 --> 01:04:30,180

um and you know I remember the day of

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01:04:35,870 --> 01:04:32,940

the inauguration when it didn't happen

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01:04:38,150 --> 01:04:35,880

the great storm didn't come uh you know

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01:04:40,609 --> 01:04:38,160

people started going on these Q Anon

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01:04:43,490 --> 01:04:40,619

forums and watching these people have a

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01:04:46,609 --> 01:04:43,500

meltdown and you know laughing about it

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01:04:50,690 --> 01:04:46,619

and again it's hard because I don't want

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01:04:54,170 --> 01:04:50,700

to uh paint all these people as crazy or

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01:04:56,510 --> 01:04:54,180

or members of a cult but you're right

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01:04:59,870 --> 01:04:56,520

there are cult like mentalities clearly

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01:05:02,270 --> 01:04:59,880

happening here and it's not just like

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01:05:04,789 --> 01:05:02,280

you know loners who have nowhere else to

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01:05:07,069 --> 01:05:04,799

go and this is the tribe that they

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01:05:07,970 --> 01:05:07,079

finally found kind of like Richard would

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01:05:11,270 --> 01:05:07,980

be

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01:05:14,210 --> 01:05:11,280

um you have successful businessmen and

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01:05:17,029 --> 01:05:14,220

women who believe in Q Anon you have um

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01:05:19,190 --> 01:05:17,039

the burissa at your coffee shop or the

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01:05:22,309 --> 01:05:19,200

uh the foreman for a construction

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01:05:24,770 --> 01:05:22,319

company like it doesn't seem to kind of

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01:05:26,809 --> 01:05:24,780

fit that mold anymore of like lost

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01:05:29,510 --> 01:05:26,819

people finding something

1462

01:05:31,010 --> 01:05:29,520

um which is scary so I guess kind of

1463

01:05:32,870 --> 01:05:31,020

playing off of that man

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01:05:36,470 --> 01:05:32,880

um

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01:05:38,150 --> 01:05:36,480

what do we do I mean the Bell has been

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01:05:40,370 --> 01:05:38,160

rung can we not

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01:05:43,490 --> 01:05:40,380

will this ever stop or will it just like

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01:05:45,349 --> 01:05:43,500

you said evolve into something else uh

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01:05:48,170 --> 01:05:45,359

these people firmly believe they're

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01:05:49,849 --> 01:05:48,180

right and that they are um you know you

1471

01:05:52,490 --> 01:05:49,859

mentioned in the book this idea of the

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01:05:55,069 --> 01:05:52,500

uh the Dunning Kruger effect like

1473

01:05:57,890 --> 01:05:55,079

thinking you are smarter than everyone

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01:06:00,950 --> 01:05:57,900

else and you know the real truth uh

1475

01:06:02,170 --> 01:06:00,960

which is a whole other issue as well but

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01:06:04,670 --> 01:06:02,180

um

1477

01:06:06,349 --> 01:06:04,680

de-platforming happens on YouTube you

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01:06:08,450 --> 01:06:06,359

know Alex Jones

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01:06:11,029 --> 01:06:08,460

um David Ike they've all been taken off

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01:06:12,410 --> 01:06:11,039

social media this that this that and

1481

01:06:15,410 --> 01:06:12,420

then everyone starts saying our free

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01:06:18,410 --> 01:06:15,420

speech is disappearing oh my god

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01:06:20,270 --> 01:06:18,420

um what do you think because I mean yeah

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01:06:22,970 --> 01:06:20,280

of course we all are Advocates of free

1485

01:06:25,309 --> 01:06:22,980

speech in this country it's one of our

1486

01:06:28,789 --> 01:06:25,319

you know our founding things in the

1487

01:06:31,309 --> 01:06:28,799

Constitution but um how do we stop what

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01:06:34,789 --> 01:06:31,319

seems to be something that just grows

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01:06:36,710 --> 01:06:34,799

bigger and more Insidious and more

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01:06:40,010 --> 01:06:36,720

violent up to the point where people

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01:06:41,990 --> 01:06:40,020

died at the Capitol because of this yeah

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01:06:44,230 --> 01:06:42,000

it's a really hard question you know

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01:06:47,150 --> 01:06:44,240

something that I've thought about a lot

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01:06:51,770 --> 01:06:47,160

uh as I was finishing the book and and

1495

01:06:54,349 --> 01:06:51,780

throughout the last year year plus now

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01:06:56,569 --> 01:06:54,359

um yeah it's a it's a problem I think

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01:07:00,890 --> 01:06:56,579

that number one it should be addressed

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01:07:02,630 --> 01:07:00,900

as uh a National Emergency really

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01:07:05,270 --> 01:07:02,640

there should be

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01:07:07,250 --> 01:07:05,280

um not some conspiracy like you know

1501  
01:07:09,049 --> 01:07:07,260  
police state or something but I'm saying

1502  
01:07:11,870 --> 01:07:09,059  
but there should be a definitely a

1503  
01:07:13,670 --> 01:07:11,880  
committee that is uh trying to think of

1504  
01:07:16,309 --> 01:07:13,680  
solutions

1505  
01:07:19,250 --> 01:07:16,319  
um I think that and I hope that I I

1506  
01:07:22,450 --> 01:07:19,260  
don't know I hope that schools will

1507  
01:07:26,210 --> 01:07:22,460  
begin to implement things like mandatory

1508  
01:07:29,329 --> 01:07:26,220  
media literacy classes so people can

1509  
01:07:31,970 --> 01:07:29,339  
learn uh you know what a good source of

1510  
01:07:34,309 --> 01:07:31,980  
information is and

1511  
01:07:37,010 --> 01:07:34,319  
um you know what type of media has

1512  
01:07:39,529 --> 01:07:37,020  
factual reporting and what type of sites

1513  
01:07:41,289 --> 01:07:39,539

are like Infowars because it's really

1514

01:07:44,210 --> 01:07:41,299

hard to tell the difference between

1515

01:07:46,970 --> 01:07:44,220

legit news and misinformation right now

1516

01:07:48,950 --> 01:07:46,980

I mean I've been fooled before I've seen

1517

01:07:50,690 --> 01:07:48,960

something that looks like a headline I'm

1518

01:07:53,450 --> 01:07:50,700

like I can't believe that that happened

1519

01:07:55,430 --> 01:07:53,460

and then you know a few clicks later I'm

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01:07:58,430 --> 01:07:55,440

like oh this didn't happen this is some

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01:08:00,589 --> 01:07:58,440

garbage site there's a there's a site

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01:08:03,589 --> 01:08:00,599

that actually gets me all the time on

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01:08:05,630 --> 01:08:03,599

Facebook and um it's called like we got

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01:08:07,630 --> 01:08:05,640

this covered or something like that and

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01:08:10,609 --> 01:08:07,640

you'll have news about superhero movies

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01:08:12,410 --> 01:08:10,619

I'm like what and then I'll click on the

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01:08:14,210 --> 01:08:12,420

link it'll be like so we heard a rumor

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01:08:16,610 --> 01:08:14,220

from somebody that this is going to

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01:08:19,729 --> 01:08:16,620

happen I was like you totally got me

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01:08:21,829 --> 01:08:19,739

that's not true at all yep so but this

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01:08:25,249 --> 01:08:21,839

there's so much of that being pumped out

1532

01:08:26,209 --> 01:08:25,259

that I hope that we teach children

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01:08:29,570 --> 01:08:26,219

um

1534

01:08:33,410 --> 01:08:29,580

how to make choices about information

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01:08:35,450 --> 01:08:33,420

that they get and uh you know there's

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01:08:37,309 --> 01:08:35,460

this term that really kind of makes me

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01:08:40,729 --> 01:08:37,319

cringe

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01:08:42,410 --> 01:08:40,739

um and it's do your own research now I

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01:08:45,110 --> 01:08:42,420

love to do my own research I'm sure that

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01:08:47,450 --> 01:08:45,120

you do too Ryan uh you know when I was

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01:08:49,910 --> 01:08:47,460

young I used to love to do nothing more

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01:08:52,669 --> 01:08:49,920

than go library and look through books

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01:08:54,410 --> 01:08:52,679

and pick out books I wanted to read so I

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01:08:57,829 --> 01:08:54,420

think that doing research is a great

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01:09:00,010 --> 01:08:57,839

thing but um like you were saying uh

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01:09:03,169 --> 01:09:00,020

with the Dunning Kroger thing

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01:09:06,349 --> 01:09:03,179

uh you know your research is not

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01:09:09,829 --> 01:09:06,359

Equitable to someone who does actual

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01:09:12,769 --> 01:09:09,839

research uh in fields like science and

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01:09:13,970 --> 01:09:12,779

technology and stuff

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01:09:16,490 --> 01:09:13,980

um so

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01:09:18,229 --> 01:09:16,500

I mean it just needs to be addressed as

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01:09:21,769 --> 01:09:18,239

a problem there needs to be better

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01:09:23,990 --> 01:09:21,779

education as far as de-platforming I

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01:09:25,970 --> 01:09:24,000

think that's such a a whack-a-mole

1556

01:09:29,990 --> 01:09:25,980

problem

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01:09:33,050 --> 01:09:30,000

um you know for example YouTube

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01:09:33,590 --> 01:09:33,060

this is just so crazy

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01:09:35,030 --> 01:09:33,600

um

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01:09:36,769 --> 01:09:35,040

to back up

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01:09:39,289 --> 01:09:36,779

uh there are these researchers

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01:09:41,809 --> 01:09:39,299

researchers at a university and they

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01:09:43,669 --> 01:09:41,819

went to some Flat Earth conferences and

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01:09:47,349 --> 01:09:43,679

they did questionnaires with people who

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01:09:51,430 --> 01:09:47,359

attended them and they found that 99.9

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01:09:54,350 --> 01:09:51,440

of flat earthers had gotten into that

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01:09:56,090 --> 01:09:54,360

because they uh got sucked down a

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01:09:57,470 --> 01:09:56,100

YouTube rabbit hole

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01:09:59,330 --> 01:09:57,480

they're watching something about

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01:10:01,250 --> 01:09:59,340

something else and YouTube pushed them

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01:10:03,169 --> 01:10:01,260

towards the flatter stuff and then they

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01:10:06,350 --> 01:10:03,179

were binge watching Flat Earth videos

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01:10:09,430 --> 01:10:06,360

and some of them make like a you know

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01:10:11,570 --> 01:10:09,440

what seems like a reasonable argument

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01:10:13,910 --> 01:10:11,580

uh and then the next thing you know

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01:10:16,910 --> 01:10:13,920

they're at a flat Earth conference

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01:10:19,729 --> 01:10:16,920

so uh YouTube eventually pulled those

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01:10:22,669 --> 01:10:19,739

videos but by the time they did there

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01:10:25,130 --> 01:10:22,679

already was this entire subculture of

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01:10:27,530 --> 01:10:25,140

flat erasers about their own conferences

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01:10:30,950 --> 01:10:27,540

uh they record their own flatters

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01:10:32,350 --> 01:10:30,960

hip-hop which is very interesting music

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01:10:36,470 --> 01:10:32,360

to hear

1584

01:10:38,810 --> 01:10:36,480

interesting yeah uh so it was too little

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01:10:40,430 --> 01:10:38,820

too late uh and I think that's the

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01:10:43,010 --> 01:10:40,440

problem with a lot of these deep

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01:10:46,850 --> 01:10:43,020

platforming things is they wait until

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01:10:49,370 --> 01:10:46,860

it's a huge huge problem yeah uh and

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01:10:50,930 --> 01:10:49,380

then you know there is the argument to

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01:10:53,870 --> 01:10:50,940

be made I don't know how much I agree

1591

01:10:57,470 --> 01:10:53,880

with it but by pulling these people off

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01:10:59,570 --> 01:10:57,480

of their platforms you're kind of you're

1593

01:11:02,630 --> 01:10:59,580

giving them the sort of hip factor that

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01:11:05,450 --> 01:11:02,640

they're the truth tellers and you know a

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01:11:09,530 --> 01:11:05,460

martyr right right yes yeah yes exactly

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01:11:11,390 --> 01:11:09,540

right so so it's kind of uh a damned if

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01:11:14,390 --> 01:11:11,400

you do damned if you don't type of

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01:11:17,030 --> 01:11:14,400

situation I I don't know the other thing

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01:11:19,850 --> 01:11:17,040

that's really hard about this is it's

1600

01:11:21,890 --> 01:11:19,860

really hard to talk someone out of these

1601  
01:11:23,570 --> 01:11:21,900  
beliefs once they've jumped into them

1602  
01:11:25,430 --> 01:11:23,580  
yes

1603  
01:11:29,030 --> 01:11:25,440  
um I think that's one of the major

1604  
01:11:32,990 --> 01:11:29,040  
issues is uh like you said

1605  
01:11:35,810 --> 01:11:33,000  
um we we live in a world now where we

1606  
01:11:38,030 --> 01:11:35,820  
can't tell fake news from real news and

1607  
01:11:41,090 --> 01:11:38,040  
you know you can blame the mainstream

1608  
01:11:44,630 --> 01:11:41,100  
media for some of that obviously

1609  
01:11:46,630 --> 01:11:44,640  
um certain news media sites exist for a

1610  
01:11:49,970 --> 01:11:46,640  
very biased approach to something

1611  
01:11:51,770 --> 01:11:49,980  
politically uh economically and at the

1612  
01:11:55,010 --> 01:11:51,780  
end of the day they want views they want

1613  
01:11:57,770 --> 01:11:55,020

ratings YouTubers want people to to

1614

01:12:00,649 --> 01:11:57,780

stream their stuff or um to click like

1615

01:12:03,189 --> 01:12:00,659

on their social media so they're gonna

1616

01:12:05,930 --> 01:12:03,199

just keep spouting these things that are

1617

01:12:08,990 --> 01:12:05,940

unsubstantiated unfounded

1618

01:12:11,209 --> 01:12:09,000

um because that's what you do and uh

1619

01:12:12,890 --> 01:12:11,219

it's scary it's scary to think that no

1620

01:12:16,250 --> 01:12:12,900

matter what we do to try to convince

1621

01:12:19,010 --> 01:12:16,260

people that um you know you should be

1622

01:12:21,470 --> 01:12:19,020

wearing a mask during the pandemic uh

1623

01:12:23,630 --> 01:12:21,480

it's not going to change their mind it's

1624

01:12:25,189 --> 01:12:23,640

just not and people are going to get

1625

01:12:26,450 --> 01:12:25,199

sick and people are going to die because

1626

01:12:27,950 --> 01:12:26,460

of it

1627

01:12:30,470 --> 01:12:27,960

um and again you know I don't want to

1628

01:12:33,470 --> 01:12:30,480

make this uh whole conspiracy C Theory

1629

01:12:35,390 --> 01:12:33,480

issue about bashing the right or

1630

01:12:39,169 --> 01:12:35,400

conservatives

1631

01:12:41,870 --> 01:12:39,179

um it it seems to be a large percentage

1632

01:12:43,669 --> 01:12:41,880

statistically of the more extreme right

1633

01:12:46,550 --> 01:12:43,679

side that believes in a lot of this

1634

01:12:48,590 --> 01:12:46,560

stuff but hey look I'm I'm on the

1635

01:12:51,470 --> 01:12:48,600

opposite side of that when it comes to

1636

01:12:55,010 --> 01:12:51,480

that sort of stuff and I still fall for

1637

01:12:57,709 --> 01:12:55,020

fake news and I still think huh maybe

1638

01:13:00,229 --> 01:12:57,719

there is something to that conspiracy so

1639

01:13:01,910 --> 01:13:00,239

um look anyone can get sucked into this

1640

01:13:04,850 --> 01:13:01,920

stuff and like you said with YouTube

1641

01:13:07,310 --> 01:13:04,860

yeah you type in like you want to know

1642

01:13:10,130 --> 01:13:07,320

one little thing about Flat Earth you're

1643

01:13:12,890 --> 01:13:10,140

gonna end up watching 10 hours what's

1644

01:13:15,830 --> 01:13:12,900

what YouTube does they want you to stay

1645

01:13:18,290 --> 01:13:15,840

on that site for 10 hours so they are

1646

01:13:20,570 --> 01:13:18,300

gonna use their algorithms to keep

1647

01:13:22,610 --> 01:13:20,580

giving you more Flat Earth stuff and by

1648

01:13:24,470 --> 01:13:22,620

the end of course you're going to start

1649

01:13:27,290 --> 01:13:24,480

believing it because you just watched 10

1650

01:13:28,130 --> 01:13:27,300

hours about it so I I have to agree with

1651

01:13:30,370 --> 01:13:28,140

you

1652

01:13:33,290 --> 01:13:30,380

um I feel

1653

01:13:35,450 --> 01:13:33,300

helpless in trying to convince these

1654

01:13:37,850 --> 01:13:35,460

people that um not only are these things

1655

01:13:40,850 --> 01:13:37,860

dangerous but they're just they're not

1656

01:13:44,149 --> 01:13:40,860

real they're not real

1657

01:13:46,070 --> 01:13:44,159

um but let's let's let's I guess on a

1658

01:13:49,790 --> 01:13:46,080

lighter note T oh

1659

01:13:51,830 --> 01:13:49,800

what is real as someone who has gone to

1660

01:13:54,970 --> 01:13:51,840

the UFO Congress

1661

01:13:57,050 --> 01:13:54,980

um to anti-vaxxer events to Flat Earth

1662

01:13:58,430 --> 01:13:57,060

conferences I mean you've done it all

1663

01:14:01,370 --> 01:13:58,440

man at this point

1664

01:14:05,090 --> 01:14:01,380

um what conspiracy theories do you

1665

01:14:08,330 --> 01:14:05,100

personally think are um healthy I guess

1666

01:14:11,090 --> 01:14:08,340

in one way of putting it and uh yeah any

1667

01:14:14,630 --> 01:14:11,100

that you really think could be true

1668

01:14:16,669 --> 01:14:14,640

yeah uh and and all this by the way is a

1669

01:14:18,229 --> 01:14:16,679

a subject I mean Explorer in a column in

1670

01:14:20,270 --> 01:14:18,239

a couple weeks called good weird bad

1671

01:14:22,910 --> 01:14:20,280

weird where I'm talking about stuff that

1672

01:14:26,689 --> 01:14:22,920

I love you know I love paranormal stuff

1673

01:14:29,270 --> 01:14:26,699

um and UFOs and and stuff like that

1674

01:14:30,229 --> 01:14:29,280

so uh and and this is an important Point

1675

01:14:33,709 --> 01:14:30,239

too

1676

01:14:36,790 --> 01:14:33,719

um in my book there are several points

1677

01:14:39,890 --> 01:14:36,800

in which I tell a story about something

1678

01:14:40,990 --> 01:14:39,900

that probably sounded like a conspiracy

1679

01:14:44,750 --> 01:14:41,000

theory

1680

01:14:47,450 --> 01:14:44,760

uh as it was happening or or afterward

1681

01:14:50,090 --> 01:14:47,460

but that we now know is true uh for

1682

01:14:54,169 --> 01:14:50,100

example the MK Ultra program right right

1683

01:14:55,070 --> 01:14:54,179

so this is a terrible CIA program where

1684

01:14:57,770 --> 01:14:55,080

they

1685

01:15:00,050 --> 01:14:57,780

um tested different drugs on unwitting

1686

01:15:01,910 --> 01:15:00,060

people to see if they could possibly

1687

01:15:04,790 --> 01:15:01,920

come up with some sort of agent that

1688

01:15:07,250 --> 01:15:04,800

would be a mind control device that they

1689

01:15:09,110 --> 01:15:07,260

could use you know in the Cold War so

1690

01:15:11,030 --> 01:15:09,120

they did these terrible experiments on

1691

01:15:15,410 --> 01:15:11,040

people without their their knowledge or

1692

01:15:18,290 --> 01:15:15,420

consent and if that uh would have been

1693

01:15:20,149 --> 01:15:18,300

leaked out in any way uh I'm sure people

1694

01:15:22,310 --> 01:15:20,159

have been like oh this is that's a

1695

01:15:25,310 --> 01:15:22,320

conspiracy theory that sounds crazy you

1696

01:15:27,950 --> 01:15:25,320

know but we know that's true because

1697

01:15:30,310 --> 01:15:27,960

um they tried to shred all the documents

1698

01:15:33,169 --> 01:15:30,320

on that but some of them had been

1699

01:15:35,990 --> 01:15:33,179

misfiled so there was a Freedom of

1700

01:15:38,270 --> 01:15:36,000

Information Act request and those files

1701

01:15:40,490 --> 01:15:38,280

were discovered and they they lay out

1702

01:15:43,430 --> 01:15:40,500

just part of the program who knows what

1703

01:15:45,110 --> 01:15:43,440

the full scope of the program was just

1704

01:15:47,330 --> 01:15:45,120

the part that we know about was was

1705

01:15:49,430 --> 01:15:47,340

absolutely terrible and there's other

1706

01:15:52,729 --> 01:15:49,440

stories like that throughout history of

1707

01:15:54,169 --> 01:15:52,739

things that are conspiracy like but

1708

01:15:56,270 --> 01:15:54,179

they're we know that they're true

1709

01:15:58,729 --> 01:15:56,280

there's evidence that they're true

1710

01:16:01,430 --> 01:15:58,739

so I certainly you know don't ever want

1711

01:16:03,649 --> 01:16:01,440

to be like oh all conspiracy this is all

1712

01:16:06,050 --> 01:16:03,659

fake everything's a conspiracy is is

1713

01:16:08,030 --> 01:16:06,060

total garbage because

1714

01:16:11,209 --> 01:16:08,040

um those stories are true and a lot of

1715

01:16:13,850 --> 01:16:11,219

uh conspiracy is start because there is

1716

01:16:16,370 --> 01:16:13,860

some kernel of truth but then people

1717

01:16:18,350 --> 01:16:16,380

it's like that telephone game that you

1718

01:16:20,330 --> 01:16:18,360

play when you're a kid where you whisper

1719

01:16:22,130 --> 01:16:20,340

something in in one person's ear and

1720

01:16:24,290 --> 01:16:22,140

they whisper it into the next person's

1721

01:16:27,590 --> 01:16:24,300

ear and by the time you get to the end

1722

01:16:29,390 --> 01:16:27,600

of the line it's a it's a message that

1723

01:16:31,070 --> 01:16:29,400

sounds a little bit like the original

1724

01:16:34,490 --> 01:16:31,080

but not quite

1725

01:16:37,310 --> 01:16:34,500

so I I think that there are um

1726

01:16:40,490 --> 01:16:37,320

there is a lot of Truth and there is a

1727

01:16:43,729 --> 01:16:40,500

lot of legitimate mystery uh I very much

1728

01:16:47,810 --> 01:16:43,739

think that UFOs are going to be

1729

01:16:49,970 --> 01:16:47,820

um a big story this year and uh uh the

1730

01:16:52,430 --> 01:16:49,980

story that it's gonna turn out that a

1731

01:16:55,490 --> 01:16:52,440

lot of the stuff uh wasn't conspiracy it

1732

01:16:58,070 --> 01:16:55,500

was true true stuff you know good answer

1733

01:17:00,290 --> 01:16:58,080

good answer my man no I I absolutely

1734

01:17:03,350 --> 01:17:00,300

believe that um you know we're going to

1735

01:17:07,370 --> 01:17:03,360

find out uh some interesting stuff about

1736

01:17:10,250 --> 01:17:07,380

UFOs yeah I I would have to agree and um

1737

01:17:13,010 --> 01:17:10,260

like you said some of these conspiracies

1738

01:17:15,770 --> 01:17:13,020

turn out to be true I mean you know

1739

01:17:18,410 --> 01:17:15,780

there's that old saying like it takes

1740

01:17:21,050 --> 01:17:18,420

two people to create a conspiracy to

1741

01:17:24,770 --> 01:17:21,060

conspire where the word comes from so I

1742

01:17:26,750 --> 01:17:24,780

mean the a lot of these things it's just

1743

01:17:30,169 --> 01:17:26,760

like we deal with in the UFO field when

1744

01:17:31,930 --> 01:17:30,179

it comes to disinformation or or whatnot

1745

01:17:35,870 --> 01:17:31,940

um when it comes to something like the

1746

01:17:38,510 --> 01:17:35,880

mj-12 documents the supposed files where

1747

01:17:40,850 --> 01:17:38,520

you know like this the all these

1748

01:17:42,770 --> 01:17:40,860

historical powerful Elite knew were

1749

01:17:45,709 --> 01:17:42,780

investigating UFOs and were having

1750

01:17:47,990 --> 01:17:45,719

treaties with aliens blah blah blah

1751

01:17:50,990 --> 01:17:48,000

um and we've all come kind of come to

1752

01:17:53,450 --> 01:17:51,000

the conclusion and many very prominent

1753

01:17:55,729 --> 01:17:53,460

UFO researchers and historians that

1754

01:17:58,550 --> 01:17:55,739

there's probably some truth in here but

1755

01:18:01,010 --> 01:17:58,560

a lot of it's just there to uh make you

1756

01:18:03,830 --> 01:18:01,020

look the other way those those you know

1757

01:18:06,350 --> 01:18:03,840

those two lies between the truth as it

1758

01:18:08,570 --> 01:18:06,360

were so um I I would have to agree I

1759

01:18:10,490 --> 01:18:08,580

think you know this 2021 is going to be

1760

01:18:11,930 --> 01:18:10,500

an interesting year

1761

01:18:14,689 --> 01:18:11,940

um especially with all the political

1762

01:18:17,630 --> 01:18:14,699

Strife in the United States going on and

1763

01:18:20,390 --> 01:18:17,640

we'll probably continue unfortunately uh

1764

01:18:23,330 --> 01:18:20,400

but for the UFO world man I think um

1765

01:18:26,090 --> 01:18:23,340

some big stuff is coming down down the

1766

01:18:29,930 --> 01:18:26,100

pike and uh I'm looking forward to that

1767

01:18:33,530 --> 01:18:29,940

but uh I just I can't help but have this

1768

01:18:35,810 --> 01:18:33,540

pit in my stomach when it comes to

1769

01:18:39,050 --> 01:18:35,820

um this trial going on right now in

1770

01:18:41,930 --> 01:18:39,060

America with the second impeachment of a

1771

01:18:44,870 --> 01:18:41,940

president of the United States and

1772

01:18:48,050 --> 01:18:44,880

um having incited and almost uh allowed

1773

01:18:50,570 --> 01:18:48,060

what happened at the Capitol to happen

1774

01:18:52,850 --> 01:18:50,580

um what do you think is are we going to

1775

01:18:54,530 --> 01:18:52,860

see more of these things popping up I

1776

01:18:57,890 --> 01:18:54,540

mean I know there have been threats by

1777

01:19:00,590 --> 01:18:57,900

things like the proud boys or uh these

1778

01:19:02,149 --> 01:19:00,600

other groups that were a part of what

1779

01:19:04,610 --> 01:19:02,159

happened at the Capitol saying we're not

1780

01:19:07,370 --> 01:19:04,620

done you know there's more stuff coming

1781

01:19:08,030 --> 01:19:07,380

down uh that we're going to be doing

1782

01:19:10,370 --> 01:19:08,040

um

1783

01:19:12,410 --> 01:19:10,380

what do we do how do we combat these

1784

01:19:14,990 --> 01:19:12,420

things when we don't even know who's

1785

01:19:17,270 --> 01:19:15,000

involved and we can't tell up from down

1786

01:19:19,370 --> 01:19:17,280

left from right anymore I I sound very

1787

01:19:23,410 --> 01:19:19,380

pessimistic but it's because

1788

01:19:26,870 --> 01:19:23,420

um I'm I'm legitimately concerned

1789

01:19:28,850 --> 01:19:26,880

it is absolutely concerning uh very

1790

01:19:30,709 --> 01:19:28,860

concerning um and that's why I say you

1791

01:19:33,410 --> 01:19:30,719

know conspiracy should be dress

1792

01:19:36,410 --> 01:19:33,420

addressed as like a health emergency a

1793

01:19:38,450 --> 01:19:36,420

National Health Emergency really

1794

01:19:40,430 --> 01:19:38,460

um because and and by the way these are

1795

01:19:42,709 --> 01:19:40,440

people now

1796

01:19:45,890 --> 01:19:42,719

um that Trump is no longer in office

1797

01:19:48,050 --> 01:19:45,900

they believe that the election was a a

1798

01:19:50,570 --> 01:19:48,060

fraud and

1799

01:19:53,149 --> 01:19:50,580

um and they're not just coming after uh

1800

01:19:55,850 --> 01:19:53,159

Democrats these people were chanting

1801  
01:19:58,010 --> 01:19:55,860  
hang Mike Pence right and uh they're

1802  
01:20:00,709 --> 01:19:58,020  
conf they're confronting uh Mitt Romney

1803  
01:20:03,470 --> 01:20:00,719  
and Lindsey Graham at airports I've seen

1804  
01:20:05,890 --> 01:20:03,480  
video of both of those so they're

1805  
01:20:09,830 --> 01:20:05,900  
they're after the entire deep state

1806  
01:20:12,950 --> 01:20:09,840  
which is pretty much anyone who isn't

1807  
01:20:15,110 --> 01:20:12,960  
completely aligned with with Trump and

1808  
01:20:17,209 --> 01:20:15,120  
all those people that you saw they

1809  
01:20:19,790 --> 01:20:17,219  
didn't magically disappear to anywhere

1810  
01:20:22,250 --> 01:20:19,800  
they're still out there and uh they're

1811  
01:20:24,410 --> 01:20:22,260  
super pissed off yeah and that they feel

1812  
01:20:28,010 --> 01:20:24,420  
like they're they've witnessed this

1813  
01:20:29,629 --> 01:20:28,020

election uh fraud pulled off by the Deep

1814

01:20:32,750 --> 01:20:29,639

state or whoever

1815

01:20:35,450 --> 01:20:32,760

so I think that uh

1816

01:20:37,610 --> 01:20:35,460

things to look out for

1817

01:20:39,470 --> 01:20:37,620

um do you remember over the summer it

1818

01:20:42,649 --> 01:20:39,480

was revealed there was this plot to

1819

01:20:46,430 --> 01:20:42,659

kidnap the governor of Michigan right

1820

01:20:49,729 --> 01:20:46,440

yeah yeah uh because they've viewed her

1821

01:20:51,590 --> 01:20:49,739

as a tyrant because she was had lockdown

1822

01:20:53,930 --> 01:20:51,600

orders in Michigan of course because

1823

01:20:55,610 --> 01:20:53,940

there was a pandemic so there was this

1824

01:20:57,110 --> 01:20:55,620

militia type group that called

1825

01:21:00,770 --> 01:20:57,120

themselves

1826

01:21:03,590 --> 01:21:00,780

um the the Wolverine Watchman was the

1827

01:21:05,810 --> 01:21:03,600

name of their their group nice and comic

1828

01:21:08,390 --> 01:21:05,820

book references in one group and they

1829

01:21:11,270 --> 01:21:08,400

were conspiracy Believers too they had

1830

01:21:13,550 --> 01:21:11,280

uh shared links to infowar stuff they

1831

01:21:17,090 --> 01:21:13,560

had uh shared links to pandemic hoax

1832

01:21:19,750 --> 01:21:17,100

stuff and they had progressed on this

1833

01:21:22,729 --> 01:21:19,760

plot to kidnap the governor of Michigan

1834

01:21:24,770 --> 01:21:22,739

and hold a mock trial for her or

1835

01:21:27,530 --> 01:21:24,780

whatever I think that we're going to see

1836

01:21:31,430 --> 01:21:27,540

more plots like that in the future uh

1837

01:21:35,090 --> 01:21:31,440

plots to kidnap disrupt you know a sort

1838

01:21:36,770 --> 01:21:35,100

of like Civil War mindset of uh taking

1839

01:21:38,570 --> 01:21:36,780

on the government which is really

1840

01:21:40,370 --> 01:21:38,580

frightening to think about that there

1841

01:21:44,390 --> 01:21:40,380

are a lot of people out there with this

1842

01:21:47,570 --> 01:21:44,400

mindset now yeah it's hard because you

1843

01:21:50,090 --> 01:21:47,580

know look at the war the war on terror

1844

01:21:53,629 --> 01:21:50,100

as it were you know we think like going

1845

01:21:56,090 --> 01:21:53,639

over to the Middle East or or you know

1846

01:21:58,430 --> 01:21:56,100

to Africa or wherever these horrible

1847

01:22:01,490 --> 01:21:58,440

things are happening with quote unquote

1848

01:22:03,169 --> 01:22:01,500

terrorists that by blowing up a small

1849

01:22:06,350 --> 01:22:03,179

town full of the terrorists that it's

1850

01:22:08,270 --> 01:22:06,360

gonna solve the problem or you know look

1851

01:22:10,430 --> 01:22:08,280

at America right now we're arresting all

1852

01:22:12,410 --> 01:22:10,440

the people that did what happened at the

1853

01:22:15,470 --> 01:22:12,420

Capitol but that's not going to stop the

1854

01:22:18,050 --> 01:22:15,480

idealism that has been breded and

1855

01:22:20,270 --> 01:22:18,060

ingrained into these people's minds it's

1856

01:22:22,610 --> 01:22:20,280

probably going to make them more angry

1857

01:22:24,470 --> 01:22:22,620

and empowered you know all these you

1858

01:22:27,590 --> 01:22:24,480

know you got the dude with the face

1859

01:22:30,950 --> 01:22:27,600

paint and the horns in jail right now

1860

01:22:32,750 --> 01:22:30,960

and he's become like a an icon for these

1861

01:22:34,850 --> 01:22:32,760

people who still believe in these things

1862

01:22:37,490 --> 01:22:34,860

they're not going to come out being like

1863

01:22:39,950 --> 01:22:37,500

I've learned my lesson it was all false

1864

01:22:43,490 --> 01:22:39,960

I was duped it's just gonna be another

1865

01:22:46,490 --> 01:22:43,500

part or layer to the story that they're

1866

01:22:48,470 --> 01:22:46,500

creating as they're going on so that's

1867

01:22:51,770 --> 01:22:48,480

what troubles me most is you can yeah

1868

01:22:54,410 --> 01:22:51,780

you can stop certain terrorist groups

1869

01:22:55,729 --> 01:22:54,420

from doing things but you can't stop

1870

01:22:57,970 --> 01:22:55,739

them all

1871

01:23:02,149 --> 01:22:57,980

right yeah and and this has really been

1872

01:23:04,090 --> 01:23:02,159

the wildest thing for me uh as far as

1873

01:23:06,590 --> 01:23:04,100

like looking at the big picture from

1874

01:23:08,350 --> 01:23:06,600

2010 when I first get an email from

1875

01:23:12,830 --> 01:23:08,360

Richard to

1876

01:23:14,510 --> 01:23:12,840

2020-21 uh you know in 2010 Richard was

1877

01:23:16,850 --> 01:23:14,520

very typical of what you would think of

1878

01:23:20,270 --> 01:23:16,860

a conspiracy believer he was kind of a

1879

01:23:24,050 --> 01:23:20,280

lone wolf you know he had uh all these

1880

01:23:26,689 --> 01:23:24,060

ideas and he this kind of uh Salon as

1881

01:23:28,010 --> 01:23:26,699

house and then he did this um you know

1882

01:23:31,129 --> 01:23:28,020

this raid and it was kind of like oh

1883

01:23:33,709 --> 01:23:31,139

here's this uh one guy who's really

1884

01:23:36,770 --> 01:23:33,719

Fringe but now you know fast forward to

1885

01:23:38,870 --> 01:23:36,780

2021 and you look at those pictures of

1886

01:23:40,910 --> 01:23:38,880

the capital and there's thousands of

1887

01:23:43,189 --> 01:23:40,920

people there and they all believe this

1888

01:23:45,590 --> 01:23:43,199

conspiracy on some level you know some

1889

01:23:48,709 --> 01:23:45,600

more than others but they all at least

1890

01:23:51,709 --> 01:23:48,719

uh believe the general premise that the

1891

01:23:53,990 --> 01:23:51,719

election was stolen with you know fake

1892

01:23:56,510 --> 01:23:54,000

ballots and stuff like that and it's an

1893

01:23:58,490 --> 01:23:56,520

army of conspiracy theorists this is no

1894

01:24:01,129 --> 01:23:58,500

longer like some lone guy out in the

1895

01:24:03,229 --> 01:24:01,139

desert or you know the weird guy who

1896

01:24:05,930 --> 01:24:03,239

lives down the road from you it's like a

1897

01:24:08,689 --> 01:24:05,940

full-on like Army of conspiracy

1898

01:24:09,770 --> 01:24:08,699

Believers so it's just really shocking

1899

01:24:13,070 --> 01:24:09,780

to see

1900

01:24:16,129 --> 01:24:13,080

it moved that direction yeah it's

1901

01:24:18,590 --> 01:24:16,139

shocking it's um disconcerting

1902

01:24:21,169 --> 01:24:18,600

um and you know all of this while we're

1903

01:24:24,110 --> 01:24:21,179

still dealing with a pandemic which has

1904

01:24:27,169 --> 01:24:24,120

also become part of the whole conspiracy

1905

01:24:31,370 --> 01:24:27,179

theory yeah it's really uh it's been

1906

01:24:34,310 --> 01:24:31,380

such a bad stew of you know the pandemic

1907

01:24:36,890 --> 01:24:34,320

um the civil unrest uh having a

1908

01:24:39,350 --> 01:24:36,900

president that's constantly like blaring

1909

01:24:42,470 --> 01:24:39,360

out conspiracy it just all mixed

1910

01:24:44,270 --> 01:24:42,480

together to be this really toxic mix of

1911

01:24:47,450 --> 01:24:44,280

and and you know people sitting at home

1912

01:24:50,090 --> 01:24:47,460

they're scared they're angry they're on

1913

01:24:52,370 --> 01:24:50,100

the internet all the time right that's a

1914

01:24:55,850 --> 01:24:52,380

big argument yeah yeah I think this lot

1915

01:24:58,490 --> 01:24:55,860

these lockdowns have been a huge part of

1916

01:25:00,110 --> 01:24:58,500

why people are spending 10 hours on

1917

01:25:02,810 --> 01:25:00,120

YouTube watching Flat Earth

1918

01:25:04,790 --> 01:25:02,820

presentations or um don't take the

1919

01:25:06,290 --> 01:25:04,800

vaccine like you know it's gonna kill

1920

01:25:08,209 --> 01:25:06,300

you blah blah blah

1921

01:25:10,430 --> 01:25:08,219

um yeah I think there's a lot of

1922

01:25:12,649 --> 01:25:10,440

elements to a lot of this there's no one

1923

01:25:15,290 --> 01:25:12,659

right answer of how to

1924

01:25:17,450 --> 01:25:15,300

um deal with it and uh it's tough man

1925

01:25:20,209 --> 01:25:17,460

and you know I I don't want this this

1926

01:25:22,550 --> 01:25:20,219

conversation or interview to be like

1927

01:25:25,129 --> 01:25:22,560

Doom and Gloom like we're all gonna die

1928

01:25:27,229 --> 01:25:25,139

like this is the end of society but um

1929

01:25:30,290 --> 01:25:27,239

we have to acknowledge the the issues

1930

01:25:32,750 --> 01:25:30,300

which you do so well in the book of what

1931

01:25:35,570 --> 01:25:32,760

can happen with when one Guy believes

1932

01:25:39,410 --> 01:25:35,580

all this what about an army of them like

1933

01:25:42,830 --> 01:25:39,420

you said so um I guess kind of wrapping

1934

01:25:43,729 --> 01:25:42,840

up everything in a conspiracy bow

1935

01:25:45,649 --> 01:25:43,739

um

1936

01:25:47,689 --> 01:25:45,659

what do you want people to take away

1937

01:25:49,910 --> 01:25:47,699

from the book whether it's about the

1938

01:25:52,850 --> 01:25:49,920

story of Richard or the overarching

1939

01:25:55,310 --> 01:25:52,860

issues um yeah what did you walk away

1940

01:25:58,669 --> 01:25:55,320

with after coming out with the book with

1941

01:26:01,250 --> 01:25:58,679

and um why should people read it

1942

01:26:04,490 --> 01:26:01,260

you know I I think when I first started

1943

01:26:07,270 --> 01:26:04,500

on this I was just kind of I was kind of

1944

01:26:09,890 --> 01:26:07,280

delighted that I had come across this

1945

01:26:11,870 --> 01:26:09,900

eccentric person who had this

1946

01:26:14,810 --> 01:26:11,880

interesting life story so I was like all

1947

01:26:16,430 --> 01:26:14,820

right this is this is gonna be uh fun

1948

01:26:19,370 --> 01:26:16,440

for me to write this because I'm gonna

1949

01:26:20,930 --> 01:26:19,380

get to tell about all the weird details

1950

01:26:22,610 --> 01:26:20,940

of this guy's life

1951

01:26:26,149 --> 01:26:22,620

but you know I started to get to know

1952

01:26:29,270 --> 01:26:26,159

him and here's a really a amazing thing

1953

01:26:31,129 --> 01:26:29,280

I think uh you know this was maybe I've

1954

01:26:33,530 --> 01:26:31,139

been working on the book for a couple

1955

01:26:35,390 --> 01:26:33,540

years and I started talking to people

1956

01:26:37,070 --> 01:26:35,400

about it pretty regularly they'd be like

1957

01:26:38,510 --> 01:26:37,080

you know hey T what have you been

1958

01:26:42,110 --> 01:26:38,520

working on

1959

01:26:45,649 --> 01:26:42,120

this book about this really interesting

1960

01:26:48,350 --> 01:26:45,659

guy and he believes in in reptilians and

1961

01:26:50,689 --> 01:26:48,360

he's into all sorts of conspiracy and

1962

01:26:52,970 --> 01:26:50,699

there are so many times where I would

1963

01:26:55,850 --> 01:26:52,980

tell people about this and they would be

1964

01:26:58,129 --> 01:26:55,860

like hey this sounds like this guy uh

1965

01:27:01,550 --> 01:26:58,139

that lives down the street from me or

1966

01:27:03,229 --> 01:27:01,560

this sounds like my ex-boyfriend or a

1967

01:27:05,450 --> 01:27:03,239

guy I used to work with

1968

01:27:08,930 --> 01:27:05,460

and I was like wow there's a lot of

1969

01:27:10,910 --> 01:27:08,940

people out there that are not that

1970

01:27:14,870 --> 01:27:10,920

different from Richard

1971

01:27:17,990 --> 01:27:14,880

uh and now you know I mean we have a a

1972

01:27:19,669 --> 01:27:18,000

congress person Marjorie green who was

1973

01:27:22,790 --> 01:27:19,679

in the news a lot over the last couple

1974

01:27:25,810 --> 01:27:22,800

weeks because uh you know she had some Q

1975

01:27:28,550 --> 01:27:25,820

Anon beliefs but a lot of the stuff that

1976

01:27:31,310 --> 01:27:28,560

congresswoman Marjorie green believes in

1977

01:27:32,810 --> 01:27:31,320

uh we're the same sort of ideas that

1978

01:27:34,189 --> 01:27:32,820

Richard believed in

1979

01:27:37,810 --> 01:27:34,199

so

1980

01:27:41,090 --> 01:27:37,820

um this is a story about America really

1981

01:27:43,790 --> 01:27:41,100

and I hope that reading the book people

1982

01:27:45,590 --> 01:27:43,800

can understand a little bit about where

1983

01:27:48,430 --> 01:27:45,600

some of this comes from

1984

01:27:52,790 --> 01:27:48,440

and why and what some of the motivations

1985

01:27:55,129 --> 01:27:52,800

behind it are uh and it's a it's a

1986

01:27:56,870 --> 01:27:55,139

tragic story I mean I think there is

1987

01:27:59,510 --> 01:27:56,880

some some fun

1988

01:28:02,750 --> 01:27:59,520

interesting part of the story as well

1989

01:28:06,229 --> 01:28:02,760

um but ultimately it's about uh a person

1990

01:28:08,510 --> 01:28:06,239

who who had a life and his life was

1991

01:28:11,090 --> 01:28:08,520

really slowly just destroyed because of

1992

01:28:14,149 --> 01:28:11,100

these conspiracy theory beliefs and

1993

01:28:17,689 --> 01:28:14,159

that's uh really tragic it is

1994

01:28:20,149 --> 01:28:17,699

um and I think again you you you hit on

1995

01:28:22,070 --> 01:28:20,159

it so well in the book and in this

1996

01:28:25,129 --> 01:28:22,080

interview tonight of this was a person

1997

01:28:28,129 --> 01:28:25,139

you know as much as we think it might be

1998

01:28:31,490 --> 01:28:28,139

a cool funny kind of kooky story

1999

01:28:32,990 --> 01:28:31,500

um it ended tragically and that's the

2000

01:28:35,810 --> 01:28:33,000

same for a lot of these people out there

2001  
01:28:39,169 --> 01:28:35,820  
who who do believe in these things and

2002  
01:28:40,790 --> 01:28:39,179  
um it's so easy for for us to laugh at

2003  
01:28:43,129 --> 01:28:40,800  
them and think they're stupid for

2004  
01:28:45,229 --> 01:28:43,139  
believing these things but um there's a

2005  
01:28:48,250 --> 01:28:45,239  
person behind that and there's a reason

2006  
01:28:51,229 --> 01:28:48,260  
that it got to this point a

2007  
01:28:53,510 --> 01:28:51,239  
desperation to make sense of the world

2008  
01:28:55,430 --> 01:28:53,520  
around you and I think you talk about

2009  
01:28:57,890 --> 01:28:55,440  
this in the book a lot a lot of these

2010  
01:29:00,709 --> 01:28:57,900  
people they just want to know there's a

2011  
01:29:01,910 --> 01:29:00,719  
structure to the chaos that is this

2012  
01:29:03,770 --> 01:29:01,920  
world

2013  
01:29:06,770 --> 01:29:03,780

um none of us know why we're truly here

2014

01:29:10,430 --> 01:29:06,780

one of the biggest questions we'll ever

2015

01:29:13,250 --> 01:29:10,440

have and everyone wants purpose and

2016

01:29:14,810 --> 01:29:13,260

meaning and people when they can't find

2017

01:29:17,330 --> 01:29:14,820

it somewhere they're gonna find it

2018

01:29:19,910 --> 01:29:17,340

somewhere else and you will have people

2019

01:29:22,310 --> 01:29:19,920

like Alex Jones or David Ike taking

2020

01:29:25,430 --> 01:29:22,320

advantage of that like a cult leader

2021

01:29:27,410 --> 01:29:25,440

would so um again I think it's a book

2022

01:29:28,790 --> 01:29:27,420

about America I love that you put it

2023

01:29:30,890 --> 01:29:28,800

that way there's a reason it's called

2024

01:29:33,229 --> 01:29:30,900

American Madness and yeah these things

2025

01:29:36,169 --> 01:29:33,239

exist all throughout the world in other

2026

01:29:38,209 --> 01:29:36,179

countries incontinence but um when you

2027

01:29:41,930 --> 01:29:38,219

live in a country that Prides itself on

2028

01:29:44,450 --> 01:29:41,940

diversity and uh free speech and

2029

01:29:48,470 --> 01:29:44,460

um you know a right to bear arms that

2030

01:29:50,390 --> 01:29:48,480

comes with a lot of uh you know caveats

2031

01:29:52,430 --> 01:29:50,400

and I think you're right it's a

2032

01:29:56,570 --> 01:29:52,440

reflection on where we've been in the

2033

01:29:59,870 --> 01:29:56,580

past where we are now and hopefully a

2034

01:30:02,570 --> 01:29:59,880

better tomorrow I I I hope what do you

2035

01:30:05,689 --> 01:30:02,580

think T do you have hope

2036

01:30:08,689 --> 01:30:05,699

um I do I mean it's easy to get

2037

01:30:10,550 --> 01:30:08,699

overwhelmed like uh thinking about how

2038

01:30:12,470 --> 01:30:10,560

many people believe in this stuff but

2039

01:30:15,350 --> 01:30:12,480

you know I try to balance that out by

2040

01:30:17,209 --> 01:30:15,360

thinking about how many people are out

2041

01:30:18,830 --> 01:30:17,219

there doing good stuff and trying to get

2042

01:30:21,830 --> 01:30:18,840

good information out there in the world

2043

01:30:23,990 --> 01:30:21,840

because there are those people too uh

2044

01:30:26,149 --> 01:30:24,000

and hopefully that's helping to to

2045

01:30:28,189 --> 01:30:26,159

balance the scales a little bit

2046

01:30:30,410 --> 01:30:28,199

yeah and you know if there's anything

2047

01:30:32,209 --> 01:30:30,420

I've learned it's um just because

2048

01:30:34,910 --> 01:30:32,219

someone believes in this queuing on

2049

01:30:36,830 --> 01:30:34,920

stuff like it's easy to just

2050

01:30:39,050 --> 01:30:36,840

you know go on social media and say

2051

01:30:40,970 --> 01:30:39,060

you're an idiot you're an idiot but my

2052

01:30:42,950 --> 01:30:40,980

mentor Peter Robbins told me when I got

2053

01:30:45,050 --> 01:30:42,960

into the UFO field he said you're gonna

2054

01:30:46,729 --> 01:30:45,060

meet some crazy people with crazy

2055

01:30:48,830 --> 01:30:46,739

stories

2056

01:30:51,950 --> 01:30:48,840

um and it's gonna be tough he said so

2057

01:30:54,350 --> 01:30:51,960

you have to have empathy and um just

2058

01:30:56,090 --> 01:30:54,360

kind of put yourself in their shoes and

2059

01:30:58,310 --> 01:30:56,100

uh and

2060

01:31:00,169 --> 01:30:58,320

try to understand how we got to this

2061

01:31:02,390 --> 01:31:00,179

point with this individual who claims

2062

01:31:05,149 --> 01:31:02,400

they've been abducted by aliens or they

2063

01:31:07,669 --> 01:31:05,159

met the reptilians um so I think I kind

2064

01:31:09,530 --> 01:31:07,679

of take that into consideration too is

2065

01:31:11,750 --> 01:31:09,540

having empathy and

2066

01:31:14,390 --> 01:31:11,760

um there's a reason they got to this

2067

01:31:16,910 --> 01:31:14,400

point let's try to figure that out and

2068

01:31:18,649 --> 01:31:16,920

um and talk about it instead of um I I

2069

01:31:20,810 --> 01:31:18,659

think it comes down too we have a lot

2070

01:31:23,149 --> 01:31:20,820

more in common with each other than we

2071

01:31:25,850 --> 01:31:23,159

don't and um I think if more people

2072

01:31:28,910 --> 01:31:25,860

thought that way hopefully we'll live in

2073

01:31:31,790 --> 01:31:28,920

a better world someday but um yeah man

2074

01:31:32,870 --> 01:31:31,800

I'm looking forward to 2021 in the UFO

2075

01:31:37,010 --> 01:31:32,880

World

2076

01:31:39,770 --> 01:31:37,020

um with a lot of reflection as well in

2077

01:31:41,930 --> 01:31:39,780

this country of what has happened and

2078

01:31:45,169 --> 01:31:41,940

hopefully what will not happen again

2079

01:31:48,050 --> 01:31:45,179

with these attacks and um death threats

2080

01:31:50,330 --> 01:31:48,060

to either side of the aisle like you

2081

01:31:53,030 --> 01:31:50,340

mentioned um we have to look past

2082

01:31:55,129 --> 01:31:53,040

politics when it comes to all this

2083

01:31:57,050 --> 01:31:55,139

um and hopefully come out on the other

2084

01:31:59,629 --> 01:31:57,060

side better people so so that's my

2085

01:32:00,649 --> 01:31:59,639

little soapbox moment but uh before we

2086

01:32:02,510 --> 01:32:00,659

go brother

2087

01:32:04,370 --> 01:32:02,520

um yeah is there anything else I'm

2088

01:32:07,010 --> 01:32:04,380

really missing that you wanted to uh

2089

01:32:09,410 --> 01:32:07,020

discuss in terms of um either the book

2090

01:32:12,830 --> 01:32:09,420

or conspiracy theory

2091

01:32:15,169 --> 01:32:12,840

no I think that we covered a lot of it

2092

01:32:17,689 --> 01:32:15,179

um it's it's interesting

2093

01:32:20,149 --> 01:32:17,699

um the only thing I would you know I I

2094

01:32:22,310 --> 01:32:20,159

like trying to have an open mind I I

2095

01:32:24,169 --> 01:32:22,320

think that I'm I'm open-minded about a

2096

01:32:25,669 --> 01:32:24,179

lot of things

2097

01:32:28,490 --> 01:32:25,679

um you know like I said I'm into a lot

2098

01:32:30,530 --> 01:32:28,500

of paranormal stuff so I'm certainly

2099

01:32:31,910 --> 01:32:30,540

willing to entertain ideas but you know

2100

01:32:34,129 --> 01:32:31,920

there's a line

2101

01:32:36,169 --> 01:32:34,139

reserve a line where

2102

01:32:38,270 --> 01:32:36,179

um that really became clear to me

2103

01:32:41,870 --> 01:32:38,280

working on this book and over the last

2104

01:32:45,169 --> 01:32:41,880

couple years where uh I can I can hang

2105

01:32:46,910 --> 01:32:45,179

with someone telling me about how uh

2106

01:32:50,030 --> 01:32:46,920

they telepathically communicate with

2107

01:32:52,250 --> 01:32:50,040

Bigfoot or something I was like okay but

2108

01:32:55,310 --> 01:32:52,260

if you know someone starts telling me

2109

01:32:56,870 --> 01:32:55,320

about how uh Hillary Clinton eats babies

2110

01:32:58,790 --> 01:32:56,880

or something and they're gonna get a

2111

01:33:01,669 --> 01:32:58,800

bunch of guns and and go try to shoot

2112

01:33:04,250 --> 01:33:01,679

her it's a different story you know so

2113

01:33:06,709 --> 01:33:04,260

it's a it's something I've really been

2114

01:33:08,990 --> 01:33:06,719

kind of struggling with like in the

2115

01:33:09,910 --> 01:33:09,000

Paranormal World sometimes just trying

2116

01:33:13,310 --> 01:33:09,920

to

2117

01:33:16,550 --> 01:33:13,320

uh differentiate between uh like I say

2118

01:33:20,390 --> 01:33:16,560

what's good weird interesting fun stuff

2119

01:33:22,850 --> 01:33:20,400

and and what's uh maybe some Q Anon

2120

01:33:25,550 --> 01:33:22,860

propaganda or something like that yeah

2121

01:33:28,010 --> 01:33:25,560

yeah it's uh and it doesn't get easier

2122

01:33:30,830 --> 01:33:28,020

trust me brother it's a struggle every

2123

01:33:32,990 --> 01:33:30,840

day for me as well in the UFO field but

2124

01:33:35,810 --> 01:33:33,000

um you mentioned the word weird so we

2125

01:33:37,010 --> 01:33:35,820

have to talk about your podcast your

2126

01:33:38,750 --> 01:33:37,020

website

2127

01:33:41,750 --> 01:33:38,760

um tell us about everything you got

2128

01:33:45,350 --> 01:33:41,760

going on over there and of course where

2129

01:33:48,189 --> 01:33:45,360

can we get American Madness oh cool

2130

01:33:50,270 --> 01:33:48,199

um yeah so I have a website tcrulos.com

2131

01:33:53,390 --> 01:33:50,280

and uh you can find out information

2132

01:33:55,610 --> 01:33:53,400

about all of my books on there I also

2133

01:33:57,890 --> 01:33:55,620

write a weekly column called tease weird

2134

01:34:00,169 --> 01:33:57,900

week and it's really just you know me

2135

01:34:03,530 --> 01:34:00,179

writing about whatever subject I want to

2136

01:34:05,629 --> 01:34:03,540

that particular uh week uh as the title

2137

01:34:08,870 --> 01:34:05,639

implies you know I write a lot about

2138

01:34:12,229 --> 01:34:08,880

paranormal stuff conspiracy uh unusual

2139

01:34:14,330 --> 01:34:12,239

subcultures stuff like that and just

2140

01:34:18,229 --> 01:34:14,340

about a month ago I started doing a

2141

01:34:20,149 --> 01:34:18,239

podcast version of the column where um

2142

01:34:22,490 --> 01:34:20,159

you know I interview someone like uh

2143

01:34:25,310 --> 01:34:22,500

Ryan was on a recent episode which was

2144

01:34:27,050 --> 01:34:25,320

great uh I interview a guest and uh then

2145

01:34:29,450 --> 01:34:27,060

me and my friend Heidi kind of go

2146

01:34:31,430 --> 01:34:29,460

through some weird news and we usually

2147

01:34:34,250 --> 01:34:31,440

end with a track from a

2148

01:34:36,110 --> 01:34:34,260

um an awesome band so it's fun I'm

2149

01:34:37,970 --> 01:34:36,120

enjoying doing that it was kind of a

2150

01:34:39,890 --> 01:34:37,980

pandemic project that I finally got

2151  
01:34:41,689 --> 01:34:39,900  
around to

2152  
01:34:44,030 --> 01:34:41,699  
um but you can check that out every week

2153  
01:34:46,370 --> 01:34:44,040  
at tcruelos.com

2154  
01:34:48,350 --> 01:34:46,380  
awesome my man and the book is available

2155  
01:34:50,330 --> 01:34:48,360  
I assume oh yeah uh that's available

2156  
01:34:52,689 --> 01:34:50,340  
yeah

2157  
01:34:55,669 --> 01:34:52,699  
um I usually tell people to check out

2158  
01:34:57,950 --> 01:34:55,679  
bookshop.org uh because they're a cool

2159  
01:35:01,669 --> 01:34:57,960  
site and they actually kick some money

2160  
01:35:03,229 --> 01:35:01,679  
to local independent bookstores so I

2161  
01:35:05,810 --> 01:35:03,239  
really like that option but it is

2162  
01:35:06,890 --> 01:35:05,820  
available wherever you can find books as

2163  
01:35:09,109 --> 01:35:06,900

well

2164

01:35:12,109 --> 01:35:09,119

um and if you go at my website I have a

2165

01:35:15,590 --> 01:35:12,119

American Madness tab that has some links

2166

01:35:18,109 --> 01:35:15,600

uh to places you can buy it cool

2167

01:35:21,290 --> 01:35:18,119

um well I want to end with um you

2168

01:35:23,629 --> 01:35:21,300

mentioned music and that um that was

2169

01:35:26,510 --> 01:35:23,639

part of the book as well

2170

01:35:29,450 --> 01:35:26,520

um can you remind me of I mean this is

2171

01:35:32,090 --> 01:35:29,460

crazy one of the some band actually made

2172

01:35:34,669 --> 01:35:32,100

a song about the Phantom Patriot this

2173

01:35:36,770 --> 01:35:34,679

guy right here supposedly so I think I'm

2174

01:35:39,470 --> 01:35:36,780

gonna play a little of the song to to

2175

01:35:41,149 --> 01:35:39,480

get us out here in post-production but

2176

01:35:43,609 --> 01:35:41,159

um yeah can you leave us with that

2177

01:35:46,609 --> 01:35:43,619

there's so many little stories within

2178

01:35:48,350 --> 01:35:46,619

this book that this or a strange turn

2179

01:35:51,050 --> 01:35:48,360

you know yeah

2180

01:35:54,410 --> 01:35:51,060

um so Les Claypool uh who's in the band

2181

01:35:56,689 --> 01:35:54,420

Primus uh he lives not far from the

2182

01:35:58,910 --> 01:35:56,699

Bohemian Grove uh an Occidental

2183

01:36:01,010 --> 01:35:58,920

California

2184

01:36:03,109 --> 01:36:01,020

um so he was reading the local newspaper

2185

01:36:05,510 --> 01:36:03,119

again not a lot of media picked up on

2186

01:36:08,330 --> 01:36:05,520

the story but some newspapers in

2187

01:36:11,330 --> 01:36:08,340

Northern California did uh Les Claypool

2188

01:36:14,090 --> 01:36:11,340

sees this short news article and he's

2189

01:36:17,030 --> 01:36:14,100

inspired to write a song about it so he

2190

01:36:21,109 --> 01:36:17,040

writes the song a phantom Patriot which

2191

01:36:23,930 --> 01:36:21,119

was on his album in 2006 uh of Wales and

2192

01:36:26,330 --> 01:36:23,940

woe is the name of the album and it's

2193

01:36:28,370 --> 01:36:26,340

just kind of like a news report set to

2194

01:36:31,250 --> 01:36:28,380

music you know he talks about Richard

2195

01:36:35,810 --> 01:36:31,260

sneaking into the Bohemian Grove and the

2196

01:36:38,570 --> 01:36:35,820

choruses goes the Phantom Patriot uh but

2197

01:36:41,270 --> 01:36:38,580

well it's really fun was I like harassed

2198

01:36:42,770 --> 01:36:41,280

his his talent manager pretty much I

2199

01:36:45,410 --> 01:36:42,780

just emailed them over and over again

2200

01:36:46,970 --> 01:36:45,420

for like months and months saying hey

2201  
01:36:48,770 --> 01:36:46,980  
could you give me some phone time to

2202  
01:36:51,590 --> 01:36:48,780  
talk to Les Claypool I want to ask him

2203  
01:36:53,330 --> 01:36:51,600  
about this this song and finally they're

2204  
01:36:56,330 --> 01:36:53,340  
like all right you can have 10 minutes

2205  
01:36:58,910 --> 01:36:56,340  
with less he's on he's on tour right now

2206  
01:37:00,350 --> 01:36:58,920  
with tool down in Texas

2207  
01:37:01,850 --> 01:37:00,360  
we'll get them on the phone for 10

2208  
01:37:04,310 --> 01:37:01,860  
minutes

2209  
01:37:07,189 --> 01:37:04,320  
um and it was a very awkward interview

2210  
01:37:09,290 --> 01:37:07,199  
because he was freaked out by Richard he

2211  
01:37:11,149 --> 01:37:09,300  
was like I'm not I'm not sure about this

2212  
01:37:13,129 --> 01:37:11,159  
is this guy gonna like show up at one of

2213  
01:37:15,649 --> 01:37:13,139

my shows and try to kill me

2214

01:37:17,330 --> 01:37:15,659

and I was like I don't I don't think so

2215

01:37:20,390 --> 01:37:17,340

I mean

2216

01:37:22,669 --> 01:37:20,400

can't make any promises yeah but it was

2217

01:37:25,970 --> 01:37:22,679

it was cool to to have a chance to talk

2218

01:37:27,709 --> 01:37:25,980

to him just for a few minutes even yeah

2219

01:37:30,169 --> 01:37:27,719

yeah I thought that was a pretty cool

2220

01:37:31,189 --> 01:37:30,179

little uh addendum to the story overall

2221

01:37:35,629 --> 01:37:31,199

well

2222

01:37:37,550 --> 01:37:35,639

um T I mean I think Richard would be so

2223

01:37:39,470 --> 01:37:37,560

proud of what you put together I mean

2224

01:37:41,990 --> 01:37:39,480

this is a guy who struggled for

2225

01:37:44,750 --> 01:37:42,000

acceptance his whole life all he wanted

2226

01:37:46,669 --> 01:37:44,760

was to be heard and um you know you can

2227

01:37:49,430 --> 01:37:46,679

see it in that video at the Bohemian

2228

01:37:52,010 --> 01:37:49,440

Club of finally people were there like

2229

01:37:55,490 --> 01:37:52,020

next to him and support him no matter

2230

01:37:58,070 --> 01:37:55,500

how far out his beliefs were

2231

01:38:01,129 --> 01:37:58,080

um again I keep stressing it there's a

2232

01:38:03,470 --> 01:38:01,139

person behind all of these and um he

2233

01:38:06,590 --> 01:38:03,480

just wanted to be listened to and now we

2234

01:38:09,109 --> 01:38:06,600

have something that will live eternally

2235

01:38:10,729 --> 01:38:09,119

about Richard and I'm sure he would he

2236

01:38:13,370 --> 01:38:10,739

would really appreciate that man again

2237

01:38:17,270 --> 01:38:13,380

whether you believe in the stuff he did

2238

01:38:19,490 --> 01:38:17,280

or not so um hey it was so good to um to

2239

01:38:22,430 --> 01:38:19,500

to stretch my muscles tonight and not

2240

01:38:25,250 --> 01:38:22,440

talk about UFOs for two hours but to

2241

01:38:27,410 --> 01:38:25,260

talk about this extremely compelling

2242

01:38:29,510 --> 01:38:27,420

book that you put together man so I

2243

01:38:31,550 --> 01:38:29,520

gotta thank you for um the book first of

2244

01:38:34,189 --> 01:38:31,560

all and also for coming on somewhere in

2245

01:38:52,350 --> 01:38:34,199

the skies oh thanks for having me uh

2246

01:38:52,360 --> 01:38:56,510

[Music]