



REINHOLD SCHMIDT

AND THE EDGE OF TOMORROW



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00:00:02,340 --> 00:00:07,930
foreign

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00:00:12,290 --> 00:00:10,250
tassel you might have heard of ashtar

3
00:00:15,189 --> 00:00:12,300
you can almost guarantee you've not

4
00:00:17,450 --> 00:00:15,199
heard of Reinhold Schmidt

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00:00:20,510 --> 00:00:17,460
Reinhold Schmidt

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00:00:23,510 --> 00:00:20,520
um it was a uh a grain buyer worked and

7
00:00:28,189 --> 00:00:23,520
worked in agribusiness out in Nebraska

8
00:00:30,769 --> 00:00:28,199
and in 1957 November of 1957

9
00:00:32,690 --> 00:00:30,779
he had or claimed to have an encounter

10
00:00:35,510 --> 00:00:32,700
and this is this is first week of

11
00:00:37,549 --> 00:00:35,520
November of 57 so this is right in the

12
00:00:39,350 --> 00:00:37,559
middle of the huge wave of sightings

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00:00:42,950 --> 00:00:39,360

that were sort of centered around the

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00:00:46,910 --> 00:00:42,960

Levelland Texas flap right

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00:00:52,190 --> 00:00:46,920

so Reinhold Schmidt is driving along

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00:00:54,590 --> 00:00:52,200

in Nebraska and he comes across a landed

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00:00:56,930 --> 00:00:54,600

Flying Saucer and I'm sort of

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00:01:00,110 --> 00:00:56,940

compressing the story a little bit but

19

00:01:02,389 --> 00:01:00,120

he meets The Flying Saucer people

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00:01:05,270 --> 00:01:02,399

they're a group of men and women in

21

00:01:07,730 --> 00:01:05,280

jumpsuits and things like that they all

22

00:01:10,310 --> 00:01:07,740

speak English they all speak English

23

00:01:12,410 --> 00:01:10,320

with a German accent which is very

24

00:01:14,570 --> 00:01:12,420

strange he

25

00:01:15,830 --> 00:01:14,580

um tries to find somebody to tell the

26

00:01:19,070 --> 00:01:15,840

story to ends up going to the police

27

00:01:21,710 --> 00:01:19,080

with it he is committed to a psychiatric

28

00:01:23,870 --> 00:01:21,720

facility for evaluation

29

00:01:25,789 --> 00:01:23,880

um and a lot of times that's you know

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00:01:27,050 --> 00:01:25,799

sort of oh my gosh they took this

31

00:01:29,330 --> 00:01:27,060

seriously and we're trying to shut him

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00:01:31,490 --> 00:01:29,340

up they let him leave on his he was able

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00:01:34,310 --> 00:01:31,500

to check himself out so it wasn't like a

34

00:01:35,510 --> 00:01:34,320

sort of criminal psychiatric hold sort

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00:01:37,069 --> 00:01:35,520

of thing

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00:01:39,469 --> 00:01:37,079

um but

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00:01:41,929 --> 00:01:39,479

he keeps telling the story writes a

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00:01:45,469 --> 00:01:41,939

pamphlet about it goes on some some

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00:01:47,690 --> 00:01:45,479

lecture tours and then what is

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00:01:51,770 --> 00:01:47,700

fascinating to me about this

41

00:01:53,270 --> 00:01:51,780

is is he he hooks up with

42

00:01:55,190 --> 00:01:53,280

um with some other

43

00:01:59,450 --> 00:01:55,200

contactees

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00:02:00,710 --> 00:01:59,460

um Daniel fry is uh is one of them there

45

00:02:02,030 --> 00:02:00,720

are some others he hooks up with on

46

00:02:04,490 --> 00:02:02,040

these lecture tours there's some great

47

00:02:06,590 --> 00:02:04,500

newspaper articles from the late 50s and

48

00:02:10,309 --> 00:02:06,600

early 60s where

49

00:02:12,229 --> 00:02:10,319

my favorite one is he uh he's going to

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00:02:14,350 --> 00:02:12,239

lecture at a high school for like a high

51
00:02:17,930 --> 00:02:14,360
school assembly which is

52
00:02:20,089 --> 00:02:17,940
educationally negligent on the party oh

53
00:02:22,250 --> 00:02:20,099
man I would have killed to see that in

54
00:02:24,589 --> 00:02:22,260
my gymnasium are you kidding me all we

55
00:02:26,690 --> 00:02:24,599
got was don't do drugs don't drink and

56
00:02:30,470 --> 00:02:26,700
drive and you know be positive those

57
00:02:32,690 --> 00:02:30,480
were like the assemblies we had fun join

58
00:02:35,089 --> 00:02:32,700
the Navy you know it was yeah another

59
00:02:37,250 --> 00:02:35,099
big one but not join the Galactic

60
00:02:39,410 --> 00:02:37,260
Federation right that would have been

61
00:02:41,809 --> 00:02:39,420
very cool so he's telling me about how

62
00:02:44,930 --> 00:02:41,819
he's been on on subsequent trips with

63
00:02:47,150 --> 00:02:44,940

the uh with the space people and um they

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00:02:50,210 --> 00:02:47,160

took him to Egypt and he was able to

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00:02:53,449 --> 00:02:50,220

read some ancient Scrolls in one of the

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00:02:54,890 --> 00:02:53,459

pyramids that um you know and and the

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00:02:57,290 --> 00:02:54,900

high school this is all reported in the

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00:02:59,030 --> 00:02:57,300

paper high school student asked well how

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00:03:01,369 --> 00:02:59,040

were you able to read it and he's like

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00:03:04,910 --> 00:03:01,379

it was in English and the students are

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00:03:06,650 --> 00:03:04,920

like but why would it be in English and

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00:03:08,150 --> 00:03:06,660

then the students just start peppering

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00:03:10,070 --> 00:03:08,160

him with these questions and knocking

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00:03:12,949 --> 00:03:10,080

holes in his story it's

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00:03:15,229 --> 00:03:12,959

it's hilarious skeptical High School

76
00:03:17,690 --> 00:03:15,239
right it was just I mean his stories

77
00:03:20,270 --> 00:03:17,700
were so goofy that you know he did basic

78
00:03:22,250 --> 00:03:20,280
astronomy was wrong and you know he was

79
00:03:25,130 --> 00:03:22,260
getting wrong stuff that these students

80
00:03:28,009 --> 00:03:25,140
learned in their science classes so they

81
00:03:30,470 --> 00:03:28,019
called him out on it and then he hooks

82
00:03:32,270 --> 00:03:30,480
up with a movie director who had been

83
00:03:35,270 --> 00:03:32,280
interested in in

84
00:03:38,930 --> 00:03:35,280
um UFO stuff a guy named Ron Ormond

85
00:03:40,910 --> 00:03:38,940
and Ormond had directed some sort of low

86
00:03:43,610 --> 00:03:40,920
budget movies probably the most

87
00:03:44,690 --> 00:03:43,620
well-known one was uh the Mesa of lost

88
00:03:48,110 --> 00:03:44,700

women

89
00:03:50,509 --> 00:03:48,120
but Ormond makes a movie called The Edge

90
00:03:52,670 --> 00:03:50,519
of Tomorrow don't try to Google it all

91
00:03:54,830 --> 00:03:52,680
you'll get is the Tom Cruise movie

92
00:03:57,710 --> 00:03:54,840
um but it's called Edge of Tomorrow

93
00:04:01,250 --> 00:03:57,720
about Schmidt's contact experience and

94
00:04:04,789 --> 00:04:01,260
Schmidt stars in it as himself it's

95
00:04:07,550 --> 00:04:04,799
crazy it is wild it's like imagine Ed

96
00:04:08,990 --> 00:04:07,560
Wood sort of an Edward movie but and

97
00:04:10,190 --> 00:04:09,000
you're excited because oh wow this is

98
00:04:12,470 --> 00:04:10,200
going to be a

99
00:04:16,270 --> 00:04:12,480
um a a great uh

100
00:04:19,189 --> 00:04:16,280
you know contact e movie and it's not

101

00:04:21,050 --> 00:04:19,199

commercially available I was able to

102

00:04:22,610 --> 00:04:21,060

watch a copy with the promise I'd never

103

00:04:25,430 --> 00:04:22,620

share it with anybody else because the

104

00:04:29,150 --> 00:04:25,440

rights are apparently owned by a mining

105

00:04:32,030 --> 00:04:29,160

company somewhere it's very strange but

106

00:04:34,310 --> 00:04:32,040

um but the problem is with this movie is

107

00:04:35,870 --> 00:04:34,320

that most of it is just Schmidt sitting

108

00:04:39,409 --> 00:04:35,880

with an interviewer who's asking him

109

00:04:43,129 --> 00:04:39,419

questions and it's like the the worst

110

00:04:47,450 --> 00:04:43,139

example of telling not showing in a film

111

00:04:49,730 --> 00:04:47,460

yeah screenwriting 101 yeah it's it's I

112

00:04:54,050 --> 00:04:49,740

want more on the spaceship set and the

113

00:04:58,010 --> 00:04:54,060

very very 1961 looking looking spaceship

114

00:05:00,350 --> 00:04:58,020

crew it goes out into theaters it has a

115

00:05:02,930 --> 00:05:00,360

Hollywood Premiere that is not very well

116

00:05:05,030 --> 00:05:02,940

attended mood is kind of low at the

117

00:05:08,150 --> 00:05:05,040

Hollywood Premiere because

118

00:05:12,050 --> 00:05:08,160

um during it Schmidt is actually out on

119

00:05:13,930 --> 00:05:12,060

bail having been indicted for fraud he

120

00:05:16,850 --> 00:05:13,940

is an actual

121

00:05:19,850 --> 00:05:16,860

saucer felon he's a flying saucer felon

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00:05:21,950 --> 00:05:19,860

a a flying saucer fraudster and he had a

123

00:05:25,490 --> 00:05:21,960

previous criminal record of of petty

124

00:05:27,770 --> 00:05:25,500

theft and and ripping people off but

125

00:05:30,890 --> 00:05:27,780

what he did was he started talking in

126

00:05:33,230 --> 00:05:30,900

his lectures about how the the aliens

127

00:05:36,230 --> 00:05:33,240

had shown him various places on Earth

128

00:05:39,950 --> 00:05:36,240

where valuable crystals could be mined

129

00:05:43,730 --> 00:05:39,960

in order to heal various diseases

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00:05:45,290 --> 00:05:43,740

and he was hitting up mostly

131

00:05:49,430 --> 00:05:45,300

elderly women

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00:05:53,050 --> 00:05:49,440

to invest and buy shares in his mining

133

00:05:56,870 --> 00:05:53,060

company which did not exist

134

00:06:00,529 --> 00:05:56,880

so after you know investing lots of

135

00:06:01,790 --> 00:06:00,539

money this little old lady goes to the I

136

00:06:05,270 --> 00:06:01,800

think she goes to her bank and the

137

00:06:08,390 --> 00:06:05,280

bank's like we're calling the FBI and so

138

00:06:09,469 --> 00:06:08,400

Schmidt is uh is arrested he's put on

139

00:06:11,270 --> 00:06:09,479

trial

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00:06:13,070 --> 00:06:11,280

the newspaper accounts that this is in

141

00:06:15,350 --> 00:06:13,080

the early 60s the newspaper accounts of

142

00:06:18,170 --> 00:06:15,360

the trial are

143

00:06:20,330 --> 00:06:18,180

um are hilarious Schmidt must have

144

00:06:23,809 --> 00:06:20,340

gotten the worst lawyer

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00:06:26,029 --> 00:06:23,819

money could buy because

146

00:06:28,309 --> 00:06:26,039

as part of their defense

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00:06:31,309 --> 00:06:28,319

they showed the jury

148

00:06:34,430 --> 00:06:31,319

the movie Edge of Tomorrow

149

00:06:36,350 --> 00:06:34,440

as part of the defense

150

00:06:40,010 --> 00:06:36,360

also part of the day that's the first

151
00:06:42,230 --> 00:06:40,020
one it's insane and also as part of the

152
00:06:44,050 --> 00:06:42,240
defense the

153
00:06:46,370 --> 00:06:44,060
um the defense attorney

154
00:06:48,529 --> 00:06:46,380
cross-examines The Little Old Lady Who

155
00:06:50,629 --> 00:06:48,539
is the victim of all the or alleged

156
00:06:53,330 --> 00:06:50,639
victim at the time alleged victim of all

157
00:06:54,529 --> 00:06:53,340
this and brings her to tears in front of

158
00:06:57,409 --> 00:06:54,539
the jury

159
00:07:01,370 --> 00:06:59,330
it turns second okay this very very

160
00:07:04,870 --> 00:07:01,380
sympathetic person

161
00:07:07,850 --> 00:07:04,880
we're gonna look like absolute monsters

162
00:07:11,150 --> 00:07:07,860
between that and my Flying Saucer movie

163
00:07:12,230 --> 00:07:11,160

I think we've got this Kate Zona it's

164

00:07:15,529 --> 00:07:12,240

it's like

165

00:07:18,050 --> 00:07:15,539

Order would be you know they're season

166

00:07:21,050 --> 00:07:18,060

24 do something like this with Law and

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00:07:24,290 --> 00:07:21,060

Order this would be outstanding but um

168

00:07:26,450 --> 00:07:24,300

get the SVU folks involved on a alien

169

00:07:27,890 --> 00:07:26,460

probing case that would take wolf if

170

00:07:30,230 --> 00:07:27,900

you're listening if you're listening we

171

00:07:32,570 --> 00:07:30,240

got something for you you call our

172

00:07:35,210 --> 00:07:32,580

people we've got to check out the saucer

173

00:07:37,969 --> 00:07:35,220

life please right that's right I um I'm

174

00:07:41,210 --> 00:07:37,979

willing to work a deal so Schmidt is uh

175

00:07:43,309 --> 00:07:41,220

is convicted of uh fraud and and selling

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00:07:44,870 --> 00:07:43,319

securities without a license and selling

177

00:07:46,550 --> 00:07:44,880

securities that don't exist which I

178

00:07:49,129 --> 00:07:46,560

think is a separate crime

179

00:07:52,189 --> 00:07:49,139

he uh goes to prison for

180

00:07:54,469 --> 00:07:52,199

four or five years something like that

181

00:07:57,710 --> 00:07:54,479

um he dies

182

00:07:59,809 --> 00:07:57,720

um in the early 1970s he never tries to

183

00:08:02,089 --> 00:07:59,819

make a flying saucer comeback or

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00:08:04,490 --> 00:08:02,099

anything and I'm not sure there's any

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00:08:05,629 --> 00:08:04,500

wider significance to this story other

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00:08:10,010 --> 00:08:05,639

than

187

00:08:13,249 --> 00:08:10,020

um the the degree to which when you know

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00:08:15,469 --> 00:08:13,259

debunkers and and sort of hardcore

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00:08:18,589 --> 00:08:15,479

this sort of no fun style of Skeptics

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00:08:20,210 --> 00:08:18,599

talk about UFO people being frauds and

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00:08:23,330 --> 00:08:20,220

there ought to be laws and this is

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00:08:25,730 --> 00:08:23,340

Criminal it's like look there's no it's

193

00:08:27,350 --> 00:08:25,740

not fraud if you sell somebody a book

194

00:08:30,110 --> 00:08:27,360

and some of the stuff in the book isn't

195

00:08:33,130 --> 00:08:30,120

true you paid 10 bucks for a book you

196

00:08:35,810 --> 00:08:33,140

got a book you know it might not be true

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00:08:38,389 --> 00:08:35,820

there were real crimes out there that

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00:08:40,850 --> 00:08:38,399

were committed um Schmidt is one example

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00:08:43,490 --> 00:08:40,860

there are there are some others

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00:08:45,350 --> 00:08:43,500

um some of these crimes are UFO related

201

00:08:47,030 --> 00:08:45,360

like this some of this the crimes are

202

00:08:49,190 --> 00:08:47,040

like these are sleazy people who were

203

00:08:52,190 --> 00:08:49,200

involved in the UFO thing

204

00:08:53,630 --> 00:08:52,200

um I think sometimes we can go overboard

205

00:08:56,150 --> 00:08:53,640

on

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00:08:57,949 --> 00:08:56,160

accusing people who might be making up a

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00:09:00,829 --> 00:08:57,959

flying saucer story with somebody who's

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00:09:03,829 --> 00:09:00,839

an actual criminal who's done legally

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00:09:06,829 --> 00:09:03,839

actionable harm so I've just always

210

00:09:10,550 --> 00:09:06,839

loved uh the Schmidt story just got

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00:09:11,930 --> 00:09:10,560

so much kind of fun goofy stuff it's not

212

00:09:14,090 --> 00:09:11,940

fun if you're the little lady who got

213

00:09:16,790 --> 00:09:14,100

ripped off but

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00:09:18,710 --> 00:09:16,800

um other than that yeah it's just one of