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Good evening. Tonight, a woman tells us of the vision that brought her back from the

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brink of death. But first, the story of a man whose bizarre predictions went unheeded

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until they started to come true. The art of dousing has long been recognised as a paranormal

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talent, but the tools of the dowser, the bent wire, the pendulum, are not likely to impress

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the sceptical. Tonight, we reconstruct one of the most extraordinary achievements in

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the long history of dousing. It may even change a few minds.

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One night in the winter of 1981, two men left Stuart's store in Lake George, New York State.

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They were on what appeared to be a routine trip to buy some milk, but on the short journey

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home, Jack Montgomery and Tom Parks vanished.

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We learned about the disappearance on February 15th of 1981 at 6.30 in the morning from the

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sister Patricia Montgomery. We had no leads whatsoever. Absolutely nothing. We didn't

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know where these fellas were.

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A full-scale search was launched, which continued into the spring, but no sign was found of

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the men or their truck. And then the story took an unusual turn. The Forrest Rangers

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decided to call on the help of a local dowser, Ted Kaufman.

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Ted has helped me in the past in locating lost persons. We looked for a woman who had Alzheimer's

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disease, wandered from an RV campsite into a logging area, was lost for three days through

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miserable weather. Ted was called in on the third day and was instrumental in pinpointing

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where she watched. Ted Kaufman has been dowsing for over 21 years. Whether it's for water

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or a lost pet, he's always on hand to answer appeals from his home in the Adirondacks in

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upper New York State. Well, shall we say, a simple request is help me find my dog he's

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missing or she's missing. Another type of request is I lost my passport. How can you

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help me find it? And can you? In the slogan of the dowsing society, indigo felix, that's

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my best Latin, it says the fruitful search. Now that means that if you want to, you can

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search for anything. Ted spends much of his time dowsing for water using a divining rod.

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One beneficiary was the local ski center at Gore Mountain. It had faced financial ruin

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when it discovered its water supply was being poisoned by a family of beavers. Beaver had

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contaminated the water with a waterborne disease known as Giardia, only given by the beaver.

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So we had to find a new source or close the ski area down. Desperate to find a new water

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supply, the manager of the center hedged his bets. He brought in the state engineers, but

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he also gave Ted Kaufman a call. We drilled where the geological engineer from the state

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said to, and we ended up with a mess. We all brackish yellowish water that wasn't fit for

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human consumption. We drilled where Ted said to, we've got 82 gallons a minute of beautiful

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water and it's crystal clear. You'll never need to chlorinate it or whatever. It's beautiful.

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But how did he do it? How could one man with a stick outsmart an engineer with a drilling

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rig? Ted claims it's all in the wrists and a very simple physical reaction.

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One holds a stick, which is in the shape of a Y like this in each of the two hands. As

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one walks over the water source, the stick goes down and there's a reason for it. Water

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has minerals in it. The earth has minerals in it. And in physics, it says that if two

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unlike minerals meet, they cause a reaction.

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Dowsing with a rod for water is one thing. It's an age old technique that has gained

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credibility in mainstream science, but Ted Kaufman goes much further. He claims to be

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able to map dows, to search for objects hundreds of miles away using a pendulum and a survey

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map. To do map dowsing, one must clear the mind completely and think of nothing else

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but what you're doing. You ask questions that can be answered by the pendulum swing.

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Clockwise for yes, counterclockwise for no. It's really not that incredible. Map dowsing

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sounds bizarre, but does it work? Ted Kaufman's greatest test would come in the spring of

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1981 and hunt for the missing men from Lake George. In front of a bemused forest ranger,

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Harry the King, the dowser began his search. All right, let's see what we come up with.

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Are they alive?

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No.

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Are they in the U.S.?

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Yes.

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You're impressed because you see the reaction of the thumb bob going in one direction or

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another. And all the time you're wondering, you know, how is he doing this? Is this for

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real?

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Are they in the Lake George area?

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Yes.

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Ted now knew the men were close by. His next stop was Lake George police station.

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Now watch this carefully. First, I'll sweep the vertical.

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I want a positive signal that the leading edge is over the location.

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Ah, draw the line.

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Now the horizontal.

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Another line, please.

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That's it. It's there.

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What, there? But that's the middle of the lake. You must be down by the shoreline near the village or something.

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No, that's the location, right in the middle of Lake George.

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When we got done, I just thought he was a little bit of a whack. And I really, I didn't believe everything he was telling me. We're dealing evidence.

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And I wouldn't order a search for that. I just wouldn't order.

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For your trouble.

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By the time I reached the door, I could hear laughter.

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Well, I couldn't blame for laughing. I mean, it's, it's most unusual mapped out thing. And for somebody who's never seen it before, it can be a tickler.

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But they were having their opinion and I had mine.

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If Ted was to be believed, the missing men and their truck were at the bottom of Lake George.

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In February when they disappeared, Lake George was frozen over. Perhaps they'd try to drive across it. It looked as if the mystery might never be solved.

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Tragedy is struck again on Lake George. Last night, the body of Jack Montgomery, missing since February this year, was found by the shoreline.

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On April the second, three months after the disappearance, the body of Jack Montgomery surfaced in Lake George.

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It was found barely a mile away from the Dousters map position. The police were staggered.

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The lake is 32 miles long and in portions, a mile and a half wide to two miles. And he picks out a location out of the map.

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And the body surfaces within half a mile, I'd say about a half a mile, is amazing.

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Gentlemen, a plan of action. Bob, you'll be secondary diver. Jim, you'll be secondary diver.

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Guys, it's a blue pickup truck we're looking for.

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Impressed by the accuracy of Ted's location, the police asked him to douse again for the missing truck, but this time on the lake.

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On the 6th of June 1981, he joined Ed Littler on board a police motor launch. It would be one of the most extraordinary days in the policeman's long career.

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We're getting a little closer. Slow down.

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He's it up a little bit. Just do what he says.

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We were approaching the area. I began to get a signal stronger and stronger.

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I'm starting to get a big pull. Go left. Go left.

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Now a little to the right.

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Stop!

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Greg, throw the anchor over now!

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Okay guys, go take a look.

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Sir, I think I might have hit something.

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Ed Littler will never forget the next moment for the rest of his life.

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Chief, we've got it! It's a blue forward pickup.

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I said to myself, wow. And I just couldn't believe that the anchor went into the back of the pickup truck.

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I'm sorry, I'm sorry.

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I'm sorry.

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I'm sorry.

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I'm sorry.

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I'm sorry.

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I'm sorry.

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I'm sorry.

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I'm sorry.

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I can't believe that the anchor went into the back of the pickup truck. It was just amazing.

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But could it have been just a lucky guess?

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I really don't think so. I watched it happen right from the start to the finish.

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He drops an anchor in the back of his pickup truck in 48 foot of water.

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Lake is 32 miles long, sometimes 2 miles wide.

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He picks this out. I think it's pretty amazing and I watched it happen.

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The truck had been found by an old man armed only with a stick and a pendulum.

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Ted Kaufman's discovery made headline news and even the Douser himself admits to a sense of wonder when he hears the story retold.

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When I heard this on television, I walked into the bathroom because it was right in the house.

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The man looked in the mirror and I said, who me?

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And that's just God's truth.

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The extent of Ted Kaufman's achievement was brought home to us when we filmed that reconstruction.

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We had to make several attempts before we managed to drop the anchor into the back of the truck and we knew exactly where it was.

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Do you feel you have a guardian angel, someone to watch over you?

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Well, it's an appealing thought but unlikely to be put to the ultimate test unless your life was in danger.

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Tonight we tell the story of Jackie Greaves who had a classic near-death experience,

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one that's happened to thousands of people, the visions, the distant light, the sense of being pulled back to this life.

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But in Jackie's case there was something more. There's no doubt that she's lucky to be alive.

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What is in doubt is precisely what happened to her as she hung between life and death.

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The Cairngorn Mountains in Scotland.

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Climbers come from around the world to test themselves here.

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Conditions can be as bad as the Arctic and the notorious weather changes in a matter of seconds.

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On the 13th of February 1994, Jackie Greaves and her two friends were attempting to climb Derry Cairngorn,

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one of the highest peaks in Scotland. Between them they had nearly 50 years of climbing experience.

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The weather had been fine when they set out but by the afternoon it had deteriorated dramatically.

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Jackie and her companions weren't roped together. They began to lose touch with each other.

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All three of them were about to walk right off the mountain.

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We were walking along the ridge and there was a whiteout and I couldn't see sight of the others. I just fell.

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I just rolled and rolled. I was just trying to stop myself with me and my axe.

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The last time I jammed my axe in and I stopped, my axe flew out of my hand, my crampons flew off my bag.

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That's where I was laying. I lay there and lay there and decided I got so cold I got my survival bag out.

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I got inside it which wasn't easy. The gales were blowing round me.

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I lay there waiting, hoping for some help. I didn't like crawling down them because I didn't know what was below me.

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There was rocks all around me and rocks below me.

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Jackie had survived but was stuck on a ledge. She had no way of knowing if her companions had lived.

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She was lost and alone on an unforgiving mountain.

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Sergeant Graham Gibb heads the Braemar Mountain Rescue Team. He'd hoped that no one would be out that day.

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The weather forecast was very, very cold. We had quite strong winds with very low temperatures.

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It would have been very unpleasant for anyone lying out in the mountain or wondering about lost.

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At about 7 o'clock we got the call that the climber was missing out in the Cairngorms.

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The call had come in from a mountain hut.

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Hello, Braemar Mountain Rescue Centre.

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Sergeant Gibb's team immediately went to pick up the climber and started the search for the other two missing climbers.

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At this stage there was nothing to suggest that the search would take them very long.

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We set off in vehicles and on the way up to Dairy Lodge we came across a second member of the party.

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By the time we got back up to Dairy Lodge with the team members there was no sign of Jackie Greaves.

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When I was laying on the slope I felt very, very, very cold and the darkness came.

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And I thought, how long are we going to be laying here before some help comes?

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At night the temperatures can plummet to minus 30 degrees centigrade.

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Sergeant Gibb mobilized the rescue team in an all out bid to get Jackie off the mountain.

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We had quite a number of lights, flares and during the search we would be able to see quite well.

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At the time we set off we were quite confident that we would find her that evening.

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I saw a snake of lights coming in through the valley.

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I whistled and whistled but of course they wouldn't hear me with the gales.

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It was an agonizing moment for Jackie.

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Watching as the searchers stayed out of reach.

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What she didn't know was that disorientated by the weather her companions

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are given the wrong information to the rescuers.

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Unknown to us at that point we were actually searching on the wrong mountain.

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For Graham Gibb the night brought more worries.

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His rescue teams were putting themselves in danger.

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Having been up there myself that night and experienced the conditions I was quite concerned for them.

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For Jackie it could have been the last night of her life

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but she found the inspiration to stay alive from the conviction that something or somebody was watching over her.

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All the time I was lay there from falling there was a light above me.

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It just kept me going all through the night it just kept me there.

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I felt somebody was there with me all the time.

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So of course I wasn't afraid and then next morning came and it seemed to just fade away.

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I still don't know what it was.

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Next morning came and I was so cold it was either lie there and die or climb down.

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So I thought well I take the chance and climb down.

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So I took the gloves off and came down with the fingertips to get a grip onto the ice.

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As I got further down I started walking and wondering but by then I was exhausted.

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Really exhausted.

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Jackie had survived the night just.

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But in her desperate attempt to get off the mountain she became engulfed in a whiteout and was stumbling into more danger.

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Everything goes quite. The ground is quite, the sky is quite and you can't see the edge.

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You could be walking along, you could think your next foot step was going to land on solid ground

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and it doesn't it lands in the middle.

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There's just nothing to tell what is ground and what is sky.

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Jackie was now exhausted and delirious but again something intervened to save her.

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I was walking along partly blind, could hardly see and a barrier dropped, a railway crossing barrier dropped in front of me.

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I thought you know this is going to be a railway station and there would be a phone that could ring for help.

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I leaned out to touch it and it disappeared and there was a big hole underneath it.

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Turn around to me right and started walking again and another barrier dropped down.

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I reached out to touch that and there was another hole.

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So I turned around and went the other way.

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Obviously somebody was telling me the right way to go.

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Jackie knew these visions had kept her alive but only until now.

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As 90 mile an hour winds raged the temperature dropped to nearly minus 40.

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The light was fading and she knew if she stopped she would die but she had no energy left.

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I thought I'm not going to get any further now, I'm just going to lie down here.

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Meanwhile the search intensified, over 70 people were out looking for Jackie.

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We'll be at the summit of Derrick here in Gorm in about half an hour and I'll call you back then.

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No trace of missing person so far.

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Roger Graham we've got our way to the north end of Corrie Spute and it's a negative result over.

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The weather closed in again, Jackie was near to death.

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What she was about to experience was common to many people on the verge of death.

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Was it the last imaginings of a dying mind starved of oxygen or was it something else?

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I seemed to be drifting, drifting, it was darkness.

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And then I was walking all peaceful through a beautiful land.

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Beautiful flowers, trees, blue skies, blue bridges, it was wonderful.

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And I felt so relaxed and away from all the pain and the cold and the suffering.

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The search was called off.

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I saw little point in risking people's lives out there in the dark so I called the teams back late that evening.

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I was obviously very concerned, if she was lying out in the open I feared that she may have succumbed to the weather and had perished.

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I drifted back into the snow again but I seemed to have a lot more energy and I was able to carry on.

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So I crawled and crawled and suddenly I decided I'm going to build a snow hole and get inside it.

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It was very hard work because my fingers were stiff and my body was stiff and I was shivering.

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So I dug frantically to get in it quickly.

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I knew I had to stay awake all night because I knew if I had gone to sleep I wouldn't wake up again.

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By the time we got to the start of the third day I decided to give her a last chance of being rescued alive.

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I had to get as many people out on the hill as possible.

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That morning there were five mountain rescue teams, REF helicopters and highly trained certain rescued dogs scouring the peaks and valleys.

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But hopes were fading for her chances.

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Projected to survive the two nights out I was doubtful if she had. I felt it should have been dead in the morning.

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One morning came and I felt I was on the brink of death.

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Suddenly I saw a light and it lit up a view in the mountains.

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Quickly put the compass onto it and that was the right way down.

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I saw something moving ahead of us but it was only a slight glimpse and I almost dismissed it.

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At first we weren't even sure it was Jackie. We'd identified the colour of her jacket and that must be her.

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As we dropped into the valley I saw this dog and the dog started licking me and barking at me.

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As I was about to say I found you now.

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To be perfectly honest we wouldn't expect to find a wandering around. We didn't expect to find her alive.

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Looking back on the whole thing somebody was guiding me right through. I don't know what it was but without it I wouldn't have got through.

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For the professionals of the mountain rescue teams Jackie's survival is extraordinary.

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But explicable.

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The weather that was in the Cairngorms like three days was some of the worst that you could encounter.

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For someone to survive in these sort of conditions they've got to have certain qualities.

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Fitness, a will to survive, a very strong character. And obviously she had all these qualities.

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Jackie herself is convinced she survived because she was not a bad person.

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I never felt alone at all. There was always somebody there. There was a sense of somebody there showing me the way to go and what to do and not to be afraid.

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And I'm sure without that I would never have got through.

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The idea of spiritual guardians is not confined to the Christian spirit.

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It's not about the spiritual spirit.

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It's about the spiritual spirit.

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The idea of spiritual guardians is not confined to the Christian religion.

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The philosopher Socrates believed he had a guardian angel and the Romans coined a special word for them.

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Genius. Although the meaning has changed down the centuries.

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In America interest in angels is so great that special clubs are springing up.

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The Angel Collector's Club even has its own magazine. It's called Halo.

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I'll be back next week with more stories that are strange but true.

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Good night.