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Music

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Good evening.

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A rugged, isolated coastline in Arthurian legends, Cornwall is a classic setting for tales of the supernatural.

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Tonight, both our encounters are set in this distant corner of the country.

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We'll be following the work of a man who's been kept busy in a Cornish village.

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His unique job, a Church of England exorcist. More of that later.

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Now anyone looking down at the earth would see a planet that is only one third land.

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The rest is water.

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They'd see billions of creatures populating the land, but hidden from view is life under the sea.

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We know more about the moon than we do about what's to be found miles below the surface of the great oceans.

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When we talk of alien life, our eyes move to the stars.

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Considering our ignorance of the deep, perhaps that is where we should be looking.

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Cornwall has long been associated with myth and mystery.

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With the coastline stretching over 250 miles, many of the stories are inevitably linked to the sea.

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Sailors the world over have spoken of giant sea serpents, and Cornwall is no exception.

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In 1876, the West Britain newspaper reported that fishermen from Falmouth had found a huge sea snake

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called around their lobster pots, but had thrown it back into the sea.

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In the course of her research into local history, writer Sheila Bird has come across many tales of strange sea beasts.

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There have been sightings around these shores for hundreds of years, and a lot in this century,

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particularly in the first decade of the century when the early steamships were around,

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and some of them were seen from the decks of the early steamships.

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Sightings of a mysterious marine animal known locally as Morgwa, Cornish for sea monster, continue to be reported along the coast.

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The village of Helford Passage lies on the banks of the Helford River, a few miles south of Falmouth.

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In 1979, Carrie Ham moved into one of the old Coast Guard's cottages.

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Early one June morning, she noticed something strange out in the bay.

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I looked out of the window, and I saw what I thought was a yacht on its back.

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I thought, oh my goodness, wonder if there's anybody on board.

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I looked again, and it sank.

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Then it suddenly opened this thing like a big arm, shaking something at the end of it.

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And...

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Go on.

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But after that, I became very interested, and every time I saw an article or even a cutting about it,

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I kept it and I've got a scrapbook, and it's filled with all the accounts.

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But witnesses continued to come forward.

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One of them was Tony Doc Shields, a local artist.

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He claims that it was here, at Parsons Beach, the one November day he saw Moogwa.

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The thing was there, a small head that rose up on a long neck,

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and then one hump behind it, two humps behind it, and then the third hump came up,

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and it moved very smoothly along the river here,

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and then turned and went out towards the bay and dropped down.

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Doc says he took these photographs, but without a telephoto lens they lacked detail.

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His story too was met with skepticism.

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People accused me of inventing it, except that a lot of other people were seeing it as well.

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I know what I've seen, and it doesn't matter whether they believe me or not.

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The credibility of other witnesses like Sheila Bird is less easily undermined.

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I'm a writer, and I'm a writer of non-fiction.

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I'm not a person for practical jokes or anything like that.

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Seven miles to the northeast of Falmouth is the village of Port Scatho.

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In July 1985, Sheila Bird and her brother, an environmental scientist,

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were walking along the cliff top above the village when her brother spotted something out to sea.

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Sheila, what's that?

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Good heavens.

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What ever is it?

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There was this gigantic sea creature with a small head, a long neck, and an enormous hump.

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What is that? What's that monster thing?

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The very first thought that entered my head is, my God, it's escaped from the pages of storybook.

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It's a sort of model of grey.

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I would say it was swan-like, it was gliding.

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Shape and appearance was totally different from anything that we're familiar with.

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Some months after the sighting, I consulted two paleontologists.

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I only had to say a few words, and they both said to me, you don't have to say any more.

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We know exactly what you've seen.

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These are the descendants of the Plesiosaur, which were thought to have been extinct millions of years ago.

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This theory is seen by some zoologists as the only credible explanation for the existence of such creatures.

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It's not an identical feat, but you wouldn't expect it to be.

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If it was identical, I'd have great suspicion.

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Whatever this creature is, if it is a Plesiosaur, it's had 64 million years of evolution working upon it.

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One man who knows the sea better than most is George Vinnicombe.

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He's been a fisherman off the Cornish coast for over 40 years.

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In July 1976, George set off from Falmouth for a day's fishing with a friend, John Cough.

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Beautiful day, clear, flood calm, nothing underwater.

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Just a clear, beautiful morning.

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Two hours out at sea, George noticed something in the water.

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John, come here quick.

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I think a boat's capsized.

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Look over there.

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What are you reckonin'?

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Yeah, it could be a boat.

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Get closer.

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I suppose we're about half a mile or more off of the sink at the time.

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Steam towards it.

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We could see it was no boat.

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What the decim lets...?

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The devil is there.

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No, I didn't come her, ringin', the day was up ever.

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My god, the old boy was...

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Oh, yeah, you got sesame seeds in him.

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He was quite content to look at us as we was looking at him.

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00:07:23,600 --> 00:07:26,120

We've seen whales and we've seen dolphins

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00:07:26,120 --> 00:07:26,960

and all that sort of thing,

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but this was nothing like that at all.

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This was like a prehistoric monster.

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00:07:32,520 --> 00:07:33,360

There was no doubt about it.

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00:07:33,360 --> 00:07:35,800

It was something different to what I've ever seen before

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and larger than what I've seen before.

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00:07:38,120 --> 00:07:40,360

They 32 foot boat and it was a piece of boat.

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The two men returned to Falmouth,

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reluctant to talk about their extraordinary encounter.

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But word of their sighting of a strange sea creature

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00:07:52,880 --> 00:07:53,920

soon got out.

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A couple of days after the local paper came down

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to Interhuvwne, it was nice as what we saw.

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That started the old bull rolling.

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Soon afterwards, George Vinnicom had a visitor from London.

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Mr. Vinnicom?

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The gentleman from the Natural History Museum

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rang me up and said he was coming down to Interhuvwne me.

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The creature's neck was, um, how long would you say?

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About five, six feet, I'd say.

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And the body, what size was that?

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Some 20 feet at least.

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Are you sure about that?

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Sure as I am, if anything.

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Do you think you could draw it for me?

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In another room was John Cock.

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He also drew what he'd seen.

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Neither.

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00:08:44,000 --> 00:08:46,120

He drew his, when he brought his back, he said,

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well, they're the same.

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00:08:46,920 --> 00:08:49,560

You've drawn it before, or have you drawn it before at all?

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That's what we saw.

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00:08:51,840 --> 00:08:53,640

Then he brought out this book.

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00:08:53,640 --> 00:08:56,120

All these things and they're pretty stark monsters,

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00:08:56,120 --> 00:08:56,960

and all the other.

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He said, pick out one you think you saw.

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00:09:01,920 --> 00:09:02,760

That's it, definitely.

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No doubt about it.

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Well, what is it?

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It's a plesiosaur.

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It's been extinct for over 60 million years.

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00:09:12,400 --> 00:09:14,760

You can't possibly have seen one of those.

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00:09:14,760 --> 00:09:16,360

That is what I saw.

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Same head, same neck, same body.

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I think what you saw was a leatherback turtle.

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I'm telling you, that was no turtle.

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Now, I have sailed in waters for 40 years,

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00:09:29,280 --> 00:09:32,720

and I have seen turtles and whales and giant squid,

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00:09:32,720 --> 00:09:36,240

but this creature were nothing like I've ever clapped eyes on.

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00:09:36,240 --> 00:09:37,720

I said, you come all the way down from London

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to tell me what we saw.

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00:09:38,680 --> 00:09:40,640

I said, I'm telling you what we saw.

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For Dr. Carl Schuchar,

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the most credible explanation remains the plesiosaur.

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I don't think that you can be explained by authors,

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by the traditional explanations.

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Radical or not, the best fit in relation to animals

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that we know existed at one time or another

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00:10:00,160 --> 00:10:01,480

in the history of our planet,

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00:10:01,480 --> 00:10:03,080

the best fit is the plesiosaur.

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But critics say if plesiosaws do exist in Cornish waters,

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you'd expect to find their corpses washed up on the beaches.

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Dr. Schuchar has an explanation

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for why no carcasses have ever been found.

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Plesiosaws are well known for swallowing stones.

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They did this for buoyancy purposes.

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So, needless to say, a large animal

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00:10:23,280 --> 00:10:25,640

that has quite a fair few heavy stones inside it,

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00:10:25,640 --> 00:10:28,040

when it dies, it's going to do one thing, and I think...

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Most experts believe that the sightings alone

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cannot prove plesiosaws have survived to the present day.

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But for the witnesses, the evidence of their own eyes

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is proof enough.

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If the story of the Loch Ness monster is anything to go by,

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the mystery of Moogwa will not go away.

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But anyone who tries to find the creature

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00:10:53,920 --> 00:10:56,520

will have to search a much larger area than a loch.

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Moogwa, it seems, could be roaming thousands of square miles of ocean.

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Cornwall is also the setting for the work of a man

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officially registered by the Church of England

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00:11:06,200 --> 00:11:08,200

to carry out exorcisms.

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We'll be featuring him in our second story tonight.

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In the Middle Ages, the spirit world was part of everyday experience.

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Today, the Church prefers to deal in the spiritual

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rather than with actual spirits.

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00:11:34,400 --> 00:11:37,640

But when parishioners feel themselves haunted by a presence

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and modern methods are not appropriate,

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the Church has one ancient remedy it can still call its own,

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00:11:43,680 --> 00:11:45,080

exorcism.

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The Reverend Robert Law has been on the official list

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for more than a quarter of a century,

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but he can still remember the first case he came across.

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When I was a curate in Bedfordshire,

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00:11:56,240 --> 00:11:58,240

we had a break-in to the parish Church.

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And I had to call in the diocesan exorcist,

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00:12:02,880 --> 00:12:06,240

who was a monk at Ashton, Don Robert Petitpierre,

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and when he came to re-consecrate the Church,

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00:12:10,680 --> 00:12:13,120

he said to me, you could have done this.

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00:12:13,120 --> 00:12:16,440

And I said, yes, but I wouldn't do it without training.

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00:12:16,440 --> 00:12:18,440

He said, well, I'll train you.

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00:12:19,440 --> 00:12:22,280

After four years' instruction, the Reverend Law has carried out

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00:12:22,280 --> 00:12:25,440

deliverances in houses, pubs, even districts,

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00:12:25,480 --> 00:12:27,680

where hauntings have been reported.

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Where there is a haunting,

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00:12:30,680 --> 00:12:34,480

it appears that a person, for whatever reason,

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00:12:34,480 --> 00:12:37,280

is not at rest, is not at peace,

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00:12:37,280 --> 00:12:39,680

and through our prayers,

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00:12:39,680 --> 00:12:43,200

we are able to show them

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00:12:43,200 --> 00:12:46,680

a way through to peace.

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00:12:46,680 --> 00:12:50,480

The mind would collapse, the person would be buried,

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00:12:50,480 --> 00:12:52,480

there was no point getting them out again.

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00:12:52,520 --> 00:12:55,520

And so it was a shout for help from them.

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00:12:55,520 --> 00:12:57,520

Life was snapped out all of a sudden.

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00:12:57,520 --> 00:12:59,520

The body is dead, the body is gone,

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00:12:59,520 --> 00:13:01,520

but the spirit was still around.

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00:13:01,520 --> 00:13:04,520

Lord Jesus Christ, we ask that you send your holy angels

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00:13:04,520 --> 00:13:07,520

to those who are not at peace here.

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00:13:07,520 --> 00:13:09,520

Lift them before the throne of grace

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00:13:09,520 --> 00:13:11,520

and in your mercy, grant them your peace,

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00:13:11,520 --> 00:13:14,520

your joy, your light and refreshment.

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00:13:14,520 --> 00:13:16,520

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,

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00:13:16,520 --> 00:13:18,520

the Son and the Holy Spirit,

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00:13:18,520 --> 00:13:20,520

be upon them, and be with them.

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00:13:20,560 --> 00:13:23,560

The Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you

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00:13:23,560 --> 00:13:25,560

and remain with you now and always.

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00:13:25,560 --> 00:13:27,560

Amen.

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The Reverend Law is vicar of the small,

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Cornish town of St. Colombe, Major.

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He's called on to deal with hauntings

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as far afield as Goron, some 30 miles to the south.

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We have had a number of calls from Goron,

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and the first one was from the Barney chief,

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00:13:43,560 --> 00:13:46,560

when Andy Thompson, the landlord, called us in.

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00:13:46,600 --> 00:13:49,600

In the back bar, we would notice

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00:13:49,600 --> 00:13:53,600

a very, very strong smell of pipe tobacco.

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00:13:53,600 --> 00:13:56,600

This would actually occur at a time during the day

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00:13:56,600 --> 00:14:00,600

when there wasn't anybody, customers in or anything like that,

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00:14:00,600 --> 00:14:05,600

in the fact that I don't smoke a pipe, none of my staff did.

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Then one of the regulars, Dennis Young,

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00:14:07,600 --> 00:14:09,600

reported something disturbing.

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00:14:09,600 --> 00:14:13,600

This gentleman went out to the toilet block,

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00:14:13,600 --> 00:14:15,600

which is at the back of the pub,

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00:14:15,640 --> 00:14:17,640

and was gone for quite a few minutes.

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00:14:17,640 --> 00:14:21,640

And when he came in, he was visibly shaken,

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00:14:21,640 --> 00:14:23,640

and they asked what had happened,

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00:14:23,640 --> 00:14:25,640

and he said that he was pinned up against the wall

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00:14:25,640 --> 00:14:27,640

and couldn't move.

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00:14:28,640 --> 00:14:32,640

My daughter said that she'd seen her face of a man

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00:14:32,640 --> 00:14:34,640

looking over her bed.

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00:14:34,640 --> 00:14:38,640

At first, we thought this was the imagination of a child.

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00:14:38,640 --> 00:14:41,640

Then it started happening on quite a regular basis.

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This is one of the things that prompted him

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00:14:45,680 --> 00:14:47,680

to call the parish priest in who got me

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00:14:47,680 --> 00:14:49,680

to come over and sort the thing out.

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00:14:49,680 --> 00:14:52,680

One of the things for haunting is that there's a drop in temperature.

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00:14:52,680 --> 00:14:55,680

Now, there are many things that can cause that.

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00:14:55,680 --> 00:14:58,680

Not your springs under there or well under there, is there?

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00:14:58,680 --> 00:15:00,680

Not to my knowledge, no, no.

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00:15:00,680 --> 00:15:02,680

Because sometimes, you know, if the damp's coming up,

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00:15:02,680 --> 00:15:04,680

it'll make the whole place go cold,

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

and you ought to check those things out first.

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00:15:06,680 --> 00:15:08,680

No, there isn't anything like that, under there.

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00:15:08,680 --> 00:15:10,680

If I show you into the back bar...

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00:15:10,720 --> 00:15:12,720

..and it's been all the way around,

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00:15:12,720 --> 00:15:14,720

it was obvious that it was centered

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00:15:14,720 --> 00:15:16,720

upon the pool table and the pool room,

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00:15:16,720 --> 00:15:18,720

because that's where it was cold.

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00:15:18,720 --> 00:15:21,720

And so we celebrated hoaxing on the pool table.

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00:15:29,720 --> 00:15:31,720

After Rev. Law's visit,

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00:15:31,720 --> 00:15:34,720

and it was much warmer in the back bar,

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00:15:34,720 --> 00:15:38,720

my daughter never complained of seeing anything,

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00:15:38,760 --> 00:15:41,760

and everything seemed much happier.

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00:15:42,760 --> 00:15:45,760

But that wasn't the Rev. Law's last visit to Gorin.

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He was called in to help Verity and Paul Ross Scorler

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at their cottage next door to the pub.

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Yeah, it all started with the light switches going on and off,

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but the children couldn't reach the light switches,

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00:15:57,760 --> 00:15:59,760

they were too small.

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00:15:59,760 --> 00:16:02,760

And even though it's a very old cottage,

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00:16:02,760 --> 00:16:04,760

the wiring's all been completely redone.

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00:16:04,760 --> 00:16:07,760

I'd offered to make a cup of tea for my husband,

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00:16:07,800 --> 00:16:09,800

but the kettle on.

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00:16:09,800 --> 00:16:12,800

And I heard the footsteps come up behind me,

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00:16:12,800 --> 00:16:15,800

and I turned around to speak to Paul, but he wasn't there.

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00:16:15,800 --> 00:16:17,800

So I eventually walked back up to the dining room

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00:16:17,800 --> 00:16:20,800

where I'd left him, and he was still sat there reading the magazine.

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00:16:20,800 --> 00:16:22,800

It was quite scary.

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00:16:22,800 --> 00:16:25,800

But there was a certain stretch of the corridor,

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00:16:25,800 --> 00:16:27,800

which was always really cold.

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00:16:27,800 --> 00:16:29,800

It didn't feel right at all.

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00:16:29,800 --> 00:16:32,800

You got down to the kitchen and it was quite mild again.

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00:16:32,800 --> 00:16:36,800

Another strange thing was that we heard humming and singing

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00:16:36,840 --> 00:16:39,840

on a number of occasions.

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00:16:39,840 --> 00:16:41,840

We've got an old piano.

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00:16:41,840 --> 00:16:43,840

Neither of us can play,

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00:16:43,840 --> 00:16:48,840

and it's quite a funny thing we should have blinked away.

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00:16:48,840 --> 00:16:52,840

I said to Paul, I'm sure I can hear somebody humming.

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00:16:54,840 --> 00:16:56,840

We thought it could have been the neighbours,

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00:16:56,840 --> 00:17:00,840

but when we asked, they said, no, no, it wasn't us.

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00:17:00,840 --> 00:17:03,840

And it just couldn't have come from anywhere else.

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00:17:03,880 --> 00:17:06,880

The couple also noticed some strange behaviour

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00:17:06,880 --> 00:17:08,880

in their young son, Tristan.

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00:17:08,880 --> 00:17:12,880

The next thing with Tristan was that he would end up being in the front room,

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00:17:12,880 --> 00:17:15,880

saying those little boys shouting at him and hitting him.

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00:17:15,880 --> 00:17:17,880

I was shocked. I didn't know what to make of it.

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00:17:17,880 --> 00:17:20,880

He said, yes, he's here. He's hitting me.

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00:17:20,880 --> 00:17:22,880

Go away. I don't like you.

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00:17:22,880 --> 00:17:25,880

And he started waving his arms around.

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00:17:25,880 --> 00:17:28,880

And it was then that we decided there was something.

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00:17:28,880 --> 00:17:31,880

There was one specific place in the cottage next door,

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00:17:31,920 --> 00:17:34,920

the corridor, which was very, very cold.

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00:17:34,920 --> 00:17:37,920

The doors were open, if I remember rightly, both ends,

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00:17:37,920 --> 00:17:40,920

so there was a throughput of air, but it was still cold.

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00:17:40,920 --> 00:17:42,920

Bless, O Lord, this place, and drive far from us

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00:17:42,920 --> 00:17:44,920

all the snares of the evil one.

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00:17:44,920 --> 00:17:47,920

Let your holy angels dwell here to keep us in peace.

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00:17:47,920 --> 00:17:51,920

We were a little skeptical, must admit.

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00:17:51,920 --> 00:17:54,920

And although we do go to church occasionally,

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00:17:54,920 --> 00:17:57,920

we're not overtly religious.

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00:17:57,920 --> 00:18:00,920

Once we had blessed that particular corridor,

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00:18:00,960 --> 00:18:02,960

within minutes, it warmed up.

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00:18:02,960 --> 00:18:06,960

After the Reverend Lord being, it was so much different.

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00:18:06,960 --> 00:18:09,960

The lights had stopped, the footsteps stopped,

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00:18:09,960 --> 00:18:11,960

the humming stopped.

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00:18:11,960 --> 00:18:14,960

I don't know. It was just so warm and mild.

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00:18:14,960 --> 00:18:17,960

The whole house, it felt peaceful.

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00:18:17,960 --> 00:18:19,960

It was quiet again.

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00:18:19,960 --> 00:18:22,960

The Vicar was asked to help Michael's salt and his mother Sue,

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00:18:22,960 --> 00:18:24,960

also in the Gorin area,

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00:18:24,960 --> 00:18:27,960

after they reported a series of strange happenings.

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I woke up one night,

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00:18:30,000 --> 00:18:33,000

and there was a loud scratching just above my head.

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00:18:33,000 --> 00:18:36,000

And then, the scratching stopped,

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00:18:36,000 --> 00:18:39,000

and somebody tried to take the duvet off.

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00:18:40,000 --> 00:18:42,000

And then when I pulled it back,

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00:18:42,000 --> 00:18:45,000

they tried then to tug the pillow away from under my head.

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00:18:47,000 --> 00:18:49,000

I thought I'd dreamt it in the morning,

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00:18:49,000 --> 00:18:52,000

but then it happened at intervals regularly after that.

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00:18:52,000 --> 00:18:55,000

And I was always too bright and to open my eyes

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00:18:55,040 --> 00:18:58,040

and see if there was anybody there.

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00:18:58,040 --> 00:19:01,040

His presence was a lot stronger than with me,

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00:19:01,040 --> 00:19:03,040

and he used to move things around.

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00:19:03,040 --> 00:19:05,040

And so one day, we decided to do the experiment.

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00:19:05,040 --> 00:19:09,040

Round ones which are absolutely filthy, Michael and my parents.

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00:19:09,040 --> 00:19:12,040

Which was lining up the shoes on the floor in a certain pattern.

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00:19:13,040 --> 00:19:17,040

We'd go back in, and the shoes would be in a completely different order.

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00:19:17,040 --> 00:19:19,040

The desert boots were over here.

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00:19:19,040 --> 00:19:22,040

The feeler at that end, and the converse were next to there.

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00:19:22,040 --> 00:19:24,040

They were all over the place.

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00:19:24,080 --> 00:19:27,080

There's no way that there could have been anything in the room,

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00:19:27,080 --> 00:19:29,080

because the window was closed.

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00:19:29,080 --> 00:19:31,080

And, you know, we'd checked the room before,

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00:19:31,080 --> 00:19:33,080

and the door was closed.

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00:19:33,080 --> 00:19:35,080

Well, at least you've seen it now.

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00:19:35,080 --> 00:19:37,080

One night, in the middle of the night,

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00:19:37,080 --> 00:19:40,080

I was woken by a disturbance or something,

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00:19:40,080 --> 00:19:43,080

and I got out of bed to go into the middle bedroom

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00:19:43,080 --> 00:19:45,080

to see what was happening.

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00:19:45,080 --> 00:19:47,080

As I opened the door, the mirror flew from the wall

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00:19:47,080 --> 00:19:49,080

and crashed onto the floor.

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00:19:49,080 --> 00:19:52,080

And I knew it couldn't have fallen off accidentally,

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00:19:52,120 --> 00:19:54,120

because it was a fixture on the wall.

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00:19:54,120 --> 00:19:56,120

Michael, come here quick!

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00:19:56,120 --> 00:19:58,120

What's up?

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00:19:58,120 --> 00:20:00,120

I thought, well, whatever it is, it's here.

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00:20:00,120 --> 00:20:04,120

The incident prompted the family to call in the Reverend Law,

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00:20:04,120 --> 00:20:07,120

but before he could make an appointment, disaster struck.

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00:20:07,120 --> 00:20:09,120

I was trying to light the fire,

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00:20:09,120 --> 00:20:12,120

and then there was a rumble in the chimney and an explosion.

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00:20:12,120 --> 00:20:14,120

Within five minutes, the house was burning.

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00:20:14,120 --> 00:20:16,120

There was absolutely nothing, nothing I could do.

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00:20:30,160 --> 00:20:32,160

Michael! Michael!

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00:20:32,160 --> 00:20:34,160

The cottage was an empty!

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00:20:34,160 --> 00:20:36,160

Michael, are you listening to me?

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00:20:36,160 --> 00:20:38,160

Yeah, it was empty, Mum. There's no room in there.

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00:20:38,160 --> 00:20:41,160

But somebody said they saw a little boy inside.

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00:20:41,160 --> 00:20:43,160

There was no little boy in there.

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00:20:43,160 --> 00:20:45,160

They saw a little boy in the flames.

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00:20:46,160 --> 00:20:48,160

How could it have been, Michael?

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00:20:48,160 --> 00:20:50,160

There wasn't anybody else in there!

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00:20:52,160 --> 00:20:54,160

I thought it was him.

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00:20:54,160 --> 00:20:56,160

It was the only one, Mum.

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00:20:56,160 --> 00:20:58,160

He's never shown himself before. It must have been.

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00:20:58,160 --> 00:21:01,160

I realised there could have been some connection between the fire

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00:21:01,160 --> 00:21:03,160

and the presence that we had in the house.

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00:21:03,160 --> 00:21:08,160

I moved back into the cottage, but it didn't feel right.

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00:21:08,160 --> 00:21:10,160

My son came home again to visit,

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00:21:10,160 --> 00:21:13,160

and the minute he came through the door, he said,

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00:21:13,200 --> 00:21:16,200

he's still here. We'll get Robert Law.

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00:21:22,200 --> 00:21:24,200

There was one particular bedroom.

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00:21:24,200 --> 00:21:27,200

I experienced something which I interpreted

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00:21:27,200 --> 00:21:29,200

as a young child boy.

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00:21:29,200 --> 00:21:32,200

It's just here, isn't it? Yeah, exactly there.

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00:21:32,200 --> 00:21:35,200

He stopped and said, he's there.

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00:21:35,200 --> 00:21:38,200

There he is. He's in that corner.

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00:21:38,200 --> 00:21:41,200

I said, well, that is exactly where Michael said he was.

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00:21:41,240 --> 00:21:43,240

That's it.

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00:21:43,240 --> 00:21:45,240

The Holy Water represents the water of baptism,

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00:21:45,240 --> 00:21:48,240

where we are redeemed into Christ.

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00:21:48,240 --> 00:21:50,240

We are freed.

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00:21:50,240 --> 00:21:53,240

Since Michael had been the person

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00:21:53,240 --> 00:21:56,240

who had experienced most of what was going on in the cottage,

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00:21:56,240 --> 00:21:59,240

it seemed right if he wanted to be there,

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00:21:59,240 --> 00:22:01,240

that he should be involved.

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00:22:01,240 --> 00:22:03,240

After every Lord gone that day,

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00:22:03,240 --> 00:22:07,240

it did feel more peaceful and a lot calmer than it had before.

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00:22:11,240 --> 00:22:14,240

Demand for the Reverend Law's special skills

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00:22:14,240 --> 00:22:17,240

now extend well beyond his own parish.

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00:22:17,240 --> 00:22:20,240

He's asked to deal with more than 60 cases a year.

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00:22:20,240 --> 00:22:23,240

The heavy workload means he's had to enroll two more clergymen

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00:22:23,240 --> 00:22:26,240

to relieve him of some of the burden.

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00:22:26,240 --> 00:22:29,240

Around half the complaints can be put down to creaking doors,

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00:22:29,240 --> 00:22:31,240

faulty heating and the like.

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00:22:31,240 --> 00:22:34,240

But for the rest, he has no physical explanation.

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00:22:34,240 --> 00:22:36,240

Goodnight.

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00:22:41,200 --> 00:22:44,240

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