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This program is about unsolved mysteries. Whenever possible, the actual family members

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and police officials have participated in recreating the events. What you are about

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to see is not a news broadcast.

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In Rome, New York, two intruders bound in Gagdest or Grizzic ransacked her house and

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shot her husband point blank. Just recently, a police informant revealed a Stanley Grizzic

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may have died because he was a man who knew too much. The FBI is searching for an electronics

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whiz kid who allegedly used his talents to break into classified government computer

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networks, obtain military secrets and wiretap private phones, an innocuous case of computer

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hacking or a breach of national security.

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The house is tonight a poignant update on our story about a seven-year-old girl who

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made a solemn vow to her sick friend twenty-one years ago. Thanks to our viewers, Nikki Crowder

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has finally fulfilled her promise and we filmed their joyous reunion. Join me for another

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Rome, New York, 240 miles northwest of Manhattan. This is a kind of small town that finds its

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way into Norman Rockwell paintings. It is a working class community where everybody

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knows everything about everyone else. Or at least it seemed that way. From 1957 to 1976,

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Stanley Grizzic and his family owned a small liquor store and gas station in the heart of

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town. Stanley was in charge of the liquor store. His brother, Peter, ran the gas station

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along with the third brother, Bernard. Stanley and his wife, S, served it right next door

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to the family business. Their life seemed happy and secure until the night of November 6, 1976.

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Dad had just gone upstairs to run mom's bathwater. Mom went through the house doing her nightly

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check. She did a nightly ritual where she would go and check all the windows and doors

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and make sure everything was locked. My mother was deaf and she wore hearing aid. With hearing

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aid, she could hear very well. And she had just finished in the kitchen when she heard

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a loud noise. And as she turned around, the back door just flew open. Two men came into

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the house. They both had ski masks. One was short and stocky and one was tall and thinner.

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I think my father probably heard the initial noise of the screen door being broken and

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heard my mother scream and then came down the stairs. As he turned to go into the dining

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room, I think he startled the perpetrator. The shortest stackey of me was already at

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my mother's throat and was choking her and in the process, knocked her hearing aid out

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of her ear. And she said she just played dead. She just wouldn't move. She just laid

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there. She tried to hold her breath so they would thought she died. While she was laying

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on the floor, she said, they laid this pearl-handled gun next to my face. She says, I could see

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it. I opened my eye just a little tiny bit and I could see. They spent a good hour in

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the house, just ransacking it totally. They took all the stuff out of the desk, threw everything

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on the floor. The pillows, they ripped. Mom's knitting in her yarn, they threw all over.

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I mean, they obviously were looking for something, but what they were looking for, I have no idea.

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She said, I just waited there until I could feel no more vibrations in the house. She

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figures that that is when they left. Somehow she managed to get her hands untied from her

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feet and her feet untied. Her hands were still tied behind her back, but she did manage to

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go into the dining room and find my dad laying on the floor dead.

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The shock of her husband's murder was too much for Esther Griesig. She herself died within

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two years. My mother, you could say, died that night. She just existed for the next 20

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months. Her and my father had one of those rare marriages where they were extremely close.

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And without dad, I mean, her life was gone. From the beginning, a cloud of suspicion loomed

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over the investigation of Stanley Griesig's murder. The night of the killing, police barred

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the Griesig family from entering the home. After thoroughly searching the ransacked house,

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investigators determined that the only things missing were two bottles of beer from the

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refrigerator. It appeared to investigators as if the ransacking was to look for an item

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possibly or a piece of paper that Mr. Griesig may have had hidden somewhere. The next day,

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the family was finally permitted to enter the home. Stanley's son made a disturbing

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discovery which curiously the police had overlooked. My brother-in-law and myself were in the house

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and we were trying to straighten things up. And I was in the dining room where my father had been

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killed. And the rug was kind of messed up from the table being pushed. So we got down on our hands

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and knees and tried to straighten the rug out. Hey, can you look at this? While I was doing that,

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I happened to notice a shell casing on the rug. I mean, it wasn't embedded in the rug or anything,

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it was lying right out on the rug. Oh, it's a shell casing. Don't touch it. I'm sure that if anybody

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had done a thorough job of scouring the floor, they would have found it. They picked it up with a

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pencil, put it in a plastic bag and called up the Rome Police Department. One detective came over

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and I showed him where I found it on the floor and he looked at it. Yeah, that's a shell casing,

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all right. And I proceeded to put it in his pocket and said, let's not mention this to anyone,

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that's for the time being. And who's I'd argue?

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The official autopsy reports stated that Stanley Grizzek had been killed by a single stab wound to

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the heart. I couldn't believe the police kept insisting that it was a knife that killed my

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father and my mother repeatedly told him it was a pearl-handled gun. It was a small gun,

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she told me they laid it right down next to my face. She says, I could see it. It was not a knife

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and they kept insisting it was a knife. Well, we knew that was totally false, that my father had

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been killed by a stab wound. We had found a shell casing. We explained to the police that there

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was no guns in the house. The only way that shell could have got here was that it was fired in this

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house. Stanley Grizzek's body was exhumed in a second autopsy performed. It revealed that Stanley

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was killed by a 25 caliber bullet fired through his chest. There never had been a stab wound.

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Was the entire incident involving the bullet simply a series of unfortunate mistakes or could

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someone have been trying to protect the killer's identity? Stanley Grizzek's children believed

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that someone wanted it to appear that their father had been killed with a knife. But who and why?

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It seemed that these questions would remain forever unanswered until last year.

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In March of 1989, an acknowledged drug dealer came to the police with a startling story. He

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claimed to know the identity of Stanley Grizzek's killer, although he did not know the motive.

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In 1976, the informant was working at a bar in Rome. He claimed that a man associated with a

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bar made him a strange proposition just a few days before Stanley Grizzek was killed.

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I was tending bar one night and a person approached me and wanted me to pull a burglary. He knew

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that I owed him money and he offered me to get even. So we drove around for a little bit and he

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pulled into the alley over here and he goes, I want you to break into Stan's house. You owe me a lot of money.

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The guy's got a lot of money in that house. I want you to go rip him off. Why Stanley? That's my business.

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I told him I'm not a burglar. I'm not here to sell him coal. I'm just not a burglar. I'm not going to

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break into anybody's house. So he was disturbed with me and he goes, I'm sorry, just take you back to the bar.

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As you can see here, this is the service station that's adjacent to the house.

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Based on this new information, the case was reactivated and a new team of investigators assigned. They

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contacted Amy Scott, Stanley Grizzek's neighbor at the time of the murder. On November 6, 1976,

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Amy Scott said she was in the house watching TV and at the conclusion of one of the programs,

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her dog had become restless and she let him out to run around a little bit outside.

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Amy told investigators that shortly after 11 p.m., she saw a man walking through the alley

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towards Stanley Grizzek's home. I let my dog stay out maybe a half an hour to 45 minutes and then I

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opened the door, went on my porch to crawl my dog back in. Sam! Then I looked up and I saw this guy

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coming through the same pathway that I noticed before. Only this time he was headed toward a

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white car. He got in the car and then I noticed there was another man in the car and he proceeded

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down the street very fast. What are you doing? What do you think you're doing? And I yelled at him

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because he just came with the answers of hitting my dog. A few days after the murder, Amy saw the

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man in the Lincoln again. It was around five o'clock and I was headed to the bank. As I drove

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in, there was two cars ahead of me and I was waiting and I just happened to look through my

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rear view mirror and I saw this white car and suddenly I realized this was the same man,

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the same car that I had seen earlier at the murder scene. I got really nervous. I started my

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car up and I speeded down the street. I was really afraid. I just drove like crazy until I got to

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the police station and I jumped out of the car. And I ran up the steps where I met a policeman

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and I told him what was happening. We got in his car and we drove around a couple of blocks up

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and down but we never saw him again. Amy led the investigators to Patsy Peck, a local bookstore

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owner. Patsy told him that on the day before Griesick's murder, she had met the same two men at

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her store. She also said they were driving a white Lincoln Continental. Hey guys, how are you doing?

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Good to see you again. Thanks, how are you? Good. She's doing good. There was the tall,

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dark man who had on a trench coat and had a nylon pile collar. The other man was shorter and sandy

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haired and he had been out of town for a while. I hadn't seen my husband in quite a long while.

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Okay, good to see you again. Then they started reminiscing a little about when they were here

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before and all that. I told him they'd see him again before they left and they left.

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Investigators asked Patsy why she had not come forward with this information before. Surprisingly,

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she said she had talked with one of the original detectives. We do know that the investigators

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talked to Patsy and Amy but we looked in our files and found there wasn't anything put down on

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documentation form as to their interview with Patsy Peck. Investigators Saunders and Keyes

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learned that shortly after Stanley Griesick's murder, the same two men were spotted at a local bar.

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We located a man that was in the bar about two or three nights after the murder.

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Everything all right? Yep. What you wanted? He told us that a couple of men had come into

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the bar matching the descriptions that were published in the paper. They met with another

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man in the back of the bar who handed him a large sum of money and they turned and locked.

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He was kind of curious so he said wasn't that so-and-so and the individual who had given him

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the money said yes it was. And he said well why did you give him that large amount of money?

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And he said they'd done a job for me and now they had to leave town. Authorities began searching

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for a connection between Stanley Griesick's murder and the bar where the informant had worked

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and the two men had been seen. They discovered that the bar's liquor license had been held

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by Peter Griesick, Stanley's older brother. Then Stanley's children related a puzzling

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incident that had occurred eight months before the murder. Peter Griesick was gravely ill

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and Stanley went to visit him. Close the door. Close the door. Close the door. No one knows what

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was set behind that closed door but the two brothers who had always been close never spoke

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again. Peter died four months later and Stanley's behavior seemed to change.

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I had spent a three day weekend with my dad. He seemed in a good mood but he seemed a little

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distant. When he hugged me goodbye he said a very strange thing. I don't know when I'll

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ever see you again and that was the last time I saw him again.

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The bar in question had its liquor license revoked in 1982. The reason? On-site gambling

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and the illegal sale of controlled substances. Today the bar remains closed.

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I think he knew that there was a great deal of drug activity happening in that bar. Gambling

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happens almost everywhere. I think people learn to adjust to that. But the drug situation

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I know that my father would never be able to condone or have his name linked to it.

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Why was Stanley Griesick murdered? Had he learned something from his dying brother that

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put his own life at risk? If my father knew something he did not share

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that information with my mother or my brother or my sister or I. It was just something that

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he kept to himself and that was why being honest as he was was the cause of his death.

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Why did Stanley's assailants ransack his home, remain in the house for 45 minutes to

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an hour and then leave, apparently taking only two beers from the refrigerator? And

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finally is there a connection between the bar, Peter Griesick and Stanley's death?

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Although crucial evidence in the case has mysteriously disappeared, investigators believe

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that it may take but one vital clue to piece together the bizarre puzzle of Stanley Griesick's

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murder. These are composite drawings of the two men

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seen driving the white Lincoln Continental. Authorities are asking anyone with information

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regarding these men to come forward.

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On a previous broadcast we profiled a con man who allegedly seduces lonely middle aged women

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with promises of wealth and romance then skips town with their money. Police have dubbed

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him the sweetheart swindler. In August of 1989 a woman who asked that we call her Sarah

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met a man named Jerry Gable. Sarah quickly succumbed to Jerry's hypnotic charms. He

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told her that he was a successful traveling jewelry salesman and that she was just the

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type of woman he wanted to share his life with. In less than two days Jerry asked Sarah

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to be his wife. He was the type of a man that took control. This was something that I liked.

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I liked someone to kind of take over, take charge. You know, it was really nice to think

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that I maybe would be able to relax, to travel, to have all these nice things and I wouldn't

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have to work. To me this was very appealing. A few days later Jerry asked Sarah to deposit

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not-of-state check and withdraw \$3,000 in cash for him. At the time Sarah had no idea

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that the check was stolen. That afternoon Jerry Gable disappeared. Sarah never saw him

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or her \$3,000 again. I was angry. Truly I was angry. It's a very devastating feeling.

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I'd like to see him pay for it. Update. The sweetheart swindler has been captured.

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On March 28, 1991, police in Kenosha, Wisconsin arrested a man calling himself Robert Cook

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after he allegedly romanced a woman and then swindled her out of \$10,000. At the time of

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Cook's arrest police recovered a dozen false identification cards all issued in different

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aliases from various states. They also found blank checks apparently stolen from previous

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victims. When we return, the intriguing saga of a young computer wizard who may be using

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his skills to obtain classified government information. Inside the labyrinth of the telephone

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company's huge computer system one feels a sense of insignificance. It seems impossible

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that any single person could jam up these sophisticated works. Yet think of it. All the interactive

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computers across the country are linked by telephone lines. Both private citizens and

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classified government operations can be vulnerable to a computer genius run amok.

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Kevin Polson grew up in the Los Angeles suburb of North Hollywood. His mother died when he

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was still young. One of Kevin's friends describes him as very bright with great potential but

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always painfully shy. Kevin Polson received his first computer on a 16th birthday. Like

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most devoted hackers he adopted a colorful pseudonym. Kevin Polson became Dark Dante.

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Eventually he discovered a telephone number for Arpanet, a computer network funded by

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the Pentagon. It links university and think tank computers across the country by telephone

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lines. For Dark Dante, Arpanet was a tantalizing challenge. He was a very hard-working man.

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After connecting his modem with the Arpanet telephone number, Kevin realized he was hooked

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up to military research at the University of California, Berkeley. He needed a password

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that would allow him access to sensitive documents in the Berkeley computer. He guessed several

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passwords with no luck. Then he tried the university's initials, UCB. Kevin was ill

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and he was inside Arpanet. He liked the idea of having power. That was Kevin's thing. He

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wanted to have power over other people, over the people that he saw as being beneath him.

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Dark Dante's activities were soon detected by UCB. When Kevin slipped and on one occasion

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he only used his real name instead of Dark Dante. He was trapped. Blissfully unaware, Kevin continued

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his hacking activities, giving authorities even more ammunition against him.

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Dan, would you just put that in my car, please?

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Well, you taking my computer?

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On the morning of September 22, 1983, the Los Angeles DA confiscated Kevin's computer.

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Look, Kevin, you and your buddy have committed a crime here. You're only 17. We're going to try to keep

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you out of this, but your buddy's going to jail.

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Because of his age, he was not officially charged, only warned that his computer activities were

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illegal. The warning apparently fell on deaf ears. During the next year, Kevin took a high

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school equivalency exam and moved out of his parents' house to Northern California.

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But Dark Dante had not died with Kevin's move, he had simply changed locations. In his off hours,

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Kevin Poulson continued to cruise the electronic highways cloaked with a pseudonym. This time,

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he never gave his real name or his location.

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On February 9, 1988, the owners of a storage facility in Northern California made a routine

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stop at a locker in which the rent had not been paid. Standard procedure in such cases is to

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confiscate the material in the locker. But the contents of this locker were something the men

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hadn't ever seen before. It appeared to be stolen telephone companies, but it was not

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seen before. It appeared to be stolen telephone company equipment. The owners notified the

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authorities. Telephone company investigator John Von Brauch, along with the local police,

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arrived immediately.

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John Von Brauch, come here John, how are you?

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We found a storage locker that contained pieces of electronic equipment, pay phones, computer

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printouts, including the printout of the non-published number of the Soviet Embassy, San Francisco.

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That's not the type of equipment or material that one would buy at a swap meter, find in a

dumpster.

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It was quite obviously stolen property.

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Whose locker is this?

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Some guy by the name of John Anderson.

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The name John Anderson was a fake. But several items in the locker bore the name Kevin Poulson.

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It appeared as if Dark Dante had been caught again.

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Authorities apprehended Kevin, who agreed to a consent search of his apartment. They were

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astonished to find that Kevin had a complete wire tapping facility in a spare bedroom.

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What are you doing with all this stuff Kevin?

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I don't know, I was just happy to just kind of get it.

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The equipment at Switchroom allowed Mr. Poulson not only to enter computer databases ours and others,

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but also gave him the ability to monitor telephone conversations without the parties to the conversation

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being aware that they were being monitored.

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How about the test set over there with the lettering on it?

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Connected to Kevin's computer was an unauthorized test set which could be used to tap into private phone lines.

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Only the telephone company and through them legally authorized law enforcement officers are allowed to use test sets.

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Incredibly, the authorities found photographs Kevin Poulson had taken of himself breaking into a telephone

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switching trailer then using the equipment inside.

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Kevin's ego provided the phone company with the evidence they needed to bring in the FBI.

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We determined that the acts that Poulson was involved in had escalated.

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We found evidence that Poulson had penetrated the United States government computer and had transferred

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the passwords of that computer, the electronic mail, to other individuals.

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Investigators found that over the last year someone matching Kevin Poulson's description had illegally

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entered several Northern California telephone facilities using a false ID.

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We discovered that Mr. Poulson and we documented at least three cases where he had actually entered the buildings.

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Hi, can I help you?

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Yeah.

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I'm in the Park Office.

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I'm here to check out the ESS.

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The ESS equipment is up on the second floor.

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Once inside the building, the intruder found telephone numbers he could use to get inside the phone company's computer system.

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He also stole manuals, switching equipment and a test set like the one found in Kevin Poulson's apartment.

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Kevin Poulson had allegedly infiltrated U.S. military computer transmissions, obtaining classified army information.

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Authorities believe he also obtained classified information about the FBI investigation of

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overthrown Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos.

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In addition, he may have wire tapped and tape recorded the phone conversations of his friend, Sean Randall.

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The test set found in Kevin's apartment and his possession of the unlisted Soviet number led the FBI to believe that Kevin Poulson might be engaging in espionage.

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Through the investigation, we learned that Poulson had a secret clearance.

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Because of this, his penetration of the United States Army government computer, his appointment with the FBI,

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his penetration of the United States Army government computer, his obtaining of a non-published number the Soviet consulate gave his grave concern as to how far Poulson was going with these criminal acts.

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On October 19, 1989, a two-year investigation resulted in a 19-count indictment against Kevin Poulson and two fellow hackers.

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They were charged with conspiracy, computer fraud, wiretapping, embezzlement and theft of public property and records.

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The two other men were arrested and now await trial, but Kevin Poulson has fled.

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The FBI is making him out to be a dangerous person because he has the knowledge to do things that he is not supposed to do.

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And that is, he does things that are illegal.

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But as far as hurting people goes, Kevin is the kind of person who would rather know how to do things than actually do them.

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We feel that Poulson probably started out as any heck because of curiosity, but as the years wore on, his curiosity became unsatisfied.

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He crossed the line from mere curiosity into that of intentionally committing criminal acts to further this quest for power.

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That gives us concern. Law enforcement, government or even private citizens out there.

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Poulson certainly has the potential to be a danger to any one of these three.

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Kevin Poulson is 25 years old and 5 feet 8 inches tall with a slim build.

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He has used the surnames Drake, Locke and Cooper, as well as the aliases Walter Kovacs and John Anderson.

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The FBI has information that Poulson may be living in the Los Angeles area and driving a white late 70s van.

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He is an expert in the computer operating system called UNIX and may be working in a related field.

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One can only speculate about what motivated Kevin Poulson.

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Those who knew him before he fled agree that he is an unusually talented and bright young man, possibly a genius.

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But now he is a wanted man facing up to 37 years in prison.

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Update. Shortly after our broadcast, the FBI received information that Kevin Poulson was living near Los Angeles, California.

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Our San Francisco office advised us that Poulson had some acquaintances in the Los Angeles area.

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We went out and interviewed those acquaintances and one of them advised us that he had been seen in the not too distant past at Hughes Market.

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We then went out and interviewed all the employees at Hughes Market and displayed his photograph.

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Three weeks later, Poulson returned to the supermarket.

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I walked past Kevin and it dawned on me that that's the person in the photo.

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And adrenaline was pumping in me. I felt really nervous and didn't want to be led any suspicion on to Kevin.

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That we were on to him.

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Brian immediately notified the FBI. However, Poulson was able to leave the store before agents could respond.

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It's the FBI informed me that Kevin Poulson had been seen at the Van Ishevs Market at about 10 or 10 30 in the evening.

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I decided to surveil the market thinking Kevin may show up again.

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At about 10 minutes to midnight, Kevin Poulson arrived. I drove up and parked immediately in front of the market.

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Once Kevin was in the store, I took a position near the front door and asked the security guard to go find Brian Bridges, the evening manager,

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and bring him to my location so I could tell him that Kevin Poulson was in the store.

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Believing that Poulson would again elude capture, two store clerks made a daring move.

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Security!

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A security guard escorted Poulson to a store room where he was held until FBI agents arrived and

placed him under arrest.

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During the search of Mr. Poulson, we found some handcuffs in his eyeglass cases.

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During the time that he was in custody, he claimed that his contact lenses were drying out and he had asked for his eyeglass cases to be sent to him.

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So I'm assuming that he was looking for the handcuffs.

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The Friendships

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The friendships he make as children often fade with a passage of time, enduring only his pleasant memories.

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But for the woman in her next story, a friendship with a young girl who is battling cancer has

survived the years and become a lifelong search.

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Tonight she asks for your help in finding her special childhood friend and fulfilling a promise she made more than 20 years ago.

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When she was seven years old, La Harriet Wade was admitted to Children's Hospital in Los Angeles, California.

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She was scheduled to undergo surgery to remove several large tumors from her throat.

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Although extremely painful, La Harriet's condition was not life-threatening.

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I was a little nervous about being left in there at home because it was all new to me.

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I had gone back and forth for a task but I wasn't actually, you know, placed in there before and

this time I was being there and my parents wouldn't be there.

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Oh, Mommy, look at those.

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00:35:28,280 --> 00:35:30,280

They look nice. You want me to get you some?

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00:35:31,280 --> 00:35:32,280

Yes.

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00:35:32,280 --> 00:35:33,280

Okay, La Harriet.

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La Harriet shared a room with eight-year-old Sherita Lynn Harding.

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Sherita had been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer and she too was scheduled to undergo surgery.

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I like your flowers.

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Thank you.

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I have dogs too.

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Would you like to play with one?

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Yes.

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I looked up to Sherita because once she was older, she's about a year older than I, and she was there for me.

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She was there first, so she kind of initiated me of being in a new place, a new atmosphere.

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This part would be blue right here.

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In the days that followed, a warm and caring friendship blossomed.

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La Harriet and Sherita spent their days playing games and pulling pranks on the hospital staff.

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We were in our own blue world.

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There was no adults around to come in and tell us what to do.

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We created a closeness, so she was kind of like a sister.

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We had gotten into that relationship.

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There was a bond there because we mattered to one another.

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We looked out for what went on, and we had something in common, and that was our illnesses itself.

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Visiting hours are now over. All visitors, please leave.

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As a time for Sherita's operation near, she was forced to endure a nightly routine of painful pre-surgical treatments.

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I would watch when they would come in for the testing.

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She wouldn't really scream out, but you'd hear a little shrill or something like that.

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When I look over, she would turn away and, you know, like, this is not happening to me.

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I would be angry with the doctors because it was, you know, it was like, why are you hurting her?

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But through it all, she was tough.

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And actually, she was a lot stronger than I.

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And her problem really, as I got older and understood more, was worse than mine.

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Hold on. Okay.

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Okay.

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10 p.m., a night of Sherita's operation.

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After several hours of surgery, Sherita was returned to the room.

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I was afraid, really afraid.

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I felt them taking her away did something to her that changed her altogether.

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Mommy, is this going to happen to me?

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00:38:08,280 --> 00:38:10,280

No, honey, this isn't going to happen to you.

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She has a different type of operation than you're going to have.

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And when she grows up, she's not going to be able to have any babies.

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So that's when my mother explained to me that Sherita had had a very, very delicate surgery

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and that she wouldn't be able to have kids.

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And I remember feeling like, oh, that, you know, was just the worst thing in the world.

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Everybody, Sherita's parents, the doctors, they all went out in the hall to talk.

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And Sherita, she was lying in her bed, just lying there and she had tears in her eyes.

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So it made me feel real, it made me feel sad that I couldn't help her.

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Don't worry. Are you feeling all right?

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I'm sorry you're feeling so bad.

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Does it hurt?

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I'm sorry.

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00:38:59,280 --> 00:39:00,280

I'm sorry.

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Does it hurt?

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I said, you don't have to cry.

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00:39:10,280 --> 00:39:24,280

I said, because if, if I ever have a baby, I said, you can share it with me and we can both be its mommy.

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I said, I don't even name it Sherita after you.

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I said, I don't even name it Sherita after you.

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Five weeks after La Harriet Wade and Sherita Harding first met, the day came for them to say goodbye.

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La Harriet's operation was a success and she was sent home.

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But Sherita had to remain in the hospital for further treatment.

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Let me take a picture of you.

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00:40:00,280 --> 00:40:07,280

When we left, we took pictures and I remember not wanting to say goodbye to her.

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00:40:07,280 --> 00:40:09,280

I felt like I was losing a sister.

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I hope I see you soon.

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00:40:13,280 --> 00:40:14,280

Bye YouTube.

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The two girls agreed to continue their friendship by phone.

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But two months later, La Harriet's family moved to New Mexico and the young friends soon lost touch.

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Bye.

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00:40:26,280 --> 00:40:28,280

Yes, can I speak to Sherita Harding?

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In 1975, the Wade family returned to Los Angeles.

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Thank you.

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La Harriet called every Harding listed in the phone book that was unable to locate Sherita.

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Seven years ago, La Harriet married and is now known as Nikki Crowder.

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Today, she is a mother of a healthy three-year-old daughter whom she plans to baptize Sherita.

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It is Nikki's hope that Sherita will in Harding to become godmother to Nikki's little girl.

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I want my daughter to know Sherita because she's a very special person in my life

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and bringing those two together will be perfect for me.

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I think of Sherita all the time.

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I've never ever stopped really ever thinking about Sherita.

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Even though she's not around, she's still the best friend in the sense of the memories.

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I think when you hold on to a memory, it can't be altered, you know, so she's still a best friend.

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Sherita gave me a lot and she never took anything back from me and that's what a real friend is.

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If I have a baby, we can share it.

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And I promise, I promise, I'll name her after you.

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If I saw Sherita, I'd tell her that I didn't forget the promise, you know.

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00:41:51,280 --> 00:41:54,280

That's what I tell her, I didn't forget the promise.

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I promise, I'll name her after you.

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A few minutes after Nikki's story aired, we learned that Sherita Lynn Harding was alive and well and living in Oklahoma.

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We immediately contacted Nikki with a good news.

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Just ten days after our broadcast and more than twenty-one years after they said goodbye,

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Sherita Lynn Harding and Nikki Crowder were finally reunited at Nikki's home in Los Angeles.

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Oh my God.

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I can't believe it.

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It's been a long time.

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Twenty.

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I'm so glad to see you.

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I'm so glad you're alive.

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I don't think Nikki has changed that much.

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00:42:39,280 --> 00:42:42,280

She was always caring, giving person.

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It seems like she still is the same.

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00:42:44,280 --> 00:42:50,280

She would have to be to try to find me in, you know, all these years and be so persistent about it.

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Father in the name of Jesus, watch over this child, protect her all of the days of her life.

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On October 20th, 1990, Nikki Crowder was finally able to fulfill her promise.

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A child is a gift you can't buy.

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It's the most perfect gift in the world and it comes from God and nobody should be deprived of that.

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Whether they have it naturally or can share it with somebody, you know, and that's something that I wanted to share with Sherita.

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Because of all the joy and strength she gave me, I could give her back something that she missed.

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Lord, bless them even as God parents.

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Cause your spirit to rest upon them.

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Being a godmother is special to me because I don't have any kids.

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And, you know, this is giving me a child of my own that I, you know, can share.

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I'm just honored.

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So I'll try to live up to it as best as I can.

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I'm very happy.

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Very happy that I've got Sherita.

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And now I can go on and I can go on on a positive note because she's a liar.

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And I just like to say thanks to everybody.

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I christened the show here, Kennedy Crowder.

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All the stories.

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Thank you.