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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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40 miles east of Tombstone, Arizona lies a rugged and forbidding mountain pass, Skeleton

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Canyon. A century ago it was a site of murder and betrayal as outlaws fought over a fortune

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in stolen golden jewels, a dazzling treasure which continues to tantalize fortune seekers

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to this day.

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March 1990, Fayetteville, North Carolina. A brutal attack leaves a young woman disfigured

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and near death. Miraculously, she survived to tell the horrifying story. Police need

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your help to find her attacker.

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The Virgin Islands, a vacationer's paradise. In the last several years this tropical paradise

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has been plagued by the strange deaths of five local residents. Police believe the killer

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is a devious con man who uses phony voodoo rituals to trap his prey.

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Also tonight a gothic tale of wealth and greed. An eccentric reckless has left behind a four

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million dollar estate and destroyed all traces of her past. Join me. You may be able to help

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solve a mystery.

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St. Croix, the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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This popular vacation spot attracts more than one and a half million visitors from the continental

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United States each year. But even America's paradise can have a dark side.

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November 18, 1988. Just after 9.30 p.m., St. Croix police are called to the scene of

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what was reported to be a minor traffic accident. They find a local woman, Rada Maharaj, in

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the car, apparently suffering from internal injuries. She will later die en route to the

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hospital. Less than one hour later, another body is discovered 16 miles away. The dead

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man is Krishnodarth Maharaj, Rada's husband. The investigation revealed three unusual clues.

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The clothing worn by both victims was saturated with seawater. \$25,000 in cash belonging to

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the couple had vanished. And the agent of both deaths was cyanide. Incredibly, the Maharajes

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brought to five the number of cyanide poisonings on St. Croix since 1984. Authorities began

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to suspect that all five deaths were linked to voodoo. This is documentary footage of

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a voodoo ceremony in Haiti. Contrary to popular belief, there is nothing inherently sinister

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about voodoo. It is a unique blend of Roman Catholicism and African tradition practiced

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predominantly in Haiti and Louisiana. In this ceremony, the participants honor the spirits

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of their deceased ancestors, some of whom they believe have become deities. Many of us mistakenly

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think of voodoo as curses, hexes, effigy dolls and potions. But these exist more often in

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the realm of oboea, an underground form of sorcery unconnected to voodoo, but common

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in many parts of the Caribbean. Like all forms of sorcery, oboea has malevolent potential.

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The priests in St. Croix have come to believe that the five cyanide poisonings on their

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island are the work of a master con man who practices oboea, but tries to cloak himself

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in voodoo. He lures his victims into a vicious web of deceit and murder.

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The Virgin Islands are an ethnic and religious polyglot. Nearly everyone comes from somewhere

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else. Rada and Krishnodarth Maharaj were both born in the Caribbean, but their parents

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had immigrated from Indigah. The Maharajers owned a small grocery store. Rada's two daughters

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from her first marriage helped run the business.

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We were to win very good. I mean, we probably couldn't afford a new car or anything like

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that, but we were paying our bills and we didn't have food to eat, and we were all well,

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we were strong and healthy, and we were all working hard, especially my mother.

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Several months before they died, the Maharajers took out a loan to enlarge the grocery. They

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soon found themselves in a financial bind.

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The last week that they were alive, they were very tense, and especially when I spoke to

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my mother about what they were doing, she didn't like for me to ask all those things.

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I'm sorry I couldn't meet last week. Yes, some emergency had come.

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According to their daughters, the Maharajers also began receiving daily phone calls from

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a mysterious man.

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Usually I answered the phone and this man would ask to speak to my stepfather. As soon

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as I gave it to him, he would ask me to go outside because he had something private to

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discuss. Three weeks before the Maharajers died, they

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brought home \$25,000 in cash borrowed from Rada's relatives.

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She told us that this is what they had to pay to the gentleman. So I asked her, well,

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why? She said, well, don't ask me any questions. By Monday you will know what it's all about.

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At approximately 7.30pm on Friday, November 18th, two hours before Rada would be found

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near death in her car, she left home in Drove East.

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For her to actually go out alone is something very strange for me. And for her to go out

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at night, that is even more strange because she didn't ever go anywhere at night. Never.

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Thirty minutes later, Krishna Doth drove off in the opposite direction, presumably to meet

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the mysterious man.

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I still don't see why my mother and stepfather got involved with this man. The only thing

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I could think about perhaps is he probably promised that if they gave him a certain amount

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of money, he would probably give them back three or four times the amount.

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Perhaps no one will ever know exactly what transpired that night. Less than two hours

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after leaving home, Rada Maharaja's car was coasting gently out of control near a local

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beach. Inexplicably, her dress was soaked with seawater. She was unconscious and near

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death, but there were no outward signs of struggle or foul play. Sixteen miles away,

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Krishna Doth Maharaja was found lying by the side of a beachfront road. Oddly, he was clad

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only in a pair of shorts which were also saturated with seawater. Once again, there

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were no signs of struggle or foul play. The police told me that they believed that mom

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tried to commit suicide, probably because she and my stepfather had quarreled about something

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so very big that there was no way they could patch it up. That is nonsense.

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The autopsy's of Rada and Krishna Doth Maharaja revealed that they had both died from cyanide

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poisoning. Incredibly, two years earlier, another St. Croix couple, Ed Stoll Striden

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and Carmen Torres, had died under eerily similar circumstances. In 1986, Ed Stoll Striden

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and Carmen Torres owned a small neighborhood bar. Like the Maharajas, they took out a loan

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to expand their establishment. They converted the loan into cash, \$54,000. At dusk on September

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13, 1986, Ed Stoll and Carmen left home in Ed Stoll's pickup truck. Their daughter would

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later recall that her father had slipped a small bottle into his pocket before he left.

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It was the last time she saw her parents alive. Three hours later, Carmen Torres was found

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near death less than half a mile from the spot where Rada Maharaja was found. Like Rada,

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Carmen was drenched in seawater and died within minutes of being taken to the hospital. She

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too was killed by cyanide. Ed Stoll Striden was found dead in his truck on a nearby beach.

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His shorts were soaked with seawater. He had also died of cyanide poisoning and the \$54,000

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in cash was missing. Police flashed back two years to 1984 and another cyanide death.

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Thirty-eight-year-old Hague Caesar, who had immigrated to St. Croix ten years earlier

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from Dominica, police believed that the death of Hague Caesar was linked either to Obia

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or to a twisted form of voodoo. On the morning of May 24, 1984, a young girl on her way to

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school came upon a car that had apparently run off the road. Behind the wheel was Hague

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Caesar, dead. He appeared to be dead for several hours. There was no indication of foul play

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in his struggle. I think this guy might have had a heart attack. The autopsy was performed the next

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day and the results of that examination showed that he had died from cyanide poisoning.

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We didn't know whether he had induced the poison himself or whether it was given by someone else.

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We started talking to people and we later found out that he had made contact with an individual

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that might be involved in voodoo. What he said is that the men had told them

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that there were three large jars of coins buried on the property that we owned and that

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the coins were being guarded by spirits, ancient spirits. And in order to get those coins,

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they would have to get rid of the spirits. And there was a ritual and ceremony that went with that.

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And in order to do that, they would need to raise some money.

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Before his death, Hague Caesar apparently paid \$100,000 in cash to an obieller who claimed he

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could manipulate voodoo rituals to remove the evil spirits. I can't feel something.

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Jumbo's presence really here. I can't feel it. There's a lot of gold on this land.

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When you come up with the balance and the money, I have a portion. It'll loosen up the

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jumpy. And then you can't get it when you have the rest of the money. All right,

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don't worry about that. I'll come up with the money. When I found out about all the money he

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00:12:38,520 --> 00:12:41,880

was borrowing and all the cash that he had taken out of our accounts and everything,

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00:12:41,880 --> 00:12:47,560

we don't even let him know. I really was very angry about it. And shocked,

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overall just shocked that he would have taken it so far.

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Police now believe that on the night he died, Hague Caesar went to the spot where the obieman

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had said a treasure of priceless coins was buried. The obieman's lethal scam called for Caesar to

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drink a potion and thus drive away the spirits guarding the coins. The potion turned out to be cyanide.

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There is no way of knowing whether Hague Caesar was alone when he drank the cyanide.

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By the time his body was discovered the next day, less than a mile from his property,

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both the obieman and the hundred thousand dollars had vanished.

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I knew that he was aware of, you know, obie and voodoo. I mean, most people who live in the islands are.

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I thought he was smart enough, intelligent enough, aware enough to know that, you know,

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00:13:44,920 --> 00:13:50,360

it wasn't real. When you come up with the rest of the money, I have a poor son.

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Were all five deaths the work of an obieman? When you have the rest of the money.

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If so, was the man who promised buried treasure to Hague Caesar the same one who telephoned the

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Maharajah? Yeah, 25,000. Come on, honey, we gotta go. Was he also the man Edsville Striden

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and Carmantoras went to meet on the night they died? Only one thing is certain, the similarities

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in all three cases go far beyond coincidence. The connection between the Maharajahs, Carmantoras,

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Edsville Striden and Hague Caesar came from what we theorize is someone in the community

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that was a conduit between this individual and the potential victims. This person probably

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know these people in the community, knows the lifestyle and knows the capability of the financial

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the financial status. It's very hard to understand why people would want to cheat and kill.

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And if somebody doesn't find him, then I don't believe that there is any justice in this world.

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If somebody doesn't find that man.

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The man who has murdered five people in St. Croix is believed to travel throughout the Caribbean

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and even into the continental United States. There are rumors that he has been seen in Florida.

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He speaks with a heavy French West Indian accent.

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When we return, a legend of an outlaw ambush in the wild west and a buried treasure allegedly worth millions.

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Who among us has not imagined what it would be like to discover a buried treasure?

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The very thought brings a promise of romance and adventure.

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Some people spend their entire lives searching for legendary hidden fortunes.

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One such elusive fortune lies in the forbidding Arizona desert.

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Its legend springs from a notorious tale of desperados, deception and greed.

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Stretching 20 miles across Arizona's eastern border, the jagged mountain ravine whose very name

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reflects its dark and treacherous past. Skeleton Canyon. A century ago thieves and robbers from

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Mexico frequented this rugged landscape, smuggling stolen riches into the United States.

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Legend holds it somewhere near this mysterious canyon lays a buried cache of golden jewels.

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According to some, it is a wild west's largest unclaimed treasure.

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I spent a night at Skeleton Canyon about two years ago, full moonlight, and I must admit the

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hair never went down on my back once, that entire night. I just have a second sense that there was

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just too much to go on that went on here, not to be a treasure involved with it somehow.

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No, I don't believe that there is a Skeleton Canyon treasure waiting out there to be found.

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It's a known fact that it's a real treasure. This is one of the treasures that's absolutely real.

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Legend of Skeleton Canyon begins in a small Mexican village.

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In 1881, a con artist named Jim Hughes learned that a gang of Mexican banditos had looted the

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town of Monterey. They were planning to smuggle their booty into the United States.

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Hughes himself was a member of the infamous Curlybill-Broschus gang which operated out of Arizona.

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Hughes was able to infiltrate them because he spoke fluent Spanish and he found out that the

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gang was coming back to Skeleton Canyon. The reports that I read, the myriad of books, and

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the treasure magazines as far back as 1964 reported the treasure to be worth anywhere from 2.5 million

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dollars all the way, and I've seen reports of it being worth up to 8 million dollars.

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Hughes rode back to Arizona and told his cronies of the treasure.

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They made plans to ambush the smugglers.

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The Astralta gang had come out of Mexico through Sonora and were going through

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what was later to become known as Skeleton Canyon, and they were about a mile to two miles in the

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Arizona side, right outside of an area called Devil's Kitchen.

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The men in the rocks shot the Mexicans out their mouths and some coins in the contraband

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were being scattered all over the canyon. In order to stop the mules from scattering and

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taking the loot with them, the gang, the Curlybill-Broschus gang, were shooting the mules.

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The outlaws now had their treasure, but without mules, they had no way of moving it out of the canyon.

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Part of the loot was divided up on the spot. The rest was buried to be retrieved later,

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but two members of the gang had different ideas.

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Zwing Hunt and Billy Grounds were fairly good friends, and they decided that while the rest of

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the gang was out in the local bars in Galeyville or Shakespeare or Tucson or wherever they went,

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spending their money, they'll gotten fortune that they would double cross the gang and come back into the canyon.

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According to the legend, they were able to find a Mexican teamster,

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talked him into bringing his team and forces into Skeleton Canyon and removing the treasure,

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and of course he was later killed because they wanted to keep the new hiding place as a secret.

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I feel very sure of my own mind that it's very likely that the treasure is still

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buried within the vicinity of Skeleton Canyon, probably no more than 30 miles away.

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Fearing retribution from their ex-partners, Zwing Hunt and Billy Grounds went into hiding.

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They found a desert cave where they remained for nearly four months.

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During this period, Billy Grounds penned a number of letters to his sister Maggie in San Antonio.

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00:20:43,800 --> 00:20:47,720

Billy wanted her to know where the treasure was hidden should anything happen to him.

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Billy said we'll venture it out once a week to give the letters to a passing stagecoach.

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Treasure hunter Fern Hamill claims to have seen and copied portions of nine of the letters.

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He refused to show us his copies but agreed to divulge their contents.

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In the letters it told about the cave and how long they were on the road.

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They moved all night with the treasure from dark until sun up before they stopped to bury it.

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And then they went to the cave. One of the letters, he's writing to his sister,

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he said there's a cave at the mouth of the canyon. I found that cave and he goes back 80 feet and

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we even dug in the cave and found old ropes that was buried in there.

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00:21:45,160 --> 00:21:50,600

And one of the things in the letter it said from our lookout you can see the

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turf growing back over where we buried the treasure down in the valley.

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I have found all the clues that there is in the letters every one of them.

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00:22:04,520 --> 00:22:11,480

When I once found the right place to look where everything fit and everything is there.

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00:22:11,480 --> 00:22:16,040

So I know the treasure is I'm near where it's at. It's there.

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Billy Grounds who is supposed to have written the letters was a 19-year-old Texas cowboy

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rustler type who had migrated from Texas to Arizona. It's unlikely to me that he would have

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been writing home detailed letters about hey we robbed these Mexicans and we've buried this huge

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treasure. Here's how to find it. Maggie was Billy Grounds' sister and she, her and a man,

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had spent two years living in a cave out there looking for this treasure and we found this vase

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00:22:53,160 --> 00:23:01,720

in a cave. It says Maggie on it 1885 World's Fair. So I know that was Billy Grounds' sister

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00:23:02,440 --> 00:23:05,560

that was there looking for this treasure for two years she spent there.

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00:23:09,160 --> 00:23:16,040

March 19th, 1882, the Sheriffs Posse cornered Billy Grounds and Zwing haunted a remote desert outpost.

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00:23:18,440 --> 00:23:19,560

Zwing come on out of there.

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00:23:22,680 --> 00:23:34,520

In the ensuing shootout Billy was killed. Zwing was seriously injured.

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00:23:45,640 --> 00:23:50,520

In Tombstone, Zwing hot revealed a secret location of the treasure to his uncle who

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00:23:50,520 --> 00:23:59,720

drew up a detailed map. Zwing later managed to escape only to be killed in an Indian attack.

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00:24:01,640 --> 00:24:09,080

It seems to me that it's another typical treasure hunting yarn. It's always somewhat removed from

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00:24:09,080 --> 00:24:16,040

the original documents. We never get to see the map. We never get to examine it for its

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00:24:16,040 --> 00:24:20,920

genuineness or see if it matches up with any handwriting samples we might have.

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00:24:23,080 --> 00:24:26,920

Fern Hamer claims to have seen a map made by Zwing hunt's uncle.

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00:24:29,240 --> 00:24:35,480

The map shows the canyon and it shows where the cave is. Everything matches.

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00:24:36,520 --> 00:24:45,560

But I think the treasure now on account of the earthquake in 1886, I think the treasure is around

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00:24:45,560 --> 00:24:55,480

20 feet deep. Part of the mountain caved off on it. And so we got millions of tons of rock to find

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00:24:55,480 --> 00:25:03,320

it. We don't know right where to dig it. Today, even though there are a great many skeptics,

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00:25:03,320 --> 00:25:08,600

the legend of buried treasure in Skeleton Canyon continues to attract fortune hunters from around

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00:25:08,600 --> 00:25:18,200

the world. I think the Skeleton Canyon treasure is a very plausible story from the standpoint that

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00:25:18,200 --> 00:25:25,560

every time it would rain somebody's skull would show up. Our bones of a mule would be exposed or

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00:25:25,560 --> 00:25:31,960

another coin would become evident. And compared to a lot of other stories, it's got a lot more

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00:25:31,960 --> 00:25:39,160

plausibility than I would say the lost Dutchman mine, for instance. It is possible that there's a

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00:25:39,160 --> 00:25:46,280

Skeleton Canyon treasure out there to be found somewhere. But the initial reports given by the

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00:25:46,280 --> 00:25:52,120

Mexican government, given in the local press, indicate that there was a very small amount of

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00:25:52,120 --> 00:25:58,200

money taken, which would have been spent very, very quickly. Thus, I don't think there was a

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00:25:58,200 --> 00:26:06,200

treasure given historical sources to hide and thus for 20th century Americans to find.

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00:26:07,160 --> 00:26:11,800

When I find the treasure, I'll stop looking for it. That's it. It will be when I'll stop.

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00:26:13,240 --> 00:26:19,000

Because I know it's real. This treasure is real and I know I've found the right place where it's

at.

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00:26:19,000 --> 00:26:21,320

Everything is real.

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00:26:21,320 --> 00:26:28,680

Is there a treasure buried beneath the forebooting walls of Skeleton Canyon?

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00:26:29,400 --> 00:26:33,640

Or is it merely another fable left over from the days of the Wild West?

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00:26:36,840 --> 00:26:41,480

In over 100 years of scouring the region, treasure hunters have unearthed the multitude of bleached

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00:26:41,480 --> 00:26:46,520

bones and a handful of Mexican coins. They are convinced they are the remnants of the ambush

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00:26:46,520 --> 00:26:51,000

in Skeleton Canyon. Although people have searched for the elusive treasure for years,

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00:26:51,000 --> 00:26:53,720

at this time it is illegal to dig in the area.

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00:26:57,080 --> 00:27:03,000

When we return, a terrifying story of a woman attacked and robbed along a highway in North Carolina.

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00:27:03,800 --> 00:27:21,160

March 22, 1990, Business Route 95 just outside Fayetteville, North Carolina. State troopers

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00:27:21,160 --> 00:27:25,160

Chris Do and Ron Knight stopped to compare notes during a routine patrol.

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00:27:27,160 --> 00:27:32,040

About two minutes into the conversation, a lady walked down the woods about 75 yards away

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00:27:32,680 --> 00:27:38,280

and started towards us, staggering. The other trooper had set up binoculars and he looked at her

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00:27:38,280 --> 00:27:44,440

through the binoculars and saw that she appeared to be injured. She had blood on her shoulders

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00:27:44,440 --> 00:27:46,200

and she was coming in our direction.

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00:27:57,480 --> 00:28:01,960

I laid her on the ground and the other trooper went to his car and called for an ambulance.

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00:28:02,120 --> 00:28:07,160

And shortly thereafter, an ambulance arrived and transported the lady to the hospital.

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00:28:16,280 --> 00:28:20,520

The young woman had been shot once in the face with a 12 gauge double barrel shotgun.

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00:28:21,240 --> 00:28:27,000

Her left jaw was completely shattered and she was unable to speak. She carried no identification.

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00:28:27,800 --> 00:28:32,360

It was not until 10 hours later when her condition had stabilized that she was able to

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00:28:32,360 --> 00:28:37,560

write down her mother's name and telephone number. Police discovered that the young woman was from

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00:28:37,560 --> 00:28:41,240

Winston Salem, North Carolina, 120 miles away.

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00:28:45,400 --> 00:28:49,640

Detective Ken Bishop of the Winston Salem Police Department worked on the case with

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00:28:49,640 --> 00:28:53,400

Fayetteville detectives. This is getting too hard on her and you just put a stop to it.

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00:28:53,400 --> 00:28:59,800

I want to let you know that she cannot talk. She can only write. I also want to warn you that

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00:28:59,800 --> 00:29:03,560

her injuries were massive. I want to prepare you for what you're going to say.

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00:29:04,520 --> 00:29:08,520

Okay. Good morning.

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00:29:09,880 --> 00:29:13,640

Brought two fellows in to see you. We have Detective.

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00:29:14,200 --> 00:29:20,600

He did take us in and introduced us to her. We conducted probably a 30 minute interview with her.

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00:29:21,400 --> 00:29:27,080

That was probably the most severe injury I've ever seen for a person that survived.

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00:29:28,360 --> 00:29:31,000

Do you know where the liquor store was when you stopped?

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00:29:32,120 --> 00:29:37,400

The victim seemed to remember everything. Who she could not yet speak, she wrote down detailed

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00:29:37,400 --> 00:29:43,480

descriptions of the attack and her attacker. Working with her, a police artist created this

drawing.

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00:29:44,200 --> 00:29:56,200

It's important that this man be caught because he is not rational. He's very dangerous and he may harm someone else.

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00:29:57,160 --> 00:30:03,800

This story depicts a brutal, senseless crime. It may not be easy to watch. However, police fear that if the

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00:30:03,800 --> 00:30:10,280

man responsible is not apprehended, he could strike again. The young woman who is victimized courageously

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00:30:10,760 --> 00:30:16,760

agreed to be interviewed. Because she is requested we not use her real name. We will call her Debbie.

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00:30:18,760 --> 00:30:25,000

On the morning of March 22, 1990, Debbie made a large cash withdrawal from the First Union Bank in

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00:30:25,000 --> 00:30:28,600

Winston-Salem. She left the bank at 9.40 a.m.

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00:30:33,640 --> 00:30:37,000

Go up a ride. Just start the car. Start the car.

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00:30:41,160 --> 00:30:45,160

We'll have the money. We'll have the money. We'll get you a doctor.

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00:30:48,760 --> 00:30:53,160

Debbie told police that the man forced her to drive to a liquor store three miles away.

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00:30:54,520 --> 00:30:57,160

Stop the car. Give me the keys. Give me the keys.

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00:30:59,000 --> 00:31:03,960

The man went inside to buy whiskey, holding Debbie's car keys and watching her like a hawk.

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00:31:10,360 --> 00:31:17,960

Debbie was petrified with fear. The man had threatened to kill everyone in the liquor store if she tried to make a run for it.

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00:31:23,960 --> 00:31:27,960

Start the car. Start the car.

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00:31:33,800 --> 00:31:35,080

Let's get out of here.

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00:31:36,040 --> 00:31:41,720

The man ordered Debbie to take Interstate 40 heading east and 421 south toward Fayetteville.

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00:31:42,520 --> 00:31:49,480

For nearly four agonizing hours he threatened her life. He drank happily and bragged that he had once killed a man in New York.

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00:31:50,120 --> 00:31:52,360

But Debbie, the journey was a living hell.

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00:31:53,480 --> 00:31:59,240

A lot of the time he just wouldn't talk to me at all. And when he did he was very obviously very angry.

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00:31:59,640 --> 00:32:09,640

He got worse as time went on because he was drinking also liquor and he would just get more angry and more irrational.

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00:32:10,680 --> 00:32:16,360

And I got more afraid knowing I could not reason with him.

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00:32:20,200 --> 00:32:24,600

About three miles north of Fayetteville, the man forced Debbie to pull off the road.

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00:32:25,240 --> 00:32:28,040

Get out. Get out.

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00:32:29,240 --> 00:32:32,040

I'm sick. Dumbads.

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00:32:32,840 --> 00:32:34,760

I'm sick. Get over here.

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00:32:34,760 --> 00:32:38,760

Well, that's what we're doing now.

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00:32:38,960 --> 00:32:42,560

We are going to make a northern part of New York City for you to replace.

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00:32:42,760 --> 00:32:54,760

You

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00:32:54,960 --> 00:32:59,760

You

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00:32:59,760 --> 00:33:05,520

At almost that same moment, state trooper Ron Knight

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00:33:05,520 --> 00:33:08,120

noticed the gray station wagon.

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00:33:08,120 --> 00:33:11,400

I was going to cross over and check the vehicle.

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00:33:11,400 --> 00:33:13,940

And just about this time, I met a speeding vehicle traveling

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00:33:13,940 --> 00:33:15,360

south on 95 business.

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00:33:15,360 --> 00:33:17,680

So I turned and pursued after this vehicle.

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00:33:30,080 --> 00:33:31,560

Oh, I'm so scared.

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00:33:31,560 --> 00:33:33,160

You're going to get to nowhere.

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00:33:33,160 --> 00:33:34,160

You get here.

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00:33:40,160 --> 00:33:44,160

Debbie was beaten and sexually assaulted, then left for dead.

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00:33:54,440 --> 00:33:56,640

The next day, Debbie's station wagon

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00:33:56,640 --> 00:33:59,440

would be found abandoned 300 miles away

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00:33:59,440 --> 00:34:02,680

in Hamilton County, Florida, just south of the Georgia state

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00:34:02,680 --> 00:34:03,680

line.

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00:34:10,680 --> 00:34:11,560

Thanks, 423.

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00:34:11,560 --> 00:34:12,460

Come in.

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00:34:12,460 --> 00:34:13,360

I'm coming in.

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00:34:13,360 --> 00:34:14,320

Roger, I'll get that.

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00:34:14,320 --> 00:34:18,400

Authorities in Fayetteville investigated the crime scene.

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00:34:18,400 --> 00:34:20,320

Ron, looks like we might have some gloves here.

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00:34:20,320 --> 00:34:21,220

OK.

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00:34:21,220 --> 00:34:28,020

The search turned up a dark blue P-jacket and brown cloth

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00:34:28,020 --> 00:34:29,100

gloves.

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00:34:29,100 --> 00:34:30,740

Debbie told authorities he'd been

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00:34:30,740 --> 00:34:33,500

warned by the man who attacked her.

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00:34:33,500 --> 00:34:36,540

The navy blue P-jacket and the brown cotton work gloves

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00:34:36,540 --> 00:34:39,500

that were recovered at the Fayetteville crime scene

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00:34:39,500 --> 00:34:42,300

had a strong odor of some type of petroleum

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00:34:42,300 --> 00:34:44,220

product about them.

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00:34:44,220 --> 00:34:45,740

We think we're looking at a person that

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00:34:45,740 --> 00:34:48,020

works around that type of a product.

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00:34:48,020 --> 00:34:50,380

It could possibly be a mechanic, somebody

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00:34:50,420 --> 00:34:54,140

works with greasy Grammy motors, that kind of thing.

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00:34:54,140 --> 00:34:58,180

Possibly even somebody drives a fuel oil, heating oil,

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00:34:58,180 --> 00:34:59,980

type truck.

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00:34:59,980 --> 00:35:02,980

Debbie's assailant was about 5 feet 10 inches tall

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00:35:02,980 --> 00:35:06,980

and weighed between 150 and 160 pounds.

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00:35:06,980 --> 00:35:09,820

He appeared to be in his mid 30s and wore his hair close

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00:35:09,820 --> 00:35:10,860

cropped.

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00:35:10,860 --> 00:35:13,740

Although he abandoned his car in northern Florida,

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00:35:13,740 --> 00:35:15,740

authorities believe he could be anywhere

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00:35:15,740 --> 00:35:18,180

in the United States.

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00:35:18,180 --> 00:35:20,900

I feel like until they find him,

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00:35:20,900 --> 00:35:23,100

I'm going to continually feel like he's there.

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00:35:23,100 --> 00:35:23,900

He's out there.

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00:35:23,900 --> 00:35:31,860

And I know it's unlikely that he will try to find me.

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00:35:31,860 --> 00:35:36,100

But it's that fear of him being there.

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00:35:36,100 --> 00:35:39,300

And that he also might hurt someone else.

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00:35:39,300 --> 00:35:43,180

From the beginning, after my sister was shot,

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00:35:43,180 --> 00:35:50,140

we knew that we wanted her to be careful as far as just

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00:35:50,140 --> 00:35:51,620

seeing herself.

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00:35:51,620 --> 00:35:53,820

We wanted her to be with her doctor

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00:35:53,820 --> 00:35:57,020

and for him to be alongside when she saw herself

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00:35:57,020 --> 00:36:00,140

for the first time after this.

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00:36:00,140 --> 00:36:02,300

A friend happened to send a Mylar balloon

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00:36:02,300 --> 00:36:04,180

that she tied to the foot of her bed.

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00:36:04,180 --> 00:36:07,220

And in the back of this Mylar balloon,

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00:36:07,220 --> 00:36:11,220

she saw herself actually by mistake one day

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00:36:11,220 --> 00:36:13,580

and was alone when this happened.

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00:36:19,100 --> 00:36:21,820

I feel like you have two choices.

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00:36:21,820 --> 00:36:26,780

You can just lie down and cry and die.

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00:36:26,780 --> 00:36:30,900

Or you can live and go on from where you are.

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00:36:30,900 --> 00:36:32,980

And I have so much to live for.

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00:36:32,980 --> 00:36:34,020

I have three children.

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00:36:34,020 --> 00:36:35,660

I have a family.

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00:36:35,660 --> 00:36:39,300

And I have such good friends that there is no reason for me

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00:36:39,300 --> 00:36:46,420

to just feel sorry for myself and do nothing.

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00:36:46,420 --> 00:36:48,500

Debby has had extensive plastic surgery.

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00:36:48,500 --> 00:36:50,980

And doctors hope they'll soon be able to restore her shattered

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00:36:50,980 --> 00:36:53,140

jaw.

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00:36:53,140 --> 00:36:55,340

This is the jacket he was wearing.

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00:36:55,340 --> 00:36:59,980

It is navy blue wool, size 42, with a belt in the back.

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00:36:59,980 --> 00:37:03,100

The jacket is not US Navy issue.

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00:37:03,100 --> 00:37:05,380

Police have physical evidence that will enable them

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00:37:05,380 --> 00:37:08,380

to make a positive identification should a suspect be

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00:37:08,380 --> 00:37:08,980

located.

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00:37:12,460 --> 00:37:14,620

When we return, the bizarre saga,

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00:37:14,620 --> 00:37:17,380

the mysterious records and the unclaimed fortune

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00:37:17,380 --> 00:37:18,340

she left behind.

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00:37:29,860 --> 00:37:36,780

Heavenly Father, we commit the body of our dear sister Dorothea

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00:37:36,780 --> 00:37:40,780

to be consumed by fire.

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00:37:40,780 --> 00:37:44,620

On a dreary January day in 1990, in the tiny English village

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00:37:44,620 --> 00:37:48,260

of Sutton under Brives, an notorious mysterious woman

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00:37:48,260 --> 00:37:50,540

was laid to rest.

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00:37:50,540 --> 00:37:53,380

It was rumored that Dorothea Allen, the wealthiest, most

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00:37:53,380 --> 00:37:55,860

famous resident of the county, had once

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00:37:55,860 --> 00:37:59,700

danced with Fred Astaire and had dinner with Gary Cooper.

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00:37:59,700 --> 00:38:04,380

But when she died at 89, only five people came to mourn her.

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00:38:04,380 --> 00:38:06,380

Amen.

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00:38:07,140 --> 00:38:11,260

In her prime, Dorothea Allen was considered a great beauty.

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00:38:11,260 --> 00:38:14,420

By all accounts, she was devoted to her husband Robert.

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00:38:14,420 --> 00:38:18,300

He died in 1965, and the couple was childless.

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00:38:18,300 --> 00:38:24,580

When Dorothea died, she left no will, only an intricate mystery.

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00:38:24,580 --> 00:38:27,540

The saga of Dorothea Allen, most subplotten characters

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00:38:27,540 --> 00:38:30,020

rivaling any Dickens novel.

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00:38:30,020 --> 00:38:33,580

The most intriguing character, Dorothea herself.

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00:38:33,580 --> 00:38:35,580

She had a quirky mystique.

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00:38:35,580 --> 00:38:38,860

A wealthy business executive, a beauty you have not with movie

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00:38:38,860 --> 00:38:40,260

stars.

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00:38:40,260 --> 00:38:43,180

Yet to some, she was a shrew, mistreating the people

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00:38:43,180 --> 00:38:46,540

who worked for her and hoarding money like a miser.

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00:38:46,540 --> 00:38:49,820

Her \$4 million fortune remains unclaimed

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00:38:49,820 --> 00:38:52,940

because Dorothea had extensive ties in this country.

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00:38:52,940 --> 00:38:56,060

Some think her heirs may be right here in the United States.

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00:39:02,700 --> 00:39:05,220

After Dorothea's death, the British government

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00:39:05,260 --> 00:39:07,820

assigned investigators to search her manor house

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00:39:07,820 --> 00:39:10,460

in an effort to locate the rightful heir.

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00:39:10,460 --> 00:39:12,940

What they found instead was evidence of a woman

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00:39:12,940 --> 00:39:16,060

who had attempted to obliterate all traces of her past.

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00:39:19,300 --> 00:39:22,140

I spent a lot of time going through drawers and cupboards

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00:39:22,140 --> 00:39:25,140

trying to find anything that would give me clues

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00:39:25,140 --> 00:39:27,060

as to who this woman was.

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00:39:27,060 --> 00:39:29,900

And quite frankly, I found very little.

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00:39:29,900 --> 00:39:33,540

We found her passport, which had pages ripped from it.

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00:39:33,740 --> 00:39:36,420

Of course, these are the pages that gave us all the information

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00:39:36,420 --> 00:39:39,580

we might have needed.

403

00:39:39,580 --> 00:39:44,180

When we got upstairs, we found dressing rooms absolutely

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00:39:44,180 --> 00:39:46,820

stashed with the most amazing clothes and shoes.

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00:39:46,820 --> 00:39:50,260

I don't think I've ever seen as many pairs of women's shoes

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00:39:50,260 --> 00:39:52,940

in one place.

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00:39:52,940 --> 00:39:55,420

We looked through photograph albums.

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00:39:55,420 --> 00:39:57,660

And all the pictures had been pulled out of the albums.

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00:39:57,660 --> 00:40:00,180

And someone had taken a pair of scissors to them

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00:40:00,220 --> 00:40:01,820

and cut off the heads.

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00:40:01,820 --> 00:40:04,820

And so we couldn't identify anyone.

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00:40:04,820 --> 00:40:06,980

It was disappointing and frustrating,

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00:40:06,980 --> 00:40:10,380

because at that stage, no one had a clue who she was.

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00:40:13,060 --> 00:40:15,140

Dorothea Allen and her husband, Robert,

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00:40:15,140 --> 00:40:17,260

had always been elusive people.

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00:40:17,260 --> 00:40:20,180

Intensely private, they had kept their backgrounds shrouded

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00:40:20,180 --> 00:40:21,540

in mystery.

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00:40:21,540 --> 00:40:26,260

Even those who knew them best knew little about their past.

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00:40:26,260 --> 00:40:28,460

The Allen's had made their fortune manufacturing

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00:40:28,500 --> 00:40:32,300

plain surgical courses for women, then adding frills,

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00:40:32,300 --> 00:40:36,260

lace, ribbons, and bows to make the courses more feminine.

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00:40:36,260 --> 00:40:38,700

The decorated corsets sold like hotcakes.

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00:40:38,700 --> 00:40:42,140

And Dorothea oversaw every detail.

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00:40:42,140 --> 00:40:43,900

She had an eye for beauty.

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00:40:43,900 --> 00:40:47,300

And she certainly used it.

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00:40:47,300 --> 00:40:50,140

She made that factory a great success.

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00:40:50,140 --> 00:40:53,300

She was an absolute perfectionist.

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00:40:53,300 --> 00:40:56,020

She would count the stitches to the edge

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00:40:56,020 --> 00:40:58,060

on everything that was done.

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00:40:58,060 --> 00:41:00,100

There should be 12 stitches to the end.

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00:41:00,100 --> 00:41:01,260

She'd only done 11.

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00:41:03,820 --> 00:41:07,100

Dorothea was a very nasty piece of work.

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00:41:07,100 --> 00:41:12,140

She ran her servants ragged from what I can gather.

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00:41:12,140 --> 00:41:15,180

I also think she didn't pay very well to her employees

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00:41:15,180 --> 00:41:18,420

and ran quite a strict regime.

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00:41:18,420 --> 00:41:23,580

She demanded people walk out of her office backwards.

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00:41:23,580 --> 00:41:26,940

She was probably quite a ruthless businesswoman.

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00:41:26,940 --> 00:41:28,500

She had a business plan.

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00:41:28,500 --> 00:41:30,340

She was going to make herself rich.

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00:41:30,340 --> 00:41:32,020

And when she got herself rich, she

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was going to go out and spend it and enjoy it.

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She spent very freely.

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00:41:38,860 --> 00:41:43,260

They went on the Queen Mary in great extravagance

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all over the world.

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There are a few pictures which show them on the Queen Mary,

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a time when they weren't able to stop pictures being taken.

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The rest of the time, photographs,

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they just wouldn't allow them to be taken.

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Of course, Mrs. Fairfield, how I remember you.

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And your figures are always so good.

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Do keep it out.

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At Christmas, the Allens entertained only those employees

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who had reached a specific productivity quota.

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A select few were actually allowed to speak to the Allens,

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who felt free to indulge the illusions of grandeur.

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We used to sit right at the end of the room,

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you know, behind a little rope.

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And people used to go up and talk to them.

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And they used to be like royalty, really,

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sort of surveying all before them.

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In 1965, Robert Allen died after a long illness.

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Dorothea's whole life had been built

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about her business and her husband.

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She seemed unable to cope with his death.

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I think she could always count on his support.

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And when he went, she felt her proper gone, I suppose.

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And she just went to pieces, apparently.

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Oh, she was very, very upset.

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They absolutely thought the world of one another.

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And she was very much affected.

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After the death of Mr. Allen, one of her habits

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was to get his cigar and light them and leave them burning

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in the hall and in the library, so that she got the atmosphere

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and was still being there.

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Dorothea began to neglect her business.

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And the American parent company, Burger Brothers,

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finally forced her out.

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She spent more and more time alone.

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After an accident in her Rolls Royce,

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Dorothea Allen never left her estate again.

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No one was allowed in there.

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And she lived with a gardener and a housekeeper in one's room

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in the kitchen.

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As her health began to fade, Dorothea

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became obsessed with eliminating all traces of her past.

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According to her lawyer, she mutilated photographs

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of herself and her husband.

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She destroyed the page in her passport

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to contain her place and date of birth.

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On January 4, 1990, Dorothea Allen died in bed.

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She had been a recluse for more than 20 years,

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instead, fasty refusing to make a will.

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Well, she told some people that she thought people

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had too much money anyway.

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And therefore, they didn't need to be left money in a will.

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But then she would have known that the state would come in

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and take the money.

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And I wouldn't have thought anyone would want to leave money

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to the government.

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So she had to have something to hide.

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And she mistakenly thought that by not leaving a will,

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she would be able to disguise her life after she died.

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There appeared to be no record of when or where Dorothea Allen

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was born or even what her maiden name had been.

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Then a smallpox vaccination certificate surfaced.

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On it, Dorothea's birthday was listed as January 21, 1901.

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Her last name, Farcassan.

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Finally, there seemed to be a clue to Dorothea Allen's

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true identity.

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She told me her name was Farcassan.

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And several times, she told me that.

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And that she was born in Scotland.

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Well, I'd like to know where the name Farcassan comes from.

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I think that this is some red herring that's

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been put forward fairly early on.

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There is no Dorothea Farcassan that fits in either 10 years,

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either side of the alleged date of birth.

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Investigators could find absolutely no record

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of a female British citizen named

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Farcassan born anywhere near Dorothea's date of birth.

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My own personal theory is that Dorothea was a woman of lowly

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birth, that she was a seamstress or perhaps a barmaid.

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If it is true that she did come from humble background,

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then I think it's probably something

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she would want to keep quiet.

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Another theory is that she and her sister

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were born in Berlin at the time of the problems with Germany.

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They got out at the right time.

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Dorothea was educated at a nursing

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convent in Belgium and found her way

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to either this country or America.

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I think the true story is that she

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met in the 1920s Robert Langwell Allen in the north of England.

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He was married.

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And I think they fell in love.

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He left his wife and child and set up home with Dorothea Allen.

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They then had to carry on the charade of being a married couple.

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And as she got older, she became more

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convinced that the infidelity would come out

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and wanted more and more to protect it.

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We think she was married in America.

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We think Connecticut, but we don't know when.

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And we assume that she married Robert Allen,

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but we're not sure.

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There are theories that Robert and Dorothea were brother and sister.

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That is something you want to keep very quiet,

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because obviously incest is punishable by law.

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Is it possible that Dorothea and Robert Allen

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were brother and sister?

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Rumors from their staff indicated that they always

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slept apart.

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Yet the sibling theory is almost impossible to prove.

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Robert Allen's background is nearly as obscure as Dorothea's.

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Who was this mystery couple?

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Did they have some dark secret to cover up?

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Or were they simply obsessed with wealth and possessions,

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cut off from their fellow human beings?

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In 1966, Navy medic Mark Dennis was reported killed in action in Vietnam.

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But when this photograph appeared four years later,

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his family believed he had survived and been taken prisoner.

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Today there is compelling evidence that the body

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buried in Mark Dennis's body was found in the house of Mark Dennis.

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Mark Dennis's grave may not be his.

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Dorothea Isard, a Canadian housewife,

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has photographs that have confounded skeptics.

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Are they evidence of life beyond the stars?

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Or another ingenious deception?

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Also, we'll bring you an update on the capture of one of the FBI's

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10 most wanted criminals.

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Thanks to our viewers, a suspected serial child molester is now in custody.

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