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This program is about unsolved mysteries.

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Whenever possible, the actual family members and police

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officials have participated in recreating the events.

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What you are about to see is not a news broadcast.

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Tonight, the season premiere of Unsolved Mysteries.

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December 26, 1980, a US Air Force security patrol told

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of seeing a mysterious unearthly visitor

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near their air base in England.

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During the next two nights, a rash of sightings

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astounded even the most skeptical military men.

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For years, these sightings were cloaked in secrecy

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and till tonight, for the first time,

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former Air Force personnel go on camera

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to tell of a close encounter of what they believe were UFOs.

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Shane Stewart and Sally McNally of San Angelo, Texas

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were typical teenagers until they

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became involved with a bizarre underground cult.

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On July 4, 1988, Shane and Sally mysteriously disappeared.

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Four months later, their bodies were finally discovered,

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both at Bin Lerner.

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When Connor Downing was 16, she lost her mother

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in an automobile accident.

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25 years later, after her father passed away,

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Carla would discover a surprising secret hidden

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in her tangled family history.

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The woman she knew as her mother was not her mother

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00:01:26,760 --> 00:01:29,120

after all.

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Join me for these fascinating new stories

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on the season premiere of Unsolved Mysteries.

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anti-Ess teas

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The first tactical fighter went to the United States Air Force,

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and operates out of southeast England.

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In a unique arrangement, the wing is housed on twin bases,

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wood bridge and bent waters.

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The two air bases border a three mile

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expansive farmland and woods known as Randallsham Forest.

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In 1980, Randallsham was a site of one of the most

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extraordinary and least publicized events

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in modern military history.

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Around 2 AM on December 26th, Airman First Class John Burroughs

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and his partner, both assigned a wood bridge base security

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00:03:09,440 --> 00:03:12,400

were on routine patrol along the base perimeter.

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00:03:12,400 --> 00:03:14,400

Hey, what the hell's that over there?

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00:03:14,400 --> 00:03:17,200

The cheese, I don't know.

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00:03:17,200 --> 00:03:18,200

What the hell is that?

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00:03:18,200 --> 00:03:19,200

I don't know.

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00:03:19,200 --> 00:03:20,800

I've never seen anything like it before.

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00:03:20,800 --> 00:03:23,800

It's out in the middle of the woods.

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00:03:23,800 --> 00:03:25,600

Now come on, let's get back to this guard station.

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00:03:25,600 --> 00:03:27,000

Call the sergeant to see what he wants to do.

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00:03:27,040 --> 00:03:28,880

There was definitely something out in the woods.

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It seemed like to me like a massive light show.

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I'm thinking who would come out in the middle of the woods

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00:03:33,480 --> 00:03:37,680

outside an airport space and make a Christmas display?

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00:03:37,680 --> 00:03:38,680

I was nervous.

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00:03:38,680 --> 00:03:39,680

He was nervous.

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00:03:39,680 --> 00:03:42,320

We didn't know what to expect, and we decided at that point

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00:03:42,320 --> 00:03:44,320

time we'd better get back and let somebody know what's going

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00:03:44,320 --> 00:03:47,120

on in case something did happen.

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00:03:47,120 --> 00:03:49,320

Burroughs notified his immediate superior

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00:03:49,320 --> 00:03:51,520

from a nearby sentry post.

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00:03:51,520 --> 00:03:53,760

Yeah, we got some kind of weird activity in the woods

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00:03:53,760 --> 00:03:54,760

off the bridge.

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00:03:54,800 --> 00:03:56,800

Yeah, we got some kind of weird activity in the woods

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00:03:56,800 --> 00:03:57,800

off the base.

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00:03:57,800 --> 00:04:00,280

Hey, John.

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00:04:00,280 --> 00:04:01,520

Yeah, sure I can see him from here.

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00:04:01,520 --> 00:04:03,520

Still going on.

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00:04:03,520 --> 00:04:05,440

Yeah, look, there's some kind of weird lights in the trees.

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00:04:05,440 --> 00:04:06,920

I don't know, they're moving all up and down.

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00:04:06,920 --> 00:04:10,640

Almost simultaneously, another security patrol arrived.

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00:04:10,640 --> 00:04:13,280

They verified the presence of the odd lights.

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00:04:13,280 --> 00:04:14,360

All right, hold on.

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00:04:14,360 --> 00:04:15,960

You want three men to go down off base?

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00:04:15,960 --> 00:04:16,860

You coming with us?

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00:04:16,860 --> 00:04:18,360

No.

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00:04:18,360 --> 00:04:19,840

All right, look, we'll stay in radio contact.

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Going off base, leave your weapons.

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Burroughs and the second security team

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were sent off base to investigate.

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They were ordered to leave their weapons behind

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because they were moving out of American jurisdiction.

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00:04:38,840 --> 00:04:40,840

We were intrigued, but we were also very nervous.

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We didn't know what we were getting into.

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00:04:45,840 --> 00:04:46,840

We started to get nervous.

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We started down on foot towards the lights.

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At the same time, we could hear the animals.

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They moved.

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We're very upset.

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We could hear a lot of ruckus.

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At that point, we got a radio transmission.

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They had just gotten contact from Heathrow Tower in London

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that an object had been seen over our base

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and that had disappeared on radar.

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00:05:09,840 --> 00:05:10,840

He's hiding?

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I can't tell.

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00:05:12,840 --> 00:05:14,840

All of a sudden, in the clearing, there was an object.

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It had the bank of blue lights on it

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and it was sitting there like strobing.

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00:05:18,840 --> 00:05:20,840

It was unbelievable.

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We all hit the ground and it went up into the trees.

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00:05:33,840 --> 00:05:36,840

When it was happening, everything seemed to go slower.

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We seemed to be in the middle of nowhere.

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We were in the middle of nowhere.

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00:05:40,840 --> 00:05:42,840

We were in the middle of nowhere.

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00:05:42,840 --> 00:05:46,840

We seemed to be in like a, I wouldn't say a time warp,

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00:05:46,840 --> 00:05:50,840

but like everything appeared to be happening slower to us

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00:05:50,840 --> 00:05:52,840

and everything felt different.

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00:05:52,840 --> 00:05:55,840

But when it disappeared, it was like everything was normal again.

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00:05:55,840 --> 00:06:00,840

The perception of the ground, the air, the sky, the stars,

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00:06:00,840 --> 00:06:02,840

the whole nine yards were different.

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Where'd it go?

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For more than two hours, the three men played

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00:06:05,840 --> 00:06:08,840

an eerie game of cat and mouse with a mysterious craft.

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It appeared almost to toy with them.

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It was off the ground and in the horizon above the trees

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00:06:14,840 --> 00:06:17,840

and it always stayed out in the distance in the horizon.

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Sometimes it appeared to get closer

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and we were going to get close to it again and then we never did.

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The events of that December night

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set in motion a chain reaction

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that would eventually result in the best documented sighting

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of a UFO in American military history.

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The United States Air Force has no official comment

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on the entire incident,

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but tonight the military personnel who actually witnessed the events

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will appear on camera for the first time.

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Just five hours after the sighting,

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John Burrell's reported to his shift commander.

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Eddie, spit it out. What did you see?

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Well, sir, after we received permission to continue into the woods,

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we saw some lights, sir, red ones and some white ones.

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And well, sir, they flew up into the trees.

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He basically said, gentlemen, you saw something.

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Heathrow Tower confirms that you saw something.

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And now let's go out into the area

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and see if we can find any physical proof of what happened.

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I was hoping when I got out there that basically I would see nothing.

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There would be no tell-tale evidence that possibly something happened.

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That would make it easier for me

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because if there's nothing proving that something happened to me,

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you can just kind of check it off.

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But when you get out there and you find damage to the trees,

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depressions in the ground and stuff,

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00:07:44,840 --> 00:07:47,840

that makes it even more unexplainable.

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00:07:47,840 --> 00:07:50,840

We came up through the woods to this point right about here.

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I see. We saw it hovering.

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00:07:52,840 --> 00:07:55,840

Later that same day, Burrell's rendezvoused with a British police officer.

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Together, they explored the site where Burrell's had seen the strange object.

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We were watching for about 20 minutes.

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Indeed, there were circular impressions in the earth

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directly below the spot where the craft had appeared to hover.

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What could have made that?

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It was more of a mystery over here

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because when I first saw it, I didn't perceive it as something sitting on the ground

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with a tripod-like, a tripod-type thing.

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Now all of a sudden there's physical proof showing that something sat down in that area.

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3.4 meters.

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The British police officer dismissed the circles as a marks of burrowing forest animals.

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Nevertheless, he did order his men to measure the distance between the circles.

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3.4 here too.

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Surprisingly, the three circles were exactly the same distance apart

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and formed a perfect equilateral triangle.

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3.4 as well.

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Early the next morning, Colonel Charles Halt, deputy base commander,

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00:08:52,840 --> 00:08:55,840

arrived at Woodbridge security headquarters.

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Rumor of the UFO sighting had spread like wildfire.

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What's going on?

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00:09:03,840 --> 00:09:05,840

Colonel, you're not going to believe this,

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00:09:05,840 --> 00:09:09,840

but burrows and penis-tons were running around the woods last night chasing after UFOs.

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UFOs? What are you talking about?

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Listen, I thought they were yanking me, but the guys saw something.

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They thought an aircraft went down, so they went,

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00:09:18,840 --> 00:09:20,840

look, there were these lights in the woods.

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Why isn't that in the blotter?

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00:09:22,840 --> 00:09:25,840

The lieutenant didn't want me to put that in, sir.

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00:09:25,840 --> 00:09:28,840

Is anybody sure it wasn't an aircraft that went down?

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00:09:29,840 --> 00:09:31,840

No, sir.

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00:09:31,840 --> 00:09:33,840

Then put it in the blotter.

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00:09:33,840 --> 00:09:34,840

Yes, sir.

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00:09:34,840 --> 00:09:36,840

I was very skeptical.

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00:09:36,840 --> 00:09:38,840

I found what had allegedly taken place hard to believe,

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00:09:38,840 --> 00:09:41,840

and I was really going to debunk it, quite frankly.

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And as events unfolded, I became more and more concerned that there may be something to this.

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I kept telling myself that there had to be some type of an explanation for it,

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00:09:49,840 --> 00:09:53,840

but I certainly couldn't find one, and even to this day, I can't explain what happened.

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00:09:53,840 --> 00:09:55,840

Straight back, straight back!

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00:09:55,840 --> 00:09:58,840

That evening, unusual lights were spotted once again.

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In response, the base commander ordered large mobile floodlights,

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00:10:02,840 --> 00:10:06,840

devices commonly known as lightalls, to be set up in the woods.

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00:10:06,840 --> 00:10:08,840

Cut!

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00:10:08,840 --> 00:10:10,840

All right, move it out!

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00:10:14,840 --> 00:10:20,840

At 9.30 p.m., Colonel Halt received word that the lightalls were inexplicably malfunctioning.

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I don't know, sir, craziest damn things I've ever seen.

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00:10:23,840 --> 00:10:25,840

Animals in the forests are acting weird.

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00:10:25,840 --> 00:10:29,840

Starlight scopes going, bad radios ain't working, and lighttalls ain't coming up.

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00:10:29,840 --> 00:10:31,840

Let's get out there and see what we got.

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00:10:31,840 --> 00:10:32,840

All right, sir.

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00:10:32,840 --> 00:10:34,840

This is Colonel Halt's command. We're going out to rend us a report.

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During the next six hours, Colonel Charles Halt will be swept up in an unbelievable series of events,

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00:10:39,840 --> 00:10:44,840

which had proved to be one of the most elaborate encounters of the UFO ever documented.

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When we return, the details of Colonel Halt's odyssey.

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At 1980, just after Christmas, strange lights appeared in the forest

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near two American air bases in southeast England.

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Security at both bases sprang into action.

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00:11:06,840 --> 00:11:12,840

Large portable floodlights, like this one, commonly known as lightalls, are positioned in the woods.

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00:11:12,840 --> 00:11:17,840

The security police hoped to catch another glimpse of the glowing object sighted two nights earlier,

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but the lightalls mysteriously malfunctioned.

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Base security was immediately ordered to dispatch a second set of lightalls.

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Simultaneously, Colonel Charles Halt, deputy commander of both bases,

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00:11:32,840 --> 00:11:35,840

put together a special investigative team.

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00:11:35,840 --> 00:11:39,840

I called the on duty or standby man a disaster preparedness,

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00:11:39,840 --> 00:11:43,840

and had him get his camera, he was a professional photographer,

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00:11:43,840 --> 00:11:48,840

and calibrate several radiac instruments to take along, and we were going to go debunk this.

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00:11:49,840 --> 00:11:55,840

By the time Colonel Halt arrived at the site, the second set of lightalls was also malfunctioning.

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00:11:55,840 --> 00:11:57,840

What's going on, Sergeant?

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00:11:57,840 --> 00:11:59,840

Colonel, we're having a little problem.

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00:11:59,840 --> 00:12:04,840

Some of the vehicles weren't working properly, and radio transmissions were limited at best.

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00:12:04,840 --> 00:12:06,840

Okay, Lieutenant, where'd you see that light?

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00:12:06,840 --> 00:12:08,840

It was right through there, sir.

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00:12:08,840 --> 00:12:11,840

Armed with a Geiger collar, a starlight scoped to enhance night vision,

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00:12:11,840 --> 00:12:14,840

and a tape recorder to record his first impressions,

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00:12:14,840 --> 00:12:17,840

Colonel Halt led his team into the woods.

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00:12:18,840 --> 00:12:24,840

What you were about to see is based on verbatim transcripts of the tape made that night.

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00:12:30,840 --> 00:12:32,840

We're in the center of the triangle.

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It didn't take us long to find what I believe was a landing site of some sort.

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The trees had had branches broken off.

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One of the members of Colonel Halt's team was Sergeant Robert Ball.

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We looked up and we had high-power flashlights with us,

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00:12:48,840 --> 00:12:52,840

and we could see branches up to two inches in diameter,

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00:12:52,840 --> 00:12:58,840

which had either been knocked completely off or had been bent downward.

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00:12:58,840 --> 00:13:01,840

And it was clean up to the top of the trees.

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00:13:01,840 --> 00:13:04,840

We looked at the area through the starlight scope, and it did.

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I'll have to admit, have a dull glow that I couldn't explain.

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Over here.

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So we got the radiac instruments out, and we're taking readings.

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00:13:11,840 --> 00:13:13,840

Four clicks, Colonel.

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00:13:13,840 --> 00:13:17,840

While we were doing this, the police lieutenant said, look, over there.

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00:13:17,840 --> 00:13:18,840

Colonel!

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00:13:18,840 --> 00:13:19,840

Yes, sir.

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It was a strange glowing object that appeared to be 100, 200 meters away.

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I couldn't explain it.

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It was avoiding the pine trees, zigzagging around them.

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It kind of winked at us.

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00:13:35,840 --> 00:13:37,840

The strangest thing I've ever seen, sir.

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00:13:37,840 --> 00:13:38,840

Strange.

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00:13:38,840 --> 00:13:39,840

Wow.

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00:13:39,840 --> 00:13:42,840

Looks like an eye winking at you.

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00:13:43,840 --> 00:13:45,840

It approached us at one time.

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00:13:45,840 --> 00:13:47,840

We just stood there and awed.

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00:13:47,840 --> 00:13:50,840

Watched it probably for a minute or two, maybe a little more.

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Finally, the object began to move away.

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Colonel Halton and his men followed.

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As we were pursuing this glowing object through the woods,

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we noticed a farmhouse directly in front of us.

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We've got a reading of two on the counter

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that's much higher than the background radiation.

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The farmhouse appeared to be glowing very brightly,

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as though it were on fire.

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You reckon there's somebody in there, sir?

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I don't know the time.

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The object then broke into five white objects and disappeared.

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Let's go.

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And there was a very strange feeling in the air.

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It made your hair bristle.

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Sort of like static electricity.

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It just had a very unusual feeling.

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And I don't think it was all psychological.

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I think there was something physiological about it.

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There was something to it.

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I don't know what it was.

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We ventured on toward the coast, trying to decide what to do next.

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We looked to the north, and about 30 degrees off the horizon,

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there were three objects in the sky.

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It started moving rapidly about in sharp angular movements,

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as though they were exercising some type of formation or search pattern.

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I'm not really sure what it was.

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We now have multiple sightings of three objects of a similar kind.

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I think there was some type of guiding force behind these objects.

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Whether it was trying to communicate with us,

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whether it was trying to warn us,

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or whether it was trying to do something to us, I don't know.

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To me, it looked like a grid search.

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Like they were boxing off an area and looking for something.

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And that was the thought that hit me right away,

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and I stayed with me over the years.

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It looked like a search pattern.

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Colonel Hulse initial skepticism eroded with each passing minute,

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and each bizarre sighting.

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There's definitely something up there.

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We've got an object.

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We could very clearly see it.

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It sort of danced about in the sky, and it sent down beams of light.

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I noticed other beams of light coming down from the same object,

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following different places on the base.

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My boss was standing in his front yard at Woodbridge,

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and he could see the beams of light falling down.

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And the people in the weapons storage area and several other places on the base

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also reported the lights.

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I woke up about 3.34 in the morning,

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and for whatever reason I felt like maybe something had happened again.

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I don't know why. I just woke up and felt like something had come back.

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Don't ask me why. It just was a gut feeling.

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So I went ahead and got up and went up to the base.

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All of a sudden, a couple of light blue transparent type lights appeared in the sky.

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They were all of a sudden in the horizon, and one of them broke towards us.

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The only time the light-offs were working as far as came on and off

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when I saw them were when the light passed them.

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And I have no idea what caused the light-offs to come on and off

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other than the fact that the blue light as it passed it, the light-offs came on.

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At virtually the same moment, 300 yards away,

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Colonel Halt's investigation was about to culminate in a remarkable close encounter.

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Hey, here. Here.

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The object was coming at us at a very high rate of speed.

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One of these beams of light fell very, very close to us,

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sort of a pencil beam of light.

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Down from the object to the ground near our feet.

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This is unreal.

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The extraordinary visitor never returned.

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Let's go.

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I drafted a memo to the police.

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Let's go.

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I drafted a memo, sent a copy to London, and it swallowed up.

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It became very quiet.

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This is a copy of Colonel Halt's memo.

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It was submitted to British military authorities who never acted on it.

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The United States Air Force did not acknowledge that the episode had occurred.

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Then in 1983, a private citizen invoked the Freedom of Information Act,

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and Halt's memo was released.

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Nevertheless, many remain unconvinced.

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Spacecraft from another world, although not impossible, is extraordinary.

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James McGayhay is an astronomer and noted UFO skeptic,

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who is director of two private observatories.

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And the burden of proof for any event that is extraordinary

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is upon those making the claim, not upon those who look at it from a skeptical perspective.

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Where is the evidence?

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Show me the evidence.

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And that's what science is all about.

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On the first night, the night of 26th December, 1980,

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at about three o'clock that morning, a bright fireball,

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which is a very bright meteor, came into the Earth's atmosphere.

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And this is unquestionably what John Burroughs saw that night.

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I've seen meteor showers come down before.

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It wasn't a meteor falling out of the sky.

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And it went up, not down.

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Meteors fall from the sky. They don't go back up into the sky.

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Meteors not going to go up, go back and forth,

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and maintain position in the sky for a long period of time.

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Meteors not going to send beams of light down.

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I think both of them are being honest as to what their perceptions are,

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but human perception is very, very easily fooled.

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And I think when they went out there to the woods,

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everybody was out there expecting to see a UFO.

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With that preconceived notion of the way you view things

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can be greatly influenced.

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There's definitely something up there.

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McGay he believes that the growing red-light kernel halt saw that night

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was simply reflections from the revolving beam of a nearby lighthouse.

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There are too many unrelated things.

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If it were just a reflection, how does one explain two different sightings

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and two different places in the sky? How does one explain the object

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moving through the forest? How does one explain the sighting in the forest

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by the three airmen? There are just too many things.

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I have a lot of unresolved questions that I'm not sure I'll ever have answered.

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I've had people suggest all sorts of things,

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everything from I've seen the Second Coming of Christ to the Devils after us.

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I can't explain it. I really can't.

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I know it was beyond the realm of anything that we experienced in ordinary life.

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According to Colonel Halt, two other unconfirmed sightings have been reported

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in the vicinity of Woodbridge Air Base.

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The first in January of 1981, the second nine months later,

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in the initial sightings of 1980, at least 15 men, all of them U.S. Air Force personnel

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witnessed the strange lights and objects firsthand.

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The Air Force continues to have no official comment on the entire series of events.

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Next, the murder of two teenage sweethearts.

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Some say they were the victims of a bizarre cult.

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Shane was a very lively, energetic kid.

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To me, he was like Beaver Cleaver, the all-around boy, always having fun,

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always making sure that everybody else had fun.

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He had a lot of dreams, a lot of goals, and he was a very lovable kid.

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When Shane and Sally met, it was just like two people clicked on.

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There was a bond there that was almost inseparable.

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It was like the two kids were made for each other.

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Sally loved people. She would do anything for a friend.

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Sally tried hard to please people. She wanted people to like her.

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She wanted people to respond to her and love her.

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Shane Stewart and Sally McNally grew up around San Angelo, Texas,

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a peaceful, bucolic ranching community.

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But like so many other small towns, there was more to San Angelo

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than meets the eye.

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Independence Day 1988 was a reunion of sorts for Shane and Sally.

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Each had recently returned to town, and it was their first date in more than four months.

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It was also the last time they would ever be seen.

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The next morning, a ranger discovered Shane's car abandoned near O.C. Fisher Lake.

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Fast food wrappers lay strewn across the front seat.

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The keys were on the dashboard. Shane and Sally were nowhere to be found.

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Marshall Stewart felt his son would not leave his car unlocked with the keys in it

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and just merely walk off.

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However, there were no signs of a struggle, and so consequently, we looked at it

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at first from the standpoint of two kids, ran off and got married.

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Knowing how much he loved that car and that he wouldn't leave it,

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I was very, very concerned that something tragic had happened.

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NBA's first ever game of the year was the first time

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that something tragic had happened.

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NBA Justice is in this location.

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Four months later, two skeletons were found near Twin Buttes Lake,

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17 miles from where Shane's car was abandoned.

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Marshall Stewart was monitoring his police scanner and immediately rushed to the scene.

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I got out of the pickup and walked over to the area.

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The gut feeling is apparent. I knew they had found Shane.

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Hi Marshall.

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Hello, Liz.

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How are you?

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How you doing?

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Y'all find Shane's body?

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Yeah, we sure did, and it's pretty gruesome in there.

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I wouldn't say.

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Well, we just want to let you know that there's not a whole lot left.

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I want to see him.

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Okay.

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It was Shane, dressed exactly like he'd left the house that night.

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And I knelt down beside him and told him that I had found him,

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and we would take him home.

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The forces of nature had washed away all four of his belongings.

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The forces of nature had washed away all forensic clues,

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but detectives were able to determine that both victims had been killed by shotgun blasts.

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The discovery of Shane and Sally's bodies was a culmination of a four-month search,

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which had introduced their paths to a strange and frightening subculture.

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Marshall Stewart and Pat Wade discovered that their children who were engaged in activities

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which many believe were linked to a satanic cult.

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In Sally's case, it appeared to be part of a desperate search for acceptance

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in the wake of a painful and troubled childhood.

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I married and had Sally when I was very young,

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so Sally and I spent a lot of our time growing up together.

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We were like sisters when she was small,

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and as Sally became a teenager, she became more and more rebellious,

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and I had less and less role in her life.

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I don't think I ever heard her call her mother-mother.

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It was always Pat.

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She was real resentful towards the fact that her dad wasn't around,

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and she blamed it on Pat a lot when we were kids.

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Sally began sneaking out late at night,

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and on one occasion Pat stayed up to confront her.

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Sally.

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Pat.

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Where have you been?

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You scared me.

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Scared you? I've been waiting here all night.

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I just went out for a walk.

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Sally, you snuck through the window.

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So what?

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So I've been worried about you.

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Look, you don't know anything about this, okay?

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So just leave me alone.

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That was the only explanation she would give me.

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So I called one friend of Sally's.

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The boy's mother answered the phone,

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and she told me that the kids were mixed up in, um,

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uh, Satan worship.

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And she said that a group of kids had been at her house one night

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and said they had a demon in a bottle.

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Sally really got to a point to where she thought,

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nobody loves me.

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These people come along and they say,

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okay, we'll give you that love.

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We'll give you that companionship that you need.

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You just come with us and do what we ask.

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You know what I mean? You know what I mean?

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Anyway, I'm glad in here.

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Sally began to attend ritualistic parties on a regular basis.

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One evening, she invited Helen to join her.

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And she said, it's Ouija time.

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Turn out the lights.

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I'm going to do this. You want to?

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No, thanks.

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I need some hands on the oracle.

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In the name of our Father, the great Satan.

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We humbly bow to you now and turn over our will to your great wisdom.

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Spirit of the oracle, we call on you tonight to guide us.

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Sally?

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Sally went into a trance.

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Sally, are you all right?

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And it really scared me.

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What?

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I'm leaving.

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Okay.

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Half of me said, Sally's pulling a stunt.

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Just ignore it.

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And half of me said, well, maybe it's their kind of having fun.

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In the fall of 1987, Sally began dating Shane Stewart.

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She introduced him to her new friends.

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According to Shane's father, his behavior began to change as well.

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Come on, boys. Come on. What's wrong with you?

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Shane started getting into fights.

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Come on.

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One day, Shane's getting the better of this guy.

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His two friends jumped in and then he was thrown into the river.

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So I told him, I said, you should have learned a lesson.

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One, not to fight.

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And two, be aware of where you are and what you're doing.

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Because people can always gang up on you.

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In March of 1988, Sally called Sheriff's Deputy Larry Counts.

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She and Shane had grown disillusioned when some members of the cult

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began engaging in criminal activities.

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She and her boyfriend, Shane, were members of this group

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and they were trying to get away from it.

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She said there was a lot of drugs involved.

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There was a lot of group sex.

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She also expressed that she had a weapon that had been given to her

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by another member of the cult.

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And when he gave it to her, he told her and Shane

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that the gun had been used in a murder robbery.

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Two months earlier, Shane and Sally had moved in together.

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They agreed to meet with Deputy Counts in their apartment

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to hand over the gun.

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Shane, he's here.

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OK.

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He's trying to find the gun.

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Well, during this meeting when I first met them, face to face,

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you really think that they were making this stuff up.

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But they seem sincere.

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This is the gun that I gave us that I told you about.

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Does he have any other weapons?

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Yeah, he's got a whole toolbox full of guns.

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I mean, it's scary because you know these guys are crazy.

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Actually, they gave me this weapon and we did some checking on it.

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It turned out to be a stolen gun.

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Then their story became a little bit more credible.

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He's not going to find out about this, is he?

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I can't promise you anything, but I will do my best.

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I appreciate it.

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They did express fears that they might be hurt.

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She and her boyfriend might be in some danger

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because it's a very secretive type group and they knew the ends.

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They knew the secrets.

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And when they broke away, they realized that they were in some danger.

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Six weeks later, Shane and Sally moved out of their apartment

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and left town separately.

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But by early summer, both returned to San Angelo.

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Sally, what's wrong?

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I've got a problem.

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What kind of problem?

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I think they're going to try to kill me.

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Two weeks prior to her disappearance,

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Sally made a desperate telephone call to Helen.

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You just don't cross.

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I said, don't visit me and come and shoot you.

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I said, what did you do?

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She said, well, I really can't tell you.

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I've got to go.

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All right.

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Bye.

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She just tended to exaggerate things,

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so I really didn't think much of it.

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And I really didn't think to call Pat and say,

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Pat, Sally's in trouble.

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There's something wrong.

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I mean, I didn't think anything about it.

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Shane, it's for you.

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On July the 3rd, around noon, we received a phone call.

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There was a man on the phone asking for Shane.

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And as I walked away, I heard Shane mention money.

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I'll have the money for you tomorrow.

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Just lighten up, will you?

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Goodbye.

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And so when Shane came out of the room, I asked him,

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I said, is there a problem?

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He said, no.

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I told him if there was a problem, I was his dad,

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and I could help him handle it.

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He said, no.

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He said, everything's fine.

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He said, I've taken care of it.

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Thanks, dad.

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On July the 4th, Shane told me that he was going to go out

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and watch the fireworks.

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So I gave Shane a hug, told him that I loved him,

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take care of himself, and don't get in a bind.

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And he said, no problem.

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He said, he'd see me later and left the house.

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That was the last time I saw him alive.

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Police have reconstructed the events which

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preceded the disappearance.

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At 9 PM, Shane and Sally watched the annual fireworks

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display at Lake Nasworthy.

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Four hours later, a fisherman, anchored off shore,

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spotted them at OC Fisher Lake, six miles away.

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He could see the young couple standing by a car.

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Then he saw a pickup truck approach.

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All right, go and get the ride, man.

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No.

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Shane, get the truck.

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No, we're not going to come with you.

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Hey, listen, I said we're not into that anymore, OK?

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Just leave us alone.

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I heard them talking about, you

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don't want to be with them people anymore.

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I listened a little bit more, and they continued

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all the way getting the first.

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And then I got to thinking, well, there's

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just a bunch of kids out there drinking party.

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And I turned my boat around and I lay off.

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It was the last time anyone saw Shane Stewart

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and Sally McNally alive.

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Marshall Stewart refused to believe that the children had

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run away.

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For four months, he scoured the lake area

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and began questioning people whom he believed

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might know something about his son's disappearance.

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One of the youth he talked to was allegedly involved in the cult.

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Hi, I'm Shane's dad.

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Do you remember me?

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Mr. Stewart.

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Shane told me if he and his friend ever got together,

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there was going to be bad trouble.

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He said, we're enemies.

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We hate each other.

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If there's ever a confrontation, he said,

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there's really going to be a fight.

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What's wrong with your face?

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It looks like you've been in a fight.

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It's just a cut.

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I ain't been in a fight.

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OK.

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Good luck.

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And I walked away from the door, convinced he had

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confronted Shane somewhere and there had been a fight.

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And he just wasn't telling me the truth.

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I felt like Shane and Sally had gone to the lake

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and were probably sitting out there on the table

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listening to music and been approached by probably

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some of their friends or enemies.

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We don't have any suspects from the standpoint of something

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that we could bring to the grand jury.

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We have investigated it with the people that have been

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referred to us by as having been in the cult activity.

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And consequently, there are suspects until we

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solve the murder.

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Most of my life, I was fearful of dying and leaving Sally

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before she was grown.

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And then for the tables to be turned and for Sally to leave me,

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this is the worst nightmare that any parent can have.

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And it never goes away.

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There's no words to describe what you feel when you find

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your child murdered.

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Nothing that you can do to console them during their last hours.

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These people need to be caught and brought in and punished

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for what they've done.

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And to prevent something like this from happening again,

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I'd like to sit through the trial and make sure that justice

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has been served.

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When Sally's body was discovered,

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a fortune from a Chinese cookie was found in her pocket.

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It read, you'll always be surrounded by friends.

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Authorities believe that Shane Stewart and Sally McNally

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were murdered by their friends as a direct result

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of their cult activities.

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Police are convinced that there were witnesses to the crime

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who were afraid to come forward.

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If you have any information, please contact the Tom Green

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County Sheriff's Department in San Angelo, Texas.

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When we return, a woman needs your help to find her real mother,

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whom she has met only once.

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Imagine growing up as an outsider in your own home,

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feeling somehow separate from your family.

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This is how a young woman named Carla Dowling

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felt her entire life.

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Carla's feelings of alienation were compounded

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by the tragic death of her mother when Carla was just 16.

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In June of 1965, shortly after her mother's death,

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Carla and her younger brother went to live with their grandparents

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in Alexandria, Virginia.

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Carla's father was in the army and stationed overseas.

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Shortly after my mother's funeral,

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a woman came to my grandmother's house where I was living.

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At that time, I was 16.

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I had a little bit of money in my pocket.

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My grandmother was going to turn me loose that day

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to go do some shopping.

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I'm going to give you \$20.

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I want you to get me a quart of milk,

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so you can use the rest for a dress or anything else you want.

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Thank you.

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You're welcome.

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Carla?

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Carla, this is Mary.

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Mary was a friend of your mom's in high school.

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Hi.

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You look very familiar.

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I saw you when you were just a little baby.

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And I do remember thinking, well,

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gosh, this woman needs to sit down.

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You know, she just looked kind of, I don't know,

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shook up or something.

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And, you know, I just kind of assumed

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that it was over my mother's death.

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And looking back, you know, I can remember what she wore,

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where she sat, what I was doing at the time,

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what I had on, you know, just it did come back to me.

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And I really wished I would have paid more attention

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at that moment.

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Carla was born in December 1948.

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Her father, Chester Libby, was an army sergeant.

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Her mother, Mildred, a secretary.

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In 1951, Carla's brother, Ronnie, was born.

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But within a few short years, Carla began to feel

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that she somehow didn't fit in.

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The whole time I was growing up, I always knew that,

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you know, there was just something not right,

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mainly because of the difference between my brother and I.

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He had blue eyes and blonde hair, and it was curly.

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You know, I had straight, dark hair, dark eyes,

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olive complexion.

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It was just obvious to me, even, that we just weren't alike.

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Carla kept her troubling suspicions to herself.

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After the death of her mother, Carla's father moved back

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to the US and remarried.

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Carla graduated from high school, married and had a son.

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But even as a grown woman, Carla never stopped feeling

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out of place in her own family.

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In 1990, Carla's father died, and she traveled

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to Ortington, Virginia for his funeral.

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Oh, wait a minute.

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Bob, would you take that please?

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I'll sure will.

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Honey, I've got something in the trunk of the car.

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I'll get you to have it.

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OK.

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Mel, Carla, this belonged to your dad,

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and he wanted you to have it.

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All his military papers are in here and a few more.

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When I got the briefcase, I just wanted to go over each and every paper,

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you know, and remember all of the different places that we lived together

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and that sort of thing, and in the back of my mind,

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I knew there was something I was looking for.

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I just knew there was something in there.

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That night, when she was finally alone, Carla began to sift through

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the contents of her father's briefcase.

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Two documents in particular caught her attention.

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The first, dated November 1945, listed Carla's father as married.

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The second document filed in November 1948, listed him as divorced.

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Carla was shocked to find that her father had been married before he met her mother

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and had been divorced just one month prior to Carla's own birth.

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The discrepancy between the two documents heightened all of Carla's suspicions from childhood.

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Well, that's good.

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Listen, the reason I'm calling, do you know anything about daddy being married before?

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Two days later, Carla called her uncle Norman, her father's only living brother.

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She asked him to tell her the truth, and a surprising saga began to emerge.

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Norman made me feel really good because I got my initial straight answer from him.

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Somebody finally said, no, you aren't his daughter.

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You were already there when he met your mother.

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So, at that point, I felt a sense of relief because at least I knew something.

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I had a direction.

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Hello.

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Hi, Carla.

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This is Ronnie.

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How you doing, honey?

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I'm doing fine.

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How you doing?

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An hour later, Carla's brother Ronnie called with more unsettling news.

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She and her mom were married once before.

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Well, I knew that dad was married before, you know, because of the papers and what uncle

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Norman told me.

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Well, I found out from Uncle Ed that mom was married also.

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Well, then that would mean I was probably her daughter by a previous marriage then, right?

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Well, here's the thing.

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I noticed something peculiar on my birth certificate a couple of years ago, and I looked at it

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again last night, and it states the number of children born to mom before me, if any,

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and it lists this figure as none.

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If his birth certificate is correct, that means that he and I are not brother and sister or so.

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Now I have a father who wasn't my father, a brother who isn't my brother, and I'm not

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real sure about my mother at this point.

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Carla Downing's tangled family history finally began to unravel.

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Carla learned from her uncles that her mother Mildred had suffered a series of miscarriages

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during her first marriage.

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In 1948, Mildred met a recent immigrant named Mary who was pregnant and unmarried.

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In that time and place, Mary knew that she would be unable to keep her baby.

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According to Mildred's brothers, the two women concocted a scheme to switch ID cards in the hospital.

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What's her name?

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Her name is Mildred Graham.

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She doesn't speak any English.

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In doing so, Mildred would be listed on the birth certificate as a child's mother.

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From the very beginning, even as a kid, because I was about 12 when I think this occurred,

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I always had the feeling that, you know, that Carla really should know.

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I don't know why I felt that way even at that age, but I almost had a sense that someday it was going to come out.

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She's beautiful.

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Beautiful.

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May I hold her?

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It's my thinking that this must have really been hard on Mary, because, you know,

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at that time she felt like she could not have a child for whatever reason.

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I mean, she was concerned enough that she went to this extreme with my mother to see that I was in a good family.

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I just have this need to find Mary.

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I want to be in the same room with someone I resemble.

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I want my mother.

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I want somebody that I've been looking for for a long time.

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On the night of our broadcast, Carla Downing's prayers are finally answered.

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Her natural mother, Mary Maxwell, was still very much alive and very anxious to see her daughter.

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Carla was also overjoyed to discover she had two half sisters.

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Eight days later, Carla traveled from her home in Tennessee to Maryland,

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where she was finally reunited with her mother.

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I saw her come.

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I knew it was her.

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I couldn't believe it.

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And all I could say was, Carla, come.

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And I ran out the door and she almost fell out of the car, I think.

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And we couldn't do nothing else but hold her.

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I was so anxious.

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I was so anxious.

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I was so anxious.

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I was so anxious.

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And we couldn't do nothing else but hold each other and cry.

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When I saw her for the first time, I just can't describe that feeling.

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It's a home at last.

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Oh, golly.

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I can breathe again.

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It's just the happiest moment in my whole life, you know?

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Just the happiest moment in my whole life.

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This is your grandfather and your grandmother,

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and this is your grandfather and grandmother when they got married.

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It's like a miracle.

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I couldn't believe it.

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I couldn't believe it for the longest time.

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I said, this is not happening to us.

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It only happens to other people that they find somebody they're looking for,

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not us, but yet it happened to us.

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When I found out that my mom was alive and healthy and okay,

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that was just the best news in the world.

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But then the extra bonus was I have two sisters and a nephew.

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So it's a happy ending.

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It's a fairytale come true.

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On our next Unsolved Mysteries, history records a 26-year-old John Wilkes Booth,

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the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, was killed by Union troops in 1865.

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Now some historians claim that Booth actually managed to escape and flee to freedom.

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While researching this story, we were surprised to discover that even the encyclopedia Britannica

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is not sure of what happened to John Wilkes Booth.

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Join me for this fascinating and controversial journey into the past,

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