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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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Judge John C. Fairbanks was a respected pillar of his

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community.

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The residents of Newport, New Hampshire regularly

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turned to him whenever they needed help.

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No one had any idea what he was doing.

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The judge was quietly robbing them blind.

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In 1988, at a lonely roadside service center,

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a young woman courageously fought off a brutal,

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unknown assailant.

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The surprise attack carried all the earmarks

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of a serial killing.

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Now, authorities have constructed a chilling,

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psychological portrait of a man who may be responsible

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for the murders of seven women.

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When Sue Scribber was just 13, she learned that she was

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an astonishing family secret.

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In 1942, her mother gave birth to twins and then gave them away.

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Perhaps you can help end Sue's search for her long-lost

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brother and sister.

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And the heartwarming updates, thanks to her broadcast,

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a father and daughter who had never met have finally

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found each other.

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Join me for another edition of Unsolved Mysteries.

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Claremont, New Hampshire, May 1984.

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17-year-old Bernice Kodemash sets off for her boyfriend's house.

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She is never heard from again.

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This particular killer, I feel, does a lot of driving.

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And I think that what he is doing is selecting sites

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that are low risk for him.

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Can you hang on just a minute?

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There's this guy that keeps driving back and forth

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and is making me a little nervous.

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Two months later, 27-year-old Ellen Freed,

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a registered nurse also of Claremont,

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calls her sister from a pay phone.

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She too is never heard from again.

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Rather than stalking a particular victim,

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I don't believe any of these women themselves

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were pre-selected as victims, he selects sites.

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And he goes from site to site.

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18 months later, the skeletal remains of Ellen Freed

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were found in an isolated area eight miles outside of Claremont.

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Bernice Kodemash's decomposed body

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would turn up in the same woods one mile away.

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Then just over a year later, the body

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of yet another young woman, Barbara Agnew,

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was found on an isolated hillside in Heartland, Vermont.

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It was becoming more and more difficult to ignore what

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seemed to be a chilling pattern.

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Police estimate there may be as many as one person

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as one hundred serial killers living among us,

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on our streets and in our neighborhoods.

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They are cool in calculating, choosing victims indiscriminately,

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with little or no remorse for their actions.

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The overwhelming task for authorities

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is to determine how the serial killer thinks and hopefully

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learn where and when he might strike again.

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One such investigation is currently underway in New England.

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Since 1978, the bodies of seven young women

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have been discovered within a 50-mile radius along the New

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Hampshire, Vermont border.

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Police believe that six of the seven women

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were abducted and taken to remote wooded areas

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where they were murdered.

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All of the victims suffered similar stab wounds,

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and police began to suspect that the killings were

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the work of the same individual.

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I'm wondering if you take a look through these reports

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and give us your opinion on whether or not you feel one.

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With no witnesses and little physical evidence,

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investigators were to stand still.

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As a last resort, the New Hampshire State Police

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brought in criminal psychologist John Filpin

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to develop a profile of the killer.

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Look him over.

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Give us your opinion of what you think.

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My approach is to gather as much of the same information

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that the police use in the very beginning,

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police reports of crime scene, autopsy reports,

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autopsy photographs.

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Every bit of information that would be available typically

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to the investigators, that's what I would begin with.

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Profiling is something that you just,

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from law enforcement standpoint, you have a belief that it works.

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It's not so scientific that it is absolute.

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It's not going to tell you this is the individual.

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But it does give you the type of individual

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that you can be looking for.

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If you have a suspect, it can tell you whether or not

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you're on the right avenue or the right approach.

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In the beginning, I did make several trips

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out to the locations where Bernice and Ellen were killed.

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The first few times that I went

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00:05:49,320 --> 00:05:53,320

was simply to have something of a feel for the place.

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When I was there, I was in the middle of a building

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00:05:56,320 --> 00:05:58,320

with a feel for the place.

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00:05:58,320 --> 00:06:00,320

When I was there, what could I hear?

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00:06:00,320 --> 00:06:02,320

What could I smell?

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00:06:02,320 --> 00:06:04,320

What was the place like?

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00:06:04,320 --> 00:06:06,320

What would it have felt like to be there?

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00:06:06,320 --> 00:06:12,320

How could this crime, this very bizarre dance

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00:06:12,320 --> 00:06:15,320

between two people, how could it have been choreographed

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in this space? How could it have happened?

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When I get to the point where I'm beginning to develop

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00:06:23,320 --> 00:06:28,320

a feel for what is going on in the mind of a killer,

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00:06:28,320 --> 00:06:32,320

I'll go back to the scenes using what I have learned

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00:06:32,320 --> 00:06:35,320

and simply going through what might have happened

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00:06:35,320 --> 00:06:38,320

just as though I were him.

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00:06:40,320 --> 00:06:42,320

What am I hearing then?

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00:06:42,320 --> 00:06:44,320

Do I hear the noise of the river going by

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00:06:44,320 --> 00:06:46,320

or is that blocked out? Am I so focused?

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00:06:46,320 --> 00:06:48,320

Come on!

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00:06:48,320 --> 00:06:50,320

On the activity of killing, I don't hear that.

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00:06:50,320 --> 00:06:55,320

What does it tell me about this person's ability to perceive

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00:06:55,320 --> 00:06:59,320

in terms of sound, in terms of what I'm feeling,

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00:06:59,320 --> 00:07:01,320

in terms of what I'm able to see?

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00:07:01,320 --> 00:07:03,320

Come on!

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00:07:05,320 --> 00:07:08,320

Part of what goes on with this killer

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00:07:08,320 --> 00:07:13,320

is that he has a very strong need

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to take these women away alive,

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transport them to the site that he has pre-selected,

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00:07:22,320 --> 00:07:25,320

during which time clearly he owns them.

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00:07:25,320 --> 00:07:29,320

They are his to do with whatever he wishes.

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00:07:29,320 --> 00:07:32,320

And part of that, I think, is this process

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00:07:32,320 --> 00:07:35,320

of scaring the daylights out of him.

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Midnight, August 8, 1988, Winchester, New Hampshire.

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A 23-year-old woman named Jane was on her way home

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from a county fair when she stopped for a soft drink.

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00:07:49,320 --> 00:07:52,320

It was a hot, muggy evening,

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00:07:52,320 --> 00:07:55,320

and Jane was seven months pregnant.

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00:07:55,320 --> 00:07:57,320

If there was a serial killer on the loose,

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00:07:57,320 --> 00:08:01,320

this was a perfect setting for him to find a victim.

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Is that phone work?

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I don't know.

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00:08:17,320 --> 00:08:19,320

Hey, hey, hey, come on, let me alone! No!

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00:08:19,320 --> 00:08:21,320

Come on, away!

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00:08:21,320 --> 00:08:23,320

No!

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00:08:23,320 --> 00:08:25,320

Stay!

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00:08:25,320 --> 00:08:27,320

Okay, if you want to be that way.

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00:08:27,320 --> 00:08:29,320

Come on. Okay.

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00:08:29,320 --> 00:08:31,320

Okay, okay.

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00:08:31,320 --> 00:08:33,320

Just don't hurt me, I'm pregnant, okay?

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00:08:33,320 --> 00:08:35,320

Please don't hurt me.

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00:08:35,320 --> 00:08:37,320

Come on!

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00:08:37,320 --> 00:08:39,320

I'm pregnant.

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00:08:39,320 --> 00:08:41,320

I'm pregnant.

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00:08:41,320 --> 00:08:43,320

Come on!

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00:08:43,320 --> 00:08:45,320

What do you want?

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00:08:45,320 --> 00:08:47,320

You hurt my girlfriend real bad.

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00:08:47,320 --> 00:08:49,320

I didn't hurt anybody.

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00:08:49,320 --> 00:08:51,320

It's a Massachusetts car, isn't it?

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00:08:51,320 --> 00:08:53,320

No, it's New Hampshire, it's New Hampshire.

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At some point, Jane tried to break away,

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00:09:00,320 --> 00:09:04,320

and the killer's apparent plans to abduct her went awry.

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He had parked all the way to his vehicle,

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and by this time I was rolled over to my belly

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00:09:19,320 --> 00:09:22,320

and started getting up on my hands and knees,

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00:09:22,320 --> 00:09:25,320

and when he was driving by me,

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00:09:25,320 --> 00:09:28,320

he just looked right down at me.

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00:09:31,320 --> 00:09:35,320

He just looked at me and just kept driving.

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He was driving,

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00:09:37,320 --> 00:09:39,320

and he was driving,

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00:09:39,320 --> 00:09:41,320

and he was driving.

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00:09:45,320 --> 00:09:47,320

I could feel the blood rushing out of me,

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00:09:47,320 --> 00:09:50,320

and I just thought I was going to die.

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00:09:50,320 --> 00:09:52,320

I kept telling myself,

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00:09:52,320 --> 00:09:54,320

Jane, you're going to die.

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00:09:54,320 --> 00:09:56,320

That's all I could think of.

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00:09:56,320 --> 00:10:01,320

And I just felt like I had to get to my friend's house

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00:10:01,320 --> 00:10:03,320

to get help.

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Although Jane had been stabbed or slashed a total of 18 times,

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00:10:09,320 --> 00:10:12,320

she somehow managed to crawl back to her car

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00:10:12,320 --> 00:10:15,320

and drive to a friend's house two miles away.

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When I left the parking lot,

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00:10:19,320 --> 00:10:21,320

I felt like I was going fast.

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I was driving fast.

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I was in shock, of course,

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00:10:25,320 --> 00:10:27,320

so I'm really not sure how fast I was driving,

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but evidently pretty fast,

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00:10:29,320 --> 00:10:32,320

because before I knew it, I was right behind him.

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00:10:33,320 --> 00:10:36,320

And as I was behind him,

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00:10:36,320 --> 00:10:38,320

all I could think about was he was going to stop

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00:10:38,320 --> 00:10:41,320

or he was going to turn around and follow me.

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00:10:43,320 --> 00:10:44,320

He left me for dead.

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00:10:44,320 --> 00:10:46,320

I know he left me for dead.

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00:10:46,320 --> 00:10:48,320

No doubt about that.

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00:10:53,320 --> 00:10:55,320

When Jane reached her friend's house,

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00:10:55,320 --> 00:10:57,320

her attacker drove on.

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00:10:59,320 --> 00:11:01,320

Frank!

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00:11:04,320 --> 00:11:06,320

Frank!

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00:11:10,320 --> 00:11:13,320

Up the road, the attacker turned back.

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He stopped momentarily in front of the house,

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then disappeared into the night.

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Fire signs at this time are BP 90 or 60.

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We have a pulse of 8K.

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Miraculously, none of the stab wounds hit vital organs

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or Jane's seven-month-old fetus.

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00:11:31,320 --> 00:11:33,320

We're going to take you to the hospital.

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00:11:35,320 --> 00:11:38,320

Two months later, she gave birth to a healthy baby girl.

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00:11:41,320 --> 00:11:46,320

If you feel more comfortable with your eyes closed,

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00:11:46,320 --> 00:11:49,320

if you choose to close your eyes...

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00:11:49,320 --> 00:11:52,320

Jane agreed to undergo hypnosis with John Philpin

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00:11:52,320 --> 00:11:55,320

and was able to provide a graphic eye-witness account

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00:11:55,320 --> 00:11:57,320

of her terrifying ordeal.

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00:11:57,320 --> 00:11:59,320

Very peaceful.

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Very calm feeling.

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From what Jane said during the hypnotic session,

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00:12:07,320 --> 00:12:11,320

it became clear to me that she was not stopped.

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00:12:11,320 --> 00:12:15,320

Her decision to go to the fair was a last-minute decision.

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00:12:15,320 --> 00:12:20,320

She had no sense of anyone following her,

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00:12:20,320 --> 00:12:23,320

either going to the fair while she was at the fair

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00:12:23,320 --> 00:12:25,320

and leaving the fair.

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00:12:26,320 --> 00:12:30,320

She was able to supply very specific details

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00:12:30,320 --> 00:12:32,320

of this man getting out of the car

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00:12:32,320 --> 00:12:34,320

and coming up on the other side,

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00:12:34,320 --> 00:12:37,320

making some remark about the telephone.

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00:12:37,320 --> 00:12:39,320

That phone working?

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00:12:39,320 --> 00:12:41,320

Hey, leave me alone!

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00:12:41,320 --> 00:12:43,320

Leave me alone! Get away!

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00:12:43,320 --> 00:12:46,320

This man is very deliberate, very methodical, very calm.

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00:12:46,320 --> 00:12:49,320

We know especially from the graphic description

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00:12:49,320 --> 00:12:52,320

that Jane provided for us that he doesn't get rattled.

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00:12:52,320 --> 00:12:54,320

That he's very much in control.

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00:12:54,320 --> 00:12:57,320

Very patient about what it is he's doing.

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00:12:57,320 --> 00:12:59,320

You hurt my girlfriend real bad.

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00:12:59,320 --> 00:13:00,320

I didn't hurt anybody.

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00:13:00,320 --> 00:13:03,320

He seemed so calm and so cool about everything,

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00:13:03,320 --> 00:13:05,320

throughout the whole thing.

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00:13:05,320 --> 00:13:07,320

I mean, he never got mad.

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00:13:07,320 --> 00:13:11,320

He never showed nervousness.

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00:13:11,320 --> 00:13:13,320

He just was so calm.

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00:13:13,320 --> 00:13:16,320

And everything was just...

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00:13:16,320 --> 00:13:19,320

as if it didn't bother him.

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00:13:22,320 --> 00:13:27,320

What Jane described was a tremendous struggle,

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00:13:27,320 --> 00:13:30,320

a tremendous amount of resistance on her part,

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00:13:30,320 --> 00:13:32,320

the desire to protect her baby.

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00:13:32,320 --> 00:13:35,320

But that at some point during the assault,

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00:13:35,320 --> 00:13:38,320

it was as though she had done everything that she could do

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00:13:38,320 --> 00:13:40,320

and she couldn't do anymore.

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00:13:40,320 --> 00:13:42,320

And she stopped struggling.

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00:13:42,320 --> 00:13:45,320

And it was at that point that the assault stopped.

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00:13:45,320 --> 00:13:47,320

It seemed as though the great man

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00:13:47,320 --> 00:13:51,320

was the man who was going to be the first to leave the fair.

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And as though the greater her resistance,

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00:13:54,320 --> 00:13:56,320

the more determined he was

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00:13:56,320 --> 00:14:00,320

that as soon as her resistance began to wane,

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00:14:00,320 --> 00:14:02,320

the attack ended.

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00:14:05,320 --> 00:14:08,320

As you begin to drive south on the highway,

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00:14:08,320 --> 00:14:10,320

Jane, what are you seeing?

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00:14:10,320 --> 00:14:12,320

Um...

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00:14:12,320 --> 00:14:18,320

I'm coming up behind another car and it's...

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00:14:21,320 --> 00:14:24,320

There he is. That's him. That's him.

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00:14:26,320 --> 00:14:28,320

The license plate, Jane.

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00:14:28,320 --> 00:14:31,320

Focus in on the license plate.

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00:14:31,320 --> 00:14:33,320

It's... it's dirty.

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00:14:33,320 --> 00:14:35,320

I... um...

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00:14:36,320 --> 00:14:38,320

Six...

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00:14:38,320 --> 00:14:40,320

six...

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00:14:40,320 --> 00:14:42,320

two...

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00:14:42,320 --> 00:14:44,320

um...

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00:14:44,320 --> 00:14:47,320

It's too dirty. I can't see it.

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00:14:47,320 --> 00:14:50,320

That's a picture that you can hold.

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00:14:50,320 --> 00:14:52,320

You can hold that picture.

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00:14:52,320 --> 00:14:54,320

After getting the description,

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one of the things that we decided to do

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00:14:56,320 --> 00:14:58,320

was see if we could identify this Jeep.

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In order to do that, we elicited the help of the state of Vermont,

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the state of New Hampshire, obviously,

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00:15:04,320 --> 00:15:06,320

and the state of Massachusetts.

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We generated a computer printout of all Jeep Wagonias

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registered at that time in those three states

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matching the description that Jane had given us.

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00:15:13,320 --> 00:15:17,320

Jane described it as between being a 75 to an 85.

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Police narrowed the search to 1,350 Jeeps throughout New England.

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Unfortunately, none of the leads pinpointed a suspect.

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Once again, the investigation was stalled,

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00:15:29,320 --> 00:15:32,320

but with one crucial difference.

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00:15:32,320 --> 00:15:35,320

The police still do not know who the killer is,

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00:15:35,320 --> 00:15:38,320

but thanks to Jane's eyewitness description,

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00:15:38,320 --> 00:15:42,320

they do believe they know what he looks like and how he thinks.

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00:15:42,320 --> 00:15:45,320

I think he is a loner type of person.

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00:15:45,320 --> 00:15:49,320

He prefers his own thoughts, his own fantasies.

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00:15:49,320 --> 00:15:52,320

He doesn't like intrusion.

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00:15:52,320 --> 00:15:56,320

I think his view of women is extremely negative

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00:15:56,320 --> 00:15:58,320

to the point of hostility,

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00:15:58,320 --> 00:16:05,320

to the point of viewing them as arrogant, intrusive types of people.

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00:16:05,320 --> 00:16:09,320

So that I could see him making an adjustment

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00:16:09,320 --> 00:16:14,320

that we might call within the realm of the normal,

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00:16:14,320 --> 00:16:19,320

but it would require, I think,

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00:16:19,320 --> 00:16:24,320

some very limited exposure to groups of people.

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00:16:24,320 --> 00:16:27,320

I just feel really fortunate to be alive,

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00:16:27,320 --> 00:16:33,320

but I just wish he could be found.

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00:16:33,320 --> 00:16:37,320

So it wouldn't happen to somebody else.

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00:16:37,320 --> 00:16:41,320

Maybe they won't be so fortunate like I was to live.

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00:16:45,320 --> 00:16:47,320

disputes

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00:17:09,720 --> 00:17:10,240

Holland

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00:17:10,240 --> 00:17:14,200

Poignant update, a grown woman meets her father for the first time.

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00:17:26,880 --> 00:17:32,440

By the power vested in me, I now pronounce you man and wife.

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00:17:32,440 --> 00:17:33,680

You may kiss the bride.

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00:17:33,680 --> 00:17:37,800

On November 11, 1958, 17-year-old Patsy Summers married

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00:17:37,800 --> 00:17:40,680

her high school sweetheart, Nalpasso, Texas.

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00:17:40,680 --> 00:17:43,000

At the time, only Patsy and her husband

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00:17:43,000 --> 00:17:46,240

knew that she was pregnant.

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00:17:46,240 --> 00:17:51,040

Seven months later, Patsy's daughter, Jeannie, was born.

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00:17:51,040 --> 00:17:55,200

From a very early age, I felt very different

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00:17:55,200 --> 00:17:59,360

and separated from my family.

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00:17:59,360 --> 00:18:02,040

And no one intentionally made me feel that way, I don't think.

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00:18:02,040 --> 00:18:06,040

But it was just a knowledge I had that was, I guess,

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00:18:06,040 --> 00:18:09,120

in my subconscious.

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00:18:09,120 --> 00:18:11,640

After her mother's death in 1983,

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00:18:11,640 --> 00:18:14,800

Jeannie learned of a shocking secret.

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00:18:14,800 --> 00:18:16,880

A passage in Patsy's diary revealed

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00:18:16,880 --> 00:18:19,280

that the man Jeannie had known as her father

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00:18:19,280 --> 00:18:20,680

was not her father at all.

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00:18:24,120 --> 00:18:26,840

The diary detailed how Patsy had gone to a local park

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00:18:26,840 --> 00:18:29,320

after an argument with her fiance.

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00:18:29,320 --> 00:18:31,400

There, she met a young enlisted man stationed

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00:18:31,400 --> 00:18:33,040

at nearby Fort Bliss.

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00:18:33,040 --> 00:18:34,760

His name was Duncan.

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00:18:34,760 --> 00:18:37,720

Patsy was immediately smitten by the handsome young soldier,

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00:18:37,720 --> 00:18:39,560

and they soon began dating.

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00:18:39,560 --> 00:18:42,000

She never told Duncan about her fiance

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00:18:42,000 --> 00:18:46,120

or her fiance about Duncan.

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00:18:46,120 --> 00:18:51,200

My mother, she thought of Duncan as a very kind person

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00:18:51,200 --> 00:18:55,360

and even stated that of all the people that she had known,

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00:18:55,360 --> 00:19:02,800

that he was the kindest person she had ever met.

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00:19:02,840 --> 00:19:05,880

Six months later, Patsy Summers was pregnant.

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00:19:05,880 --> 00:19:08,040

She was sure that Duncan was a father,

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00:19:08,040 --> 00:19:09,920

but fearing her family's reaction,

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00:19:09,920 --> 00:19:12,160

decided to marry her fiance as planned.

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00:19:15,120 --> 00:19:18,200

There's something I want to talk to you about.

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00:19:18,200 --> 00:19:19,600

Patsy, what is it?

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00:19:19,600 --> 00:19:22,960

Patsy told Duncan that she never wanted to see him again.

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00:19:22,960 --> 00:19:27,840

He never knew that he was the father of her child.

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00:19:27,840 --> 00:19:32,040

My firm belief is that secrets only cause people harm.

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00:19:32,040 --> 00:19:34,400

And cause a lot of suffering.

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00:19:34,400 --> 00:19:38,800

And that's why, for me, the truth has to come out.

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00:19:38,800 --> 00:19:41,120

And I have to know who Duncan is.

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00:19:44,000 --> 00:19:47,560

The night the genie story aired, a woman named Suzanne Gilmore

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00:19:47,560 --> 00:19:50,000

was watching our broadcast at her home in Lake Wiley,

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00:19:50,000 --> 00:19:51,640

South Carolina.

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00:19:51,640 --> 00:19:56,000

At the time, Susan's husband, Duncan, was fast asleep.

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00:19:56,000 --> 00:19:58,480

Genie's mother had written in her diary

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00:19:58,480 --> 00:20:01,360

that he was the sweetest, kindest person

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00:20:01,360 --> 00:20:02,400

that she had ever met.

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00:20:02,400 --> 00:20:04,360

I just said, that's my Duncan.

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00:20:04,360 --> 00:20:07,240

I knew that it was my Duncan.

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00:20:07,240 --> 00:20:10,720

And the next thing I knew, my wife woke me up.

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00:20:10,720 --> 00:20:15,160

And she said, were you ever stationed in Al Paso, Texas

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00:20:15,160 --> 00:20:17,720

at Fort Bliss when you were in the Army?

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00:20:17,720 --> 00:20:18,640

And I said, yeah.

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00:20:18,640 --> 00:20:21,680

She said, were you there in 1958?

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00:20:21,680 --> 00:20:24,800

And I said, yeah, I was there in 1958.

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00:20:24,800 --> 00:20:28,440

And she said, did you ever know Patsy Summers?

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00:20:28,440 --> 00:20:31,560

And I said, yeah, I knew Patsy Summers.

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00:20:31,560 --> 00:20:33,360

Did you sleep with her?

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00:20:33,360 --> 00:20:35,080

And he said, what, what, what?

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00:20:35,080 --> 00:20:37,280

He just kind of came awake.

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00:20:37,280 --> 00:20:38,840

And I said, it's very important.

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00:20:38,840 --> 00:20:39,920

Did you sleep with her?

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00:20:39,920 --> 00:20:42,640

And he said, well, yeah.

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00:20:42,640 --> 00:20:44,240

She said, congratulations.

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00:20:44,240 --> 00:20:45,080

You have a daughter.

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00:20:45,080 --> 00:20:46,840

And she's looking for you.

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00:20:46,840 --> 00:20:49,480

And he just came awake like a shot.

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00:20:49,480 --> 00:20:52,200

It was like, she's looking for me?

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00:20:52,200 --> 00:20:53,600

And I said, yes.

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00:20:53,600 --> 00:20:56,480

As soon as I heard some of the details,

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00:20:56,480 --> 00:20:59,160

I knew immediately she was my daughter.

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00:20:59,160 --> 00:21:01,960

And I don't want to say it was a matter of fact,

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00:21:01,960 --> 00:21:05,400

but I just knew that she was my daughter.

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00:21:05,400 --> 00:21:07,120

And we had to be together.

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00:21:07,120 --> 00:21:08,280

And I had to see her.

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00:21:08,280 --> 00:21:09,320

And I had to respond.

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00:21:12,200 --> 00:21:14,840

Nine days and dozens of phone calls later,

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00:21:14,840 --> 00:21:16,840

Duncan Gilmore and his wife, Suzanne,

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00:21:16,840 --> 00:21:19,000

arrived in Houston, Texas.

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00:21:19,000 --> 00:21:22,160

On May 3, 1991, father and daughter

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00:21:22,160 --> 00:21:24,360

met for the first time in their lives.

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00:21:27,440 --> 00:21:28,240

Hi.

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00:21:28,240 --> 00:21:31,240

Hi.

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00:21:31,240 --> 00:21:33,800

When I hugged my dad, it was a combination

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00:21:33,800 --> 00:21:37,280

of being really, really happy.

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00:21:37,280 --> 00:21:42,320

But also, there was a little sadness there

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00:21:42,320 --> 00:21:47,400

that so many years have gone by and that we've missed out

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00:21:47,400 --> 00:21:49,120

on each other's lives.

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00:21:49,120 --> 00:21:50,000

I love you.

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00:21:50,000 --> 00:21:52,960

I love you too.

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00:21:52,960 --> 00:21:56,280

I will always remember Jenny coming to the door

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00:21:56,280 --> 00:22:02,400

and for the first time seeing my daughter and holding her.

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00:22:02,400 --> 00:22:04,200

The day was made even more special

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00:22:04,200 --> 00:22:07,520

when Duncan met his only grandchildren, Joshua and Justin,

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00:22:07,520 --> 00:22:08,440

for the first time.

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00:22:11,040 --> 00:22:16,240

When I saw my boys playing catch with their grandpa,

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00:22:16,240 --> 00:22:19,480

it just felt right.

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00:22:19,480 --> 00:22:21,720

They needed a grandpa.

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00:22:21,720 --> 00:22:26,040

And I can't think of a better grandpa for them to have.

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00:22:26,040 --> 00:22:28,640

That's a good wish, right?

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00:22:28,640 --> 00:22:33,360

Never could I have hoped in a million years

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00:22:33,360 --> 00:22:39,440

our parade, 1,000 prayers for this to turn out as well as it has.

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00:22:39,440 --> 00:22:41,560

And he's turned out to be everything

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00:22:41,560 --> 00:22:43,160

that I thought he was going to be.

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00:22:43,160 --> 00:22:43,960

Yeah, he did.

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00:22:43,960 --> 00:22:47,520

And tomorrow and the day after, I'll now

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00:22:47,560 --> 00:22:51,720

have a dad who loves me and wants to be a part of my life.

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00:22:57,560 --> 00:22:59,880

When we return, a respected judge

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00:22:59,880 --> 00:23:02,720

has been accused of stealing more than \$10 million

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00:23:02,720 --> 00:23:04,120

from his friends and neighbors.

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00:23:18,520 --> 00:23:21,560

Newport, New Hampshire, population 7,000

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00:23:21,560 --> 00:23:25,240

reflects the values that America was built upon.

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00:23:25,240 --> 00:23:28,520

A small town where successive generations are born and grow

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00:23:28,520 --> 00:23:31,760

old, where everyone knows everyone else,

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00:23:31,760 --> 00:23:34,960

where relationships are founded on honesty and trust.

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00:23:37,840 --> 00:23:40,840

But on a quiet morning in May of 1989,

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00:23:40,840 --> 00:23:43,600

a crack appeared in that foundation.

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00:23:43,600 --> 00:23:46,560

Judge John Fairbanks, a lifelong resident,

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00:23:46,600 --> 00:23:49,680

asked his court clerk to find a replacement for him and left

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00:23:49,680 --> 00:23:50,960

town.

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00:23:50,960 --> 00:23:54,520

At the time, no one imagined that Newport would never

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00:23:54,520 --> 00:23:55,520

be the same again.

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00:23:58,800 --> 00:24:01,640

Judge John C. Fairbanks was a respected jurist

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00:24:01,640 --> 00:24:04,280

and successful attorney whose family had lived in the Newport,

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00:24:04,280 --> 00:24:07,320

New Hampshire area for three generations.

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00:24:07,320 --> 00:24:10,800

On June 6, 1989, residents were astonished by the news

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00:24:10,800 --> 00:24:12,760

that Fairbanks had resigned his judgeship

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00:24:12,760 --> 00:24:14,960

and abandoned his law practice.

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00:24:14,960 --> 00:24:17,960

A few days later, their shock turned to outrage.

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00:24:17,960 --> 00:24:19,920

This pillar of the community was apparently

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00:24:19,920 --> 00:24:23,360

the worst kind of thief, a man who's stolen more than \$10

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00:24:23,360 --> 00:24:26,920

million from his friends and neighbors.

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00:24:26,920 --> 00:24:28,680

You understand that you have a right

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00:24:28,680 --> 00:24:30,920

to present evidence on your behalf?

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00:24:30,920 --> 00:24:34,480

For 33 years, Judge Fairbanks presided over the district

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00:24:34,480 --> 00:24:36,440

court of Newport.

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00:24:36,440 --> 00:24:37,640

I'll get to that later.

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00:24:37,640 --> 00:24:39,760

Because Newport is a small community,

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00:24:39,760 --> 00:24:41,800

Fairbanks court duties were limited,

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00:24:41,800 --> 00:24:44,480

and he was able to maintain a lucrative law practice,

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00:24:44,480 --> 00:24:46,280

specializing in probate law.

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00:24:49,600 --> 00:24:51,280

John was a nice guy.

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00:24:51,280 --> 00:24:54,440

Everybody in the community liked him.

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00:24:54,440 --> 00:24:56,680

Nobody had a bad word for him.

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00:24:56,680 --> 00:24:59,200

He just loved his family.

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00:24:59,200 --> 00:25:02,160

I love his children, his grandchildren.

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00:25:02,160 --> 00:25:03,920

Just a great guy.

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00:25:03,920 --> 00:25:06,680

Fairbanks was honest.

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00:25:06,680 --> 00:25:08,680

I mean, that was his reputation.

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00:25:08,680 --> 00:25:10,640

You might knock him for other things,

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00:25:10,640 --> 00:25:13,120

but the one thing everybody always said about John

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00:25:13,120 --> 00:25:14,920

Fairbanks was he was honest.

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00:25:14,920 --> 00:25:17,920

So these people had complete faith and trust

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00:25:17,920 --> 00:25:18,800

and confidence in him.

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00:25:22,080 --> 00:25:24,480

When a client died, Judge Fairbanks

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00:25:24,480 --> 00:25:27,680

would visit his widow, not just to offer condolences,

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00:25:27,680 --> 00:25:30,040

but to relieve her of her financial worries.

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00:25:36,520 --> 00:25:37,800

Good morning.

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00:25:37,800 --> 00:25:38,800

Good morning.

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00:25:38,800 --> 00:25:39,800

Hello, Jane.

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00:25:39,800 --> 00:25:41,120

Nice of you to see me.

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00:25:41,120 --> 00:25:44,960

My husband grew up with Judge Fairbanks here in town.

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00:25:44,960 --> 00:25:47,400

The families were very friendly.

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00:25:47,400 --> 00:25:51,440

And through the years, anything pertaining to law,

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00:25:51,440 --> 00:25:53,960

he would go to Judge Fairbanks.

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00:25:53,960 --> 00:25:57,440

John Fairbanks was settling my uncle's estate.

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00:25:57,440 --> 00:25:59,280

And then, of course, I had the estate

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00:25:59,280 --> 00:26:01,280

and I had an income tax to do.

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00:26:01,280 --> 00:26:03,960

I knew him, so I went back to him for income taxes.

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00:26:03,960 --> 00:26:07,040

And I went to him every year for doing my income tax.

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00:26:07,360 --> 00:26:12,280

Patricia Sawyer had been coming to the judge for advice

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00:26:12,280 --> 00:26:14,320

since 1958.

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00:26:14,320 --> 00:26:18,000

In August of 1987, she agreed to turn over her stock

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00:26:18,000 --> 00:26:23,320

certificates to Fairbanks so he could inventory her holdings.

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00:26:23,320 --> 00:26:27,320

He called me on the phone and asked about my getting.

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00:26:27,320 --> 00:26:30,120

Could I get the stocks that day?

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00:26:30,120 --> 00:26:31,440

I'll take that, Patricia.

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00:26:32,440 --> 00:26:36,440

Judge Fairbanks and I had talked about doing an estate plan

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00:26:36,440 --> 00:26:39,440

and changing my will, so many people had doubted.

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00:26:39,440 --> 00:26:41,840

Have you just laid all that out on my desk?

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00:26:41,840 --> 00:26:43,440

When we got to Judge Fairbanks' office,

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00:26:43,440 --> 00:26:46,080

he said he would inventory them, and he would let me know

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00:26:46,080 --> 00:26:49,160

how much they were worth, and we would get together and make

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00:26:49,160 --> 00:26:50,560

the will.

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00:26:50,560 --> 00:26:52,520

Now, let's see what we have here.

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00:26:55,640 --> 00:26:56,800

Is this everything, Patricia?

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00:26:56,800 --> 00:26:57,960

This is everything.

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00:26:57,960 --> 00:26:58,860

You're sure?

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00:26:58,860 --> 00:26:59,760

Yes.

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00:26:59,760 --> 00:27:02,360

Your uncle didn't have any deposits in any other banks.

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00:27:02,360 --> 00:27:03,360

No.

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00:27:03,360 --> 00:27:09,360

But he never got back to me, and I prodded John a few times,

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00:27:09,360 --> 00:27:12,320

but he was awful busy, and he hadn't got to it.

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00:27:12,320 --> 00:27:15,760

And then we'll be able to plan the estate.

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00:27:15,760 --> 00:27:18,360

Patricia, you don't have any idea how much this is worth.

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00:27:18,360 --> 00:27:19,360

I have no idea.

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00:27:19,360 --> 00:27:20,360

All right.

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00:27:20,360 --> 00:27:21,320

There.

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00:27:24,320 --> 00:27:28,320

October 12, 1987, Black Monday, August 19, 1987.

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00:27:28,960 --> 00:27:31,120

Black Monday on Wall Street.

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00:27:31,120 --> 00:27:34,320

The repercussions were felt worldwide, even in Judge

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00:27:34,320 --> 00:27:35,560

Fairbanks' courtroom.

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00:27:38,400 --> 00:27:39,960

How fast were you going?

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00:27:39,960 --> 00:27:41,400

60.

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00:27:41,400 --> 00:27:42,720

How do you know you were going 60?

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00:27:42,720 --> 00:27:45,720

Well, I almost never could.

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00:27:45,720 --> 00:27:47,520

We'll take a brief recess.

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00:27:47,520 --> 00:27:50,000

All rise, please.

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00:27:50,000 --> 00:27:52,800

The stock market crash, I remember very, very well.

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00:27:52,800 --> 00:27:55,760

It was the judge's 65th birthday.

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00:27:55,840 --> 00:28:00,120

He made a couple comments about turning 65

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00:28:00,120 --> 00:28:04,640

as just wonderful stock market crashes on your 65th birthday.

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00:28:04,640 --> 00:28:07,520

The secret of a stock market crash is not to panic.

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00:28:11,040 --> 00:28:12,440

Hello, Ed.

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00:28:12,440 --> 00:28:15,440

Now, what's the problem?

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00:28:15,440 --> 00:28:19,000

He said if he panicked, that he would lose over \$3 million

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00:28:19,000 --> 00:28:19,900

in the crash.

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00:28:19,900 --> 00:28:20,960

Well, the transfer is on one of the other accounts.

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00:28:20,960 --> 00:28:22,720

But that he wasn't going to panic.

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00:28:22,720 --> 00:28:25,560

He made it through court real quick.

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00:28:25,560 --> 00:28:26,440

And left the building.

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00:28:26,440 --> 00:28:28,600

But I was real concerned about him.

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00:28:28,600 --> 00:28:32,200

His mannerisms were different.

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00:28:32,200 --> 00:28:35,440

He was very, very withdrawn that day.

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00:28:35,440 --> 00:28:38,480

John, when am I going to be getting some dividends?

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00:28:38,480 --> 00:28:40,760

Within a month, the effects of the crash

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00:28:40,760 --> 00:28:43,000

had trickled down to Patricia Sawyer.

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00:28:43,000 --> 00:28:45,560

I asked him why I wasn't getting dividend checks.

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00:28:45,560 --> 00:28:49,440

And he said that due to the stock market crash,

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00:28:49,440 --> 00:28:51,040

my stocks had gone down.

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00:28:51,040 --> 00:28:52,920

And he was turning the dividends back

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00:28:52,920 --> 00:28:55,520

in to bring the stocks up to where they were before the crash.

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00:28:56,320 --> 00:28:59,920

Before the drop in the stock market.

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00:28:59,920 --> 00:29:02,000

And I believed that.

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00:29:02,000 --> 00:29:04,200

I called Fairbanks in the spring of 88

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00:29:04,200 --> 00:29:06,360

because I had not been receiving accountings.

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00:29:06,360 --> 00:29:08,920

And it was at that time that he told me

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00:29:08,920 --> 00:29:13,800

that he had been spending my brother's principal.

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00:29:13,800 --> 00:29:16,840

John Tweedy had engaged Fairbanks as legal guardian

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00:29:16,840 --> 00:29:19,840

for his brother Richard after their mother died.

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00:29:19,840 --> 00:29:21,800

Richard Tweedy is a schizophrenic

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00:29:21,800 --> 00:29:24,040

who has been institutionalized in a New Hampshire

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00:29:24,040 --> 00:29:26,240

hospital for more than 40 years.

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00:29:30,160 --> 00:29:33,280

In November of 1988, John Tweedy insisted

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00:29:33,280 --> 00:29:35,320

that Fairbanks meet him face to face

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00:29:35,320 --> 00:29:39,920

to discuss concerns about his brother's holdings.

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00:29:39,920 --> 00:29:41,560

John, how are you?

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00:29:41,560 --> 00:29:42,480

How are you, John?

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00:29:42,480 --> 00:29:43,360

Good to see you.

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00:29:43,360 --> 00:29:44,260

I like you on it.

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00:29:44,260 --> 00:29:45,160

I brought the account.

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00:29:45,160 --> 00:29:45,960

Well, very good.

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00:29:45,960 --> 00:29:46,960

I'm glad you did.

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00:29:46,960 --> 00:29:49,040

I had certain questions to ask him about the estate.

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00:29:49,040 --> 00:29:50,920

I mean, there was rhetoric in his response,

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00:29:50,920 --> 00:29:53,200

but he didn't answer the questions.

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00:29:53,280 --> 00:29:54,800

Don't worry about that, John.

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00:29:54,800 --> 00:29:56,880

Here, I want you to take a look at this.

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00:29:56,880 --> 00:29:58,160

I will.

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00:29:58,160 --> 00:30:01,080

Maybe you can answer something else.

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00:30:01,080 --> 00:30:04,160

When did my brother's estate go into the red?

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00:30:04,160 --> 00:30:07,880

Well, John, I haven't got all those figures up here in my head.

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00:30:07,880 --> 00:30:09,920

But you come back to my office later in the week,

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00:30:09,920 --> 00:30:11,680

and I'll lay it all out for you.

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00:30:11,680 --> 00:30:15,840

It was at that time I found out that 75% of my brother's money

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00:30:15,840 --> 00:30:17,320

was gone.

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00:30:17,320 --> 00:30:20,120

Why didn't you inform me when his estate went into the red?

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00:30:20,120 --> 00:30:24,000

Oh, John, I tried to, but you're a hard man to find.

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00:30:24,000 --> 00:30:25,600

Now, look, I've got another appointment.

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00:30:25,600 --> 00:30:28,040

You come in later in the week, and we'll take care of everything.

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00:30:28,040 --> 00:30:28,920

See you later, John.

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00:30:28,920 --> 00:30:29,920

OK, John.

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00:30:29,920 --> 00:30:30,820

Take care.

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00:30:32,820 --> 00:30:34,840

Well, if my brother's estate was in the red,

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00:30:34,840 --> 00:30:37,280

and he knew my brother's equity in the real estate,

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00:30:37,280 --> 00:30:40,880

if he was going to really take care of my brother's affairs,

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00:30:40,880 --> 00:30:43,280

he would have notified me at that time and said,

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00:30:43,280 --> 00:30:45,160

we have to sell some land.

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00:30:45,160 --> 00:30:46,800

But he didn't.

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00:30:46,800 --> 00:30:49,480

Why didn't he?

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00:30:49,480 --> 00:30:51,280

Well, of course, I was to find out why he didn't.

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00:30:54,040 --> 00:30:57,160

John Tweedy refused to accept the judge's explanations

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00:30:57,160 --> 00:31:03,000

about his brother's estate and began his own investigation.

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00:31:03,000 --> 00:31:06,440

I found that he had sold stock, and he had underreported

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00:31:06,440 --> 00:31:08,760

what he had gotten for the stock.

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00:31:08,760 --> 00:31:11,720

He had underreported what he had gotten for dividends.

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00:31:11,720 --> 00:31:13,800

And after a couple of weeks of this,

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00:31:13,800 --> 00:31:17,440

I came up with \$20,000 that was missing.

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00:31:17,440 --> 00:31:19,400

It turned out that was only a part of what was missing,

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00:31:19,400 --> 00:31:22,880

but that was all I could determine from public records.

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00:31:22,880 --> 00:31:25,560

And it was at that point I realized that, well,

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00:31:25,560 --> 00:31:26,520

he was embezzling.

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00:31:26,520 --> 00:31:28,800

And I've been raised to believe that when

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00:31:28,800 --> 00:31:31,200

you see a crime committed, you call the cops.

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00:31:31,200 --> 00:31:34,800

So I called the cops.

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00:31:34,800 --> 00:31:40,120

We drove over to look at Fairbanks' house here in Newport.

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00:31:40,120 --> 00:31:42,640

And we saw the house, and we felt, gee,

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00:31:42,640 --> 00:31:45,200

that's got to be \$500,000.

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00:31:45,200 --> 00:31:49,120

We were aware that he had a home in a gunquit main, which

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00:31:49,160 --> 00:31:52,080

is a pretty expensive area to live.

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00:31:52,080 --> 00:31:55,680

Right on the ocean, it was worth \$600,000 to \$700,000.

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00:31:55,680 --> 00:32:00,360

And we looked at each other and said, this guy's a thief.

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00:32:00,360 --> 00:32:03,600

Judge Fairbanks' house of cards was tumbling down.

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00:32:03,600 --> 00:32:06,720

On June 6, 1989, he resigned from the bench

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and retreated to his summer home in Maine.

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When John Tweedy's charges were made public,

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00:32:12,160 --> 00:32:14,640

other disgruntled clients began to come forward

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00:32:14,640 --> 00:32:17,760

with their suspicions.

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00:32:17,760 --> 00:32:20,480

I had no idea that he was doing anything

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00:32:20,480 --> 00:32:25,680

underhandedly until all this came out that morning.

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00:32:25,680 --> 00:32:29,280

Judge Fairbanks had taken several other people,

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00:32:29,280 --> 00:32:33,640

not only my account, but others in town.

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00:32:33,640 --> 00:32:36,000

I wasn't the only one.

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00:32:36,000 --> 00:32:39,720

He put these stocks into this stock mortgage firm

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00:32:39,720 --> 00:32:41,000

as my agent.

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00:32:41,000 --> 00:32:44,360

And I had never signed any papers, given him any authority.

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00:32:44,360 --> 00:32:48,400

I had never signed my name on the certificates.

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00:32:48,400 --> 00:32:51,280

He had done that illegally.

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00:32:51,280 --> 00:32:54,600

Fairbanks had, in my opinion, had been doing this for so long

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00:32:54,600 --> 00:32:59,200

that he had sort of milked dry most of the accounts

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00:32:59,200 --> 00:33:01,360

that he had been stealing from.

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00:33:01,360 --> 00:33:04,640

And along came Patricia Soria, who

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00:33:04,640 --> 00:33:11,320

had almost \$1 million in assets that he got in his hands.

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00:33:11,320 --> 00:33:13,120

And it was like a gold mine.

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00:33:13,160 --> 00:33:16,560

And he pounced on it.

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00:33:16,560 --> 00:33:19,680

Authorities now suspect that over a 20-year period,

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00:33:19,680 --> 00:33:23,280

Fairbanks may have stolen more than \$10 million.

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00:33:23,280 --> 00:33:25,600

As the investigation reached its climax,

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00:33:25,600 --> 00:33:27,760

Judge Fairbanks spoke with Tom Hannigan

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00:33:27,760 --> 00:33:30,800

from his home in Maine.

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00:33:30,800 --> 00:33:33,320

I told him that all I wanted to do

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00:33:33,320 --> 00:33:36,680

was to have him produce documents which

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00:33:36,680 --> 00:33:43,480

would show that his accounting was true and correct.

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00:33:43,480 --> 00:33:46,240

Look, let's keep this as quiet as possible.

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00:33:46,240 --> 00:33:48,920

I don't want this to become a big thing.

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00:33:48,920 --> 00:33:50,880

We agreed to a meeting.

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00:33:50,880 --> 00:33:53,440

And then he called me maybe a week before the meeting

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00:33:53,440 --> 00:33:55,720

and said that he had a postponement.

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00:33:55,720 --> 00:33:57,120

And I said, OK.

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00:33:57,120 --> 00:33:59,360

And we set another date.

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00:33:59,360 --> 00:34:01,920

And then when the next date came up,

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00:34:01,920 --> 00:34:03,840

I came over to Newport, New Hampshire

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00:34:03,840 --> 00:34:06,560

to interview Fairbanks.

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00:34:06,560 --> 00:34:10,600

And he wasn't there.

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00:34:10,600 --> 00:34:13,760

Finally, in December 28, 1989, the judge

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00:34:13,760 --> 00:34:16,600

was indicted on four counts of theft.

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00:34:16,600 --> 00:34:18,960

The indictments listed more than 100 checks

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00:34:18,960 --> 00:34:21,400

written by Fairbanks, which transferred money

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00:34:21,400 --> 00:34:24,440

from client accounts to Fairbanks' personal accounts.

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00:34:24,440 --> 00:34:25,600

Keep our change.

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00:34:25,600 --> 00:34:27,000

Keep our change.

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00:34:27,000 --> 00:34:29,400

The next day, Fairbanks' pickup truck

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00:34:29,400 --> 00:34:33,480

was found abandoned near his house in Maine.

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00:34:33,520 --> 00:34:36,800

The judge had disappeared and has not been seen since.

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00:34:40,200 --> 00:34:42,360

This has affected my life to the fact

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00:34:42,360 --> 00:34:45,120

that I wonder what I'm going to do.

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00:34:45,120 --> 00:34:48,400

And I'm going to have to sell land, maybe sell the farm.

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00:34:48,400 --> 00:34:50,640

And the farm has been in my family

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00:34:50,640 --> 00:34:53,200

since the original settlers came from Massachusetts

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00:34:53,200 --> 00:34:55,600

with the Roth steams.

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00:34:55,600 --> 00:34:58,280

Well, I was in total shock.

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00:34:58,280 --> 00:35:00,920

Still don't think I've come out of it.

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00:35:00,920 --> 00:35:04,360

I just can't believe anyone could do such a thing.

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00:35:04,360 --> 00:35:05,720

He had a double life.

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00:35:05,720 --> 00:35:08,240

He had two totally separated lives.

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And one of them was fine.

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00:35:10,080 --> 00:35:13,160

You know, one of them was a man of great integrity,

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00:35:13,160 --> 00:35:14,400

respected by the community.

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00:35:14,400 --> 00:35:19,880

And the other one was, well, classical.

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00:35:19,880 --> 00:35:21,400

You know, he was into all sorts of things,

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00:35:21,400 --> 00:35:25,640

which are very shaky, very shady, and quite immoral.

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00:35:25,640 --> 00:35:30,720

And very few, if anybody, knew the two existed.

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00:35:30,720 --> 00:35:53,640

Next, the search for a set of twins

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00:35:53,640 --> 00:35:55,160

who were separated from their family

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00:35:55,160 --> 00:35:56,360

just after they were born.

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00:36:00,720 --> 00:36:10,920

Growing up in the 50s in Red Hill, Alabama,

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00:36:10,920 --> 00:36:12,840

life was slow and easy.

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00:36:12,840 --> 00:36:15,400

Every day seemed pretty much like another.

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00:36:15,400 --> 00:36:17,920

But when Sue Scribner, the fifth of 10 children,

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00:36:17,920 --> 00:36:24,560

was 13 years old, one day held an extraordinary surprise.

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00:36:24,560 --> 00:36:27,120

I'll never forget the day I came home from church.

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00:36:27,120 --> 00:36:32,280

It was January 1957.

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My mother was alone in the house, which was unusual,

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00:36:36,400 --> 00:36:39,120

because the kids usually were all around.

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00:36:45,720 --> 00:36:48,760

She had written two names all over the newspaper.

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00:36:48,760 --> 00:36:53,040

So I asked her about that.

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00:36:53,040 --> 00:36:54,920

She just said she had seen the names,

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00:36:54,920 --> 00:36:56,160

and she was writing it.

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00:36:58,120 --> 00:37:00,320

Yeah, just a little.

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00:37:00,320 --> 00:37:03,520

When I asked her why she had been crying,

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00:37:03,520 --> 00:37:07,680

she told me about having a boy and a girl twin

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00:37:07,680 --> 00:37:08,880

that had been adopted.

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00:37:08,880 --> 00:37:10,120

It's time I told you.

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00:37:10,120 --> 00:37:11,680

Tell me what?

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00:37:11,680 --> 00:37:15,920

I was really surprised, because I was 13.

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00:37:15,920 --> 00:37:18,880

And it's a shock to find out that you have a brother

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00:37:18,880 --> 00:37:20,920

and sister that you didn't know about,

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00:37:20,920 --> 00:37:25,120

especially when you already have so many brothers and sisters.

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00:37:26,120 --> 00:37:32,120

Two years before you were born, I gave premature birth

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00:37:32,120 --> 00:37:36,120

to two twins, boy and a girl.

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00:37:36,120 --> 00:37:40,120

Sue's mother, Callista, began to unburden herself.

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00:37:40,120 --> 00:37:42,120

It had all begun in Winter Garden, Florida,

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00:37:42,120 --> 00:37:44,120

at Orange County General Hospital.

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00:37:44,120 --> 00:37:45,120

Slim, hurry.

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00:37:45,120 --> 00:37:46,120

OK, OK, honey.

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00:37:46,120 --> 00:37:47,120

Hurry, Slim.

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00:37:47,120 --> 00:37:51,120

In January 1942, Callista went into labor

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00:37:51,120 --> 00:37:53,120

nearly two months early.

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00:37:53,120 --> 00:37:55,120

She and Sue's father, Slim Scribner,

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00:37:55,120 --> 00:37:57,120

were frantic when they arrived at the emergency room.

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00:37:57,120 --> 00:37:59,120

I love the doctor with the ingestimate.

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00:37:59,120 --> 00:38:01,120

Excuse me, but could somebody please help me?

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00:38:01,120 --> 00:38:02,120

My wife's going into premature labor.

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00:38:02,120 --> 00:38:03,120

Oh, your doctor's name?

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00:38:03,120 --> 00:38:04,120

Dr. Harder.

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00:38:04,120 --> 00:38:05,120

Dr. Harder.

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00:38:05,120 --> 00:38:06,120

Orderly, we need a wheelchair here right away.

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00:38:06,120 --> 00:38:07,120

Please take her to delivery.

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00:38:07,120 --> 00:38:10,120

Let me call Dr. Harder.

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00:38:10,120 --> 00:38:12,120

The twins were born a short time later.

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00:38:12,120 --> 00:38:15,120

Callista and Slim named them Paul and Paula

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00:38:15,120 --> 00:38:18,120

after their doctor, Paul Harder.

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00:38:18,120 --> 00:38:21,120

But they're so small and premature.

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00:38:21,120 --> 00:38:24,120

We have some serious health problems.

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00:38:24,120 --> 00:38:27,120

We have a heart condition and a blood disorder.

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00:38:27,120 --> 00:38:30,120

Are they going to be OK, doctor?

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00:38:30,120 --> 00:38:33,120

Well, we think so.

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00:38:33,120 --> 00:38:38,120

But they will require a great deal of medical attention.

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I asked my mother why they were adopted,

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00:38:41,120 --> 00:38:45,120

and she said that they needed some sort of surgery

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00:38:45,120 --> 00:38:50,120

for a congenital heart disease or a heart problem,

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00:38:50,120 --> 00:38:55,120

and that they couldn't afford that.

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00:38:55,120 --> 00:38:57,120

I know it's a difficult decision,

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00:38:57,120 --> 00:39:00,120

but it's the best choice for everyone.

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00:39:00,120 --> 00:39:05,120

She said that Dr. Harder knew someone perfect

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00:39:05,120 --> 00:39:08,120

to adopt the twins,

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00:39:08,120 --> 00:39:14,120

and that they would be able to pay for the medical expenses.

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00:39:14,120 --> 00:39:15,120

Thank you so much.

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00:39:15,120 --> 00:39:16,120

You're welcome.

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00:39:16,120 --> 00:39:18,120

I really appreciate everything.

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00:39:18,120 --> 00:39:22,120

The twins being adopted, it just stayed with her forever.

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00:39:22,120 --> 00:39:24,120

She never got over it.

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Before Callista's criminal left the hospital,

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00:39:34,120 --> 00:39:36,120

she made a solemn promise to Dr. Harder

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00:39:36,120 --> 00:39:39,120

that she would never search for the twins.

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00:39:39,120 --> 00:39:42,120

In 1944, she and Slim were divorced.

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Callista remarried, with her new husband

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00:39:44,120 --> 00:39:46,120

eventually raised 10 children.

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00:39:46,120 --> 00:39:48,120

After Callista's death in 1979,

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00:39:48,120 --> 00:39:50,120

her daughter Sue enlisted the entire family

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00:39:50,120 --> 00:39:52,120

to look for the twins.

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00:39:52,120 --> 00:39:54,120

But the search went nowhere.

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00:39:54,120 --> 00:39:56,120

Both Dr. Harder and Sue's father were dead,

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00:39:56,120 --> 00:39:59,120

and the hospital records sealed.

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00:39:59,120 --> 00:40:04,120

Then a rusty trunk in an attic finally yielded a clue.

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00:40:07,120 --> 00:40:10,120

In 1987, one of Sue's cousins found a letter

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00:40:10,120 --> 00:40:12,120

which Callista's scraper had written to her mother

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00:40:12,120 --> 00:40:15,120

a short time after the twins were born.

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00:40:15,120 --> 00:40:17,120

Sue's cousin was surprised that the letter

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00:40:17,120 --> 00:40:19,120

never mentioned adoption.

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00:40:19,120 --> 00:40:22,120

In fact, it seemed that Callista had every intention

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00:40:22,120 --> 00:40:25,120

of bringing the twins home.

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00:40:25,120 --> 00:40:27,120

The babies are still improving.

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00:40:27,120 --> 00:40:30,120

The first time they weighed them at the Orange General,

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00:40:30,120 --> 00:40:32,120

Paula weighed two and three-fourths pounds

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00:40:32,120 --> 00:40:34,120

and Paul two and a half pounds.

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00:40:34,120 --> 00:40:36,120

They told us three days before yesterday

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00:40:36,120 --> 00:40:38,120

that they weighed three pounds, 14 ounces,

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

and three pounds, 11 ounces.

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00:40:40,120 --> 00:40:42,120

So they're gaining right along,

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00:40:42,120 --> 00:40:44,120

and also said they might be able to bring them home

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00:40:44,120 --> 00:40:46,120

by the first of next week.

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00:40:48,120 --> 00:40:51,120

When I read the letter that mother wrote,

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00:40:51,120 --> 00:40:56,120

it was almost exactly like she had told me in 1957.

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00:40:56,120 --> 00:41:01,120

The only thing that the letter didn't clear up

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00:41:01,120 --> 00:41:05,120

was why the twins were adopted.

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00:41:05,120 --> 00:41:07,120

Because she, from the letter,

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00:41:07,120 --> 00:41:11,120

you can tell that she did not intend for them to be adopted.

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00:41:12,120 --> 00:41:14,120

The discovery of Callista's letter

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00:41:14,120 --> 00:41:16,120

sparked new interest in the twins.

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00:41:16,120 --> 00:41:18,120

Several newspaper articles followed,

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00:41:18,120 --> 00:41:21,120

and one of them paid off.

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00:41:24,120 --> 00:41:25,120

Hello?

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00:41:25,120 --> 00:41:28,120

In May of 1990, one of Sue's nieces,

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00:41:28,120 --> 00:41:30,120

who lives in Mobile, Alabama,

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00:41:30,120 --> 00:41:32,120

received an anonymous phone call.

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00:41:32,120 --> 00:41:34,120

Okay.

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00:41:34,120 --> 00:41:36,120

The twins are fine.

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00:41:36,120 --> 00:41:38,120

I know the family.

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00:41:38,120 --> 00:41:40,120

They don't know they're adopted.

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00:41:40,120 --> 00:41:43,120

The callers seemed elderly and very emotional.

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She said she knew her Paul and Paula were.

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The caller refused to divulge a relationship with the twins,

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but did say that she planned to tell them

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they were adopted on Mother's Day.

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Mother's Day?

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I'm going to try and tell them the whole truth.

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You'll be hearing from me in a couple of weeks,

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or else the twins will contact you directly.

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That's all.

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I called everybody in the family,

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and this is it.

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We found the twins.

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You know, we're going to hear from them,

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or, you know, whoever the lady was, that called.

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And counting the days,

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and when the day came Sunday,

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counting the hour, when, and I would not leave home.

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But nothing ever happened.

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As a last resort, Sue wrote an open letter to the twins,

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which was published both in Florida

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and in Louisiana newspapers.

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00:42:37,120 --> 00:42:40,120

And so elusive twins, I still search.

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I write letters.

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00:42:42,120 --> 00:42:46,120

I stare at strangers with hazel eyes and fair skin.

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Yet should my efforts end in emptiness,

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my voice in oblivion, I must tell you this.

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I have not failed so completely,

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for I've already found you once, years ago,

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00:42:58,120 --> 00:43:01,120

chasmed in that deep indelible well,

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00:43:01,120 --> 00:43:05,120

that safe place, our Mother's Heart.

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Ten days after we featured this story,

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Sue Scribner received an anonymous call

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from one of our viewers,

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who told her that the twins were living in Orlando, Florida.

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Sue immediately contacted her brother and sister,

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whose names are Bruce and Barbara.

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The twins had no idea that they had been adopted,

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and were shocked to learn about a sight of their family

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they never knew existed.

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On March 15, 1992,

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Sue Scribner met her brother and sister

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for the first time in her life.

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The joyous reunion brought together

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six of the Scribner children and their families.

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The very first time I met them,

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I think all of our knees were shaking.

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It is emotional,

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but I think we've all cried enough tears

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and we didn't need a lot today.

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00:44:02,120 --> 00:44:05,120

I think that my newfound family is wonderful.

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I think they're absolutely adorable.

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00:44:07,120 --> 00:44:10,120

It's like we've known each other all of our lives,

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00:44:10,120 --> 00:44:14,120

even though we haven't been around each other more than five hours.

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I can't wait to get to know them.

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I'm really very excited about it.

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You have all these questions in your mind.

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Gee, what did I miss out on all these years?

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What they really like is kids.

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00:44:39,120 --> 00:44:41,120

I think everybody's going to get to know each other

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on both sides of the family.

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And for country bunkers like we are,

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it's like a blessing.

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00:44:48,120 --> 00:44:51,120

It doesn't really matter now

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00:44:51,120 --> 00:44:53,120

what kind of life any of us had,

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because it's what's left that counts.

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We know where all of the children are now.

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Join me next time

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for another edition

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