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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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When Annette Schaupacher was a lonely teenager,

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she fell in love with a man twice her age.

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It was a storybook romance which ended in a flash of violence.

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Now the man of Annette's dreams is wanted for murder.

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In 1964, 18-year-old Delia Fazzani of London, England,

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found herself trapped in a nightmare.

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As a pregnant unwed teenager abandoned by her boyfriend,

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she had no one to turn to.

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Delia's domineering father banished her to a convent outside London

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and later forced Delia to give her baby girl up for adoption.

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As a seven-year-old, Jeff Fisher became a victim of a murder.

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Jeff Fisher became one of the thousands of young boys whose

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lives have been enriched by big brothers of America.

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Today, Jeff is searching for the man who gave him companionship

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and understanding.

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And three weeks ago, we profiled a young man suffering from a

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baffling case of amnesia, a broadcast led to a dramatic

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reunion with his mother, but at the same time placed him under

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a cloud of suspicion.

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Join me for this fascinating edition of Unsolved Mysteries.

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For most of us, life turns on a series of small triumphs

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and small tragedies.

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The story you're about to see deals with a young British girl,

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a girl who is forced to give up her baby against her will.

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The child is adopted by American parents and is now 27 years old.

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Perhaps tonight, she'll be able to understand the agony

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her birth mother went through.

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On a chilly spring evening in 1964, Delia Fazzani sat in her

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favorite London pub waiting for her boyfriend.

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Even though Delia was only 18, her life was at a crossroads.

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She was three months pregnant and felt that her boyfriend

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was the only person she could turn to.

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Ellen, love.

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You look great.

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You've been waiting long.

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Oh, not long, don't you?

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It's got something important I need to talk about.

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It's quite...

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Well, I need to talk to you. It's important.

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I can't even bring myself to say it.

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I'm pregnant.

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You're kidding me.

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You're sure?

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It's been three months.

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Have you ever needed a tiff or something?

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I don't need any tiff. I know.

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I haven't told anyone.

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It's not mine.

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What do you mean?

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I won't have it.

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It's definitely not mine.

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It's yours. What do you think?

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I need your help.

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I don't want anything to do with it.

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If you say it's mine,

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I'll just say all my friends told me they'd been with you.

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You want my leg to stand on.

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That's it?

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Yes.

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I was devastated.

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I mean, I wanted to marry him.

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I mean, I loved him,

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but he just didn't want the responsibility of it.

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That was just the way they did things then.

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They just left the responsibility with the girl.

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After the first fear, obviously,

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was to tell my dad that I was pregnant.

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I mean, I thought,

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well, I'm either going to tell him

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and he's going to kill me on the spot,

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or I don't know what's going to happen.

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Delia's father, an Italian immigrant,

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ran a highly successful restaurant in London.

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He was a strict Roman Catholic

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who ruled his business and his family

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with an iron hand.

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He was a sort of man that was always on a short fuse.

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Everybody was frightened of him,

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and I was absolutely petrified to tell him.

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For seven agonizing months,

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Delia hid her pregnancy with corsets and loose clothes.

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Finally, when she could hide it no longer,

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she begged a friend to break the news to her parents.

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You shouldn't have talked to her when you're so angry.

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I can't believe she's done this.

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Wait till you calm down.

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Slut!

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You are so common.

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You disgust me!

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Who was it?

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I'm not going to tell you.

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You can do what you like, but I'm not going to tell you.

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You've done the worst thing possible.

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You tell no one,

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and you'll have nothing to say to me.

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I'll tell you about this.

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I'll take care of this problem.

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Can't we keep the baby?

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We could raise it like it was our own son or daughter,

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just like it was one of our own.

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I'd rather jump off a bridge than take care of this baby.

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I don't even want to smell it.

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Nothing really after that day was discussed with me,

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but obviously my dad was discussing it with my mum

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as regards to what to do with me.

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And then I think it was only a matter of about

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maybe a week, couple of weeks,

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and he just came home and announced that

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I was going to this place wherever it was.

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We will tell our friends that you are going up north to the country

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for a few months to spend some time with your friend Iris.

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Iris.

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So goodbye to your mother.

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I didn't want this. I know, mum.

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I wanted to keep my baby.

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You know, even though he was sending me off to this wherever,

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I thought, well, maybe once I have the baby,

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he's going to feel different.

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Delia's father banished her to the Loretto Convent

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30 miles north of London.

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The convent served as a home for unwed mothers

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and facilitated adoptions as well.

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When we drove up to the convent, I just felt that

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I couldn't believe that they just, he just put me there.

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We've been expecting you, Delia. We're glad to have you with us.

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You know, you cringed at taking your dog to the pound

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because you don't want to leave him there.

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And yet he just easily just took me there and left me.

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And that was my father.

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This way.

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In my eyes, it was like a prison, really.

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You were there for a certain time

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and you couldn't go home until that time had been completed.

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All the expectant mothers were signed shores.

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Those closest to term were given the most strenuous work

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because the nuns believed it helped the girls deliver on time.

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After you break them into a pile of girls,

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put them in a barrel over there.

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I suppose they see it as they're doing the job

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and you're there for a certain purpose.

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That is to have your baby and then goodbye

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and then the next one comes in.

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Delia, look at Michelle here.

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You're on great.

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On November 2, 1964, Delia gave birth to a daughter

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and named her Michelle.

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You're such a good girl.

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Delia was allowed to see the baby only four times a day

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and then for only half an hour.

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They didn't like you to see a baby other than the feeding times

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and the changing times because the more you saw the baby

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the more you held it, you were more likely to bond to the baby.

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So when it came for adoption,

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you could just hand it over so they thought

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as though nothing had happened.

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But you do make that bond,

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even though you're only seeing them for certain times,

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you've still given birth to her.

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So the bond is there automatically.

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When Michelle was four weeks old,

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Delia's parents visited the convent.

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It was a moment Delia had been waiting for.

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I was just hoping that my father was going to say,

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well, you know, okay, you know, you come back home

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and you bring your baby up and that's fine.

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That's what I wanted.

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I was hoping that my father would say,

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well, you know, okay, you know, you come back home

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and you bring your baby up and that's fine.

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But I wanted...

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Hold him.

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I know my dad was yearning to take a peek,

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but didn't want anyone to see him doing it.

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She's a bitch.

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And I thought, well, at least he's looking.

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I watched thinking that the next move was going to be,

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he was going to pick her up.

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I knew as soon as you walked away from the prayer

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that that was it, there's no way that I'm going to change his mind.

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Have a seat, Delia.

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It's been six weeks since Michelle was born.

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Yes, sister.

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We found a couple for her.

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I can't tell you anything about them except that they have your coloring

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and they're American.

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He's in the Air Force, our pilot, stationed at Northampton.

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You'll need to sign some papers for Michelle to be taken out of the country.

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That won't be a problem, will it?

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No, sister.

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This is our waiting room. You can sit here.

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Two weeks later, at the Westminster offices of the Catholic Children's Society,

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Delia was allowed a final visit with Michelle.

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You'll have a nice long time to say your goodbyes.

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Such a beautiful baby.

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You've been very brave, Delia.

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When Delia was alone, she slipped a note into Michelle's blanket.

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Don't you let them see this or what?

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The note begged the adopted parents to tell Michelle that Delia had loved her

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and had given her up unwillingly.

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You've only given her a little bit of your time.

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I'm sorry, but I'm sorry.

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I'm sorry, but I'm sorry.

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I'm sorry.

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You've only got 30 minutes or whatever it is to say goodbye.

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So what you try to do is try to look at her face

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to burn the impression into your mind.

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Because you're there and then you get that feeling that I'm going to forget the face

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and that that's the last thing you want.

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So you feel the shawl and maybe because it's wool.

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But you're feeling her body because that was the last time you're going to see her.

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I'm sorry, Delia. It's time.

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She came over and she took her.

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And she took her out of the room and locked the door behind her.

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And that was it.

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That was the last time I saw her.

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I can't explain. One minute I had a baby.

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The next minute it was gone.

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Delia and her parents never spoke of the adoption again.

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Delia eventually married twice but had no other children.

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In 1977 her father died and she began to search for Michelle.

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But Delia's mother, Rosalinda, honored her late husband's wish

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that the details of the adoption be kept secret.

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Then in 1991 Rosalinda was hospitalized with a terminal illness.

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A family friend, Sonia Filkins, urged Rosalinda to tell Delia everything she knew

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about Michelle and the adoption.

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Why don't you tell Delia what we talked about, Rosalinda?

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What?

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The people who got Michelle, the name of the people you want is Walters.

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Walters. I'll never forget their name.

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Please try to find her.

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I'll find her, Mom.

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Let me see her picture.

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My darling Michelle.

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Put her on the bed.

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People come to see me.

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They ask me who that is.

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I will tell them it's my granddaughter Michelle.

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She's so cute.

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Two weeks later Rosalinda Fazzani died, having at last given Delia the precious gift

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of Michelle's adoptive name.

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I can honestly say that not one day has passed, not one solitary day

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where I haven't thought about her or thought what she might be doing.

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She's there all the time.

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You just can't rest, you can't leave it alone.

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I've got to find her.

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Two photographs were all that Delia had to remember Michelle

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and she never stopped trying to locate her.

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Finally after 15 years of frustrated research, Delia's efforts began to pay off.

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Last July Delia learned that her daughter had been renamed Laura

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and adoption's official agreed to send a letter to Laura that Delia had written.

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In the brief note Delia said that she would soon appear in Unsolved Mysteries

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and asked her daughter to view the broadcast.

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1964, Delia Fazzani sat in her...

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In New York Mills, New York, on the evening our program was aired,

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Delia's daughter Laura Franklin experienced firsthand the heartbreaking events

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leading up to her adoption.

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When I found out my birth mother was searching for me,

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that was pretty touching to know that she had looked that far to try to find me.

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After the broadcast, Laura contacted our telecenter

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and asked to be put in touch with her birth mother.

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Against nearly impossible odds, Delia had at last found her daughter,

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a continent away amidst a population of millions.

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On September 19, 1992, Laura, her husband, their two children

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and Laura's closest friends assembled a Syracuse International Airport.

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The separation of birth mother and daughter that had lasted more than a quarter of a century

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was about to end.

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It was a lot of anticipation, a lot of what she's going to think when she sees me

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and what is she going through right now?

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She was everything and more that I'd expected, absolutely everything.

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She's a beautiful girl, proud of her.

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Before Laura's adopted mother died in 1989,

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she had shared all she knew of Laura's background.

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Delia and Laura could now fill in the remaining gaps

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in nearly 30 years of family history.

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Finding my birth mother now, I don't think it's really changed my life

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as much as it has probably enhanced it,

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00:19:22,000 --> 00:19:25,000

because now I can find out some about my past and my history

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and things that I never thought that I would ever find out about.

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I can't replace her mother,

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but I'd like to think that I could be pretty close.

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The September reunion is only a beginning.

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At Christmas, Laura and her family plan to travel to England,

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where they will spend time with Delia and the many relatives

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looking forward to meeting them for the first time.

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Next, a baffling case of amnesia is solved, thanks to our viewers.

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Do you have any pain anywhere?

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Can you wiggle your toes for me?

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On January 28, 1991, a young man was rushed to a hospital in Nevada.

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He had been found dehydrated and disoriented in the desert outside Las Vegas.

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He carried no identification and was suffering from complete and total amnesia.

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The hospital staff named him,

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Tyler.

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All efforts to junk Tyler's memory failed.

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Authorities found no one reported missing, who matched his description.

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His fingerprints were not found on file with the FBI, the CIA, or the Department of Defense.

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For more than eight months,

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Tyler remained a man without a past and possibly without a future.

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I'm really kind of at a difficult point in my life right now.

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I can't do anything, really.

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00:20:56,000 --> 00:20:59,000

I'm almost like an illegal alien here.

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00:20:59,000 --> 00:21:04,000

I have no identification of any form now.

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00:21:04,000 --> 00:21:08,000

I can't go to work because I'm not eligible for a social security number.

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00:21:08,000 --> 00:21:12,000

I can't drive a car because I don't have a social security number or a date of birth.

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00:21:12,000 --> 00:21:16,000

And I'm starting to get a little bit more involved in my life.

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

Because I don't have a social security number or a date of birth.

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00:21:19,000 --> 00:21:24,000

And I'm starting to feel more frustrated as the days go by

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00:21:24,000 --> 00:21:27,000

because I really feel this needs to come to an end.

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I do need to find out who I am.

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A county psychiatrist diagnosed Tyler as a genuine victim of amnesia.

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Last month his case took on added urgency

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when the state funding which provided his job and apartment was abruptly cut off.

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Then on the night of our broadcast,

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Tyler's search for his identity came to a poignant but unsettling conclusion.

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Within minutes Tyler was reunited with his mother by phone.

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But as more details emerged,

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some began to believe that Tyler may not have lost his memory at all.

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That evening Tyler gathered with friends to watch the show.

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Before his segment even aired in Las Vegas,

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00:22:08,000 --> 00:22:13,000

a man from Boise, Idaho called a telecenter and identified Tyler as his son.

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Unsolved mysteries immediately contacted Tyler.

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00:22:17,000 --> 00:22:18,000

Yesterday.

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00:22:18,000 --> 00:22:22,000

Sorry, it took so long, but everything that I was looking to cross referenced

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00:22:22,000 --> 00:22:24,000

and we have located your family for you.

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00:22:24,000 --> 00:22:25,000

You have?

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00:22:25,000 --> 00:22:26,000

Yes.

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00:22:26,000 --> 00:22:30,000

I have located your dad and your mother and your wife

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00:22:30,000 --> 00:22:34,000

who you've been separated from since February of 1990.

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00:22:34,000 --> 00:22:38,000

And she, they've informed me that you also have two children

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00:22:38,000 --> 00:22:40,000

and your wife lives in Iowa,

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00:22:40,000 --> 00:22:44,000

your mother lives in Iowa and your dad lives in Idaho.

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Tyler learned that his real name is Arthur Paul Beale,

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but he goes by Paul.

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He is 23 years old and before he was stricken with amnesia,

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00:22:53,000 --> 00:22:55,000

he lived in Boise, Idaho.

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A few minutes later,

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a nervous Paul Beale called the mother and stepfather he could not remember.

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00:23:02,000 --> 00:23:03,000

Hello?

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00:23:03,000 --> 00:23:05,000

May I speak with Mrs. Beale?

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00:23:05,000 --> 00:23:07,000

This is Mrs. Beale.

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00:23:07,000 --> 00:23:09,000

This is your son.

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00:23:10,000 --> 00:23:12,000

How are you?

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00:23:12,000 --> 00:23:14,000

You sound great.

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00:23:17,000 --> 00:23:20,000

I've waited so long to hear you talk.

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00:23:24,000 --> 00:23:26,000

I miss you.

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00:23:28,000 --> 00:23:29,000

I'm scared.

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00:23:29,000 --> 00:23:31,000

I bet you are.

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00:23:32,000 --> 00:23:34,000

I don't remember you.

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00:23:34,000 --> 00:23:36,000

I don't remember you.

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00:23:36,000 --> 00:23:38,000

I'll help you, Paul.

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00:23:39,000 --> 00:23:42,000

The emotional phone call lasted nearly 20 minutes.

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00:23:44,000 --> 00:23:46,000

You be strong, okay?

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00:23:46,000 --> 00:23:47,000

I'll talk to you real soon.

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00:23:47,000 --> 00:23:48,000

Okay.

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00:23:48,000 --> 00:23:49,000

Okay, honey.

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00:23:49,000 --> 00:23:50,000

Bye.

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00:23:50,000 --> 00:23:51,000

Bye.

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00:23:54,000 --> 00:23:56,000

A short time later,

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00:23:56,000 --> 00:23:58,000

the case of Paul Beale,

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00:23:58,000 --> 00:24:00,000

aka Tyler Doe,

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00:24:00,000 --> 00:24:02,000

took a stunning and unexpected twist.

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00:24:02,000 --> 00:24:04,000

What's the matter?

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00:24:04,000 --> 00:24:05,000

I don't know.

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00:24:05,000 --> 00:24:07,000

You don't know what today has been?

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00:24:07,000 --> 00:24:09,000

No, I have amnesia.

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00:24:09,000 --> 00:24:11,000

Northwest Vegas police arrived

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00:24:11,000 --> 00:24:13,000

and placed Paul under arrest for grand larceny.

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00:24:13,000 --> 00:24:15,000

He was wanted by Boise police

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00:24:15,000 --> 00:24:18,000

in connection with a stolen shipment of frozen food.

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00:24:18,000 --> 00:24:20,000

How long have you had amnesia?

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00:24:20,000 --> 00:24:22,000

Nine months.

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00:24:22,000 --> 00:24:24,000

How do you remember that?

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00:24:25,000 --> 00:24:26,000

Hi.

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00:24:26,000 --> 00:24:28,000

I've come to get my son.

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00:24:28,000 --> 00:24:30,000

The next night, Paul's mother,

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00:24:30,000 --> 00:24:31,000

Lynn Beale,

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00:24:31,000 --> 00:24:33,000

arrived from Iowa to post bail for him.

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00:24:46,000 --> 00:24:49,000

Their reunion was both emotional and awkward.

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Paul Beale still did not recognize his own mother.

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00:24:54,000 --> 00:24:57,000

I don't remember you.

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00:24:57,000 --> 00:24:59,000

You will.

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00:24:59,000 --> 00:25:01,000

It's strange being with Paul

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00:25:01,000 --> 00:25:04,000

and his not remembering anything about me,

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00:25:04,000 --> 00:25:06,000

not knowing who I am.

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00:25:06,000 --> 00:25:09,000

I just want to push everything into his head,

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00:25:09,000 --> 00:25:11,000

make him remember everything.

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00:25:11,000 --> 00:25:14,000

I want to make sure I can do things to help him.

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00:25:14,000 --> 00:25:16,000

I'm scared I don't want to do something

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00:25:16,000 --> 00:25:18,000

to push it back farther.

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I want to reinforce happy thoughts,

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00:25:22,000 --> 00:25:24,000

good memories.

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I want to sell it.

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I just want him to know I love him.

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We all love him.

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Nightmares.

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00:25:31,000 --> 00:25:33,000

And I'm relieved that he's safe.

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00:25:33,000 --> 00:25:35,000

He's alive.

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The reunion was tempered not only by Paul's amnesia,

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but by the criminal charge against him.

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In Boise, Paul was a salesman for a food supply company.

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On January 5, 1991,

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he left for Las Vegas to sell a shipment of frozen food.

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He never returned to Boise.

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On January 25, Paul surfaced with the empty truck

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00:25:57,000 --> 00:25:59,000

in Boulder City, Nevada,

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00:25:59,000 --> 00:26:03,000

where he was questioned but not arrested by local police.

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At that particular time,

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00:26:06,000 --> 00:26:11,000

my impression of Mr. Beale was that he was very intelligent,

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00:26:11,000 --> 00:26:14,000

very well-versed,

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00:26:14,000 --> 00:26:17,000

very possibly well-educated,

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00:26:17,000 --> 00:26:21,000

very clean-cut, and extremely talkative.

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00:26:21,000 --> 00:26:23,000

It just wasn't Paul.

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00:26:23,000 --> 00:26:25,000

That isn't something he would do.

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He's done silly stupid things like anybody else has made mistakes,

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but nothing to the degree that this was,

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00:26:32,000 --> 00:26:35,000

where he was actually breaking the law.

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I told him when he left, I said,

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00:26:37,000 --> 00:26:40,000

Boise is going to get a warrant for you.

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00:26:40,000 --> 00:26:41,000

You know, they're going to do it.

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00:26:41,000 --> 00:26:43,000

It's going to be grand larceny felony.

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00:26:43,000 --> 00:26:44,000

So it's just a matter of time.

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00:26:44,000 --> 00:26:46,000

You better get up there, go back up there.

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00:26:46,000 --> 00:26:48,000

He said, yeah, I'm going back now.

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00:26:48,000 --> 00:26:50,000

I'm going right back up there and take care of the situation.

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00:26:50,000 --> 00:26:52,000

It'll be fine.

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00:26:54,000 --> 00:26:56,000

Three days after he was detained,

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00:26:56,000 --> 00:26:58,000

Paul Beale, who came to be known as Tyler,

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00:26:58,000 --> 00:27:00,000

was found wandering in the desert.

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00:27:00,000 --> 00:27:04,000

Detective Barman raises the obvious and disturbing question,

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00:27:04,000 --> 00:27:07,000

is Paul Beale faking?

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00:27:07,000 --> 00:27:10,000

Amnesia is easy. I don't know.

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00:27:10,000 --> 00:27:11,000

Who are you? I don't know. Where are you from?

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00:27:11,000 --> 00:27:12,000

I don't know.

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00:27:12,000 --> 00:27:14,000

Do you know anything? I don't know.

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00:27:14,000 --> 00:27:16,000

That's easy.

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00:27:16,000 --> 00:27:18,000

And a guy like him, he's convincing.

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00:27:18,000 --> 00:27:21,000

Is this the four of you?

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00:27:21,000 --> 00:27:22,000

Uh-huh.

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00:27:22,000 --> 00:27:24,000

Thanks, Givby.

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This still isn't my son,

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00:27:27,000 --> 00:27:30,000

in the fact that this isn't how he would react to me.

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00:27:30,000 --> 00:27:32,000

We were very close.

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I could tell by his eyes when I first saw him tonight

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00:27:35,000 --> 00:27:38,000

that he really didn't recognize me.

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00:27:38,000 --> 00:27:40,000

He wanted to.

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00:27:40,000 --> 00:27:43,000

I could see it in his face. He wanted to.

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00:27:43,000 --> 00:27:48,000

If he was faking it, there was no way he could have faked that.

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00:27:48,000 --> 00:27:54,000

Am not and have not, throughout this entire ordeal, faked anything.

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00:27:54,000 --> 00:27:59,000

This is probably the most horrifying nightmare

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00:27:59,000 --> 00:28:06,000

that anybody could go through, losing an identity, losing every ounce

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00:28:06,000 --> 00:28:11,000

and fiber of a person's life, having it pulled away.

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00:28:11,000 --> 00:28:17,000

And then nine months later, have it given back to you

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00:28:17,000 --> 00:28:22,000

or have it presented to you, but you still don't have it.

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

I give anything in the world to remember right now.

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When We Return, A Nightmare of Love Gone Wrong and Murder

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When Annette Schaupacher was 16, her family moved from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Manatee County, Florida.

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Annette was on the shy side and had trouble adjusting to a new high school.

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Annette discovered that it was very hard to fit in with the click of friends.

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She missed that terribly because she was so much a part of high school in Ohio.

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So she ended up dropping out of high school and got a job as a checkout girl

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00:29:24,000 --> 00:29:27,000

at one of our local grocery stores.

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00:29:27,000 --> 00:29:30,000

Annette, come here a minute.

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00:29:30,000 --> 00:29:32,000

Here Annette finally made a friend.

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00:29:32,000 --> 00:29:36,000

The butcher, Jim Burnside, 28 years her senior.

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00:29:36,000 --> 00:29:39,000

It's pretty as you, you don't have a boyfriend.

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00:29:39,000 --> 00:29:41,000

Thank you, no.

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00:29:41,000 --> 00:29:44,000

I was wanting to ask you, it's a little restaurant down where I came on boat.

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00:29:44,000 --> 00:29:46,000

I was wondering if you might join me for dinner tomorrow night.

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00:29:46,000 --> 00:29:52,000

At that time she was only 17 and this man was almost as old as her dad.

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00:29:52,000 --> 00:29:54,000

Meet you about eight o'clock tomorrow night.

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00:29:54,000 --> 00:29:59,000

We really hoped that she would meet somebody more her age,

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00:29:59,000 --> 00:30:05,000

but she was so much in love with him that we finally agreed to meet him.

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00:30:05,000 --> 00:30:08,000

But I didn't like him from the first time I met him.

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00:30:08,000 --> 00:30:14,000

I just, there was just something about him that I really don't know how to put into words.

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00:30:14,000 --> 00:30:17,000

I just did not feel comfortable with him at all.

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But Annette was really very much in love with him.

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In 1981, Annette Schaupacher and Jim Burnside were married.

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The bride was just 18, the groom 46.

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It was a beginning of six years of torment for Annette.

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The sobering fact is that here in the United States, wife meeting,

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accounts for more significant injuries and rape, auto accidents and muggings combined.

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Annette Burnside, like millions of women, endured the private terror of a home

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00:30:51,000 --> 00:30:54,000

which was a living hell of physical and emotional abuse.

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Like so many others, Annette became trapped in a desperate charade,

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maintaining the facade of a happy marriage to cover up an escalating cycle of violence.

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Within a month of his marriage to Annette, Jim Burnside began to drink

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00:31:10,000 --> 00:31:15,000

and to reveal a frightening sight of himself that his young wife had never seen.

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She became afraid of him almost immediately because he was jealous of her

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00:31:21,000 --> 00:31:26,000

and when he was drinking he was violent and made remarks to her all the time

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00:31:26,000 --> 00:31:34,000

that she would never ever leave him, that he started telling her right from the beginning

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00:31:34,000 --> 00:31:37,000

that he would kill her if she ever tried to leave him.

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00:31:41,000 --> 00:31:45,000

Hello? Annette, where are you?

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00:31:45,000 --> 00:31:49,000

That's not important, Kate. I just wanted to let you know I'm all right.

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00:31:49,000 --> 00:31:55,000

Just before her first wedding anniversary, Annette took refuge in a local shelter for battered women.

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00:31:55,000 --> 00:31:57,000

I can't.

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00:31:57,000 --> 00:32:00,000

You either come back now or I'll get even with you.

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00:32:00,000 --> 00:32:07,000

He told her over and over again if he couldn't find her, she would suffer.

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00:32:07,000 --> 00:32:08,000

Kill your family.

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00:32:08,000 --> 00:32:11,000

She would absolutely suffer because he would kill her family

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00:32:11,000 --> 00:32:15,000

and Annette felt like she didn't have any choice.

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00:32:15,000 --> 00:32:17,000

All right.

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00:32:17,000 --> 00:32:21,000

I told her don't stay with him because of us.

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00:32:21,000 --> 00:32:27,000

If Jim, if he does anything to us, then I don't know.

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00:32:27,000 --> 00:32:31,000

I just suppose that it's God's will that things happen the way they do,

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but don't live with him the way you have to live with him.

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I would rather be dead than to have you live a life like this.

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Good thing you're here.

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I have something for you.

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Here you go. Welcome home.

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Against her parents' wishes, Annette went back to Jim.

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She acted out her happy homecoming with a sinking heart.

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Over the next few years, Annette and Jim had two daughters.

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For a while it seemed that things were improving.

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Annette wanted to take a job as a receptionist at a local car dealership, and Jim said yes.

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Jim had lost his job, and he agreed to let Annette work,

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which amazed everybody because he'd been so possessive and so jealous of her.

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We just never dreamt that he would let her get a job.

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Annette was absolutely thrilled with this job.

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She was so happy, and she did so well.

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They all really liked Annette.

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One of Annette's coworkers was a salesman whom we will call Dave.

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Annette actually asked my advice and said,

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what would you think about an automobile?

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I want to buy a car.

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Kind of told me that she just wanted a little bit more freedom,

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because he always dropped her off and picked her up,

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and so she really had very little freedom other than work.

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She took the car home and not more than, gosh, I don't know, three days a week.

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He tried to wreck it.

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Mommy, what's the matter?

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Nothing's the matter.

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We're just going to get you back to bed, okay?

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Is that all right? We'll just get you...

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Now let's see you try and leave.

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Can't you get it through your head that you're not leaving me?

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He said, if you ever try to leave me, I'll kill you.

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I will kill this whole family.

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And Stacy was only five years old at the time,

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and she looked up at him and she said,

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Daddy, you wouldn't kill me.

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And he looked her right in the face and said,

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yes, I would kill you.

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And it's just upsetting that it's so bad.

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She would tell me, you know, the way she was being treated.

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And all mothers, you know, if your kid's happy, you're happy.

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And if they're sad, you're sad.

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And it was just tearing me up to see what she was going through.

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The next day, with Jim at work,

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Annette called the police to escort her and her daughters to safety.

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She said that she'd made up her mind that this is it.

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She's not going to stay with him another day.

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If he kills her, then he's going to have to kill her

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because she could not live this way anymore.

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By the time Jim came home,

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Annette would be on a plane to Ohio

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taking her daughters to stay with relatives.

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Five days later, she would secretly return to Florida and to her job.

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He had no idea where she was,

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but in the meantime, Jim was calling us with these threats

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and telling us that this divorce was never going to be final.

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It would never see its final day.

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Eventually, Jim discovered that Annette was back in town.

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He began to spy on her and was often spotted near the dealership.

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We could not get any help from anybody,

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even the sheriff's department, when we went there.

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It was like Jim has to do something.

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We just cannot arrest the man.

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He's got to do something before we can do anything with him.

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Unless you have somebody guarding you 24 hours a day,

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the chances of somebody getting you to it's stalking you,

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they're going to get you.

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And that's what he did. He stalked her.

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February 17, 1988,

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three days before Annette was scheduled to appear in court for a divorce hearing,

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at noon, Annette met her co-worker Dave for lunch.

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Hi, Dave. How's it going? Good.

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She was smiling and happy,

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and all of a sudden, her smile turned to...

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That's horrible fear.

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I'll go in this gym.

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When I got out of the automobile,

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because I knew that if I didn't do something,

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this could be the end for Annette.

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He looked at me like he was just about to enjoy a large steak.

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I watched the fire come out of the gun,

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and it was like slow motion.

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You could feel each one go in just like a hot poker.

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Help!

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Help!

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Help!

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Help!

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Help!

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By the time Dave regained consciousness, Annette was dead.

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Jim had stabbed her 15 times with a 10-inch butcher knife.

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An autopsy would reveal that Annette probably died

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before most of the wounds were inflicted.

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Amazingly, Jim Burnside had escaped on foot in broad daylight.

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After the murder, he purchased a bicycle and army camouflage fatigues

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at a sporting goods store.

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He then withdrew \$500 from an automated teller machine

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and disappeared.

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Annette Burnside was laid to rest in a Manatee County cemetery.

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Two and a half years later, a stranger appeared at her grave.

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When a groundskeeper approached him,

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the man quickly turned and walked away without a word.

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The groundskeeper later identified the visitor as Jim Burnside.

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What I'd like to see is James Burnside off the streets,

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not because of what he has done to me,

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mostly what he has done to his own children,

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his wife.

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This is why he has to be taken off the streets,

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because he's gonna do it again.

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You know, the world will never get over Annette's death.

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There's a person that had so much to give.

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She knew in her heart she was not gonna make it.

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I knew in my heart she was not gonna make it.

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And I just hope and pray that somebody spots him.

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We never will feel safe until we know Jim has been caught.

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It's bad enough knowing that Annette had to die,

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but to know that he is still out there, it's horrible.

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We just want him caught.

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We want to be able to close it out and go on with our life.

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Update. The night this story aired,

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two viewers contacted our telecenter

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to report that Jim Burnside is living in Shelby County, Alabama

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under the assumed name Al Wilson.

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When I saw his actual picture, I just looked at my husband

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and I just started pointing and I'm going,

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you know, tell me my eyes aren't deceiving me.

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You know, that is Al.

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And he goes, yes, that's Al.

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The first thing I thought is that, well, you know,

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let's call up the authorities and get this guy off the street.

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Burnside was employed as a carpenter at the 280 flea market

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just outside of Chelsea, Alabama.

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We had saved a call from the FBI office in Birmingham

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stating that they felt pretty sure that James Burnside

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would be at this flea market on Highway 280

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located in Shelby County.

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The morning after our broadcast,

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FBI agents and sheriff's deputies checked out the flea market.

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You got a fellow hanging around here by the name of Al Wilson.

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Yeah, he's right there on the roof.

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And apparently Burnside saw them and went towards his truck.

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FBI, hold him.

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The fugitive drew a .357 magnum and pointed it at the officers.

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Put the gun down! Put the gun down!

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Hands up!

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Get your hands up!

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Hang them up!

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Burnside was struck by two bullets,

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used placed under arrest and taken to a Birmingham hospital.

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From what we've been able to determine

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and again talking to his co-workers,

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he had made a statement on Thursday morning

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that he had anticipated having problems that day.

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So apparently he had viewed the unsolved mysteries

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since that Wednesday night.

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Next, a young man's poignant search for the big brother who changed his life.

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Isn't it a pretty day?

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Yeah.

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Gosh.

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This guy is so good.

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In 1969, when Jeff Fisher was five years old,

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his father left home, forcing Jeff's mother to raise her young son and daughter alone.

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What's the matter?

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I want to go in there with you.

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Why not?

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There's only guys in there and you're not a guy.

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Well honey, that shouldn't make any difference. I'm not a guy.

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I want to go in there with my dad.

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See, I know you'd like to be in there with daddy, okay?

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But daddy's going to be gone for a little while.

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It was very hard on Jeff after his dad left

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because he had been very close to him and suddenly he was gone

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and Jeff went through the feelings that a lot of children have

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that maybe this was my fault, maybe I said something,

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maybe I did something that made my dad leave.

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Jeff was a very sensitive, shy little boy, so things like that bothered him a lot.

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I would always ask my mom, you know, where's daddy?

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You know, where's daddy?

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And she'd say, oh, you know, he's gone away and, you know,

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I don't know when he's going to be back.

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And, you know, it was just the fact that he just wasn't there anymore.

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And, you know, I just felt a real loss, you know,

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because I had been so close to him and he just wasn't there anymore.

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Two years after his father left,

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Jeff Fisher met a man who profoundly changed his life.

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A man he's not seen or heard from in more than 20 years.

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Jeff is one of the thousands of boys

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whose lives have been enriched by Big Brothers of America,

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an organization that provides young boys with strong adult male role models.

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In 1971, Big Brothers of America opened a chapter

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in Jeff's hometown of Elkhart, Indiana.

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Jeff was their first little brother.

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So what kind of sports do you like to play?

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His big brother was John Novotny,

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a local salesman and father of a two-year-old daughter.

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He was a big guy.

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He was over six feet, jet black hair.

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Just a really solidly built guy, a very commanding type of guy,

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but really easy to get along with.

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You ever put a tent up before?

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You're about to learn.

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Over the next 10 months, Jeff and John spent many weekends together.

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Okay, now we want to unfold it.

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John gave me the companionship that I really needed at that time.

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He would take me out and do things, you know,

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that mom wasn't able to either afford to take us to do

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or just didn't have the time because she was working so much.

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Just the fact that this was, you know,

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an older guy that I could hang around with

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and not, you know, not having to tell me to go away

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and, you know, come back later and stuff.

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Something, you know, a guy that wanted to spend some time with me.

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You know, maybe feel it really good.

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That looks pretty good.

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I think it's ready to light.

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Yeah.

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Okay, I'll give it a spin.

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There we go.

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After Jeff and John started seeing each other,

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I noticed that Jeff had a lot more confidence in himself.

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And he was very proud of the fact that he had a big brother

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and he would tell the other kids,

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well, John and I are going to go do this

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or my big brother and I are going to go do this.

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He was very proud of the fact that he had a man in his life

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that was just his, that just belonged to Jeff.

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A year and a half after they met,

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John's company transferred him to another state.

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Jeff and John were no longer able to spend time together,

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but they did stay in touch.

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In September of 1972,

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Jeff underwent open heart surgery

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to correct a congenital defect.

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It was a terrifying experience,

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but a phone call from John,

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who himself suffered heart problems,

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helped to ease Jeff's fears.

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Yeah.

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It's real neat.

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I got this bed, it moves up and down sideways.

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I think it helped Jeff to see that John was this big, strong guy

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and he had a bad heart.

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And so if John can be big and strong,

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then maybe this heart condition isn't the end of the world.

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And I think that was a big help to Jeff.

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Jeff never heard from John again,

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but feels that John's support and understanding

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were a key to his complete recovery.

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Jeff went on to graduate from high school.

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He now works in the construction field

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and has a family of his own.

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Why don't you toss it out there and tell me a story about it?

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He just introduced me to a world that I'd never seen before

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that was, you know, really beautiful

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and really just so different from what I was used to.

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Come and tell me.

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And if I finally see him again,

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I just want to thank him.

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I just want to say, God, John, thank you,

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because you just, you know, I still think about you.

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He made a lasting impression.

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It's been 20 years and he's still a really vivid part of my memory.

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Thanks to our viewers,

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Jeff Fisher searched for his big brother

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and ended the night of our broadcast.

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Nine days later, Jeff and his mother traveled

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to John Lovett's home in Tacoma, Washington

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for an emotional reunion.

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There they are.

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There they are.

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Now you look just like your picture, man.

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It's unbelievable.

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I was absolutely stunned.

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I had absolutely no idea that Jeff was looking for me.

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And then as the show aired,

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people from Elkhart and from Michigan

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started calling me on the phone

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telling me that I was on television.

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And that Jeff Fisher was looking for me.

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And we must have got 35 calls that night

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and at least that many the next night.

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You know, I've been wanting to say thanks to this guy for 18 years

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and, you know, whatever it took to come out and say that,

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you know, I was willing to do.

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This is when we were down in Lexington, Kentucky

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for John Mellencamp's show.

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When I first started being a big brother,

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the question was, would I really have enough time

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to do it right?

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And then 20 years later to find out that

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I really did make a difference,

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I mean, it brings the whole thing to reality.

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On our next Unsolved Mysteries,

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in the spirit of Halloween,

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we will explore the St. James Hotel in New Mexico.

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100 years ago, the St. James was a way station

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for such legendary guests as Bat Masterson,

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Wyatt Earp and Jesse James.

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Today, the old hotel is known less for its guests

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than for its ghosts.

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In 1975, John Hardin was brutally murdered

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in his own backyard.

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16 years later, the current residents of Hardin's old house

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are convinced that he's haunted

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by his spirit seeking justice,

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and incredibly, the haunting is spurred authorities

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to reopen the murder investigation.

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Join me for this intriguing Halloween edition

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of Unsolved Mysteries.