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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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On May 12, 1982, the body of a young Minnesota housewife

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washed up on the shore of Lake Superior.

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Her husband Larry Race was convicted of murder and

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sentenced to life imprisonment.

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To this day, Race maintains his innocence, and his

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dead wife's parents support his claim,

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is Larry Race guilty or innocent?

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Helen Rose Myron grew up in the Long Plain Reservation in

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Manitoba, Canada.

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In 1941, Helen Rose was banished by her father when she

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joined the Royal Canadian Air Force.

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Heartbroken, she vanished.

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Her family has not seen her in nearly 50 years.

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Also thanks to our viewers, a man charged with murdering

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his wife is now in custody, following a dramatic

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shootout with police.

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Join me.

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Perhaps you may be able to help solve a mystery.

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Lake Superior, headwater of the Great Lakes, the largest

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freshwater lake in the world.

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The water temperature hovers near freezing for most of the

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year.

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A person that drift without a life raft stands little

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chance of survival.

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On May 12, 1982, the lake claimed another victim, 33-year-old

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Debbie Race.

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Her life jacket was intact.

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She had not drowned.

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Debbie Race had succumbed to the icy lake temperatures and

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died of hypothermia.

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According to the authorities, Debbie Race's death was no

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accident.

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Her husband, Larry Race, was accused of deliberately

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allowing her to freeze to death in Lake Superior.

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He was subsequently convicted of murder.

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Yet Debbie's own parents believe that Larry could not

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possibly have harmed their daughter.

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After eight agonizing years and five unsuccessful post-trial

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reviews, this is the final appeal of Larry Race.

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Larry Race is currently serving a life sentence at Stillwater

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State Prison in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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He maintains that the jury which convicted him was

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prejudiced because he had a long history of adulterous

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relationships.

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What happened that night was an accident.

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I didn't kill Debbie.

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Yes, I was unfaithful.

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But I had nothing to do with her death that night.

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Adultery?

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Yes, I'm guilty for that.

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Sorry for it.

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I'm extremely sorry.

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Debbie and Larry Race, along with their three children,

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lived in Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota, 75 miles from Lake Superior.

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Larry's hobbies were boating and scuba diving.

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Debbie built her world around her home and her children.

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Over the years, Larry and Debbie's marriage

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suffered badly because of his affairs.

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But by 1982, Larry says they had vowed to try again.

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May 11 of 1982 was Larry and Debbie's 14th wedding anniversary.

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To celebrate, they had dinner at a Lakeview restaurant

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and took their boat named the Jenny Lee after their daughters

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on a Lake Superior for an evening cruise.

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It felt as if things were starting over again.

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Things we had like a renewed spirit of love.

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Things we had like a renewed spirit.

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I wanted to stop what I was doing.

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And I was thinking, maybe this is a chance.

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I have a wonderful woman here.

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There's nothing wrong with her.

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And I wanted to take an about face.

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After darkness fell, Larry and Debbie drifted contentedly.

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They stayed about one mile offshore

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enjoying the view of the city lights

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and listening to tapes of their favorite music.

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Suddenly at 9 PM, the mood was broken.

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Debbie noticed that the boat was taking on water.

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00:05:21,120 --> 00:05:23,600

Larry, there is water all over the bow of the boat.

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00:05:23,600 --> 00:05:25,400

Where's that coming from, honey?

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00:05:25,400 --> 00:05:28,360

Larry says Debbie began to panic.

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She had no faith in the Jenny Lee

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because it had nearly sunk the summer before.

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As soon as we pulled the cover off the engine,

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00:05:37,200 --> 00:05:39,400

we noticed there was water spraying all over the place.

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I'm about to kill the engine.

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00:05:40,280 --> 00:05:41,240

Turn the engine off.

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00:05:41,240 --> 00:05:43,720

I'm about to kill the engine.

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00:05:43,720 --> 00:05:46,200

As we shut the engine down, took the alternator,

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00:05:46,200 --> 00:05:48,400

loosened up the boat, and dropped the alternator.

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00:05:48,400 --> 00:05:50,360

As soon as we dropped the alternator,

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00:05:50,360 --> 00:05:53,320

shut the engine down and the water leaky stopped.

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00:05:53,320 --> 00:05:54,080

Is that going to hold?

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00:05:54,080 --> 00:05:55,840

I think it'll work.

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00:05:55,840 --> 00:05:57,120

I'm going to have to tape it, though.

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00:05:57,120 --> 00:05:59,080

Things were pretty well under control until then.

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00:05:59,120 --> 00:06:01,160

We worked together to get the boat fixed.

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00:06:01,160 --> 00:06:03,560

We worked together to get the water stopped.

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00:06:03,560 --> 00:06:04,560

And everything was OK.

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00:06:04,560 --> 00:06:05,800

Nothing we didn't feel in danger.

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00:06:05,800 --> 00:06:07,880

We had a light on.

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00:06:07,880 --> 00:06:09,600

Nothing was bad then.

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00:06:09,600 --> 00:06:13,440

Can you cut this tape right here?

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00:06:13,440 --> 00:06:15,520

Once we got all the repairs done,

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00:06:15,520 --> 00:06:18,800

Debbie went to start the engine.

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00:06:18,800 --> 00:06:19,960

Larry, it won't start.

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00:06:19,960 --> 00:06:21,280

You just turned it over one more time.

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00:06:21,280 --> 00:06:23,160

Well, I figured she just didn't know how to start it.

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00:06:23,160 --> 00:06:24,240

Right? So I went to start.

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00:06:24,240 --> 00:06:25,240

I can't get it to start.

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00:06:25,240 --> 00:06:28,000

Let me get in there.

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00:06:28,040 --> 00:06:31,200

I made it till almost the battery was dead.

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00:06:31,200 --> 00:06:35,120

We had two batteries on the boat.

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00:06:35,120 --> 00:06:36,640

It won't start for me, either.

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00:06:36,640 --> 00:06:39,400

So now we're both backed by the engine, wondering why it won't start.

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00:06:39,400 --> 00:06:42,400

There must be something I'm missing here.

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00:06:42,400 --> 00:06:43,400

Ow!

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00:06:43,400 --> 00:06:44,400

Oh, God!

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00:06:44,400 --> 00:06:46,960

Larry was thinking, I want to get out the boat now.

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The fear came to both of us when we heard that gushing

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00:06:50,680 --> 00:06:54,200

and that whooshing noise from the bottom of the boat.

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I mean, I was scared along with her.

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00:06:55,640 --> 00:06:56,960

She made me scared.

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00:06:56,960 --> 00:06:57,600

Now, I didn't know how to.

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00:06:57,600 --> 00:06:58,480

I wasn't thinking right.

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00:06:58,480 --> 00:07:01,040

I didn't listen to what I should have done.

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00:07:01,040 --> 00:07:02,280

I made poor judgments.

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I listened to what she said to get off the boat.

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OK, crack the valve on this when I get it together.

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00:07:06,880 --> 00:07:08,320

OK, tell me when you're ready.

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00:07:08,320 --> 00:07:11,600

The first thing we did was pull the life raft out

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00:07:11,600 --> 00:07:14,840

to get it blown up.

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00:07:14,840 --> 00:07:18,480

We always carry a school batank on the board for that purpose.

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00:07:18,480 --> 00:07:20,400

Larry, there's holes in it.

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00:07:20,400 --> 00:07:21,600

It's not holding air.

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00:07:21,600 --> 00:07:23,160

We can't use this.

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00:07:23,160 --> 00:07:25,840

So we tossed that one aside and got the second one.

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00:07:25,840 --> 00:07:28,600

And we filled that one up the same way we started the first one.

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00:07:28,600 --> 00:07:29,440

And that was filled.

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00:07:29,440 --> 00:07:30,120

It worked fine.

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00:07:33,160 --> 00:07:35,040

Even though these are two-man rafts,

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00:07:35,040 --> 00:07:36,720

there's only room for one person in that boat.

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00:07:39,360 --> 00:07:41,400

You're going to get in here and I'm going to drag us to shore,

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00:07:41,400 --> 00:07:41,920

OK?

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00:07:41,920 --> 00:07:42,440

All right.

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00:07:42,440 --> 00:07:43,400

OK.

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00:07:43,400 --> 00:07:45,320

OK, I'm going to put my purse in the bag.

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00:07:45,320 --> 00:07:46,240

Give me your shoe.

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00:07:46,240 --> 00:07:48,120

Debbie put her purse in other valuables, as well as

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00:07:48,120 --> 00:07:50,560

Larry's shoes, into a gear bag.

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00:07:50,560 --> 00:07:55,160

She took the bag and a school batank with her in the life raft.

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00:07:55,160 --> 00:07:58,720

Larry Race had his dry suit and school batanks on board.

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He was a strong swimmer and thought

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00:08:00,480 --> 00:08:03,280

he could tow Debbie and the raft to safety.

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00:08:03,280 --> 00:08:05,120

He had done the same thing with his daughters

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when the Jenny Lee had run into trouble before.

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00:08:08,920 --> 00:08:10,880

I knew I had to push her to shore.

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00:08:10,880 --> 00:08:11,720

And I knew I could.

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00:08:11,720 --> 00:08:12,520

I was strong enough.

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00:08:12,520 --> 00:08:13,560

And she said the same thing.

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00:08:13,560 --> 00:08:15,400

She said, Larry, you're strong enough.

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00:08:15,400 --> 00:08:16,080

You can do it.

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00:08:19,080 --> 00:08:21,080

I pushed and I pushed and I was making it.

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00:08:21,080 --> 00:08:21,960

I was OK.

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00:08:21,960 --> 00:08:23,400

But I started getting cold.

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00:08:23,400 --> 00:08:24,960

I can't hold on.

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00:08:24,960 --> 00:08:25,760

I've got to come in.

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00:08:25,760 --> 00:08:26,660

My hands are freezing.

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00:08:26,660 --> 00:08:27,560

I can't hold on.

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00:08:27,560 --> 00:08:28,560

I need to get to the boat.

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00:08:28,560 --> 00:08:29,560

All right.

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00:08:29,560 --> 00:08:30,560

No!

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00:08:30,560 --> 00:08:31,560

No!

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00:08:31,560 --> 00:08:32,560

No, Larry!

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00:08:32,560 --> 00:08:33,560

The water's coming in!

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00:08:33,560 --> 00:08:34,560

No!

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00:08:34,560 --> 00:08:35,560

Don't come in!

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00:08:35,560 --> 00:08:36,560

You can't come in!

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00:08:36,560 --> 00:08:37,560

OK.

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00:08:37,560 --> 00:08:38,560

She was terrified.

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00:08:38,560 --> 00:08:41,560

And at that time, I knew I couldn't get in the raft.

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00:08:41,560 --> 00:08:46,760

And I thought that, you know, I would die.

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00:08:46,760 --> 00:08:51,560

And at that time, I made a law before judgment.

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00:08:51,560 --> 00:08:54,160

I looked off to the right and there was lights coming.

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00:08:54,360 --> 00:08:55,160

They said, I'll go for help.

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00:08:55,160 --> 00:08:57,560

You can't get out there.

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00:08:57,560 --> 00:09:00,360

I think I could get to it.

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00:09:00,360 --> 00:09:03,760

Lights were closer than we were swimming the shore.

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Larry!

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00:09:04,760 --> 00:09:05,760

Larry, I love you!

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00:09:05,760 --> 00:09:07,760

Debbie was going that way towards shore.

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00:09:07,760 --> 00:09:10,160

I was going the opposite way for help.

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00:09:10,160 --> 00:09:11,860

One of us were going to get help.

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00:09:11,860 --> 00:09:13,360

One of us were going to get the shore.

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Debbie was going to get the shore for help.

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00:09:14,760 --> 00:09:16,360

Or I was going to get to the boat for help.

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00:09:16,360 --> 00:09:18,560

One of us were going to get somebody to help.

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00:09:21,060 --> 00:09:24,060

The light Larry raced seen was his own boat.

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00:09:24,060 --> 00:09:26,860

This time, the engine started.

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00:09:26,860 --> 00:09:28,260

After catching his breath, he was

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00:09:28,260 --> 00:09:33,420

searching for Debbie all the while firing distress flares.

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00:09:33,420 --> 00:09:35,460

In the end, Larry would return to shore

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00:09:35,460 --> 00:09:37,460

and notify the coast guard.

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00:09:37,460 --> 00:09:40,360

They would conduct a grid search of the lake to no avail.

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00:09:44,460 --> 00:09:47,860

The next afternoon, a teenager on his way home from school

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00:09:47,860 --> 00:09:51,420

saw Debbie race his body on the lake shore.

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Larry race was charged with murder.

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At his trial, Larry race's attorneys

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advised him not to take the stand on his own behalf.

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After he was convicted, Larry hired a new team of lawyers,

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insisting that he'd been the victim of incompetent counsel.

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Larry race believes that if he had testified,

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the jury would not have found him guilty.

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The prosecuting attorney at Larry race's trial

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was John DeSanto of Duluth, Minnesota.

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Even though the case against Larry was circumstantial,

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DeSanto was able to convince a jury

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that Larry race had the opportunity, means, and motive

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to murder his wife.

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I have had absolutely no doubt that Larry race is

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guilty of first degree murder.

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And that's why I believe that this is not

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an appropriate case for unscrupulous murder.

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It's not an appropriate case for unsolved mysteries.

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It simply is not an unsolved mystery.

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I believe the evidence showed that he wanted out

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of an unhappy marriage at this time in his life.

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And at the same time, he had \$108,000 of life insurance

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on her life in place that he had purchased

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within the seven months previous to her death

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through credit life insurance.

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Part of it, about \$37,000 was mortgage insurance

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that came along with the mortgage on his house.

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The rest of it came as part of a group policy

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from his credit union.

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And there was some testimony, in fact, that Debbie

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had been the one to seek out this additional insurance

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coverage.

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Larry, it won't start.

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Larry race's defense was built around

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his story of mechanical problems of the Jenny Lee.

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The prosecution claimed Larry concocted the entire episode.

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After his trial, the Jenny Lee was sold.

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An independent mechanic examined the starter.

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The mechanic said that it was worn and that the type of problem

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that he saw there would cause an intermittent starting

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failure that the engine on some occasions would not start.

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At one of Larry race's post-conviction hearings

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following the trial, a man did come forward and testify

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that he had found a starter problem in the Jenny Lee

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in late May or early June of 1984, or two years after

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Debbie's death the night of May 11th and 12th of 82.

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He simply could not say that this was a problem he,

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that was on the boat the night of Deborah race's death.

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And therefore it was ruled irrelevant, both in the trial

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court and ultimately in the appellate courts.

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It's locked, it's losing air, there's holes.

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We can't use this.

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00:12:35,780 --> 00:12:38,780

Larry race is adamant that he had two life rafts

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00:12:38,780 --> 00:12:40,780

on board the Jenny Lee.

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Well the evidence clearly showed there was but one raft

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on the Jenny Lee the night of May 11th and 12th of 1982.

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Everyone of Larry race's diving companions or friends

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or both that testified at the trial said that they had never

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seen him in possession of two blue and yellow rafts

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as he claims.

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And also as significant is the fact that the search

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and rescue people from the Coast Guard said that if that

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raft had existed they would have found it.

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We don't have a radio.

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At Larry Race's trial, the deputy sheriff testified

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that Larry had told him there were two life rafts on board.

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I didn't hear you mention any noise makers of any sort.

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No we don't have a noise maker but we do have two rafts.

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I just got another raft.

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This deputy testified that Larry specifically told him

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quote what about rafts I have too.

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That deputy testified about that happening

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over two weeks beforehand.

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Well it sounds like he got just about everything.

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Yeah.

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The prosecution points out that the deputy's testimony

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was inconsistent.

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When he was first questioned 11 days after Debbie races death

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he said he knew nothing about two rafts.

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Raffs had definitely helped.

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The prosecution claims that Larry pushed Debbie in the raft

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well away from the Jenny Lee then returned to the boat

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and donned his scuba equipment.

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They say Larry swam back under Debbie's raft

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and slashed it with a knife leaving her to freeze to death

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in the icy waters.

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This was very significant evidence at the trial

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and it was that there were five punctures

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or cuts in the bottom of the raft

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placed in the raft while it was inflated

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because as the experts testified there was no knife cut

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on the top of the raft that would correspond

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with the bottom puncture meaning the air chambers were inflated

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and strategically placed in that they cut both air chambers.

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It wasn't a random thing like vandalism

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where someone who isn't really intent on cutting

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both air chambers but just damaging a piece of property.

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They were placed in both air chambers from the bottom

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while the raft was inflated.

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The prosecution failed to produce the knife used to cut the raft.

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The puncture marks did not match the only knife

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found on board the Jenny Lee.

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The prosecution asserts that once Debbie had been set adrift

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Larry dragged the life raft back to the Jenny Lee

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so you would have support for his story

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about attempting to inflate a first raft.

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All of the events that leads to the action of Larry

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according to the prosecution required superhuman effort,

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superfit that were not just physically possible.

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Witnesses placed the Jenny Lee here

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near the mouth of the Talmage River at 8.30 p.m.

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and again at 9.30.

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Larry's body was found here seven miles away.

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According to Jean Aubeinot,

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it would have been impossible for a body to drift that far

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without a raft.

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If she had been in a water with a parka, with a life vest,

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she can only travel one to two miles and will hit shore somewhere.

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The only way she could have landed seven miles down

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was on a raft.

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We just don't know where the Jenny Lee was on the lake.

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At the time he persuaded, at the time Larry Ray persuaded

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Debbie to leave it, makes it impossible to then start

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with a drift theory that would put her body at such and such

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a place whether she's in a raft or without a raft

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because we again don't have a precise starting point.

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We never did have one and that's what makes it so difficult

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to give any credibility to the Aubeinot drift theory

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that was presented by the defense.

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According to Larry Ray's attorneys,

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the skin levidity in Debbie's body also proves

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that she came ashore in a life raft.

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Debbie's blood had not sunk to her feet.

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They claim it would have done so if she'd been kept afloat

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in an upright position by a life vest.

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The leividity of Debbie Ray's blood following her death

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was to the back.

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And that was consistent or is consistent with the fact

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that she floated in the water with that life jacket

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without a raft available to her because as the expert

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testified at trial, this particular life jacket

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would have kept her basically face up on her back

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as she floated following her death.

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Her body of course was then found face up on its back

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on the shore of Lake Superior as well

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which would continue the levidity to her back.

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And the autopsy report clearly indicates

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the levidity was to her back.

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After hearing all the evidence,

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but without hearing from Larry Ray himself,

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a jury of four men and eight women found him guilty of murder.

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I couldn't believe it because there was no hard, cold evidence,

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hard facts, there wasn't anything.

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It was all circumstantial.

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There was nothing concrete about his case at all

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except he had his affairs.

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It's hard to take, you know, when so many people think he was guilty,

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but it's never been a problem with us.

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We just don't believe he was guilty.

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If you only knew Larry, you wouldn't think that Larry

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would ever do anything like that.

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Today I'm angry at the fact that he was able to convince

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12 jury members that this happened

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without any facts, without any evidence.

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He just says, we think Larry did it.

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We want him convicted.

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And that's what he did.

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You getting off work now?

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Yeah, I'm going to go home in a few minutes.

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See you, boy.

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In 1981, 17-year-old Annette Schupacher fell in love with Jim Burnside,

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a butcher at the grocery store where Annette worked.

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Bye.

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Have a good evening.

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Bye.

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A year later, the couple married.

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The bride was just 18, the groom, 46.

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The couple was married,

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and the couple was married,

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and the couple was married,

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and was just 18, the groom, 46.

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For Annette, the marriage marked the beginning of a nightmare.

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She became afraid of him almost immediately

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because he was jealous of her,

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and when he was drinking, he was violent,

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and made remarks to her all the time

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that she would never, ever leave him,

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that he started telling her right from the beginning

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

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In 1987, after five years of nearly constant emotional

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and physical abuse,

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Annette finally found the courage to leave Jim.

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Good thing you're here.

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Two months later, Jim Burnside brutally attacked

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Annette and one of her co-workers.

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God, please!

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Hey, get over here.

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What are you doing?

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Help!

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Annette's co-workers survived the attack.

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Annette had been stabbed 15 times with a butcher knife

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and was pronounced dead at the scene.

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That afternoon, Jim Burnside disappeared.

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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,

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it's horrible.

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We just want him caught,

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and I just hope and pray that somebody spots him.

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Update.

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The night the story aired, 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,

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I just looked at my husband and I just started pointing

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and I'm going, 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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Okay, 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 it.

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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, 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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He was placed under arrest and taken to a Birmingham hospital.

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From what we've been able to determine 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 himself Wednesday night.

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On April 1st, 1988, Jeannie Tovrey, a wealthy socialite

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when Phoenix, Arizona, was murdered in her own bed while she slept.

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At the time of her death, she was worth several million dollars.

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Most of it inherited from her late husband.

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Jeannie Tovrey's origins were humble.

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She was a very young woman.

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She was a very young woman.

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She was a very young woman.

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From her late husband, Jeannie Tovrey's origins were humble.

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Jeannie was born in a small Arkansas farming community

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and married fresh out of high school.

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In 1953, her marriage failed

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and Jeannie eventually wound up in Phoenix working as a cocktail waitress.

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If you folks need anything, I'll be sitting right over there.

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Jeannie had no intention of spending her life waiting tables.

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On her rest breaks, she studied real estate law,

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determined to make a better life for herself.

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Several years later, Jeannie was well on her way.

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She had obtained her real estate license in 1970

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and become an immediate success.

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In 1971, one of Jeannie's clients introduced her to Edward Tovrey,

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a charming, wealthy divorcee.

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Jeannie's the one that helped us on that real estate deal I was telling you about.

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She did a great job for us.

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Congratulations. That was super.

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I don't know what that takes. You're embarrassing me.

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Never be embarrassed when somebody tells you you've done something well.

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It's part of the business.

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I think you're going to do well because of your people skills that you're good at.

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Ed had all the qualities that Jeannie was looking for.

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Like to propose a toast?

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It's just that simple.

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The old friends and to new friendships.

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You have to kiss a lot of frogs before you find the prince

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and she can sit her dad to prince.

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Ed Tovrey embarked on an intense courtship and Jeannie was swept off her feet.

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Ed's ancestors had made millions in the cattle business

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and were among the founding fathers of Phoenix.

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But Ed Tovrey made his own name as a pilot in World War II.

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He was shot down and taken as a prisoner of war by the Germans.

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Ed helped engineer the famous Great Escape,

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digging tunnels which allowed 79 other POWs to go free.

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Less than a year after they met,

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Jeannie and Ed were married in a private ceremony in Hawaii.

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Jeannie became an instant hit with a Phoenix upper crust.

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She seemed to fall right into it as if though she had had that money forever.

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She was welcomed and very, very well loved, extremely liked.

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I don't know of one, and I can honestly say this,

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I don't know of one person that disliked Jeannie.

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She was just one of those very special people with very special qualities.

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She treated people like she wanted to be treated.

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I never saw any heirs with Jeannie.

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They entertained a lot, very casual, entertaining, had friends in.

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They had a very good marriage.

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They both liked to do the same things.

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But there was one cloud darkening Jeannie and Ed's life together.

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Respiratory problems had plagued Ed ever since his POW days.

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By 1982, he was virtually bedridden, and Jeannie nursed him around the clock.

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You know how about a little soup?

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Jeannie, I think it's about time we talked about what you're going to do after I'm gone.

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Ed, please don't talk that way.

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I just want to make sure you're taken care of.

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You get the house, and you're comfortable.

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Okay?

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00:27:01,780 --> 00:27:03,780

Okay.

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Jeannie was not a greedy person.

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It wasn't like, well, I have married you.

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Everything you have is mine.

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This was not Jeannie.

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On July 11th, 1983, Ed Tovrey died.

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He left Jeannie in a state worth millions, including the house and a valuable art collection.

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It was hard for her to visualize life without him because he was her steadying factor.

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I think it was scary for her.

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After a period of mourning, Jeannie threw herself back into the Phoenix social world.

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I think it was her way to get over everything and meet people.

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It became quite the socialite and chaired many of the balls, and her circle of friends all went.

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So it became a very, for Jeannie, it became a way of doing things for herself.

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Well, I'm going to finish these last few invitations and call it a night.

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The evening of March 31st, 1988, found Jeannie Tovrey preparing the final few invitations for yet another high society party.

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At 7 p.m. she spoke with her sister.

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By 1 a.m. the next day, she would be dead.

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She had mailed those invitations, and then they came right after we found out that she had been murdered.

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And it did do a number on all of us.

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It was almost like, remember my party.

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It was very spooky.

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I don't know if you did that before or after the killer.

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At the murder scene, police found several fingerprints, but little other physical evidence.

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Jeannie's purse, along with her identification and credit cards, were missing.

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Ernie, do you want a pillow?

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Sure.

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Those credit cards have never been found and they've never been used to this day.

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The fingerprints that we have have been compared to every name that's been mentioned to us,

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that's been through our computer system, and we have not identified who those prints belong to.

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My opinion and that opinion of two detectives all felt that she was the victim of a hit.

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She was killed intentionally for somebody.

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Police theorized that the killer was familiar with Jeannie's neighborhood

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because he had so easily gained access to her home.

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I would say the suspect at least had some knowledge of the house.

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The entry into the house was made through a window, but it was done in a manner

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not to set the alarm system off.

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There's white carpeting throughout the house, and there was no indications in any room

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except her bedroom that anybody had been in there.

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It appears that he knew the direct path from the point of entry to her bedroom and where she was.

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She was shot while she lay in bed asleep.

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There was no obvious signs of a struggle.

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Police believe that the killer scattered Jeannie's costume jewelry simply to give the appearance of a burglary attempt.

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He left thousands of dollars worth of real jewelry untouched in the next room.

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Also, it seemed that he wanted someone to be alerted.

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The alarm was set off when the sliding door was opened by the suspect.

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It could have went out the same way he got in without ever setting the alarm off.

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It's only a theory, but one of the reasons we considered is that this person, if he was paid to kill her,

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wanted to let the person who paid him know that the job was done.

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Who could have wanted Jeannie Tovrey dead?

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Police were at a loss until he were given the old tapes from her answering machine.

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That was when they heard the voice of a mysterious man who called himself Gordon Phillips.

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I will try and call back this afternoon and I have some information for you.

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It's a beautiful place you have here.

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In 1987, Phillips, who claimed to be a magazine writer, had tried to interview Jeannie about her late husband's POW experiences.

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How may I help you?

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As I told you on the phone, I'm writing a book about prisoners of war.

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I'd like to talk to you specifically about your husband, Ed.

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Well, you know, that was a very long time ago.

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I'm not that familiar with Ed's past.

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Surely he must have said something to you about his POW experience.

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I mean, it was a big part of his life.

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He didn't like to dwell in the past.

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You know, you'd be better off talking to the First Mrs. Tovrey.

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Tell me something about Ed himself, your husband, the man. What was he like?

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Mr. Phillips, you say you work for a time life.

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Yes.

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Well, then, of course, you would have some identification. You could show me.

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Well, actually, I'm a freelance writer. I'm not really on staff.

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I can provide you with some references.

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You know, I'm going to have to cut you short.

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I have a plane to catch in the morning and a lot of...

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Jean had him checked out.

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And Time Magazine had never heard of him.

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And Jean once again told him that she was the wrong person to talk to.

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She couldn't seem to make him understand this.

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Gordon Phillips continued to howl Jeanne Tovey by phone.

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If she was not in, he left messages on her machine.

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And Jeanne became certain that Phillips was following her.

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Mr. Phillips, I told you I do not want to meet with you.

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Maybe she'd be at a party or out shopping or something,

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and she'd think she saw this guy.

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For a while there, it was every time she went somewhere, she would see him.

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He never came up to her.

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But she would see him in a crowd.

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And she was extremely nervous about this.

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This is Gordon Phillips checking back at the bad 330 I.

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We'll call back around five o'clock. Thank you.

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Police still have no idea who Gordon Phillips is, where he is gone,

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or whether he was involved in the murder of Jeanne Tovrey.

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My greatest fear is that I'll never know why.

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It's inconceivable to me that Jeanne was murdered.

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This happens to other people.

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It's what you read in the newspaper. It doesn't happen to my family.

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I miss her.

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She was my sister, she was my best friend.

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She was mine, and she didn't deserve to die.

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When we return, the saga of a young Indian who ran off to join the Air Force and never came home.

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In Manitoba, Canada, just across the North Dakota border, there's a family called the Myron Clan.

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They are part of the plains Ojibwe Indian nation.

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In the 1940s, the Myrons found themselves caught between the global politics of the Second World War

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and the deeply rooted traditions of the Ojibwe.

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There were seven children in the Myron family.

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The youngest girl, Helen Rose, was just six months old when this picture was taken in 1925.

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Her family has not seen her for more than half a century.

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It's been going on too long. We've missed her too long.

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Too many years have gone by, and we'd like to find her now.

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The mother of her fears, we still love her.

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We're all concerned about her too.

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When the Myron children were growing up, they spent the winter months at a government boarding

school.

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Every summer, they came home to their parents' log cabin on the Ojibwe reservation.

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Helen Rose come and sit beside me.

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In September of 1932, the children prepared to return to school, even though their mother was gravely ill.

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I might not be here when you return from school.

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Be a good girl and make me proud of you.

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I will.

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And I.

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A month later, Archie Myron showed up at his children's school, unannounced.

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When your children left last summer, your mother was very sick.

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Our dad came and told us that our mother had passed away.

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And, uh...

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Right away, I saw what did the school do to her.

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Helen Rose!

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All of the children were devastated, especially Helen Rose.

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Always her mother's favorite, she would never fully recover from the death.

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By 1941, Helen Rose was in her junior year at the boarding school.

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She was 17, and the world had become a very different place.

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Right now, as I'm speaking, the German hordes are marching across Europe, causing havoc, destruction and death.

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Hitler's armies were threatening to overrun the globe.

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A new principal at the boarding school was actively interventionist.

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And Helen Rose became swept up in the anti-fascist fervor.

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You know I've taught you about joining the reserves.

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This is your opportunity to join the world that really matters.

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He was teaching them the role of the other society.

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And I presume that's where Helen got her idea to better her life with the outside world to join the airport.

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Helen Rose dropped out of high school.

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In an unprecedented move for an Ojibwe woman, she enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

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When they discovered that Helen Rose was underage, the Air Force ordered her to obtain her father's permission.

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Helen Rose returned to the reservation in July.

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As a tribal elder, Archie Myron was helping preside over the annual sonor thirsting dance

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when the plains Ojibwe erect traditional structures and offer prayers to the Great Spirit.

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She had papers, and she asked my dad to sign those papers.

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What is this paper?

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It's to join the Canadian Air Forces.

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I don't think I want you to join the Air Force, my daughter.

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Why not?

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And he told her that I don't want you to die simply as else.

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And if you go to war, you may not come back.

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So he didn't sign those papers, then Helen Rose got mad.

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He said, they'll never see me again.

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Friends and relatives, you would have been proud to see Helen in the Air Force.

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I often think now, if he had consented to signing his name on there, this would have been far different.

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00:39:46,780 --> 00:39:53,780

I'm sure that we would have had Helen Rose with us here all this time yet.

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Helen Rose did not return to her father's cabin.

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She spent the night with an aunt.

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The next morning, she said her last goodbyes.

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You take care of yourself, and I'm going to miss you.

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00:40:08,780 --> 00:40:10,780

Yeah, I'm going to miss you too.

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When she was leaving her auntie's place, she told her auntie, well, I'm leaving now, and you'll never see me again.

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I'm not ever coming back.

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Well, take care, okay?

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She was very disappointed.

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She wasn't actually mad, but she was disappointed when she didn't get that signature.

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Two years later, Helen Rose did return to the area.

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And where are you stationed, miss?

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When Angus Merrick walked into the general store, 15 miles from the reservation, he was shocked to see his sister-in-law.

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Helen Rose!

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Angus, nice to see you.

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Helen Rose, how you been doing?

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I'm fine.

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She had her uniform on, and all was good.

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Oh, thank you.

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00:41:06,780 --> 00:41:08,780

Your father is just across the street here.

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I'll go and get him.

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You'll maybe want to see you too.

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Just wait for a while. I'll be right back, okay?

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Just one take long.

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So I went over and told Archie that his daughter, Helen, was there.

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And asked her, would you like to come?

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And without hesitation, he came right away.

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By the time we got in the store, I couldn't find Helen. She disappeared.

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She really was here.

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Sixteen years later, Archie Myron died without ever having made peace with his youngest daughter.

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Each year, Archie Myron's family gathers at the cemetery to honor the entire Myron clan with an Ojibwe ceremony.

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The extended family now numbers 150, and still they long for the return of Helen Rose.

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Even if she has passed away, her family wants to know, so that Helen Rose's spirit can be honored in accordance with the Ojibwe tradition.

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I don't know what's keeping her away. Surely she cannot hold a grudge this long.

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We have no part in it, just between her and my dad, not us.

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She said she wasn't going to come back, and she has stuck to a word through, like a real Indian woman.

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I don't know why, but I don't know what's going to happen to me.

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I don't know.

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