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

This program is about unsolved mysteries.

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00:00:03,600 --> 00:00:06,300

Whenever possible, the actual family members and police

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00:00:06,300 --> 00:00:09,100

officials have participated in recreating the events.

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00:00:09,100 --> 00:00:11,900

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

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00:00:16,400 --> 00:00:19,140

For more than 30 years, Joe and Maddie Harvey

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00:00:19,140 --> 00:00:21,400

and their country store were an institution

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00:00:21,400 --> 00:00:25,200

in the small town of Lewis Chapel Mountain, Tennessee.

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00:00:25,200 --> 00:00:27,580

Then in March of 1921, the United States

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00:00:28,580 --> 00:00:33,580

Then in March of 1991, Joe and Maddie were brutally murdered.

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00:00:33,580 --> 00:00:36,280

A grieving community was shattered by the news

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00:00:36,280 --> 00:00:41,980

that one of the primary suspects was a member of Harvey's own family.

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In 1941, Barney Dewey and his sister Angelin

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00:00:45,500 --> 00:00:48,200

were taken from their parents, separated and placed

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00:00:48,200 --> 00:00:51,940

for adoption by a deceitful preacher posing as a friend.

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00:00:51,940 --> 00:00:54,920

A year later, Barney set out on a lonely journey

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00:00:54,920 --> 00:00:56,420

to find his sister.

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00:00:56,420 --> 00:01:01,080

Perhaps you can help bring his long search to an end.

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00:01:01,080 --> 00:01:03,320

In Henderson, Nevada, two unknown bank

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00:01:03,320 --> 00:01:05,780

members took a woman hostage and led police

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00:01:05,780 --> 00:01:08,220

on a dangerous high-speed chase.

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00:01:08,220 --> 00:01:10,660

Incredibly, as he escaped unfolding,

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00:01:10,660 --> 00:01:13,780

an alert newspaper reporter snapped a picture of the bandits

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00:01:13,780 --> 00:01:16,980

from her passing car.

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00:01:16,980 --> 00:01:20,020

Also thanks to our viewers, nine brothers and sisters

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00:01:20,020 --> 00:01:21,740

who were separated by the tragic death

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00:01:21,740 --> 00:01:24,260

of their mother have found each other.

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00:01:24,300 --> 00:01:25,300

Join me.

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00:01:25,300 --> 00:01:27,980

Perhaps you may be able to help solve a mystery.

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00:01:54,260 --> 00:02:20,060

According to official FBI files,

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00:02:20,060 --> 00:02:23,220

on any given day an estimated 40 banks in the United States

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00:02:23,260 --> 00:02:25,340

are robbed at gunpoint.

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00:02:25,340 --> 00:02:28,820

On November 13, 1991, a bank in Henderson, Nevada

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00:02:28,820 --> 00:02:30,460

was added to the list.

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00:02:30,460 --> 00:02:32,420

It is a frightening, traumatic experience

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00:02:32,420 --> 00:02:35,700

for the bank employees who, fearing retribution of asset

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00:02:35,700 --> 00:02:38,180

their identities be concealed.

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00:02:38,180 --> 00:02:40,420

It began an hour before opening.

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00:02:40,420 --> 00:02:44,740

The bank manager was at his desk, alone, seemingly secure

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00:02:44,740 --> 00:02:45,980

behind locked doors.

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00:02:50,460 --> 00:02:52,460

Don't touch the alarm.

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00:02:52,460 --> 00:02:54,020

Did you set off the alarm?

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00:02:54,020 --> 00:02:54,920

No.

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00:02:54,920 --> 00:02:55,820

This is a robbery.

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00:02:55,820 --> 00:02:58,020

I want you to do everything I tell you to do.

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00:02:58,020 --> 00:03:00,140

Now, is there anything you have to do now?

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00:03:00,140 --> 00:03:02,940

I have to sign on my computer and have to check my daily mail.

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00:03:02,940 --> 00:03:04,100

Let's do it.

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00:03:04,100 --> 00:03:07,180

The first thing that I saw was the handguns that both of them

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00:03:07,180 --> 00:03:08,000

had.

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00:03:08,000 --> 00:03:11,500

They were like a stub-nosed large caliber weapon.

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00:03:11,500 --> 00:03:14,140

I believe the individual was a professional bank robber,

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00:03:14,140 --> 00:03:19,260

because he knew about banking procedures.

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00:03:19,260 --> 00:03:21,140

All right, do what you have to do.

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00:03:21,140 --> 00:03:24,780

He watched every move that I made, up and down the teleline,

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00:03:24,780 --> 00:03:28,260

to make sure that I didn't reach down and set off any alarms.

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00:03:28,260 --> 00:03:29,180

All right, I'm in.

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00:03:29,180 --> 00:03:32,300

I just stand there.

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00:03:32,300 --> 00:03:34,980

The robbers had apparently done their homework.

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00:03:34,980 --> 00:03:36,660

Don't look at me.

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00:03:36,660 --> 00:03:38,940

They seemed well aware that the bank's vault was

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00:03:38,940 --> 00:03:41,780

equipped with a dual combination lock.

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00:03:41,780 --> 00:03:46,540

The manager knew the first half of the six-digit sequence.

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00:03:46,540 --> 00:03:50,780

The other three numbers were known only to the vault teller.

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00:03:50,820 --> 00:03:52,900

At 8 AM, she arrived for work.

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00:03:55,540 --> 00:03:57,500

When I was unlocking the door, I kind of

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00:03:57,500 --> 00:03:59,820

felt that there was something wrong,

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00:03:59,820 --> 00:04:01,460

but I went ahead and entered anyway.

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00:04:03,940 --> 00:04:05,780

Don't touch the alarm.

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00:04:05,780 --> 00:04:08,620

Do you know the other information open this vault?

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00:04:08,620 --> 00:04:09,500

Yes, I do.

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00:04:09,500 --> 00:04:10,660

Open it.

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00:04:10,660 --> 00:04:11,820

Come on.

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00:04:11,820 --> 00:04:16,380

The bank robber was pretty calm, I thought.

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00:04:16,380 --> 00:04:20,380

He was just really precise on what he wanted us to do.

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00:04:20,380 --> 00:04:24,700

So my manager and I, we opened the outer door,

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00:04:24,700 --> 00:04:27,620

and we all went inside the vault,

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00:04:27,620 --> 00:04:30,860

and we went to go to the inner vault where the cash was.

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00:04:36,380 --> 00:04:38,260

Now, this is what I want you to do.

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00:04:38,260 --> 00:04:42,020

You'll go across the lobby to my partner and stay there.

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00:04:42,020 --> 00:04:43,140

Now, go.

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00:04:43,140 --> 00:04:46,100

You go outside and stand by the vault door, and don't move.

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00:04:51,380 --> 00:04:52,280

Hey!

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00:04:52,280 --> 00:04:53,180

You!

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00:04:53,180 --> 00:04:54,500

Get over here!

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00:04:54,500 --> 00:04:57,740

Two tellers were also taken hostage by the second gunman

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00:04:57,740 --> 00:04:59,180

when they arrived for work.

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00:05:02,140 --> 00:05:03,740

Drop that purse!

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00:05:03,740 --> 00:05:06,420

At some point during this phase of the heist,

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00:05:06,420 --> 00:05:08,580

a silent secret alarm was activated.

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00:05:14,580 --> 00:05:17,500

Police moved in cautiously and sent a message.

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00:05:18,380 --> 00:05:23,180

Police moved in cautiously and staked out the bank.

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00:05:23,180 --> 00:05:25,900

The robbery was very well planned out,

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00:05:25,900 --> 00:05:28,020

but we were able to make it to the bank,

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00:05:28,020 --> 00:05:30,060

we believed without their knowledge.

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00:05:30,060 --> 00:05:32,060

Had they have known we were on our way to the bank,

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00:05:32,060 --> 00:05:34,340

I believe they would have left the bank prior to our getting

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00:05:34,340 --> 00:05:37,260

there to avoid the confrontation.

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00:05:37,260 --> 00:05:40,340

Once officers were in position, the police dispatcher

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00:05:40,340 --> 00:05:42,180

placed a call to the bank, trying

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00:05:42,180 --> 00:05:44,940

to find out if a robbery was in fact in progress.

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00:05:48,500 --> 00:05:50,500

I got to get the phone.

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00:05:50,500 --> 00:05:51,400

Get it.

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00:05:51,400 --> 00:05:54,000

[?].

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00:05:54,000 --> 00:05:54,900

Valley Bank.

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00:05:54,900 --> 00:05:56,980

This is the Henderson Police Department.

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00:05:56,980 --> 00:05:59,380

We're receiving a silent holdup alarm from your business.

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00:05:59,380 --> 00:06:02,020

Is everything OK there?

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00:06:02,020 --> 00:06:05,180

My stomach was in my throat.

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00:06:05,180 --> 00:06:06,380

I suppose.

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00:06:06,380 --> 00:06:08,500

I didn't know really what I was going to say or how

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00:06:08,500 --> 00:06:12,420

I was going to say, but I knew that I had to alert this person

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00:06:12,420 --> 00:06:15,340

that there was a problem within my branch.

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00:06:15,380 --> 00:06:19,100

And my normal procedures would be joyful and tell her

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00:06:19,100 --> 00:06:21,180

that everything was OK.

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00:06:21,180 --> 00:06:23,620

This time, I just told her that, yeah,

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00:06:23,620 --> 00:06:25,860

I suppose everything's OK.

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00:06:25,860 --> 00:06:28,660

That alerted the dispatcher that there was definitely

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00:06:28,660 --> 00:06:30,260

something wrong within my branch.

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00:06:30,260 --> 00:06:31,060

I suppose everything's all right.

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00:06:31,060 --> 00:06:32,340

Set off the alarm, didn't you?

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00:06:32,340 --> 00:06:33,620

No, I did not.

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00:06:33,620 --> 00:06:35,220

Who were you just talking to?

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00:06:35,220 --> 00:06:37,020

There's someone else here with me.

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00:06:37,020 --> 00:06:37,940

OK.

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00:06:37,940 --> 00:06:40,220

What I need you to do is I need you to go outside and speak

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00:06:40,220 --> 00:06:40,980

with my officers.

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00:06:40,980 --> 00:06:42,660

Can you do that for me?

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00:06:42,660 --> 00:06:44,380

OK, very well.

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00:06:44,660 --> 00:06:46,980

All right.

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00:06:46,980 --> 00:06:48,220

That's the store across the street.

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00:06:48,220 --> 00:06:49,740

They think there's something up here.

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00:06:49,740 --> 00:06:50,740

They're going to call the authorities.

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00:06:50,740 --> 00:06:51,640

I got to go.

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00:06:51,640 --> 00:06:53,140

I have to straighten this out with them.

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00:06:53,140 --> 00:06:55,820

Go outside and take care of it.

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00:06:55,820 --> 00:06:57,500

The hardest thing that I had to do

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00:06:57,500 --> 00:07:03,700

was to walk up my teleline and see my three employees tied up

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00:07:03,700 --> 00:07:06,340

knowing that once I left that bank,

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00:07:06,340 --> 00:07:10,020

that I couldn't get back in to do anything to help them.

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00:07:10,020 --> 00:07:13,100

This is taking too much time.

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00:07:13,100 --> 00:07:17,260

One Robert, he was really, really nervous.

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00:07:17,260 --> 00:07:19,500

And he was mumbling to himself.

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00:07:19,500 --> 00:07:21,660

Too much time.

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00:07:21,660 --> 00:07:22,860

I was nervous, of course.

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00:07:22,860 --> 00:07:25,780

But I wasn't freaked out, I guess,

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00:07:25,780 --> 00:07:26,740

as some people would say.

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00:07:26,740 --> 00:07:28,020

I kept my cool.

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00:07:28,020 --> 00:07:29,500

I didn't say anything.

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00:07:29,500 --> 00:07:31,860

I didn't make them nervous or jury,

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00:07:31,860 --> 00:07:35,740

that I was going to cause them problems.

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00:07:35,740 --> 00:07:37,860

No one knows if the gunman were aware

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00:07:37,860 --> 00:07:39,540

that the police were outside.

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00:07:39,540 --> 00:07:40,420

Let's go.

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00:07:40,420 --> 00:07:41,340

Grab one of those women.

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00:07:41,340 --> 00:07:42,300

Let's get out of here.

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00:07:42,300 --> 00:07:44,700

You, come on.

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00:07:44,700 --> 00:07:46,020

Stop.

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00:07:46,020 --> 00:07:48,140

For reasons known only to himself,

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00:07:48,140 --> 00:07:53,180

one of the holdup men removed his mask as he left the bank.

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00:07:53,180 --> 00:07:55,940

What had begun as a robbery had suddenly escalated

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00:07:55,940 --> 00:07:58,060

into a dangerous hostage situation.

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00:08:12,300 --> 00:08:37,220

The escape route had obviously been planned well in advance.

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00:08:37,220 --> 00:08:39,580

The robbers managed to confuse their pursuers

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00:08:39,660 --> 00:08:44,060

as they entered the labyrinth of a large apartment complex.

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00:08:44,060 --> 00:08:46,220

There were only three entries and exits

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00:08:46,220 --> 00:08:48,060

from that apartment complex.

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00:08:48,060 --> 00:08:50,780

And there were probably six to eight dead ends

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00:08:50,780 --> 00:08:52,300

in that apartment complex.

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00:08:52,300 --> 00:08:54,420

And they seemed to have known exactly which route

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00:08:54,420 --> 00:08:55,500

to take through there.

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00:08:55,500 --> 00:08:58,220

When I was in the car, I wasn't sure

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00:08:58,220 --> 00:09:01,220

what was going to happen to me.

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00:09:01,220 --> 00:09:04,140

I kept my eyes closed for the most part,

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00:09:04,140 --> 00:09:07,100

so they wouldn't want to kill me since I can identify them.

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00:09:07,100 --> 00:09:09,940

So I automatically laid down on the back seat.

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00:09:18,340 --> 00:09:20,540

Police sealed off all possible exits

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00:09:20,540 --> 00:09:22,300

in an attempt to trap the robbers.

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00:09:22,300 --> 00:09:36,260

The bandits made good their escape.

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00:09:36,260 --> 00:09:39,820

Incredibly, the bandits made good their escape.

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00:09:39,820 --> 00:09:42,660

A short time later, they switched getaway cars

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00:09:42,660 --> 00:09:44,580

and released their hostage unharmed.

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00:09:47,900 --> 00:09:50,220

Authorities believe that the two men who robbed the Henderson

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00:09:50,220 --> 00:09:52,980

Bank may be responsible for as many as 10 hold-ups

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00:09:52,980 --> 00:09:55,300

during the past five years.

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00:09:55,300 --> 00:09:57,220

In every case, their disguises successfully

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00:09:57,220 --> 00:09:59,900

concealed their identities, leaving investigators

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00:09:59,900 --> 00:10:02,220

with absolutely nothing to go on.

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00:10:02,220 --> 00:10:04,340

But the Henderson hold-up would be different.

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00:10:10,180 --> 00:10:13,140

That morning, newspaper reporter Catherine Scott

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00:10:13,140 --> 00:10:17,180

heard of the robbery on her police scanner.

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00:10:17,180 --> 00:10:22,740

I ran out of the office to my car with the camera in my scanner.

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00:10:22,740 --> 00:10:24,980

As I was going, I heard my scanners

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00:10:24,980 --> 00:10:28,340

say that there were three people tied up in the bank.

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00:10:28,340 --> 00:10:30,020

There was a hostage in the car.

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00:10:30,020 --> 00:10:32,380

The robbers had a semi-automatic handgun,

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00:10:32,380 --> 00:10:35,860

a semi-automatic pistol, and they were heading my way

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00:10:35,860 --> 00:10:38,020

on Sunset Road with the police behind them.

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00:10:38,140 --> 00:10:43,660

I saw the car and decided that that had to be the car.

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00:10:43,660 --> 00:10:47,460

And that's when I thought I can take a picture.

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00:10:47,460 --> 00:10:48,940

But I was afraid to take the picture,

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00:10:48,940 --> 00:10:51,340

because if I lifted up my camera and took the shot,

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00:10:51,340 --> 00:10:53,300

then I knew that they had plenty of time

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00:10:53,300 --> 00:10:58,300

to react by lifting their weapons and shooting me.

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00:10:58,300 --> 00:11:00,380

That's when my heart started to pound.

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00:11:00,380 --> 00:11:04,780

And I don't know how much time passed until I got there.

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00:11:05,260 --> 00:11:08,020

And I don't know how much time passed.

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00:11:08,020 --> 00:11:09,940

It couldn't have been very long.

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00:11:09,940 --> 00:11:13,100

But I kept thinking, I can take this picture,

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00:11:13,100 --> 00:11:14,500

but it'll shoot me.

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00:11:14,500 --> 00:11:15,300

I can take this picture.

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00:11:15,300 --> 00:11:15,900

I can take this.

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00:11:15,900 --> 00:11:16,980

I want to take this picture.

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00:11:16,980 --> 00:11:18,860

I have to take this picture, but it'll shoot me.

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00:11:22,180 --> 00:11:28,380

And just as we passed, that was it, the moment of truth.

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00:11:28,380 --> 00:11:29,140

And so I took it.

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00:11:30,140 --> 00:11:38,580

This is the photograph that Catherine Scott took that morning.

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00:11:38,580 --> 00:11:41,300

Authorities have enhanced it to make the unmasked driver

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00:11:41,300 --> 00:11:43,900

more recognizable.

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00:11:43,900 --> 00:11:46,540

From this image and eyewitness descriptions,

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00:11:46,540 --> 00:11:50,380

the FBI created a composite drawing of the suspect.

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00:11:50,380 --> 00:11:54,420

He is Caucasian or Hispanic, between 40 and 50 years old,

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00:11:54,460 --> 00:12:00,140

6 feet 2 inches tall, and weighs approximately 220 pounds.

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00:12:00,140 --> 00:12:03,780

No photographs exist of the other robber without a mask.

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00:12:03,780 --> 00:12:05,860

He is believed to be in his late 30s,

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00:12:05,860 --> 00:12:09,900

is 5 feet 9 inches tall, and weighs around 175 pounds.

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00:12:24,420 --> 00:12:37,140

Next, a man's poignant search for the sister

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00:12:37,140 --> 00:12:38,900

he hasn't seen in 50 years.

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00:12:50,900 --> 00:12:53,180

More than 50 years ago, the United States

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00:12:53,220 --> 00:12:55,620

began a brutal downward economic spiral

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00:12:55,620 --> 00:12:58,300

that lasted just over a decade.

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00:12:58,300 --> 00:13:01,940

Officially, the Great Depression ended in 1942.

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00:13:01,940 --> 00:13:04,500

But for many, the cost and personal tragedy

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00:13:04,500 --> 00:13:06,980

would continue for a lifetime.

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00:13:06,980 --> 00:13:09,940

Such was a case for a young girl and her older brother,

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00:13:09,940 --> 00:13:12,820

who lived in Haskell, Texas.

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00:13:12,820 --> 00:13:16,620

In 1941, Barney Dewey was just 12 years old,

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00:13:16,620 --> 00:13:19,220

but he had already been forced into manhood.

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00:13:19,220 --> 00:13:21,500

And the charge was 63 cents.

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00:13:21,500 --> 00:13:25,340

Now how much change do I have?

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00:13:25,340 --> 00:13:26,420

37 cents.

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00:13:26,420 --> 00:13:27,500

That's right.

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00:13:27,500 --> 00:13:28,260

Here you go, sir.

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00:13:28,260 --> 00:13:29,140

No, no.

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00:13:29,140 --> 00:13:29,940

You keep that.

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00:13:29,940 --> 00:13:31,380

That's yours.

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00:13:31,380 --> 00:13:32,660

Well, thank you very much, Mrs. Will.

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00:13:32,660 --> 00:13:33,980

You're welcome.

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00:13:33,980 --> 00:13:36,140

Barney worked part-time at a gas station

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00:13:36,140 --> 00:13:38,860

and looked after his little sister, Angeline.

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00:13:38,860 --> 00:13:40,900

Their stepfather was hospitalized,

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00:13:40,900 --> 00:13:45,980

and their mother tore long hours as a garment worker.

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00:13:45,980 --> 00:13:48,180

Times were rough in those days.

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00:13:48,180 --> 00:13:51,460

And we were concerned with living and trying

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00:13:51,460 --> 00:13:54,100

to keep body and soul together.

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00:13:54,100 --> 00:13:56,500

And so my mother was trying real hard.

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00:13:56,500 --> 00:13:59,180

She was not a well-educated person,

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00:13:59,180 --> 00:14:01,300

but she could read and write and what have you.

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00:14:01,300 --> 00:14:04,940

But that was the only job that was available.

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00:14:04,940 --> 00:14:06,460

Do you want to play game with me?

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00:14:06,460 --> 00:14:06,860

OK.

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00:14:06,860 --> 00:14:07,700

What do you want to play?

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00:14:07,700 --> 00:14:08,900

Books.

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00:14:08,900 --> 00:14:11,700

It was a bleak existence, but Barney and his family

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00:14:11,700 --> 00:14:14,340

managed to scrape by and stay together

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00:14:14,340 --> 00:14:17,020

until the day in the spring of 1941,

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00:14:17,020 --> 00:14:21,140

when Barney and Angeline had a visitor, a kindly old man

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00:14:21,140 --> 00:14:23,140

named Reverend Nicholas.

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00:14:23,140 --> 00:14:24,060

OK, officer.

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00:14:24,060 --> 00:14:25,260

Hello.

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00:14:25,260 --> 00:14:27,020

You're Barney Dory, aren't you?

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00:14:27,020 --> 00:14:29,700

Well, I'm Reverend Nicholas.

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00:14:29,700 --> 00:14:32,140

Mostly, you'll call me Daddy Nicholas.

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00:14:32,140 --> 00:14:33,300

Oh, Daddy Nicholas.

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00:14:33,300 --> 00:14:34,200

Yeah.

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00:14:34,200 --> 00:14:37,060

I'm a good friend of your mother's.

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00:14:37,060 --> 00:14:40,940

He told us that my mother wanted us to go with him.

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00:14:40,940 --> 00:14:45,060

She said it would be all right if I came over and took you.

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00:14:45,060 --> 00:14:48,340

The way he put it and the way he expressed himself,

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00:14:48,340 --> 00:14:49,420

well, there's nothing wrong.

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00:14:49,420 --> 00:14:50,660

You know, just go with him.

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00:14:50,660 --> 00:14:52,820

And my mother, I thought, well, you know,

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00:14:52,820 --> 00:14:54,660

that perhaps my mother was sick.

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00:14:54,660 --> 00:14:56,260

So you're sure she's going to be there later?

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00:14:56,260 --> 00:14:57,620

Yeah, she could have been.

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00:14:57,620 --> 00:15:00,820

Hello, your aunt is going to meet you.

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00:15:00,820 --> 00:15:02,740

How would you like a piece of candy?

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00:15:02,740 --> 00:15:06,580

He was a very personable person, and he was very nice.

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00:15:06,580 --> 00:15:09,100

And he could quieten your fears real easy

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00:15:09,100 --> 00:15:12,580

with just a few words and with his candy, which he always

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00:15:12,580 --> 00:15:13,500

had in his pocket.

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00:15:13,500 --> 00:15:16,460

Come along.

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00:15:16,460 --> 00:15:19,140

There you go.

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00:15:19,140 --> 00:15:20,540

There you are.

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00:15:20,540 --> 00:15:21,540

What?

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00:15:24,540 --> 00:15:26,540

Reverend Nicholas took Barney and Angeline

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00:15:26,540 --> 00:15:29,780

to a fancy hotel, bought both of them new outfits,

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00:15:29,780 --> 00:15:32,180

and fed them a sumptuous dinner.

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00:15:32,180 --> 00:15:34,980

The next day, all dressed up in their new clothes,

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00:15:34,980 --> 00:15:36,900

the children were formally photographed.

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00:15:40,060 --> 00:15:41,180

There you go.

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00:15:41,180 --> 00:15:42,660

Now, go on over here.

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00:15:42,660 --> 00:15:44,700

We'll find the bus waiting for us.

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00:15:44,700 --> 00:15:47,420

They said that something had happened to my mother

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00:15:47,420 --> 00:15:49,660

and that we weren't able to see her.

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00:15:49,660 --> 00:15:52,220

And so they took us to the bus station.

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00:15:52,220 --> 00:15:54,500

And I questioned him, asking him, well, where are we going?

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00:15:54,500 --> 00:15:57,020

He said, well, so we're going to take a little trip.

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00:15:57,020 --> 00:15:58,220

And don't worry.

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00:15:58,220 --> 00:15:59,500

Everything's going to be all right.

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00:15:59,500 --> 00:16:02,660

Well, my sister balked, and she began to cry.

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00:16:02,660 --> 00:16:04,540

On this bus?

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00:16:04,540 --> 00:16:07,380

Barney, I don't want to get on this bus.

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00:16:07,380 --> 00:16:08,060

It's all right.

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00:16:08,060 --> 00:16:08,660

Don't worry.

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00:16:08,660 --> 00:16:09,620

Don't worry.

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00:16:09,620 --> 00:16:10,540

I talked to your mom.

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00:16:10,540 --> 00:16:12,060

She said she'd meet us.

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00:16:12,060 --> 00:16:14,260

Every time we would raise some objection,

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00:16:14,260 --> 00:16:17,740

well, he would smooth our feelings down and say,

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00:16:17,740 --> 00:16:20,060

well, everything's going to be all right.

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00:16:20,060 --> 00:16:24,140

We'll go see your mother.

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00:16:24,140 --> 00:16:26,900

I still had in my mind that we were going to see our mother,

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00:16:26,900 --> 00:16:28,860

that all of this was taking place

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00:16:28,860 --> 00:16:32,260

to get us transported to the place that she was.

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00:16:32,260 --> 00:16:35,140

And so this is the way it happened.

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00:16:35,140 --> 00:16:38,340

And it worked out for Reverend Nichols just real well.

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00:16:38,340 --> 00:16:40,020

We kind of trusted him.

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00:16:40,020 --> 00:16:41,900

And when we got to the foster home,

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00:16:41,900 --> 00:16:43,780

we just felt like that that was a place that we

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00:16:43,780 --> 00:16:45,860

was to stay until we met my mother.

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00:16:50,100 --> 00:16:52,100

A few days later, Barney realized

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00:16:52,100 --> 00:16:54,300

that his trust had been misplaced.

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00:16:54,300 --> 00:16:57,260

Reverend Nicholas and his adopted son, Nick Crane,

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00:16:57,260 --> 00:17:01,180

came to the orphanage to pick up Barney, but not Angeline.

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00:17:01,180 --> 00:17:02,620

It's time for lunch.

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00:17:02,620 --> 00:17:04,060

We're going to our house.

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00:17:04,060 --> 00:17:05,380

You can't take him now.

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00:17:05,380 --> 00:17:07,580

Oh, we're just taking him for some food.

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00:17:07,620 --> 00:17:11,780

And of course, Angeline began to cry and sob and held on to me

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00:17:11,780 --> 00:17:14,660

and followed me out.

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00:17:14,660 --> 00:17:16,660

And she had to be restrained.

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00:17:16,660 --> 00:17:19,980

Barney, you promised me we're going to find our mom.

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00:17:24,300 --> 00:17:26,140

Only later did Barney understand

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00:17:26,140 --> 00:17:28,740

that the fancy new clothes and the photograph

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00:17:28,740 --> 00:17:31,100

had been nothing more than an advertisement

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00:17:31,100 --> 00:17:33,540

to be shown to prospective foster parents.

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Barney was sent to live on a ranch outside Abilene, Texas.

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His foster parents are Reverend Nicholas's secretary

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00:17:39,540 --> 00:17:43,140

and her husband, who conveniently needed a ranch hand.

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00:17:47,260 --> 00:17:51,660

I had the responsibility of driving the tractor and plowing

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00:17:51,660 --> 00:17:53,820

and doing the chores on the ranch

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00:17:53,820 --> 00:17:57,220

to keep the animals up and everything, keep them fed,

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00:17:57,220 --> 00:17:59,180

and what have you.

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00:17:59,180 --> 00:18:02,540

And I was very happy to have been able to find my mother.

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00:18:02,980 --> 00:18:05,980

And I was pretty satisfied right at first there,

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00:18:05,980 --> 00:18:07,660

because I had them on horse.

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00:18:07,660 --> 00:18:11,660

And I could do whatever I wanted to do on the ranch.

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00:18:11,660 --> 00:18:13,260

I was kind of in charge.

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00:18:13,260 --> 00:18:14,420

Really felt good about it.

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00:18:16,980 --> 00:18:19,940

Barney's memories of his foster parents are fond ones,

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00:18:19,940 --> 00:18:22,900

even though he lived a solitary existence eight miles

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00:18:22,900 --> 00:18:26,700

from the main ranch house and saw them rarely.

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00:18:26,700 --> 00:18:29,820

As time passed, Barney yearned for his own family

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00:18:29,820 --> 00:18:30,660

more and more.

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00:18:32,820 --> 00:18:36,380

I began to get lonely and began to miss my mother

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00:18:36,380 --> 00:18:37,980

and my sister.

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00:18:37,980 --> 00:18:42,980

Well, I just got so upset that I began to think about,

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00:18:42,980 --> 00:18:44,660

you know, maybe I ought to get away from here

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00:18:44,660 --> 00:18:45,660

and go look for my mother.

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00:18:50,380 --> 00:18:54,180

Well, I felt obligated to my foster mother and father.

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00:18:54,180 --> 00:18:57,820

And so I took my clothes off, took my good clothes off,

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00:18:57,820 --> 00:18:59,220

that they had bought me and everything.

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00:18:59,220 --> 00:19:02,020

And I just laid them aside and put my old clothes on

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00:19:02,020 --> 00:19:04,940

that I'd come to them with.

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00:19:04,940 --> 00:19:07,580

And I made sure I had my money with me.

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00:19:07,580 --> 00:19:11,420

I had 37 cents in my pocket.

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00:19:11,420 --> 00:19:14,380

I decided I was going to go to Haskell and look for my mother.

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00:19:19,060 --> 00:19:22,460

It was 97 miles from the ranch to Haskell.

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00:19:22,460 --> 00:19:24,340

When Barney got there, he discovered

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00:19:24,340 --> 00:19:27,420

that his mother and stepfather had moved away.

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00:19:27,420 --> 00:19:30,780

Thus began a personal odyssey for Barney Dewey,

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00:19:30,780 --> 00:19:34,060

one that would crisscross Texas and cover nearly 1,000 miles.

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00:19:38,140 --> 00:19:41,020

Barney found his birth father in Cleburne.

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00:19:41,020 --> 00:19:43,660

Together they traveled to Kilgore, Texas,

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00:19:43,660 --> 00:19:47,420

then all to Humphill just outside Houston.

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00:19:47,420 --> 00:19:50,340

There, Barney's father put him on a bus to Odessa,

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00:19:50,340 --> 00:19:53,100

where he would be reunited with his mother and stepfather.

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00:20:01,780 --> 00:20:04,780

What I got off of the bus in Odessa, Texas,

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00:20:04,780 --> 00:20:07,260

I looked over and I saw my mother and I recognized her,

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00:20:07,260 --> 00:20:08,780

of course, but she didn't know me.

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00:20:08,780 --> 00:20:09,780

To me?

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00:20:09,780 --> 00:20:10,780

Barney!

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00:20:10,780 --> 00:20:11,780

Barney!

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00:20:11,780 --> 00:20:15,780

I'd changed in the gear that had passed and had glasses on.

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00:20:15,780 --> 00:20:18,780

And of course my dad had bought me some new clothes.

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00:20:18,780 --> 00:20:21,780

You are so brave to go all this way.

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00:20:21,780 --> 00:20:24,780

We had a wonderful time there and then she says, where's Angie?

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00:20:24,780 --> 00:20:26,780

Have you heard from Angeline?

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00:20:26,780 --> 00:20:27,780

No.

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00:20:27,780 --> 00:20:29,780

But she's doing OK, though.

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00:20:30,780 --> 00:20:33,780

We began to talk about the events that had taken place.

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00:20:33,780 --> 00:20:36,780

And I asked her, I said, Mama, did you sign any kind of papers

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00:20:36,780 --> 00:20:38,780

or anything to release us to these people?

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00:20:38,780 --> 00:20:39,780

And she says, no.

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00:20:39,780 --> 00:20:42,780

Honey says, I'd never do that.

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00:20:42,780 --> 00:20:45,780

Barney lived happily with his mother and stepfather

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00:20:45,780 --> 00:20:47,780

until he was 18 years old.

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00:20:47,780 --> 00:20:50,780

In 1947, Barney married.

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00:20:50,780 --> 00:20:53,780

Four years later, he and his wife traveled to Abilene

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00:20:53,780 --> 00:20:55,780

trying to locate Reverend Nicholas.

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00:20:55,780 --> 00:20:58,780

Barney asked around and discovered that Nick Crane,

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00:20:58,780 --> 00:21:02,780

the Reverend's adopted son, owned a pharmacy in town.

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00:21:02,780 --> 00:21:03,780

Hi, I'm Nick Crane.

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00:21:03,780 --> 00:21:04,780

Can I help you?

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00:21:04,780 --> 00:21:05,780

Yes, I'm Barney Dewey.

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00:21:05,780 --> 00:21:06,780

This is my wife Stella.

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00:21:06,780 --> 00:21:07,780

Hi, Barney.

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00:21:07,780 --> 00:21:09,780

I don't know if you'll remember me or not.

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00:21:09,780 --> 00:21:12,780

Nick Crane told Barney that Reverend Nicholas had died

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00:21:12,780 --> 00:21:14,780

two years earlier and that his orphanage had been

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00:21:14,780 --> 00:21:17,780

shut down by the state.

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00:21:17,780 --> 00:21:19,780

Whatever records existed were stored haphazardly

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00:21:19,780 --> 00:21:22,780

behind the pharmacy.

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00:21:22,780 --> 00:21:24,780

Barney and his wife sifted to the dusty papers

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00:21:24,780 --> 00:21:27,780

but found nothing that could lead them to Angeline.

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00:21:31,780 --> 00:21:37,780

For the last 50 years, I have been searching for my sister.

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00:21:37,780 --> 00:21:40,780

And I haven't been able to contact her.

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00:21:40,780 --> 00:21:44,780

And I have nobody that knows anything about her.

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00:21:44,780 --> 00:21:50,780

And it has been this long, 50 years, half a century,

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00:21:50,780 --> 00:21:56,780

in my search for my sister, Angeline.

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00:21:56,780 --> 00:21:58,780

The night of our broadcast, Barney Dewey's prayers

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00:21:58,780 --> 00:22:01,780

were answered when Neal Smith of Cedar Hills, Texas,

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00:22:01,780 --> 00:22:05,780

recognized Angeline as his adopted sister, Martha Jean.

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00:22:05,780 --> 00:22:07,780

Martha Jean is mentally handicapped

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00:22:07,780 --> 00:22:10,780

and lives at a group home for the disabled in Arizona.

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00:22:10,780 --> 00:22:12,780

Barney immediately made arrangements

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00:22:12,780 --> 00:22:14,780

to reunite with his sister at his daughter's home

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00:22:14,780 --> 00:22:16,780

in Chandler, Arizona.

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On March 23, 1992, the moment Barney had waited

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00:22:22,780 --> 00:22:26,780

more than 51 years for, finally arrived.

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00:22:26,780 --> 00:22:29,780

Barney's here.

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00:22:29,780 --> 00:22:31,780

Up on the door.

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00:22:31,780 --> 00:22:33,780

Hello, Angie.

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00:22:33,780 --> 00:22:35,780

Can you get out of there all right now?

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00:22:35,780 --> 00:22:36,780

No.

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00:22:36,780 --> 00:22:38,780

Well, it's good to see you.

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00:22:38,780 --> 00:22:40,780

After all this time.

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00:22:40,780 --> 00:22:41,780

Yeah.

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00:22:41,780 --> 00:22:42,780

Goodness.

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00:22:42,780 --> 00:22:43,780

Look at me.

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00:22:43,780 --> 00:22:44,780

I know.

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00:22:44,780 --> 00:22:46,780

Oh, look at me.

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00:22:46,780 --> 00:22:47,780

Oh, no.

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00:22:47,780 --> 00:22:48,780

Goodness.

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00:22:48,780 --> 00:22:49,780

It's good to see you.

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00:22:49,780 --> 00:22:51,780

I'm telling you.

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00:22:51,780 --> 00:22:54,780

Hey, I'm telling you, it was a real thrill.

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00:22:54,780 --> 00:22:57,780

You know, I mean, it's hard to describe,

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00:22:57,780 --> 00:23:02,780

but you know, and there she was, and my search is ending.

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00:23:02,780 --> 00:23:06,780

I found who I was looking for all of these years.

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00:23:06,780 --> 00:23:09,780

And the only thing that I, the only regret I have

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00:23:09,780 --> 00:23:13,780

is that my mother was not there to greet her.

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00:23:13,780 --> 00:23:14,780

My little sister.

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00:23:14,780 --> 00:23:17,780

Yeah, this is why we were standing when we took that picture.

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00:23:17,780 --> 00:23:18,780

Yeah.

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00:23:18,780 --> 00:23:22,780

Back there in Abilene, just before we were separated.

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00:23:22,780 --> 00:23:23,780

Separated.

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00:23:23,780 --> 00:23:24,780

Yeah, that's right.

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00:23:24,780 --> 00:23:28,780

It's joy that I found Barney and all his family.

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00:23:28,780 --> 00:23:34,780

I'm happy that I found, that I've got two families now.

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00:23:34,780 --> 00:23:37,780

Instead of one, I've got two.

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00:23:37,780 --> 00:23:39,780

And I'm really happy.

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00:23:39,780 --> 00:23:41,780

Yeah.

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00:23:41,780 --> 00:23:44,780

This is your sister, Opal Faye.

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00:23:44,780 --> 00:23:47,780

She really was thrilled when you were born.

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00:23:47,780 --> 00:23:48,780

I look like her.

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00:23:48,780 --> 00:23:50,780

And there's Barney doing, your brother.

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00:23:50,780 --> 00:23:54,780

That afternoon, Barney and Martha Jean began to fill in

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00:23:54,780 --> 00:23:57,780

the details of the years they had spent apart.

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00:23:57,780 --> 00:23:59,780

Yeah, and this is your mother.

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00:23:59,780 --> 00:24:00,780

My mom.

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00:24:00,780 --> 00:24:01,780

Yeah, that's your mom.

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00:24:01,780 --> 00:24:03,780

And she was 51 years old there.

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00:24:03,780 --> 00:24:04,780

51.

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00:24:04,780 --> 00:24:05,780

Yeah.

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00:24:05,780 --> 00:24:07,780

I got the information that she was treated right

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00:24:07,780 --> 00:24:10,780

and had been raised properly and had gotten an education

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00:24:10,780 --> 00:24:12,780

and had been loved.

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00:24:12,780 --> 00:24:17,780

And so that really was the ultimate as far as I was concerned.

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00:24:17,780 --> 00:24:22,780

When I got back to Odessa, I really feel good.

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00:24:22,780 --> 00:24:26,780

I mean, really, this is an exciting, high point in my life.

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00:24:26,780 --> 00:24:30,780

And I'm really glad that everything turned out like it did.

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00:24:30,780 --> 00:24:32,780

And our dream has really come true.

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00:24:32,780 --> 00:24:34,780

Mr. Nichols.

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00:24:40,780 --> 00:24:45,780

The Lord is my shepherd.

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00:24:45,780 --> 00:24:48,780

I shall not want him.

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00:24:48,780 --> 00:24:53,780

On May 31, 1974, funeral services were held for 34-year-old Wanda

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00:24:53,780 --> 00:24:55,780

Vass in Toledo, Ohio.

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Wanda left behind nine children.

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00:24:57,780 --> 00:25:00,780

The oldest was 16, the youngest was 17.

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00:25:00,780 --> 00:25:02,780

The oldest was 18.

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00:25:02,780 --> 00:25:04,780

The oldest was 18.

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00:25:04,780 --> 00:25:06,780

The oldest was 18.

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00:25:06,780 --> 00:25:08,780

The oldest was 18.

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00:25:08,780 --> 00:25:13,780

The oldest was 16, the youngest just 10 months.

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00:25:13,780 --> 00:25:16,780

The children's father, James Vass, did not attend the funeral.

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00:25:16,780 --> 00:25:20,780

He was in jail, charged with the murder of his wife.

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00:25:20,780 --> 00:25:26,780

Three days earlier, James Vass brutally gunned down Wanda

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00:25:26,780 --> 00:25:29,780

at a tavern where she worked.

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00:25:29,780 --> 00:25:31,780

He later pled guilty to first-degree murder

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00:25:31,780 --> 00:25:37,780

and was sentenced to life in prison where he died in 1983.

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00:25:37,780 --> 00:25:39,780

In one senseless and violent moment,

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00:25:39,780 --> 00:25:43,780

James Vass had shattered his entire family.

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00:25:43,780 --> 00:25:45,780

Within days of their mother's funeral,

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00:25:45,780 --> 00:25:50,780

the nine Vass children were sent to live in separate homes.

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00:25:50,780 --> 00:25:52,780

I think for some reason, I felt we had enough family

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00:25:52,780 --> 00:25:55,780

that some kind of way we would all be kept together,

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00:25:55,780 --> 00:25:57,780

but I was wrong.

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00:25:57,780 --> 00:25:58,780

It was like nobody wanted us.

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00:25:58,780 --> 00:26:00,780

We were taboo, you know.

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00:26:00,780 --> 00:26:02,780

To be around us would be to remember what happened,

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00:26:02,780 --> 00:26:05,780

to have to accept it, and they didn't want that.

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00:26:05,780 --> 00:26:09,780

So to me, we were punished for what my father did

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00:26:09,780 --> 00:26:13,780

because we weren't even allowed to have each other.

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00:26:13,780 --> 00:26:16,780

In 1986, with a love and encouragement

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00:26:16,780 --> 00:26:18,780

of her husband and two daughters,

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00:26:18,780 --> 00:26:21,780

Cherine began searching for her missing brothers and sisters

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00:26:21,780 --> 00:26:25,780

whom she had not seen in 11 years.

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00:26:25,780 --> 00:26:28,780

Incredibly, it took Cherine only two months

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00:26:28,780 --> 00:26:30,780

to find four of her brothers.

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Within the next two years, she managed to locate

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two of her sisters and another brother.

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But one of the Vass children still remained unaccounted for,

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Cherine's brother Heath, who was six years old

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when they were separated.

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I actually had a dream one night

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that there was all nine of us in a room,

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and I just know that I'm going to get them all together.

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The night of our broadcast,

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Cherine's dream of finding her brother Heath came true

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when he called our telecenter.

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Heath, who was now married and living in Ohio,

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was shocked to learn he'd been featured on national television.

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The next day, Heath spoke with his sister

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for the first time in more than 17 years.

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Four weeks later, Heath, accompanied by his wife, Robin,

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arrived in Los Angeles for a special reunion

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with five of his brothers and sisters.

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I was really excited.

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I just wanted to get out of the car.

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I was thinking, who am I going to hug first?

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And I didn't want anybody to start bawling or anything.

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I just wanted to get out and hug everybody at once, basically.

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When I heard Heath was found, I was actually kind of numb.

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I thought it would take months.

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I didn't know that people would just call in,

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and it would be that easy.

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I'm glad it was, because I spent a long wait.

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Meeting everybody, it's changed my attitude a lot.

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It's picked up my attitude because, you know,

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I had a lot of feelings.

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I had that unwanted feeling, and I never really knew why.

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But now, since they've found me,

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I have that wanted feeling now.

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It's a good feeling, because I never really knew.

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Finding Heath and this reunion is the first day of a new beginning.

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I know when we all leave here, that we're all going to leave her differently.

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It's going to be better for all of us.

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The picturesque forests of the Appalachian Mountains

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are dotted with small, tranquil communities,

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where everyone knows their neighbor,

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and families take root for generations.

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Joe Harvey and his wife, Maddie, called Teet by Friends,

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exemplify the unique character of the area.

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The area is a small, tranquil, and beautiful place.

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The area is a small, tranquil, and beautiful place.

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They're called Teet by Friends,

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exemplify the unique character of the area.

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For 35 years, the Harbies ran a combination convenience store

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and automobile repair shop in Lewis Chapel Mountain, Tennessee,

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just northwest of Chattanooga.

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It was the only place to buy gas or groceries for miles around,

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and served as a gathering place for the community.

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Teet liked to talk a lot, and Joe was quieter than Teet was,

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but Teet liked to talk a lot.

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That was kind of like the community newspaper,

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in other words, right there.

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You ever bought in?

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Anybody needed help, they would help.

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It was pretty well common knowledge

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that they kept cash receipts from the store.

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Hey, Patty, how are you doing?

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I asked them time and time again

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not to keep that kind of money around,

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but they needed a bank account.

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And Joe, I tried to get him to even get a gun

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and put in a garage and station there for his ad,

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and he wouldn't even do that.

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Trusted people too much.

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Let's go get some supper before you fall asleep

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around the TV.

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Joe and Maddie were such a fixture

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that everyone figured they would be there forever.

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Then came March the 4th, 1991.

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The local sheriff was called to the Harbies' house

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by a concerned neighbor.

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For the first time in memory,

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the store was not open at 9 a.m. on a Monday morning.

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I walked up a little steps, like we go up to the back door

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and reached the handle of the door,

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and it was unlocked so well it just pushed the door open.

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Joe, Teet.

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The inside of the house was completely gutted.

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Joe and Maddie were nowhere to be found.

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And I just turned and come back out onto the porch.

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I discovered blood spots with some higher fragment and flesh.

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So that gave me a funny feeling that something

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had really happened at that point.

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Agents from the TBI, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation,

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arrived on the scene.

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State arson investigators soon found a 2-gallon gasoline can

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on the kitchen table.

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The investigators found various blood spots throughout the house

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and on porch and steps leading from the house.

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The conclusion is obvious.

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The arson was set for an attempt to cover up a crime scene.

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The investigation was carried out in the first place.

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The arson attempted to cover up a crime that had been committed there.

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And so with the idea that we had been informed that they did keep

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large sums of money, first reaction is there had been a robbery.

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I didn't think maybe they might have been kidnapped.

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I thought maybe they'd went on the smokies or something like that.

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But when I got to the mountain and they told me they'd found blood

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and the house had been burned inside.

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I didn't know what to think at that point.

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All I could think about was hoping that they were still alive.

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A large-scale search of the area yielded absolutely nothing.

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The disappearance of Joe and Maddie Harvey left their family and friends stunned.

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That sort of thing just did not happen in Lewis Chapel Mountain.

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But soon the community would be rocked again.

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Another member of the Harvey family would mysteriously vanish.

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Joe and Maddie had no children of their own,

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but were extremely close to their extended family,

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especially their niece, 27-year-old Cheryl Holland and her young daughter.

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Hey Cheryl, hey child.

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Hi Cheryl.

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Tate could not have loved Cheryl any more if she hadn't been her own daughter.

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That's where she felt about her and she felt that way about the little girl of Cheryl.

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She loved that little girl today. I mean she thought that little girl was all they were.

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One week after Joe and Maddie disappeared,

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Cheryl's pickup was found abandoned at a truck stop two hours from home.

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Investigators found the truck unlocked.

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They found keys in the truck and they found a necklace that has later been identified as hers laying beside the truck.

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Also her pocket boot was still in the truck.

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The evidence they found on the scene would lead a reasonable person to assume there had been an abduction.

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What time do you leave Ross, lady?

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It's about the middle of the morning on Wednesday.

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TBI agents soon questioned Cheryl's common law husband, Eddie Wooten.

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He tells about her taking him to Newport News, Virginia.

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He tells about stopping at a place where they slept,

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but he can't remember where they stopped.

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So we kept finding many, many inconsistencies such as that.

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We have two missing people now we have three all out of a very close immediate family,

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even as I say living next door and many times in her life.

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The favorite niece is missing.

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There's no money in the house, the arson, the blood.

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It all bills.

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And then the question is, is she really missing?

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Is she an abductee or is she part and parcel of a crime?

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As far as thinking that Cheryl was involved in anything, the TBI asked me,

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I was telling him that we'd had about all the grief we could take

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because we'd lost a brother-in-law and a sister-in-law, you know.

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And he wouldn't know what was connected.

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I think it was connected and I said, no, there ain't no way.

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I mean, you know, Cheryl was a Christian girl and she was living Christian life

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and there's no way that Cheryl's involved in this.

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This is all together a different story.

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Eddie, when was the last time you saw Cheryl?

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It's like I said, when she dropped me off at Newport News.

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OK, where was Cheryl the week...

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On March 10th, Eddie Wooten was questioned again.

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He told authorities that in late February he took Cheryl to a hospital in Knoxville

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for a week-long treatment of stomach cancer.

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What was the name of the hospital?

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I don't remember.

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You don't remember the name of the hospital?

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We had been told by the family that she had borrowed money

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and gone to other institutions for supposed treatment of a cancerous condition

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and we found that not to be true.

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On the day in question that he claimed that he left her in Knoxville for treatments.

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She, in fact, was working in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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How could she be in Knoxville at the hospital

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and here in Chattanooga working at the truck stop at the same time, Eddie?

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If I tell you what happened, what's going to happen to me?

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Finally Wooten broke down and a tale of heartless betrayal began to unravel.

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In all, Wooten would tell his story three different times.

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What follows is based on the court records of Eddie Wooten's confessions.

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That whole week Cheryl worked at the truck stop and I stayed at home

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on Saturday, I guess March 2nd.

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Cheryl came home from work and she started telling me that she needed more money.

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So that night we were going to go up to her mother's so Cheryl could pick up a paycheck.

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On the day or in question and towards the evening hours,

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they stopped by a service station and purchased a gas can and filled it up with gasoline.

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They then went up on the mountain where her parents lived, where she went in to talk to her mother.

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And there they drove to the residence of Joe and Maddie Harvick.

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We got to do it. We need the money.

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You don't need it that bad.

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00:37:18,780 --> 00:37:22,780

We need it. They got more than they need and I know where they got it.

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Eddie, are you going to help me do this or not?

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According to Wooten, he and Cheryl were not alone that night.

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When they went into Joe and Maddie's house, they left their six week old son and Cheryl's five year old daughter in the cab of their truck.

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You got the gun?

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What do we need a gun for?

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Because we're going to have to kill them.

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Kill them? Kill Joe and T?

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Do you think they're just going to hand over the money?

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Look Eddie, we got no choice. Now come on.

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And I said that I didn't want to kill them, but she said that I was going to have to help her to do it.

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And so I said I would.

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Hey Joe.

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00:38:07,780 --> 00:38:10,780

Oh, hi Cheryl. How are you doing?

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Where's T?

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Oh, she's in the back bedroom.

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Thank you.

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She came out of the back bedroom and I shot her in the head.

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Cheryl, she told me to go out into the driveway and tell the kids to get down onto the floorboard of the truck.

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According to Wooten, he and Cheryl stuffed the bodies into the trunk of Joe and Maddie's own car.

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Next, Wooten followed Cheryl as she drove the Harvey's car across the Alabama state line.

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They stopped at the Bridgeport ferry on the Tennessee River.

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According to Wooten, Cheryl later returned alone to Joe and Maddie's house.

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She stole an estimated \$150,000 in cash and then tried to cover up the crime.

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Two days later, Cheryl brazenly returned to the crime scene again, even as investigators were searching for evidence.

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She had tended, obviously, for the house to burn completely and the house did not burn.

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As a result of that, the gas can was left basically intact on the kitchen table.

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You're not going to believe what's on the bottom of this can.

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What's that?

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Bloody fingerprint.

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That ain't Mike.

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Come here.

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Cute print.

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And from that gas can, we were able to obtain a latent print, which definitely matched up to the known thumbprint of Cheryl Holland.

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I was mad.

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I was hurt because I couldn't believe that she would do anything like that.

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Not at all.

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00:40:58,780 --> 00:41:01,780

Cheryl just, Cheryl would not have had that in her.

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00:41:02,780 --> 00:41:05,780

I've done hurt so much on Cheryl that it didn't shock me anymore.

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I mean, it was, I just felt like it, it was, it was Sherri and Eddie and at this time I felt like she was much involved as Eddie was.

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Searchers began dragging near the Bridgeport ferry.

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On Wednesday, April 17th, they found the Harvey's car.

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Joe and Maddie had both been shot in the head, just as Eddie Wooten described.

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The hardest part is when I had to identify the bodies.

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I just identified them and walked off her for a few minutes I had to.

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That was a bad thing to, to look at them.

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00:41:45,780 --> 00:41:52,780

The way I'd always seen them at the store and everything and to see them in the trunk of this car.

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It was bad.

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Really bad.

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Eddie Wooten was arraigned on charges of first degree murder.

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A warrant was immediately issued for Cheryl Holland's arrest on the same charges.

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Investigators began to track her movements in the days just after the killings.

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She seemed to be traveling alone, having left her children with her mother.

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But authorities soon learned of a mysterious man who had apparently been following her.

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On March 7th at 9.30 p.m., five days after the murder, Cheryl was seen by a service station attendant in Greenville, Tennessee.

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Hi, can I help you?

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I was going to get some gas, but I got a good one.

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We have a witness that saw Miss Holland talking to a male with a, with a beard and a black leather jacket driving a red and white pickup truck.

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Miss Holland didn't seem to have any desire to talk to the bearded man.

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She left the scene in the truck of the, the male and it followed behind her in the same direction.

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About an hour later, Cheryl was spotted using a payphone at a truck stop, 12 miles from the service station.

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She called her family and said she was two hours from home.

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Later, another witness spotted two people talking inside Cheryl's pickup truck.

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A man meeting the same description of the bearded person seen in the Greenville area had come to Cheryl Holland's place of business on the day before the murders.

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And she was seen writing this man a check.

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Now, whether or not that is the same man, whether or not a bearded man has any involvement in this at all, of course, would be idle speculation on our part.

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And we have no factual basis to conclude that he is.

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Cheryl was last seen at the truck stop around 11.30 p.m. that same evening.

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Whether or not she planned this disappearance prior to the homicide or whether or not the disappearance was impulsive, I don't know.

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But we as prosecutors and investigators do feel that she is alive and has assumed a new identity somewhere.

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You're innocent and to prove and guilty. And I don't think they're giving her the benefit of the doubt as much as I would like for her to be.

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I think that Eddie went berserk and Cheryl was just there and she didn't know what to do.

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If she did burn the house, it was the only way that she could figure that she could get away from Eddie.

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Until she could see that it was safe for her and her babies, she's just going to have to go in and try to help him as far as we're having this year off.

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I think Eddie or someone that he knows has done something to her, has killed her.

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Eddie's first place not got that much education. Second place, Eddie did not know.

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Eddie and Cheryl had been together about a year and Eddie had no way of knowing Joe and them had a lot of money in the house.

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A year has passed since the murders of Joe and Maddie Harvey, yet a number of questions remain.

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Did Cheryl Holland mastermind the murders? If so, what could drive a woman to kill the aunt and uncle who loved her so much?

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Did Cheryl stage her own disappearance to escape justice? Or did she simply fall prey to an unknown assailant, possibly the mysterious bearded man?

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No one will ever know exactly what transpired on the night of the murders until Cheryl Holland is found.

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Authorities believe she is still alive in his fled Tennessee. Her common law husband Eddie Wooten remains behind bars awaiting trial.

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Update, Austin, Texas. Less than an hour after our broadcast, Cheryl Holland was captured thanks to a viewer's tip.

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Holland was arrested at this convenience store where she'd been working for six months under the assumed name Amy Forrester.

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I asked her if she was Cheryl Holland and she said yes and that was about it. We put her in handcuffs at that point and placed her under arrest.

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Employees of the store were shocked to learn of their co-workers' double life.

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The first thing I got to my mind, no, that can't be her. Not Amy. The only thing she said last night, she said, I'm sorry. I got myself into a mess and I won't get myself out of it.

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Four days later, Cheryl Holland was returned to Tennessee to face charges of first degree murder.

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Plenty of time that you apprehended someone that's a fugitive. In a case like this, a case of double homicide, you're relieved and yes, we're relieved. We're relieved from that stand-up.

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If convicted of the charges against her, Cheryl Holland could receive the death penalty.

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